

Coney Island

Opening on Main Street in 1914 Coney Island is the oldest Coney Stand in America and Fort Wayne. Stepping into Coney Island is like stepping back in time. From the outside you can feast your eyes on the neatly lined rows of hot dogs cooking on the grill in the front window. The restaurant sells an average of 2,000 hot dogs a day and chops 70# onions per day. Coney Island is a local tradition and a must-see for visitors. Visiting and feasting on a hot dog at Coney Island is a must, and don't forget to grab a Coke in a classic bottle! Oh, by the way, try their famous chili, hamburgers and pie.



Sweetwater

TOUR IS LIMITED TO 30. REGISTER EARLY.

Sweetwater is the nation's largest retailer in the US for musical instruments, pro audio gear and a campus that includes both in-house and online sales. The campus includes an Academy of Music and Technology, private lessons, three state-of-the-art recording studios, arcade games, a performance theatre, an outdoor performance pavilion for shows and an in-house diner and café.

Sweetwater employs over 2600 people offering their employees many perks on-site such as a Health Club with personal trainer, a salon and spa, medical clinic, DVD lending library, concierge service and more.

The tour begins at 10AM and ends at 11:00AM. A boxed lunch in their Downbeat Diner is included following the tour. The tour bus departs at 12:15 PM for the Hilton Hotel.

Veterans National Memorial Shrine and Museum

Founded by Eric and Cleo Scott in the early 1950s, this 40 acre Memorial Park welcomes all past and present Veterans. Eric Scott enlisted in the Army at the age of 19 and served in World War I. He spent six weeks in training and was assigned to the Third Infantry Division, Sixth Combat Engineers in France.

During the Battle of Marne in 1918, under heavy fire from his foxhole, Eric promised God if he survived the intense fighting he would establish a memorial to honor all of his fellow fighting soldiers and their families when he returned home. Eventually he began building a 2,400 square foot Shrine, museum and reception hall at 2122 O'Day Road. Their first reception was held in 1952 to honor many of his buddies who he served with.

The Vietnam Memorial Wall is one of the featured attractions at the Veterans Memorial Shrine and Museum. The permanent wall was dedicated in May 2021. This 80% replica stands 8 ft high at its center point and runs a full 360 feet from end to end. All 58,320 names of those men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice will forever be remembered on the wall here in Fort Wayne. At the east end of the wall is a Vietnam War monument erected to honor the local Vietnam community and all those that served during the 20 year war. A red legacy brick walkway leads to the monument lined with soldiers names and the dates they served.



A new 6,000 square foot W. Paul Wolf, War History Museum was recently built. The museum features military artifacts from all conflicts, displays and exhibits, a gift shop and a Paul's Coffee Café, where Veterans can gather and talk about their experiences.

Another highlight of the Veterans Shrine and Museum is the 40/8 Merci Box Car presented to the State of Indiana in 1949. This Box Car was a gift from the French people for supporting their efforts to defeat Nazi German during World War II. The French presented every state in the union with a commemorative Box Car filled with gifts from the French people.