

PITTSBURGH



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We are thrilled The Willa Cather Foundation has chosen Pittsburgh to host “Beyond Nebraska: Willa Cather’s Pittsburgh.” We’re proud of our city and we can’t wait for you to discover all that makes Pittsburgh amazing. We have assembled some fun things to do while you are in town – maybe you’ll even want to extend your stay a few days.

Pittsburgh comprises 89 distinct neighborhoods, each with its own vibe and charm. While you probably won’t be able to visit all of them, try to get out of downtown and check out a few. The Strip, South Side, Shadyside, Squirrel Hill, Lawrenceville, North Side, Highland Park and Oakland all provide a taste of the ’Burgh.

We have chosen a few sights, arranged by interest. The websites will provide plenty of detail to help you decide what you would like to see. In the meantime, here are a few Pittsburgh Pointers.

- Pittsburghese is the local language. “Downtown” becomes “dahntahn,” “Yinz” is the Pittsburgh version of “Y’all,” and “n’at” basically means “etc.”
- Be aware that if you order a salad, it may come with French fries ON it. If you eat at Primanti’s, the sandwiches come with fries too. ON it, not with it.
- Pittsburghers are very friendly. Hey - this is Mr. Rogers’ neighborhood. So if you are ever lost, just ask for help. And you WILL get lost, because...
- Pittsburgh is confusing. When you have as many mountains and rivers as we do, you will inevitably be going over a bridge (446 of them - three more than Venice, Italy) or through a tunnel. There is no grid street system, one way streets are rampant, and just because you can get off an exit, doesn’t necessarily mean you can get back on. Don’t count on Google Maps - it may direct you up a set of stairs (712 stairways - twice the number of San Francisco).
- When in doubt, just yell “Go Steelers” or “Go Pens” and you’ll fit right in. Black and gold attire is encouraged.

Pittsburgh for Arts & Culture



Carnegie Museum of Art Carnegie Museum of Natural History

Founded over 100 years ago, the Carnegie is a two for one - beautiful art and fascinating history - plus a great dinosaur collection!

www.carnegiemuseums.org

Fallingwater

Frank Lloyd Wright's architectural masterpiece.

www.fallingwater.org

The Frick Art & Historical Center

Historic home, art museum, antique car museum, and a crazy good café - stay for high tea!

www.thefrickpittsburgh.org

The Mattress Factory

Contemporary art and room-sized installations.

www.mattress.org

Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation Walking Tours

A great way to see Pittsburgh on foot.

phlf.org

Nationality Rooms, Univ. of Pittsburgh Cathedral of Learning

26 classrooms designed in the style of the many ethnic groups that built Pittsburgh.

www.nationalityrooms.pitt.edu

Pittsburgh Cultural District

14 blocks of theaters and galleries.

www.pgharts.org

Andy Warhol Museum

Even if you aren't a fan of Warhol, this museum is a must see. Don't miss the Silver Cloud room.

www.warhol.org

The Clemente Museum

Housed in an historic engine house, a tribute to The Great One.

www.clementemuseum.com



Pittsburgh for Kids

Carnegie Science Center

It's got an Omnimax, roboworld™ and a submarine!

www.carnegiesciencecenter.org

Just Ducky Tours

See Pittsburgh by land and by water. Quack, quack, quack.

www.justdukytours.com

Klavon's Ice Cream Parlor

Step back in time at an old fashioned soda fountain in the Strip.

<http://klavonsicecream.com>

Children's Museum of Pittsburgh

The name says it all. Kids dig this place, especially Waterplay.

www.pittsburghkids.org

Pittsburgh Zoo & Aquarium

The polar bear tunnel is really cool.

www.pittsburghzoo.com

Offbeat Pittsburgh

Dream Nest, by Huang Xiang

House covered in poetry by an artist in exile.

www.cityofasylumpittsburgh.org

Photo Antiquities: Museum of Photographic History

For the photography buffs, an extensive collection.

www.photoantiquities.org

Toonseum

Pint-sized museum with all sorts of animation art.

www.toonseum.org

Dependable Drive In

A blast from the past - see a movie at the Drive In.

www.dependabledrivein.com

St. Anthony's Chapel

Over 5,000 relics – second only to the Vatican.

www.saintanthonyschapel.org

Pittsburgh for Outdoor Lovers

Kayak Pittsburgh

Explore our three rivers with a kayak or canoe.
www.ventureoutdoors.org/kayak-pittsburgh

Golden Triangle Bike Rental

Ride the many city trails.
www.bikepittsburgh.com



The Great Allegheny Passage

Or bike all the way to Washington D.C.
gaptrail.org

Ohiopyle

White water rafting, biking and plenty of hiking trails.
www.discoverohiopyle.com

Nemacolin Woodlands Resort

A luxury resort just an hour and a half from Pittsburgh.
www.nemacolin.com

Party Pittsburgh

The Church Brew Works

Unsettling to see brewing tanks on the alter - but the beer is so good!
www.churchbrew.com



South Side

Hip, historical main street with shops, restaurants and clubs.
www.coolpgh.pitt.edu/living/south-side.php

Station Square

Dining, entertainment and shopping.
www.stationsquare.com

Pittsburgh City Paper

Grab a free paper for a list of practically everything that's happening in town that week.
www.pghcitypaper.com

Pittsburgh for Everyone

National Aviary

Over 600 birds from around the world.
www.aviary.org

Duquesne Incline

If you come to Pittsburgh, you have to ride one of the two inclines, both accessible from Station Square. Trust us.
www.duquesneincline.org

Kennywood

A trolley amusement park that over the past 100 years became a town favorite. The American Coaster Enthusiasts can't be wrong.
www.kennywood.com



The Strip District

No, not the naughty district, the Strip is foodie heaven, filled with ethnic markets, arts/crafts shops and lots of local color.
www.neighborsinthestrip.com

Phipps Conservatory

Our beautiful botanical gardens, where the Obamas welcomed world leaders during the G-20 summit.
phipps.conservatory.org

Senator John Heinz History Center and Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum

Situated in an old ice house, see Pittsburgh throughout the years. Sports fans won't want to miss the Sports Museum.
www.heinzhistorycenter.org

Pittsburgh Tour Company

Offering Pittsburgh's only Hop On/Hop Off Tour in historic red Double Decker Tour Buses from London. A great way to see a variety of neighborhoods.
www.pghtours.com

PNC Park/Pittsburgh Pirates

A jewel of a ballpark. www.pirates.com