

Just For the Fun of It (JFFI)

CMSC play day at Presque Isle State Park Saturday, July 7



JFFI? This is the Fagowees' term for a fun event with no signup or formal organization – just show up and enjoy!

Presque Isle is in Erie, PA and is a peninsula that extends into Lake Erie and offers boating, jet skiing, kayaking, biking, hiking, blading, windsurfing, swimming and lots of fun. See details at <http://www.presqueisle.org/>

- What:
 - Spend a day at the park doing all your favorite things
 - Meet at the beach with all the kites (Beach 10) for a picnic at 5:00 PM. We will bring grills
- Bring:
 - Toys for the park (kites, bikes, roller blades, jet skis, windsurfers, swim suit,.....)
 - Beach chair, suntan lotion & life jacket
 - Your meat/veggie burger for picnic, beverages, cooler for the day, coozies, paper plates,....
 - A dish to share at the picnic (salad, dessert, fruit, veggies,...)
- Cost:
 - \$ 0.00 -- Yes, this is free! Park is free and a JFFI is "pay as you go" event.
- Sign up:
 - No signup is required, but if you have questions, contact Pat Murphy at patkupiec@gmail.com

Details on Web at Fagowees.org or SkiCleveland.com

Thanks to Mark S, here are his favorite Presque Isle and nearby activities or opportunities

- Beaches – on the lake (some with volleyball courts) or long & shallow for families (beach 11)
- Kite flying at beach 10, a lot more fun than it sounds! It's also the hobie cat beach, windsurfing beach, and OUR PICNIC BEACH
- Niagara Boat Launch – water taxi to the Erie bay front, about a 4-5 block walk to the jet-ski rentals, porteriesports.com
- Yellow bike rentals – just across from Niagara launch, they have side by side bikes for rent or just bring your own.
- Misery Bay – they have a Perry statue similar to Put-in-Bay.
 - There is a pontoon boat with tours through the lagoons
 - Also a tour boat that goes into the bay & the lake (depending on weather).
 - This is also where they have canoe & kayak rentals.
- 10-mile multipurpose trail - roller blading, cycling, running or walking. Stay on trails, DEET is sprayed for ticks and bugs
- Bird watching - the Audubon Society loves Presque Isle
- Fishing - with waders or from a boat, in the bay or the lake: smallmouth bass, perch & walleye
- Waldameer Park, a small amusement park across from TREC just before the entrance to the park. It's very small, but they have a cool rollercoaster that crosses Peninsula Drive & a Ferris wheel with a great view of Presque Isle. They also have a water park, if it's really hot that day.
- On the way in, suggest that everyone stop at Sara's Ice Cream stand right at the entrance to the park. Their specialty is foot long grilled hot dogs.
- On the way out, at the kite/hobie beach is the best view for sunsets at the entire park. It's actually called "Sunset Point"
- Tom Ridge Environmental Center – free local science center with a 75' tower that overlooks the lake.
 - They also offer movies every hour (Discovery Channel types) in the same theatre where the Erie Ski Club shows the Warren Miller movie.

Camping: There are a couple campgrounds nearby.

- Sara's is at the entrance to the park. (**Sara Coyne Campgrounds** 814-833-4560)
- 2 others are about 10 miles out, both located just off I-90 at Exit 18, Sterrettania Road.
 - Hills Family campground is just off the exit
 - KOA campground about 3 miles south of the interstate.

Hotels: http://www.visiteriepa.com/where_to_stay.shtml

Extra Fun: 5 minutes from the beach, going toward Cleveland, is a Greek festival.

- Music, dancers, art and FOOD.
- It is one of the biggest festivals in Erie. It is something to consider either on the way to or from the Peninsula,
- Assumption Greek Orthodox Church's ANNUAL PANEGYRI (FESTIVAL)