

# PITTSBURGH. *Greatest city on earth.*

## AREAS WITH TONS OF COOL STUFF:

**STRIP DISTRICT:** *awesome street area with the best food of all time and tons of Italian grocers that give out free samples of the most delicious cheese you shall e'er taste*

- **go to Primanti's** for their incredibly famous and delicious sandwich with fries on it.
- **Deluca's** for breakfast (chocolate chip pancakes omg...)
- History center (great sports history!)
- Wander around taking free samples, popping in to kitschy stores, and soaking in the ambience of one of Pittsburgh's coolest areas.



**OAKLAND:** *college area with lots of nice college-y things, great museums, delicious cheap food, and lovely parks.*

- **Carnegie Museum of Natural history** (and Art, if you're into that)—see T-Rexes dueling, one of the greatest halls of dinosaurs in the nation, a bewitching hall of minerals, and MORE!
- **Lulu's Noodles and bubble tea**
- **Dave and Andy's ice cream (so good!)**
- Charlie's Subs
- **Phipps Conservatory** (pretty awesome indoor gardens with, e.g., controllable fountains)
- Schenley park: nice place to picnic, stroll around, go for a run, use the track
- **Cathedral of Learning:** beautiful baroque cathedral where Pitt has classes; on the first and second floors, each classroom is designed after a different country (and they are very intricate and beautiful). At the top some peregrine falcons are usually nesting! Sometimes you can sneak beyond the "top" floor by taking the service elevator to get to the real top.





***DOWNTOWN:*** right at the point where Pittsburgh's glorious Three Rivers meet, complete with a lovely park, huge fountain, and fun area to walk around

- Crazy huge buildings, one made entirely of plate glass
- Theater district
- **Point State Park** (see image)
- Market Square: shops, tasty food, places to walk around- many festivals take place in these here parts.

***EAST CARSON ST and the SOUTHSIDE:*** Many hip bars and restaurants, upscale location with pockets of great cheap stuff and a small town feel

- Southside Works: Cheesecake factory, Movie Theater, Hofbrauhaus, and **a fountain to play in**
- **Milkshake factory**
- Zenith tea and antiques: hipster little place that is (I think) vegan. You sit in weird hodgepodge tables amidst piles and piles of antiques, sipping tea and eating heaps of hearty food.

***MOUNT WASHINGTON:*** nice neighborhood on top of huge hill overlooking the city, accessible only by ancient cable cars

- Ride **The Incline**, a cable car from the 1800s that zooms up the mountain. You can ride the **Duquesne incline** or the **Monongahela incline**, or ride up one and down the other. Both are superb!
- Beautiful view of the city! So worth it. Try to go at sunset. People actually use the inclines for their everyday commute to the city, so they get a bit crowded at rush hour :P
- The inclines ascend Mt. Washington, which is a fun place to go for a stroll & check stuff out

***NORTH SIDE:*** sports, food, bridge views, culture, and a few strange destination attractions!

- **National Aviary:** Best bird zoo in the world- free flight bird shows, painting parrots, adorable penguins, walk-through exhibits with many different species, great date spot. I have many feathered friends here from an internship freshman year ☺
- **PNC Park:** **Go see a pirates game at PNC park!** It's one of the most beautiful stadiums in the world- opens out on a view of the city.



- **Andy Warhol Museum:** exactly what it sounds like, and it's very cool. Pittsburgh native Andy Warhol's greatest works are all here, and the museum gets progressively stranger as you go higher and higher from story to story. I once joined a crowd gathered around a strange sculpture. We oohed and ahhed until the docent told us it was a humidifier.

- Beautiful Bridges that sometimes get knit-bombed (covered with knitting)
- Heinz Field (football)

### **OTHER THANGS TO VISIT:**

#### ***Kennywood***

- Absolutely amazing amusement park—roller coasters such as the “Steel Phantom / Phantom’s Revenge”
- Very old too, so that’s cool and scary
- Sometimes they host “fright nights.” Obviously, I have never been.

#### ***The Church Brew-works***

- Great restaurant with excellent pizza and birch beer (non alcoholic, like root beer) built in a beautiful old church

#### ***Pittsburgh Zoo and PPG Aquarium***

- Over the years I have seen elephant families, a playful teenaged snowleopard, a golden-lion tamarin escape-artist, and Amur leopard cubs who were learning how to climb trees.

### **A FEW LINKS:**

#### ***ARTICLES***

[Why Pittsburgh is the best city](#)

[Q and A about Pgh](#)

[Pittsburgh's Transformation: Google Maps](#)

[Pgh best place to live](#)

[What Pgh can teach rest of country about living well](#)

#### ***SONGS/COMEDY***

[STEELERS RULE. prepare to have this song stuck in your head](#)

["Pittsburgh makes me drunk and then it rains" song](#)

[Song about the Pirates unbelievable comeback! \(sung by my high school chorus teacher \(in a mullet\)\)](#)

[Walking in Pittsburgh \(song\)](#)

- Note: this is by “Tim Ruff”, but not the same Tim Ruff who is my cousin

[Polamalu Song](#)

[Pittsburgh Dad youtube sensation 1](#)

[Pittsburgh Dad youtube sensation 2](#)