

Field Trip Opportunities in Toledo Area

Fossil Park, Sylvania, Ohio



Welcome to Fossil Park

Experience the life of a fossil hunter at one of only two prime Devonian Era sites on the entire planet, at a park that is unlike any other.

When your work is done, transport your treasures home where you can continue to learn, research and remember your adventure.

Nearly 375 million years ago, northwest Ohio was a great sea teeming with life. Now, Fossil Park is rich in fossilized brachiopods, coral and more than 200 species of prehistoric life. You're going to dig exploring for these buried treasures, and the best part is, you get to keep whatever you find!

Fossil Park's 5-acre, ADA accessible rock quarry allows you to search for world-renowned fossils in a safe, controlled environment. The fossils come from Hanson Aggregate Midwest's large working quarries, located just a mile south of Fossil Park. The specimens are already in shale that is soft enough to break with your bare hands, making this an activity nearly anyone can enjoy.

The Quarry Ridge Bike Trail, parking lot, and bathrooms are open year-round.

Fossil Park at a Glance

Park Hours (Parking Lot & Bathrooms)

8:00am – 90 minutes before sunset

Fossil Digging Quarry: Please see the information above.

Special Instructions

Pets are not allowed in the fossil pit, but they are allowed in the parking lot and on the trail that circles the pit. All pets must be on a leash.

Location

5705 Centennial Road, Sylvania, Ohio

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Crystal Cave World Largest Underground Geode



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Website: [Crystal Cave](http://CrystalCave.com)

An ecological wonder, the Crystal Cave, is one attraction not to be missed! No trip to Put-in-Bay is complete without a trip down under to see the stunning cave. Located on the grounds of the Heineman Winery, this unique treasure complements the local winery and beautiful wine garden.

The Crystal Cave Particulars

The Crystal Cave is home to the largest known geode in the world. The gorgeous celestine crystals grow up to 3 feet in width. The walls are blanketed in strontium sulfate, a bluish mineral called celestite. They can grow as large as 8 to 18 inches in length.

Tours of the Heineman Winery and cave are offered for \$4 for children ages 6 to 11, and \$8 for adults. Tours are offered seven days a week from early May until late September. On Sunday, tours begin at noon and continue until 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, cave tours start at 11 a.m. and continue until 5 p.m. Be sure to pack a sweater as the temperature in the cave is always a little cooler than outside.

Black Swamp Arts Festival



Festival Update

A fantastic Black Swamp Arts Festival is being planned for September 10, 11, & 12, 2021.

[Black Swamp Arts Festival \(blackswampfest.org\)](http://blackswampfest.org)

