

Epic Erie Summer Bucket List



Make it an EPIC Erie Summer!

Check in at five of these must-do activities on the 'Hello Erie' Trip Planner App, and you'll be entered to win one of three prize packs from VisitErie. Use #EpicErieSummer to share your photos and receive additional entries! Read full contest details at VisitErie.com.



- Climb the 78 steps to the top of the Presque Isle Lighthouse
- Run the bases after an Erie SeaWolves game
- Find the Grandfather Tree at Asbury Woods
- Watch the sunset from Barracks Beach at Presque Isle State Park
- Rattle your way to the top of Waldameer's Ravine Flyer II before dropping 118 feet
- Race go-karts at the new Erie Sports Center Fun Park
- Get out the wiggles at the new nature play space next to the Tom Ridge Environmental Center
- Find your favorite ChalkWalk art at CelebrateErie (Aug. 19-21)
- Stop at Bayview Park to see The Pontiacs mural while on a driving tour of the Erie African-American Heritage Trail
- Battle it out in laser tag at Play Port Arcade & Family Fun Center
- Whiz down the Griff slides at Frontier Park
- Finish an orange/vanilla twist cone at Sara's before it melts
- Splash around the water table at the expERIENCE Children's Museum
- Enjoy dinner with your pup on the patio of one of Erie's locally-owned dog-friendly restaurants
- Lick your orange fingers clean after a bag of cheesy rich cheddar popcorn from The Original Popcorn House
- Admire the tall ships at the Tall Ships Erie Festival (Aug. 25-28)
- Stop at Perry Monument for a selfie while riding a yellow bike 13.2 miles around Presque Isle State Park
- Stain your tongue blue at Hulings Blueberries and Farm Market
- Climb inside the big tree with a good book at Pressed Books + Coffee + Gifts
- Dance at the Panegyri Greek Festival (July 8-12)
- Ride the dragon on the Erie Zoo carousel
- Pick up a boogie board at Beach Zero and catch some Presque Isle waves
- Catch a fish at Dobbins Landing (You can "check out" fishing poles and gear for FREE from Blasco Library!)
- Try every restaurant at Flagship City Food Hall
- Show off your Erie pride with a shirt from Erie Apparel
- Make Tuesday great at 8 Great Tuesdays (Tuesdays July 5-Aug. 23)
- Take in a movie on the field at UPMC Park
- Paint rocks and hide them at Scott Park #rockouterie
- Visit the Erie Downtown Farmers Market for locally-grown veggies (Sundays through October)
- Ride the zipline at McClelland Park
- Grab a yummy treat at the Erie Food Truck Festival (June 25)
- Get wet at Wintergreen Gorge
- Go on a beach glass hunt at Shades Beach
- Splurge on a staycation for the family with a night at the Hampton Inn & Suites, Erie's newest bayfront hotel
- Watch a bald eagle fly below you from the top of the 90-foot bluffs at Erie Bluffs State Park
- Get spooked on a Candlelight Ghost Tour in Girard
- Admire the view from the top of the Bicentennial Tower
- Treat yourself at Icing on the Lake's ATM (Afterhours Treat Machine)
- Explore Goodell Gardens during a guided walk (Sundays)
- Pedal through Erie during the Lake Erie Cyclefest Downtown Slow Roll July 28
- Go with the flow(rider) at Splash Lagoon
- Aaaaaaargh on Scallywags Pirate Adventures
- Spend the weekend at Erie's Blues & Jazz Fest (Aug. 5-7)
- Support a refugee-owned business, like the Fresh Asian Mini Mart, 837 West 38th St.
- Try the free disc golf course at Pleasant Ridge Park Disc Golf. All you need to bring is your frisbee!
- Take the kids to glow night at Flying Monkey Inflata-Park
- Say hey to Automan at Schaefer's Auto Art
- Spend the day getting wet at Camp Sherwin's splash pad and pool. Better yet, rent a cabin and stay the weekend
- Oooh and aaah over the Lights Over Lake Erie fireworks at Dobbins Landing (July 3)
- Take time to smell the flowers at the Port Farms Flower Festival (Aug. 6-Sept. 11)