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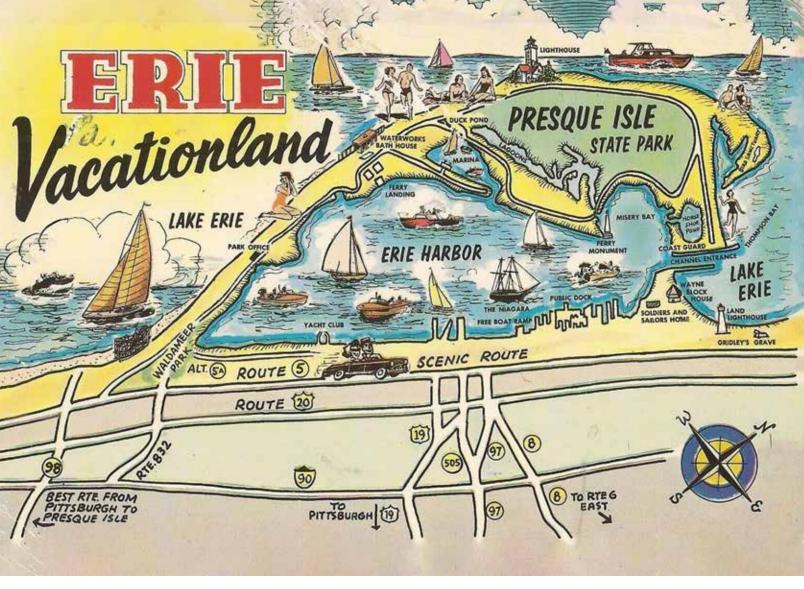
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Erie: Pennsylvania's Vacationland

hroughout our region's history, Erie has often been referred to as "Pennsylvania's Vacationland" - and for good reason. Our tiny little northwestern notch of land affords Pennsylvania its sole access to the Great Lakes and one of only two opportunities for visiting a coastline in our state (the other being on the clear opposite side, at the Delaware Water Gap). Erie's natural harbor started out as an advantageous opportunity for shipping, a tactical landscape for warfare, and a commercially burgeoning area for fishing and exports eventually became a hotspot for recreation and the defining characteristic of our city.

Presque Isle State Park, our 3,000+ acre peninsula, a natural wonderland of sandy beaches, woodland trails, lagoons, bays, and historic landmarks lays like an outstretched arm separating Lake Erie from Presque Isle Bay, beckoning those from far and wide to visit, explore, and appreciate the beauty we're so fortunate to have here. With more than 4 million visitors each year, it's certainly no secret that Presque Isle is a destination - a vacationland, if you will.

While many come to Erie to visit Presque Isle, what they soon discover is that Erie has much more to offer than a trip to the beach. Our city, as you'll find within these pages, offers impressive dining, an expansive wine country, tons of adventure activities (both indoor and outdoor alike)

Vacationing in Erie is a well-rounded experience which speaks to the generations of travelers that have called Erie their Vacationland.

for families, museums, sports arenas, historic sites, live music, theater and comedy, art galleries and spaces, shopping districts, waterfront activities, and hiking trails - vacationing in Erie is a well-rounded experience which speaks to the generations of travelers that have called Erie their Vacationland. We hope you enjoy your visit and find this guide helpful in showing you the best Erie has to offer.

How to Use This Guide

An annual tradition instituted in 2014 by the Erie Reader – Erie's only independent, locally-owned alternative newspaper – Best of Erie polls Erieites on their favorite people and places, cultural and nightlife activities, and food and drink options, with over 100 categories to voice their opinions. Both nominations and voting are open to the public, making the year-end list a genuinely crowd-sourced product.

Over 500,000 votes were cast for the 2022 Best of Erie awards and those results form the foundation of this 2023-24 Best of Erie City Guide, a locally and publicly curated guidebook to all the best to eat, drink, see, and do in Erie, PA. As you flip through these pages, look for the icons indicated in the legend as a starting point for your explorations. They'll definitely show you the best Erie has to offer.

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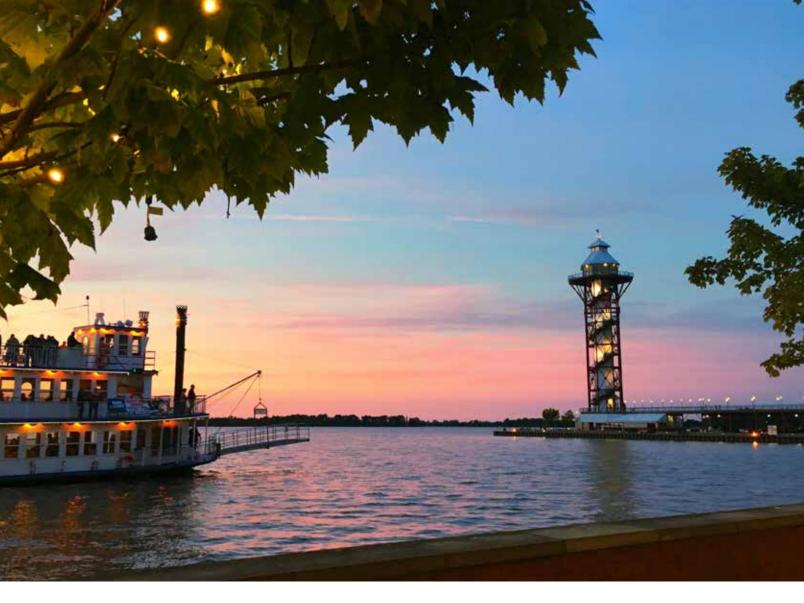
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Waterfront Activities

Erie, perfectly situated on the gorgeous Great Lake of the same name, boasts miles of sandy beaches on Presque Isle State Park for sunbathing, beach glass collecting, birdwatching, boating, biking, frisbee, and swimming. But we also have plenty of miles along the lake for waterfront recreation and dining with romantic, gorgeous views of the sunset. When you're done with your day at the beach but not ready to give up the water, check out one of our many waterfront options!

Tom Ridge Environmental Center (TREC)

Headquarters for the PA Department of Conservation of Natural Resources (DCNR), TREC is a great place for visitors to stop and learn about our natural landscape, native species, birdwatch, or enjoy the natural playground. Take the steps or an elevator to the top of the tower for a bird's eye view of the lake and neighboring Waldameer. Then be sure to stop in the gift shop (Presque Isle Gallery and Gifts) for some locally made art and gifts. 301 Peninsula Dr.

The Maritime Museum and U.S. Brig *Niagara*

Get to know a little bit more about the history of Lake Erie, including but not limited to the Battle of Lake Erie in which Oliver Hazard Perry's flagship, the Brig *Niagara* sailed. *100 Blasco St.*

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Bicentennial Tower Standing at the end of Dobbin's Landing (once simply known as the Public Dock), the tower is an iconic point of reference for any Erieite. Travel up the tower to take in one of the best views in Erie – tickets available from May to September, seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. (first Tuesdays of the month are free!) 1 State St.

Boating Adventures

Whether it's for a romantic getaway around the bay, for educational purposes, or just for some family fun, Erie is not lacking in options for getting out on the water. Enjoy a dinner cruise at sunset onboard the Victorian Princess, or an education in maritime history on the tall ships Brig Niagara or Lettie G. Howard or learn about the natural landscape of Presque Isle on the Lady Kate, or get soaked and silly on the pirate-themed adventure boat, The Scallywag.

Erie's Lighthouses

If you're visiting Presque Isle, you're likely aware of the Presque Isle Light Station that is open for tours all summer long, but Erie has two other lesser-known but just-as-impressive lighthouses. The Erie Land Lighthouse (which was the first lighthouse lit on the Great Lakes), and the North Pier Light. Stop by all three for some photos and a great historic experience.

Presque Isle Light Station, Leslie Beach **Erie Land Lighthouse**, 2 Lighthouse St. **North Pier Light**, near Beach 11

Rent a Jet Ski or Boat

Get to know Lake Erie up close and personal by renting a jet ski, speed boat, canoe, or kayak for the day and traversing her shining waters yourself.

Port Erie Sports, 402 W. Bayfront Pkwy. Presque Isle Boat Rental, Thompson Dr. on Presque Isle Hidden Harbor Water Rentals, 12 E. Dobbins Landing

Waterfront Dining

When it comes to dining in the summertime, little beats a beautiful restaurant on the water. The sun setting, the gulls flying overhead, a boat off in the distance – it's idyllic; it's romantic; it's beautiful. It's Erie.

Oliver's Rooftop Restaurant and Beer Garden 🖤

Winner for Best Waterfront Dining, Best Patio, AND Best Romantic Restaurant, Oliver's is the place to be if you'd like to dine on the waterfront in Erie. Check out the rooftop for upscale fine dining with an incredible view, or make it more of a casual night in the Beer Garden while listening to some live music.

130 E. Front St.

Smuggler's Wharf 🌹

Winner for Best Seafood Restaurant, Smuggler's Wharf is a mainstay of Erie's waterfront restaurant scene. With intimate outdoor patio seating, covered with natural greenery all summer long, diners experience all the activity of the waterfront in a private outdoor setting. *3 State St.*

Pier 6 Rooftop Bar and Grill

In combination with Bay House Oyster Bar, Pier 6, with huge picture windows inside or outdoor rooftop seating, is a gorgeous spot for viewing the sunset while enjoying upscale casual dining with the freshest seafood around. 6 Sassafras Pier

Sloppy Duck Saloon

An Erie icon, Sloppy Duck has a spot for everyone: whether it's sitting on the back deck with a great Long Island iced tea and enjoying the bay view, inside by the bar with a burger, enjoying the view from the floor to ceiling windows, or on the front patio listening to some live music. 726 W. Bayfront Pkwy.

Bayfront Grille 55 W. Bay Rd.

The Cove Bayside Restaurant and Tavern 2 State St.

Rum Runners 133 E. Dobbins Landing

Sara's Restaurant 25 Peninsula Dr.

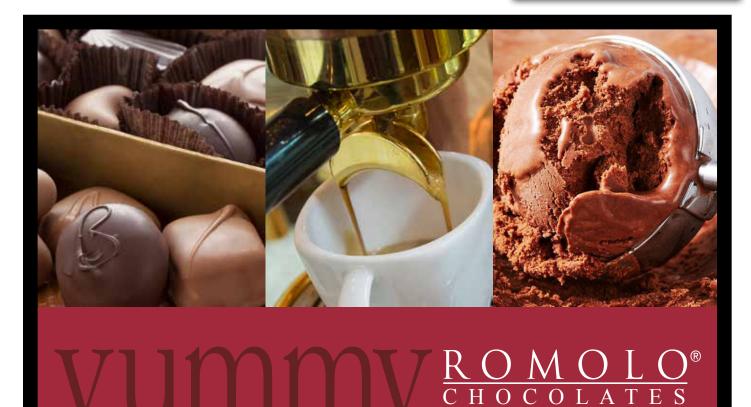
Shoreline Bar and Grille 2 Sassafras Pier

Sunset Grill 12670 Edinboro Rd., Edinboro

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Mission Main Street: Erie County

Revitalization and preservation of our main streets

charming, historic, walkable Main Street is a highlight of any place you visit: cute specialty shops, boutiques, books stores, cafes, bakeries, and green space together create a destination for residents and visitors alike. For generations, Main Streets existed out of necessity - people's basic needs had to be met within walking distance. And for a while, we got away from that centrality - corporations moved in near the highway, shopping malls drew commerce away from downtowns, efforts at "urban revitalization" spelled widespread demolition of Main Street historic structures in the name of progress. In hindsight we see that this movement was backwards. What we need now, for our city and our smaller municipalities throughout the county, is a return to Main Streets - a way for people to have their needs met closer to home with less reliance on corporate box stores and more dependence on local small businesses, fewer cars (and hence, fewer parking lots), and more walkability.

On a national level, the Main Street

America Program (established by the National Trust in 1980) "leads an inclusive, impact-driven movement dedicated to reenergizing and strengthening older and historic downtowns and neighborhood commercial districts nationwide." Locally, this is achieved through the work of neighborhood groups, municipal governments, and nonprofit organizations, with funding from Mission Main Street, Renaissance Block, and Anchor Building grants which are distributed by the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority (ECGRA) in targeted Main Street communities throughout Erie County like The City of Erie, Girard, Union City, North East, Waterford, and Corry.

The goal is to offer small businesses on Main Streets facade improvement grants so their historic structures remain sound, are able to be improved at a much lower cost to property owners, and to help maintain the historic look and feel of commercial downtowns while bolstering microeconomies around Erie. Funding from ECGRA (totalling at last count \$1,380,422.18) also works to improve local parks, fund public art, and maintain historic monuments. Basically, our smaller municipalities throughout Erie County that have been falling into disrepair for decades are now getting a boost, looking better, brighter, and more vibrant – are bringing Main Street back. We hope you'll visit some of them while you're here.

City of Erie

Erie's Main Street is State Street – it is the central artery of our downtown, dividing East from West, and housing a multitude of small businesses that lend Erie her character. Through ECGRA grants and the work of nonprofits like the Erie Downtown Partnership and the Erie Downtown Development Corporation – there's plenty of new (and long-standing) businesses to visit. Among them:

Ember and Forge

Locally roasted coffee, local art, an organic third space 401 State St.

Ye Olde Sweet Shoppe

Cookies, cupcakes, coffee, and gifts *402 State St.*

The Erie Art Museum

World-class art museum collection with classes, family activities, and gifts *20 E. 5th St.*

U Pick 6 Tap House

Tons of beers on tap, indoor/outdoor seating, wood-fired pizza *333 State St.*

Bricks American Steak House

Upscale dining in a gorgeously restored historic Cashier's House *417 State St.*

The Shops at 5th and State

Visit **The Dollhouse at Pointe Foure** (vintage clothing), **Primo Tailoring** (menswear), **City Supply** (Erie Apparel), and **Glass Growers Gallery** (art and gifts) *5th and State streets*

ASCEND Erie

Indoor rock climbing for fitness and fun 426 State St.

The Flagship City Food Hall

Choose from a number of small, locally owned dining options in one space 22 N. Park Row

Bakery on 5th

Turkish coffee and gorgeous pastries *502 State St.*

Andora's Bubble Tea Shop

Boba tea, snacks, and gifts *516 State St.*

Voodoo Brewing Company

Regionally brewed beer in historic Boston Store 101 Boston Store Pl.

Girard

ECGRA has already invested over \$150,000 in Girard's Main Street and they're just getting started. Mayor of Girard Peter Burton notes, "The Mission Main Street grant provides a funding stream for smaller communities, part of the county that is often overlooked. We are grateful to ECGRA for their attentiveness and willingness to provide much-needed funds to small towns. These grants will improve the appeal of our Main Street while attracting new visitors." Here are a few places worth visiting on your next trip to Girard.

Full Circle Winery

Small batch wines in historic Battles Bank building 12 Main St. E.

Main Street Art



Ceramics, watercolors, gifts, and classes 138 Main St. W.

Girard Dinor

Classic American dinor serving everyone's favorites 222 Main St. W.

North East

North East's Main Street is a particularly charming one, centered around a square with a bustling public park that holds community events throughout the year. Their Main Street branches off in a number of directions and makes for a fun, walkable experience.

Tia Book Cellar

Charming new book store space 15 W. Main St.

The Skunk and Goat Tavern

Unique take on an American tavern dining experience *17 W. Main St.*

The Bean Coffee House

Local cafe outlet for regional roaster Small City Roasting Co. *12 S. Lake St.*

Re.Found.Ry Antiques

One of those places where you never know what treasures you'll find *14 S. Lake St.*

Driftwood Wine Cellars

Family-owned, Pennsylvania wines 20 E. Main St.

Waterford

This small borough in southern Erie County is historic and proud of it. With a local historic museum (55 High St.), as well as a number of historic structures keeping the charm of its downtown intact - Waterford is also home to one of the few remaining covered bridges in Erie County.

16441 Collective

Gallery and gift shop showcasing local artists and artisans 210 High St.

Sugar N'Spice

Nestled in the 1826 Eagle Hotel, it's got history and comfort food 32 High St.

Waterford Hotel

Gorgeous Victorian hotel with casual dining 213 High St.

Heritage Gallery and Frame Shop

Hyper-local art, gifts, and home decor 661 High St.

Corry

Erie County's second-largest city, Corry, has leaned into its history. And, with a nonprofit dedicated to bolstering its local economy in Impact Corry, its getting a new lease on life with improvements and community engagement.

Before the Barrel Distillery

Craft distillery focused on flavored moonshines 11 S. Center St.

Whistle Stop Antique Mall

Snag a great find with tons of antique furniture, art, glassware, and jewelry 50 N. Center St.

Library Bar and Grill

Casual dining in the historic former home of the Corry Public Library 203 N. Center St.

Painted Finch Gallery



Gorgeously curated art of all media, from local and regional artists *32 N. Center St.*

Epiphany's Emporium

Handcrafted gifts and collectibles 34 N. Center St.

Union City

Union City is a southern Erie County municipality that has a rich history. Founded in 1800, it boomed early on with furniture making and today is working to reinvent itself while still honoring its history. With its own Historical Museum on Main Street (11 S. Main St.), you can stop and learn its story before you explore.

The Buzz of Union City

Every Main Street needs its coffee shop – what's the buzz in UC? The Buzz! 64 N. Main St.

French Creek Mercantile

Charming antique store in a historic storefront that recently expanded 10 S. Main St.

Brown Stone Studio

Handmade pottery, art, stained glass, and more 67 S. Main St.

Edinboro

With the benefit of having a university nearby, Edinboro has a youthful, bustling Main Street corridor that keeps getting better. With plenty of watering holes and creative and interesting small businesses, it's always worth the short drive south.

Flip Cafe 🎔

Wins Best Brunch year after year - see what the fuss is about. *103 Meadville St.*

John's Wildwood Pizzeria 🎔

Wins Best Pizza again and again. Handstretched fresh dough that's totally worth the hype. *105 Erie St.*

Edinboro Market

A farmers market times 100, Edinboro Market is micro-local shopping – farm fresh, local produce and products, as well as specialty artisans. 109 Erie St.

Earthshine Co.

Uniquely curated gifts and natural beauty products *118 Meadville St.*

814 Outdoor Sports

Local full-service ski and bike shop 500 W. Plum St.



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Together with the communities of Corry, Findley Lake, North East, and Union City, we sponsor and host Erie Gives, an annual community-spirited day of giving where <u>everyone</u> can be a philanthropist.

Donors can open their own funds through The Erie Community Foundation or join The Erie Women's Fund, Emerging Erie Fund, or LGBT Fund for powerful, collective aivina!









<u>To Learn more:</u> 459 West 6th Street Erie, PA 16507 www.ErieCommunityFoundation.org 814.454.0843





Art Galleries and Creative Spaces

hether you're in it to appreciate and support local art, take a class to learn a new skill, or purchase a piece as a memento, Erie boasts plenty of art galleries, spaces, studios, and museums to satisfy your inner artist. Long established museums and retail galleries exist alongside newer collectives and media art facilities to paint a colorful swath of creative energy in Erie.

If you happen to be in Erie during one of our Gallery Nights (think pub crawl but with creative spaces), you can stop in and experience nearly all of the places listed, as well as some pop-ups. Visit erieartmuseum.org/gallery-night for a full schedule.



Glass Growers Gallery 🎔

Voted Best Art Gallery in 2023, this well-established downtown gallery hosts rotating shows from local artists of all media, while featuring creative, locally-made gifts for everyone on vour list. 10 E. 5th St.

City Gallery

City Gallery was born from the creative entrepreneurial spirits of local artists Lena Logvina and Steve Trohoske. Featuring an ever-changing display of local art with live jazz music on the regular, you'll want to stop in for a dose of creative energy. 1503 State St.

Performing Artist Collective Alliance (PACA)

While mostly known for their innovative performing arts, PACA is also home to a number of visual artists' studios and showcases the artwork of artists in the local community, from high school students to seasoned professionals, as well as renowned international artists, all in a gorgeously restored Nationally Registered Historic Place. 1505 State St.

Erie Art Museum

The Erie Art Museum is a true gem in the Erie cultural scene.

A world-class art museum, combining the space of Erie's historic Customs House with a newer, modern addition. They offer classes and workshops, many of which are family-friendly. The Erie Art Museum has an expansive, impressive collection of local, national, and global art in turn. 20 E. 5th St.

10|20 Collective 1020 Holland St.

10|20 at the Bastion 2016 Peach St.

5fishcreative Art Gallery 4060 W. Lake Rd.

Allen Stoneware Gallery 2602 W. 8th St.

Artifacts on 10th 301 W. 10th St.

D' Hopkins Denniston Gallery 4960 Pittsburgh Ave.

Dovetail Gallerv 352 E. 18th St.

Erie Center for Arts and Technology (ECAT) 650 East Ave.

Erie Clayspace 1505 State St. 3rd Floor **FEED Media Arts** 1307 State St.

Grounded Print Shop 1902 Cherry St.

Historical Institute of Culture & The African American Experience 315 E. 9th St.

Kada Gallery and Frame Shop 2632 W. 8th St.

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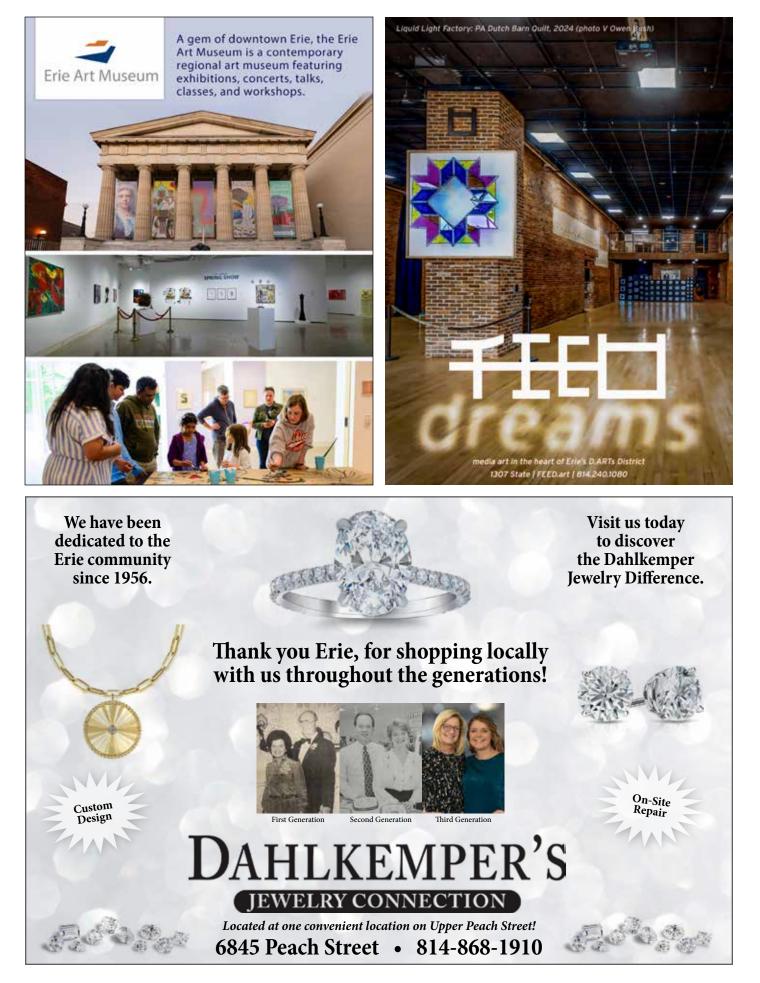
Presque Isle Gallery & Gifts 301 Peninsula Dr.

Relish Studio & Gallery 3835 W. 12th St.

RLB Art Studio 2016 Peach St.

The Shop at 19th and Chestnut 1909 Chestnut St.

V Gallery 3330 W. 26th St.



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LOCAL EATS

o truly know Erie, you have to let us feed you. Erie has an eclectic culinary personality and we've got a host of local, award-winning restaurants that we are excited to share with you. Our regional fare runs the gamut from fine dining to greasy spoons, Instagrammable cocktails and some of the best barbecue in the country. Our scene spans locales from Downtown Erie, the waterfront, and elsewhere throughout the city and county - wherever you are, you'll find something delicious waiting for you around the corner.

Bro-Man's Sammiches 🖤

Bro-Man's keeps growing. Starting as a food truck, they've since expanded to two brick-and-mortar locations from which to serve their unapologetically sloppy, undeniably delicious burgers and birria tacos. And the brains behind the bro-man, Stephen Sanbro, took home the prize for Best Chef in 2023. 8228 Peach St. // 2614 Glenwood Park Ave.

Federal Hill Smokehouse When it comes to Best Barbecue, there's no contest.



Federal Hill Smokehouse presents unpretentious, gratuitous slabs of smoke in meat form. Classic barbecue favorites like brisket, pulled pork, and ribs are met with (actually delicious) vegetarian wings and unique specials. 2609 Peach St.

McGarrey's Oakwood Cafe 🏶

If you want the best Reuben sandwich in town, a local favorite since 1978, McGarrey's is the place to go. *1624 W. 38th St.*

Odis 12 🖤

Ask anyone where you can get the best wings in town, the answer is invariably Odis 12. *3702 W. 12th St.*

Oliver's Rooftop Restaurant 🎔

Voted Best of Erie 2023 in three categories: Best Patio, Best Waterfront Restaurant, and Best Romantic Restaurant, the people of Erie agree: Oliver's Rooftop is not one to pass up. With upscale fare rivaled only by the view, Oliver's will not disappoint. 130 E. Front St.

Picasso's 🖤

Turning sandwich making into an art, Picasso's consistently delivers masterpieces. *960 Millcreek Mall Blvd.*

Plymouth Tavern 🖤

Voted Best Bar in 2023, The Plymouth is like the Erie version of *Cheers*. You'll always find a familiar face alongside a frothy mug of beer and tasty comfort food, like deep-fried pretzels and Reuben sandwiches. *1109 State St.*

Pineapple Eddie Southern Bistro 🖤

Best of Erie 2023 winner of Best Restaurant, Pineapple Eddie dominates with their American Southern/Haitian fusion cuisine. A unique menu featuring well-loved classics like Fried Chicken and Shrimp & Grits, big bold flavor is the name of the game. 1402 W. 10th St.

Teresa's Italian Deli 🖤

Winner for Best Deli and runner-up for Best Sandwich Shop, Teresa's Italian Deli (celebrating their 75th anniversary this year) is a classic Italian deli that

also provides some incredible catering options for your next event.

810 E. 38th St. // 3201 Greengarden Blvd.

Bar RONIN

Creating an unforgettable experience is what Bar RONIN is all about. This modern Japanese restaurant boasts inventive dishes and otherworldly cocktails sure to make even the most untethered samurai come back for more. 948 W. Erie Plaza Dr. Bayhouse Oyster Bar + Pier 6

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While shucking away the winter inside at Erie's only oyster bar, summertime brings the return of the stunning view on the outdoor rooftop at Pier 6. 6 Sassafras Pier

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The Cork 1794



Upscale dining that's great for a special occasion but still casual enough for a weeknight meal. The Cork is as well known for their inventive cocktails as they are for their impressive menu. 900 W. Erie Plaza Dr.

Erie Food Co-Op

The Erie Food Co-Op offers delicious, fresh, healthy sandwiches, wraps, salads, smoothies, juices, daily soups, and bakery items. 1341 W. 26th St.

Firestone's

Featuring open fire cooking in an open kitchen, upscale bar food turns into an unforgettable meal. *4823 Peach St.*

Juice Jar

With freshly squeezed juices, custom smoothies, bowls, wraps, vegan fare, and baked goods, Juice Jar has a fresh, healthy option for everyone. 2620 W. 8th St.

One Way Inn

This neighborhood staple is open 365 days a year and offers some award-winning wings. 4344 Peach St.

Outlaw Barbecue Revolution

Slow smoked, carefully crafted barbeque that brings people together. 3802 Elmwood Ave.

Park Tavern

Runner-up for Best Wings, snag some Herbie XX Cajuns (extra sloppy) and thank us later. 4205 E. Lake Rd.

Rosco's Sports Bar and Grill

Runner up for Best New Restaurant, Rosco's offers upscale bar food and plenty of brews on tap. 4646 Buffalo Rd.

Sloppy Duck Saloon

Waterfront dining at its best - enjoy the sunset over the water while enjoying your meal, drinks, and live local music. 726 W. Bayfront Pkwy.

Smuggler's Wharf

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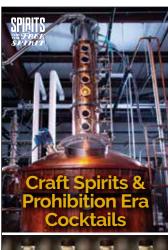


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Sullivan's Pub & Eatery Sullivan's is the seventh-oldest Irish pub in America and truly authentic. Located in the heart of Downtown Erie, it's got a cozy historic atmosphere and an ample menu. 301 French St.

Underdog BBQ

With a new location and the same great barbecue, you're sure to be rooting for the Underdog. 2714 W. 8th St.

Andy's Pub 3866 Peach St.

Avanti's 1662 W. 8th St.

Butch's Place Family Restaurant 3330 W. 26th St.

The Cab 5442 W. Ridge Rd.

Calamari's Squid Row 1317 State St.

Chippers Seafood and Southern Fusion 1023 State St.

Colony Pub & Grille 2670 W. 8th St.

The Cove 2 State St.

Dina's Authentic Dominican Kitchen 22 N. Park Row

Edinboro Hotel Bar 100 Meadville St., Edinboro

Engine House 39 1000 Washington Dr., Edinboro

Fat Willie's Wing House 205 Waterford St., Edinboro

Firebirds Wood Fired Grill 680 Millcreek Mall

Franco's Cafe 1001 State St. #106

Hook's Catfish Kitchen 38 N. Park Row

Jekyll & Hyde's Gastropub 8 E. 10th St.

John Russell Brewing



Company Brew House & Restaurant 7520 Peach St.

Lorie's Wildridge Restaurant 5455 W. Ridge Rd.

Lucero 940 W. Erie Plaza Dr.

New Harvest Restaurant & Pub 11019 Sidehill Rd., North East

New York Lunch 1005 Parade St. // 1525 Peninsula Dr.

New York Lunch East Ave. 922 East Ave.

Que Abides Pit Stop 6990 W. Lake Rd., Fairview

Presque Isle Downs and Casino 8199 Perry Hwy.

Pub 20 / The Ruffed Grouse 10326 W. Main St., North East

Shoreline Bar and Grille 2 Sassafras Pier **The Skunk and Goat Tavern** *17 W. Main St., North East*

Sunset Grill 508 Erie St., Edinboro

Syd's Place 2992 W. Lake Rd.

Two45 Waterfront Grille 55 W. Bay Rd.

Ugly Tuna Tavern 1010 Peninsula Dr.

U Pick 6 Harbor House 4454 Buffalo Rd.

U Pick 6 Public House 4575 W. Ridge Rd.

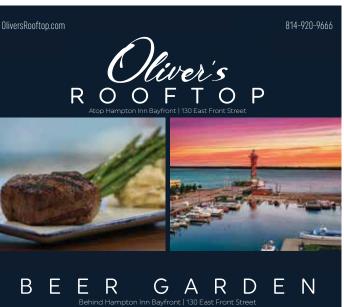
U Pick 6 Tap House 333 State St. #110

The Vine Bar and Grille 11884 E. Main St., North East

Waterford Hotel 213 High St., Waterford

Woody's Backwater BARge & Grill 110 E. Dobbins Landing







ASIAN, INDIAN, AND NEPALI CUISINE

rie boasts a wide range of Asian restaurants featuring cuisine from Thailand, Vietnam, India, Nepal, China, Japan, and more. Flavor is king and the options are numerous, so let's eat!

Samurai Kitchen + Sushi 🎔

Winner of both Best Asian Restaurant and Best Sushi, Samurai Kitchen + Sushi should definitely be a stop on your culinary tour of Erie. The local husband-and-wife team behind the restaurant have a clear edge on the local competition. 2767 W. 12th St.

Bar Ronin

Go for the sashimi and raw bar, stay for the theatrical, impressive drink menu. Runner-up for Best Sushi, Bar Ronin is a full on experience. 948 W. Erie Plaza Dr.

Ichiban

Runner-up for Best Sushi restaurant, Ichiban is known for its quality, fresh ingredients, friendly atmosphere, and excellent service. With a full menu that offers everything from sushi and sashimi, classic entrees, hibachi, tempura, bento boxes, and dessert, you're sure to find something to satisfy. 4041 Buffalo Rd.

Imperial Buffet

Order your favorite classic Chinese dish off the menu or sit and indulge in all the expansive buffet has to offer including fresh sushi and dessert items, or enjoy freshly made Mongolian barbeque. 7200 Peach St.

Like My Thai

Runner-up for Best Asian Restaurant, Like My Thai is a Downtown Erie staple whose Panang Curry with Chicken was featured as one of our Can't Miss Dishes in 2024. Great for a quick, spicy lunch or an intimate or celebratory dinner. With an open kitchen offering bar seating, as well as private tables, the experience at Like My Thai is as multidimensional as the cuisine's flavor profiles. *827 State St.*

Cathay Express 3 E. 18th St.

China Jade 14 E. Main St., North East

China Royal Buffet 9139 Ridge Rd., Girard

China Star 566 Millcreek Mall

Chopstix Express 3842 Liberty St.

Erie Curry House 3740 Peach St.

Everest Restaurant 222 W. Plum St., Edinboro

F & F Poke Bowl 2501 W. 12th St. // 6831 Peach St.

Fine Restaurant & Bar 2330 E. 38th St.



Fortune Garden 1210 W. 26th St.

Golden Wok 3202 Pittsburgh Ave.

Great Wall Restaurant 1326 E. Grandview Blvd.

Gurkha Grill 1214 E. 38th St.

Happy Garden 418 State St. Happy Wok 1537 W. 38th St.

Hibachi Japanese Steak House 3000 W. 12th St.

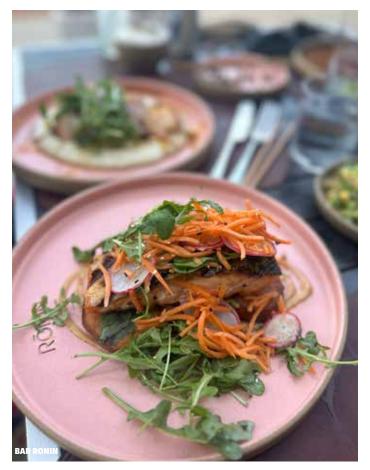
Hong Kong Chinese Restaurant 2887 W. 26th St.

Imperial Palace 4646 Buffalo Rd.





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Jade Garden 2034 E. 38th St.

Kang's Steak & Grill 605 Parade St.

Kebab Master 2720 Peach St.

Kirin Court 5624 Peach St.

Ling Ling 1526B W. 26th St.

Main Moon Chinese Restaurant 102 Erie St., Edinboro

Maggie's China Inn 201 High St., Waterford

Modern Kitchen 1315 Parade St.

My Way Bar and Grill 2218 E. Lake Rd.

Namaste Indian-Nepali 5901 W. Ridge Rd.

Noodlelove 22 N. Park Row Noodles Station 3 506 State St.

Peking 5526 Peach St.

Royal Chopstix 3444 W. Lake Rd.

Saigon Nights 2430 W. 8th St.

S&S Super Buffet 1960 Rotunda Dr.

Tandoori Hut Indian Cuisine 2605 Washington Ave.

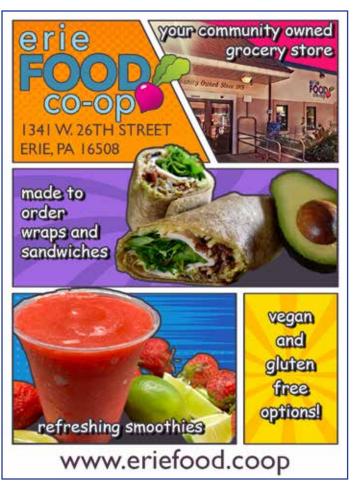
Tasty Bowl 7400 Schultz Rd.

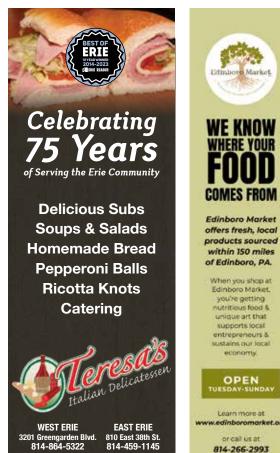
Thai Eatery 5641 Peach St.

Thai Taste Cuisine 35 Peninsula Dr.

Wooden Ladle Ramen and Rice Bowl 4753 W. Lake Rd.

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Valerio's Italian Restaurant & Pizzeria 🖤

ITALIAN RESTAURANTS

Best of Erie winner for Best Italian Restaurant in 2023, Valerio's has been a mainstay in Erie for decades. With a wide-spanning menu and three area locations, Valerio's also offers catering. 2179 W. 32nd St. // 1803 E. 38th St. // 724 Powell Ave.

Colao's Ristorante Romantic, charming, and

dimly lit with fresh pasta and authentic Italian fare, this intimate corner establishment is perfect for date night. 2826 Plum St.

Mi Scuzi

Mi Scuzi is moving to the Millcreek Mall but their commitment to quality, upscale Italian food isn't going anywhere. *Current location: 2641 Myrtle St.*

MEDITERRANEAN & MIDDLE EASTERN RESTAURANTS

Barbato's Italian Restaurant 7472 Perry Hwy.

La Nuova Aurora Club 1518 Walnut St.

Michael's Restaurant & Pizzeria 20 S. Lake St., North East

Mike N' Dangelo's Italian Restaurant and Pizzeria 137 Main St. E., Girard

Peppino's Italian Chop House 6590 W. Lake Rd., Fairview

Ricardo's Restaurant 2112 E. Lake Rd.

Ringside Restaurant 3202 Sterrettania Rd.

Roma's Italian Kitchen 2933 West 12th St.

Skippereno's Italian Restaurant 1604 W. Grandview Blvd.



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Bistro 26 🖤 Mediterranean food is the spe-

Mediterranean food is the specialty at Bistro 26, a consistent winner for Best Mediterranean or Middle Eastern Restaurant. With lots of herbs, citrus, and fresh, flavorful meals including hummus plates, Caprese salad, kabobs, and whole branzino, you'll be feeling the Mediterranean flair. 3557 W. 26th St.

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Casablanca Grill

Casablanca is one of the longest operating Syrian spots in Erie. With an eclectic menu that spans lighter lunch dishes like shawarma and tabouli to more elaborate, slow-stewed dinner options with varying countries of origin, you'll get a true taste of the Middle East at Casablanca.

2174 W. 8th St.

Habibi Mediterranean Cuisine

Traditional Mediterranean dishes meet up with a cozy, intimate vibe in this Union Station restaurant. Fresh, light,



vegan-friendly, and flavorful dishes are sure to satisfy. *127 W. 14th St.*

Fadak International Food Market 2601 Parade St.

KEBAB Master 2720 Peach St.

Middle East Market and

Kitchen 2702 Parade St.

Shawarma King 1042 W. 26th St.

Shish Kabob Restaurant 1202 French St.

Souq Market 760 E. 12th St.

MEXICAN RESTAURANTS

El Amigo Mexican Grill 🖤

Conveniently located in the heart of Downtown Erie, El Amigo took home the win for Best Mexican Restaurant AND Best Taco. Grab an ample plate of street tacos or some birria, and be sure to add a monster-sized margarita to go with it. 333 State St.

El Canelo

Erie loves El Canelo. With three different locations, each offering a plethora of authentic and Tex Mex dishes at reasonable prices, El Canelo is fresh, fast, and casual. 4236 Peach St. // 2709 W. 12th St. // 4459 Buffalo Rd.

Torero's

Consistently in the top three Mexican restaurants, Torero's offers up fast, delicious, generous portions of your Mexican favorites. Conveniently located on upper Peach Street, it's an easy family favorite. 1940 Douglas Pkwy.

Amigo Taqueria & Botanas 5630 Peach St.

Casa Cafe 3505 W. 26th St.

Compadres Mexican Restaurant 220 W. Plum St., Edinboro

Julius 1607 State St.

La Chona Movil 1512 Poplar St.

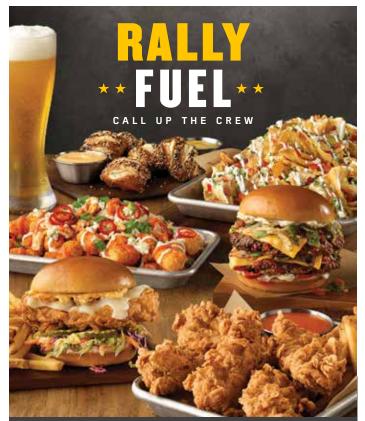
La Cocina Coqui (Puerto Rican) 653 W. 26th St.

Lucky's Mexican Food 1719 Parade St.

Pueblo Real 9155 W. Ridge Rd., Girard

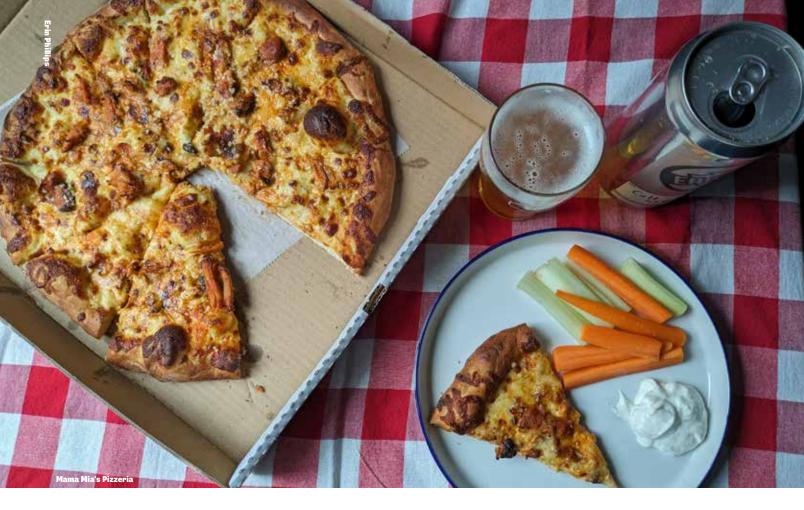
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PIZZA

John's Wildwood Pizza 🖤

John's Wildwood Pizza is well-known in Erie as being difficult to beat. A staple in Edinboro since 1979, they've since expanded closer to town at Knowledge Park. John's has consistently won the Best Pizza category year after year – their fresh dough is hand-stretched for that perfect thickness and chew. One bite and you'll be a loyal customer.

105 Erie St., Edinboro // 6008 Knowledge Pkwy.

Colony Pizza & Catering

Runner-up for Best New Restaurant, Colony Pizza is nestled next to the favorite Erie staple in the Colony Plaza, offering fresh pies made with love.

2666 W. 8th St.

Sticks and Bricks Wood Fired Pizza

With perfectly charred bubbles around the edges that make every bite full of flavor, woodfired pizza is hard to beat. This year, the voters of Erie agree: Sticks and Bricks has some of the best. 1301 E. Grandview Blvd.

Valerio's Italian Restaurant & Pizzeria

With multiple convenient locations, this full-service Italian restaurant offers traditional pie options in addition to their Old Italian Style. 2179 W. 32nd St. // 1803 E. 38th St. // 724 Powell Ave.

Alfee's Pizza & Sub Shop 3001 Glenwood Park Ave.

BIGBAR 14 E. 10th St.

Firestone's 4823 Peach St.

ippa Pizza Napoletana 22 N. Park Row

La Casa De Pizza 13 E. Main St., North East

Lucky Man's Pizzeria 3651 W. 12th St.

Mama Mia's Pizzeria 1529 W. 38th St. **Maria's Pizza** 2340 W. Grandview Blvd.

MC's Pizzeria 1400 E. Lake Rd.

Meeker's Main Street Pizza 9003 Main St., McKean

Mike N' Dangelo's Italian Restaurant & Pizzeria 137 Main St. E., Girard

My Dad's Pizza & Deli 4535 Buffalo Rd.

Passalinqua's Pizza 2319 W. 38th St.

Patti's Pizza 3403 W. 38th St. // 3700 Pine Ave.

Pizza Pete's 2823 W. 26th St.

Porky's Pizzeria 302 W. 8th St. // 3512 Buffalo Rd.

Presque Isle Pizza 3150 W. 32nd St.

Skippereno's Italian Restaurant & Pizzeria 1604 W. Grandview Blvd.

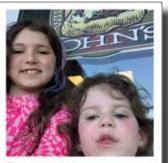
Steel City Sandwich Company 4801 Peach St.

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COFFEE SHOPS, CAFES, & DINORS

A h, that beautiful, dark elixir that makes getting out of bed in the morning a little bit easier. Erie has a ton of great local spots for all coffee tastes and preferences. And there's no better place to enjoy a mug of a great local brew than next to a hearty dinor breakfast (yes, the misspelling is intentional - here in Erie, it's a tradition based on a mystery). Erie really knows how to do breakfast!

Flip Cafe 🖤

This Edinboro dinor takes home the win annually for Best Brunch – it's really no contest. Flip's creative spin on classic dinor fare has everyone coming back for more. With vegetarian, vegan, and gluten-free options, there's something to fill everyone up.

103 Meadville St., Edinboro

Gem City Dinor 🖤

Gem City is the clear favorite for Best Dinor – interesting, creative, fresh, and artfully prepared breakfasts and lunches. With Erie-centric decor, tasty smashed potatoes, and seriously good coffee, you'll agree with the majority of Best of Erie voters: Gem City takes the cake. 3545 W. 12th St.

Tipsy Bean 🖤

Tipsy Bean is a real vibe. Housed in the historic Federal Hill neighborhood, Erie's favorite coffee shop is worthy of its fame. Artfully created coffee drinks co-mingle with sweet and savory baked goods made in-house. With indoor and patio seating available, the Tipsy Bean is a great morning stop. 2425 Peach St.

The Breakfast Place

When you need a big breakfast knockout, the Breakfast Place is your spot. Known for their mammoth frittatas, you'll surely leave satiated. *4108 Peach St.*

The Dinor at Lawrence Park

This historic prefab train-

car-style dinor finds itself famous on the National Register of Historic places and famous for its homemade pies, soups, and Erie specialty: the Greek omelet (warning: no feta or olives involved). 4019 Main St., Lawrence Park

Ember + Forge

Ember + Forge has become an "anchor" business in the downtown district - built within a historic ship chandlery. Come for the exceptional coffee and stay for the artful, chill vibe. 401 State St.

Pressed Books and Coffee

Runner-up for Best Bookstore, Pressed has an impressive cafe attached. Grab a coffee and peruse the shelves. 1535 W. 8th St.

Werner Books and Coffee

Winner for Best Bookstore and Best New Business, the recent expansion of Werner Books into





coffee gives everyone another reason to love this great local spot. *3608 Liberty St.*

Brew Ha Ha at the Colony

Always a great place to grab something to-go, or sit and read the paper with a tasty espresso, a treat, or some tea. 2612 W. 8th St.

Andora's Bubble Tea Shop 516 State St.

Avanti's 1662 W. 8th St.

Bakes and Wakes Super Secret Coffee Shop and Cereal Bar 664 W. 26th St.

Bakery on 5th 502 State St.

The Bean Coffee House 12 S. Lake St., North East

Bean & Bear Cafe 222 W. Plum St., Edinboro

Butch's Diner 10651 W. Main St., North East

Butch's Place Family Restaurant 3330 W. 26th St.

The Buzz of Union City 64 N. Main St., Union City

Cafe 7-10 7 W. 10th St.

Casa Cafe 3505 W. 26th St. Erie Food Co-op Cafe & Bakery 1341 W. 26th St.

Dominick's Diner 123 E. 12th St.

Give A Crepe - LaCrepErie 2431 Peach St.

Main Street Cakery Cafe 7403 W. Ridge Rd., Fairview // 2900 Copperleaf Dr.

The Outpost 991 Rt. 19, Waterford

Panos Restaurant 1504 W. 38th St.

The Park Coffee and Bread Company 4007 Main St., Lawrence Park

Premium Coffee Company of Erie 1220 W. 38th St.

Purrista Cat Café 30 W. 8th St.

Romolo Cocoa Cafe 1525 W. 8th St.

Rose Garden Cafe 815 State St.

Russ' Dinor 2902 Buffalo Rd.

Shirley's 5924 Old French Rd.

Tsaocaa Bubble Tea 506 State St.

Zodiac Dinor 2516 State St.

THE SWEET SPOT: BAKERIES, DONUT SHOPS, AND CONFECTIONERS

Treat yourself! Looking for something sweet to finish off that perfect, Erie-made meal you just enjoyed? Or maybe you'd like a donut or flaky croissant for breakfast? Or smooth chocolate bliss crafted at the hands of a master confectioner? Or the perfect scoop or swirl of ice cream after a hot day at Presque Isle? Erie has your sweet tooth satisfied with our award-winning bakeries, desserts, and homemade candies.

Art's Bakery 🖤

Art's has won Best Bakery for a full decade, but their delectable baked goods speak for themselves – pies, cookies, breads, and pastries. Art's does it all and with such skill and quality, we keep seeing them rise to the top 4380 W. Ridge Rd.

Mighty Fine Donuts 🖤

If you're not going to Mighty Fine, you're doing it wrong. This generational mainstay on Parade Street is unpretentious but outside the ordinary - whether it's a classic glazed twist or a chocolate-covered custard-filled, you can't pick the wrong one. They're all perfect. 2612 Parade St.

Romolo Chocolates 🖤

No one does it better than Romolo Chocolates. Master Confectioner Tony Stefanelli carries on the legacy of his grandfather and the company's eponym Romolo Stefanelli by making the best chocolates in Erie. Don't take our word for it, Romolo is a consistent winner in the Best Chocolates category each year. 1525 W. 8th St.

Straw Hat Sundae Shop 🎔

Nothing beats a drive along the lakeshore to North East, but if you need an excuse there's always Straw Hat Sundae Shop. Featuring Penn State Creamery ice cream and creative confections like ice cream stuffed Mighty Fine Donuts consider your day sweetened. 207 S. Lake St., North East



Creamland Drive In

A regional favorite in Fairview, Creamland gives old-school ice cream stand vibes with a ton of variety – grab a sandwich, a scoop of Perry's, or a cone of Dole Whip. 6621 W. Ridge Rd., Fairview

H&K

A local spot for a Sunday dozen, H&K is a westside mainstay. *3712 W. Lake Rd.*

Pulakos Chocolates

Over a century of Pulakos owners have made their mark on the confectionery business in Erie and the legacy continues today with two locations serving up beautifully crafted chocolates. 380 Millcreek Mall Blvd. // 2530

Parade St.

Stefanelli's Candies With four shops spread across Erie County, your chocolate dreams are never out of reach. 2054 W. 8th St. // 3732 Sterrettania Rd. // 7200 Peach St. // 4500 Buffalo Rd.

Whippy Dip

Two locations serving up traditional soft-serve, Perry's hard scoop ice cream, sundaes, treats, and snacks. 2527 Chestnut St. // 3100 W. 12th St.

Ye Olde Sweet Shoppe

Ye Olde Sweet Shoppe is a Downtown Erie staple with their classic, dome-shaped cookies, perfectly decorated cupcakes, custom-made cakes and confections, and a great selection of delicious coffees - you'll have many reasons to stop in. 402 State St.

Little Shop of Donuts

Infinitely customizable donuts made in a quaint Main Street storefront In North East. 45 E. Main St., North East

Bakery on 5th 502 State St.

Bill's Bakery 1825 W. 26th St.

Boro Sweet Spot Located inside the Edinboro Market, 109 Erie St., Edinboro **Cafe 7-10** 7 W. 10th St.

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The Double Dipper 5320 Buffalo Rd.

Edinboro Chocolaterie 114 Erie St., Edinboro

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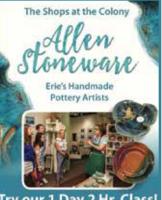
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Sontheimer's Country Bakery 3720 Sterrettania Rd.

Tasty Bakes 2805 W. 12th St.

Thelma's Tasty Temptations Blasco Library Lobby, 160 E. Front St.

West Lake Bakery & Deli 3443 W. Lake Rd.





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elcome to Wine Country. This gorgeous expanse of Erie's lakeshore, which comprises most of Harborcreek and North East, extends eastward into New York State. There are two "trails" that cater to the fermented and brewed varieties of imbibe-ables: The Lake Erie Wine Trail and the Lake Erie Ale Trail. And for those of you who prefer more mixability to your drinks: we offer a growing number of craft distilleries, specializing in creative and flavorful cocktails. Cheers!

Wine and Spirits

Altered State Distillery Altered State Distillery has wholeheartedly become Erie's jam – both for its handcrafted spirits (Best Distillery winner) and its entertainment schedule. With live music virtually every night and group trivia on off

nights - savor some of Erie's most artful cocktails while soaking in the sounds. 1535 W. 8th St.

Arundel Cellars and Brewing Co. 🐨

Selected as Erie's Best Winery, Arundel Cellars in North East brings the atmosphere of a Tuscan vineyard to the shores of Lake Erie. Also offering homebrewed beer and small plates of gourmet selections, Arundel always impresses. 11727 E. Main St., North East

Erie Distillery

Conveniently located close to Presque Isle State Park, Erie Distillery serves up artfully crafted, award-winning spirits, perfect for sipping after a day at the beach. 1101 Peninsula Dr.

Heritage Wine Cellars

Heritage Wine Cellars continues to build upon their, well, heritage. They began making wines 150 years ago and three generations later they're still at it. With fruit-based wines as well as traditional whites and reds, there is something to satisfy any palate. 12160 E. Main St., North East // Millcreek Mall, 5800 Peach St.

Luminary Distilling

Small-batch, artisan distilling in a combined space with a restaurant, bakery, and Erie's historic Furhman's Cider Mill. 8270 Peach St. // 34 N. Park Row

Mazza Vineyards

When an Erieite thinks of local wine, Mazza is the first word that comes to mind.

11815 E. Lake Rd., North East

6 Mile Cellars, Inc. 5727 Firman Rd., Harborcreek

21 Brix Winery 6654 W. Main Rd. Portland, N.Y.

Arrowhead Wine Cellars 12073 E. Main St., North East

Burch Farms Country Market & Winery 9210 Sidehill Rd., North East

Cart/Horse Distilling 12030 Edinboro Rd., Edinboro

Cellar '54 9368 W. Law Rd., North East Cloud 9 Wine Bar 25 E. 10th St.

Courtyard Winery 10021 W. Main Rd., North East

Driftwood Wine Cellars 20 E. Main St., North East

Five & 20 Spirits & Brewing 8398 W. Main St., Westfield, N.Y.

Full Circle Winery 12 Main St. E., Girard

Ironstone Meadery 9333 Tate Rd.

Jade Winery 11267 Donation Rd., Waterford

Johnson Estate Winery 8419 W. Main St., Westfield, N.Y.

Kingview Meadhouse & Winery 7895 Buffalo Rd.

Lakeview Wine Cellars 8440 Singer Rd., North East

Liberty Vineyards & Winery 2861 US-20, Sheridan, N.Y.

Noble Winery 8630 Hardscrabble Rd., Westfield, N.Y.

Penn Shore Winery and Vineyards 10225 E. Lake Rd., North East

Presque Isle Wine Cellars 9440 W. Main Rd., North East

South Shore Wine Company 1120 Freeport Rd., North East





Sparkling Ponds Winery 10661 W. Lake Rd., Ripley, N.Y.

Willow Creek Winery 2627 Chapin Rd., Silver Creek, N.Y.

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Willow Creek Winery 18 S. Lake St., North East

Craft Breweries

Erie Brewing Company With two convenient locations, The Erie Brewing Company has made its mark on Harborcreek, Millcreek, and all of Erie in between – leading to a win for Best Local Brewery in 2023. The always popular Railbender Scottish Ale took home the win for Best Local Beer. 6008 Knowledge Pkwy. // 4102 W. Lake Rd.

Lavery Brewing Company 🌩

Lavery Brewing Company, always a favorite in Erie (voted Best Brewery 2023), has recently completed an impressive expansion and remodel to their downtown brewpub. Their staple brew which was runner-up for Best Local Beer, Dulachan, is an inherently drinkable India Pale Ale worth its clout. 128 W. 12th St.

Voodoo Brewery Erie

Expanded to Erie from their flagship brewery in Meadville, Voodoo resides in the former Boston Store and makes the place their own with award-winning microbrews, including Good Vibes, which was runner-up for Best Local Beer in 2023. 101 Boston Store Pl.

Big Rail Brewing Company

2158 Mercer Butler Pike, Grove City Black Monk Brewery 3721 W. 12th St.

The Brewerie at Union Station 123 W. 14th St.

Erie Ale Works 416 W. 12th St.

John Russell Brewing Company 7520 Peach St.

Nostrovia Brewing Co. 4415 E. Lake Rd.

Riverside Brewing Company 1 Fountain St., Cambridge Springs

Orr's Brewing Company 109 S. Franklin St., Titusville

Poverty Knob Farmhouse Ales 2055 Stone Quarry Rd., Waterford

Timbercreek Tap & Table 11191 Highline Dr., Meadville

Twisted Elk Brewery 10139 W. Lake Rd., Lake City

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DOWNTOWN ERIE'S EXCITING NEW ATTRACTION

FOOD TRUCKS



rie's Food Truck scene grows bigger and better each year. These kitchens on wheels are ubiquitous during major community events like downtown's Celebrate Erie or the 8 Great Tuesdays concert series on the bayfront, but can also be found parked along State Street during the workweek, at a local brewery on the weekends, or in their semi-permanent spots (listed below as applicable).

Bro Man's Sammiches 🖤

Winner for Best Burger, Best Chef, and Best Restaurant, Bro Man's is the best when it comes to mobile dining, on top of all of that! Beloved for their burgers and birria tacos, Bro Man's Sammiches was originally a food truck but now offers two brick-and-mortar locations. 8228 Peach St. // 2614 Glenwood Park Ave.

The Que Abides

Whether you're a die-hard fan of the Dude (or El Duderino, if you're not into that whole brevity thing) or not, you'll be feeling blissed out after a trip to Que Abides food truck. Smokey, fall-off-the-bone barbecue, creative sandwiches, sauces, and homemade sides like gooey mac and cheese will definitely have you back for more. *6990 W. Lake Rd., Fairview*

A Waffle Miracle

What may taste like a stroke of the divine is actually created by the Earth angels at A Waffle Miracle. Whether they're sweet or savory, they're always a waffle and always miraculous. **The Atacolypse Food Truck** Fresh, flavorful tacos

The Big Cheese Cheese-centric panini style sandwiches

Brady's Chuckwagon Sandos with a cowboy flair

Cluck Truck Subs, sandwiches, and wraps

EDogg's Hot Dogs Gourmet weiners

Food for Thought Part of the Culinary Arts program at the Charter School of Excellence

Ippa Pizza Napoletana Wood-fired sourdough pizza 22 N. Park Row

Kona Ice Hawaiian shaved ice

La Chana Movil Authentic Mexican truck with permanent location 1512 Poplar St.

The Mad Tortilla Mexican-inspired street food

Northern Scoop Ice Cream Craft ice cream

Smiley's Ice Cream Truck Old school ice cream truck serving Penn





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Taco Distro Federal Hill Barbecue meats in freshly made tortillas 83 Peninsula Dr.

Tariq's Best Philly Cheesesteaks, shawarma, and other noshables

Tater Tater Food Truck All things potato

Taqueria Montes Authentic Mexican food

Tha Flavor Bucket Burgers, tacos, wraps, and wings

Triple D's Tasty Grill Lots of flavor on the road, or in the Flagship City Food Hall *22 N. Park Row*



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LOCAL GROCERY STORES



A tone point in history, neighborhood grocers were the norm. They were everywhere - on busy corners throughout the city, offering citizens onfoot the chance at having fresh produce, meats, and baked goods for daily use. While the modern age has given us the convenience of massive, fully stocked, efficient supermarkets, there are still a few holdovers from that bygone era of small markets dispersed throughout the city.

Additionally the New American population has created their own community grocery store networks, similar to those that were so ubiquitous a century ago. If you're looking for a different grocery experience, start small and stay there with the following neighborhood grocers.

Erie Food Co-Op 🖤

Voted Best Health Food Store and Best Place for Vegan Food, the Erie Food Co-Op offers high-quality, organic, and all-natural produce, bulk grains and spices, local eggs and dairy products, and a full-scale deli offering freshly prepared lunch items, juices, smoothies, soups, and baked goods. The Co-Op is a great place to stop and shop. 1341 W. 26th St.

Urbaniak Brothers Quality Meat 🖤

Urbaniak brothers started out and continue to excel in the meat department, but their store offers a wide variety of goods in addition to the full butcher shop. They offer in-house smoked bacon, sausages, and fish, alongside an impressive deli counter, fresh produce, homemade canned goods (including their famous horseradish), and a bakery (with goods supplied by Herb & Honey). Shopping at Urbaniak's is a real experience for the senses! *310 E. 24th St.*

Bello's Market

A mainstay in the Colony Plaza, Bello's Shur-Fine Market is a fully functioning grocery store with some of the best, most affordable meats in Erie. Featuring produce and grocery staples alongside a deli with fresh offerings, Bello's is a clear Erie favorite.

2650 W. 8th St.

Gordon's Butcher and Market

Founded in the 1980s, Gordon's Butcher Shop and Market has been serving Erie for over 40 years. And while their business model has adapted with the times, their commitment to quality service and sourcing the highest quality meats remains unchanged. Gordon's also provides their famous "Erie Boxes" which offers "a little slice of Erie, all in one box." 4815 Peach St.

Erie County Farms 2256 Broad St.

Larry's Central Market 1626 Sassafras St.

Orsini's Corner Market 560 E. 5th St.

Sander's Market 109 W. Main St., North East

Serafin's Food Market 601 E. 24th St.

Stanganelli's 1621 W. 26th St.

Trawka's Market 712 Payne Ave.

West Side Market on Powell 1119 Powell Ave.

New American Grocery Stores

You'll find these gems scattered throughout the commercial areas of the City of Erie, offering specialty goods, unique baked items, cultural curiosities, prepared foods, dry goods, fresh produce, and meats.

All in One Supermarket 3304 Pine Ave.

Almadina Supermarket 2325 Parade St.

BFA Mart 1511 W. 38th St.

City Fresh and Fast Mart *155 E. 25th St.*

DK International Foods 2122 Buffalo Rd.

Fadak International Food Market 2601 Parade St.

Himalayan Groceries 418 E. 21st St.

K-Fam International Grocery 1717 E. 38th St.

Kamana Asian Food Mart 1230 French St.

Lake Erie International Market 601 Brown Ave.

Rakan Market Bakery 813 East Ave.

Souq Market 760 E. 12th St.

State Street Market 1022 State St.

UK Supermarket 1105 Parade St.



Night-Life and Music Venues

There is no shortage of live music planned for the summer of 2024 in Erie. You're sure to find your jam at one of many venues throughout the county. Erie has a thriving music scene that covers many genres: acoustic, dance, jam, indie, punk, metal, and cover bands of all sorts.

Altered State Distillery 🎔

This award winning distillery hosts bands all summer long on their ample patio. Jam bands interspersed with jazz and rock - grab a fancy, well-prepared cocktail and settle in for a night of music in the fresh air. 1535 W. 8th St.



The Bunker at Lavery's 🌹

With Lavery's award winning beer on hand, the Bunker as a venue is a recent extension of the ever-expanding local business. Located just north of the building (behind their main brewery) this raw, open venue space is perfect for local rockers. 128 W. 12th St.

120 W. 12th St.

Oliver's Beer Garden 🎔

Oliver's Beer Garden - adjacent to Oliver's Rooftop Bar & Grill located at Hampton Inn & Suites - has become a favorite for those looking to enjoy a drink outdoors set to live music. It's the perfect venue to bask in the glow of our picturesque Lake Erie sunsets. During the warmer months, guests can play a round of mini golf on their new course. With its open-air space and great location, Oliver's Beer Garden puts the gem in Gem City. 130 Front St.

City Gallery With seasonal music series all year round, City Gallery provides a venue for the best in local and nationally touring jazz, experimental, and world music. Surrounded by stunning art pieces from local artists and handmade gifts and jewelry, a visit is always inspiring. 1503 State St.

PACA

While best known for its local, black box theatrical productions, the Performing Artist Collective Alliance (PACA) also hosts local live bands and performances for their PACA [LiVE!] series and beyond. 1505 State St.

Basement Transmissions

This ultra-indie, all-ages venue in Erie hosts the region's best original artists, as well as national touring acts. Basement Transmissions is reminiscent of big city clubs where listeners can catch unique acts right before they get their big break. Along with the variety of music performers, Basement Transmissions also hosts various



art nights, all-ages activities, maker markets, swap meets, and more. 145 W. 11th St.

The King's Rook Club

One of the longest running venues in Erie, The King's Rook Club is a private club (that's easy to join), opening its doors to the public for live music. The Rook, as it is referred to locally, embraces the jam band and DJ crowd, inviting guests to dance late into the evening. Local acts are billed alongside national touring acts, making this a great place to discover new music. 1921 Peach St.

10|20 Collective 1020 Holland St.

BIGBAR 14 E. 10th St.

Doc Holliday's Country Bar & Grill

7425 Schultz Rd.

Erie Insurance Arena 809 French St.

Flagship City Food Hall 22 N. Park Row

Kellar's: A Modern Magic & Comedy Club 1402 State St.

Philly On The Rocks 401 W. 18th St.

The Rathskeller Cafe 2306 State St.

Room 33 1033 State St.

Sloppy Duck 726 W. Bayfront Pkwy.

Voodoo Brewing Company 101 Boston Store Pl.

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Local Theater Venues

The independent theater scene in Erie is robust with local productions, talent, and variety. From the small black box theater of the Performing Artist Collective Alliance to the grand antiquity of the Warner Theatre and everything in between: Erie's got drama and we hope you're here for it.

The Erie Playhouse 🎔

For over 100 years, the Erie Playhouse has been the cornerstone of community theater. Known for its highend productions and full-scale musicals, its recently renovated space is home to a full slate of regular performances, with shows running up to four days a week. They also host a fantastic program for children, Youtheatre, so take the kids out for a show while you're at it!

13 W. 10th St.

The Mercyhurst Institute for Arts and Culture (MIAC)

The performances brought to Mercyhurst University via MIAC are world-class. Broadway stars, world-renowned authors, dance, world music, and everything in between grace the Mary D'Angelo Performing Arts Center stage regularly. *Mercyhurst University, 501 E. 38th St.*

Performing Artist Collective Alliance (PACA)

A welcoming black box-style theater, Erie's PACA hosts top-level productions that raise their DIY ethos to the next level – with a variety of plays, musicals, and special events all year round. 2430 W. 8th St.

Academy Theatre

Meadville's gorgeous space is home to a slate of fully-produced musicals from every part of the theater world. 275 Chestnut St., Meadville

All An Act Theatre Productions A welcoming gem away from





the downtown strip, All An Act is the place to be for comedies, mysteries, farces, and classics. Their newly remodeled space is now even more audience-friendly as the familial troupe gears up for their 20th anniversary.

652 W. 17th St. (currently under restoration due to a fire - check their website at allanact.net for updates)

Dramashop

Erie's home for avant-garde theater, Dramashop brings some of the most inventive productions off-Broadway and local scripts alike. The unique community it has built over the past decade is currently seeking a new home to accommodate the growth of "theater in process."

Current location: 1001 State St., Second Floor

Warner Theatre

Erie's best-known and most historic theater, it hosts traveling productions in addition to regular musical performances and Erie Philharmonic events. *811 State St.* Corella Productions Children's Theatre Academy and Dinner Theatre 2539 W. 12th St.

Diebold Center for the Performing Arts 217 Meadville St., Edinboro

Footlights Theatre Performing Arts Center 1504 Cherry St.

Meadville Community Theatre 400 N. Main St., Meadville

Schuster Theatre Gannon University, 620 Sassafras St.

The Station Dinner Theatre 4940 Peach St.

Studio Theatre

Penn State Behrend, 4701 College Dr.

Taylor Little Theatre *Mercyhurst University, 501 E. 38th St.*

Walker Recital Hall Mercyhurst University, 501 E. 38th St.

Jefferson Educational Society

Bringing global thinkers to local learners

The Jefferson Educational Society (JES), known as Erie's Think Tank has, for the past 16 years, promoted creative problem-solving to local and global issues through their innovative programming, events, and outreach.

The organization accomplishes their mission, which is "to promote civic enlightenment and drive community progress for the Erie region through the study, research, and discussion of ideas and events that have influenced the human condition" via numerous programs (like the Jefferson Civic Leadership Academy, which allows Erieites ages 25-45 a chance to learn ways to have a legislative impact on our local community), events (like the annual Global Summit, which brings speakers from around the world to Erie for months of open-to-the-public educational opportunities), and publications (including books, essays, and online documents).

If you're visiting Erie in October, be sure to carve out some time to attend one of the many speakers and events scheduled during the JES's Global Summit. Previous years' summits have brought internationally relevant speakers to packed auditoriums on subjects of political, educa-



tional, environmental, racial, historical, literary, and economic significance. Headlining this year's summit are **former U.S. Representative Liz Cheney**, Benedictine nun and theologian **Sister Joan Chittister**, sports personality **Stephen A. Smith**, NFL Hall of Fame wide receiver **Fred Biletnikoff**, and more.

The JES also has a full slate of summer events

planned leading up to the summit. Among them will be a week-in-residency (July 8 - 12) from former Global Summit speaker, **Dr. Robert Garland**, who is the Roy D. and Margaret B. Wooster Emeritus Professor of the Classics at Colgate University and a prolific author with a strong concentration in Ancient Greece. He will give five presentations throughout his week-long stay in Erie, which affords attendees a great opportunity to learn from his expertise.

For a full listing of the JES's summer schedule of events and to register, or to learn more about any of their programs including the Global Summit, the Civic Leadership Academy, or to read through their archives, visit jeserie.org.





Can't Miss Events in Erie 2024

Live music festivals, heritage celebrations, family-friendly events all summer long

When the Erie community comes together for an event, it feels special. And Erie offers plenty of opportunities throughout the year to attain that special feeling with so many people from all walks of life coming together to celebrate our city, our art, our music, and culture. Most of the events that take place throughout the summer and into early fall are free and open to the public: all you need to bring is a lawn chair, blanket, and a willingness to enjoy yourself. Erie will take care of the rest.

Monday Music in the Woods

Bring a seat and enjoy local musicians filling the forest with sound during this summer music series, set in the enchanting Asbury Woods Celebration Garden. Every Monday, June 3 - July 29 from 6 to 8 p.m. // 4105 Asbury Rd.

Whitford Park Summer Music Series

This Wednesday evening concert series in Harborcreek Township runs every week until the end of August. Beginning June 5 // Whitford Park, 5400 Iroquois Ave.

West Bayfit

Wednesday nights mid-June through July, Our West Bayfront hosts West Bayfit events at the stunning Bayview Park, featuring activities to get you moving, farmers markets, and guided neighborhood walks. June 12 - July 24 (no event on July 3) // Bayview Park, W. 2nd and Cherry

Summer Concerts at the Gazebo

Be sure to make it out to the charming gazebo on Iroquois Avenue in Lawrence Park for their concerts every third Thursday in the summer.

June 20, July 18, and Aug. 15 from 7 to 9 p.m. // Beute Park, Lawrence Park, PA

Goodell Gardens & Homestead Summer Music Series

Bring a picnic blanket or lawn chair and enjoy live local music on select Fridays in Goodell's beautiful botanical gardens and historic homestead. Select Fridays from June 9 - Aug. 30 // 221

Waterford St., Edinboro, PA

Erie Art Museum Gallery Night

Think of a bar crawl, but with art galleries instead, and you'll get the picture of this

quarterly event spearheaded by the Erie Art Museum. June 14, Sept. 20, and Dec. 13 // Various locations

UPMC Sunset Music Series

Organized by the Presque Isle Partnership and presented by UPMC Health Plan and UPMC Hamot, this well-loved concert series comes to Erie's Beach 11 just in time for attendees to catch the (unofficial) third best sunset in the world. Wednesday Evenings, June 19 - July 24, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. // Beach 11

Riverside Music Festival

After weathering a number of venue changes and obstacles, the Riverside Music Festival is back for their 14th year, and better than ever. With tons of great music acts scheduled, there is also a dedicated family zone with magic shows, inflatable rides, and more.

June 20 - 22 // Riverside Golf Course, 24537 Hwy 6 & 19, Cambridge Springs

Chautauqua Institute Summer Concert Series

This summer, the Chautauqua Institute

has outdone themselves with a slate of live music that is impressive for the region. With acts including Wilco, Martina McBride, The Beach Boys, Boyz II Men, and 10,000 Maniacs, you're sure to find your groove.

June 22 - Aug. 25 // 31 Roberts Ave., Chautauqua, N.Y.

Erie Pridefest

This yearly celebration and parade aims to enhance visibility of Erie's LGBTQIA+ community and foster rapport between groups and individuals. This year marks the first Pride on the Bay, which will be a celebration at Liberty Park with a traditional Pride parade the following day.

June 29 // Liberty Park & Highmark Amphitheater, 828 W. Bayfront Pkwy.

Great Blue Heron Festival

A short drive east, The Great Blue Heron is a full-on experience. Entering their fourth decade of existence – GBH will host three days of music with 33 acts on three stages, and with on-site camping and the chillest vibes, you'll want to jam all weekend long.

July 5 - 7 // 2361 Waits Corners Rd., Sherman, N.Y.

ErieBank 8 Great Tuesdays 🖤

On the bay at the Liberty Park amphitheater, this concert series brings *great* live music set to the most beautiful backdrop. Catch the sunset while enjoying some tunes on the hill.

July 9 - Aug. 27 // 726 W. Bayfront Pkwy.

WQLN Sounds Around Town

On a stage nestled in the woods behind WQLN's upper Peach Street studio, you'll find a well-curated, family-friendly concert. Recorded by the production team at WQLN, the concerts will later air on public television.

Fridays in July // WQLN Studios, 8425 Peach St.

Panegyri Greek Festival

An Erie summer tradition, Panegyri, now in its 36th year, features a plethora of Greek foods, dinners, and pastries, as well as music, dancing, jewelry, and more at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church. July 12 - 13 // Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 4376 W. Lake Rd.

North East Firemen's Cherry Festival

Come for the cherry pie and sausage sandwiches, stay for the rides and games at North East's Heard Memorial Park. July 17 - 20 // 40 N. Lake St., North East

Waterford Heritage Days

Since 1974, Waterford has been celebrating its history, working with businesses and local organizations for a community-forward event.

July 19 - 21 // Gazebo Park, Waterford

The Gathering at Chaffee's

This much-loved, two-day, non-stop outdoor music festival offers camping and the full hippie experience, now in its 44th year. *July 26 - 27 // 8296 Mill St., Girard*

The AmeriMasala

The AmeriMasala is Erie's first multi-disciplinary celebration of ethnic arts, food, and performances from around the world. *July 20 // Perry Square, 601 State St.*

Beer on the Bay

Erie's own Erie Brewing Company welcomes dozens of regional craft brewers to set up shop in Liberty Park on Erie's West Bayfront for the area's largest craft beer festival.

July 27 // 726 W. Bayfront Pkwy.

Discover Presque Isle - 30th Anniversary

Activities abound to get you out, appreciating, and raising money for Presque Isle. Now in its 30th year, Discover Presque Isle provides opportunities for hikes, archery, kids activities, live music, bonfires, lighthouse tours, and more! July 22 - 28 // Presque Isle State Park

Lake Erie Cyclefest

Biking enthusiasts flock to Erie for the annual Lake Erie Cyclefest with rides planned for all skill levels, from the beginner-friendly Downtown Slow Roll to the hefty 50-mile Tour De West County and everything in between. July 25 - 28 // Various locations

Dan Rice Days

The Borough of Girard celebrates dynamic circus ringleader Dan Rice (whose fame and wealth greatly contributed to the town's growth in the mid-1800s) with all manner of family fun. Aug. 1 - 3 // 34 Main St. W., Girard

Blues and Jazz Festival

After an off year last year, Blues and Jazz is back and better than ever! Bringing world-class blues and jazz musicians to Erie's Frontier Park: bands play to large crowds at this free concert. It is the hallmark of summertime in Erie. Aug. 3 - 4 // Frontier Park, 1501 W. 6th St.

22nd Annual Presque Isle Triathlon

Athletes will begin with a 0.35-mile open-water swim course in Lake Erie off Beach 10, loop counterclockwise around the entirety of Presque Isle for the cycling portion, then close things out with a 5K leading back to Beach 10. *Aug. 3 // Presque Isle State Park*

St. Paul's Annual Italian Festival

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brates its heritage all weekend long with Italian food like pasta fagioli and spaghetti, live entertainment, and more. *Aug. 9 - 12 // 1617 Walnut St.*

Celebrate Erie 🖤

Erie's traditional annual summer street festival celebrates Erie's music, art, culture, food, families, and businesses throughout downtown, while inviting one or two nationally-known touring acts to take the stage and share in the excitement. *Aug. 16 - 18 // Downtown Erie*

Firelights Festival

Just over the Pennsylvania/New York border in Sherman, jam bands and bass music artists perform on the Blue Heron grounds. Camping is available and encouraged. *Aug. 22 - 35 // 2361 Waits Corners Rd., Sherman, N.Y.*

Zabawa Polish Festival 🖤

This festival, set at Holy Trinity in Erie's historically Polish east side, features all the favorites, including polka, pierogies, and paczki.

Aug. 23 - 25 // Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 2220 Reed St.

Erie County Fair

The 139th iteration of this weeklong celebration caters to all ages – with a rodeo, truck and tractor pulls, a demolition derby, animals, a pageant, musical acts, and more. *Aug. 26 - Aug. 31 // 13993 Route 8 and 89, Wattsburg*

German Heritage Festival

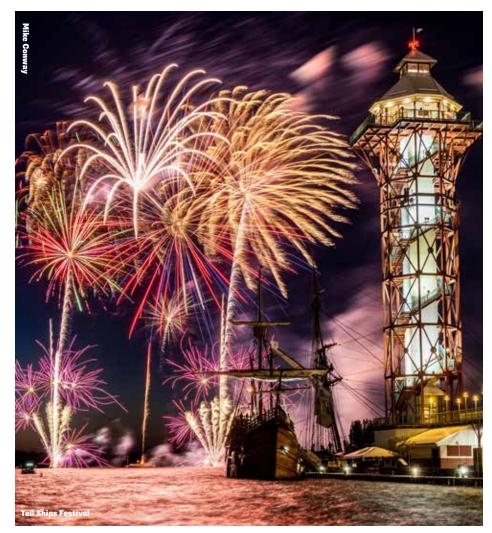
German food, music, dancing, merchandise, and of course, copious amounts of beer, all in honor of celebrating German culture. *Aug. 31 - Sept. 1 // St. Nick's Grove, 5131 Old French Rd.*

Erie Irish Festival

A favorite in Erie's historically Irish neighborhood, this popular festival features Irish music, food, art, kids entertainment, and historic St. Patrick's church tours. Sept. 13 - 15 // St. Patrick's Church, 130 E. 4th St.

North East Wine Fest

Sample the fruits of North East and beyond when dozens of wineries take over Gibson Park. With live music, craft, and food vendors. Sept. 27 - 29 // Gibson Park, 44 W. Main St., North East





Planning Your Presque Isle Getaway 2024

Making the most of Erie's best natural resource

There's a reason Presque Isle State Park is the most visited park in Pennsylvania. It offers a complete range of attractions: beaches, forested trails, diverse recreational opportunities, and stunning natural beauty. Millions visit the park each year, but even on the most crowded beach weekend, quiet corners can be found and explored.

This recurved sandspit has six discrete ecological zones – the shoreline, sand plains and new ponds, dunes and ridges, old ponds and marshes, thickets and sub-climax forests, and climax forests. Because of the diverse habitats, Presque Isle is home to more than 100 rare species of plants and animals, more than any other area of comparable size in Pennsylva-

nia.

Birding enthusiasts come from all over the world to this **Important Bird Area** (IBA) as designated by the Audubon Society. More than 340 species of birds have been recorded at the park, including state and federally endangered birds like the piping plover, which have again started nesting at **Gull Point**.

Rightly known as a beach destination, Presque Isle's lakeside boasts seven miles of sandy shoreline. Visit **Beach 6** for a game of beach volleyball, pack a picnic for **Beach 7**, or stop by the western end of **Beach 10** (aka **Sunset Point**) to see kites swirl in the sky. **Swimming** is permitted only at the eight guarded beaches from Memorial Day to Labor Day. But come back in winter to see the impressive ice dunes that protect the shoreline from winter storms.

The waters of Presque Isle Bay and the lake offer abundant opportunities to play. Registered motorboats and jet skis are both permitted, although no internal combustion engines are allowed in the interior lagoons. However, you're welcome to rent a canoe or kavak from the **Presque Isle Canoe** and Boat Livery or enjoy any of several daily, free pontoon boat tours. Depending on wind conditions, the waters may be ideal for sailboarding, skimboarding, paddleboarding, and even surfing.

As the "Fishing Capital of Pennsylvania," Lake Erie and Presque Isle Bay offer numerous opportunities to wet a lure. Bank fishing is available in many parts of the park and four boat launches serve various sizes of watercraft. Fuel, bait, and food are available at the **Marina**. Anglers can also try their luck on the frozen bay in winter, too.

The 13.5-mile **Karl Boyes Multi-purpose National Recreation Trail** winds all the way around the park and is utilized by walkers, joggers, cyclists, surreys, and inline skaters. Bike and surrey rentals are available at the concession in the Waterworks area.

In the interior are 11 miles of hiking trails. Watch beavers tend their lodges or find deer, mink, and eight species of turtles. Be prepared for ticks by wearing long pants with your socks tucked and keep the bug



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repellent handy. For adventurous souls, a walk out to the natural area of Gull Point is a must. Views from the observation platform include newly forming sand plains and the eastern end of Erie's cityscape and bay. In winter, these trails become cross-country skiing or

waters of Lake Erie.

The **Presque Isle Light Station**, which went into service in 1873 and is still an active guide to navigation, offers tours that explain the long history of the house and keepers (May-September), as well as a gift shop. The **North Pier Light** is acces-

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snowshoeing pathways or just a tranquil walkway through a sleeping forest.

History buffs can learn more about Erie's part in the War of 1812 at the **Perry Monument**, where Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry's fleet overwintered in 1812-1814. Be sure to discover why the adjacent water to Misery Bay is called **Graveyard Pond**. Near the monument you can also catch a ride on the 65foot Great Lakes vessel *Lady Kate*, which offers a 14-mile, 90-minute narrated tour that ventures out onto the open sible from Beach 11. While not a lighthouse in the traditional sense, the 1858 navigational guide, with its black and white stripes makes for great photo opportunities. A smaller beacon, the **Erie Land Lighthouse**, which was the first lighthouse lit on the Great Lakes, is open for tours on the mainland (off of Presque Isle) on the north channel (2 Lighthouse St.)

Presque Isle recently celebrated its **100th Anniversary**, having been set aside as a state park in 1921. Come see this enduring treasure.

Local Bird Watching Spots





rie has some gorgeously scenic spots for scoping, searching, photographing, and learning about our native and migratory feathered friends. Our natural waterways and the ecosystems that surround it make for very diverse birding experiences, from shorebirds to forest-dwellers and everything in between. For more information on Erie's birding community visit Erie Bird Observatory at eriebirdobservatory.org.

Presque Isle State Park 🖤

The crown jewel of birding in Erie is Presque Isle State Park, a 3,200-acre recurved sandspit jutting out into Lake Erie and forming Presque Isle Bay on which the City of Erie sits. With seven types of habitats, the park welcomes a wide variety of avian life at all times of the year. Within Presque Isle, great spots for bird watching include:

Fry's Landing, Pine Tree Trail, and Dead Pond Trail (especially the area around Thompson Circle). Graveyard Pond and Long Pond trails have access to the lagoon system for waders in the spring, summer, and fall and waterfowl in fall, winter, and spring. Gull Point, a designated natural area, is partially closed April 1 through Oct. 31 but there is a roped trail leading to two observation decks for spotting migrating and nesting shorebirds. In winter, snowy owls may also be found at Gull Point and sometimes on the beaches and breakwaters of the park.

For a full map of the trails at Presque Isle, visit: eriebir-

dobservatory.org/local-birding-hotspots / 301 Peninsula Dr.

Additional Regional Birding Locations:

Erie Bluffs State Park

Part of Pennsylvania's Department of Conservation of Natural Resources and a perfect spot for woodland warblers, sparrows, and bank swallows. *11100 W. Lake Rd., Lake City*

Edinboro Lake

Waterfowl, songbirds, and predators abound in this smaller lake south of Erie. *12690 Edinboro Rd., Edinboro*

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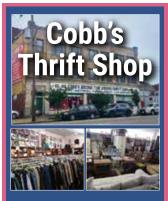


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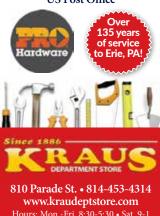
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Local Fishing Holes

rie has a long-storied fishing heritage, beginning with the indigenous people of Erielhonan, who were the first to occupy the land of Presque Isle, gave Lake Erie its name, and survived off of the aquatic bounty the lake and bay provided. Today, Erie's fishing community is still going strong. Lake Erie was voted third for best bass fishing opportunities in the nation, and our natural waterways provide plenty of spots for sitting and waiting for that thrilling moment. For more information on local fishing spots and acquiring a PA fishing license visit: fishandboat. com.

Presque Isle State Park 🖤

Fishing holes abound on Presque Isle, with shoreline and angling access from land at waterworks and the ferry dock, East and West piers, Perry Monument, North Pier, Horseshoe Pond, Misery Bay, and connecting lagoons. There are also boat launches and scads of fishing charters available from which to access the native fish species in our portion of Lake Erie which includes panfish, perch, bass, muskellunge, walleye, Northern pike, crappies, smelt, and steelhead.

Additional Regional Fishing Locations:

Eaton Reservoir

246 acres throughout Greenfield and North East townships Between Black and Findley Lake roads

Edinboro Lake Pike and panfish abound – no motorized watercraft allowed 12670 Edinboro Rd.

French Creek

Stocked with trout each spring, French Creek is perfect for kayaking and canoeing *Route 8, near Lowville*

Lake LeBoeuf

Perfect for boat anglers Waterford Township

Lake Pleasant

A stocked lake that allows paddle-craft and has an accessible dock

Valley Rd., Greene Township

Various Streams and Creeks throughout Erie County

Including 4 Mile, 16 Mile, and 20 Mile Creeks, Crooked Creek, Elk Creek, and Walnut Creek

Kids Zone

f you've come to Erie with your family, you're in luck. Erie is traditionally known as a great place to raise kids and we're in agreement. With easily accessible venues - many of which are free or low-cost there's no shortage of fun activities for any age range, that will ensure happy, worn-out kiddos and plenty of fond memories made. We've included outdoor adventure activities as well as things to do indoors when the weather doesn't cooperate.

Outdoor Adventures

From the beach to the forest and everywhere in between, Erie offers plenty of wide open spaces for your kids to explore.

Asbury Woods Nature Center

The 216 acres of conserved property that makes up the gem of Asbury Woods is free to use and always spells adventure. Whether you hike the varying degrees of trails, visit the nature center to meet their animal ambassadors, or register for a class or guided walk, Asbury always has something fun to offer. *4105 Asbury Rd.*

Erie Land Lighthouse

Erie's lesser known lighthouse was actually the first lighthouse lit on all of the Great Lakes. With tours to the top with a view unlike any other in Erie (with the North Pier lighthouse and Perry Monument in view), as well as a playground nearby, it's a nice place to spend a summer afternoon. 2 Lighthouse St.

Erie SeaWolves at UPMC Park

Take me out to the ball game! Nothing says summer in Erie like heading to UPMC Park to watch the Erie SeaWolves 2023 Eastern League Championship baseball team in action. Peanuts, Cracker Jacks, meetand-greets with mascot C. Wolf, bounce houses, contests, entertainment between innings, fireworks, cheers, and a fun run around the bases: a SeaWolves game *is* a howl of a good time! 831 French St.

Erie Zoo

The historic Erie Zoo is the perfect size to enjoy an easily walkable hour or two, or take your time and spend all day. With many newly renovated areas, our zoo has a wide variety of animals to experience, a carousel, train ride, adventure center, hands-on areas, concessions, and a gift shop featuring art created by the animals themselves. 423 W. 38th St.

Peek'n Peak Resort

A short drive to Clymer in New York state will give you a whole new vibe; like jet-set-



ting to a Swiss chalet. With skiing, snowboarding, and tubing in the winter and golf, kids activities like a giant zipline and an adventure course, and festivals in the summer and fall – the Peak is year-round fun. 1405 Old Rd., Clymer, N.Y.

Presque Isle State Park 🖤

Aside from an expected trip to the beach, there is so much more for kiddos to discover on our peninsula. Stop at **Sara's** for lunch and an orange vanilla twist cone and snag some photo ops with the props and vintage decor. Hop on board the *Lady Kate* for a family-friendly, educational boat ride around the bay. Rent a bike from **Yellow Bike** and see Presque Isle at a slower speed, climb up the steps of the **Presque Isle lighthouse**, search for beach glass at **Barracks Beach**, and – of course – spend the day in the sand, surf, and sun! *301 Peninsula Dr.*

Public Parks

Erie has no shortage of public parks for recreation with playgrounds, picnic areas, and hiking trails. Standouts include: **Bayview Park** (598 W. 2nd St.) which has a free public splash pad and photo ops at the famous Erie sign and **Frontier Park** (1501 W. 6th St.) which is an official arboretum with a playground, Griff Slides (three 40-foot metal sliding boards built into a natural hill), trails, Cascade Creek, and a meditation labyrinth.

Scallywags Pirate Adventure

YARRRR matey! Swashbucklers climb aboard for a wet and wild summer boating adventure on the bay. Secure the treasure from the villainous Captain Skull and have a blast in the process. 2 State St.

Waldameer Park and Water World Established way back in 1896, this worldclass amusement and water park keeps growing and upgrading each year. Featuring modern rides like roller coasters, flying swings, and a gondola Ferris wheel with the best view in town, there are also rides for the youngest ones, as well as classics like the Whacky Shack and Pirates Cove (which are vintage "dark rides" designed by Bill Tracy). Water World features an ever growing plethora of water rides for all ages and thrill levels.

220 Peninsula Dr.

Wintergreen Gorge Trails 🖤

Voted Best Hiking Trails in 2023, the wilds of Wintergreen Gorge, near Penn State Behrend, is always a fun adventure. With views of the incredible, eponymous gorge, swimming holes, creeks, and plenty of local flora and fauna, the whole family will be one with nature.

Indoor Adventures

Don't let the dreary Erie days get you down, there's plenty of entertainment for the little ones at the many indoor venues around town. Attend a sporting event, a philharmonic concert, get the wiggles out (while actually learning something) at the award-winning Children's Museum or at one of the many indoor jump parks or playgrounds.

Erie Art Museum

If you happen to be in Erie on the second Sunday of the month, you're in luck. Our impressive art museum offers families free admission on that day, as well as a guided art activity that relates to one of their current exhibits. Get those kids creating! 20 E. 5th St.

Erie Otters at the Erie Insurance Arena 🌹

If you're visiting Erie in the winter, stop by the Erie Insurance Arena for a rousing game of hockey, presented by our local Erie Otters. Winner of Best Team to Root For 10 years in a row, we're all pretty big fans. 809 French St.

ExpERIEnce Children's Museum 🖤

Completing the first phase of their major renovation and expansion last summer, the expERIEnce Children's Museum's upgrades have earned them the spot of Best Museum in 2023. With exhibits focusing on STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math), but always made to be hands-on and tons of fun, your kids will never want to leave (or realize how much they're learning). 420 French St.

ASCEND Erie

Kids driving you up the walls? Redirect that energy toward the ASCEND Erie climbing gym, where youngsters can learn the foundations of this exhilarating and confidence-boosting athletic pursuit. 426 State St.

Erie County Public Library

Our local library and its numerous branches offer fun programming year round for all age groups, as well as children's book sections that are the stuff of dreams (for little bookworms). 160 E. Front St.

Erie Maritime Museum

Located within the same footprint as our local library, the Erie Maritime Museum offers a glimpse at the rich sea-faring history of Lake Erie. Included with the price of admission is a tour of the historic U.S. Brig *Niagara*, a ship that served Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry in the Battle of Lake Erie during the War of 1812.

150 E. Front St.

Erie Philharmonic Pops Series

The Erie Philharmonic presents a Pops Series on their schedule each year that includes beloved classic childhood films with music performed live by the orchestra. The docket for 2024-25 includes kid hits like *Frozen* and *Return of the Jedi* in concert along with their *Come Home For the Holidays* performance and *The Music of the Beatles*. The Warner Theatre, where the Philharmonic performs, is worth a visit all on its own: a grand, historic, Art Deco masterpiece – it's the kind of building that wows children and adults alike.

Warner Theatre, 811 State St.

Five Iron Golf

Whether you're getting back into the swing of having antsy kids at home or you're just looking to prevent a crummy day from going completely off-course, the whole family is sure to enjoy Five Iron's golf and multi-sport simulation technology. 1000 State St.

Play Port or Round 1

Rainy day? No worries. Play Port has 100 vintage arcade games, virtual reality, laser tag, glow golf, and more. And Round 1, located within the Millcreek Mall, is conveniently located for lots of indoor fun. 2730 W. 12th St. // 825 Millcreek Mall Blvd.

Splash Lagoon

It's always summertime at Splash Lagoon indoor water park. With tons of slides and water play features for kids of all ages, there's also an arcade, bowling alley, shopping, and dining. 8091 Peach St.

Trampoline, Inflatable, Tumble Gyms, and Indoor Playgrounds

Bounce out that endless energy at any of the following trampoline/bounce parks: Elevate (1338 E. Grandview Blvd.), Vertical Jump Park (2088 Interchange Rd.), Jumpin' Jungle (2626 W. 12th St.), Tumble 84 (4504 W. Ridge Rd.), or The Erie Gymnastics Center (3622 Liberty St.). Or visit an indoor playground like the Widget Kidz Zone (654 Millcreek Mall Blvd.), We Rock the Spectrum (2167 W. 12th St.), DreamBuilders Playspace (4108 Main St., Lawrence Park), or Polliwogs Gym (2558 W. 8th St.)

Tom Ridge Environmental Center (TREC)

Stop by Erie's natural history center and learn about native birds, wildlife, and plants, catch a film on the Big Green Screen, birdwatch, or run around outdoors at the natural playground. *301 Peninsula Dr.*

Yahn Planetarium

Catch weekly kid-themed planetarium shows on Penn State Behrend's campus. *4205 College Dr.*



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Camping



Sparrow Pond Family Campground **\$**

Located along Route 19 in Waterford, this family-owned and operated campground and RV park has plenty of amenities. Sparrow Pond welcomes pets, and has daily, weekly, and monthly rates. Twenty minutes from Presque Isle, this campground is also home to its titular water feature as well. *11103 US-19, Waterford*

Camp Sherwin - YMCA of Greater Erie

Since 1912, this lakeside campground has been a local favorite

Bicycle Rentals and Shops

There is no better way to get to know a place than by bicycle. Erie offers up many ways for you to enjoy that sense of freedom without having to lug your bike along with you from home. Rent a traditional pedal bike, a surrey, a tandem, or an e-bike and hit the trails! Or check out our local bike shops for gear, maintenance, or a new ride! 814 Outdoor Sports 🖤 500 W. Plum St., Edinboro

John Adams Cycling & Fitness 2774 W. 12th St.

Competitive Gear 3501 W. 12th St.

A R Adams Cycle 5651 Peach St. Bert's Bikes and Fitness 7200 Peach St.

eBike Drop - Electric Bike Rentals Delivery service

Lake Country Bikes 21 E. Main St, North East

Lake Erie E-Bikes 2556 W. 8th St.



for YMCA members. 8600 W. Lake Rd. #2104, Lake City

Sara's Campground

Right on the edge of Presque Isle near the popular Sara's Restaurant sits Sara's Campground with its over 200 highly-coveted spots. 50 Peninsula Dr.

Camp Eriez 9356 W. Lake Rd., Lake City

Camper's Hill 12681 Rte. 89, Wattsburg

Erie KOA Holiday 6645 West Rd., McKean

Family Affair Campground 9640 Findley Lake Rd., North East

Folly's End Campground 8600 PA-98, Girard Harecreek Campground 375 Scotia St., Corry

Lampe Campground Foot of Port Access Rd.

Leisure Lake Campground 13939 Crosscut Rd., Corry

Pine Lane Campground 11709 W. Lake Rd., East Springfield

Presque Isle Passage RV Park & Cabin Rentals 6300 Sterrettania Rd., Fairview

Savidge's Creekside Campgrounds 10834 PA-89, North East

Uncle John's Elk Creek Campground 575 Elk Creek Rd., Lake City

West Haven RV Park and Campground 6601 Sterrettania Rd., Fairview

Yellow Bike Rental Company Presque Isle Bike Trail, 301 Peninsula Dr.

f you're a biking enthusiast in Erie, be sure to check out Lake Erie Cyclefest happening throughout the Erie Area on July 25 - 28. Featuring multiple rides of all skill levels, Cyclefest is a fun weekend all about cycling in Erie (visit eriesportscommission.com/lakeeriecyclefest)

Downtown Slow Roll Thursday, July 25, 6 p.m.

Grape Escape Ride, Friday July 26, 8 a.m.

Tour de West County Saturday, July 27, 8 a.m.

Six Mile Creek Classic Saturday, July 27, 2 p.m.

Presque Isle Sunrise Ride Sunday, July 28, 6 a.m.

See Spot Ride, Ride for Animal Rescue Sunday, July 28, 9 a.m.

Nearby Getaways, Restaurants, and Oddities

Looking to journey out of Erie for a day trip?

Here are a few choice destinations that pair perfectly with a summer drive



Ashtabula, OH

Be sure to visit **Bridge Street**, nestled along the Historic Ashtabula Harbor. It's a gorgeous and surprisingly hip strip of small businesses. With top-shelf eateries like **Harbor Halcyon**, **Bascule Bridge Grill**, and **Fitzgerald's Wine Bar and Restaurant**, your options are staggering and just a short walk away from each other. There are also 19 different **covered bridges** to discover throughout the entire county.

Jamestown, N.Y.

If you're on your way to the **National Comedy Center**, you'll see dozens of other locations to check out. There's the historic **Reg Lenna Center for the Arts**, the **Lucille Ball Desi Arnaz Museum**, and the **Jamestown Riverwalk**, with nearby dining options such as **Landmark Restaurant**, **Lisciandro's Restaurant**, and **Labyrinth Press Company** – and that's just the Ls!

Geneva-on-the-Lake, OH

If you have a soft spot for the boardwalk, or love retro midway aesthetics, Genevaon-the-Lake has to be seen to be believed. From the Adventure Zone to the East End Bar & Grill, there are dozens of bars, hotels, arcades, and fun spots like Murphy's Pub & Ale House, Old Firehouse Winery, Eddie's Grill, The Cove Niteclub, The

Aneten n.M.

Lakehouse Inn Winery, Sportsterz Bar & Grill, Whips Magic Shop, Frank's Toybox, and Ruff Life on the Lake.

Westfield, N.Y.

In addition to standout wineries and breweries like **Five & 20 Spirits & Brewing** and the **Johnson Estate Winery**, there are some fantastic restaurants like **Brazill's on Main** and **Grace & Abe's**, as well as the coastal beauty of their sister city Barcelona, N.Y.

Titusville, PA

Known as the birthplace of the U.S. oil industry, Titusville is bursting with historical sights. There's the **Drake Well Museum & Park**, the **Oil Creek & Titusville Railroad**, the **Ida Tarbell House**, and the nearby **Pithole City Historical Site**. Cap it off with modern fare from **Orr's Brewing Company** or the **Titusville Iron Works Tap House**.

Warren, PA

Likely the most picturesque destination on this list, the city of Warren has gems like the **Struthers Library Theatre**, along with natural attractions like the **Rimrock Overlook**, **Bent Run Waterfall** (namesake of the **Bent Rock Brewing Company**), and **Jakes Rocks Overlook and Mountain Bike Trail**.

Five Obscure Oddities to Track Down Near Erie

Washington Statue Park // Waterford, PA To commemorate our first president's 1753 visit to Fort Le Boeuf, the City of Waterford, PA erected the only American statue



of George Washington wearing a *British* uniform, that of the Virginia Militia.

Schaefer's Auto Art // Erie, PA

If you're driving along Hershey Road, you'll want to pull over at Schaefer's Auto Art, a series of sculptures using old car parts. There are things like an eight-legged Volkswagen Beetle, a two-story rocket ship, a giant bumblebee, and a two-headed dinosaur!

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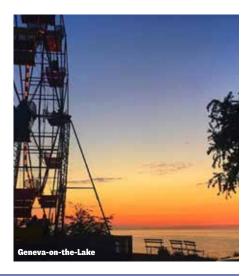
Linesville Spillway are just one excuse to visit Crawford County's gorgeous Pymatuning Reservoir. Located near the eastern point of the massive man-made lake, you can drive on the two-mile causeway all the way into Ohio.

Lucille Ball Memorial Park // Celeron, N.Y.

There are two statues at the Lucille Ball Memorial Park. One is known as the "Lovely Lucy," while the other is colloquially known as "Scary Lucy." The unsettling original was unveiled in 2009, requiring more than a few spoonfuls of Vitameatavegamin to bear a likeness. The improved statue debuted in 2016, but the internet celebrity of "Scary Lucy" has kept her around.

Lily Dale Spiritual Assembly // Pomfret, N.Y.

A town literally full of (registered) mediums, Lily Dale is one of the few surviving remnants of the Spiritualist Movement of the mid-1850s, begun by the Fox Sisters of Rochester, N.Y. The largest settlement of its kind, Lily Dale hosts an extensive summer season. It's also been the subject of an HBO documentary, a series of young adult novels by Wendy Corsi Staub, and an episode of *Supernatural*.



Farmers Markets



When it comes to getting to know a place through its food, there's no better place to start than by visiting one of Erie's many farmers markets and tasting the bounty of our land. We have a robust local farming and agricultural heritage - from 100+ year old family farms, to newly plotted urban farms. Taste the seasonal greatness and support our local farmers at the same time.

Bayview Park Farmers Market

Wednesdays, June 12 - Aug. 14 // 6 to 8 p.m. // Bayview Park, 598 W. 2nd St. // ourwestbayfront.org

LEAF Open Market

Biweekly on Saturdays from June 15 - Sept. 21 // 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. // 8th Street side of Frontier Park // leaferie.org/openmarket

North East Gibson Park Open Market

Saturdays from June 15 - Aug. 31 (excluding July 18) // 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. // Gibson Park, Lake and Main streets, North East // nechamber.org

Sisters of St. Joseph Little Italy Farmers Market

Mondays, June through September // 3 to 6 p.m. // 331 W. 18th St. // ssjnn.org

Parade Street Fresh Food Farm Stand (Pay What You Can)

Tuesdays, July through October // Noon to 3 p.m. // E. 15th and Parade streets

Edinboro Community Farm Stand (Pay What You Can)

Mondays through October // Noon to 3 p.m. // Unity in Edinboro, 130 Meadville St.



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Yoga and Fitness



While on vacation, it can be easy to get off track with your yoga practice or fitness regimen. But Erie has a number of studios and gyms designed to help keep you on the path to wellness - to either relax and calm the mind and body, or get your heart rate up and break a sweat. Whether you are looking for hot yoga, vinyasa, or slow flows, you can find the perfect location here.

vogaErie 🎔

A win in 2023's Best of Erie contest makes yogaErie a local favorite for 10 years running. Their studio is conveniently located close to Presque Isle State Park in the Shops at the Colony. yogaErie specializes in hot power yoga guaranteed to help you get a great stretch and break a sweat. 2560 W. 8th St.

Planet Fitness 🎔

If pumping iron, high impact cardio, or interval training is your speed, Erie has three Planet Fitness locations to serve you. With locations near the Millcreek Mall, close to Presque Isle State Park, and Harborcreek, you can enjoy a workout, tanning, massage chairs, and more.

1920 Edinboro Rd. // 972 W. Erie Plaza Dr. // 4510 Buffalo Rd

Barefoot Buddha

Located in Millcreek, this studio features yoga therapists teaching vinyasa, chair yoga, and therapeutic movement, and also offers live-streamed or Zoom sessions to fit any schedule. *3910 Caughey Rd.*

FitnessU

Offering the full range of gym activities including swimming lessons, adult aquatics, group fitness, and personal training, FitnessU is dedicated to helping you reach your goals. 2312 W. 15th St.

PACA Movement Center

A hidden gem located in the historic Mayer Building in downtown Erie – enjoy great views of Lake Erie and downtown while practicing slow, mindful yoga, adaptable and suitable for all experience levels, in an inclusive environment. 1505 State St.

YMCA

Featuring group classes, a pool,

childcare, and other amenities, you're sure to find something here for the entire family. *3727 Cherry St. // 31 W. 10th St. // 2101 Nagle Rd.*

American Power Gym 1860 W. 26th St.

ASCEND Erie 426 State St.

Anytime Fitness 2921 W. 26th St.

Erie Fitness Academy 8348 Edinboro Rd.

Erie Fitness Now 2147 W. 12th St.

FBO Fitness 1311 Chestnut St.

Fit Plus 2421 Asbury Rd.

Infinite Love Yoga 310 E. 10th St.

LECOM Medical Fitness & Wellness Center 5401 Peach St.

Motivate Studios 1535 W. 8th St.

Pennbriar Athletic Club 100 Pennbriar Dr.

Pro-Fit 901 W. 12th St.

Renew Fitness 1359 Marshall Dr.



Self-Care and Retail Therapy

S ometimes a vacation can feel more like a "trip" than a true vacation. If you need a moment to yourself, we've got you. Erie is home to a number of relaxing day spas, med spas, salons, and massage therapists, not to mention plenty of boutiques and local shops to engage in some serious retail therapy. Breathe it all in!

SELF-CARE

Coventina Day Spa 🖤

Voted Best Spa and Best Med Spa, Coventina Day and Med Spa offers "the pinnacle of advanced beauty and relaxation care." Located within seven wooded acres in a breathtaking establishment, you're sure to be whisked away from your cares.

10747 Peach St.

Panache Salon and Spa*****

Winner of Best Salon for 10 years running, Panache's customer satisfaction is clear. A full service salon and day spa offering makeup, nails, skincare, massage and aromatherapy, in addition to a full range of hair styling services, Panache is a one-stop self-care shop. 2501 W. 12th St.

Ambridge Rose

Offering full salon and spa services, as well as hosting and primping for bridal parties or proms. 3344 W. 26th St.

Moxi Hair Salon

With two convenient loca-

tions, Moxi Hair Salon is an eco-friendly, sustainable, and certified Green Circle Salon specializing in creative color and blonding services. 1722 W. 8th St. // 1335 W. 38th St.

Massage Envy

Featuring massage, stretching, and facials, Massage Envy will get you relaxed and destressed. 2070 Interchange Rd.

ReJuv Med Spa, Salon, and Wellness

ReJuv boasts that they are Erie's "one stop shop for achieving all your wellness and aesthetic goals." If you find yourself in need of a health and beauty boost, the experienced team at ReJuv is here to help. 1337 W. 6th St.

99 Relax Spa 5027 Peach St.

A Compassionate Hart Massage Therapy 2005 W. 8th St.

Cool Renew MedSpa 1811 Kuntz Rd.

European Wax Center 6660 Peach St.

Hair-Cutz 4060 W. Lake Rd.

Headcases Salon 1508 W. 38th St.

iAesthetic Medspa 1005 Peninsula Dr.

Lena Salon





521 W. 10th St.

Massage Erie 2220 W. 8th St.

Monacella Massage & Kinesiology 1001 State St. #1322

Professional Massage Therapy & Reflexology 1343 W. 38th St.

Sandcille Spa 2640 W. 8th St.

Simply Coco 988 W. Erie Plaza Dr.

Spa Lapis 3071 W. 12th St.

Therapy Spa 1533 W. 38th St.

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Dahlkemper's Jewelry Connection 🖤

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Glass Growers Gallery 🖤

With gorgeously curated local art, handmade gifts, and other thoughtfully and artfully made items, Glass Growers is Erie's favorite art gallery and offers a creative shopping experience. 10 E. 5th St.

Grasshopper 🎔

Erie's own Hip-nique Boutique, Grasshopper is a family-owned staple in the Federal Hill district offering handmade goods, apparel, and supplies to nourish your inner hippie. 2518 Peach St.

Sassy Peacock 🎔

Consignment has never looked so good. Sassy Peacock features a unique blend of new and gently-loved ladies apparel and accessories including handbags, jewelry, shoes, scarves, and belts in well-established brand names.

845 Pittsburgh Ave.

Cobb's Second Time Around Thrift Shop

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Lollie & Co.

Located in the increasingly impressive Shops at the Colony, Lollie & Co. offers boutique-style apparel for men and women, as well as uniquely curated home goods. Lollie & Co. will have you looking and feeling your best. 2566 W. 8th St.

Sacred Piercing

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The Thrifty Shopper

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Erie City Mission, Enjoy finding hidden gems while supporting the work of the local community nonprofit. 2064 W. 16th St.

Copper Carriage

Uniquely curated antiques with a focus on local historic items. 406 State St.

The Dollhouse at Pointe Foure

Glamourous vintage clothing meets sustainable fashion. *423 State St.*

Erie Apparel and City Supply Erie's most iconic places and things, emblazoned on quality shirts and collectibles. 2309 W. 12th St. // 431 State St.

Kraus Department Store

If you can't find it at Kraus, it doesn't exist. The historic Erie staple on Parade Street has knowledgeable employees and generations worth of backstock. *810 Parade St.*

AJ's Classic Clothing 2636 W. 8th St.

Aquibella Boutique 2415 W. 26th St.

Dotigan Clothing

1150 W. 26th St.

E. Lane Boutique 956 W. Erie Plaza Dr.

Isaac Baker Menswear 1001 State St. #110

Iron Empire Clothing 503 Millcreek Mall

Oregon Antiques 3436 W. Lake Rd.

Presque Isle Consignment 2208 W. 8th St.

Primo Tailoring 421 State St.

The Shops at The Colony

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Trellis 1535 W. 8th St.

Vintage Soul and Home 916 W. Erie Plaza Dr.

World of Music 1355 W. 26th St.







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