

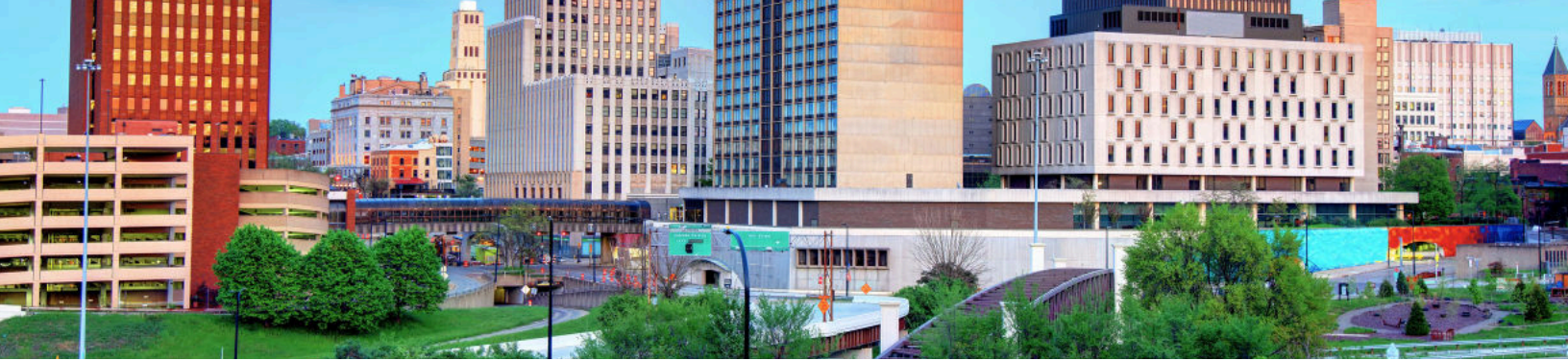


Welcome to Northeast Ohio

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Introduction



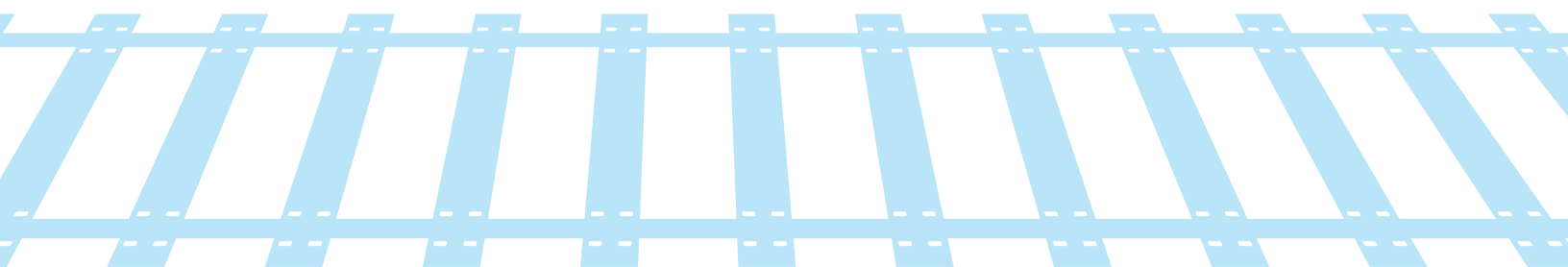
Northeast Ohio is a region of interconnectedness.

The vast beauty of Lake Erie flows into the foundational Cuyahoga River: a historic waterway - key to generations of trade and travel - that's blossoming with revitalized life after decades of environmental efforts from local communities. The river flows into breathtaking waterfalls and forests protected by passionate park services, with interwoven paths that take tourists and residents across the landscape at no charge.

Man-made railways run alongside the natural landscape as working remnants of the historical industries between the bustling urban cities of Akron and Cleveland, each famous for transportation in their own right, whether it be rubber tires or airships. These cities and their surrounding communities enrich the region with vibrant entertainment scenes between concerts and theater, fresh meats and produce cultivated by local farms, and bountiful educational and cultural attractions across museums, gardens, parks, and zoos.

Each aspect of Northeast Ohio works together to support the lives of its residents, where the boundless beauty of nature and exciting city culture combine to create passionate communities of people who call this land their home.

The following document highlights a variety of attractions across Northeast Ohio, from hall of fame museums to scenic train tours.





The Outdoors

Cuyahoga Valley National Park

<https://www.nps.gov/cuva/index.htm>

The Cuyahoga Valley houses Ohio's only national park and highlights the Cuyahoga River. Free to the public, it's filled with hiking trails, waterfalls, and year-round events. It's brimming with activities and home to wildlife like great blue herons, bald eagles, and, in recent years, river otters.

Boston Mills Brandywine Ski Resort - Peninsula

<https://www.bmbw.com>

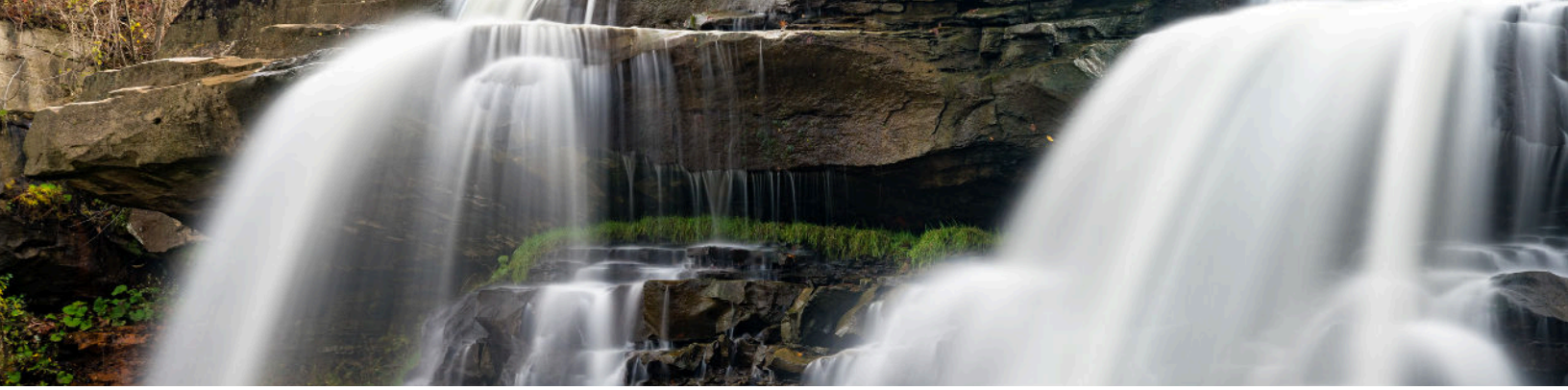
In the heart of the Cuyahoga Valley National Park are dual ski resorts that give their guests a tailored experience during the winter months. Whether a guest is an adrenaline-seeking slope veteran, an optimistic beginner, or prefers to take a tube ride over a pair of skis, these resorts have something for every visitor.

Ohio & Erie Canalway

<https://www.ohioanderiecanalway.com>

The Towpath Trail stretches over 90 miles along a historical canal route, providing a self-guided walkable and bikable tour across the 12,000 year both the natural and cultural history of Northeast Ohio. Along the way, travelers can participate in boat rides, visit local stores, and embrace the wilderness by hiking, canoeing or kayaking.





Summit Metro Parks

<https://www.summitmetroparks.org/>

Spanning over 100 miles with over 100 years of history, Summit Metro Parks has free hiking and biking trails for everyone of every experience level and are flourishing with waterfalls and observation decks that frame the perfect picture. The parks encourage residents to experience the beauty just beyond their backyards with hiking challenges, events, bird watching, and bird feeding.

Cleveland Metroparks

<https://www.clevelandmetroparks.com/>

Brimming with nature and activities, the Cleveland Metroparks allow their visitors to ride horseback, swim, fish, hike, kayak, and mountain bike across its reservations, which include varied landscapes such as gorges, floodplains, lakes, streams, and the beaches of Lake Erie - all free to the public.

Mill Stream Run Reservation - Strongsville

<https://www.clevelandmetroparks.com/parks/visit/parks/mill-stream-run-reservation>

Part of the Cleveland Metroparks, the Mill Stream Run Reservation presents an adrenaline-pumping adventure complete with ziplines, treetop obstacle courses, axe throwing, and an outdoor escape room. In the winter, it hosts the steepest, fastest toboggan chutes in Ohio.

Float the River - Cuyahoga Falls

<https://floattheriver.net/>

Whether an ideal summer weekend features a relaxing float down a refreshing river or an exciting kayaking adventure across natural waters, Float the River lets guests rent equipment and enjoy the Cuyahoga River experience hands-on.



Zoos and Gardens

The Akron Zoo - Akron

<https://www.akronzoo.org/>

Compared to other city zoos across the country, the Akron Zoo provides a more easygoing, walkable experience that allows guests to observe its animals up close. Boasting over 2,000 critters, the zoo is known for its penguins, komodo dragons, and snow leopards and features dozens of seasonal events each year.

The Cleveland Metroparks Zoo - Cleveland

<https://www.clevelandmetroparks.com/zoo>

As one of the largest zoos in the United States, the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo exudes adventure in every step, featuring over 3,000 animals. Taking guests across a wildlife tour of different continents, the zoo contains an aquarium and a two-story rainforest exhibit, alongside seasonal events, including an iconic Asian lantern festival.

Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens - Akron

<https://stanhywet.org/>

The elegant architecture of the Stan Hywet manor is the site of many tours, with guests marveling at its original furnishings, treasures, and historical tales. It overlooks intricately landscaped gardens with diverse plant life, a conservatory, seasonal butterfly habitat, and a wide yard that hosts regular events like car shows and wine tastings.





Cleveland Botanical Gardens - Cleveland

<https://holdenfg.org/cleveland-botanical-garden/plan-your-visit/>

An oasis in the midst of the Cleveland concrete, the city's botanical gardens take guests across the world, indoors and outdoors, from the towering baobab trees of Madagascar to the butterfly-filled rainforests of Costa Rica. The garden dedicates areas to topiaries, pollination, and children's activities, alongside exotic animals and seasonal events.

Holden Arboretum - Kirtland

<https://holdenfg.org/holden-arboretum/plan-your-visit/>

The Holden Arboretum is one of the largest arboretums in the United States, with picturesque walkways peering over thousands of acres of diverse plant life. Hundreds of its acres are dedicated to the delicate care of its gardens, gulch, and trails, spearheaded by its researchers and staff's passion for nature.

The Barberton Mum Festival - Barberton

<https://www.barbertonparksandrec.com/mum-festival>

Over 17,000 chrysanthemums blossom in vibrant masses of floral artwork at this free September Festival. The event features water skiing shows across the lake, live performances, a variety of vendors, and family-friendly activities.





Tours and Sightseeing

Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad

<https://www.cvsr.org/>

Vintage trains zip through the Cuyahoga Valley as they take their guests through the picturesque spots of the national park and local cities. While exhibiting the beauty of the local area, the Scenic Railroad also hosts brunches, alcohol-filled excursions, family-friendly experiences, murder mystery parties, and more.

Amish County

<https://www.destinationgeauga.com/places-to-go/amish-country/> <https://www.visitamishcountry.com/>

The horse-pulled buggies and picturesque countryside of Northeast Ohio's Amish communities captivate city-goers from all over, with guided tours letting guests experience the history and traditions of its people. Paired with hands-on activities for all ages, the area also stocks and serves fresh food straight from the local farms.

Fannie May Chocolate Factory Tours - North Canton

<https://www.fanniemay.com/us/en/chocolate-tours>

Fannie May, known for selling premium gourmet chocolates across the United States, hosts its factory and a specialty store in Northeast Ohio. Guests can take free guided tours learning about chocolate history and production while enjoying delicacies and their enchanting aroma.

Goodyear Blimp - Suffield

<https://www.goodyearblimp.com/>

As one of the only places in the world with continuously running blimps, the Goodyear Blimp is a staple of Northeast Ohio. While blimp rides have limited capacity, these majestic aircrafts grace the skies of the local area, especially at sporting events, turning heads wherever they go.



Entertainment

Playhouse Square - Cleveland

<https://www.playhousesquare.org/>

As one of the largest theater districts in the United States, Playhouse Square embraces the performing arts, ranging from Broadway musicals to ballet performances to jazz concerts - all within its ornate historic venues.

Blossom Music Center - Cuyahoga Falls

<https://www.clevelandamphitheater.com/>

The Blossom Music Center is a premier outdoor venue where famous artists across the world perform in the Akron area. It features an expansive yard that's perfect for picnics and miscellaneous events, especially for the summer nights of the Blossom Music Festival, which includes a fireworks show at the orchestral Independence Day concert.

Lock 3 Park - Akron

https://www.akronohio.gov/departments/lock_3/index.php

Most known for its outdoor Rock the Lock concerts in the summer, Lock 3 keeps Akron residents busy with its dozens of events and rentals across the year, whether it be ice skating and the dazzling city lights in the winter or the fireworks and farmer's markets in the warmer months.





The Cleveland Orchestra

<https://www.clevelandorchestra.com/>

Known as one of the best orchestras in the United States, the Cleveland Orchestra plays an ever-revolving list of classical symphonies and soundtracks from beloved pop culture works. They play year-round at the Severance Music Center in Cleveland and the Blossom Music Center in Cuyahoga Falls.

The Nightlight - Akron

<https://www.nightlightcinema.com/>

The Nightlight is an independent arthouse movie theater with a mission to deliver quality cinema to Northeast Ohio. Considered a cozy hidden gem of Akron culture, it hopes to cultivate a supportive community of moviegoers from arthouse aficionados to casual entertainment fans.

Ohio Shakespeare Festival - Akron

<https://www.ohioshakespearefestival.com/>

Immersing its audiences with accessible and professional performances, this theater troupe performs a diverse array of musicals and plays not limited to Shakespeare. With outdoor staging under the stars in the summer and various stories and events across the year, the Ohio Shakespeare Festival is an ever-present demonstration of the arts in Akron.





Cedar Point - Sandusky

<https://www.cedarpoint.com/>

Just a 0 drive away from Northeast Ohio, Cedar Point is the go-to amusement park for residents of the local area. Its world-renowned variety of roller coasters keep thrill-seeking guests entertained with steep drops and breakneck speeds. The park also has seasonal events, a waterpark, and plenty of other rides for visitors who want a milder experience.

PorchROKR - Akron

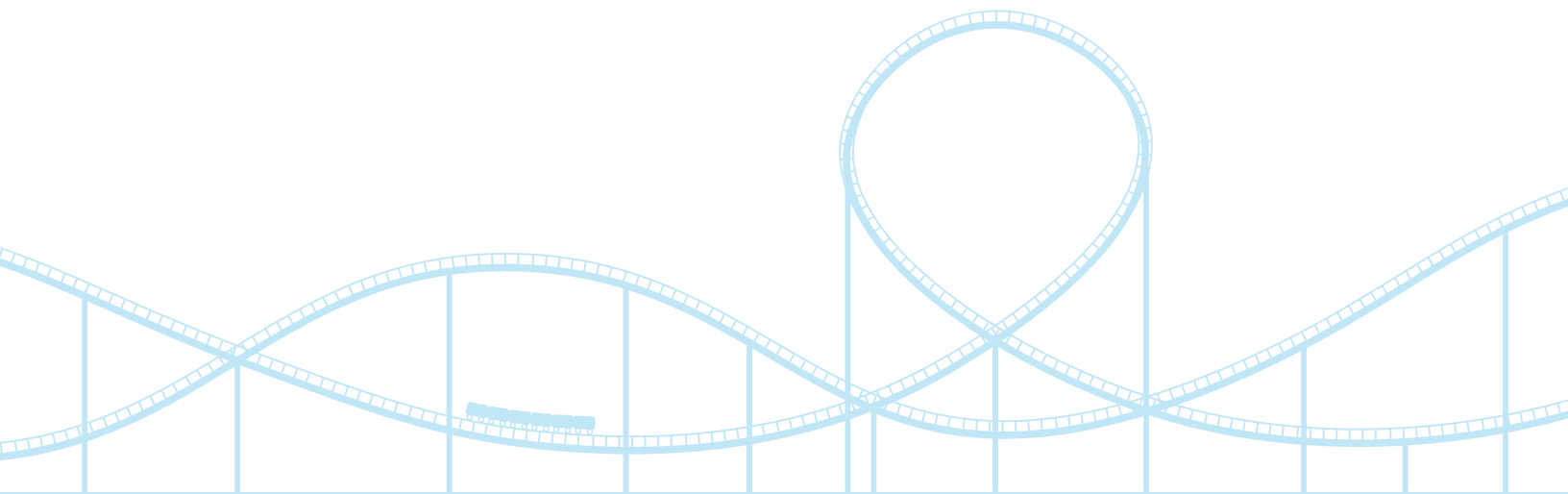
<https://www.highlandsquareakron.org/>

Highland Square residents let their yards set the stage for dozens of local bands at this free arts and music festival in August. Aside from the live music, it features vendors, food trucks, and a passionate staff of volunteers who help provide the best experience for its thousands of guests.

Wizardly Weekend - Kent

<https://mainstreetkent.org/event/wizardly-weekend/>

The downtown businesses of Kent band together to create a magical experience: a weekend dedicated to the wizards frequented in fairytales and pop culture. Held in July, the experience hosts several themed events, ranging from family-friendly mini golf to an annual bar crawl.





Art and Science Museums

Rock & Roll Hall of Fame - Cleveland

<https://rockhall.com/>

Dedicated to the preservation and recognition of rock and roll history, this museum celebrates several expressions of the genre, not limited by the classic rock era. It exhibits historical showcases, musical performances, and educational opportunities that encapsulate the passion of artists and music lovers alike.

The Cleveland Museum of Art - Cleveland

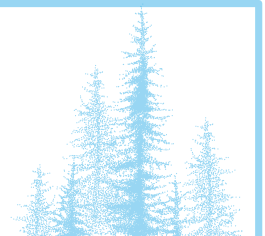
<https://www.clevelandart.org/>

Free to the public, the Cleveland Museum of Art features 63,000 artworks, celebrating the diversity of artistic achievement across 6,000 years. With a constantly shifting catalog and an expansive atrium, it's revered for its armor and Egyptian exhibits and features several events, camps and performances.

Akron Art Museum - Akron

<https://akronartmuseum.org/>

With a continuously changing selection, the Akron Art Museum houses over 7,000 artworks from around the world, highlighting various cultures and including work from local historic artists. The gallery is free on Thursdays, free to children, and hosts several events, programs, and performances.





Great Lakes Science Center - Cleveland

<https://greatscience.com/>

The Great Lakes Science Center hosts a variety of interactive exhibits to demonstrate the excitement and importance of science, technology, engineering, and math to inspire the future generations. It houses a theater, a NASA visitor center, and a historic steamship anchored in Lake Erie.

McKinley Presidential Library and Museum - Canton

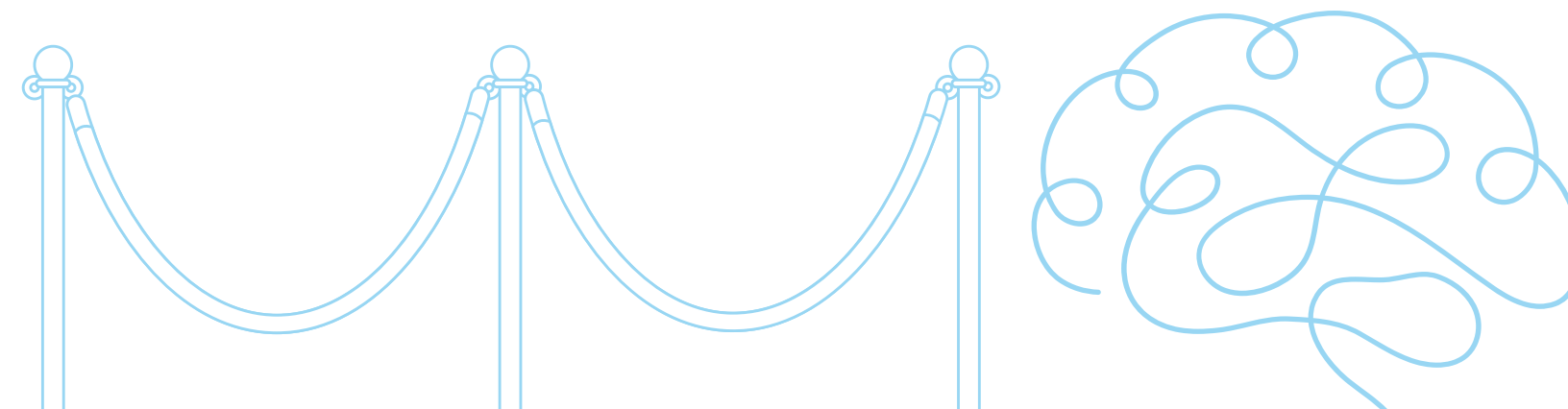
<https://mckinleymuseum.org/>

In memory of former resident and president William McKinley, the people of Canton have dedicated a library, museum and memorial to his life. While the area was organized to honor him, space is also allocated to a museum celebrating the history of Stark County, an interactive science center, and a planetarium.

The National Museum of Psychology - Akron

<https://www.uakron.edu/chp/museum/>

Highlighting the importance and intrigue of psychological studies, this museum is hosted at the University of Akron. Artifacts of famous experiments, recordings and a rotating selection of exhibits make their home in the facility, featuring artistic representations of the human mind and the history exploring it.





Sports

Pro Football Hall of Fame - Canton

<https://www.profootballhof.com/>

Showcasing the legacy and passion of the sport, the Pro Football Hall of Fame honors the greatest players across the generations with galleries and interactive exhibits. Just outside, the Hall of Fame Village hosts a continuously expanding array of events, rides, shops, and other attractions.

Soap Box Derby - Akron

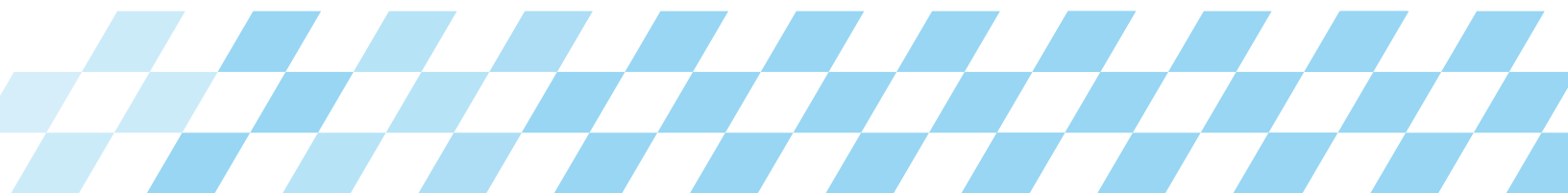
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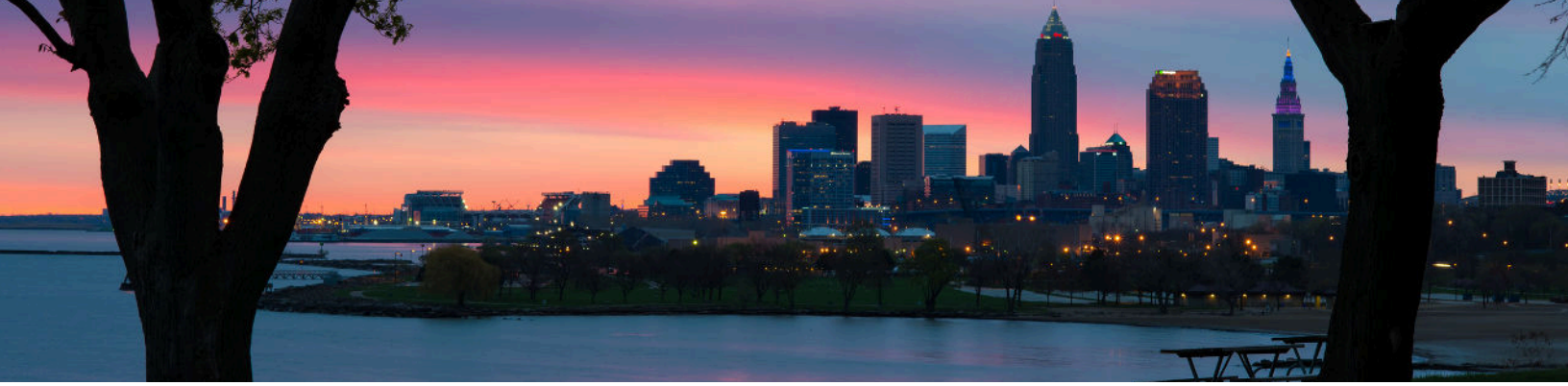
Youth engineers construct cars by hand and zip down hills with nothing but gravity in this international championship race hosted in Akron. Families across America visit the city in July just to witness this event that celebrates the ingenuity and friendly competition of the next generation.

Canal Park - Akron

<https://www.milb.com/akron/ballpark/canal-park-guide>

Home of the Rubber Ducks, Akron's minor league baseball team, Canal Park captures the heart of the local community with a welcoming atmosphere, strengthened by its connection to local businesses and schools, themed nights, contests, and, of course, its mascot Webster.





Progressive Field - Cleveland

<https://www.mlb.com/guardians/ballpark>

For the major leagues, Northeast Ohio is home to the Cleveland Guardians baseball team. The stadium features all the classic hallmarks of professional baseball: fun events, beer stands, and players proud to represent their community.

Rocket Mortgage Fieldhouse - Cleveland

<https://www.rocketmortgagefieldhouse.com/>

While it sets the stage for dozens of concerts and community events, the fieldhouse is most famous for being the court of the Cleveland Cavaliers. Alongside quality sports stadium furnishings, it also hosts the local minor league hockey team: the Lake Erie Monsters.

Cleveland Browns Stadium - Cleveland

<https://clevelandbrownsstadium.com/>

Placed right next to the scenic Lake Erie, the home of the Cleveland Browns resides in this aptly named stadium. The Browns have cultivated a passionate fan base that has stuck with them through thick and thin, and that energy is reciprocated back into community support with programs and sponsors.

