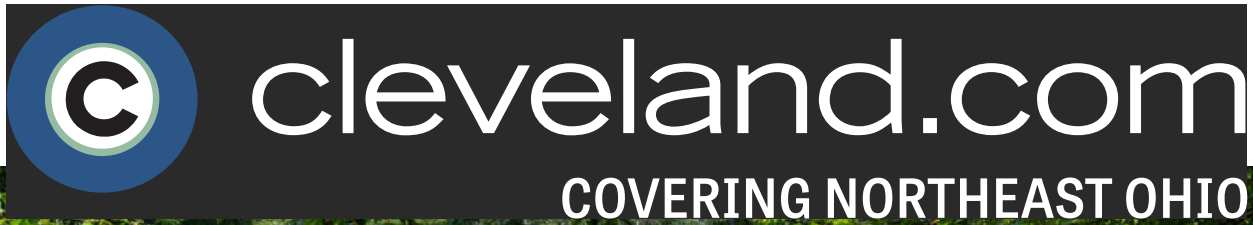


6 late-summer getaways near Cleveland you can take right now

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Fallingwater, Frank Lloyd Wright's masterpiece in southwest Pennsylvania, was recently added to UNESCO's World Heritage list. (Jim Cheney, For PennLive)

CLEVELAND, Ohio — The days are getting shorter, the sound of school bells drawing nearer. On this first weekend of August, it's fair to wonder: What happened to summer?

Fortunately, the season isn't over yet. There's plenty of time for another (or first) summer getaway.

There's no need to go far, or spend a ton of money. Travel a couple of hours in any direction and you can find every kind of summer fun: beaches, roller coasters, museums and more.

Spend a weekend, stay a night, or go for just one day. Here are six recommended getaways near Cleveland to consider before fall comes calling:



The Duncan House, designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, is available for overnight stays, part of Polymath Park in Acme, Pennsylvania. (Jim Cheney, For PennLive)

Frank Lloyd Wright masterpiece now a UNESCO World Heritage site

Fallingwater, architect Frank Lloyd Wright's stunning residence set atop a waterfall in southwest Pennsylvania, was recently named a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Designed in 1935 for Edgar and Liliane Kaufmann (of Kaufmann's Department Store fame), Fallingwater is one of eight Wright buildings recently added to the list, which recognizes sites around the globe for their

cultural and natural significance.

Other Wright sites included in the designation: the Guggenheim Museum in New York City; United Temple in Oak Park, Illinois; the Robie House in Chicago; Taliesin in Spring Green, Wisconsin; Jacobs House in Madison, Wisconsin; Taliesin West in Scottsdale, Arizona; and the Hollyhock House in Los Angeles.

Fallingwater, about 3 hours from Cleveland, is in Mill Run, Pennsylvania, southeast of Pittsburgh. It's open for tours daily, except Wednesdays. Advance reservations are strongly recommended. Information: fallingwater.org.

Stay overnight: Ardent Wright fans should check out Polymath Park in nearby Acme, a collection of four more-modest midcentury homes, two of which were designed by Wright and two by apprentice Peter Berndston. You can take a tour of the homes -- or stay overnight in one. Information:

franklloydwright.org



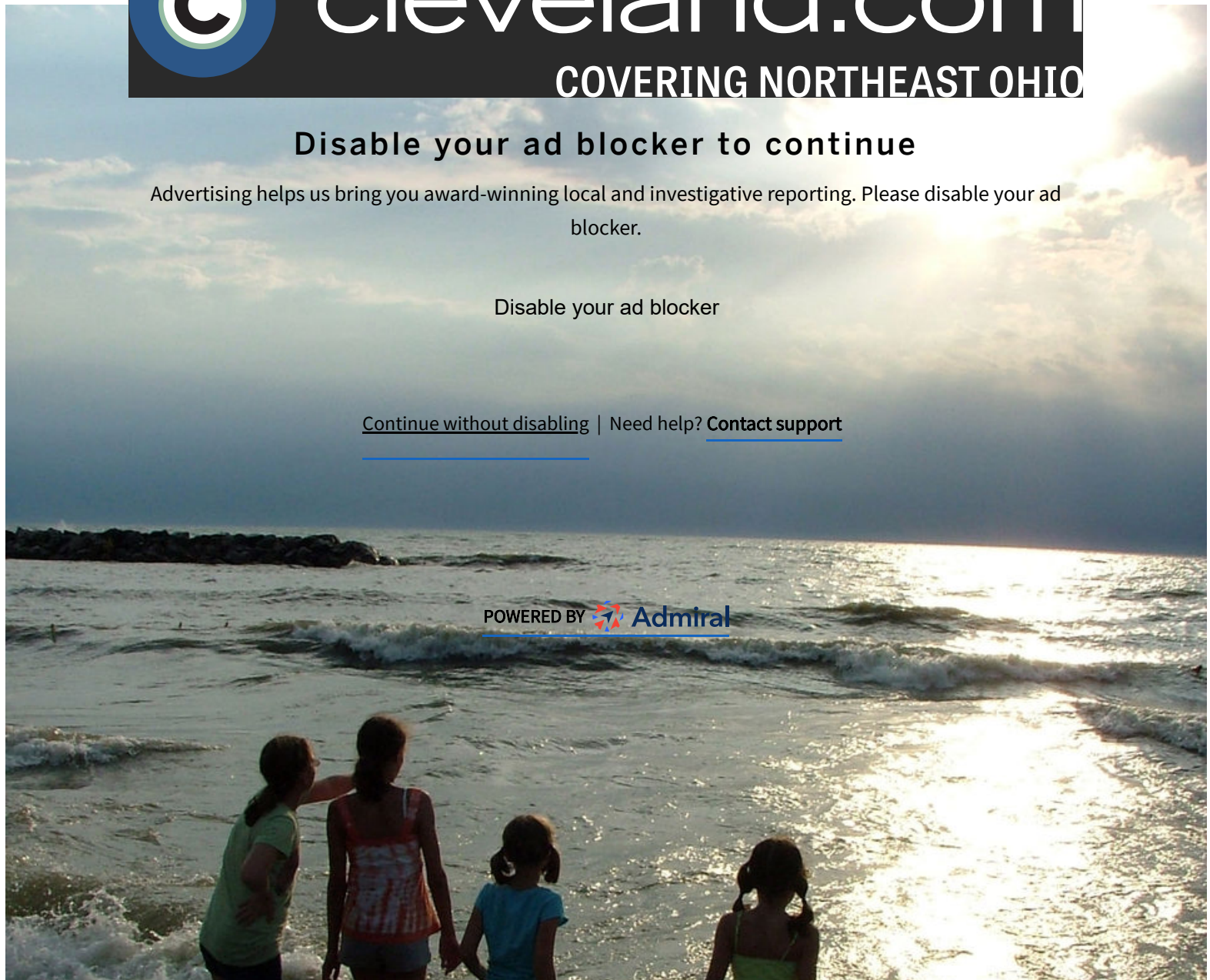
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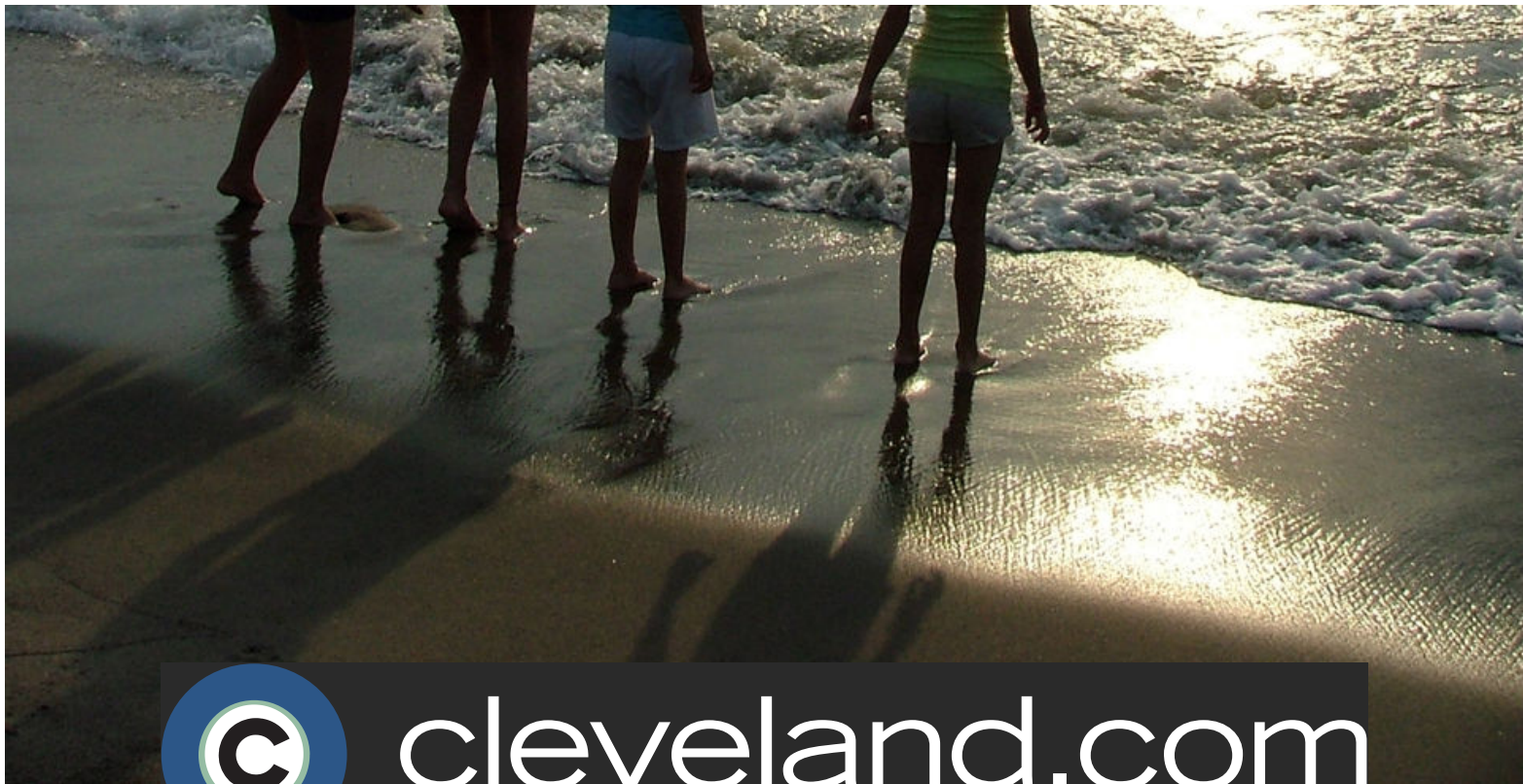
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Presque Isle State Park is a beautiful park on the 6-mile long peninsula. (Plain Dealer file photo)

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Beaching it in Erie, Pennsylvania

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It hasn't been a great summer for beaching on Lake Erie, with water levels at record highs. Some beaches along the lakeshore west of Cleveland have been reduced to modest slivers of sand, with barely enough room to spread a towel.

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Not so at Presque Isle State Park, in Erie, Pennsylvania, about 100 miles east of Cleveland. The park, on a 6-mile-long peninsula that juts into the lake, boasts 11 public beaches, most of which still have lots of lakefront property. Among the reasons why: an annual sand nourishment program, a partnership between the state and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, that seeks to replace sand lost through erosion.

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Park operations manager Matt Greene recommends Beach 8, about halfway out the peninsula, with new restrooms and concessions, for summer fun. In addition, he said, "Beaches 9 and 11 always have a large quantity of sand for summer swim season."

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A sign at the entrance to the park lists any beach closures for the day. Admission is free. Information: tinyurl.com/presqueisleSP.

While you're in the neighborhood: Check out Waldameer Park & Water World, a great small amusement park with dozens of rides, including four roller coasters. Admission is free, with an all-day ride wristband running \$31.50. Information: waldameer.com.



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Gemini 8 spacecraft used by astronauts Neil Armstrong and David Scott, inside the Armstrong Air & Space Museum in Wapakoneta, OH, Friday, May 31, 2019. (Marvin Fong / The Plain Dealer)

Classic summer road trip, Ohio style

No summer is complete without hitting the road. It may be too late to plan a grand cross-country adventure out west (then again, maybe not). But you surely have time to try one of TourismOhio's new cross-state adventures, organized by theme. Among the options: Vibrant Cities, Foodie Fill-Up, Highway to History and more.

There are road trips designed for couples, for families, for culture lovers and more. There's also one that celebrates the state's history in space exploration, including the Apollo 11 moon landing, hitting stops in Wapakoneta, Dayton, Columbus and Cleveland. For information: ohio.org.

For tunes along the way, the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame created playlists for each of the 10 trips: open.spotify.com/user/rockandrollhalloffame



The Maple Highlands Trail in Geauga County. (Plain Dealer file photo)

Biking through Amish country

Ditch the car and embrace two-wheel travel for this adventure. The 21-mile Maple Highlands Trail travels through the best of scenic Geauga County, through rural landscapes, two covered bridges, past several parks, through Chardon, Middlefield and more.

At the south end of the trail, prepare to share the path with Amish buggies. Stop for reinforcements at Mary Yoder's Amish Kitchen or Rothenbuhler Cheese Chalet. Information: geaugaparkdistrict.org/park/the-maple-highlands-trail.

South of Cleveland, in Holmes County, try the Holmes County Trail -- also traversed by bikers, Amish buggies, walkers, runners and more. The 22-mile trail includes a 15-mile section linking Fredericksburg to Killbuck and another 7.5 miles from Glenmont to Brinkhaven. The longer, eastern route travels through Millersburg, the county seat, with plenty of spots for food and drink.

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Or make a weekend of it and spend the night at the historic Hotel Millersburg or nearby Inn at Honey Run.

Information: holmestrail.com.



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Viewing the Chicago skyline from the water. (Phyllis Rose, Special to the Kalamazoo Gazette)

Chicago style

For a big-city getaway, head west to Chicago, where there's always more than enough fun to fill a weekend.

Check out the new Chicago Architecture Center, at 111 E. Wacker Drive, which opened last year and features exhibits on the city's architectural history, including a 3-D model of Chicago with more than 4,200 buildings. The center operates the popular First Lady river cruises, and also offers architectural tours via bike, bus, "L" and foot. Information: architecture.org.

Speaking of architecture -- and Frank Lloyd Wright -- the Robie House, in Chicago's Hyde Park neighborhood, recently completed a \$3 million interior renovation intended to restore the Prairie style home to Wright's 1910 vision. For tours: cal.flwright.org/tours/robie.

Also: In 2019, the city is celebrating the Year of Chicago Theatre, with special performances, events, art installations and more. For a lineup: chicagoplays.com.



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The Cleveland Indians are headed to Target Field in Minneapolis later this week. (Nicole Neri, Minneapolis Star Tribune)

Follow the Tribe to victory

The Cleveland Indians are playing some of the best baseball in the Major Leagues right now -- and sure,

there are plenty of remaining games on the schedule at Progressive Field. But why not follow the team as they travel throughout the eastern U.S. in August. Options include Minneapolis, where they'll face the

division-leading Twins (Aug. 8-11), New York City (Aug. 15-18 vs. the Yankees and again Aug. 20-22 vs. the Mets) and Detroit (Aug. 27-29).

Or, perhaps you simply cannot wait for football season to start. Good news: You don't have to. The NFL preseason kicks off Aug. 8 in Cleveland at FirstEnergy Stadium, when the Washington Redskins come to town. Or follow the Browns to Indianapolis for a preseason game on Aug. 17 at Lucas Oil Stadium. For tickets: colts.com/tickets.

Also in Indy: Don't miss the Children's Museum of Indianapolis, the world's largest children's museum, which last year opened the Sports Legends Experience, a 7.5-acre indoor-outdoor space with dozens of interactive exhibits featuring golf, tennis, football and more. Information: childrensmuseum.org.



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Comerica Park in Detroit. (Susan Glaser, The Plain Dealer)

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