

Parent Resources- Things to do

Boonshoft Museum in Dayton

The Boonshoft Museum of Discovery is a children's museum, science and technology center and zoo in Dayton, Ohio that focuses on science and natural history. Exhibits include an extensive natural history collection as well as maintaining a collection of live animals native to Ohio and abroad. There are many hands for young children to experience. Be sure to visit their website and check out their calendar of events - they offer occasional Sensory Saturday/Sunday opportunities for children with special needs. Visit <https://www.boonshoftmuseum.org/calendar> for further information.

Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Gardens

The Cincinnati Zoo is the second oldest zoo in the United States; it currently houses over 500 animals and 3000 plant species. The zoo has a great deal of information about accessibility for all on their website as well as detailed visitor information. Please visit <https://cincinnati.zoo.org/plan-your-visit/zoo-access-for-all/> for more information.

Cincinnati Museum Center

The Cincinnati Museum Center at Union Terminal is home to the Cincinnati History Museum, Duke Energy Children's Museum and the Museum of Natural History & Science. Visit their website at cincymuseum.org for more information. Be sure to check out this link for details about accessibility for special needs - there are some accommodations available. <https://www.cincymuseum.org/accessibility/>

Cincinnati Art Museum

The Cincinnati Art Museum is an art museum in the Eden Park neighborhood of Cincinnati, Ohio. Founded in 1881, it was the first purpose-built art museum west of the Alleghenies, and is one of the oldest in the United States. Visit <https://www.cincinnatiartmuseum.org> for more information. Be sure to check out the tab about accessibility accommodations on their website.

Cincinnati Nature Center

The Cincinnati Nature Center welcomes thousands of nature enthusiasts from around the region and beyond to explore the 1800 acres of forests, prairies, streams, ponds and wetlands that make up their two locations, Rowe Woods and Long Branch Farm & Trails. Visit the Rowe Woods location at 4949 Tealtown Road, Milford, OH. There you will also find The Cincinnati Nature Center's Nature PlayScape, which is intentionally designed to provide children with opportunities for unstructured play in a resilient version of local natural habitats. Native plants, fallen logs, boulders, rocks, water and soil create forest and field habitats for

children to explore. The Nature Center's Nature PlayScape contains very few man-made structures (swings, slides, etc.) and strives to re-create the kind of childhood experience many parents and grandparents had in nature when they were young. The Nature PlayScape is located on 1.6 acres of forest, field, stream and wetland habitat within Rowe Woods. It is a short walk from the Visitor Center. There is also a parking lot close to the PlayScape. Visit <https://www.cincynature.org> for further information.