

Hancock County Bucket List

There is so much to do in Hancock County, especially in the warm weather! Before you kick off your Hancock County adventures stop in to our Welcome Center on 123 E. Main Cross St. to pick up maps, information on restaurants, shops, attractions, and your Visit Findlay visitor guide! Share your Hancock County summer photos with us using #VisitFindlay! Learn more about all these events at VisitFindlay.com

Take advantage of The Arts Partnership Events

The Arts Partnership keeps us entertained year round with their fantastic events and performances and the summer outdoor events are no exception. Kick off the summer on June 3 with Boogie on Main! This festival takes place in the heart of Downtown on South Main Street. With a Kids Zone from 6 - 8:30 p.m. along with live entertainment, libations, and great food there is something for everyone. Celebrate Ohio wineries at the Riverside Wine Fest on June 18. In addition to a wide variety of wines for you to sample (and take home!) plus live entertainment. On August 6, after Car Tunes on Main, head Downtown for Rib-Off on Broadway. Not only can you devour delicious ribs and barbecue but you can also hear tunes from the annual Battle of the Bands while you vote for your favorite ribs.

Determine a favorite flavor of ice cream

Ice Cream screams summer, so this summer definitively decide your favorite flavor! Dietsch Brothers was named the third best ice cream parlor in America and the best ice cream in Ohio in 2015, so what better place to start? Make sure to practice due diligence and try each of the flavors...its for research.

Canoe on the Blanchard

The Blanchard River runs all throughout Hancock County and this summer is your chance to really enjoy it! Beginners can take courses on Saturdays in June to learn the basics. Once you are a pro (or want to throw in the oar and pedal-boat) you can rent canoes, kayaks, and pedal-boats on weekends every Saturday, Sunday, and holidays through Labor Day at Zonta Landing at Riverside Park.

Order the Old Way at Wilson's Sandwich Shop

Wilson's is an old standard in Findlay, everyone loves their old-fashioned burgers and malts! Maybe this isn't summer-specific, but there is no time that is wrong for Wilson's. For extra fun make sure you order the old way!

Go on a trail ride at Triple T Western Ranch

There is no better way to see the beauty of Hancock County than on the back of a horse and Triple T gives you the opportunity to do just that. Call and schedule a trail ride for you and your family this weekend!

Take in 18

Hancock County is home to many great golf courses and are a great way to enjoy a beautiful summer day. Whether you have a favorite green or want to try a new course, you have plenty of options!

Go on a train ride

Did you know Hancock County is home to the Northwest Ohio Railroad Preservation Inc.? Located on County Road 99 visitors can take a ride on one of the quarter scale trains for a short train ride, plus check out their different events taking place this summer!

Enjoy Hancock Park District programming

Hancock Park District has so many events taking place this summer, the trick is going to be figuring out which ones to attend! If you are looking for something for your children to do this summer, consider taking advantage of one of the great summer day camps, or a special event like a Peter Rabbit Tea or American Girl Tea. Plus year-round favorites like Wee Ones, Discovery Stories, and Kids in the Park continue all summer long. There is fun for adults as well! There are archery workshops, art classes, night hikes, volunteer opportunities and so much more. Some events do require pre-registration so make sure you plan ahead!

Grab a milkshake and shredded chicken sandwich at Archie's Drive-Thru

Archie's is an easy, affordable summer meal for your family! You can't go wrong with milkshakes and shredded chicken sandwiches!

Go on a Photo Safari

There are so many beautiful spots in Hancock County that would provide wonderful subjects for photos! Take photos, and share them with us using #VisitFindlay!

Take in the beauty of a Garden Tour

Enjoy the beautiful flowers by checking out garden tours at Perennial Plant Peddler Tuesday - Saturday and by appointment. Plus, take part in the Flag City Daylily Tour in July! Visitors are invited to see six different gardens throughout Hancock County and learn more about these wonderful plants.

Drive the Barn Quilt Trail

The Barn Quilt Trail is a great way to spend a few hours. Drive to all the locations on the trail, or just a few of your favorites! There are nearly 90 squares on the trail, and at least one in each of Hancock County's 17 townships. What better way to see our beautiful countryside and barns. Make sure you grab a brochure at our Welcome Center!

Enjoy a pizza at Jac & Do's Pizza

Summer is busy and, let's be honest, no one wants to slave over a meal when there is fun to be had outdoors! Make it easy and order Jac & Do's! Order a pizza pie and a side of garlic bread sticks for a true (and easy) Hancock County meal!

Celebrate the Fourth of July in Findlay

Fourth of July celebrates the best of Summer and there is no better place to celebrate than Flag City, USA! Kick off the weekend by heading to NWORRP's Independence Day Celebration on July 2. Guests can ride the trains all day and enjoy live music. Before heading to the fireworks at the Hancock County Fairgrounds on July 3, plan to dine and dance the afternoon away with George and Martha Washington! Also on July 3, the 122nd Army National Guard Band will be playing at the Band Shell at Riverside Park. The fun continues on July 4! The Flag City July 4th Parade will run on Main Street, beginning at 11 a.m. and just before the parade gather at Dorney Plaza for the Spirit of 1776 Celebration. Then, from Noon-2 gather on the front porch of the museum for an old-fashioned ice cream social!

Take a Bike Ride in Bluffton

The bike trails in Bluffton have recently been updated, so there is no better time to get biking! This bike trail really showcases all that Bluffton has to offer, if you're looking for extra fun attend Bluffton's Ride to Remember in July! Which route will you choose?

Try every playground in Hancock County

This summer try out every one of the great playgrounds! Check out the different parks and playground equipment throughout Hancock County as well as within the City of Findlay. A favorite playground of many is Fort Findlay Playground at Emory Adams Park or one of the several playgrounds at Riverbend Recreation Area. There are also playgrounds at River Landings, Riverside Park, Marathon Diamonds at The Cube, and Litzenberg Memorial Woods! There are also spots to picnic at many of these spots so pack lunch and make a day of it!

Run a 5K

There are so many different 5K's this summer, sign up and run one yourself or cheer on your friends and family! From fun runs to 5K's to competitive 10K's, Hancock County has them all!

Take your furry friends to the dog park

Enjoy the warm weather with your furry friends! The K-9 Field of Dreams Off-Leash Dog Park at Riverbend Recreation Area is the perfect place for you and your pup to bond.

Visit Oler's Bar and Grill on Taco Monday

Oler's is a Findlay staple and for a good reason! This favorite dive has great Tex Mex food, amazing margaritas, and \$1 tacos on Monday! If you still need an excuse to visit Oler's this summer check out their new expansion and deck!

Celebrate the heart of Hancock County

Few would contest that the true heart of Hancock County lies within the communities in the county, so this summer (and fall) get out and celebrate them! Check out Rawson Proud, July 9; Vanlue Festival, July 28 - 30; McComb Cookie Festival, July 30-31; Arlington Village Festival, August 12-13; Mt. Blanchard Heritage Day, August 20; Arcadia SummerFest, August 26; Bluffton Fall Festival, September 24!

Enjoy a drink (or two) at your favorite outdoor spot

Downtown Findlay transforms into the home of al fresco dining in the Summer! Sip on a great glass of wine and enjoy the sunshine in the outdoor space at Gathering Wine and enjoy your meal at Greek Garden's patio. Head up to the new rooftop bar, La Vista giving you gorgeous views of Downtown Findlay! This only scratches the surface of outdoor dining options, what is your favorite spot?

Have a burger at Keith's Dugout

Keith's Dugout has plenty of great food to try, but keep it All-American and enjoy one of their great Hamburgers!

Buy (and eat!) local from a Farmers' Market

There is no better time to shop local than summer! Shop at our three Hancock County farmers market for the freshest produce and to purchase local goods! Choose from the Hancock County Farmers' Market at the Hancock County Fairgrounds on Thursdays, the Arlington Farmers' Market at Good Hope Lutheran Church on Fridays, and the Bluffton Farmers' Market at Citizens National Bank on Saturdays!

Go to the races at Millstream Speedway

here will be six opportunities this summer for your family to enjoy a day at the races this summer at Millstream Speedway!

Visit the special displays at the Hancock Historical Museum

Don't wait until it is too late! The Hancock Historical Museum has two great (and temporary!) displays that you will definitely want to check out this summer. Enjoy the "Movies, Memories, and Main Street: Remembering Findlay's Downtown Theatres" and "America's Favorite Pastime: Baseball in Hancock County" exhibits that will be at the Hancock Historical Museum until July 31.

Order a root beer float at the Lima Avenue Rootbeer Stand

Order a hot dog and rootbeer float and enjoy the carside service for a great summer meal!

Enjoy sun and tunes this summer

There are few things better than relaxing in the sunshine and listening to the notes of great music wafting in the air and, luckily for you, there are plenty of opportunities to do so this summer! Tuesdays bring Courtyard Concerts over your lunch, the Riverside Concert Series takes place on Wednesday, Fridays in Latham Courtyard is Rally in the Alley and a special Sunday Summer Concert Series takes place in July!

Take a ride in a hot air balloon on BalloonFest

The Flag City BalloonFest is one of the best-known Hancock County events. Entry to the festival is free but if you are looking for a really good time sign up for a hot air balloon ride! Go all the way up or choose to do a tethered ride, either way you will be sure to have fun!

Don't miss the Hancock County Fair!

Taking place over Labor Day and marking the end of summer, the Hancock County Fair isn't to be missed. Catch a livestock show, ride the ferris wheel, enjoy a funnel cake, and play a game! The fair is the perfect way to cap off the summer with your family!