

Roaming in the Unexpected Buffalo

Overlooking Buffalo from the Buffalo City Hall



Observation Deck (65 Niagara Square)

An Observation Deck is located at the top of Buffalo's City Hall. This art deco building was dedicated in 1932. At 378 feet in height, it is one of the tallest

structures in Western New York. The observation deck is on the 28th floor, offering 360 degree views of Buffalo. On a clear day you may see the mist from Niagara Falls as well as the Canadian side of the border shared on Lake Erie. This free adventure is open week days from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For more information about the historic art deco interior artwork and other features, visit: <https://www.visitbuffaloniagara.com/businesses/buffalo-city-hall-observation-deck/>

African American Heritage Corridor



This area has three points of interest: Michigan Street Baptist Church (511 Michigan Avenue), built in 1845, which has connections to the Underground Railroad, Progressive and Civil Rights Movements in Western

New York. Also, Nash House (36 Nash Street), home of legendary Rev. J. Edward Nash, has remained untouched since the 1940's. And, the historic Colored Musicians Club and Jazz Museum (145 Broadway), founded in 1917, became the most popular jazz destination in Buffalo. For information on tours and virtual tours of this historic neighborhood, visit <https://www.michiganstreetbuffalo.org/>

Buffalo Maritime Center at the Longshed (at Canalside)



View the ongoing construction of a traditionally built, full-sized reproduction of the Erie Canal Boat, "Seneca Chief." In 2025, for the commemoration of the Bicentennial of the completion of the Erie Canal, this vessel will

travel to New York City for "The Wedding of the Waters." Dignitaries from Western New York, on this replica packet boat, will ceremoniously deliver Lake Erie water into New York Harbor. The Longshed offers exhibits on the mezzanine. You may find volunteers from the Buffalo Maritime Center at work on the packet boat. The doors are open from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (days TBD after Labor Day) for this free experience of traditional boatbuilding. Check their website for more detail: <https://buffalomaritimecenter.org/>

Buffalo and Erie County Naval and Military Park (One Naval Park Cove)



A standout feature of the Buffalo waterfront is the Naval Park and Museum. It is the largest inland Naval Park in the US. Many exhibits in the museum and throughout the grounds reveal ways to honor, educate and preserve some of our nation's

major historic events. A walk through the waterfront park will show many tribute monuments to the Armed Forces through the years. The entrance fee museum and boarding of ships is open daily from 10:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. For more information, visit: <https://buffalonaivalpark.org/>

Buffalo Heritage Carousel (at Canalside)



While visiting Buffalo's waterfront, stroll down from the Longshed Building on the Boardwalk to take a ride on the fully restored solar-powered carousel. An antique Wurlitzer Carousel Band Organ entertains while adults and children enjoy a ride on hand-carved animals or chariots for \$1.

Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m., Saturday and Sunday. <https://www.buffaloheritagecarousel.org/>

Buffalo Bison's Baseball (One James D. Griffin Plaza)



The season will be winding down for Buffalo's AAA baseball team in September. Home games are played at Sahlen Field in downtown Buffalo. A free above ground Metro train ride will take you from the Hyatt

Regency Hotel right down to the stadium in minutes. The game on Friday, 9/08, starts at 6:05 p.m. For Bison's information, visit: <https://www.milb.com/buffalo>

Buffalo AKG Art Museum (1285 Elmwood Avenue)



A renamed art gallery just opened in Buffalo in Spring 2023! The original museum, established in 1862, is the sixth oldest public art institution in the US. The new addition expands gallery collections which range

from 19th century art to modern and contemporary art to the present. For further information, check out their website: <https://buffaloakg.org/>

Be sure to check websites this summer for September schedules when making your travels plans!

Roaming the Niagara Frontier - Niagara Falls, NY

*Niagara Falls is one of the most awe-inspiring natural wonders of the world. The immense power and beauty make it on the "bucket-list" of visitors from around the world.

*We will have approximately 2 ½ hours here. Do as much or as little as you choose. There are many activities to choose from.

*Visitors **do not pay an entrance fee** and you **do not need a reservation** to enter Niagara Falls State Park. You will be able to view the American Falls, Bridal Veil Falls and Horseshoe Falls



Niagara Falls Visitor Center - The visitor center at Niagara Falls State Park has been recently renovated to include a new \$46 Million State of the Art Welcome Center,

Interpretive museums including natural, industrial and Indigenous American history, Concession spaces, Rooftop solar array with green roof elements [Niagara Falls Visitor Center](#) | [Niagara USA Travel Information \(niagarafallsusa.com\)](#)



Niagara Falls Observation Tower At the top of the USA Observation Tower, visitors can experience panoramic views of all three Niagara Falls as well as both the US and Canadian side of the Niagara Gorge. \$1.25 admission.

Elevators at the Observation Tower provide visitors with access to the base of the gorge and the boarding site for the **Maid of the Mist** boat tour. From the base of the tower, you can also head to a series of stairs to **climb the Crow's Nest** for additional stunning views of the American Falls. [Observation Tower](#) | [Niagara Falls State Park](#)



Maid of the Mist - Since 1846, the Maid of the Mist has been whisking visitors by base of the American Falls and then onto the basin of Horseshoe Falls for stunning views they will not see from the top of the gorge. Be

sure to put on your rain poncho because this is one activity at Niagara Falls where you will get wet, but we can guarantee it is one you will always remember. Boats leave approximately every 15 minutes for a 30-minute trip. Ticket price for adults is \$28.25. Tickets can be purchased online at the official website <https://www.maidofthemist.com/> or at the site.



Cave of the Winds -After an elevator ride down 175 ft (53m) into the Niagara Gorge, visitors then step out onto the Cave of the Winds which features a series of redwood decks often

called the **Hurricane Deck**. Cave of the Winds à la carte tickets are only available at the attraction on Goat Island at Cave of the Winds Plaza. [Cave of the Winds Pavilion](#) | [Niagara Falls State Park](#)



Niagara Scenic Trolley - For those looking to learn about Niagara Falls State Park, a ride on this state of the art scenic trolley is the perfect activity to check out the best of the park. The Niagara Scenic Trolley is

eco-friendly and runs on natural gas. It is also heated in the cooler months as well as air conditioned in the summer to ensure comfort for everyone. Niagara Falls State Park is ADA-compliant and the trolley is great for those with limited mobility to explore the park with a three-mile 30 minute guided overview featuring the highlights of the park. Adult ticket \$3.00. [Niagara Scenic Trolley](#) | [Niagara Falls State Park](#)



Aquarium of Niagara - Visitors will find the aquarium located near the Discovery Center in Niagara Falls State Park. In this aquarium, you will find more than 1,500 aquatic animals

ranging from the Great lakes to coral reefs. With over 30 educational exhibits, kids can learn about California sea lions, rescued seals, Peruvian Humboldt penguins, seahorses, coral reefs, sturgeon and more. Tickets for the Niagara Aquarium can be purchased at the door, but to avoid long wait times, you should purchase tickets online prior to visiting. [Aquarium of Niagara](#) | [Aquarium & Rescue Facility in Niagara Falls, NY](#)



The Niagara Falls Underground Railroad Heritage Center

The center is located inside the former 1863 U.S. Custom House attached to the Niagara Falls Amtrak station. The center sits adjacent to the location of the former International Suspension Bridge, a point of crossing for many freedom seekers including Harriet Tubman. The places and stories associated with this network of freedom seekers, free African Americans and abolitionists, evoke powerful themes in American history and celebrate the bravery of the men and women who risked their lives to achieve the most basic rights of liberty. Located at 825 Depot Avenue West Niagara Falls, NY 14305. Learn more at niagarafallsundergroundrailroad.org

Niagara Falls State Park has a variety of venues that are accessible to persons with mobility-type disabilities, including wheelchair accessible attractions like Maid of the Mist, the Observation Tower, Niagara Adventure Theater, Niagara Scenic Trolley, Niagara Gorge Discovery Center, the Niagara Falls Visitor Center and Top of the Falls Restaurant. Please note that Cave of the Winds offers limited access.