

More to Explore

Mom's Picks

Moms everywhere are always looking for family getaway ideas. Destination Toledo is here to help mom out by providing a slew of great suggestions for a family getaway to Northwest Ohio! Mix and match, pick and choose. Do one day or all four, or choose two days and do another two later...the choice is yours.

Day 1

The Canal Experience, 13827 S. River Rd., Grand Rapids, OH

Take the kids on an adventure back in time at **The Canal Experience** at Providence Metropark in Grand Rapids, OH. Enjoy a scenic ride aboard *The Volunteer*, a 60-foot mule-drawn (that's right, real mules!) canal boat. Characters from a bygone era in period attire greet your family as you visit a working saw and gristmill, scenic Providence Dam and lock #44, one of the last functioning 19th century limestone locks.

Contact: 419-407-9741, <https://metroparkstoledo.com/features-and-rentals/canal-experience/>

Chowders 'N Moor, 312 South St., Waterville, OH

Known for their homemade soups, grilled sandwiches, salads, coffee drinks and smoothies, they now offer seafood, steak, chicken and burgers.

Contact: 419-878-9105, www.chowdersnmoor.com

The Butterfly House, 11455 Obee Rd, Whitehouse, OH

Our next stop is The Butterfly House, where children will behold hundreds of butterflies from North America, Central America and Asia. Get up close and personal with several species of butterflies in a wonderful garden setting, where you can relax and enjoy the background sounds of a waterfall and nature.

Contact: 419-877-2733 www.wheelerfarms.com

Sky Zone, 1600 Albon Rd., Holland, OH

The world's first indoor trampoline park! Experience *WOW* – the weightlessness of bouncing, flipping and landing in a pit filled with 10,000 foam cubes. For just about any age, shape, or size, Sky Zone Toledo is the ultimate 3-D play experience!

Contact: 419-491-1194, www.skyzone.com/toledo

Splash Bay Indoor Water Park, 1705 Toll Gate Dr, Maumee, OH

Dive headfirst into an afternoon of fun at Splash Bay, Toledo's only indoor water park. Rocket down a series of waterslides or relax on a lazy river. Younger children will love the Fort Meigs Tree House and kiddy pool. When your day in the park is finished, retreat to your family friendly suite at the conveniently connected Holiday Inn.

Contact: <http://www.splashbayresort.com>

Day 2

Toledo Zoo & Aquarium, 2 Hippo Way, Toledo

Start your journey at one of the nation's top-ranked zoos and the number one attraction in Toledo! Hand feed Masai giraffe from the feeding deck, then experience a new high on the ropes challenge course and zip line. Touch small sharks and stingrays at the state of the art Aquarium. Grab lunch at the Carnivore Café before enjoying your whirlwind trip through the Arctic Encounter, Hippoquarium, Nature's Neighborhood,...your journey is endless!

Contact: 419-385-5721, www.toledozoo.org

The Docks Restaurants, 22 Main St., Toledo

Take a break and relax with a view of the beautiful downtown Toledo skyline at one of several restaurants located at the **Docks**. Enjoy the picturesque riverfront on the outdoor patio of Real Seafood, Kobe Bay or El Vaquero for an afternoon nibble and a cold drink. Zia's Italian opens at 5 pm with one of Toledo's best happy hours for mom and dad and a great price on pizza for all!

Contact: 419-697-4400, www.realseafoodcotoledo.com

Renaissance Toledo Downtown Hotel, 444 N. Summit St, Toledo

Want to stay at downtown Toledo's newest hotel? Explore the surrounding area through an underground Pedway connected to local businesses and attractions, including the kids' favorite Imagination Station Science Museum. The interior design of the hotel is reflective of Toledo's glass art culture and features awe-inspiring city and river views. **Contact:** 419-244-2444,

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/tolgp-renaissance-toledo-downtown-hotel/?scid=bb1a189a-fec3-4d19-a255-54ba596febe2>

Tony Packo's, 1902 Front St., Toledo

No visit to Toledo would be complete without a stop at the original location of **Tony Packo's**, made famous by actor and native Toledoan, Jamie Farr. Chow down on a famous sausage hot dog smothered in homemade chili sauce with "the works" at the original location on Front Street. The kids will find plenty of choices including homemade macaroni and cheese and traditional hot dogs.

Contact: 419-691-6054, www.tonypacko.com

Toledo Mud Hens/Fifth Third Field, 406 Washington St., Toledo (Apr-Sep)

Batter up! Family fun is waiting for you as the Toledo Mud Hens play ball at Fifth Third Field! Grab some popcorn, cotton candy and a cold drink and settle in to this unique ballpark situated in the historic downtown landscape of the Warehouse District.

Contact: 419-725-HENS, www.mudhens.com

OR...

Toledo Walleye/Huntington Center, 500 Jefferson Ave., Toledo (Oct-Mar)

Nothing beats a Toledo Walleye hockey game for family-friendly, fast action fun. A great way to spend a fall or winter day!

Contact: 419-725-9255, www.toledowalleye.com

Day 3

Brim House Restaurant (at Renaissance Toledo Downtown Hotel), 444 N. Summit St. Awake refreshed and ready to start your day after a good night's sleep on Renaissance Toledo Downtown Hotel new pillow top mattresses. Enjoy a relaxing breakfast with spectacular views of the Maumee River at the hotel's Brim House restaurant.

Imagination Station, One Discovery Way, Toledo
Ever felt the whipping winds of a hurricane? Step inside the hurricane chamber at the brand new Imagination Station and your answer can be 'Yes'. This brand new attraction promises to engage visitors of every age in a multi-sensory experience that's as fun as it is educational. Defy gravity as you ride the High Wire Cycle, or bounce on the BOYO, our human YoYo. The fun is non-stop!

Contact: 419-244-2787, www.imaginationstationtoledo.com

Pizza Papalis, 519 Monroe St., Toledo
It's lunchtime...and our pick is sure to be a crowd pleaser. Located in the heart of downtown Toledo, **Pizza Papalis** serves up some of the best pizza in the Midwest. Their specialty is their Chicago deep-dish, but don't overlook their thin crust pizza which is equally as tasty. Not in the mood for pizza? Pizza Papalis also offers a variety of great sandwiches, salads, soups and Italian specialties.

Contact: 419-244-7722, <http://pizzapapalis.com/location/toledo>

Maumee Bay State Park, 1750 Park Rd., Oregon, OH
Get ready for some fun in the sun! Head out to the 1,850-acre Maumee Bay State Park and play on the beach on the shores of Lake Erie. Venture out on the water or take a nature walk on the marshland boardwalk teeming with wildlife, or bike along one of the winding trails with stunning views. And dad will love the 18-hole Scottish Links golf course!

Contact: 419-836-1466, <http://parks.ohiodnr.gov/maumeebay>

Maumee Bay Lodge & Conference Center, 1750 Park Rd., Oregon
After an afternoon of sun and fun, it's time to check in at the Maumee Bay Lodge & Conference Center. Whether you opt for one of the fully-furnished cozy cottages, or select a loft-style room at the lodge, your stay is sure to be a delight.

Contact: Local: 419-836-1466, Toll free, 800-282-7275, www.maumeebaystateparklodge.com

Water's Edge Restaurant, 1750 Park Rd., Oregon
No need to leave the park for dinner! Water's Edge Restaurant encompasses a breathtaking glass wrap-around view of Lake Erie with a variety of choices to suit every appetite. After dinner, hang out at either the outdoor or indoor pool, or soak in the warmth of the relaxing whirlpool or sauna.

Contact: 419-836-1466, www.maumeebaystateparklodge.com



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Day 4

African Wildlife Safari, 267 S Lightner Rd, Port Clinton, OH

Who says you can't feed the animals? You're next stop at the African Wildlife Safari allows you to not only feed the animals, but get up close and personal with over 400 exotic species.

Explore this 100-acre preserve from the comfort of your own vehicle as you encounter some of the world's most beautiful and remarkable animals.

Contact: 419-732-3606, www.africansafariwildlifepark.com

Cedar Point, 1 Cedar Point Dr, Sandusky, OH

This is what the kids have been waiting for...Cedar Point! Live for the thrills? We've got them in spades. Scream your face off on miles of high speed coaster track, and twist, turn and plummet feet first into the Cedar Point Shores waters. Spend a few days living for the thrills at The Roller Coaster Capital of the World!®

Contact: 419-627-2350, www.cedarpoint.com

Well mom, what did you think? We hope you enjoyed your family getaway to Toledo and Northwest Ohio! For more ideas for your next adventure, visit www.VisitToledo.org.