

ROCK 'N' ROLL

CLEVELAND ROCKS, BUT SO DO OTHER PLACES AROUND LAKE ERIE. HERE ARE TEN PLACES TO ROCK AND ROLL—LITERALLY.

Cleveland, Ohio, was not ground zero for rock music, but the term “rock and roll” was first heard on its airwaves, coined by local radio disc jockey Alan Freed, who promoted the music genre in the early 1950s. Today, the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, located on Cleveland’s waterfront, honors legendary performers, as well as producers, songwriters, disc jockeys, and others who have made an impact on the music genre.

Every year artists are elected to the hall of fame, and this year the induction ceremony returns to Cleveland for the first time since 1997. Tickets to the April 4 event are sold out, but there are many other events taking place that week—and on Saturday, April 4, you can visit the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame for free all day. rockhall.com

1 BECOME A ROCKHOUND

Visit the 41st Annual Cleveland Area Gem & Mineral Show at the Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds May 16 – 17. While you’re there check out special demonstrations by the Parma Lapidary Club to learn how to facet gemstones and to make jewelry. parmalapidary.com

2 ROLE PLAY

The British are coming! Join them and U.S. soldiers May 23 to 24 as they recreate the historic 1813 battles at Fort Meigs in Perrysburg, Ohio. fortmeigs.org

3 ON A ROLL

Try the Oishii Sushi Bar & Ultra Lounge in Windsor, Ontario, where you can get some rock with your sushi roll on Thursday nights. Enjoy 20 pieces of sushi and a bucket of Sapporo while the DJ spins classic rock tunes. 255downtown.com/oishiilounge

4 RIDE A ROLLER COASTER

Named the “Best New Ride in the World for 2008” the Ravine Flyer II at Waldameer Park in Erie, Pennsylvania, has 3,000 feet of track, jumps over a highway, and plunges into the ravine from which it gets its name—and it’s a wooden roller coaster! The season starts May 9. waldameer.com

5 GRAB A PIECE OF THE ROCK

Climb to new heights at an indoor rock climbing facility. Master the basics of bouldering or belaying at the Niagara Climbing Center in North Tonawanda, New York. niagaraclimbingcenter.com

6 ROLL OFF THE ASSEMBLY LINE

Get a behind-the-scenes look at a working automotive complex when you take the Ford Rouge Factory Tour in Dearborn, Michigan. Public tours begin at The Henry Ford, one of the largest museums in the world. The bus departs every 20 minutes and passes several Ford-related historic landmarks. thehenryford.org



ROCK AND ROLL HALL OF FAME AND MUSEUM

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ROCK STAR

It's said that Knute Rockne, one of the greatest coaches in college football history, perfected the famous forward pass on the beach at Cedar Point in Sandusky, Ohio, while he was a lifeguard during the summer of 1913.

7 CONNECT WITH YOUR INNER CAVEMAN

Previously part of a property called the Rock Farm, this park in western New York has a hiking trail that leads through a grove of towering rocks, carved with hundreds of passageways, cavernous dens, and small caves. Open daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. from May 9 to October 18. panamarocks.com



8 ROLL THE DICE

Head to Seneca Niagara Casino in Niagara Falls or try one of the many other gambling establishments around Lake Erie to learn to play craps, a game where players wager money against each other based on the outcome of the dice. senecaniagaracasino.com

9 ROLL, ROLL, ROLL YOUR BOAT

You don't need to know how to do an "Eskimo Roll" to enjoy kayaking, but it would come in handy if you were to tip over in open water. Learn the technique of righting a kayak at Evergreen Outfitters in Ashville, New York, which offers Eskimo Roll lessons Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. evergreen-outfitters.com

10 ROLLIN' DOWN THE RIVER

Board the Bluebird Passenger Train in Waterville, Ohio, for a 15-mile trip down the tracks of the Toledo, Lake Erie, and Western Railway. The trip takes 60 minutes and includes a spectacular view from the 900-foot-long bridge over the Maumee River. May through October. tlew.org



CHRIS RALPH

ROCK SALT

One of the world's largest salt beds, known as the Great Eastern Salt Basin, lies deep beneath Lake Erie, covering portions of Ontario, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and New York. Mines in Cleveland and Fairport Harbor, Ohio, supply huge quantities of rock salt used to keep roads and highways free of ice in inclement winter weather.

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