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Erie: An America 250 City

Erie has a rich history – and as America as a whole celebrates our semiquincentennial this year, visitors can experience a taste of that celebration here in our city on the lake through our city's programming, our abundant (often free) historic sites, our museums, and our cultural and educational institutions. It is our hope that the many visitors who come to Erie in the summertime to experience our award-winning beaches and sunsets (the third-best in the world, so it has been said), our creative food scene, our outdoor music festivals, and waterfront amenities, also take the chance to get to know our city a little bit deeper and appreciate everything we have to offer.

Within this guide, you'll find plenty of activities to enjoy any season in Erie – whenever you plan your visit. Additionally, we list all of Erie's favorite year-round eateries, guiding you towards the best spots for any kind of cuisine you seek, from greasy spoon diners (yes, the spelling is intentional. It's an Erie thing) to our finest fine dining spots and everything in between. And of course, we offer you a full rundown for experiencing our crown jewel, Presque Isle

State Park, Erie's more than 3,000-acre peninsula – a natural wonderland of sandy beaches, woodland trails, lagoons, bays, and historic landmarks that is available to visitors and locals alike for recreation any time of the year. We are certain that, even those who have visited dozens of times

It is our hope that visitors also take the chance to get to know our city a little bit deeper and appreciate everything we have to offer.

before, can always find something new to experience in our best state park.

We hope you enjoy your visit and that Erie becomes a place you hold in your heart and find as special as those of us who live here and love it know it to be.

How to Use This Guide

Now in our 15th year of publication, the Erie Reader – Erie's only independent, locally-owned alternative newspaper – has held our annual Best of Erie contest, which polls Erieites on their favorite people and places, cultural and nightlife activities, and food and drink options, with over 100 categories in which to voice their opinions. Both nominations and voting are open to the public, making the year-end list a genuinely crowdsourced product.

Hundreds of thousands of votes were cast for the 2025 Best of Erie Awards, and those results form the foundation of this 2026-27 Best of Erie City Guide — a locally and publicly curated guidebook to all the best to eat, drink, see, and do in Erie. Whether you're a lifelong resident looking to rediscover your city or a first-time visitor trying to find your footing, this guide is your starting point. As you peruse these pages, use the icons indicated in the legend to navigate your explorations. They'll definitely show you the best Erie has to offer.

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Waterfront Activities

Erie County is lucky enough to be situated on a full 77 miles of shoreline for waterfront recreation, adventure activities, romantic strolls, and dining with gorgeous views of the sunset (they're the third-best in the world, actually!). Here are some options for when you're done with your day at the beach but not ready to say goodbye to the water.

Tom Ridge Environmental Center (TREC)

Erie's own natural history museum and environmental center, TREC also serves as Headquarters for the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) and it is a great stop to learn about our state park and its natural landscape and native species. Visitors can birdwatch, enjoy the natural playground, and take the steps or an elevator to the top of the tower for a bird's-eye view of the lake and neighboring Waldameer. Take a class or sign up for a guided hike, 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

Erie's history is inherently linked to our strategic spot on the Great Lakes. Learn 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. The newly restored Niagara returns to port on July 2, kicking off Erie's America 250 Fourth of July celebration.

150 E. Front St.

Bicentennial Tower

Standing at the end of Dobbins Landing since 1995, the tower is an iconic point of reference for any Erieite. Travel up the tower to take in one of the best views of the bay and Presque Isle, or turn your sights toward the city and take in our modest skyline and the public art gracing the deck – open daily from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

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 has plenty of vessels for getting you 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*, learn about the natural landscape of Presque Isle aboard the *Lady Kate* or through its recurring Lagoon by Pontoon sessions, or get soaked and silly on the pirate-themed adventure boat, *The Scallywag*. However you choose to get on the water, you'll leave with a whole new appreciation for Erie from the lake side.

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. A combination tour ticket at the Presque Isle Light Station is the most efficient way to see all three in one afternoon.

Rent a Jet Ski, Boat, Canoe, or Kayak

Get to know Lake Erie up close 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

Sun Life Marinas

726 W. Bayfront Pkwy.

Your Sailing Adventure

34 State St.

Waterfront Dining

When it comes to dining in the summer-time, nothing is better than 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 ★

Oliver's is Erie's unequivocal favorite – winning Best Romantic Restaurant, Best Fine Dining, Best Hotel Bar, Best Patio and runner-up for Best Waterfront Dining, Best Pet-Friendly Bar, and Best Live Music – it's clear that Oliver's is a great spot to stop for a spell.

130 E. Front St.

Pier 6 Rooftop Bar and Grill ★

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

Smuggler's Wharf ♦

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.

Bay House Oyster Bar & Restaurant

8 Sassafras Pier

The Cove Bayside Restaurant and Tavern

2 State St.

Harbor View Grill

3730 Harbor Ridge Trail

Rum Runners

133 E. Dobbins Landing

Sara's Restaurant

25 Peninsula Dr.

Shoreline Bar and Grille

2 Sassafras Pier

Sloppy Duck Saloon

726 W. Bayfront Pkwy.

Sunset Grill

12670 Edinboro Rd., Edinboro

Two45 Waterfront Grille

55 W. Bay Rd.

Woody's Backwater BARGE and Grill

110 E. Dobbins Landing

INSIDER TIP

Can't pick a spot? Go with the people's choice. Oliver's Rooftop Restaurant & Beer Garden swept this year's Best of Erie — Best Romantic Restaurant, Best Fine Dining, and Best Patio among them — and the rooftop is hard to beat for a sunset over the bay. Reserve ahead on summer weekends; that view fills up fast.

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- ⑨ WINE COUNTRY



America 250: Erie's Historical Sites and Local Think Tank



The America 250 celebration this summer has everyone looking to the past – Erie has a rich history, most of which involves our location on the lake – from the Battle of Lake Erie during the War of 1812 to our advantageous positioning near Canada, which made Erie a stop on the Underground Railroad, and everything in between. We've got lighthouses, Nationally Registered Historic buildings and districts, museums (art, history, maritime, natural history), monuments, cemeteries, and plenty of adaptively reused vintage buildings that lend Erie its unmistakable character. For the history buff (seasoned or budding), you'll find lots to pique your interest.

Additionally, Erie is home to some fantastic higher education institutions – one such spot is the Jefferson Educational Society (JES) and there's no tuition! The JES describes itself as Erie's Think Tank, with a mission to "promote civic enlightenment and community progress for the Erie Region through the study, research, and discussion of those ideas and events that have influenced the human condition." They offer free or low cost events such as speaker series, workshops, and forums centered around relevant cultural, historic, or intellectual subjects and they've got a slate of events lined up to celebrate our local and national history this year.

Erie's Historical Sites

Lighthouses

Being situated on a body of water can only mean one thing: lighthouses! And Erie has three open for viewing throughout the warmer months. Check out all three in one go with a combination tour available for purchase at the Presque Isle Light Station. Erie Land Lighthouse, 2 Lighthouse

St., The North Pier Light, near Beach 11 at Presque Isle State Park, and the Presque Isle Light Station, on Presque Isle.

Covered Bridges

Erie County has two remaining historic covered bridges: the recently restored and reopened Waterford Covered Bridge (699 Niemeyer Rd., Waterford) and the Harrington Covered Bridge (Barney Rd.,

Albion). Nearby Ashtabula County, Ohio boasts an incredible 19 remaining covered bridges. Take a short drive west and go back in time!

Museums

The Erie Art Museum ★

Enjoy the historic charm of Erie's former Customs House (built in 1838) while exploring the 80,000 square feet of the museum, which houses their impressive permanent collection and temporary exhibits.

20 E. 5th St.

Hagen History Center ◆

The Hagen History Center campus contains multitudes in terms of local history: a restored Gilded Age Richardsonian Romanesque masterpiece of a manse, expansive archives for research, a new wing that includes "The Story of Us" exhibit which examines local Erie history through our people and manufacturing, the restored Morrison Wood house which houses Erie military artifacts, as well as the complete reconstruction of Frank Lloyd Wright's office open for touring.

356 W. 6th St.

Erie Maritime Museum

Our Maritime Museum, located on the bay adjacent to the Blasco Memorial Library, celebrates Erie's history in relation to our Great Lake. It is also the home port of the U.S. Brig *Niagara*, which returns to Erie after extensive renovations on July 2, as part of the America 250 celebration.

150 E. Front St.

The Tom Ridge Environmental Center (TREC) ◆

Situated at the entrance to Presque Isle State Park, the Tom Ridge Environmental Center (TREC) is a natural history museum that features specimens, artwork, films, interactive displays, with fluctuating seasonal exhibits including an America 250 art show to be displayed throughout the summer.

301 Peninsula Dr.

Firefighters Historical Museum

Tucked away in a West Bayfront neighborhood, the Firefighters Historical Mu-

seum is housed in a former historic fire station and features a large collection of artifacts involving Erie's firefighting heritage.

428 Chestnut St.

Lake Shore Railway Historical Society

If rail history is your thing, you have to stop by the Lake Shore Railway museum. Established in 1956, the railroad museum was built on the grounds of the former New York Central Railroad passenger depot and includes historic locomotives, artifacts, and equipment.

31 Wall St., North East

Historical Societies

Many of the smaller municipalities in Erie County have their own regional historical societies that are within historic buildings, containing township archives, memorials, and artifacts of local significance. The volunteers for these establishments often advocate for local historic buildings and aid in their restoration.

Corry Area Historical Society

945 Mead Ave., Corry

Edinboro Area Historical Society

126 Water St., Edinboro

Elk Creek Historical Society

50 Harthan Way, Albion

Fairview Area Historical Society

4302 Avonia Rd., Fairview

Fort LeBoeuf Historical Museum

55 High St., Waterford

Harborcreek Historical Society

5661 Buffalo Rd.

Lawrence Park Historical Society

4230 Iroquois Ave.

North East Historical Society

25 Vine St., North East

Union City Museum & Historical Society

11 S Main St., Union City

Wattsburg Area Museum

14438 Main St, Wattsburg

Jefferson Educational Society's America 250 Events

Embracing our democracy, both locally and nationally, Erie's educational nonprofit is bringing programming that celebrates and highlights our semiquincentennial and the democratic ideals that brought us to this moment. If you're visiting from out of town, attending a presentation through the JES will be sure to enlighten you during your trip. Find more about these events (and upcoming programming like the annual Global Summit in October, which brings speakers of renown like President Barack Obama, Neil deGrasse Tyson, and more) by visiting jeserie.org

Where Democracy Began

Where, when, and how did the seed of

democracy take root? Why did its roots grow and begin to branch out? What happened when democracy's growth grew dormant until the time of the Magna Carta? Where are we today, and where might history's lessons teach us that we're headed?

Monday, July 6 at 6 p.m. featuring speaker

Robert Garland // JES, 3207 State St. // Free

The Athenian Experiment

Join Dr. Robert Garland, the Roy D. and Margaret B. Wooster Emeritus Professor of the Classics at Colgate University, and author of numerous books, as he examines Athens' experiment in democracy in his *Democracy: From Beginning to Now* series.

Tuesday, July 7 at 7 p.m. featuring speaker

Robert Garland // JES, 3207 State St. // \$15

The Broken Chain

What is the history of democracy after the Athenian experiment, its vestigial presence in Rome, its absence in the Middle Ages until the time of Magna Carta, its limited appearance in the Florentine Republic? What is its importance for the establishment of the American Republic, and as an idea that inspired and shaped the French revolution?

Thursday, July 9 at 6 p.m. featuring speaker

Robert Garland // ECAT, 650 East Ave. // Free

Moments That Shaped America: A Nation and Independence at 250

Monday, July 27: 9/11 25 Years Later

featuring Andy Card, White House Chief of Staff

Tuesday, July 28: From FDR to Trump: Life in the Modern White House with Gary Walters, author of *White House Memories 1970-2007: Recollections of the Longest Serving Chief Usher* and Stewart McLaurin, author and president of the White House Historical Association

Wednesday, July 29: We the Women: The Hidden Heroes Who Shaped America with Kate Andersen Brower, New York Times bestselling author

Thursday, July 30: Against All Odds: Front Line Stories from World War II with Alex Kershaw, New York Times Bestselling author and David Yoho, WWII veteran



Dean Zeller

Art Galleries and Creative Spaces



Erie is nothing if not creative. We've got a bustling scene of small and large-scale art spaces from museums to curated galleries, art gift shops, and open studios.

Erie Art Museum ★

The Erie Art Museum offers an astoundingly gorgeous, worldly collection while traveling shows and local art features (like their annual Spring Show which features local and regional creators). With classes, live music, and workshops available year-long, they host Second Sundays which provides a free, family-friendly art activity with free admission to the galleries.

20 E. 5th St.

Glass Growers Gallery ★

For over 50 years, Glass Growers Gallery has carved out a space for themselves in the Erie art scene. Voted Erie's Best Gallery, Glass Growers offers a gorgeous variety of locally made art, gifts, ceramics, and glasswares while always featuring a local artist's show in their gallery space.

10 E. 5th St.

PACA (Performing Artists Collective Alliance) ★

Winner for Best Art Studio space, the historic building of PACA offers live theater alongside housing the workspaces of some of Erie's most creative minds.

1505 State St.

1020 Collective ◆

1020 Collective is at once a spacious gal-

lery, performance space, concert venue, comedy club, record store, instructional space, and community gathering point.

1020 Holland St.

City Gallery ◆

City Gallery was born from the creative entrepreneurial spirits of two local artists. 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.

Clayspace ◆

Get a little muddy during your visit with a stop at Erie Clayspace – a ceramics studio in the heart of Erie that offers regular classes for any skill level.

1505 State St. 3rd Floor

1020 at the Bastion

2016 Peach St.

5fishcreative Art Gallery

4060 W. Lake Rd.

Allen Stoneware Gallery

2602 W. 8th St.

Bruce Gallery

200 Tartan Rd., Edinboro

D' Hopkins Denniston Gallery

4960 Pittsburgh Ave.

Dovetail Gallery

352 E. 18th St.

Erie Center for Arts and Technology (ECAT)

650 East Ave.

FEED Media Arts Center

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.

Main Street Art

138 Main St. W., Girard

Neighborhood Art House

201 E. 10th St.

Painted Finch Gallery

32 N. Center St., Corry

Presque Isle Gallery & Gifts

301 Peninsula Dr.

Relish Studio & Gallery

3835 W. 12th St.

RLB Art Studio

2016 Peach St.

INSIDER TIP

Glass Growers Gallery has swept Erie's Best Of — winning Best Art Gallery, Best Gift Shop, and Best Boutique. With over 90 regional artists and 100+ national artisans, and exhibits rotating every six to eight weeks, there's always something new to discover. If you're looking to take a piece of Erie home with you, this is the place.

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Bar RONIN ★

Winner of Best Restaurant 2025, Bar RONIN is upscale, modern Japanese, with a staff that prides itself on creating an unforgettable dining experience. Expect inventive, flavorful, gorgeous dishes and craft cocktails.

948 W. Erie Plaza Dr.

Bay House Oyster Bar + Pier 6 ★

Winner for Best Waterfront Restaurant in 2025, these spots capitalize on their location on the bay to get you in the mood for seafood.

6 Sassafraas Pier

BIGBAR ★

Winner for Best Night Club, BIGBAR does everything big! The bar is big! The food is big! The music is big! So bring a big appetite.

14 E. 10th St.

Bro Man's Sammiches ★

2025 winner of Best Chef, Best Burger, Best

Sandwich Shop, and runner-up for Best Taco – Bro Man's is a can't-miss local spot. Their legendary smashburgers and birria tacos have folks coming back time and again to one (or both) of their two spots in Erie.

2614 Glenwood Park Ave. // 3558 W. 26th St.

Calamari's Squid Row ★

2025 winner for Best Wait Staff, Calamari's makes you feel right at home. With their delicious and affordable fare, expansive drink menu, and lovely, exposed brick patio, you'll never want to leave!

1317 State St.

Colao's ★

Traditional Italian fare with an upscale, old-world, cozy twist. Think Pork Osso Buco, Frutti Di Mare, and Arancini Di Rosa with all the classics and more.

2826 Plum St.

Erie Food Co-Op ★

Winner for Best Vegan or Vegetarian Food, the Erie Food Co-Op offers great

lunch options like delicious, fresh, healthy sandwiches, wraps, salads, smoothies, juices, daily soups, and bakery items.

1341 W. 26th St.

Federal Hill Smokehouse ★

Federal Hill has the Best Barbecue in Erie and (quite possibly) the best barbecue in the country. There's really no contest. Federal Hill Smokehouse presents unpretentious, gratuitous slabs of smoke in meat form. Also voted runner-up for Best Restaurant, get your favorites like brisket, turkey, pulled pork, and ribs before they sell out for the day.

2609 Peach St.

Firestone's ★

If you want a great steak, look no further than 2025's winner for Best Steak in Firestone's! Their menu runs the gamut, so bring an appetite.

4823 Peach St.

Lavery Brewing Company ★

Known equally for their incredible, locally made beers and their creative, flavorful pub menu, Lavery's is a place visitors and locals alike shouldn't sleep on.

128 W. 12th St.

Odis 12 ★

Ask anyone where you can get the best wings in town, the answer is almost invariably Odis 12.

3702 W. 12th St.

Oliver's Rooftop Restaurant and Beer Garden ★

Oliver's loves to sweep our Best Of contest every year. Taking home the win for Best Romantic Restaurant, Best Fine Dining, Best Hotel Bar, Best Patio, and runner-up for Best Waterfront Restaurant, Best Pet-Friendly Bar, and Best Place to See Live Music – stop in to see what the fuss is all about.

130 E. Front St.

Pineapple Eddie Southern Bistro ★

Upscale American Southern meets Caribbean flavors, with super fresh ingredients, low-key vibes but high-key food – Pineapple Eddie is a consistent favorite nestled into a cozy neighborhood spot.

1402 W. 10th St.

Plymouth Tavern ★

Voted Best Bar in 2025, The Plymouth is like the Erie version of *Cheers*, somehow you always see someone you know and all the faces are friendly. With great beer specials and seriously tasty bar food (the fried pretzels and Reuben sandwiches are tops). Bonus: if you're into trivia, they also took home the win in that category!

1109 State St.

Bay and Berry ◆

Erie's newest brunch spot has a ton of welcoming space, an incredible bakery, and tasty traditional fare to fill you up. Serving up specialty coffees as well, a stop at Bay and Berry will put the cherry on top of your weekend.

1101 Peninsula Dr.

Born & Braised ◆

Runner-up for Erie's Best New Restaurant, Born & Braised converted a cozy, traditional spot in Erie's Little Italy into an upscale bistro serving a different slow braise each day. Flavor meets ambience in this can't-miss spot.

802 W. 18th St.

The Cork 1794 ◆

Runner-up for Best Steaks and Best Brunch, the Cork is always a great place for a celebratory meal.

900 W. Erie Plaza Dr.

One Way Inn ◆

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

4344 Peach St.

Park Tavern ◆

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

4205 E. Lake Rd.

Picasso's ◆

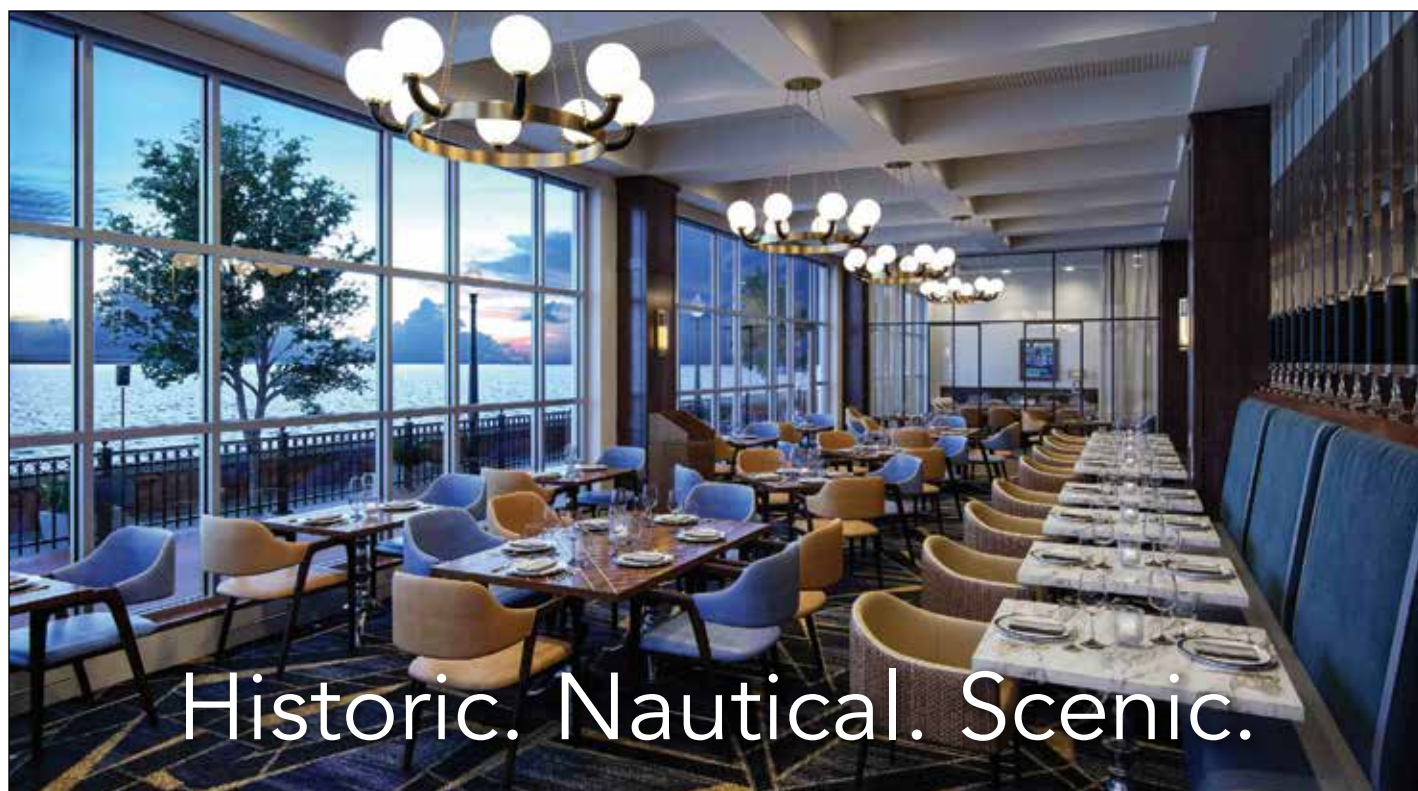
Turning sandwich making into an art, Picasso's consistently delivers masterpieces.

960 Millcreek Mall Blvd.

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301 French St.

Teresa's Italian Deli ♦

Teresa's Italian Deli is a classic Italian deli that has been a part of Erie's food scene for over 75 years. Teresa's also offers some catering options for your next event.
810 E. 38th St. // 3201 Greengarden Blvd.

Underdog BBQ ♦

Runner-up for Best 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.

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

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7520 Peach St.

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5455 W. Ridge Rd.

Lucero

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1005 Parade St. // 1525 Peninsula Dr.

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922 East Ave.

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3431 Poplar St.

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8199 Perry Hwy.

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10326 W. Main St., North East

Rosco's Sports Bar and Grill

4646 Buffalo Rd.

Shoreline Bar and Grille

2 Sassafras Pier

The Skunk and Goat Tavern

17 W. Main St., North East

Sloppy Duck Saloon

726 W. Bayfront Pkwy.



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Sunset Grill

12670 Edinboro Rd., 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

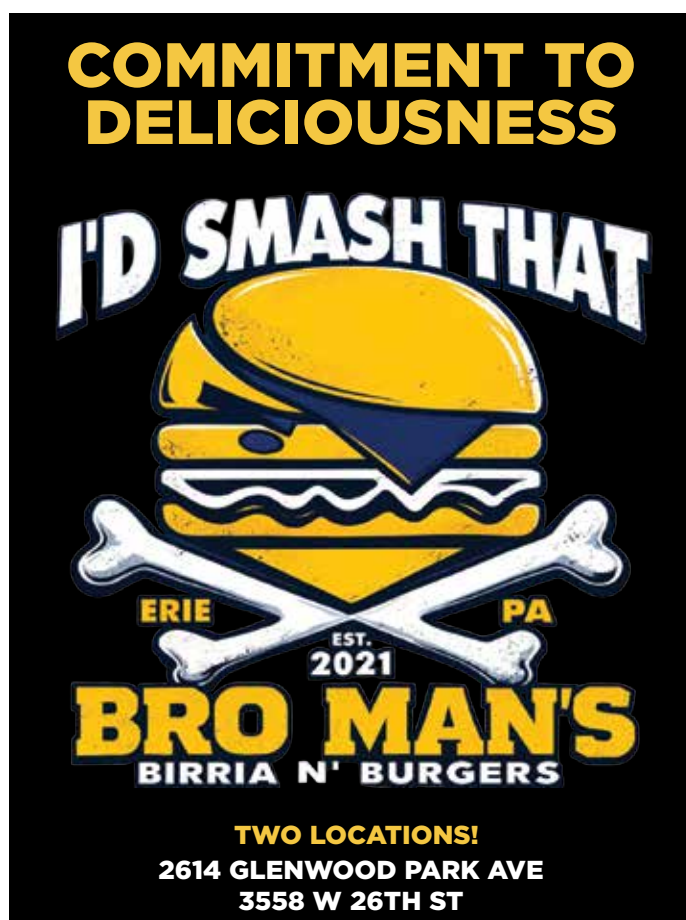
Woody's Backwater

BARge & Grill

110 E. Dobbins Landing

INSIDER TIP

Federal Hill Smokehouse won Erie's Best Barbecue and was named Pennsylvania's best BBQ by Food & Wine — the brisket and ribs will tell you why. They're only open for lunch, Monday through Saturday, and sell out most days. Aim to arrive closer to 11 a.m. than 1 p.m. or you may leave empty handed.



ASIAN, INDIAN, AND NEPALI CUISINE



Jessica Hunter

Wooden Ladle Ramen and Rice Bowl

Erie 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 for Best Sushi and Best Asian Food, Samurai Kitchen + Sushi is a favorite for a reason: it's always fresh, flavorful, and award-winning.

2767 W. 12th St.



Jessica Hunter

Samurai Kitchen + Sushi

Tandoori Hut Indian Cuisine ★

An Erie staple for top-notch Indian food, Tandoori Hut is family-owned, traditional, and so yummy.

2605 Washington Ave.

Bar RONIN ★

Go for the sashimi and raw bar, stay for the craft drink menu. Winner for Best Restaurant and runner-up for Best Sushi, Best Asian food, Best Chef, Best Burger, Best Craft Cocktails, and Best Place for a First Date, Bar Ronin is a complete experience.

948 W. Erie Plaza Dr.

Erie Curry House ◆

Fresh, authentic, and full of those aromatic Indian flavors, Erie Curry House is a weeknight staple.

3740 Peach St.

Fine Restaurant ◆

Generous portions, friendly staff, and can't miss food – Fine Restaurant is more than just fine!

2330 E. 38th St.

Like My Thai ◆

Like My Thai is a Downtown Erie staple, great for a quick, spicy lunch or an intimate or celebratory dinner. With an open kitchen offering bar seating, as well as private tables, Like My Thai is a great Erie dining experience.

827 State St.

Ichiban ◆

Runner-up for Best Sushi restaurant, Ichiban is known for its quality, fresh ingredients, friendly atmosphere, and excellent service.

4041 Buffalo Rd.

Oba Sushi ◆

Nestled into Erie's downtown, Oba is the newest spot on Erie's sushi scene and has made a great first impression!

516 State St.

Biryani Bowl

1707 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.

F & F Hibachi Express

709 W. 38th St.

F & F Poke Bowl

2501 W. 12th St. // 6831 Peach 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 Buffet

7200 Peach St.

Imperial Palace

4646 Buffalo Rd.

Jade Garden

2034 E. 38th St.

Kadhai Kitchen

5901 W. Ridge Rd.

Kang's Steak & Grill

605 Parade St.

Kebab Master

2720 Peach St.

Kirin Court

5624 Peach St.

Kumar's Authentic Indian Kitchen

222 W. Plum St., Edinboro

Ling Ling

1526B W. 26th St.

Maggie's China Inn

201 High St., Waterford

Noodlelove

22 N. Park Row

Noodles N More

3826 W. 26th St.

Noodles Station 3/ SobaEra Tsaoaa

506 State St.

Ocean Buffet

220 W. Plum St., Edinboro

Peking

5526 Peach St.

Royal Chopstix

3444 W. Lake Rd.

Saigon Nights

2430 W. 8th St.

S&S Super Buffet

1960 Rotunda Dr.

Tasty Bowl

7400 Schultz Rd.

Thai Eatery

5641 Peach St.

Thai Taste Cuisine

35 Peninsula Dr.

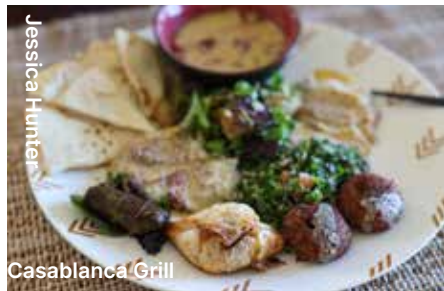
Wooden Ladle Ramen and Rice Bowl

4753 W. Lake Rd.

Yummy Bowl

2421 Asbury Rd.

Mediterranean & Middle Eastern Restaurants

**Habibi Mediterranean Cuisine ★**

Traditional Mediterranean dishes combine with an intimate vibe in this spot, nestled into the historic Union Station. Fresh, light, vegan-friendly, and flavorful dishes are sure to satisfy.

127 W. 14th St.

Casablanca Grill ◆

Casablanca is one of the longest operating Syrian spots in Erie. Whether you go for a lunch like shawarma or tabouli or stay for an elaborate, slow-stewed dinner option – you'll get a true taste of the Middle East at Casablanca.

2174 W. 8th St.

Shawarma King ◆

Kabobs, falafel, hummus, and, of course, Shawarma – this place is King for a reason.

1042 W. 26th St.

Bistro 26

3557 W. 26th St.

Fadak International Food Market

2601 Parade St.

Kebab Master

2720 Peach St.

Krazy Kitchen

1018 State St.

Middle East Market and Kitchen

2702 Parade St.

Shish Kabob Restaurant

1023 State St.

Souq Market

760 E. 12th St.



Italian Restaurants



Roma's Italian Kitchen

Colao's Ristorante ★

Featuring authentic, creative, fresh, and homemade fare in a dimly lit, romantic atmosphere, Colao's is fancy enough for a special occasion while still being approachable for a weeknight meal.

2826 Plum St.

Serafini's Trattoria ★

Winner of Erie's Best New Restaurant and runner-up for Best Italian Food – those from around here know that Serafini's is a classic. Updated, reinvigorated, and with a gorgeous spot in the historic Cashier's House, it's molto bene!

417 State St.

Valerio's Italian Restaurant & Pizzeria ◆

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.

A. Francisco's

1201 State St.

Barbato's Italian Restaurant

7472 Perry Hwy.

Falcone's Kitchen

2901 Copperleaf Dr.

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 W. 12th St.

Skippereno's Italian Restaurant

1604 W. Grandview Blvd.

🔗 INSIDER TIP

Serafini's Trattoria is a revival 87 years in the making — opened in 1938, closed during COVID, and brought back by the Serafini family using their original recipes. The new downtown location is a bonus: the Cashier's House dates to 1839 and is on the National Register of Historic Places.

Pizza

John's Wildwood Pizza ★

John's Wildwood Pizza is a consistent favorite for Erie's best pizza. A mainstay in Edinboro since 1979 with a second location at Knowledge Park in Harborcreek right off I-90, John's fresh dough is hand-stretched for that perfect thickness and chew.

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

ippa Pizza Napoletana ◆

Runner-up for best pizza, ippa's spot in the heart of Erie's downtown is welcome – with oven-fired pies sporting those crispy, intentionally burnt bubbles, and creative sauces.

22 N. Park Row

Valerio's Italian Restaurant & Pizzeria ◆

With multiple convenient locations, this full-service Italian restaurant offers traditional pie options.

2179 W. 32nd St. // 1803 E. 38th St. // 724 Powell Ave.

A. Francisco's

1201 State St.

Alfee's Pizza & Sub Shop

3001 Glenwood Park Ave.

BIGBAR

14 E. 10th St.

Colony Pizza & Catering

2666 W. 8th St.

Crazy Oven - West Lake Road

3701 W Lake Rd.

Firestone's

4823 Peach St.

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.



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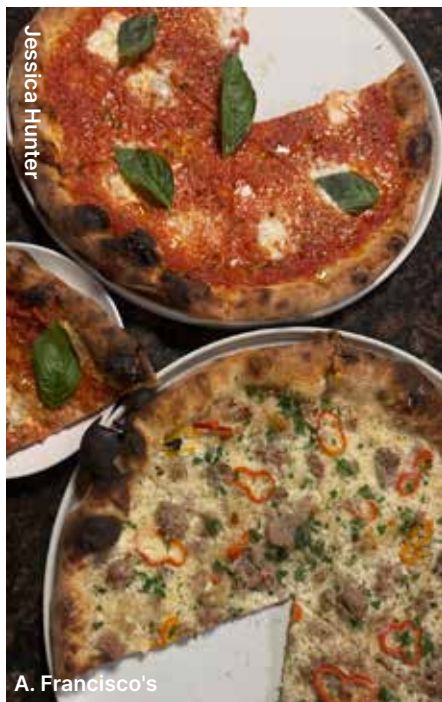
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2823 W. 26th St.

Porky's Pizzeria

302 W. 8th St.

Presque Isle Pizza

3150 W. 32nd St.

Skippereno's Italian Restaurant & Pizzeria

1604 W. Grandview Blvd.

Steel City Sandwich Company

4801 Peach St.

Stevo's Pizza

1019 State St.

Vintage Wood Fire Restaurant

3826 W. 26th St.

Waterford Pizza and More

208 High St., Waterford

Mexican Restaurants and Tacos

El Amigo Mexican Grill ★

Winner for Best Mexican Restaurant AND Best Taco, this downtown mainstay is a popular spot for all your tortilla-wrapped needs. Pair it with a giant, technicolor margarita, and you've got a fiesta.

333 State St.

Bro Man's Sammiches, Birria n' Burgers ◆

Runner-up for Best Taco – Bro Man's birria tacos with a savory dipping sauce are top notch!

3558 W 26th St. // 2614 Glenwood Park Ave.

El Canelo ◆

Erie loves El Canelo. With three different locations, each offering 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 ◆

Torero's is lightning fast, super flavorful, huge portions, and friendly service. You can't go wrong!

1940 Douglas Pkwy.

Amigo Taqueria & Botanas

5630 Peach St.



Casa Cafe

3505 W. 26th St.

Compadres Mexican Restaurant

220 W. Plum St., Edinboro

Enrique's Southeast Mexico Taqueria and Tortilleria

22 N. Park Row

Francisco's Mexican Taqueria

2301 Broad St.

Julius

1607 State St.

La Chona Movil

1512 Poplar St.

La Cocina Coqui (Puerto Rican)

653 W. 26th St.

Los Primos Mexican Store and Taqueria

1962 W. 26th St.

Lucky's Mexican Food

1719 Parade St.

Pueblo Real

9155 W. Ridge Rd., Girard

Coffee Shops, Cafes, & Dinors



Bakery on 5th

You might think, here in Erie, that we spell the word dinor wrong – but the way we see it, everyone else does! Our version is an Erie tradition based on a mystery. But regardless of how you spell it, Erie's chock full of great spots to grab a cup of joe, a satisfying omelet, and experience friendly service. Erie really knows how to do breakfast!

Gem City Dinor ★

Gem City is the clear favorite for Best Dinor and Best Breakfast. The creative menu at Gem City is flavorful and hearty at the same time, with genuinely good coffee.

3545 W. 12th St.

Flip Cafe ★

This Edinboro dinor consistently brings home the bacon for Best Brunch. Intimate, cozy, and creative Flip's flips classic dinor fare on its head and has everyone coming back for more. Make sure to get a side of their signature cinnamon flips.

103 Meadville St., Edinboro

Brew Ha Ha at the Colony ★

A bustling and energetic coffee shop, Brew Ha Ha has a full hot food menu alongside delicious baked goods. It's a one-stop shop for all your morning needs.

2612 W. 8th St.

Werner Books and Coffee ★

Winner for Best Business, Best Bookstore, and runner-up for Best Coffee Shop, Werner Books is a third place that is always worth a stop. Creative coffee drinks and locally made treats sweeten

the deal.

3608 Liberty St.

The Cork 1794 ◆

Runner-up for Best Brunch, The Cork's classy, elevated vibe matches its menu. Grab a mimosa flight to go with your Quiche Lorraine.

900 West Erie Plaza Dr.

The Dinor at Lawrence Park ◆

An updated classic in all the ways – this Nationally Registered Historic Site is a prefab train car dinor with all your breakfast and lunch favorites and a stunning pie case.

4019 Main St., Lawrence Park

Ember + Forge ◆

This cozy corner cafe was one of the first new businesses in Downtown Erie – ushering in our renaissance. Its exposed brick, fun decor, and high quality coffee beverages make it unforgettable.

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.

Skunk and Goat ◆

Runner-up for Best Brunch, the Skunk and Goat is a great stop if you're in North East – a classy, upscale menu with seating right on a charming main square.

17 W. Main St., North East

All Aboard Dinor

2203 Rice Ave., Lake City

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.

Bay and Berry Cafe

1101 Peninsula Dr.

The Bean Coffee House

12 S. Lake St., North East

Bean & Bear Cafe

222 W. Plum St., Edinboro

The Breakfast Place

4108 Peach St.

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.

Erie Food Co-op Cafe & Bakery

1341 W. 26th St. // 34 N. Park Row

Give A Crepe - LaCrepErie

1909 Chestnut St.

Jo's Brooklyn Bagel, Jo's Brooklyn Bagel Too

833 W. 38th St, 22 N. Park Row



Lorie's Wildridge Restaurant

5455 W. Ridge Rd.

Lucky Bean

3741 W. 26th St., 1224 W. 38th St.

Main Street Cakery Cafe

7403 W. Ridge Rd., Fairview

The Outpost

991 Rt. 19, Waterford

Panos Restaurant

1504 W. 38th St.

The Park Coffee and Bread Company

4007 Main St., Lawrence Park

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.

Tipsy Bean

2425 Peach St.

Tsaocaa Bubble Tea

506 State St.

Zodiac Dinor

2516 State St.

The Sweet Spot

Bakeries, Donut Shops, and Confectioners



The best part of any meal is the end – and Erie offers desserts ranging from casual, roadside stands to high-end, master confectioner-made chocolates with donuts, flaky pastries, and all your sugary breakfast needs covered.

Herb & Honey Bakery ★

If you haven't heard, Erie loves Herb and Honey. With an adorable, bespoke bakery and ethereal, otherworldly flaky pastries – this spot took it home for Best Bakery, Best Dessert, Best Bread, and ran it up for Best Local Business, Best Locally Made Product, Best Local Entrepreneur, and Best Bagels. Lots of love!

516 Cherry St.

Mighty Fine Donuts ★

The unequivocal best, Mighty Fine is a generational mainstay on Parade Street. A classic glazed twist, a Boston Cream, or a seasonal special – they're all perfect.

2612 Parade St.

Romolo Chocolates ★

Romolo takes home the gold for Best Chocolates in Erie annually and for good reason – top-notch quality. From handmade, delicate chocolates to hard scoop, homemade ice cream, and beautiful espresso treats Romolo truly is the Best of Erie.

1525 W. 8th St.

Whippy Dip and Whippy Dip 2 ★

Two locations, each serving up traditional soft-serve, including that Erie classic Blue Moon, along with sundaes, treats, and snacks.

2527 Chestnut St. // 3100 W. 12th St.

Art's Bakery ◆

Art's is a classic Erie bakery – serving home-made pies, cookies, breads, and pastries.

4380 W. Ridge Rd.

Creamland Drive In ◆

A scoop, a sundae, a milkshake, or more – Creamland is always worth the trip.

6621 W. Ridge Rd., Fairview

H&K Donuts ◆

A local spot for a Sunday dozen, H&K is a westside institution.

3712 W. Lake Rd.

Peace, Love, and Little Donuts ◆

A creative spin on the traditional donut shop, give them a little love!

5154 Peach St.

Pulakos Chocolates ◆

Pulakos continues their historic legacy of providing the people of Erie with fantastic chocolates and confections, with ice cream available at their Colony Plaza location.

380 Millcreek Mall Blvd. // 2530 Parade St. // Colony Plaza, 2580 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.

207 S. Lake St., North East

Stefanelli's Candies ♦

With three shops spread across Erie County, your chocolate dreams are never out of reach.

2054 W. 8th St. // 7200 Peach St. // 4500

Buffalo Rd.

Ye Olde Sweet Shoppe ♦

Ye Olde Sweet Shoppe is a recently expanded downtown Erie staple with their classic, dome-shaped cookies and more.

402 State St.

Bakery on 5th

502 State St.

Bill's Bakery

1825 W. 26th St.

Boro Sweet Spot

Located inside the Edinboro Market, 211 Mill St., Edinboro

Cafe 7-10

7 W. 10th St.

Connie's Ice Cream

3150 W. 32nd St.

Denny's Ice Cream Stand

929 Parade St.

The Double Dipper

5320 Buffalo Rd.

Edinboro Chocolaterie

114 Erie St., Edinboro



Peace, Love & Little Donuts of Erie



Romolo Chocolates

The Freezerie

4393 W. Ridge Rd.

Finney's Chocolate Shoppe

116 Spring St., Cambridge Springs

Fuhrman's Cider

8270 Peach St.

International Bakery ♦

610 W. 18th St.

Lake Erie Candy Company

Village West, 3330 W. 26th St.

Little Shop of Donuts

45 E. Main St., North East

Main Street Cakery Cafe

7403 W. Ridge Rd., Fairview

Majestic Baking Company ♦

1501 Walnut St.

Maria's Tasty Delights

1701 W. 26th St.

Niagara Creamery

804 E. 38th St.

Sara's Restaurant

25 Peninsula Dr.

Sontheimer's Country Bakery

3720 Sterrettania Rd.

Thelma's Tasty Temptations

Blasco Library Lobby, 160 E. Front St.

West Lake Bakery & Deli

3443 W. Lake Rd.

Zim's Summer Spot

7334 W. Lake Rd, Fairview

INSIDER TIP

Romolo Chocolates is a four-generation family legacy — founder Tony Stefanelli's grandfather Romolo emigrated from Italy in 1906, learned the craft in New York City, and eventually opened a candy shop in Erie. Tony opened Romolo's in 1994, naming it after his grandfather. He's one of only 26 Master Confectioners certified by Retail Confectioners International — a rare honor. Watch the chocolates being made right behind the counter, then stay for the Cocoa Café and housemade ice cream.



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Food Trucks



Some of Erie's best culinary experiences are served through a window! Whether they're parked downtown on a weekday afternoon, for a special event, at a local brewery on the weekends, or in their semi-permanent spots (listed below as applicable), you're bound to see a few food trucks ready to serve you.

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, always miraculous, and always award-winning!

The Que Abides ◆

One of Erie's O.G. food trucks, the Que is always serving up flavorful smoky goodness with yummy sides.

The Atacolypse Food Truck ◆

Somehow tacos coming out of the window of a truck always taste better. And the creative combinations supplied by Atacolypse are apocalyptically good.

INSIDER TIP

La Chona Movil is as authentic as it gets — steak tacos, tamales, gorditas, and dorilocos served from a food truck with a permanent spot on Poplar Street. Reviews are glowing, prices are low, and people drive in from out of town just to eat here. Hours are limited and the truck is seasonal, so check their Facebook page before making the trip.

BBS (Burgers, Brats & Sausages) Food Truck

Smash burgers, sausage smashes, and more

The Big Cheese

Cheese-centric panini style sandwiches

Brady's Chuckwagon

Sandos with a cowboy flair

CamaradERIE BBQ

Peruvian/American BBQ fusion

C&G's

Erie's favorite classic Italian Food

Cluck Truck

Subs, sandwiches, and wraps

EDogg's Hot Dogs

Gourmet hot dogs

Food for Thought

Part of the Culinary Arts program at the Charter School of Excellence

Kona Ice

Hawaiian shaved ice

La Chona 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 State Creamery Ice Cream

Spanglish Skillet

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Sundae Vegan Desserts

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1301 Parade St.



Local Grocery Stores



If you're looking to stock your vacation rental or are a local trying to keep it local, shopping at a small grocer is an easy way to get to know a neighborhood, with old-timey corner store mainstays alongside New American enterprises.

Erie Food Co-Op ★

Voted Best Place for Vegan/Vegetarian Food and runner-up for Best Grocer, the Erie Food Co-Op offers often locally-sourced, organic, and all-natural produce, bulk grains and spices, local eggs and dairy products, and a deli offering creative, freshly prepared lunch items, coffees, juices, smoothies, soups, and baked goods.

1341 W. 26th St.

Urbaniak Brothers Quality Meat ★

Far more than just meat, Urbaniak Brothers offers a wide variety of groceries in addition to their legendary full butcher shop. The scent of in-house smoked bacon and sausage mingles with fresh fish, a deli counter, fresh produce, homemade canned goods, and a bakery.

310 E. 24th St.

Bello's Market ◆

A mainstay on 8th Street, Bello's offers friendly neighborhood service, an array of fresh meats, deli items, and a fully functioning grocery store.

2650 W. 8th St.

Mason Farms Country Market ◆

839 Peninsula Dr.

Gordon's Butcher and Market ◆

4815 Peach St.

Larry's Central Market

1626 Sassafras St.

Sander's Market

109 W. Main St., North East //
826 N. Center St., Corry

Serafin's Food Market

601 E. 24th St.

Stanganelli's

1621 W. 26th St. // 602 E. 25th St.

Trawka's Market

712 Payne Ave.

West Side Market on Powell

1119 Powell Ave.

New American Grocery Stores

Erie's growing international community means we now have a wide array of grocery stores stocking ingredients from across the globe — from Middle Eastern spices and South Asian staples to Asian pantry essentials. An adventurous cook's paradise.

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.

International Bazaar

3305 Liberty St.

Kamana Asian Food Mart

1230 French St.

Oakwood Freshmart

1617 W. 26th St.

One Mart

420 E. 26th St.

Souq Market

760 E. 12th St.

UK Supermarket

1105 Parade St.

INSIDER TIP

Parade Street's cluster of New American-owned grocery stores has transformed a food desert into one of Erie's most culturally rich shopping destinations. Stock up on halal meats, South Asian staples, and Middle Eastern spices all within a few blocks.

Let's Go for Drinks: Cocktails, Distilleries, Brewpubs, and More!



Arundel Cellars and Brewing Company

11727 East Main St., North East

Big Rail Brewing Company

2158 Mercer Butler Pike, Grove City

Black Monk Brewery

3721 W. 12th St.

The Brewerrie at Union Station

123 W. 14th St.

Fat Chad's Brewing

113 South Franklin St., Titusville

John Russell Brewing Company

7520 Peach St.

Nostrovina Brewing Co.

4415 E. Lake Rd.

Rising River Brewing

115 S. 1st St., Conneaut Lake

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

Erie's got such a great microbrewing scene, we've made a whole trail out of it – the Lake Erie Ale Trail is a group of 17 breweries located within 40 miles of Downtown Erie and are all worth checking out. For those who prefer more mixability to your drinks we offer a growing number of craft distilleries, specializing in creative and flavorful cocktails. Cheers!

Craft Breweries

Lavery Brewing Company ★

Lavery Brewing Company was voted Best Brewery and Best Locally Made Beer (for their signature IPA Dulachan) and it is not a spot to miss. With a creative menu, a friendly atmosphere, and ample selection of beers – it's a great stop on the trail.

128 W. 12th St.

Erie Ale Works ◆

A small craft brewery with a heart, Erie Ale Works makes undeniably tasty beer in their intimate brewery with seating that occasionally spills into the parking lot. Grab a

Tattooed Lady (runner-up for Best Beer) or any of their seasonal offerings.

416 W. 12th St.

Erie Brewing Company ◆

With two locations, The Erie Brewing Company spans the county with its long-standing, crowd-pleasing brews.

6008 Knowledge Pkwy. // 4102 W. Lake Rd.

Voodoo Brewery Erie ◆

Expanded to Erie from their flagship brewery in Meadville, Voodoo fills their ample space on the first floor of the Boston store with microbrews – check out their side patio in the summertime!

101 Boston Store Pl.

Distilleries

Altered State Distillery ★

Altered State is Erie's main jam – both for being consistently voted best local distillery as well as for their jam-leaning, jam-packed music schedule. With a creative kitchen, gorgeous cocktails, ample patio, and killer tunes, it's always worth a stop.

1535 W. 8th St.

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.

Luminary Distilling ♦

Small, local distillery with artfully crafted spirits which shares a space with Erie's historic legacy business Fuhrman's Cider Mill.
8270 Peach St.

Cart/Horse Distilling

12030 Edinboro Rd., Edinboro

Five & 20 Spirits & Brewing

8398 W. Main St., Westfield, NY

INSIDER TIP

Lavery Brewing Company has been Erie's craft beer anchor since 2011 and keeps growing. The taproom expanded by 2,200 square feet with a full-length bar and expanded kitchen, and they recently purchased the former Basement Transmissions property next door — now called Centennial Hall — adding a live music and events venue to the mix. The tap list rotates constantly, and the kitchen makes everything from scratch. Beer, food, and a show, all on 12th Street.



Erie Brewing Company



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Wine Country

We make wine here! The picturesque expanse of Erie's lakeshore, which comprises most of Harborcreek and North East, extends eastward into New York State and is known as the Lake Erie Wine Trail. With dozens of local wineries to choose from, you can make a day of it, hop on a bus tour, and try out a number of spots in one go.

Arundel Cellars

and Brewing Co. ★

Selected as Erie's Best Winery and winner of Best Locally-made Wine (Wild Child), Arundel Cellars in North East feels like a Tuscan vineyard on the shores of Lake Erie. They also brew their own craft beer and have a delicious tasting menu and regularly host live music.

11727 E. Main St., North East

Heritage Wine Cellars ◆

Runner-up for best wine for their Niagara variety, Heritage wines taste like Erie in a glass.

12160 E. Main St., North East

Mazza Vineyards ◆

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

11815 E. Lake Rd., North East

6 Mile Cellars, Inc. ◆

Take a trip to this renovated Civil War-era barn and taste the fruits of their labors. Runner-up for best winery and for their crowd-pleasing wine, Derby Red.

5727 Firman Rd., Harborcreek

21 Brix Winery

6654 W. Main Rd. Portland, NY

Arrowhead Wine Cellars

12073 E. Main St., North East

Burch Farms

Country Market & Winery

9210 Sidehill Rd., North East

Cellar '54

9368 W. Law Rd., North East

Courtyard Winery

10021 W. Main Rd., North East

Deer Creek Winery

5800 Peach St.

Driftwood

Wine Cellars

20 E. Main St., North East

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, NY

Lakeview Wine Cellars

8440 Singer Rd., North East

Liberty Vineyards & Winery

2861 US-20, Sheridan, NY

Noble Winery

8630 Hardscrabble Rd., Westfield, NY

Presque Isle Wine Cellars

9440 W. Main Rd., North East

Quincy Cellars

10606 W. Main St., Ripley, NY

South Shore

Wine Company

1120 Freeport Rd., North East

Sparkling Ponds Winery

10661 W. Lake Rd., Ripley, NY

Willow Creek Winery

2627 Chapin Rd., Silver Creek, NY

Yori Wine Cellars

18 S. Lake St., North East

Nightlife and Music Venues



Centennial Hall

Who wants to dance? Hear some live, local music? There is no shortage of live outdoor music planned for the summer of 2026 in Erie, but we've also got plenty of music venues with constant jams to keep you entertained throughout the year. 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. Their lineup ranges from jam bands interspersed with jazz and rock – grab a locally distilled cocktail, an artfully prepared snack, and settle in for a night of music in the fresh air.

1535 W. 8th St.

Oliver's Beer Garden ★

Oliver's Beer Garden – adjacent to Oliver's Rooftop Bar & Grill – has become a favorite for those looking to enjoy a drink outdoors, taking in the sunset to some live music.

130 E. Front St.

The Zone ★

Historically, the Zone is Erie's oldest, most welcoming LGBTQIA+ friendly spot – and they took home the win for Erie's Best Dance Club in 2025. They're open every night of the year for dancing, drag shows, trivia, game nights, and more.

133 W. 18th St.

1020 Collective ◆

This gallery and venue space hosts live music, open mic nights, circles, and more

in its ample adaptively reused space.

1020 Holland St.

BIGBAR ◆

Catch big bands playing to big audiences in this big bar with big drinks and big food. Live bands and top cover acts hit the stage every weekend from 6–10pm, with DJs keeping the party going till 2am. It's a big deal.

14 E. 10th St.

Centennial Hall ◆

Erie's hottest, newly renovated venue hosts nationally touring bands alongside local acts – a spot where folks can be themselves and rock out to their favorites – all while enjoying the signature brews from owners Lavery Brewing Company.

145 W. 11th St.

City Gallery ◆

City Gallery provides a space for local and nationally touring jazz, experimental, and world music – guests are surrounded by stunning art pieces from local artists, handmade gifts and jewelry, and an intimate atmosphere that makes every performance feel special.

1503 State St.

The King's Rook Club ◆

One of the longest running venues in Erie, The King's Rook Club opens its doors to the public for live music. The Rook embraces the jam band, DJ crowd, and indie rockers. Dance into the wee hours with local talent, billed alongside national touring acts.

1921 Peach St.

The Bunker at Lavery's

128 W. 12th St.

Doc Holliday's Country Bar & Grill

7425 Schultz Rd.

Erie Insurance Arena

809 French St.

FEED Media Art Center

1307 State 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.

Room 33 Speakeasy

1033 State St.

Sloppy Duck

726 W. Bayfront Pkwy.

Voodoo Brewing Company

101 Boston Store Pl.

🔍 INSIDER TIP

Before Houdini, there was Harry Kellar – an Erie native who became the first American magician to achieve international stardom and inspired L. Frank Baum's Wizard of Oz. Kellar's Magic & Comedy Club honors that legacy one block from his boyhood home, with live magic, comedy, and original Kellar-Houdini correspondence on display.

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 Artists Collective Alliance to the grand antiquity of the Warner Theatre, Erie's got drama!

The Erie Playhouse ★

Celebrating their 110th season this year, the Erie Playhouse is the cornerstone of Erie's community theater. With performances varying from dramas to musicals, and everything in between, the playhouse also hosts a fantastic program for children, Youtheatre – so take the kids out for a show, too!

13 W. 10th St.

productions that raise their DIY ethos to the next level – with a variety of plays, musicals, and special events all year round.

1505 State St.

Academy Theatre

275 Chestnut St., Meadville

Barrow-Civic Theatre

1223 Liberty St, Franklin

Corella Productions Children's Theatre Academy and Dinner Theatre

3804 W. Lake Rd.

Diebold Center for the Performing Arts

217 Meadville St., Edinboro

Madeline's Dining & Events

8844 PA-18, Cranesville

Meadville Community Theatre

118 Cussewago Sq., Meadville

Mercyhurst University's Mary D'Angelo Performing Arts Center

Mercyhurst University, 501 E. 38th St.

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.

Warner Theatre ★

Erie's best-known grand, historic, Art Deco masterpiece of a theater regularly hosts traveling Broadway productions, nationally touring bands, and regular performances from the impressive Erie Philharmonic.

811 State St.

Footlights Theatre Performing Arts Center ◆

Erie's favorite space for youth performing arts, Footlights brings accessible, professional theatrical training and performances – sparking creativity, building confidence, and inspiring kids to find their voices and shine on stage.

820 Lincoln Ave.

Performing Artists

Collective Alliance (PACA) ◆

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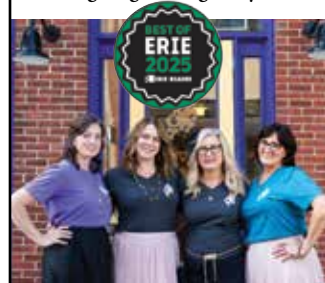
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Can't-Miss Events in Erie 2026

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



Erie knows how to throw a party – we have to take advantage of our fleeting, gorgeous summers and you'd be hard pressed to find anywhere else with as many outdoor, free, family-friendly, live music, food and drink, and heritage events. No matter when you're visiting, there's always something happening!

Monday Music in the Woods

Stop by the beautiful sylvan setting of Asbury Woods on Monday evenings through July and catch your favorite local act — featuring original songwriters alongside fan-favorite cover bands.

Mondays through July 27, 6 to 8 p.m. // Celebration Garden, 4105 Asbury Rd. // Free

West Bayfit

Spend a summer evening in Erie's hidden gem of a public park at Bayview for the weekly West Bayfit events hosted by Our West Bayfront. With farmers market stands, kids physical challenges, crafts, and more – check out the free, fun

splash pad while you're there.

Wednesdays through July 29 // Bayview Park, 598 W. 2nd St. // Free

UPMC Sunset Music Series

There is no better venue than Erie's most stunning state park. Enjoy a night on the beach with live, local music Wednesdays through July.

Wednesdays through July 22, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. // Free // Beach 11, Presque Isle State Park

Summer Concerts at the Gazebo

Enjoy the quaint Main Street feeling of an old-fashioned gazebo park as you take in the sounds of local, family-friend-

ly, singalong music.

July 16 and Aug. 13, 7 to 9 p.m. // Beute Park, Iroquois Ave. // Free

Chautauqua Institution Summer Concert Series

The Chautauqua Institution continues its 150+ year legacy of bringing world class talent to our region and their Summer Series this year has some heavy hitters including Wilco, Harry Connick Jr., Indigo Girls, Trombone Shorty, Melissa Etheridge, Samara Joy, and more.

Select dates throughout the summer with concerts beginning Sunday, June 14 // Chautauqua Amphitheater, 31 Roberts Ave., Chautauqua, NY

Erie Art Museum Gallery Night

Happening four times each year and twice during the summer, Erie Art Museum's

Gallery Night offers local art fans and patrons the perfect opportunity to visit a number of local galleries in the same night – think of it like a pub crawl but with art!

June 26 and Sept. 18 // Multiple galleries throughout region // Free

Erie Pridefest: Pride on the Bay

With multiple Pride events happening in June, the Pride on the Bay culminates the month of celebrating our LGBTQIA+ community. With vendors, entertainment, music, food, and more!

Saturday, June 27 // Noon to 5 p.m. // Liberty Park, 828 W. Bayfront Pkwy. // Free

8 Great Tuesdays

8 Great Tuesdays is back and ready to rock Liberty Park. Free concerts perfectly located on the bay at sunset – it's as beautiful as it is fun. A headliner highlight this year includes Pittsburgh's The Clarks.

Tuesdays in July and August, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. // Highmark Amphitheater at Liberty Park, 828 W. Bayfront Pkwy // Free

Light and Liberty on the Lake - America250

The city's annual Fourth of July celebration spans multiple days of celebration of America's 250th anniversary – which includes the July 2 return of the U.S. Brig *Niagara* and a free concert from the Erie Philharmonic in Bayview Park. The fireworks display brings it all home!

Friday, July 3 at dark // Dobbins Landing, 1 State St. // Free

Great Blue Heron Festival
Great Blue Heron celebrates

over 30 years of music in Sherman, New York. Beginning in the '90s by featuring Americana and old-timey mountain music, their lineup has grown to include the genres of funk, jam, soul, roots-rock, reggae, Celtic, afrobeat, zydeco and more. Go for one day or stay for the weekend with on-site camping available – featuring artists on three stages.

July 2 - 5 // The Heron Farm and Event Center, 2361 Waits Corners Rd., Sherman, NY

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 15 - 18 // Wednesday through Friday, 5:30 to 11 p.m., Saturday, 7:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. // 40 N. Lake St., North East

Panegyri Greek Festival ♦

An Erie summer tradition, Panegyri features a delicious menu of Greek foods, drinks, and pastries, as well as music, dancing, jewelry, and more.

July 10 - 11 // 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. // Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 4376 W. Lake Rd.

Waterford Heritage Days

Since 1974, Waterford has been celebrating its history, working with businesses and

local organizations for a community-forward event.

July 17 - 19 // Gazebo Park, Waterford

The AmeriMasala

The AmeriMasala has quickly become one of the most anticipated cultural events in Erie – celebrating multiple cultures with food, dancing, music, farmers markets, crafts, and more.

Saturday, July 18 // Noon // Perry Square, 601 State St.

Discover Presque Isle

Even if you've lived here your whole life, there's always something new to find at Discover Presque Isle. The annual weeklong celebration of our defining natural resource – you'll find food, crafts, vendors, kids activities, lessons, guided tours, birdwatching, live music, and more.

July 20 - 26 // Presque Isle State Park, 301 Peninsula Dr. // Free

Lake Erie Cyclefest

The annual Cyclefest, brought to Erie through the Erie Sports Commission, is a celebration of all things cycling. With group rides scheduled for any skill and fitness level, you'll find camaraderie and break a sweat touring all around Erie.

July 23 - 26 // Various locations throughout Erie County



The Gathering at Chaffee's

No need to go to California for a Burning Man-esque experience – you can head over to Girard for a few days to pick up on that vibe. With live music, camping, food, and jams all day and a good portion of the night, it's time to gather!

July 24 - 25 // 8296 Mill St., Girard

Beer on the Bay

A beautiful day on the bay made better by a bunch of local beers! Sample the suds of a wide variety of local and regional brewers while enjoying the sunshine sparkling on the water.

Saturday, July 25, noon to 7 p.m. // Liberty Park and Highmark Amphitheater, 828 W. Bayfront Pkwy.

Dan Rice Days

The Borough of Girard celebrates the whimsy of Dan Rice (whose fame and wealth greatly contributed to the town's growth in the mid-1800s) with all manner of family fun.

July 30 - Aug. 1 // Downtown Girard, 34 Main St. W.

Erie's Blues and Jazz Festival ★

Blues and Jazz is Erie's favorite Music Festival and we can't wait to gather in Frontier Park for a weekend of music, food, art, and more. Headlining this year is Bywater Call and The Lao Tizer Band. Set up a tent for the weekend or just cycle over for a few hours!

Aug. 1 - 2 // Frontier Park, Bayfront Parkway & W. 8th St. // Free

Presque Isle Triathlon

An annual fundraiser for the Presque Isle Partnership, this tri features a 13-mile bike race around Presque Isle, a 3.1-mile run, and a 0.35-mile swim. This race gives you the opportunity to truly see all that our state park has to offer.

Aug. 1 // 7:30 a.m. // Presque Isle State Park, 301 Peninsula Dr.

St. Paul's Annual Italian Festival

St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church celebrates its heritage all weekend long, with Italian





food like pasta fagioli and spaghetti, live entertainment, and more.

Aug. 7 - 9 // St. Paul Parish, 1617 Walnut St.

Celebrate Erie ♦

It always feels good to Celebrate Erie. With family-friendly music, dance, food, art activities, the chalk walk, local vendors, and organizations all interspersed within different districts throughout downtown. Mainstage headliners

this year include Arrested Development, Plain White T's, and Al Jardine of the Beach Boys.

Aug. 14 - 16 // Downtown Erie // Free

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. 21 - 23 // Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 2220 Reed St.

Erie County Fair

The 141st annual weeklong celebration caters to all ages – with a rodeo, truck and tractor pulls, a demolition derby, animals, a pageant, musical acts, and more.

Aug. 30 - Sept. 5 // wattsburgfair.com

German Heritage Festival

German food, music, dancing, merchandise, and of course, copious amounts of beer. Now in its 30th year, this beloved two-day festival draws thousands annually, with live polka bands and Bavarian dancers.

Sept. 5 and 6 // Saturday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., Sunday, 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. // 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 entertain-

ment, and historic St. Patrick's church tours. Held halfway to St. Patrick's Day, the event is free and draws record crowds.

Sept. 18 - 20 // St. Patrick's Church, 130 E. 4th St.

North East Wine Fest

North East, Erie County's grape-growing, wine-making capital invites you to enjoy tasting the fruits of our fruits. With live music, local food, and plenty of wine flowing.

Sept. 25 - 27 // Gibson Park, Lake and Main Streets, North East

Peek'n Peak Fall Fest ♦

Closing out the summer season, Erie loves enjoying the crisp, colorful season at the annual Peek'n Peak Fall Fest with pumpkins, cider, kids activities, craft fairs, seasonal food, live music, and more.

October 10 - 11 and 17 - 18 // Peek'n Peak Resort, 1405 Old Rd., Clymer, NY

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Planning Your Presque Isle Getaway 2026



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

seven discrete ecological zones — Lake Erie, the bay and 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 Pennsylvania.

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 7 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 kayak 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.

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Presque Isle Light Station

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 var-

ious 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 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 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 65-foot Great Lakes vessel *Lady Kate*, which offers a 14-mile, 90-minute narrated tour that ventures out onto the open 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 which is accessible from Beach 11, situated at the north pier which is at the end of Coast Guard Road. 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) at 2 Lighthouse St.

Presque Isle celebrated its 100th Anniversary in 2021, having been set aside as a state park in 1921. Come see this enduring treasure.

INSIDER TIP

Most visitors never make it to Gull Point at the far eastern tip of the peninsula — but it’s worth the walk. The natural area is one of the few places in Pennsylvania where piping plovers nest, and the observation platform offers a view of newly forming sand plains that look nothing like the rest of the park. Go early and bring binoculars.



Lagoons at Presque Isle State Park

Local Bird Watching Spots



Erie 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.

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 Erie 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: eriebirdobservatory.org/local-birding-hotspots
301 Peninsula Dr.



Additional Regional Birding Locations:

Pymatuning State Park

Pymatuning has the largest concentration of bald eagles in Pennsylvania, along with great opportunities to see waterfowl, especially in the spring and fall. Nearby are PA Game Commission Wildlife Management Areas off of Hartstown Road that offer habitat for a wide variety of migratory and nesting shorebirds, waterfowl, and forest birds. Entrance to the Management Areas is restricted but roadside spots and parking lots are open for safe viewing.

2660 Williamsfield Rd., Jamestown, Pa.

Erie Bluffs State Park

Part of Pennsylvania's Department of Conservation and 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 glacial lake south of Erie. Edinboro Lake Resort hosts a Purple Martin nesting colony with specialized housing built by the Purple Martin Conservation Association.

12670 Edinboro Rd., Edinboro

For more information on Erie's birding community visit eriebirdobservatory.org or eriebirdobservatory.org/local-birding-hotspots

Year-Round Kids Activities

Summer Fun



If you've come to Erie with your family, you're in luck. With easily accessible spots – 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 memories made. If you're looking for indoor activities on a rainy (or snowy) day, you can find those in our winter section!

Asbury Woods Nature Center ★

The 234 acres of conserved property that makes up the gem of Asbury Woods is free to use and always spells adventure. Winner for Best Hiking Trails – Asbury has varying degrees of trails in abundance, an interactive nature center with animal ambassadors, as well as classes, guided walks, and regular live music.

4105 Asbury Rd.

Erie SeaWolves at UPMC Park ★

Play ball! Nothing says summer in Erie like heading to UPMC Park to watch the Erie SeaWolves baseball team in action. Winner for Best Team to Root For – whether they're the SeaWolves, the Moon Mammoths, or The Pepperoni Balls – you're in for a howl of

a good time! Kids enjoy meet-and-greets with mascot C. Wolf, bounce houses, contests, entertainment between

innings, fireworks, cheers, and a culminating fun run around the bases.

831 French St.

Erie Zoo ◆

The 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, a train ride, hands-on adventure center, natural playground, local concessions, and a gift shop.

423 W. 38th St.

Mini Golf

A round of mini golf is always a great way to spend an afternoon – out in the sunshine and spending time together. Erie has a plethora of courses with varying themes, difficulties, and challenges. Some come with other amenities like arcades, ice cream, go carts, batting cages, and more! Check out **Oliver's Bayfront Mini Golf ★**, **Adventures Erie**, **Sunview Golf** in Edinboro, and more!

Peek'n Peak Resort

A short drive to Clymer in New York state will give you a whole new vibe — for the summer-time enjoy golf, a giant zipline and adventure course, and food and drink festivals.

1405 Old Rd., Clymer, NY

Presque Isle State Park ★

Aside from an expected trip to the beach, there is so much more for kiddos to discover on our award-winning peninsula. Stop at Sara's for lunch and an iconic orange vanilla twist cone and snag some photo ops with the props and vintage decor. Take a pontoon ride around the lagoons or rent a bike from Yellow Bike and see Presque Isle at a slower speed, climb up the steps of the Presque Isle lighthouse, 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

YARRRRR 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 world-class 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 kid's rides for the littles, as well as classics like the Whacky Shack and Pirates Cove and a bustling arcade. Water World features an ever growing collection of water rides for all ages and thrill levels.

220 Peninsula Dr.

INSIDER TIP

The Moon Mammoths aren't just a fun nickname — John Oliver created the identity for a *Last Week Tonight* segment and showed up at UPMC Park to unveil it. The name honors a mammoth skeleton pulled from Lake Pleasant in 1991. Check the schedule for Mammoth game dates.

Winter Adventures



Don't let record-breaking snowy Erie days get you down – there's plenty of entertainment for the little ones at the many indoor venues around town or through an intrepid outdoor adventure. Attend a sporting event, a philharmonic concert, get the wiggles out (while actually learning something) at the award-winning expERIENCE Children's Museum, or bounce away the blues at one of the many indoor jump parks or playgrounds.

ASCEND Erie ♦

Kids driving you up the walls? Redirect that energy toward the ASCEND Erie climbing gym, where youngsters can literally climb up the walls in a state-of-the-art facility.

426 State St.

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. Either way, it's worth a stop in to see what's hanging! 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.

809 French St.

expERIENCE Children's Museum ★

The expERIENCE Children's Museum is a newly renovated and expanded kid's paradise – and the winner of Best Kid's Birthday Party venue and runner-up for Best Museum. With exhibits focusing on STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math), your kids will never want to leave (or realize how much they're learning).

420 French St.

Erie County Public Library

Our local main library's children's section is currently undergoing renovations, but if you're visiting in late summer, you'll get to experience its brand newness! Also check in to our numerous branches

which 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

The historic U.S. Brig *Niagara* returns to Erie this summer after undergoing a massive restoration in Maine. 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 aforementioned tall ship, a vessel 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 2026-27 includes kid hits like *Nightmare Before Christmas* and their hallmark Come Home

For the Holidays performance. 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.

Peek'n Peak Resort

A short drive to Clymer in New York state will give you a whole new vibe. With skiing, snowboarding, and tubing in the winter and their ever popular fall fest – the Peak is year-round fun.

1405 Old Rd., Clymer, NY

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), **That Play Place** (4423 Buffalo Rd.), 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.

Werner Books and Coffee ★

With a well-stocked, casual and welcoming kids lit section, regularly scheduled kids crafts, storytimes, and activities, Werner Books and Coffee is a great place to pass some time on a rainy day or otherwise!

3608 Liberty St.

Yahn Planetarium

Catch weekly kid-themed planetarium shows on Penn State Behrend's campus.

4205 College Dr.



INSIDER TIP

The expERIENCE Children's Museum and the Erie Art Museum are less than a block apart. The Art Museum's Second Sundays are free admission with a guided art activity — easy to stack both into one downtown trip.

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Winter Sports in Erie



If Erie is famous for anything (besides our gorgeous summers), it's our super snowy winters. The best way to deal with an inevitable winter is to embrace it – get out and enjoy the colder seasons! With skiing, ice fishing, curling, and more, get out and be active – you just might find that winter isn't so bad.

Skiing, Snowboarding, and Tubing

Peek'n Peak Resort

Nearby in Clymer, NY, you can drive to what feels like a Swiss chalet for a day of skiing or stay for a while in one of their many on-site lodging options. With skiing, snowboarding, and

tubing available on dozens of slopes, with freshly made snow (if nature doesn't want to provide), state-of-the-art lifts, lessons, and, of course, a lodge with plenty of hot cocoa flowing, it's a winter getaway that will have you coming back again and again.

1405 Old Rd., Clymer, NY



Mount Pleasant of Edinboro

14510 Mt. Pleasant Rd.,
Cambridge Springs

Wilderness Lodge

13448 Weeks Valley Rd.,
Wattsburg

Cross Country Skiing and Snowshoeing

The winter woods can often be more peaceful and beautiful than they are at the height of summer. See the local forests during the winter season on skis or snowshoes for a totally different natural experience.

Asbury Woods ★

Offering cross-country ski and snowshoe rental and introductory classes, explore the 234 acres of the winner of 2025's Best Hiking Trails in a totally different way.

4105 Asbury Rd.

Presque Isle State Park ★

Erie's favorite park is tired of being ignored in the wintertime. Rent some skis or snowshoes from the Tom Ridge Environmental Center and experience Presque Isle in a fresh season.

301 Peninsula Dr.

Erie Bluffs State Park

11100 W. Lake Rd., Lake City

Ice Fishing

If you come to Erie after the bay has frozen over, you can't miss those ice-fishing huts, colorfully dotted on the solid water. With walleye, yellow perch, and crappie up for grabs, check in with local charter guides and bait shops to stay safe while you're out on the ice.

Ice Skating

Downtown Erie Skating Rink

Each winter, the Erie Downtown Partnership constructs an outdoor skating rink in Perry Square to bring a little of the wintertime magic of Rockefeller Center to Erie.

601 State St.

Flo Fabrizio Ice Center

Erie's classic go-to for a wintertime skate, this newly renovated ice center offers the best ice in town. Open for public skating, figure skating, birthday parties, and hockey practice, lessons are available from November through February.

527 W. 38th St.

LECOM Sports Park

8159 Oliver Rd.

Mercyhurst Ice Center

501 E. 38th St.

INSIDER TIP

Erie's location puts you within easy reach of four ski areas. Peek'n Peak in Clymer, New York is the closest — great for a quick day trip with tubing, terrain parks, and on-site lodging. Mount Pleasant in Edinboro is a low-key local favorite for a weeknight run without the crowds. For a bigger mountain experience, make the 90-minute drive to Ellicottville, New York, where Holiday Valley offers 60 slopes, night skiing, and a charming ski town with restaurants and nightlife. Next door, Holimont is one of the largest private ski clubs in North America and opens to the public on weekdays — a quieter, less crowded alternative on the same mountain.

Curling

French Creek Curling Club

Open to anyone, beginners and experts alike, the French Creek Curling Club is a volunteer-run organization pursuing their passion for the sport.

*LECOM Sports Park,
8159 Oliver Rd.*

Altered State Curling League

A street version of the game, local distillery Altered State has made their mark on the local curling scene.

1535 W. 8th St.

Flagship City District Curling League

The folks of the Erie Downtown Development Corporation bring a yearly curling tournament to Downtown Erie, drawing enthusiastic competitors and spectators alike.

Perry Square, 601 State St.

Hockey

Of course, one of Erie's favorite teams to root for, the **Erie Otters** ♦ offer their cold-weather spectator sport – getting you off your couch and cheering for our team (while enjoying some authentic Canadian poutine). The Otters play a full home schedule at the Erie Insurance Arena, bringing fast-paced OHL hockey, affordable tickets, and an electric downtown atmosphere that makes every game feel like an event worth bundling up for.

*Erie Insurance Arena, 809
French St.*

LECOM Sports Park

Offering adult hockey leagues for any experience level as well as regular hockey drop-in sessions for visitors – check their website for schedules.

8159 Oliver Rd.













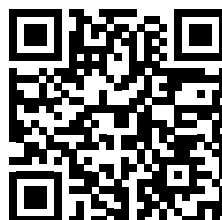
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Wintergreen Gorge

Asbury Woods ★

The winner of 2025's Best Hiking Trails category, Asbury Woods offers a well-maintained nature experience. With multiple entry points (at Asbury Barn, near the Andrew J. Conner Nature Center, or at Brown's Farm) and different terrain (including accessible boardwalk areas), Asbury provides great opportunities to explore, learn, and revel in nature.

4105 Asbury Rd.

Presque Isle State Park ◆

While most know Presque Isle for its gorgeous sandy beaches, our state park offers much more than a day of lounging in the sun or swimming. With approximately 11 miles of hiking trails, not including a 13.5-mile multiuse path, the microclimates and varied ecosystems within the park offer plenty of options for a vigorous hike.

301 Peninsula Dr.

Wintergreen Gorge Trails ◆

The wilds of Wintergreen Gorge, near Penn State Behrend, are 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.

3399 Cooper Rd.

Edinboro Lake

Edinboro Lake is a 250-acre glacial kettle lake that is a popular summer spot for locals and tourists. On the west side of the lake, there is Pat Crawford Beach and the uniquely designed Billings Park Playground. On the eastern side of the lake is Edinboro Lake Resort where you can snag some grub at the Sunset Grill overlooking the water, hear some live music, and rent kayaks, canoes, or pontoon boats.

12670 Edinboro Rd., Edinboro

Erie Bluffs State Park

This state park, officially established in 2004, is located just past Lake City and only 12 miles west of Erie. The nearly 600-acre park has a full mile of undeveloped shoreline that includes vertigo-inducing bluffs nearly 100 feet high overlooking Lake Erie. You can explore the old growth forest, dip your toes into Elk Creek, and look for some of the dozens of species of birds, mammals, plants, reptiles, amphibians, and fungi while on your journey.

11100 W. Lake Rd.

Headwaters Park

This 72-acre park is located off Route 8 on Wager Road, nestled, of all places, between an industrial park and Interstate 90. Made up of streams, wetlands, woods, and meadows, it's a little taste of reclaimed forest paradise only a few minutes from the city. The park gets its name

for containing the headwaters of Mill Creek.

1927 Wager Rd.

Howard Eaton Reservoir

Just shy of the New York line, nestled between Ashton and Findley Lake roads is the Howard Eaton Reservoir, sometimes referred to as Bull Dam. This nearly 250-acre reservoir was built in 1941 on a tributary to French Creek to provide water for North East residents. Today, it has an easy and relaxing 3.2-mile trail around it called Bull Dam Loop along with numerous other wooded trails to the north and south of the reservoir.

9843 Black Rd., North East

Lake Pleasant

The 61-acre glacier-made, groundwater-fed Lake Pleasant is located in Venango Township just past the Greene Township line. There's a boat launch for non-motorized boats, great spots for fishing, or you can merely find a spot to sit down, relax your brain, and take in the flora, fauna, and fresh air.

9188 Lake Pleasant Rd.

Picnicana Park

In 1966, Summit Township purchased Picnicana Park from the Klaus family, who had first established it as a picnic area in 1951. Today, it still offers up 34 acres of woods to explore with 1.5 miles of trails added in 2014. The park also includes a great playground, as well as a softball field and basketball, volleyball, pickleball, and horseshoe courts.

9260 Old French Rd.

Shades Beach

If you're looking to walk some serene beaches on Lake Erie, but want somewhere different than Presque Isle, give Shades



Erin Phillips

Asbury Woods

Beach off of East Lake Road a visit. There is, of course, the beach where you can walk and search for the lake's famous beach glass, but there are also wooded trails on the bluffs overlooking the glistening lake, as well as a boat launch, rental pavilions, and a well-maintained playground. 7000 E. Lake Rd.

Six Mile Creek Park

Past Harborcreek but before North East off of Clark Road is the 425-acre Six Mile Creek Park, gifted to Harborcreek Township by the county in 2011. It has a short and sweet 0.7-mile loop, a handicap accessible trail, the peaceful Six Mile Creek, and plenty of scenic

views that would look great on your Instagram.

7725 Clark Rd.

Union City Dam

While Crawford County has the popular Woodcock Dam, Erie County has its own dam located between Union City and Waterford, a short distance off Route 97 on Middleton Road. The dam's gate is open from 7 a.m. to dusk all year to soak in the tranquil views, take a hike, bird watch, or fish. Picnic tables, grills, and restrooms are also available.

1438 Middleton Rd., Waterford

Scott Park

Trails, a playground, picnic pavilions, baseball fields, BMX tracks, and more – a day spent at Scott Park is always a good day.

West 6th St. and Lowell Ave.

West Branch French Creek Conservation Area

Only a couple of miles past Seneca High School on Wattsburg Road is the West Branch French Creek Conservation Area. This preserve is over 1,000 acres of uplands and wetlands and includes over six miles of frontage along French Creek.

Rt. 8, near the village of Lowville

INSIDER TIP

Wintergreen Gorge is 250 feet deep and 11,000 years old — carved by Fourmile Creek through shale and sandstone as glaciers melted at the end of the last Ice Age. The shale itself dates to the Devonian period, meaning the rock underfoot is roughly 375 million years old.

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Yoga and Fitness



yogaErie ★

A winner for Erie's Best Yoga studio for 12 years in a row, yogaErie is a clear favorite. Their studio is conveniently located close to Presque Isle State Park in the Shops at the Colony.

2560 W. 8th St.

Dreaming Tree Yoga ◆

Dreaming Tree, which offers all levels of yoga, while specializing in hot yoga, will have you working up a healthy sweat while you calm your mind.

3347 W. 12th St., Ste. 102

Infinite Love Yoga ◆

In a beautifully historic former schoolhouse, Infinite Love offers regularly scheduled studio classes as well as sessions on the beach at Presque Isle, saluting the sun at sunset!

310 E. 10th St.

YMCA ★

Winner of Best Fitness Club, the YMCA has been keeping families fit for generations, with multiple locations throughout Erie.

3727 Cherry St. // 31 W. 10th St.
// 2101 Nagle Rd. // 12285 YMCA Dr., Edinboro

ASCEND Erie ◆

Indoor rock climbing is Erie's latest fitness craze due in large part to ASCEND Erie's incredible facility right in the heart of Downtown Erie. The 25,000-square-foot facility boasts a 50-foot climbing wall, in addition to other climbing facilities, a yoga studio, and more.

426 State St.

Motivate Studios ◆

Keep your motivation up at Motivate Studios, known as "a haven for those looking to achieve their fitness goals in

a supportive and empowering environment."

1535 W. 8th St.

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.

Barefoot Buddha Yoga

3910 Caughey Rd.

Soma Yoga Erie

3330 W. 26th St.

Studio Sage Yoga

1902 Cherry St.

Studio Surrender

19 W. 4th St.

INSIDER TIP

When summer hits, take your practice outside. Dreaming Tree offers rooftop and beach yoga, while Infinite Love heads to Presque Isle for sunset sessions.



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LEAF Open Market ★

Biweekly on Saturdays, June 13 - Sept. 19 // 8th Street side of Frontier Park // leaferie.org/openmarket

Bayview Park Farmers Market

Wednesdays, June 10 - Aug. 19 // 6 to 8 p.m. // Bayview Park, 598 W. 2nd St. // ourwestbayfront.org

North East Gibson Park Open Market

Saturdays from June 13 - Sept. 5 // 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. // 430 W. 19th St. // ssjnn.org

Lawrence Park Farmers Market at the Launch

Monthly on Saturdays: June 20, July 18, Aug. 15, Sept. 12 and Oct. 10 // 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. // Lawrence Park Boat Launch, 2402 Lakeside Dr.

what is needed and any funds raised through the sale of their wares helps to ensure produce is available throughout the season.

Weekly from July 6 through early October // buidlerie.org/hope/pwyc

The locations and times of these markets vary:

Mondays from 4 to 6 p.m. // Unity in Edinboro, 130 Meadville St., Edinboro

Tuesdays from noon to 2 p.m. // 15th and Parade streets

Wednesdays from 4 to 6 p.m. // ECAT, 650 East Ave and Strong Vincent, 1330 W. 8th St.

Thursdays from noon to 2 p.m. // Fourth Street Farm, 310 E. 4th St.

Fridays from 4 to 6 p.m. // Perry Square, 601 State St. and 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. // Strong Vincent Middle School, 1330 W. 8th St.

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