



Four ways to discover Ohio State

Explore campus and Columbus
from the perspective that
interests you most.

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History and art buff

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1. Academic Explorer



The William Oxley Thompson Memorial Library, Ohio State's main library, hosts thousands of students daily. After a three-year renovation project, Thompson Library is now home to 1.25 million volumes of books, 230 computers, 1,800 study seats and the Berry Café. Be sure to check out the Campus Reading Room on the top floor to see spectacular views of campus and downtown Columbus. library.osu.edu



The Columbus Zoo and Aquarium, named the #1 Zoo in America by *USA Travel Guide*, fosters a greater appreciation of wildlife and conservation issues amongst its visitors. Just 30 minutes north of campus, the zoo offers discounted admission to Ohio State students. columbuszoo.org



Orton Hall—named for Ohio State's first president, Edward Orton—was built in 1893 using 40 types of Ohio stone laid in stratigraphic order to mirror Ohio's bedrock. Orton is home to the Orton Geological Museum and the Orton Library of Geology. geology.osu.edu/facilities.php



COSI (Center of Science and Industry), located in downtown Columbus, was recently named the #1 Science Center in the country by *Parents* magazine. Open in 1964, COSI has as its mission providing an exciting and informative atmosphere for those of all ages to discover more about our environment, our accomplishments, our heritage and ourselves. cosi.org

The John Glenn College of Public Affairs exhibit space, located in [Page Hall](#), offers a historical overview of Senator Glenn's life—as an astronaut, senator and family man—in pictures and mementos. The collection also includes a moon rock. Glenn piloted NASA's Friendship 7, the first American manned orbital mission, in 1962. glenn.osu.edu

[Orton Hall](#) houses the bell tower chimes—14 bells weighing more than 25,000 pounds that mark the hour and quarter hour. Listen at noon to hear “Carmen Ohio.”



Biological Sciences Greenhouses, located atop the 12th Avenue Garage, feature 15,120 square feet of glass greenhouses divided into 24 computer-controlled environments used for research and teaching. The facility also houses a unique insectary. Reservations are required: call 614-688-5593.

2. HISTORY › ART BUFF

Hopkins Hall Gallery is a central part of life in the College of Arts and Sciences. Week-long student art exhibitions occur throughout the year, particularly during spring and summer terms when the majority of students are completing their degree programs. art.osu.edu

Gateway Film Center at the South Campus Gateway shows blockbusters, indies, docs and locally-grown films, plus hosts a film festival and weekly trivia night. What's up now: gatewayfilmcenter.org/events.



Knowlton Hall, dedicated in 2004, is a state-of-the-art facility for the School of Architecture. This modern building features gallery space for exhibitions, central review space, two computer labs, a roof garden, a digital image library and a café. knowlton.osu.edu



Wexner Center for the Arts is your campus destination for exhibitions, performances and film. While you're there, check out the Wex's unique store and café. Obtain a one-day pass for the Wexner Center galleries when you check in for your visit. wexarts.org

Urban Arts Space, located in downtown Columbus, is 10,000 square feet of exhibition space, non-traditional performance and installation space, and conference and office space. A partnership between the Urban Arts Space and faculty from the arts and humanities allows the space to carry out its mission of teaching, experimentation and community engagement. uas.osu.edu

Read more about Ohio State history and traditions at osu.edu/news/history.php.

Mirror Lake, originally fed by a natural spring, figured prominently in the selection of a site for the university. Mirror Lake Hollow includes Browning Amphitheatre, Bucket and Dipper Rock, the [Faculty Club](#) and [Pomerene Hall](#)—all campus landmarks in their own right.



The Short North Arts District is home to dozens of galleries and exhibit spaces. Less than a mile south of campus, the district plays host to Gallery Hop on the first Saturday of every month. Thousands of visitors converge on the strip to see new exhibits and to celebrate art! shortnorth.org

3. Foodie



The MarketPlace at Neil, located in the Neil Building, is a favorite campus dining destination for students. MarketPlace serves up plenty of variety, from fresh wraps and hot panini to wood-fired pizzas and stir fry.



Mirror Lake Creamery and Grill, located in Pomerene Hall, features burgers, fries, subs, sandwiches, mac and cheese, milkshakes and 24 flavors of ice cream.

Visit dining.osu.edu for a list of dining locations across campus.



South Campus Gateway, located on High Street between Chittenden and Ninth Avenues, features great eateries frequented by Ohio State students. Although not part of the campus dining plan, students spend their extra cash at spots like Eddie George's Grille 27, Five Guys, MadMex, Mark Pi's, Panera, Fusian Sushi and Coldstone Creamery. southcampusgateway.com



Ohio Union offers multiple unique dining experiences. The *Union Market* is comprised of four stations: eat a grilled favorite at *Fired Up*, enjoy a locally-grown salad at *Across the Field*, make a fresh sandwich at *Dough-IO* or try some international cuisine at *Buckeye Passports*. Also in the Union you'll find a 1950s-inspired diner called *Sloopy's* that features diner-style classics and breakfast favorites.



The **North Market** is a popular public market started in 1876 that features the food of locally grown businesses like Flavors of India, Hot Chicken Takeover, Hubert's Polish Kitchen, Jeni's Splendid Ice Creams, Nida's Sushi, Sarefino's Pizzeria and. Located three miles south of campus, the market is a short ride on the #2 COTA bus that runs along High Street. northmarket.com

As a "secret foodie city" (*Forbes Travel Guide*), Columbus offers amazing eats at every turn. Have some time to explore? Take a tour with **Columbus Food Adventures**.

4. SPORTS ENTHUSIAST

Arrange a 1.5-hour guided tour of Ohio Stadium through the Athletics department. For information, visit ohiostatebuckeyes.com/facilities/ohio-stadium-tours.html. Note that tours must be scheduled two weeks in advance.



Ohio Stadium, completed in 1922, was the first horseshoe-shaped doubled-deck stadium in the U.S. Home to Buckeye football, the stadium attracts over 105,000 enthusiastic fans on fall Saturdays.



The Recreation & Physical Activity Center (RPAC) is one of five recreational sports facilities on campus. Centrally located, RPAC is the largest collegiate recreation center in the country, boasting more than half-a-million square feet of recreation, fitness and aquatic space, as well as meeting rooms and cafes. Stop by the RPAC Welcome Center for a free pass to explore the facility. recsports.osu.edu

The Columbus Clippers, a minor league affiliate of the Cleveland Indians, make their home at Huntington Park, a 10,100-seat stadium located in the Arena District just a few miles south of campus. clippersbaseball.com



The Arena District plays host to the NHL's Columbus Blue Jackets. Catch a game if you're in town during hockey season (September through April). bluejackets.nhl.com

Ohio State students have access to discount tickets for all three sports programs—and many other city events—through d-tix.osu.edu.

Bask in Buckeye pride by attending an Ohio State sporting event. With more than 30 varsity sports, you're likely to find a game scheduled during your visit. ohiostatebuckeyes.com



Be Massive! Columbus is home to the Columbus Crew, 2008 MLS Cup Champions. The team plays at Crew Stadium, a few miles northeast of campus, from February through October. thecrew.com

Visit tips

Before you leave home ...

- Please read your confirmation letter/email carefully and bring it with you. It contains important information including the location of your first session.
- If you have an academic appointment prior to your overview and campus tour, please report there first.
- Download the [Ohio State app](#) for easy access to the campus map and bus schedule.
- Allow an additional 30 minutes for unexpected delays on your way to campus. Before you leave home, you may want to visit [ohgo.com](#) for the latest construction and traffic information.
- In preparation for your visit, write down questions you would like to ask our counselors or students.
- Our campus tour is a 90-minute walking tour. Please dress for the weather, wear comfortable shoes and bring an umbrella if rain is expected.
- If you're planning an overnight stay, see a list of accommodations at [osu.edu/visitors](#).

Have a great visit at The Ohio State University!

If you have questions about your visit or need to reschedule, call 614- 292-3980 or visit [campusvisit.osu.edu](#).

While you're here ...

Plan to see as much as you can on and around campus before or after your tour. Visit staff will be on hand to answer your questions and direct you to visitor favorites like the university bookstore and [Wexner Center for the Arts](#).

Don't miss an opportunity to:

Stop by Barnes & Noble at The Ohio State University for all your Buckeye merchandise. Two locations are particularly convenient: on the first floor of the [Ohio Union](#) (near the High Street entrance) and on the corner of High Street and 11th Avenue in the South Campus Gateway.

Take your picture with the bronze Brutus Buckeye sitting on the bench inside the main entrance of the [Ohio Union](#). Picture yourself as a Buckeye!

Pick up a copy of [The Lantern](#), Ohio State's student newspaper, to learn about hot issues and happenings on campus. It's available at the [Ohio Union](#) and in most classroom buildings and libraries.

Grab a bite to eat at one of our on-campus dining facilities. Scroll up to Foodies for great suggestions for a meal on or around campus. Or, check with our visit staff for recommendations.

Attend an event on campus. Catch a lecture, play, concert, exhibit or festival—something is always happening on campus! Nonstudents are welcome. For a full listing, check out the calendar of events at [osu.edu/events](#).

Relax on the Oval, the open grassy area stretching from [Thompson Library](#) to College Road. The Oval is the place to be for people-watching, frisbee and hanging out when the weather is warm.

Tour guides recommend ...



Kat Crawford
English
Vero Beach, Florida

"My favorite building on campus is Orton Hall, which houses the Geological Museum and the Geology Library. It's always quiet, and the beautiful interior and smell of old books makes it the perfect place to study!"



Abdul Alwattar
Public Affairs with a pre-law focus
Dublin, Ohio

"The Ohio Union is definitely the social hub of campus. It houses a 50s-style diner, a food court and a sports bar, as well as a multitude of spots to study, attend an event or just relax between classes."