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The name Sandusky has become synonymous with Cedar Point. What once began as a beer garden bathhouse and a dance floor has grown into a massive amusement park that draws 3.5 million visitors to the area annually. Known internationally for its roller coasters, the city is also home to a vibrant boating and fishing community. Beautiful historic downtown Sandusky greets visitors with its collection of museums, shops, and restaurants.



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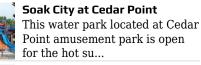


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# THE CITY



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Established in 1818, the northern Ohio town of Sandusky is the county seat of Erie County. It is located approximately one hour from the major city of Cleveland and sits on beautiful Lake Erie, the fourth largest of the five Great Lakes.

Sandusky's shoreline stretches for 22 miles along Lake Erie, which is known as one of the best fishing locations in the United States. There are several local piers that allow fishing, or you can fish out on the lake on either a private or chartered boat. Sandusky is also located within close proximity to Lake Erie's islands, including South Bass Island, which is home to popular summer resort village of Put-in-Bay.

However, Sandusky's preeminent attraction has long been Cedar Point, known throughout the world for its roller coasters. In 2013, it launched the Gatekeeper roller coaster, which broke the records for tallest, fastest, longest, and steepest winged coaster for that year. Cedar Point is so popular that Sandusky has come to be known as "America's Roller Coast." The amusement park is also one of the city's major employers.

In addition to boating and fishing, the warm summers of Sandusky lend themselves to other outdoor activities, such as camping, golfing, biking. and hiking. Historic downtown Sandusky is also popular with tourists. It is home to some of the most impressive architecture in the Midwest. Some of its more notable buildings are the G.A. Boeckling building, the Cassedy-West building, and Hubbard's block. Visitors also enjoy spending time in downtown Sandusky's shops, restaurants, and museums.

# DO & SEE



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There is so much to experience in Sandusky and the surrounding areas. Amusement and water parks, in addition to all the recreational parks, museums, golf, scuba diving and a drive-through safari are some of the areas highlights. Whether you're searching for family fun at one of the world's top amusement parks or some serenity and seclusion in one of the areas many campgrounds, Sandusky could be the destination for you.

# **Cedar Point**



On the shore of Lake Erie, North America's second oldest amusement park attracts over 3 million guests a year with its rides, coasters, shows,

and games. Cedar Point is known as the world's best amusement park for the past 15 years as voted by Amusement Today. There are 120-mph roller coasters, 80-degree drops, and plenty of

# thrill rides.

Photo: tracy the astonishing(image cropped) Address: 1 Cedar Point Drive, Sandusky Phone: +1 419 627 2350 Internet: www.cedarpoint.com Email: socialmedia@cedarpoint.com

# Rusty Wallace Racing Experience - Sandusky Speedway



For adrenaline junkies and NASCAR enthusiasts alike, this attraction will prepare you for the racing experience of a lifetime. Its high-quality

instruction and facilities are sure to convince even the most die-hard of fans.

#### Photo: Up-Free

Address: 614 West Perkins Avenue, Sandusky Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-7pm, Sat 9am-3pm Phone: +1 855 227 8789 Internet: www.racewithrusty.com Email: reservations@racewithrusty.com

# Soak City at Cedar Point



This water park located at Cedar Point amusement park is open for the hot summer months and has fun features like wave pools

and water slides, among other rides. Soak City has something for every age and thrill-seeker.

Photo: Andrew Borgen(image cropped) Address: One Cedar Point Drive, Sandusky Phone: +1 419 627 2350 Internet: www.soakcitycp.com

## Merry-Go-Round Museum



The carousel has become a symbol of childhood in America, and the Merry-Go-Round Museum seeks to display and preserve figures from

around the world. They even have a wood carving shop on site.

Photo: Nyttend(image cropped) Address: 301 Jackson Street, Sandusky Phone: +1 419 626 6111 Internet: www.merrygoroundmuseum.org Email: info@merrygoroundmuseum.org

#### Kalahari Indoor Waterpark



Kalahari's transparent roof lets the sun shine in while you stay warm indoors during the winter months at the largest indoor water park in the

nation. Features include the Swahili Swirl 60' diameter bowl raft ride, Zip Coaster uphill water rollercoaster waterslide, Cheetah Race 4-lane mat slides, Rippling Rhino and Victoria Falls raft rides, and much more.

Photo: Iris(image cropped) Address: 7000 Kalahari Drive, Sandusky Phone: +1 877 525 2427 Internet: www.kalahariresorts.com/ohio/parks/indoor-waterpark

# **Ghostly Manor Thrill Center**



For family fun, this establishment offers an arcade, motion ride 4-D theater, skating rink, 3-D blacklight miniature golf, and bounce house. This is

all in addition to its title attraction: a haunted

#### house.

Photo: amydykstra(image cropped) Address: 3319 Milan Road, Sandusky Phone: +1 419 626 4467 Internet: www.ghostlymanor.com Email: billy@ghostlymanor.com

#### Lagoon Deer Park



Lagoon Deer Park is home to a multitude of deer, but its petting zoo also features other animals from around the world. While there, you

can also shop at the gift shop and fish in the lagoon stocked with rainbow trout, largemouth bass, perch, and more.

## Photo: Gellinger

Address: 1012 Martins Point Road, Sandusky Opening hours: Daily 9am-8pm Phone: +1 419 684 5701 Internet: www.lagoondeerparkohio.com Email: jcmacnielsen@aol.com

#### Sandusky Maritime Museum



Learn about a variety of topics relating to maritime life in the Sandusky Bay area throughout history, such as fishing, boat building,

shipping, and ice harvesting. Many of the museum's exhibits are even interactive.

Photo: Unsplash Address: 125 Meigs Street, Sandusky Phone: +1 419 624 0274 Internet: www.sanduskymaritime.org Email: sanduskymaritime@bex.net

## **Pickerel Creek Wildlife Area**



The Pickerel Creek Wildlife Area encompasses 3,200 acres and is home to pristine wetland habitat. The habitat is dedicated to

preserving the area's waterfowl population and is therefore a great place to birdwatch.

Photo: NoahElhardt(image cropped) Address: 3451 County Road 256, Vickery Phone: +1 419 547 6007 Internet: wildlife.ohiodnr.gov/pickerelcreek

#### **Follett House Museum**



Maintained by the Sandusky Library, the Follett House Museum, which is itself listed on the National Register of Historical Landmarks,

features an array of artifacts and exhibits that chronicle the history of Sandusky from its very beginnings. Included is the prison camp memorial.

Photo: lakov Filimonov/Shutterstock.com Address: 404 Wayne Street, Sandusky Phone: +1 419 627 9608 Internet: www.sandusky.lib.oh.us/follett house

# Lake Erie Coastal Ohio Byway



The 293-mile Lake Erie Coastal Ohio Scenic Byway offers views and access to beaches, state parks, preserves, lighthouses, vacation

islands, quaint villages, and big cities. Historians enjoy the rich maritime history tours while recreation boaters find themselves in a veritable Mecca of opportunities. A trip to Lake Erie Coastal Ohio is a vacation in and of itself.

#### Photo: sgaskeMEDIA

Address: Lake Erie Coastal Ohio Byway, Sandusky Internet: www.fhwa.dot.gov/byways/byways/59836

## The Goodtime I Cruise



The Goodtime I offers all-day island hopping cruises on Lake Erie. They make stops at Kelleys Island and Put-in-Bay, and there are

even evening dance cruises to Kelleys Island.

Photo: Lake Erie Coastal Ohio, Inc.(image cropped) Address: 109 West Shoreline Drive Sandusky Phone: +1 419 625 9692 Internet: www.goodtimeboat.com

# Harlequins Sandusky Community Theatre



Harlequins is a multiple award winning theatre. An events calendar is available online, so check the website for information regarding

upcoming shows.

Photo: HolgersFotografie Address: 414 Wayne Street, Sandusky Opening hours: Fri-Sat 8pm, Sun 2pm Phone: +1 419 621 1311 Internet: www.harlequinstheatre.org Email: jim@harlequinstheatre.org

## **Historical Downtown Sandusky**



Sandusky is home to one of the most beautiful collections of historical architecture in the Midwest. Most of the earliest buildings were

carved from limestone, and now a plethora of  $% \left( {{{\left[ {{{c_{{\rm{m}}}}} \right]}_{{\rm{m}}}}}} \right)$ 

historical sites remain. The Cassedy-West Building, the G. A. Boeckling building, and Hubbard's Block are among the most popular.

Photo: OHWiki Address: Downtown, Sandusky

# DINING



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From upscale-French to family-style home cooking, hot dogs to lobster, Sandusky has a wide range of options. Be sure to try a regional favorite, the perch sandwich, at the New Sandusky Fish Co., which has the best one around. You'll never be hungry while in Sandusky.

# **Berardi's Family Kitchen**



This 70 year staple of Sandusky gained its initial fame on the backs of its fresh cut fries served at a local amusement park. Today,

it serves breakfast and dinner, as well as Reader's Choice-Awarded "Best Lunch" and "Best Dessert."

#### Photo: StockSnap

Address: 1019 West Perkins Avenue, Sandusky Opening hours: Mon-Sat 6am-8pm, Sun 7.30am-1.30pm Phone: +1 419 626 4592 Internet: www.sanduskyberardis.com Email: sanduskyberardis@gmail.com

#### Casa Real



stop for lunch.

Photo: adoproducciones Address: 3307 Milan Road, Sandusky Opening hours: Daily 10am-10pm Phone: +1 419 609 9225

## Manny's Sports Tavern and Grill



Manny's is open late on Fridays and Saturdays and serves lunch and dinner daily. It's also a great place to watch an NFL game.

Photo: zeljkodan / Shutterstock.com Address: 6201 Milan Road, Sandusky Opening hours: Mon-Thu 11am-11pm, Fri-Sat 11am-12am, Sun 12pm-10pm Phone: +1 419 626 9517 Internet: www.mannyssportstavern.com

## **ZINC Brasserie**



This small bistro, opened in May of 2007, houses French cuisine driven by fresh, seasonal ingredients. ZINC offers seafood as well.

Photo: sanfamedia.com(image cropped) Address: 215 East Water Street, Sandusky Opening hours: Mon-Thu 4pm-9pm, Fri-Sat 4pm-10pm Phone: +1 419 502 9462 Internet: www.zincbrasserie.net Email: info@zincbrasserie.net

#### Jo Wok



Jo Wok's Thai and Chinese style dishes are full of flavor, and the owners are accommodating to special diets. There is seating

inside, but it is also a great place for take-out.

Photo: Takeaway(image cropped) Address: 709 West Perkins Avenue, Sandusky Opening hours: Daily 10:30am-10pm Phone: +1 419 621 0040

#### Mona Pizza Gourmet



Large slices, low prices from this locally-owned restaurant where you can either order a whole pizza or get it by the slice. They also offer subs and

salads.

#### Photo: joshuemd

Address: 135 Columbus Avenue, Sandusky Opening hours: Summer: Mon-Thu 11am-10pm, Fri 11am-3am, Sat 4pm-3am. Winter: Mon-Fri 11am-10pm, Sat 4pm-10pm Phone: +1 419 626 8166 Internet: www.sanduskyslice.com

#### New Sandusky Fish Co



Voted Best Perch six years running, New Sandusky is a restaurant and fish market. Dine outdoors for spectacular lakefront views.

Photo: XEVENNOWHERIAN Address: 235 East Shoreline Drive, Sandusky Opening hours: Daily 11am-7pm Phone: +1 419 621 8263

# Chet & Matt's Pizza



Chet & Matt's Pizza offer local favorites such as Baked Potato, Hot Wing, and Cheddar and Chili Cheese Fry Pizza. The family-owned pizzeria

that is covered in sports memorabilia, televisions, and even hosts the King Kong Challenge.

Photo: Unsplash Address: 1013 East Strub Road, Sandusky Phone: +1 419 626 6000 Internet: www.chetmattspizza.com

#### Cameo Pizza



The ratings are in: Cameo Pizza is a hit! If you're looking for a great place to eat, head here. The Cameo Delicacy Pizza (BBQ Chicken Pizza) is a

local favorite.

Photo: ponce\_photography Address: 702 West Monroe Street, Sandusky Opening hours: Sun-Thu 4pm-11pm, Fri-Sat 4pm-12am Phone: +1 419 626 0187 Internet: www.cameopizza.com

# CAFES



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Besides the national and international chains we have all come to know and trust, the cafe scene of Sandusky has a few pearls of its own to tempt your taste buds. Try a Buttermilk Donut by Donna, or sit back with a Pecan Roll Latte and listen to poetry reading at Mr. Smith's.

## Mr. Smith's Coffeehouse



A local spot, Mr. Smith's comfortable coffee and tea shop also has cafe fare for breakfast and lunch, including vegetarian options. Wi-Fi

is available for their patrons.

#### Photo: shixugang

Address: 140 Columbus Avenue, Sandusky Opening hours: Mon-Fri 7am-5pm, Sat 8am-3pm, Sun 9am-2pm Phone: +1 419 625 6885 Internet: www.mrsmithscoffee.com Email: trent@mrsmithscoffee.com

# Coffee & Cream

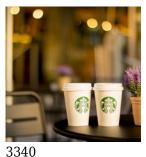


You'll find more than freshly-roasted and brewed coffee. Coffee and Cream serves hot and cold specialty coffee drinks, hand scooped ice cream, milk shakes, smoothies, sandwiches, salads, and baked goods.

### Photo: Romi

Address: 131 W 2nd St, Lakeside Marblehead Opening hours: Daily 6.30am-10pm Phone: +1 409 798 8303 Internet: www.lksdcoffeeandcream.com Email: lksdcoffeeandcream@gmail.com

## Starbucks



Starbucks has three locations in Sandusky: 226 West Perkins (Inside Kroger) +1 419 626 2786 4020 Milan Road (Inside Target) +1 419 609

Panera Bread's

restaurants are known for

their fresh-baked breads.

fresh-brewed coffees and fresh ingredients in all of

their salads, sandwiches,

4912 Milan Rd +1 419-625-1466

# Photo: Pexels

Address: 226 West Perkins, Sandusky, OH Opening hours: Daily 5am-11pm Phone: +1 419 626 2786 Internet: www.starbucks.com

# Panera Bread



and soups.

Photo: Panera Bread(image cropped) Address: 5203 Milan Road, Sandusky Phone: +1 419 625 0944 Internet: www.panerabread.com

# **Better Half Family Diner**



Attentive service and great breakfast come standard at Better Half Family Diner. It's located near downtown in a combination diner and ice

cream parlor. Daily specials are cheap and generous in portions.

#### Photo: Unsplash

Address: 1115 West Washington Street, Sandusky Opening hours: Mon-Thu 5:30am-10pm, Fri-Sat 5:30am-11pm Phone: +1 419 609 0879

# **BARS & NIGHTLIFE**



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The dance club scene in Sandusky is scarce, but there is a basic bar scene. Most of them attached to restaurants, but with lakefront views and friendly local regulars, what the nightlife lacks in variety it makes up for with small town charm.

# **Firelands Winery**



What has stayed from the heritage of Fireland region is the name. Built in 1880, the lovely little tasting bar Firelands Winery offers a wide

selection of first-class wines and generous tastings and samples.

Photo: Councelling Address: 917 Bardshar Rd, Sandusky Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9am-5pm Phone: +1 419 625 5474 Internet: www.firelandswinery.com

# Sandusky State Theater



Sandusky State Theater is located in a restored old treasure from the golden age. This top Vaudeville theater hosts movies and world-class performing

arts.

Photo: HolgersFotografie Address: 107 Columbus Ave, Sandusky Phone: +1 419 626 1950 Internet: www.sanduskystate.com

# Baci Nite Club & Restaurant



Dance to a variety of music after enjoying a delicious, romantic dinner at the Baci Nite Club & Restaurant, a 21-and-up only establishment

located at the Comfort Inn. Dance to contemporary dance mixes, Tropical, Latin, Pop, Rock, and Golden Oldies.

Photo: Designatic Address: 5909 Milan Road, Sandusky Opening hours: Tue-Thu 5pm-12am, Fri-Sat 5pm-2:30am Phone: +1 419 624 9900

# Daly's Pub



If a patio view of Lake Erie combined with a wide array of hand-crafted beer sounds appealing, make this downtown installation a

stop on your itinerary. Daly's Pub is a favorite of

# Sandusky locals.

Photo: idkjm123 Address: 104 Columbus Avenue, Sandusky Phone: +1 419 502 0241 Internet: www.dalyspubsandusky.com

# Crowbar



The Crowbar is a gay bar with a welcoming, fun atmosphere with regular events, nightly drink specials and pool, karaoke, and dancing

weekly. It's one of the few bars that consistently has people traveling from Michigan, Toledo, Columbus, Cleveland, and Youngstown to come.

Photo: Pressmaster / Shutterstock.com Address: 206 West Market Street, Sandusky Opening hours: Daily 6pm-2am Phone: +1 419 624 0109 Internet: www.sanduskycrowbar.com Email: crowbar pride06@yahoo.com

# **Old Dutch Tavern**



Old Dutch Tavern is a locally-owned bar and restaurant serving memorable food from a simple menu. Their burgers are popular with

locals.

Photo: YankoPeyankov Address: 2219 East Perkins Avenue, Sandusky Phone: +1 419 627 0877

## **Cheers Sports Bar & Grill**



Located in the Sandusky Mall, Cheers has specials every night of the week. Watch the game on one of many TVs while you choose a beer from their

extensive list of draughts, bottles, and cans.

Photo: moerschy

Address: 4314 Milan Road, Sandusky Opening hours: Daily 11am-2.30am Phone: +1 419 626 4713 Internet: www.cheerssandusky.com Email: info@cheerssandusky.com

# The Original Margaritaville



The Orginal Margaritaville has been a favorite of those looking for a fun, relaxed atmosphere. Take to the deck with drinks and live

music, or dine indoors. Either way, enjoy wonderful views of the creek.

#### Photo: 378322

Address: 212 Fremont Avenue, Sandusky Opening hours: Sun-Thu 11am-10pm, Fri-Sat 11am-11pm Phone: +1 419 627 8903 Internet: www.themargaritavilleonline.com Email: support@themargaritavilleonline.com

#### **Crush Wine Bar**



At Crush, guests indulge in award-winning wine lists, a full bar, creative libations, and a warm atmosphere with friendly, attentive wait staff. Small

plates, pastas, pizzas, and Asian-fusion cuisine can be found on the menu. Address: 145 Columbus Avenue, Sandusky Phone: +1 419 502 9463 Internet: www.sanduskywinebar.com Email: crush145@hotmail.com

# SHOPPING



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For shopping in Sandusky, there is quite a bit from which to choose. From antiques to hobbies, cycling to shopping mall, one should be able to find a little of everything within the city.

# Sandusky Mall



Over a million square feet of department stores, speciality retailers, and yummy eateries is found at Sandusky Mall. It also houses a local late night

hangout and has been serving Sandusky since 1976.

Photo: Nicholas Eckhart(image cropped) Address: 4314 Milan Road, Sandusky Opening hours: Daily 10am-9pm Phone: +1 419 625 8575 Internet: www.sandusky-mall.com Email: marketing@sandusky-mall.com

## **Fabulous Female**



Fabulous Female carries the best selecion of Vera Bradley, as well as Chamilia and a lot more brands made exclusively in the US.

Photo: Blend Images / Shutterstock.com Address: 129 Columbus Ave, Sandusky Opening hours: Mon-Thu 10am-6pm, Fri-Sat 10am-8pm, Sun 12pm-5pm Phone: +1 419 502 9098 Internet: thefabulousfemale.com

# Shirt Shack



The Shirt Shack doesn't just print and embroider T-shirts and other items. They are also the largest souvenir and gift shop in the area and sell

personalized items.

Photo: nicom tunlong / Shutterstock.com Address: 5003 Milan Road, Sandusky Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9am-7pm Phone: +1 419 625 3567 Email: pelzlettering@bex.net

#### Lake Erie Gifts & Decor



From furniture and lighting, to bedding and curtains, Lake Eerie Gifts & Decor has it all. They are a large supplier of unique items in country,

Americana, nautical, and primitive styles.

Photo: ErikaWittlieb Address: 1521 Cleveland Road, Sandusky Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10am-5pm Phone: +1 419 627 0015 Internet: www.lakeeriegiftsdecor.com

#### Farmers' Market



Fresh local produce, handmade crafts, and local art are all on display on Saturdays during summer and autumn at this community gathering

place. Find local produce, baked goods, local honey, free range eggs, jams and jellies, and artisan crafts.

Photo: hpgruesen

Address: 279 East Market Street, Sandusky Opening hours: June-October: Saturday 8am-12pm Phone: +1 419 627 5942 Internet: www.sanduskyfarmersmarket.org Email: info@sanduskyfarmersmarket.org

#### West Marine



With over 300 stores, West Marine is the largest supplier of boating products. This includes clothing and all of the gear you could ever

want to outfit your vessel.

Photo: mcfisher

Address: 207 East Water Street, Sandusky Opening hours: Tue-Fri 10am-5pm, Sat 9am-5pm Phone: +1 419 621 4700 Internet: www.westmarine.com

# **TOURIST INFORMATION**



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#### **Cleveland Hopkins International Airport**



Cleveland Hopkins International Airport (CLE), the nearest major airport, is 58 miles from Sandusky. The best option for public

transportation from the Airport to Sandusky is via Amtrak. Additionally, taxis can be found adjacent to baggage claim, and both shuttle and car rental services are available at the airport.

Photo: Juan Garces Address: 5300 Riverside Drive, Cleveland Phone: +1 216 265 6030 Internet: www.clevelandairport.com

# **Public Transport**



The Sandusky-Perkins Area Ride Connection (SPARC) provides public transportation. Services operate Mon-Sat 6am-10pm, running along

a one-hour route that stops at Sandusky mall and downtown Sandusky, but not Cedar Point.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair Phone: +1 419 627 0740

#### Internet:

www.ci.sandusky.oh.us/community-dev/sts-about.htm

### Taxi



AM PM 24-7 Taxi Service +1 419 202 1367 City Service Taxi +1 419 626 1361 Dependable Shuttle Service +1 419 621 1016

Photo: ArrivalGuides

#### Post





Photo: Andy Fuchs Address: 2220 Caldwell St, Sandusky Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8:30am-5pm, Sat 9am-12pm Phone: +1 419 626 5525 Internet: www.usps.com

#### Pharmacy



CVS Pharmacy 513 E Monroe Street Sandusky, OH +1 419-625-2284 Daily 8am-9pm Meijer Pharmacy 4702 Milan Road Sandusky,

OH +1-419-627-7910 Mon-Sat 9am-9pm, Sun 10am-4pm

Rite Aid 1420 Sycamore Line Road Sandusky, OH +1-419-625-2258 Daily 8am-9pm

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## Time Zone



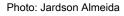
Sandusky is in the Eastern time zone, and all times are reflected in Eastern time. 222 Meigs Street Sandusky, OH +1 419 627 5844

Photo: Marek Polakovic

## Telephone



Country code: +1 Area code: 419 and 567



# Electricity



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Population 24,845

**Currency** \$1 U.S. Dollar = 100 cents

**Opening hours** General store hours are from 10am until 9pm.

**Newspapers** Sandusky Register Sandusky Tribune

Emergency numbers 911

**Tourist information** The City of Sandusky