Fun Things to Do! - OSU and Beyond!

- **Campus (walk / bike / CABS)**
  - Donut at Buckeye Donuts
  - Sloopy’s Diner (Ohio Union) - [http://ohiounion.osu.edu/dine_and_shop/sloopy](http://ohiounion.osu.edu/dine_and_shop/sloopy)
  - Mirror Lake jump before Michigan football game
  - 11th Floor of Thompson Library – great view of Columbus!
  - Adventure Recreation Center (ARC) – climbing wall, rent outdoor equipment - [http://recsports.osu.edu/facilities/adventure-recreation-center-arc](http://recsports.osu.edu/facilities/adventure-recreation-center-arc)
  - Athletic events
    - Football and Basketball Games – paid tickets (students have reduced prices)
    - All other sporting events – FREE with BuckID!
    - Ohio State Marching Band – “Best Damn Band in the Land” & tuba player dots the “I” in Ohio formation
    - Pelotonia Biking Event – raise money for cancer research; [http://pelotonia.org/](http://pelotonia.org/)
    - Columbus Marathon and other racing events; [http://www.columbusmarathon.com/](http://www.columbusmarathon.com/)
    - Olentangy River Trail – walk, bike, run, rollerblade; [http://parks.columbus.gov/OlentangyTrail.aspx](http://parks.columbus.gov/OlentangyTrail.aspx)
  - South Campus Gateway Center – movies, OSU Bookstore (Barnes and Noble), restaurants, bars - [http://www.southcampusgateway.com/](http://www.southcampusgateway.com/)
  - Whetstone Park / Park of Roses - [http://www.parkofroses.org/](http://www.parkofroses.org/)
  - Wexner Center for the Arts (concerts, art exhibits, films, dance, performance) - [http://www.wexarts.org/](http://www.wexarts.org/)
  - Orton Geological Museum in Orton Hall - [https://ortongeologicalmuseum.osu.edu/](https://ortongeologicalmuseum.osu.edu/)
  - Volleyball, tennis, basketball court, soccer field, baseball fields, hockey and ice skating rink - [http://reCsports.osu.edu/facilities/outdoor-facilities](http://reCsports.osu.edu/facilities/outdoor-facilities)
  - Department softball team, games played at Beekman Park during the summer months
  - Drake Union – concerts, performances - [http://drake.osu.edu/page/home/](http://drake.osu.edu/page/home/)
  - Faculty Club – lunch and events - [http://www.ohio-statefacultyclub.com/](http://www.ohio-statefacultyclub.com/)
  - Chadwick Arboretum – on-campus arboretum - [http://chadwickarboretum.osu.edu](http://chadwickarboretum.osu.edu)
  - Recreational Sports - [https://reCsports.osu.edu/](https://reCsports.osu.edu/)
  - Sun bathing on The Oval
  - Hagerty Hall - [http://flc.osu.edu/](http://flc.osu.edu/)
• **Short North, Downtown, and Other Neighborhoods (longer walk / bike / COTA)**

  - Columbus Commons Park – festivals, concerts - [http://www.columbuscommons.org/](http://www.columbuscommons.org/)
  - Gallery Hop in the Short North – first Saturday of every month - [http://shortnorth.org/popular-links/gallery-hop](http://shortnorth.org/popular-links/gallery-hop)
  - German Village – historic neighborhood, bars, restaurants - [http://germanvillage.com/](http://germanvillage.com/)
  - The Book Loft of German Village- [http://www.bookloft.com/](http://www.bookloft.com/)
  - Professional Sports Teams
  - Scioto Audubon Park – public outdoor climbing wall - [http://www.metroparks.net/ParksSciotoAudubon.aspx](http://www.metroparks.net/ParksSciotoAudubon.aspx)
  - Columbus Jazz Orchestra - [http://www.jazzartsgroup.org/](http://www.jazzartsgroup.org/)
  - Columbus BalletMet - [https://www.balletmet.org/](https://www.balletmet.org/)

• **Longer Distances (driving personal car)**

  - Batelle Darby Creek Park (live buffalo!); [http://www.metroparks.net/ParksBatelleDarbyCreek.aspx](http://www.metroparks.net/ParksBatelleDarbyCreek.aspx)
  - Amish country – food, cultural activities; [http://www.visitamishcountry.com/](http://www.visitamishcountry.com/)
  - Somali Restaurants – large population of Somali people; [http://www.somaliohio.org/](http://www.somaliohio.org/)
  - Tacos Trucks on West Side of Columbus; [http://tacotruckscolumbus.com/](http://tacotruckscolumbus.com/)
  - Easton / Polaris / Mall at Tuttle Crossing (shopping centers)
Columbus Zoo and Zoombezi Bay; http://www.colszoo.org/
Columbus Metro Parks – http://www.metroparks.net/
Cedar Point Amusement Park, Sandusky, OH - http://www.cedarpoint.com/
Kings Island Amusement Park, Cincinnati, OH - http://www.visitkingsisland.com/
Drive-In Movie Theater, Columbus, OH - http://www.drive-inmovies.com/

Restaurants

• Close to CBEC on High St.
  • American (chicken wings, burgers, etc.) - Buffalo Wild Wings
  • Chinese - Moy’s, Joy’s Village, Amelea
  • Southern United States - J. Gumbo’s
  • Japanese and Korean - Diaspora
  • American Fast Food - Wendy’s, McDonald’s
  • Sandwiches - Subway, Penn Station, Charley’s, Pita Pit
  • Pizza - Donato’s

• Columbus, Away from Campus
  • Cap City Diner
  • Schmidt’s Sausage Haus
  • Mozart’s Café
  • Thurman Café
  • La Fogata Grill
  • Northstar Café
  • Happy Greek
  • Haiku Poetic Food and Art
  • Blue Nile
  • Tai’s Asian Bistro
  • Korean restaurants along Bethel Road
  • Aab India Restaurant
  • Taj Mahal
  • Street food trucks (more than 40 in Columbus area)

  • German Village
  • Short North
  • Arena District
  • Old North/Clintonville
• Downtown
• Victorian Village / Italian Village
• Grandview Heights
• Old Towne East
• Upper Arlington, Worthington, Dublin