



The weather is warm, the days are long, flowers are blooming and it's a great time to be outside. Here are a few ideas to help you stay cool all while getting some sun and a bit of exercise during your summery staycation.

### **SPLASH TIME!**

Need to cool off? The 419 area offers many options. Many of the smaller communities offer public pools, with a small admission fee. While some area pools require a membership, most allow guests to attend for a fee when accompanied by a member. Listed are just a few of the public pools in our area:

**Arlington Community Pool, the Bluffton Pool, Carey Memorial Park, Kenton City Swimming Pool, Riverside City Pool (Findlay) and Tiffin City Swimming.** Most offer a limited snack bar and some allow outside food and drink.

**Lakeview Pool & Tennis Club, Canterbury Swim & Tennis Club,**

**Findlay Country Club, and Findlay Elks Lodge #75 Northridge** all offer club memberships for singles, couples and families.

Looking for thrill rides while getting wet at the same time? **Cedar Point Shores** offers a six-story-tall, four person aqua body slide, as well as tube rides and a family splashground equipped with 12 kid sized waterslides.

**Cedar Point: The Roller Coaster Capital of the World** has become a vacation destination with the expansion of Cedar Point Shores, along with their world famous amusement park. Guests visit from all over the world, and Northwest Ohio residents are lucky enough to have all of this just a short drive away.

### **EXPLORE ON A BIKE**

No matter how well you know the 419 area, it always looks different on two wheels. Spend a day biking along the nearby trails or on one of the many country roads in our rural

communities. You can bring a lunch and go all day or keep it short and relaxing. Always wear a helmet when biking. If you want to try something new, look into renting a tandem bike. A local favorite spot is **The Blanchard River Greenway Bike Path**, which supports walking and bicycling along the Blanchard River Greenway.

### **PARKS**

Explore our local parks by land or by water. According to the Hancock Parks District website [hancockparks.com](http://hancockparks.com), the **Blanchard River Water Trail** is 37.6 miles. It begins at Blanchard River Nature Preserve and ends at Blanchard Landing. There are numerous river access sites along the way, including Jackson Landing, Liberty Landing, and Blanchard Landing. The **Zonta Landing Boat Rentals** located within Riverside Park's waterfront area, welcomes visitors to the Old Mill Stream. A public concession, operated by

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the Hancock Park District, the boat livery rents canoes, kayaks, and pedal boats seasonally Memorial Weekend through Labor Day, on weekends and holidays from 1:00-7:00PM. Enjoy a relaxing day while making new memories all with the convenience of being close to home. If you prefer exploring by land put on some hiking boots or solid tennis shoes, pack plenty of water, put on sunscreen and go for a walk and enjoy the sights and sounds around you in nature. **Aeraland Recreation Area** located at 1141 Twp. Rd 243, Fostoria, will offer a Quiet Country Adult Hike on July 5th from 6:30-7:30PM. **Litzenberg Memorial Woods**, 610 US Rt. 224 East, Findlay, will host a Lazy Sunday Evening stroll for adults on July 22 from 6:30-7:30PM. **Oakwoods Nature Preserve and Riverbend Park** both offer nature walking trails. Take a romantic stroll around the shoreline of the **Riverbend-Findlay Reservoirs** or **Fostoria**



**Reservoirs** at sunrise or sunset. The reflection of the sun on the water makes for a beautiful way to start or end your day.

## FISHING

If walking or biking doesn't interest you then perhaps one of America's favorite pastimes will...fishing! The local reservoirs are not only a great place to enjoy the sun but are also a favorite among local rodmen. Fisherman can always be spotted among the many ponds of the 419 area as well.

Feeling adventurous? Lake Erie, the shallowest of the five Great Lakes is just a short drive away and offers numerous marinas with public access points. Charters can also be booked. Smallmouth bass, walleye, white perch, and northern pike are just a few of the fish that inhabit Lake Erie.

## S'mores anyone?

If your backyard is big enough for a tent, pull it out, put it up and spend a night outdoors. You can cook over a fire pit for dinner, which means the opportunity to make s'mores, the essential camping treat, look at the stars and then curl up in the tent. Want to get away for a night or two? There are an abundant number of choices in camping sites in the 419 area. For a staycation close to home, your family can enjoy fishing, camping, swimming and so much more. Here are just a few of the local options but don't forget to pack the bug spray!

**Eagle Lake Camping Resort - Gibsonburg**  
**Fire Lake Camper Park - Bowling Green**  
**Heritage Springs - Vanlue**  
**Meadowbrook Park - Bascom**  
**Pleasant View Recreation Van Buren**  
**Toledo East Stony Ridge KOA**  
**Twin Lakes Park - Bluffton**  
**Shady Lake - Findlay**

Although we all have days off that are simply a day off, with no plans for work or play, you can discover new things in the 419 and make memories with activities that fit into any budget. These warm and sunny days will transition into fall weather before we know it – so make your summer exciting and relaxing!

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