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**See Something New!**

## Summer 2006

Connect with nature, hone your gardening skills or simply enjoy the bounty of flora and fauna throughout Cleveland's natural wonders. Each venue offers programs available to groups.



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## Day 1

### Lake Metroparks Farmpark

Discover where your food comes from...and a whole lot more! An open-air science and cultural center with tours and activities for all ages and abilities, **Lake Metroparks Farmpark** (440.256.2139,

[www.lakemetroparks.com](http://www.lakemetroparks.com)) boasts 235 acres of field and forest.

Take a wagon ride around the park and enjoy the more than 50 breeds of farm animals, beautiful themed gardens and Plant Science Center. Try your hand at milking the cow, hand cranking ice cream or making apple cider!

Annual events your groups might enjoy include: HorseFest (May); Vintage Ohio, Ohio's largest wine festival and voted in ABA'S

Top100 Motorcoach Events (August); Village Peddler Festival (September); Fall Harvest Festival & Antique Tractor Show (September); and Country Lights (December).



- Group rates available
- Minimum group size: 20
- Driver and escort are comped with 20 paid guests
- Reservations required for groups
- Deposits required
- Complimentary motorcoach parking
- Full on-site catering and other restaurants in area
- Gift shop
- Handicap accessible—even the wagons can be ramped to accommodate wheelchairs

### Cleveland Botanical Garden

Tucked neatly in University Circle is the **Cleveland Botanical Garden** (ask for group sales at 216.721.1600 or visit [www.cb garden.org](http://www.cb garden.org)).

Housing an 18,000 square-foot *Eleanor Armstrong Smith Glasshouse*, the museum features two of the world's most fragile ecosystems: the spiny desert of Madagascar and the cloud forest of Costa Rica. These living exhibits feature 500 species of plants and 50 species of butterflies, insects, birds and other animals.

On the outside, the Botanical Garden is a delight to behold with ten acres of award-winning display gardens, including the Hershey Children's Garden, Japanese and herb gardens. The largest outdoor flower show in North America returns to the Cleveland Botanical Garden for four days during Memorial Day weekend, May 24 – 28, 2007.

The Botanical Garden also offers an excellent gift shop for avid gardeners and nature lovers, plus a delicious café with homemade soups, salads and sandwiches.

- Group rates available
- Comps negotiable to group size
- Reservations required
- No deposit required
- Self- and guided tours available
- Motorcoach parking available approximately one mile away at The Temple on E. 105th
- On site dining (with additional dining nearby in University Circle and Little Italy)
- Gift shop
- Handicap accessible

### Dine at Nighttown Restaurant

Located in the fashionable Cedar-Fairmount shopping district at the top of Cedar Hill in Cleveland Heights, just moments away from Severance Hall and University Circle, is an award-winning restaurant and jazz club and the perfect place to stop for groups.



A Cleveland institution since 1965, this white-tablecloth restaurant boasts four private party rooms, three bars, an eclectic American menu, a fabulous outdoor (year-round) heated patio with a massive full-wall waterfall, a full menu until midnight seven days a week and national jazz acts (the only place in Ohio on *Down Beat's* List of the 100 Best Jazz Clubs in the World). Groups up to 250 welcomed and encouraged. Visit [www.nighttowncleveland.com](http://www.nighttowncleveland.com) or call 216.795.0550.

Located in nearby University Circle is **Glidden House Inn** (216.231.8900, [www.gliddenhouse.com](http://www.gliddenhouse.com)). This 60-room French Gothic bed & breakfast is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

- Group rates available
- Minimum group: 5 rooms
- Maximum group: 60 rooms
- Comps negotiable
- Reservations are required for groups
- No deposits for group rooms
- Motorcoach parking available at The Temple on E 105th
- Handicap accessible
- Free breakfast, free high speed wireless, free local phone calls

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## Day 2

### Holden Arboretum

Spend the day exploring *Holden Arboretum* (440.946.4400, [www.holdenarb.org](http://www.holdenarb.org)) a unique preserve of natural woodland, horticultural collections and display gardens.

Located about 45 minutes east of downtown, Holden connects people with nature for inspiration and enjoyment, fosters learning and promotes conservation. In addition to the beauty of its more than 3,500 acres, Holden offers programming for nature lovers of all ages. Adventurous groups might prefer a rugged hike in Stebbins Gulch. Others could take a relaxing saunter around the gardens or view the scenic gardens from the comfort of a tram tour.

- Group rates available
- Please call for comps
- Reservations may be required for special events, please call 440.946.4400
- Payment for special events may be required in advance to secure reservation
- Self- and guided tours available
- Motorcoach parking available
- Light salads, sandwiches and desserts available in Visitor Center
- Catering available
- Gift shop
- Handicap accessible, although some remote gardens are not accessible. Trams are available, but need to be reserved in advance.

A short drive from Holden Arboretum is *Hilton Garden Inn Cleveland/Twinsburg* (330.405.4488 or [www.clevelandtwinsburg.stayghi.com](http://www.clevelandtwinsburg.stayghi.com)). This 142-room hotel is conveniently located near I-480 and area attractions, restaurants and shopping. The hotel offers heated indoor pool, complimentary business center, Great American Grill Restaurant for buffet and cooked to order breakfasts.



Just next door to the hotel is *Blue Canyon Restaurant* (ask for group sales at 330.486.2583) that complements any kind of weather. Chilly fall evening? Curl up next to the fire with a warm drink. Warm summer's eve? Laugh it up with your group on the patio. Blue Canyon offers fresh steaks, seafood, salads, pasta and a full bar.

- Group rates available, \$75-\$129
- Minimum group size: 10 rooms

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- Comps available at 1 per 20 occupied
- Reservations required for groups, 7-21 days prior to arrival
- Deposits required: Credit card to guarantee late arrival and \$200 at time of booking
- Complimentary motorcoach parking
- 24 hour Pavillion Pantry that carries snack foods, beverages and sundries
- Handicap accessible

## Day 3

### Cleveland Metroparks Zoo & RainForest

On the near west side of the city, the *Cleveland Metroparks Zoo and RainForest* (call group sales at 216.661.3308 or visit [www.clemetzoo.com](http://www.clemetzoo.com)) features



the largest primate collection in North America. Exhibits include the *RainForest*, *Wolf Wilderness*, *Northern Trek*, *African Savanna* and *Wilderness Adventure*.

Cleveland Metroparks Zoo is committed to the best in animal care and conservation. The Sarah Allison Steffee Center for Zoological Medicine opened in 2004. This world-class zoo veterinary hospital supports groundbreaking research and engages visitors in veterinary care issues.

The Center for Zoological Medicine offers unprecedented public access in an adjoining education pavilion — the Reinberger Learning Lab. Zoo visitors can learn about veterinary care at all stages of an animal's life, from delivery to departure. The displays feature hands-on interactives, tools of the trade and views to surgical suites where visitors might sneak a peek at a treatment procedure in progress.

- Group rates available
- Minimum group size: 25
- Bus driver's and group leader's admissions are free
- Reservations required
- Full payment due one week in advance; no refunds
- Self- and guided tours available
- Motorcoach parking is free in the zoo parking lot
- A wide variety of on-site dining, including McDonald's
- Gift shop
- Handicap accessible

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