



Retreat to a home designed by Frank Lloyd Wright.

suite dreams

Where you rest your head is the attraction at these seven unique accommodations in Ohio.

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Get pointers on your trip from hotel staff trained to offer the best assistance. Lee Dratch, a night auditor at the Columbus Airport Marriott, received the 2019 "North Star Award for Lodging Employee of the Year," the most prestigious award presented by the American Hotel & Lodging Association recognizing high-performing employees nationwide. At the Hilton Columbus at Easton, steward Mark Garrett received the 2018 "Ohio Service Superstar of the Year" award from the Ohio Hotel & Lodging Association. Chef Tim Dionisio, who nominated Garrett for the award, said that "Mark earned this award for his outstanding work ethic, cheerful demeanor and infectious positive attitude. He is known for making things sparkle and shine around the hotel." Asked what local sites he recommends hotel guests visit in Columbus, Garrett suggests the shops and restaurants at Easton Town Center, just steps outside the hotel's door, or sporting events like a Columbus Crew SC soccer game or an Ohio State football game.



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GO OUT ON A LIMB — literally — at the brand-new Cannaley Treehouse Village at Oak Openings Preserve Metropark in Toledo. The largest treehouse village in the country features four treehouses for overnight rental as well as open-air platforms perfect for camping or hanging a hammock. There's even a crow's nest and a swinging canopy walk to take you to new heights. Nature enthusiasts will love the proximity to 12 miles of trails for hiking, cycling or horseback riding as well as two lakes for fishing and kayaking. On the shores of Rocky Fork Lake in Highland County and nestled in a grove of pine trees, Old Days Vintage Campers offers a camping experience inside restored vintage trailers that have time traveled from the 1960s. Guests can commune around fire pits or take a spin on vintage bicycles. Just steps from the beach and a public boat ramp, the lakeside retreat offers a mix of nostalgia with blissful peace and quiet.

TOP: Get back to nature with a weekend getaway to the new Cannaley Treehouse Village at Oak Openings Preserve Metropark. **ABOVE LEFT:** The remote Lake House on North Bass Island State Park offers a peaceful way to get away from it all. **ABOVE RIGHT:** Feel like it's the 1960s with an overnight stay at Old Days Vintage Campers.

Those who long for seclusion can find it at the Lake House at North Bass Island State Park. Accessible only by boat or private plane, the 688-acre island that's 18 miles from the Ohio shoreline and within sight of Canada's Pelee Island has only a handful of permanent residents. Lake Erie is literally just outside the door of the sizable house that can accommodate up to 12 people. Sit on the deck to take in the expansive views and savor the plentiful privacy. There's also a game room and pool table for entertainment. The nearby "cabents" at South Bass State Park combine the best features of a cabin and a tent, blending the amenities of a cabin — like a kitchen, a bathroom with a shower and a TV with a DVD

date night spots



Courtship and cuisine pair exceedingly well at a number of Ohio restaurants. In fact, The Bistro, an upscale Italian restaurant at Gervasi Vineyard in Canton, was named one of America's 100 Most Romantic Restaurants in 2019 by OpenTable. Inside a rustic renovated barn, couples can savor wine pairings with dinner followed by a cocktail made with Gervasi's handcrafted spirits. Stroll around the adjacent lake en route to your luxurious suite at the Tuscan-inspired villas or upscale boutique, The Casa.



The Inn & Spa at Cedar Falls has long been known as a premier lodging spot in the Hocking Hills, but its onsite restaurant, Kindred Spirits, is every bit as much a destination, with an atmosphere that's ripe with romance. Savor fine dining at its best either inside the 1840s-era log cabin that now serves as the main dining room, or dine alfresco on the covered patio. Afterward, unwind with a couples massage at the onsite spa — also located in a log cabin from the 1840s.



So well-known as a dating mecca is Lakewood's Pier W that waiters are accustomed to couples showing them photos from their prom night dinner there — 30 years ago! The location on a cliff overlooking Lake Erie offers much of the allure, but the panoramic view of the Cleveland skyline also serves as a romantic backdrop. A dating destination since 1965, the five-star restaurant offers unparalleled wining and dining possibilities. In fact, *Wine Spectator* has given the establishment its "Award of Excellence" for more than a decade.

PICTURED: Sip on handcrafted wine and spirits at Gervasi Vineyard. RIGHT TOP TO BOTTOM: Pier W is known for its decadent desserts as well as views of the Cleveland skyline and Lake Erie. After dinner at the Inn & Spa at Cedar Falls, stay the night in its cozy lodge or one of its luxurious yurts.



player — with access to fresh air and the great outdoors that a tent provides. The state park is perched atop the white cliffs of South Bass Island, offering proximity to boating and fishing on Lake Erie, and is far removed from the bustle of Put-in-Bay. Enjoy camping with comfort in these unique structures.

The island yurts at Kelleys Island State Park offer lakeside vistas as well as quick and easy access to two state nature preserves and the world-famous Glacial Grooves. The premium yurts, circular tents on a collapsible framework, each sleep six with efficiency kitchens, showers, outdoor grills and a sundeck. Fall asleep listening to songbirds and spot the monarch butterflies that migrate through Kelleys Island.

Spend the night the Wright way at the Louis Penfield House in Willoughby Hills, one of only a few homes designed by Frank Lloyd Wright available for overnight stays in the world. Built in 1955 on a rise overlooking the Chagrin River, the home features many of the famed architect's signature touches — long horizontal lines, built-in furniture and several walls made almost entirely of windows, letting the outdoors in. Relax with soul-soothing views of the grove of black cherry and locust trees along the river. Climb the unique floating staircase to reach the three bedrooms upstairs for a night of restful repose.

Just a few miles from Ash Cave, Cedar Falls and Old Man's Cave in the Hocking Hills region, the Hocking Hills Caboose is an actual 1950s caboose converted to a guest cottage with a full kitchenette and bathroom and five sleeping berths, two of them up top in the cupola. The red caboose stands out amid the green trees, as it's situated on 10 wooded acres with a large outdoor deck overlooking a forested valley. All aboard for a cozy stay close to nature!



ABOVE: Get your vacation on track at the Hocking Hills Caboose guest cottage. BELOW LEFT TO RIGHT: Take in views of Lake Erie from the island yurts at Kelleys Island State Park. The Louis Penfield House is one of only a few homes designed by Frank Lloyd Wright available for overnight stays in the world.

