

## SPORTS & ATHLETICS

There's no question that Cleveland is a town devoted to sports. With three professional teams – each with their own distinct legacy – Cleveland is home to countless sports legends and a die-hard fan base that knows the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat.

## **Root for the Home Team**

Cleveland Guardians. Fans of America's favorite pastime shouldn't miss the chance to cheer on the Cleveland Guardians at Progressive Field. The stadium features local food and brews from fan favorites including Barrio Tacos, Great Lakes Brewing Co., Happy Dog and Fat Head's Brewery. Thanks to a more than \$200 million renovation, the stadium now includes an expanded clubhouse, a revamped Upper Deck with a beer garden and a new, expansive "Cleveland Beer Hall" food and beverage experience open to all ticketed fans.

Cleveland Cavaliers & Cleveland Monsters. Inside the Rocket Arena, guests can feel the excitement when the Cleveland Cavaliers step onto the court or when the Cleveland Monsters take the ice. Updated food and beverage offerings feature local chef and restaurant partnerships and state-of-the-art technology with more efficient access.

**Cleveland Browns.** Win or lose, Cleveland's football pride is infectious. Visitors can get into the spirit by adorning themselves in brown and orange, tailgating in the Muni Lot and then snagging seats in the Dawg Pound at <a href="Huntington Bank Field"><u>Huntington Bank Field</a></u> to cheer (or bark) for the <a href="Cleveland Browns"><u>Cleveland Browns</u></a>.

## The Land of Legends

Pro Football Hall of Fame. Fans can relive all the great moments in football history at the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, a short drive from Cleveland. The museum pays homage to the greats of the game and features interactive exhibits that put visitors in the center of the gridiron action. Highlights include the immersive "A Game for Life" theater experience, which features holographic representations of Hall of Fame legends Joe Namath, George Halas and Vince Lombardi, and a growing collection of artifacts from the Black College Football Hall of Fame.

Hall of Fame Village. Centered around the Pro Football Hall of Fame, this premier 100-acre <u>sports and entertainment</u> <u>destination</u> offers a dynamic experience for fans and families. With eight immersive venues, visitors can enjoy world-class attractions including the Center for Performance, Constellation Center for Excellence, Fan Engagement Zone, ForeverLawn Sports Complex, Play-Action Plaza and Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium.

Baseball Heritage Museum. Travelers can step into the restored ticket booth of League Park – one of the oldest ballparks in the world – to visit the Baseball Heritage Museum. This free museum features rare memorabilia from some of baseball's greatest players like Babe Ruth, Bob Feller and Joe DiMaggio. The museum also presents the history and diversity of baseball with programs, uniforms, signed baseballs and other keepsakes from Latin and Women's leagues and the championship Negro League Buckeyes.

Cleveland History Center. Visitors to Cleveland can quickly garner a sense of place at the <u>Cleveland Starts Here</u>® exhibit at the Cleveland History Center. Sports fans can get a glimpse at rarely seen images, films, art and historical artifacts, including signage from the historic Municipal Stadium, original souvenir programs and LeBron James' 2016 NBA Championship shoes.



## **Experience the Urban Outdoors**

Cleveland Metroparks. Known as the "Emerald Necklace," the picturesque Cleveland Metroparks encircle the city with more than 24,000 acres of greenspace in 18 reservations, which offer more than 300 miles of trails for biking, running, hiking and general enjoyment. The Cleveland Metroparks Lakefront Reservation encompasses Wendy Park at Whiskey Island, Edgewater Park, East 55<sup>th</sup> Street Marina and Gordon Park for visitors who may be interested in taking a dip into Lake Erie after a good workout.

**Towpath Trail.** The Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail offers 90 miles of trails along the historic canal. Bikers, runners, walkers and the like are encouraged to step outside for a breath of fresh air on this trail, which runs through forests, fields and wetlands as it winds through the Cuyahoga River valley from Zoar, Ohio to Cleveland.

**North Coast Harbor.** Take in Instagram-ready views of the city skyline and Lake Erie from the <u>Oasis Marinas at North</u> <u>Coast Harbor</u>, located behind the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. The area boasts 53 transient slips for day-trippers and day-dockers alike and will debut a \$5 million makeover in May 2025.

Cleveland Lakefront Bikeway. Passing historic mansions, city beaches and the Downtown waterfront, the 17-mile Lakefront Bikeway provides postcard-worthy views along the way. With off-road paths and on-street, signed routes the bikeway follows the Lake Erie shoreline and connects the city's eastern and western borders.

**Kayaking.** <u>Great Lakes Watersports</u> on the West Bank of the Flats rents jet skis, boats and kayaks to the adventurous, while <u>River Cruiser Kayaking</u> offers tours of area waterways,

including the Cuyahoga River, Ohio Erie Canal and the Cleveland Metroparks' Rocky River Reservation.

**Stand Up Paddle Boarding.** Thrill-seekers can catch some rays while learning to stand-up paddleboard via Rico's Rentals, Aloha SUP and 41° North Kayak Adventures; the latter of which also offers kayaking lessons.

**Irishtown Bend Park.** The Cuyahoga River hillside known as <u>Irishtown Bend</u> is being transformed into a 23-acre park with a riverfront trail, gathering spaces and boardwalk expected to be complete in 2027. The area was the site of an Irish shantytown in the 19<sup>th</sup> century as the city was gaining prominence as an industrial hub. The hillside slopes down from the vibrant Ohio City neighborhood. The park will complete the connection of the Cleveland Foundation Centennial Lake Link Trail to the 101-mile Towpath Trail and will make history as one of the first U.S. waterfront parks directly connected to public housing.

