

EXPL RING

It's human nature: we rarely explore what's in our own backyards. A staycation is the perfect chance to be a tourist in your own city region – with the benefit of going home, cooking dinner in your own kitchen and sleeping in your own bed. Below are a number of ideas to check out in our communities.

GO TO THE LOCAL MUSEUM

Most towns have museums of some kind that catalog the history of the city or some industry or happening in the city, the science around some interesting physical aspect of

the region, the life of a local celebrity or even some quirky feature about the city, such as the UFO Museum in Roswell, New Mexico, which sprang up from the interest surrounding

the reported alien landing in 1947. You can also look up buildings in our cities that are on the National Register of Historic Places and do a little architectural tour around town. During June there are several local events happening at the **Hancock Historical Museum** in Findlay. The Taste of Detroit Tour will allow participants to learn more about the food and culture of the city. The museum will also offer two children's events: Victorian Front Porch Tea for children ages 6-12 with an accompanying adult and Exploring Our Roots: Farm

Camp for children ages 7-12, as they learn about the agriculture industry.

The Children's Museum located in the Findlay Mall is a museum just for kids! The museum offers hands-on exhibits to help children aged birth to ten years old learn all about science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics through a variety of activities tailored just for their learning experience. Other local favorites are the **Mazza Museum** and the **Black Heritage Library and Multicultural Center**.



View of the Hancock County Courthouse from the Anvil Upstairs at The Gathering

SEE A LIVE SHOW

OR MUSIC PERFORMANCE

Whether it's a community theatre or a professional performance, see what live performances are happening in the area. Try something you may not normally go to! During the summer, our local communities often host concerts in the parks, which is a great way to hear live music with the whole family. Many of the restaurants in downtown Findlay offer live music. Listen to your favorite guitarist or soloist at one of the local establishments – Legends, Anvil Upstairs at The Gathering, Divine Wine, Coffee Amici, Alexandria's and Greek Garden are just a few of the spots to catch some

tunes. Beginning June 8th in downtown Findlay, enjoy live music, friends and libations at **Rally in the Alley** each Friday evening in Latham Courtyard. The Fostoria Community Arts Council provides free concerts during the summer at **Wainwright Amphitheatre** in Meadowlark Park and in Gray Park. **The Marathon Center for the Performing Arts** in Findlay offers a summer concert series and **The Ritz Theatre** in Tiffin has Ritz Summer Theatre Camp this month. Want to catch a play? *You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown* will be performed at the **Fort Findlay Playhouse** in July.

FESTIVALS, PARADES AND OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS

Boogie on Main, one of the area's largest street festivals kicks off the season on June 1st in downtown Findlay. Enjoy music, libations and the warm weather with your friends and family. The **2018 Riverside Wine Fest** featuring Ohio Wineries takes place June 23rd from 1-6PM

at Riverside Park, ticket purchase required to attend. Along with the summer season brings local flavors to Farmers' Markets in our area. Head to the **Hancock County Farmers' Market** from 4-6PM every Thursday through October to gather your produce, baked goods,

homemade creations, and more! The market is held in the parking lot of the Marathon Center for the Performing Arts, Findlay. Each Friday from 4-6PM, the **Arlington Farmers' Market** will feature locally grown seasonal fruits and vegetables, honey, home baked goods,

preserves, canned beef, plants, flowers, and farm goods. The market is located in the Arlington Cape parking lot, across from the old Arlington Hardware. **Fostoria Farmers' Market** is held at the corner of Tiffin & Main St. in downtown Fostoria with a different theme for each market. The theme for June 16th is "Dads & Kids" and is open from 9am-1pm.

Bluffton Farmers' Market is held in the parking lot of Citizens National Bank on Main St., Bluffton, every Saturday June through October 8:30am-12:00pm, featuring local fruits, vegetables and more. Area communities host numerous July 4th fireworks displays. Check The Courier and the Review Times later in June for more information.



Pantasia, Findlay School Steelband performs at Rally in the Alley

CHEER ON YOUR LOCAL SPORTS TEAM

Enjoy a **Toledo Mud Hens** game and spend time with your friends and children, eat stadium food and watch the action. Catch a local game June 8-10th at the **Greg Miller Memorial Tournament** at the

Marathon Fields at the Cube in Findlay or attend the **Ben Roethlisberger Foundation Charity Softball** game at Findlay High School on June 10th. Tickets are limited for the charity game.



Farmer's Market - Findlay

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