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FAVORITE SUMMER ACTIVITIES AT PRESQUE ISLE STATE PARK

Every day there is something fun to do at Presque Isle State Park. There doesn't have to be an event going on to have a fun day trip with the whole family. The best part is that everything is free or affordable! Here are a few of our every day go-to activities.



Visit Presque Isle Beaches

Presque Isle offers 13 different beaches, several of which have lifeguards on duty. The park has free admission and has a little bit for everyone. For instance, Beach 6 has sand volleyball courts, Beach 10 is popular for flying kites and windsurfing and Beach 8 is ADA accessible. Beach 11, with its shallow waters, is perfect for families with small children.



Go Biking or Rollerblading

There are 13.5 miles of multi-use trails throughout Presque Isle for walkers, bikers and rollerbladers. You can bring your own bike to ride or rent one from the Yellow Bike Rental, which is located between Beach 6 and 7. Rental equipment available for all ages, including tandem bicycles, trikes, kid's bike trailers, rollerblades and more.



Explore the Lighthouse

Explore one of Erie's most historic sites. Located at Beach 9, the Presque Isle Lighthouse was initially built in 1873 and serves as an important piece of Erie's history. The tower is 68' high and still acts as a beacon for navigation on Lake Erie. Tours of the lighthouse run Memorial Day through Labor Day 10 AM – 5 PM daily.



Enjoy the Picnic Areas

There are picnic areas located throughout the park that are available to rent or are free of charge if not in use. There are many different sized pavilions that can accommodate between 30 and 200 people. Three of the pavilions are enclosed and have electricity, water, picnic tables and fireplaces. The picnic areas are perfect for a casual day at the beach or larger gatherings such as birthday parties and family reunions.



Try the Hiking Trails

There are 11 miles of trails designated for walkers and hikers. Through these paths, you will pass by the bay, ponds, trees and wildlife. With trails ranging in length, there are options for everyone.



Learn About the Perry Monument

Next to Misery Bay, the Perry Monument is dedicated to Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry, who was a naval squadron leader in the War of 1812. Perry used Presque Isle as protection for his men, which helped lead to a victory against the British. Today, Perry Monument is a popular spot to fish, take a boat tour or picnic with the family.



Explore with Canoes and Kayaks

Right on Presque Isle, there are lagoons begging to be explored. You can grab your own equipment or rent a canoe, kayak, paddleboard or rowboat from the Presque Isle Boat Rental, located right on the lagoons. There are also guided tours throughout the area to showcase the wildlife and the area's history.



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