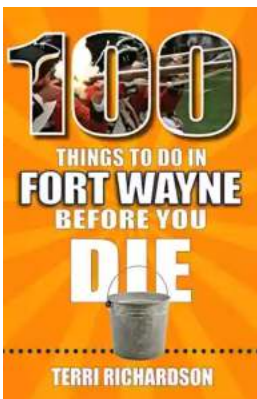


100 Things To Do In Fort Wayne Before You Die



Located in northeastern Indiana, Fort Wayne is a vibrant city that offers a wide range of activities and attractions for visitors of all ages. From historical landmarks to delicious culinary experiences, there are countless things to see and do in this bustling metropolis. Whether you're a local resident or just passing through, here are 100 things you must do in Fort Wayne before you die.

1. Visit the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo



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Ranked as one of the top zoos in the nation, the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo is a must-visit attraction for families. Explore the various exhibits, interact with friendly animals, and enjoy exciting rides like the Sky Safari or Endangered Species Carousel.

2. Wander through the Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory



Escape into nature at the Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory. Admire the stunning display of plants and flowers across different biomes, including a lush tropical rainforest and a serene desert garden. Don't miss the seasonal exhibits and special events held throughout the year.

3. Explore the Fort Wayne Museum of Art



If you're an art enthusiast, the Fort Wayne Museum of Art is a must-visit destination. Marvel at the impressive collection of American artwork, ranging from modern masterpieces to classical pieces. Attend art classes or workshops to explore your creativity.

4. Join a Riverfront Fort Wayne Segway Tour



Embark on an adventurous journey through the city with a Riverfront Fort Wayne Segway Tour. Glide along the scenic riverfront, explore historic landmarks, and learn fascinating facts about Fort Wayne from knowledgeable guides.

5. Catch a Baseball Game at Parkview Field



Experience the thrill of America's favorite pastime at Parkview Field, home to the Fort Wayne TinCaps. Grab a hot dog, cheer for the home team, and enjoy the lively atmosphere of this modern ballpark.

6. Immerse Yourself in History at the Historic Old Fort



Step back in time at the Historic Old Fort, a reconstructed 19th-century military fort. Discover the rich history of Fort Wayne through interactive exhibits, reenactments, and guided tours of authentic structures.

7. Enjoy a Relaxing Stroll at the Lakeside Rose Garden



Escape the hustle and bustle of the city and unwind in the peaceful Lakeside Rose Garden. Admire over 2,000 rose bushes in various colors and fragrances, and take in the stunning views of the surrounding lakes.

8. Attend a Performance at the Embassy Theatre



Experience the magic of live performances at the historic Embassy Theatre. From Broadway shows to concerts and film screenings, this beautifully restored venue offers a diverse lineup of entertainment throughout the year.

9. Explore Science Central



Ignite your curiosity at Science Central, an interactive science museum. Engage in hands-on experiments, marvel at the exhibits, and learn about various scientific principles in a fun and engaging way.

10. Take a Stroll along the Rivergreenway



Enjoy the natural beauty of Fort Wayne by taking a walk or bike ride along the scenic Rivergreenway. Stretching for 25 miles, this trail system offers picturesque views of the rivers, parks, and wildlife.

11. Visit the African/African American Historical Museum

Delve into the rich history and heritage of African Americans at the African/African American Historical Museum. Explore the exhibits, learn about influential figures, and gain a deeper understanding of the African American experience in Fort Wayne.

12. Indulge in Delicious Sweets at DeBrand Fine Chocolates

Satisfy your sweet tooth at DeBrand Fine Chocolates, a local chocolatier known for its gourmet treats. Sample handcrafted chocolates, take a factory tour, and learn about the chocolate-making process.

13. Discover the Historic Embassy Theatre Boutique

Browse unique gifts and souvenirs at the Historic Embassy Theatre Boutique. From locally crafted artwork to Fort Wayne-themed merchandise, this charming shop has something for everyone.

14. Explore the Fort Wayne Museum of Art Gift Shop

If you're looking for art-inspired gifts, head to the Fort Wayne Museum of Art Gift Shop. Browse a wide selection of prints, jewelry, home decor, and other artistic treasures.

15. Go Sledging at Franke Park

Experience the thrill of sledding down the snowy hills of Franke Park during winter months. Grab a sled, embrace the winter wonderland, and enjoy a day filled with laughter and excitement.

16. Taste Local Craft Beers at Junk Ditch Brewing Company

Sample a variety of craft beers at Junk Ditch Brewing Company, a popular local brewery. Explore unique flavors, enjoy delicious food pairings, and mingle with fellow beer enthusiasts in a relaxed atmosphere.

17. Attend a Concert at the Foellinger Theatre

Enjoy an outdoor concert under the stars at the Foellinger Theatre. From rock and country to classical and jazz, this open-air venue hosts a diverse lineup of musical performances throughout the summer.

18. Learn about Aviation at the National Military History Center

Discover the fascinating world of aviation at the National Military History Center. Explore the impressive collection of military aircraft, vehicles, and memorabilia,

and learn about the brave men and women who served our country.

19. Explore the Allen County Public Library

Dive into a world of knowledge at the Allen County Public Library, one of the largest public libraries in the nation. Browse extensive book collections, attend informative workshops, or simply find a cozy spot to read.

20. Visit the Fort Wayne Firefighters Museum

Pay tribute to the heroic firefighters of Fort Wayne at the Fort Wayne Firefighters Museum. Marvel at the antique fire trucks, explore historical exhibits, and learn about the rich firefighting history of the city.

21. Enjoy a Picnic at Foster Park

Escape to nature and have a delightful picnic at Foster Park. With lush greenery, scenic trails, and serene waterways, this park is the perfect place to relax, unwind, and enjoy the beauty of Fort Wayne.

22. Watch a Performance at the Philharmonic Orchestra

Immerse yourself in the enchanting world of classical music by attending a performance by the Fort Wayne Philharmonic Orchestra. Be captivated by the passionate melodies and skillful performances of talented musicians.

23. Explore the Botanical Roots Community Garden

Get your hands dirty and help cultivate the Botanical Roots Community Garden. Learn about sustainable gardening practices, participate in workshops, and contribute to the beautification of the community.

24. Go Boating or Fishing on Lake Erie

Escape the city and head to Lake Erie for a day of boating or fishing. Enjoy the scenic views, try your luck at catching some fish, and make lasting memories surrounded by the beauty of nature.

25. Visit the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum

Catch a live sports event, concert, or exhibition at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum. With its state-of-the-art facilities, this multipurpose arena offers a wide range of entertainment options throughout the year.

26. Explore History at the Genealogy Center

Uncover your family's roots and explore local history at the Genealogy Center. With access to extensive genealogical resources and expert assistance, you can trace your ancestry and discover fascinating stories from the past.

27. Enjoy a Relaxing Day at Lakeside Park & Rose Garden

Spend a leisurely day at Lakeside Park & Rose Garden, a sprawling park with beautiful landscaping and seasonal flowers. Take a stroll by the lake, have a picnic, and appreciate the tranquility of this serene oasis.

28. Explore the History Center

Learn about the history of Fort Wayne and Allen County at the History Center. Explore interactive exhibits, immerse yourself in local stories, and gain a deeper understanding of the city's past.

29. Attend the Three Rivers Festival

Join the annual Three Rivers Festival, a lively summer event that celebrates the spirit and culture of Fort Wayne. Enjoy live music, carnival rides, delicious food, and a grand fireworks display.

30. Take a Train Ride at the Fort Wayne Railroad Historical Society

Step aboard a vintage locomotive and experience the thrill of a train ride at the Fort Wayne Railroad Historical Society. Learn about the history of railroads, explore the museum, and take part in special events.

31. Shop Local produce at the Fort Wayne Farmers Market

Support local farmers and artisans by shopping at the Fort Wayne Farmers Market. Browse an array of fresh produce, homemade goods, and handcrafted items while enjoying the vibrant atmosphere.

32. Watch a Play at the First Presbyterian Theater

Experience the magic of live theater at the First Presbyterian Theater. Watch captivating performances by talented actors in an intimate setting, and immerse yourself in the world of storytelling.

33. Enjoy a Cup of Coffee at Firefly Coffee House

Relax with a cup of freshly brewed coffee at Firefly Coffee House. Appreciate the cozy ambiance, indulge in delicious baked goods, and savor every sip of your favorite hot beverage.

34. Explore the Allen County Courthouse

Marvel at the stunning architecture of the Allen County Courthouse, a historic landmark in downtown Fort Wayne. Take a guided tour, learn about the judicial system, and admire the intricate details of this grand building.

35. Attend a Classic Film Screening at Cinema Center

Transport yourself to the golden age of cinema by attending a classic film screening at Cinema Center. From timeless Hollywood masterpieces to

international gems, this art-house theater offers a curated selection of films for film lovers.

36. Try Outdoor Activities at Fox Island County Park

Indulge in outdoor activities at Fox Island County Park, a nature lover's paradise. Explore hiking trails, go kayaking on the lake, and observe wildlife in its natural habitat.

37. Visit the Allen County Memorial Forest

Pay tribute to fallen soldiers at the Allen County Memorial Forest, a serene place of remembrance. Walk through the peaceful trails, reflect on the sacrifices made, and honor the heroes who served our country.

38. Experience Thrills at UltraZone Laser Tag

Get your adrenaline pumping with a game of laser tag at UltraZone Laser Tag. Engage in friendly competition, strategize with your team, and unleash your inner warrior in an action-packed environment.

39. Explore the Fort Wayne Outfitters & Bike Depot

Get active and explore Fort Wayne's scenic trails with help from Fort Wayne Outfitters & Bike Depot. Rent a bike, kayak, or paddleboard and embark on an outdoor adventure in the heart of the city.

40. Discover Local Artists at the Orchard Gallery of Fine Art

Immerse yourself in the vibrant local art scene at the Orchard Gallery of Fine Art. Admire the diverse selection of artwork, meet talented artists, and add a unique piece to your personal collection.

41. Visit the Fort Wayne Aviation Museum

Explore the fascinating world of aviation history at the Fort Wayne Aviation Museum. Admire vintage aircraft, learn about aviation pioneers, and discover the technological advancements that shaped the industry.

42. Take a Brewery Tour at Mad Anthony Brewing Company

Embark on a brewery tour at Mad Anthony Brewing Company and get a behind-the-scenes look at the beer-making process. Sample a variety of signature brews, learn about the different beer styles, and toast to great flavors.

43. Attend a Sporting Event at Spiece Fieldhouse

Cheer for your favorite teams and athletes at the state-of-the-art Spiece Fieldhouse. From basketball tournaments to volleyball matches, this premier sports facility hosts a wide range of competitive events.

44. Explore the Fort Wayne Children's Choir

Experience the magic of music by attending a performance by the Fort Wayne Children's Choir. Be amazed by the talent and passion of these young singers as they showcase their skills in harmonious melodies.

45. Play a Round of Golf at McMillen Park Golf Course

Improve your swing and enjoy a round of golf at the scenic McMillen Park Golf Course. With its challenging fairways and picturesque views, this course offers an ideal setting for golf enthusiasts.

46. Watch a Ballet Performance at the Fort Wayne Ballet

Be captivated by the grace and beauty of ballet at the Fort Wayne Ballet. From classic productions to innovative contemporary works, this renowned dance company offers unforgettable performances.

47. Learn about Native American Culture at the Miami Indian Heritage Society

Gain insight into Native American history and culture at the Miami Indian Heritage Society. Explore exhibits, hear traditional stories, and learn about the enduring legacy of the Miami and Potawatomi tribes.

48. Take a Horse-Drawn Carriage Ride through Downtown Fort Wayne

Embark on a romantic horse-drawn carriage ride through the charming streets of downtown Fort Wayne. Snuggle up with your loved one, enjoy the nostalgic atmosphere, and create lasting memories together.

49. Go Ice Skating at Headwaters Park

Embrace the winter season and go ice skating at the outdoor rink in Headwaters Park. Glide across the ice, feel the crisp air on your face, and experience the joy of this beloved seasonal activity.

50. Enjoy a Live Performance at the Williams Theatre

Support the performing arts community by attending a live performance at the Williams Theatre. From theatrical productions to musical concerts, this venue showcases the talent and creativity of local artists.

51. Visit the Historic Fort Wayne Water Filtration Plant

Take a guided tour of the Historic Fort Wayne Water Filtration Plant and learn about the city's water purification process. Discover the engineering marvels behind safe drinking water and gain a new appreciation for this essential resource.

52. Attend a Cultural Festival at Headwaters Park

Celebrate diversity and immerse yourself in different cultures by attending a cultural festival at Headwaters Park. From Asian lantern festivals to Latin American carnivals, these vibrant events showcase the global heritage of the community.

53. Take a Ghost Tour through Haunted Fort Wayne

Experience the spine-chilling stories and haunted history of Fort Wayne on a ghost tour. Visit notoriously haunted locations, hear eerie tales, and feel the goosebumps as you delve into the supernatural side of the city.

54. Visit the African American Genealogical Society of Fort Wayne

Trace your roots and discover your African American ancestry at the African American Genealogical Society of Fort Wayne. Access genealogical resources, attend workshops, and connect with others researching their family history.

55. Explore the Fort Wayne Outlaws Museum

Learn about the rich history of roller derby at the Fort Wayne Outlaws Museum. Discover the origins of this exciting sport, view vintage photographs and memorabilia, and learn about the local teams that competed over the years.

56. Attend a Comedy Show at Fort Wayne Comedy Club

Laugh the night away at the Fort Wayne Comedy Club. Enjoy hilarious performances by local comedians or catch a nationally renowned stand-up comedian in an intimate setting.

57. Try Authentic Vietnamese Cuisine at Banh Mi Barista

Experience the vibrant flavors of Vietnam at Banh Mi Barista. Indulge in mouthwatering banh mi sandwiches, savory pho noodle soup, and other traditional Vietnamese dishes that will tickle your taste buds.

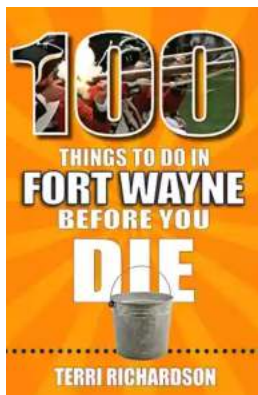
58. Explore the African/African American Library

Expand your knowledge about African and African American history at the African/African American Library. Browse an extensive collection of literature, attend book clubs or lectures, and connect with fellow readers.

59. Play Indoor Miniature Golf at Blacklight Adventures

Embark on an illuminating adventure at Blacklight Adventures, an indoor miniature golf course that glows in the dark. Navigate challenging obstacles, unleash your competitive spirit, and have a blast with friends and family.

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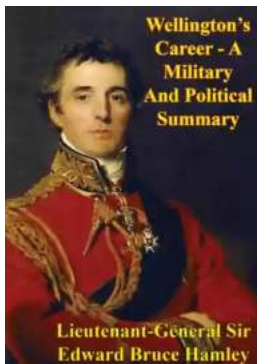


An easy drive from almost every major midwestern city and full of adventures and history, it's no wonder Fort Wayne, Indiana always makes the list of the top places to live. With outdoor activities, a burgeoning food scene, and plenty for the whole family, you'll need help winnowing down the list of attractions. Enter 100 Things to Do in Fort Wayne Before You Die, your insider guide to Indiana's

second-largest city.

Go wild at the city's 40-acre zoo and catch the legendary, joke-telling amphibian Croaky in action. Fort Wayne is known as "The City of Churches," but do you know which one has a bowling alley in the basement? Catch a minor league baseball game, order a drink from a rooftop overlooking the city or spend an evening touring downtown in a romantic carriage ride. This guide offers the top food and drink, live music and entertainment, culture and history attractions, sporting events, recreation and shopping, all with the personal touch of a longtime resident's recommendations.

Local author and journalist Terri Richardson brings three decades of experience in the Fort to all of her carefully crafted itineraries and suggestions. So grab a Coney dog and your copy of this book for a great time exploring Fort Wayne's many offerings.



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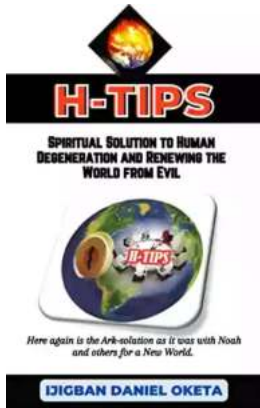
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