

10 things to do in ERIE

- 1. Discover Presque Isle**
- Miles of beaches, paved trails and pristine wildlife reserve make this Lake Erie attraction a must-see. Grab your bathing suit, your roommates and a Frisbee and head down to the peninsula.

Hours: Open until sundown every day (P.S. We recommend beaches 6 & 10)

Getting There: From Briggs Ave., turn left onto 38th St. At State St. turn right and continue until you reach 12th St. At 12th St. turn left and proceed for about 3 miles. Turn right onto Peninsula Dr. and you'll end up at Presque Isle. Total travel time is about 18 minutes.

- 2. Waldameer & Water World**
- Roller coasters, haunted houses, candy apples and dozens of water slides bring life to this hidden gem of Erie. It's bigger than you'd imagine and admission to the park is FREE! Buy a Ride-O-Rama pass and enjoy all the attractions for under \$20.

Hours: Open seasonally based on weather. Visit www.waldameer.com for details.

Getting There: Follow the directions for Presque Isle. Waldameer is on the left side of Peninsula Dr. just before the entrance to the park.

- 3. Dobbins Landing & The Bayfront**
- Head down to the pier and soak in the beauty of the Erie bayfront. Purchase an elevator ticket and ride to the top of the pier, or meander around the various shops, restaurants, museums and the library.

Getting There: From Briggs Ave., turn left onto 38th St. At State St. turn right and continue until you reach the bayfront. Total travel time is about 10 minutes.

- 4. The Erie Zoo**
- The Erie Zoo is the perfect place to spend the day or just a few hours. A comfortable walk throughout the Erie Zoo and Botanical Garden takes about 2 hours. You'll enjoy visiting with nearly 400 animals in our collection as well as the 11 beautiful gardens throughout the park.

Hours & Fees: Open March 1 – November 30, everyday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Adult admission: \$7.50

Getting There: From Briggs Ave., turn left onto 38th St. Continue for about 2 miles, the Zoo will be on your left. Total travel time is about 5 minutes.

- 5. Asbury Woods & Greenway**
- You can't help but enjoy Asbury Woods and Greenway – a place of serenity and beauty in Millcreek. The nature center is a wonderful natural place for visitors to enjoy the wooded paths, 4.5 miles of trails, boardwalks and gardens surrounding the Asbury Woods cottage.

Hours: Tuesday – Saturday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Sunday noon – 4 p.m. (Trails open daylight hours only)

Getting There: From Briggs Ave., turn left onto 38th St. At State St. turn right and continue until you reach 26th St. At 26th St. turn left and continue for about 6 miles. Turn left onto Asbury Rd. Total travel time 10 minutes.

6. See a Show

Whether you prefer Broadway or something offbeat, Erie's local theatres have something for every taste. The Warner Theater is home to the Erie Philharmonic, Lake Erie Ballet and the Erie BROADWAY Series. Or, visit the Erie Play House for some of the best community theater in the region. Both venues offer full seasons packed with spectacular shows.

Warner Theater: 811 State St. • 814.459.1216 • www.erieevents.com/about/warner_theatre.htm

Erie Play House: 13 West 10th St. • 814.454.2852 • www.erieplayhouse.org



7. Coffee & Conversation

Grab a friend and enjoy quality conversation over a steaming cup of java. Erie's cozy coffeehouses are an experience worth having. Many offer live jazz or bands on a regular basis.

Brick House Coffee: 3741 West 26th St. • 814.836.1821 • brickhousecoffeebar.com

Coffee Culture: 5761 Peach St. • 814.868.7800 • coffeeculturecafe.com

Starbucks: Corner of State St. & 5th St. • Millcreek Plaza outside the mall • Inside the mall next to Macy's



8. Bayhawks, Otters & SeaWolves

They may sound like a pack of random animals, but they're some of Erie's best sports teams. Erie's baseball team, the SeaWolves, provide a great night of entertainment. As do the Bayhawks, Erie's professional basketball team. In the winter, enjoy the Otters, Erie's hockey team. You aren't an "Erieite" unless you've watched these teams in action.

Bayhawks: www.nba.com/dleague/erie • **Otters:** www.ottershockey.com • **SeaWolves:** www.seawolves.com



9. Erie Art Museum

Get cultural in Erie's quality Art Museum. Their spring show is one of the most competitive art shows in the region. Grab a friend and ponder the unique art this museum has to offer.

Hours & Fees: Tuesday – Saturday 11 a.m. – 5 p.m., Sunday 1 – 5 p.m. Students: \$5 (free on Wednesdays)

Getting There: From Briggs Ave., turn left onto 38th St. At State St. turn right and continue until you reach the corner of State and 5th St. Total travel time is about 10 minutes.



10. Fine Dining

Erie's finest restaurants are hidden throughout the city. Great atmosphere, premier cuisine and top-notch service are a trademark of these local treats. Make reservations for your next date and enjoy a great meal with someone special.

1201 Kitchen: 1201 State St. • 814.464.8989 • Asian/Latin cuisine, about \$25/person • www.1201restaurant.com

Bertrand's Bistro: 18 North Park Row • 814.871.6477 • French cuisine, about \$20/person • www.bertrandsbistro.com

Mi Scuzi: 2641 Myrtle St. • 814.454.4533 • Italian cuisine, about \$22/person • www.miscuzirestaurant.com

Pufferbelly: 414 French St. • 814.454.1557 • American cuisine, about \$18/person • www.thepufferbelly.com



- Splash Lagoon (indoor waterpark, lazer tag and arcade) – www.splashlagoon.com • Mason Farms – www.masonfarms.net •
 - Peek'n Peak (ski resort and golf courses) – www.pknpk.com • Millcreek Mall – www.millcreekmall.net •
- Flagship Niagara – www.flagshipniagara.org • Claytopia – www.claytopiaerie.com • Tinseltown Movie Theatre – www.cinemark.com •

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