

# Pittsburgh, PA

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## Seasonality

### When to go

This four-season city has **hot, humid summers** (peak season) and **cold, snowy winters**. Rain is frequent **Apr-Jun**

### What to know

 High traffic and long wait times during home games in football season

### What to see

Pittsburgh Marathon in May

<https://www.shutterstock.com/image-photo/marathon-running-light-evening-1064515046>

Three Rivers Arts Festival in June

<https://www.istockphoto.com/photo/music-festival-crowd-gm874747066-244235154?phrase=arts%20festival>

Picklesburgh festival in July

<https://www.istockphoto.com/photo/ny-pickle-festival-gm184898864-27784716?phrase=pickle%20festival>

# Neighborhoods

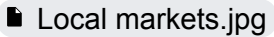
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[https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/1/edit?mid=12jLT8957bXgl4bZGw0hVbc2Qx7\\_qGLNT&ll=40.439073849820616%2C-79.99892346484094&z=13](https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/1/edit?mid=12jLT8957bXgl4bZGw0hVbc2Qx7_qGLNT&ll=40.439073849820616%2C-79.99892346484094&z=13)

1.

Dahntahn (Downtown, Central Business District)
<b>Photo</b> <a href="https://unsplash.com/photos/ZolgQavzq2M">https://unsplash.com/photos/ZolgQavzq2M</a>
<b>Tags</b> Bridges, Skyscrapers, Offices
<b>Description</b> When you go "dahntahn," you'll get why Pittsburgh is nicknamed the City of Bridges. (446 in total – count 'em!) The Central Business District is where the Allegheny River meets the Monongahela (ma-NON-ga-HALE-uh), and where you'll find soaring skyscrapers, hotels, sports arenas, theaters, restaurants, and nightlife.
<b>Local tip</b> Take a bike ride down Three Rivers Heritage Trail over the bridge to see some of the best views of downtown Pittsburgh!
<b>Safety</b> -

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Yinzer culture 101 (Strip District, 16th to 33rd)
<b>Photo</b> 
<b>Tags</b> Culture, Locals, Markets
<b>Description</b> Experience the city like a bona fide Yinzer on this historic strip along the Allegheny River.

It's always full of life, especially on weekends and game days. Between classic local restaurants, markets, and international grocery stores, you'll find plenty of fuel to cheer on the Steelers, Pirates, or Penguins – even if they're not your team!

**Local tip**

Have a chicken sandwich at Coop de Ville, a restaurant featuring duckpin bowling and a champagne vending machine, among other delights.

**Safety**

N/A

3.

Parks & education (Oakland)

**Photo**

<https://www.instagram.com/p/CkD3YXmt7g0/> Photo #2 from @billkardos

**Tags**

Students, Museums

**Description**

If you love a good college town vibe, set your sights on Oakland, home to the University of Pittsburgh's main campus. It's the academic and medical center of the city, and it hosts many of the top sights and museums along with plenty of green space. It's a convenient place to stay – just don't mention you went to Penn State, all right?

**Local tip**

From here it's easy to navigate to all areas of the city by bus. The Oaklander is a popular hotel in the area.

**Safety**

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4.

Mansions & hipsters (Walnut St. and South Highland Ave.)

**Photos**

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/123443334@N07/13998177092/>

Update:

<https://www.instagram.com/p/Ci1bw4sMjEh/>

**Tags**

Walking, Shopping, Restaurants

**Description**

Once a magnet for hippie art and counterculture, this historic residential area is now the perfect place for an afternoon shopping spree or coffee date – especially on Walnut Street, which is packed with eclectic shops and galleries. Once you've walked up an appetite, check out the lively bars and restaurants Shadyside has to offer.

**Local tip**

Try a famous burnt almond torte at one of Pittsburgh's best bakeries, Prantl's. I also recommend Girasole or Noodlehead if you're the hungry type.

**Safety**

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5.

Twenty-fun plus (South Side, East Carson Street)

**Photo**

<https://www.instagram.com/p/CeKPVwUMH7Z/> @redhead15014

**Tags**

Bars, Crowded, Nightlife

**Description**

Party Pittsburgh-style! East Carson Street's legendary concentration of drinkeries is perfect for a bar crawl, but you'd better start early, because it'll be packed. If nightlife isn't your thing, try hopping on a bike and hitting the riverfront trail for incredible views of the city.

**Local tip**

If it's too rainy for a bike ride, check out ASCEND South Side for climbing, fitness, and yoga classes. In the morning, drag yourself out of bed for a dose of hot coffee and local artwork at Big Dog.

**Safety**

🌙 East Carson Street is not family-friendly after dark on weekends

6.

Classy 'burbs (Carnegie Mellon University to Regent Square)

**Photo**

📎 Classy burbs 4.jpg

**Tags**

Traditions, Multicultural, Parks

**Description**

Named Squirrel Hill for its abundance of acorn-loving critters, this gorgeous, wealthy, multicultural neighborhood is a peaceful place to have a long walk and a good meal. Its traditionally Jewish delis and restaurants are not to be missed! Bring your walking shoes, though – it's hilly.

**Local tip**

Grab a hot cuppa at the Bohemian-style tearoom Dobrá Tea, then go for kosher baked goods at Pigeon Bagels. *Food & Wine* magazine named Pigeon Bagels one of the best in the US.

**Safety**

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Let's play ball (North Shore to Allegheny General Hospital)

**Photo**

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/daveynin/49082122551/>

**Tags**

Waterfront, Sports, Museums

**Description**

Pittsburgh is a sports city above all, justly proud of its teams and arenas. Wave your Terrible Towel at Acrisure Stadium or wolf down pierogies at PNC Park. Get out on a kayak for a great view of both stadiums, and if you're lucky, you might even catch a baseball flying into the river. Not a sports fan? Some of the city's best museums are here.

**Local tip**

"Justly proud" isn't bragging! PNC Park is rated one of the best stadiums in Major League Baseball.

**Safety**

🌙 The North Shore is safe, but be careful at night in the North Side (beyond Randyland)

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Funky foodies (Lawrenceville, 31st to 48th)

**Photo**

🖼️ Funky foodies 1.jpg

**Tags**

Creative, Breweries, Restaurants

**Description**

Jeet jet? (Did you eat yet?) If not, you're in luck – this foodie paradise is everyone's favorite neighborhood for a good reason. On and around Butler Street, you'll find some of the best breweries, bars, and restaurants in *tahn*, like local favorites Eleventh Hour Brewery and Piccolo Forno.

**Local tip**

Walter's BBQ Southern Kitchen is one of the most popular bars among 20- and 30-somethings for its outdoor barbeque and games! Also, rooftop bar Over Eden has one of the best views of Lawrenceville at sunset.

**Safety**

N/A

## Classic sights

1.

## Duquesne Incline

**Photo**

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/73784413@N00/50076338942/>

**Coordinates**

40.4399300706055, -80.01759016824079

**Google Maps**

<https://goo.gl/maps/nsQPTb4XAcFYsdhU8>

**Description**

It's the best seat in the <i>hahs</i>: a tiny 19th-century train car takes you 400ft (122m) up to the Mount Washington Overlook, where you'll get a hilltop view of Pittsburgh's skyline – a stunning sight at any time of day, but especially at sunset as the city lights turn on.

**Local tip**

After taking in the best view of the city, walk down Mount Washington's restaurant row and enjoy a well-deserved feast!

**Alerts**

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**Safety**

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**Website**

<http://www.duquesneincline.org/>

**Instagram**

<https://www.instagram.com/explore/locations/864525169/duquesne-incline/>

2.

## Phipps Conservatory & Botanical Gardens

**Photo**

<https://www.instagram.com/p/CZ6marGLn2T/> @crazycitylady

**Coordinates**

40.43898075911748, -79.94768914103962

**Google Maps**

<https://goo.gl/maps/95za385TZ87J5NTn6>

**Description**

Pittsburgh's own Eden is part garden paradise, part artistic masterpiece. Wander through




rooms of orchids, butterflies, tropical fruits, cacti, and more expertly arranged beauties than your camera can hold. Time your visit with special exhibits or holiday lights for extra dazzle.

**Local tip**

Check out Phipps Conservatory's Winter Flower Show and Light Garden, open November through January.

**Alerts**

 Buy tickets online in advance

**Safety**

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**Website**

<https://www.phipps.conservatory.org/>

**Instagram**

<https://www.instagram.com/explore/locations/384628/hipps-conservatory-and-botanical-gardens/>

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PNC Park

**Photo**

<https://unsplash.com/photos/ae4KypxWHr8>

**Coordinates**

40.44699548875548, -80.00570424580019

**Google Maps**

<https://goo.gl/maps/8XfDprhGwJqoCpxGA>

**Description**

Even when the Bucs are losing, their home turf is a winner. Classic ballpark architecture combined with stunning views of downtown make this a gorgeous place for games and concerts – but even without event tickets, you can take in the grandeur with year-round tours.

**Local tip**

**Alerts**

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**Safety**

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**Website**

<https://www.mlb.com/pirates/ballpark>

**Instagram**

<https://www.instagram.com/explore/locations/1877/pnc-park/>

4.

Point State Park & Fort Pitt Museum

**Photo**

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/namoscato/36451041172/>

**Coordinates**

40.44157988163389, -80.00784407318373

**Google Maps**

<https://goo.gl/maps/2tHdy7iR7k7grN2pZ>

**Description**

Where the three rivers meet downtown, a beautiful wedge of state park offers you the perfect spot to picnic, jog, or amble through historic landmarks and greenery. You can also bike, kayak, or fish from this point, and don't forget to check out the Fort Pitt Museum to explore the region's early American history.

**Local tip**

Take in the views at the end of a relaxing bike ride or from a kayak through Kayak Pittsburgh.

**Alerts**

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**Safety**

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**Website**

<https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks/FindAPark/PointStatePark/Pages/default.aspx>

**Instagram**

<https://www.instagram.com/explore/locations/454877/point-state-park/>

5.

Andy Warhol Museum

**Photo**

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/30473186@N05/51652469712/>

Update ideas:

<https://www.instagram.com/p/Ck1SYMPp0JE/>  
<https://www.instagram.com/p/Ck1F-MXOA98/>

**Coordinates**

40.44844431254032, -80.00249643924741

**Google Maps**

<https://goo.gl/maps/YU4CLfC7yihkmjAW7>

**Description**

Calling all Warhol stans! North America's largest museum showcasing a single artist invites you to explore this quirky creator's life and work in a series of exhibits that progress chronologically, from top to bottom. Yes, that means multiple floors of Andy – you're welcome. Love, his home city of Pittsburgh.

**Local tip**

Be sure to check out the Film and Video Gallery to explore Warhol's thousands of films and videos.

**Alerts**

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**Safety**

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**Website**

<https://www.warhol.org/>

**Instagram**

<https://www.instagram.com/explore/locations/5735/the-andy-warhol-museum/>

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Carnegie Museum of Natural History

**Photo**

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/iagoarchangel/2377638768/>

**Coordinates**

40.44340313091122, -79.94997400197207

**Google Maps**

<https://goo.gl/maps/BBtmGPFz8aHsKrJX7>

**Description**

This museum's stunning collection of dinosaur fossils – including the original of *T. rex* – is just the beginning of the many fascinating exhibitions of Earth's plants, animals, and minerals. Watch scientists prep fossils in the Paleolab, and rest assured, they're probably not building Jurassic Park.

**Local tip**

While you're here, swing by the sister museum, the Carnegie Museum of Art!

**Alerts**

 Buy timed tickets in advance

**Website**

<https://carnegiemnh.org/>

**Instagram**

<https://www.instagram.com/explore/locations/250810/carnegie-museum-of-natural-history/>

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**Cathedral of Learning****Photo**

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/diversej/48069150101/>

**Coordinates**

40.44433832777441, -79.95323900056961



**Google Maps**

<https://goo.gl/maps/gniYsCQRqQpSP6hA8>

**Description**

That's no ordinary skyscraper! The nation's tallest college building is an active part of the University of Pittsburgh campus, though it looks like a Gothic cathedral. Tour the Nationality Rooms to feel like you're traveling the world, then look out over Oakland from the upper floors to feel on top of it!

**Local tip****Alerts**

 Access restricted during classes and university holidays  
 Register for tours in advance

**Website**

<https://www.nationalityrooms.pitt.edu/>

**Instagram**

<https://www.instagram.com/explore/locations/861060/cathedral-of-learning/>

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## Carnegie Science Center

**Photo**

[https://www.flickr.com/photos/wm\\_archiv/2668754137/](https://www.flickr.com/photos/wm_archiv/2668754137/)

**Coordinates**

40.445797211251325, -80.01820292976765

**Google Maps**

<https://goo.gl/maps/vZWWRM6XtbSaMsaw8>

**Description**

Whether you're a family with children or just a child at heart, the interactive exhibitions here make STEM learning feel like play. Even a certified grade-A adult will enjoy a laser show at the planetarium or an epic documentary at the Rangos Giant Cinema.

**Local tip****Alerts**

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**Safety**

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**Website**

<https://carnegiesciencecenter.org/>

**Instagram**

<https://www.instagram.com/explore/locations/216064745/carnegie-science-center/>

9.

## National Aviary

**Photo**

[https://unsplash.com/photos/JH\\_Efp3whuM](https://unsplash.com/photos/JH_Efp3whuM)

**Coordinates**

40.453352718090926, -80.00960912302028

**Google Maps**

<https://goo.gl/maps/iHQ5txThk8Pn2edQ7>

**Description**

Once you've paid your respects to the dinosaurs in the natural history museum, head across town to say hello to their modern-day descendants. Get up close and personal as

birds big and small go about their lives, some flying freely around you. You can even get tickets to hand-feed African penguins or witness a sloth paint (slowly).

**Local tip**

To see a wider variety of critters, visit the Pittsburgh Zoo and PPG Aquarium in Highland Park. Be sure to check out their calendar for special events like the ZooBrew!

**Alerts**

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**Safety**

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**Website**

<https://www.aviary.org/>

**Instagram**

<https://www.instagram.com/explore/locations/900051/national-aviary/>

10.

Kennywood

**Photo**

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/rollercoasterphilosophy/48555718107/>

**Coordinates**

40.38678542003086, -79.86179697129187

**Google Maps**

<https://goo.gl/maps/cAEK4Kh3EcAqo9gg6>

**Description**

First opened in 1899, this amusement park is one of just two with the title of National Historic Landmark. Some historic rides remain, like the 1920 Jack Rabbit, but the park is best known for its modern attractions, from kiddie rides to adrenaline-pumping coasters. Make room in your trip for a full day here!

**Local tip**

Don't miss their iconic potato patch fries! After May 2023, check out Spinvasion, a brand-new ride (and first of its kind in the US) to celebrate the park's 125th anniversary.

**Alerts**

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**Website**

<https://www.kennywood.com/>


**Instagram**

<https://www.instagram.com/explore/tags/kennywoodpark/>

11.

## PPG Paints Arena

### Photo

 PPG Paints Arena.jpg by Randi Anderson

### Coordinates

40.43939950142149, -79.98886625676423

### Google Maps

<https://goo.gl/maps/vW8ex918SBvWiuJJA>

### Description

Jagr or Super Mario? Malkin or Crosby? Flyers or Caps? Of all the things to ask a Pens fan, the real question is what year they jumped on the bandwagon. The bars around the arena are few and packed with fans (especially Souper Bowl), but you'll find a greater selection on Market Square, including Primanti's.

### Local tip

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### Alert

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### Safety

### Website

<https://www.ppgpaintsarena.com/>

### Instagram

<https://www.instagram.com/explore/locations/1308160/ppg-paints-arena/>

12.

## Acrisure Stadium

### Photo

<https://flic.kr/p/2goKYtv>

### Coordinates

40.447695574059914, -80.01391494034588

**Google Maps**

<https://goo.gl/maps/tQuATfgvpvirm6uf9>

**Description**

They say that if you twirl your Terrible Towel and shout "Stairway to Seven" loud enough, you might not notice the Ravens win another Super Bowl. Find plenty of places for a pregame power-up on Western Ave., or join one of the tailgates in the stadium parking lots or at Stage AE.

**Local tip**



Formerly known as Heinz Field

**Alert**

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**Website**

<https://acisurestadium.com/>

**Instagram**

<https://www.instagram.com/explore/tags/acisurestadium/>

## Local favorites

1.

Randyland art museum

**Photo**

 Randyland.jpg by Randi Anderson

**Coordinates**

40.45807672013002, -80.00931587777598

**Google Maps**

<https://goo.gl/maps/cTJJNedAGFbh6oxRA>

**Description**

Folk artist Randy Gilson transformed his home into a unique and vibrantly colored art museum, brimming with fluorescent murals and eclectic knick-knacks. Open every day from noon to dusk, this ever-changing attraction keeps fans coming back for more. If



you're lucky, you might get to meet the artist himself!

**Local tip**

Randyland is around the block from the Mattress Factory art museum. It's worth it to hit both in one afternoon.

**Alert**

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**Website**

<https://randylandpgh.tumblr.com/>

**Instagram**

<https://www.instagram.com/explore/locations/8703117/randyland/>

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Mattress Factory art museum

**Photo**

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/dhilowitz/26930577221/>

**Coordinates**

40.45700839501192, -80.012384539182

**Google Maps**

<https://goo.gl/maps/4oVUFPvHc2snegqG8>


**Description**

No, it's not a factory, and no, there aren't any mattresses for you to snooze on. But there are strange, sweet dreams in store as you immerse yourself in the visions of contemporary installation artists from across the globe. This wacky museum is right around the corner from Randyland, so they make a perfect duo for an art-filled day.

**Local tip**

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**Alert**

 Buy tickets online in advance

**Website**

<https://mattress.org/>

**Instagram**

<https://www.instagram.com/explore/locations/519916676/mattress-factory-museum/>

3.

## Schenley Park

**Photo**

<https://www.instagram.com/p/CkmCH2Uveeb/> @tikibirds

**Coordinates**

40.43837844696025, -79.94656857545435

**Google Maps**

<https://goo.gl/maps/xqGFMuaTNh4KGeMz5>

**Description**

Care for a slice of forest with your city tour? This refreshing green space connects several classic Pittsburgh sites, so you can wander its many paths, hold a mini picnic, or read in the sun between stops. In summer, keep an eye out for events like outdoor movies and yoga classes; in winter, try the skating rink.

**Local tip**

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**Alert**

- N/A

**Website**

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**Instagram**

<https://www.instagram.com/explore/locations/578964668/schenley-park/>

Good photos here too: <https://www.instagram.com/explore/tags/schenleypark/> but probably equal

4.

## Frick Park

**Photo**

<https://www.shutterstock.com/ru/image-photo/nine-mile-run-stream-frick-park-1467976838>

**Coordinates**

40.43583202409999, -79.90381135464607

**Google Maps**

<https://goo.gl/maps/ySqsboxaViHpQ4c6N6>

**Description**

Get a feel for Western PA's woodlands in the city's largest park. Stretching from Point Breeze in the north to the Monongahela River, its extensive hiking and biking trails are

some of the best in the area. For something less active, check out the cutting-edge environmental center or the state's only public bowling green.

**Local tip**

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**Alert**

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**Website**

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**Instagram**

<https://www.instagram.com/explore/locations/852509403/frick-park/>

5.

Blue Slide Park

**Photo**

<https://www.instagram.com/p/Caef-fpuY-M/> @pnbeuschel (1)

**Coordinates**

40.43005603926191, -79.91482435654964

**Google Maps**

<https://goo.gl/maps/UFXj7rwYUKLNAHi87>

**Description**

This popular playground was made famous by the music video for local rapper Mac Miller's "Frick Park Market." After his tragic passing, the park was dedicated to him, and fans still come with their families to honor him. And yes, there's a blue slide. It's made of concrete, so you ride down on a sheet of cardboard!

**Local tip**

Mac Miller fans can also check out the murals at 204 Paulson Ave, on the side of ID Labs in Etna, and at the corner of James Street and East Ohio Street in Deutschtown.

**Alert**

🌙 Be careful walking on East Ohio Street after dark

**Website**

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**Instagram**

<https://www.instagram.com/explore/locations/1795282/blue-slide-park/>

6.

Three Rivers Heritage Bike Trail
<b>Photo</b> <a href="https://www.instagram.com/p/CUyRHdism4e/">https://www.instagram.com/p/CUyRHdism4e/</a> @reneeabutler (1)
<b>Coordinates</b> 40.43205031167163, -79.97420912311955
<b>Google Maps</b> <a href="https://goo.gl/maps/aZ8o97wPQpet8an66">https://goo.gl/maps/aZ8o97wPQpet8an66</a>
<b>Description</b> When three rivers love each other very much... you get gems like this nonlinear walking and biking trail, which runs 33 miles (53km) along Pittsburgh's riverfront and connects various attractions and neighborhoods. Start at the Hot Metal Bridge for great views of the South Side, then explore downtown at your own pace.
<b>Local tip</b> POGOH is the local public bike share system, and you can register to ride with rates starting per half hour.
<b>Alert</b> - N/A
<b>Website</b> <a href="https://friendsoftheriverfront.org/three-rivers-heritage-trail/">https://friendsoftheriverfront.org/three-rivers-heritage-trail/</a>
<b>Instagram</b> <a href="https://www.instagram.com/explore/locations/8352439/three-rivers-heritage-trail/">https://www.instagram.com/explore/locations/8352439/three-rivers-heritage-trail/</a>

7.

Primanti Bros. restaurant
<b>Photo</b> <a href="https://www.flickr.com/photos/namoscato/17107072148/">https://www.flickr.com/photos/namoscato/17107072148/</a>
<b>Coordinates</b> 40.45075336385992, -79.98551664921841
<b>Google Maps</b> <a href="https://goo.gl/maps/WLEtfdHiz2QVyD439">https://goo.gl/maps/WLEtfdHiz2QVyD439</a>
<b>Description</b>

The iconic Pittsburgh sandwich comes with your meat of choice along with provolone cheese, fresh-cut fries, tomatoes, and house-made slaw. This bad boy was born right here in the historic Strip District, so pull up a chair, order a sandwich with an ice-cold pop (aka soda), and enjoy the restaurant that launched the regional chain.

**Local tip**

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**Alert**

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**Website**

<https://primantibros.com/>

**Instagram**

<https://www.instagram.com/explore/locations/1030859651/primanti-bros/>

8.

Market Square

**Photo**

[https://www.instagram.com/p/CbSUB4\\_L6ku/](https://www.instagram.com/p/CbSUB4_L6ku/) @reneeabutler

**Coordinates**

40.44081314086721, -80.00248486471358

**Google Maps**

<https://goo.gl/maps/VGizzWWrfxHXGZfW8>

**Description**

The beating heart of downtown! Along with shops and restaurants, you'll find fun for every season: warm-weather farmer's markets, live music, and free yoga classes, as well as a cold-weather holiday market with an ice rink and a huge tree in the nearby PPG Place.

**Local tip**

- None

**Alert**

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**Website**

<http://www.marketsquarepgh.com/>

**Instagram**

<https://www.instagram.com/explore/tags/marketsquarepittsburgh/>

9.

## Station Square

**Photo**

<https://www.instagram.com/p/CYKZHnVuDc2/> @betitag

**Coordinates**

40.433291166936975, -80.00477595630701

**Google Maps**

<https://goo.gl/maps/RcVjo4vAfirMp4nz8>

**Description**

Nestled along the train tracks at the water's edge, this shopping complex is full of riverfront restaurants with beautiful views of the city. After dinner, take a sunset cruise on the Gateway Clipper – it's a fun way to see Pittsburgh's bridges and stadiums, including Highmark Stadium, the Riverhounds' 5,000-seat soccer field.

**Local tip**

I recommend the Melting Pot, a popular fondue restaurant in Station Square.

**Alert**

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**Website**

<https://www.stationsquare.com/>

**Instagram**

<https://www.instagram.com/explore/tags/stationsquarepittsburgh/>

10.

## Stage AE

**Photo**

 by Randi Anderson

**Coordinates**

40.446166000273664, -80.01228277220272

**Google Maps**

<https://goo.gl/maps/LQZvPmXpnBMfgisG7>

**Description**

Despite its rock-n-roll roots, this cool, contemporary music venue hosts big-name acts across all genres, including classical and jazz. So don't live on a prayer, and plan ahead to snag tickets to a show in one of its three spaces: the night club, the 2,400-person music

hall, or the 5,500-person outdoor amphitheater!

**Local tip**

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**Alert**

- N/A

**Website**

<http://www.stagepittsburgh.com/>

**Instagram**

<https://www.instagram.com/explore/locations/214982124/stage-ae/>

## Instaspots

1.

Color Park

**Coordinates**

40.43126462169899, -79.99331279974216

**Google Maps**

<https://goo.gl/maps/UfUFFpsZjM8fKoeR7>

**Photographer's tip**

This park has a bright but grungy vibe thanks to the work of local artists. Dress in solids so you don't compete with the art! If you come at sunset, be prepared to climb on the concrete barriers for the best shots.

**Alert**

**Instagram geotag**

<https://www.instagram.com/explore/locations/422240881462324/the-color-park/>

2.

Social Studio PGH

**Coordinates**

40.42883645213138, -79.97977863111255


**Google Maps**

<https://goo.gl/maps/QvLgGzt1Jr7hkEEU9>

**Photographer's tip**

Multiple backdrop areas have all the tools you need to create fun photos, including ring lights and phone holders. There's no dressing room, so change up your look with a sweater, jacket, or hat. They also have special setups for holidays.

**Alert + safety info**

 [Buy tickets online](https://socialstudiopgh.com/) in advance

**Instagram geotag**

<https://www.instagram.com/explore/tags/socialstudiopgh/>

3.

**Mellon Park****Coordinates**

40.45200149382565, -79.91893609553271


**Google Maps**

<https://goo.gl/maps/9aWB1BwssroyiNAfZ>

**Photographer's tip**

Start at the fountain right in the middle of the park, then look around for other cool spots. There's a beautifully manicured lawn and garden area, surrounded by ornate metal gates and cobblestone walkways. The water is off in winter, but the fountain is a great backdrop year-round.

**Alert + safety info**

 Crowded on weekends

**Instagram geotag**

<https://www.instagram.com/explore/locations/230022817031580/mellon-park/>

4.

**Allegheny Landing Park****Coordinates**



40.4469881953142, -80.00269504325458

**Google Maps**

<https://goo.gl/maps/RUaPtZHnhU358qK2A>

**Photographer's tip**

This park offers incredible views of the Pittsburgh skyline along with the famous yellow bridges. Explore the riverwalk to find your favorite spots. Check out the green area with metal sculptures that double as benches.

**Alert + safety info**

👉 Check the Pirates and Steelers schedules before you go – game days make parking harder to find and more expensive

**Instagram geotag**

<https://www.instagram.com/explore/locations/4976539/allegheeny-landing/>

5.

Point State Park fountain

**Coordinates**

40.4418373753861, -80.01282474583779

**Google Maps**

<https://goo.gl/maps/PfavSJWiLfy9rWdP8>

**Photographer's tip**

The 360 views here will not disappoint: you'll have the North Shore on one side and Mt Washington on the other. Catch the sunrise or sunset – during the day it's all direct sunlight. The fountain is turned off in colder months, but during the holidays there's a giant Christmas tree.

**Alerts**

👉 Centrally located and very popular on weekends and game days; leave time to find parking

🌬️ Gets very windy and chilly

**Instagram geotag**

<https://www.instagram.com/explore/locations/454877/point-state-park/>

6.

Hartwood Acres Mansion

**Coordinates**

40.57046015932849, -79.90913732069671

**Google Maps**

<https://goo.gl/maps/59QdazaPtdBcf6VDA>

**Photographer's tip**

The adjoining garden and its impeccably tended flowers are THE spot for photos, but it gets busy on weekends, especially at golden hour. For more options, explore the grounds from all sides. Snap some pics in front of the mansion or book a tour to go inside.

**Alerts**

 Call ahead to see if the grounds will be closed for an event

**Instagram geotag**

<https://www.instagram.com/explore/tags/hartwoodmansion/>

7.

**Fall Run Park waterfall****Coordinates**

40.528338463141246, -79.94894198446725

**Google Maps**

<https://goo.gl/maps/AZDNBD AoFRmm9XLK9>

**Photographer's tip**

This waterfall is nestled at the end of an easy hike. The trails get muddy after a good rain, but that's the best time to catch the surging falls. Go up the wooden steps to look over the top. You can walk right down to the base or stay dry on the wooden bridge and still get an amazing backdrop.

**Alert**

 Rocks and other wet surfaces get slippery

**Instagram geotag**

<https://www.instagram.com/explore/locations/1061457710670514/fall-run-waterfall/>

8.

**Strip District Terminal****Coordinates**

40.4514125556862, -79.98574640165997

**Google Maps**

<https://goo.gl/maps/8xghJwuQd1CHDE4s9>

**Photographer's tip**

One of the newest photo hotspots with murals, colorful stairs, and a walkway with

overhead lights like an old movie theater. The area is busy because of its many restaurants and shops, so park behind the terminal and go explore.

**Alert + safety info**

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**Instagram geotag**

<https://www.instagram.com/explore/locations/354448535189202/strip-district-terminal/>

9.

## West End Overlook

**Coordinates**

40.44575189370438, -80.03362840218158

**Google Maps**

<https://goo.gl/maps/qqY9EahbRN8rwFKC6>

**Photographer's tip**

This overlook offers gorgeous skyline views and is far less busy than the classic Mount Washington viewpoint. Move down the railing to get different parts of the city in your backdrop. There is also a very photogenic walkway with a metal arch covered in vines.

**Alert + safety info**

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**Instagram geotag**

<https://www.instagram.com/explore/locations/136245949740325/west-end-overlook/>

10.

## Marshall Island

**Coordinates**

40.61397282788426, -80.02099420600986


**Google Maps**

<https://goo.gl/maps/xgfxURPJwYt3JFUw9>

**Photographer's tip**

This island is small in size but big on charm. You're right on top of Marshall Lake with the water and treeline behind you. The wooden footbridge taking you from the dock to the island is a great spot for pictures too.

**Alert + safety info**

 Drive carefully – lots of cyclists and pedestrians

**Instagram geotag**

<https://www.instagram.com/explore/locations/12945867/marshall-island-north-park/>

11.

**Highline****Coordinates**

40.430050976450666, -79.99697720905525

**Google Maps**

<https://goo.gl/maps/NpAEtavid3yhAsYNt6>

**Photographer's tip**

This is an office area, so there are fewer people to photobomb your pictures if you go on a weekday. Explore the walkway in both directions – one end gives you a skyline view, and the other has a black and white mural that makes an incredible backdrop.

**Alert + safety info****Instagram geotag**

<https://www.instagram.com/explore/locations/938264959669174/the-highline/>

12.

**Robin Hill Park Mansion****Coordinates**

40.512021992973374, -80.19493748631635

**Google Maps**

<https://goo.gl/maps/VMPRgyGyPaHVzv6G9>

**Photographer's tip**

The mansion and its greenhouse are my favorite spots for photoshoots. The grounds are beautiful and full of blossoming trees in spring.

**Alert + safety info**

 Limited parking on weekends

**Instagram geotag**

<https://www.instagram.com/explore/locations/24726362/robin-hill-park/>