



FAMILY-FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES

TOURS:

[Phoenix Bat Company](#): Making premium bats for 20 years. Learn the business history and the process of creating a bat on a guided tour Monday-Friday.

[American Whistle Corporation](#): The only manufacturer of metal whistles in the U.S. Groups will get a personally guided tour of the factory and get to take home their own metal whistle.

[Ohio Statehouse](#): One of the oldest working statehouses in the U.S. Free guided tours are offered Monday-Friday.

[Anthony Thomas Candy Company](#): The one-hour factory tour takes groups through the candy making process from start to finish.

[Central Ohio Firehouse Museum](#): Pays tribute to our firefighters. Tours in downtown Columbus run Tuesday-Saturday.

[Velvet Ice Cream](#): A destination serving up ice cream, food and memories. Free public tours are given of the grounds weekdays May – October.

[ZipZone Canopy Tours](#): Zip line over ravines and streams and experience the hidden beauty of Columbus.

MUSEUMS AND HISTORICAL SITES:

[Kelton House Museum & Garden](#): Learn about the role Columbus played in the Underground Railroad. Group tours available days and evenings throughout the year.

[Billy Ireland Cartoon Museum](#): The largest collection of materials related to cartoons and comics. Located in the heart of Ohio State University's campus.

[Motorcycle Hall of Fame and Museum](#): Explore the history of American motorcycle racing, riding, design and technology.

[Ohio Craft Museum](#): Unique, handcrafted jewelry, functional pottery, glass vases, silk scarves and artist-made cards.

[Ohio History Center](#): Ohio historical fun for the whole family with exhibits exploring everything from life in the 1950s to extinct and endangered Ohio species.

[Ohio Village](#): Living history museum adjacent to Ohio History Center. Get a look into 1890s Ohio life.

SPORTS:

[Columbus Blue Jackets](#): National Hockey League Team, play at Nationwide Arena October through April.

[Columbus Crew](#): Professional soccer club, member of Eastern Conference of Major League Soccer, play at MAPFRE Stadium, near Ohio Expo Center March through October.

[Columbus Clippers](#): Minor league baseball team, Triple-A affiliate of the Cleveland Indians. Play at Huntington Park in the Arena District April through September.

[The Ohio State University sports facilities](#): Adventure recreation center with climbing wall, turf fields, basketball courts; guest passes available for all OSU rec facilities.

[Ohio Machine](#): Ohio's Major League Lacrosse Team, play April through August.

ATTRACTIONS:

[Easton](#): Premiere shopping destination featuring 300 retailers, just 15 minutes east of downtown Columbus.

[Columbus Metropolitan Libraries](#): Main library + 21 branches. Main Library in downtown Columbus just underwent \$35 million renovation.

[COSI](#): Voted #1 science center in U.S. by Parents magazine. Rotating exhibits, giant screen and planetarium. Get an up close view of dinos at the American Museum of Natural History Dinosaur Gallery.

[Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens](#): A horticultural and educational institution showcasing exotic plant collections, special exhibitions, and Dale Chihuly artworks.

[Topiary Garden](#): Stroll through this topiary interpretation of George Seurat's famous painting *A Sunday Afternoon on the Isle of La Grand Jatte*.

[Columbus Museum of Art](#): New contemporary wing. Free Sundays. Wonder Room for kids with hands-on activities, art scavenger hunts, puzzles.

[North Market](#): Columbus' only remaining public market, more than thirty merchants, farmers market Saturdays.

[Columbus Zoo and Aquarium](#): Consistently rated one of the top zoos in the country. Home to more than 7,000 animals.

[The Wilds](#): Board a safari transport to view rare and endangered animals living in an open-range habitat at this 10,000-acre conservation center in Southeast Ohio.

[Zoombezi Bay](#): SoundSurfer slide lets guests pick their own music as they splash through the twists and turns; also features a lazy river and wave pool.

[Columbus Metro Parks](#): 19 parks in and around the Columbus area. More than 200 miles of trails, family and kid-friendly programs, festivals, dog parks, outdoor movies and educational walks.

[Grange Audubon Center and Scioto Audubon Metro Park](#): Green oasis where wildlife and birds thrive. Largest, free outdoor climbing wall in the nation.

[Scioto Mile](#): Located in the heart of downtown Columbus, the Scioto Mile is an urban oasis comprised of more than 175 acres of lush parkland

[Scioto Mile Splash Pad](#): Open to public splashing during the day and into evenings during spring and summer with views overlooking Scioto River and downtown skyline.

[Columbus Commons](#): The 6-acre space features manicured gardens, a state-of-the-arts performance stage, an artisanal hand-carved carousel and an outdoor reading room.

[Goodale Park](#): Columbus' oldest park in the heart of Short North, expansive playground and tennis courts, pond with elephant fountain, basketball hoops, open spaces.

[Slate Run Historical Farm](#): Experience first-hand what it was like to live on an a 19th-century farm in Ohio; animals like pigs, geese, turkeys and horses can be seen. Guests can tour the farmhouse.

[Olentangy Indian Caverns](#): 40-minute tours of natural, ancient caverns in Delaware, OH. Used by Wyandotte Tribe. Other activities such as animal encounters, gem mining, and mini golf are available.

[Hocking Hills Adventures](#): The original canoe livery in Hocking Hills offers the river trips in addition to two miles of riverside camping, go-karts and more.

[The Book Loft](#): One of the nation's largest independent book stores. The pre-Civil War era buildings that once were general stores, a saloon and a nickelodeon cinema, now are home to 32 rooms of bargain books.

GAMING ATTRACTIONS:

[Lazer Kraze](#): World class multi-level laser tag, inflatables and an indoor trampoline park.

[Dave and Busters](#): Video arcade with plenty of games and a restaurant.

[Sky Zone](#): Trampoline park featuring freestyle bouncing, dodgeball, fitness programs and more.

[Get Air Trampoline Park](#): Trampoline park with ninja course, slack line and foam pit.

[Star Lanes Polaris](#): A boutique bowling experience with an upscale lounge.

[Kickmaster Footgolf](#): The first dedicated footgolf course in the U.S.

[Magic Mountain Fun Center](#): Mini golf, go-karts, video arcade games, batting cages, bumper rides, laser tag and pizza.

[Grand Prix Karting Columbus](#): Indoor go-karts, laser tag and escape rooms.