



Guide to Cleveland

Cleveland's Got Sole is, first and foremost, a showcase for Cleveland, and our #1 mission is to make sure every single person who comes to our event experiences the best Cleveland has to offer and leaves loving OUR city as much as we do. If you are looking for anything not listed below or have any questions whatsoever, please give us a call or text.

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One of the many highlights of Cleveland is its food scene. We have absolutely amazing restaurants of every type, ethnicity and style. If there's anything at all you have a taste for please reach out. Don't waste a boring meal here because there are endless amazing places to try.

*Direct all food related questions to Andrew

Points of Interest:

The Rock & Roll Hall of Fame: www.rockhall.com

1100 Rock and Roll Blvd., Cleveland, OH 44114

(216) 781-7625

The Rock Hall is an amazing museum of all music history and has exhibits from every genre imaginable. It's a must experience for any music lover. Give yourself the good part of the day for this. You can spend days looking over everything or be content with a few hours. Tickets are \$22 for adults, and they offer military discounts. Hours are: 10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Everyday Except for Wednesdays and Saturdays when they are open until 9 p.m.

The NFL Hall of Fame: (Pro Football Hall of Fame):

www.profootballhof.com

2121 George Halas Dr. NW, Canton, OH 44708

(330) 456-8207

This is located in Akron, about 30 minutes south of Cleveland. It's a great experience for any football fan and can be toured in a couple hours. Tickets are \$21, and they are open 9 a.m. – 8 p.m. every day.

Cedar Point: www.cedarpoint.com

22800 Cedar Point Rd., Sandusky, OH 44142

(419) 627-2350

This is hands down, the best amusement park in the world. It has the biggest, fastest and craziest roller coasters on the planet. It is about an hour west of Cleveland. Plan on taking a whole day to do this, and I recommend paying the extra for "Fast Lane" tickets so you skip most of the lines. Tickets are between \$40 – \$50 a person.

Horseshoe Casino:

100 Public Square, Cleveland

Cleveland's first casino, brand new. Open 24 hours. Only serves booze until 2 a.m., right downtown on Public Square

Playhouse Square: www.playhousesquare.org

Performing Arts District, consisting of 8 Theaters, 2nd Largest in the country to NYC. Plays, Comedy, Concerts, etc.

Cleveland Museum of Art: www.clevelandart.org

Great Lakes Science Center: www.glsc.org

Interactive Science Museum with I-Max theater

Little Italy: www.littleitalycleveland.com

This neighborhood is straight old school Italian and has the food, bakeries and shops to prove it. If you want Italian this is where to go. If you want killer pizza there are spots on all sides of town so just let us know where you're at, and we'll point you somewhere close.

Coventry: www.coventryvillage.org

Coventry is a neighborhood on the near eastside of Cleveland that has a ton of character, unique shops and good places to eat. Be sure to check out one of our vendor's shops, Heart & Sole. Coventry is home to the original "Big Fun," which was named by Playboy as one of the coolest stores in the United States. It has crazy vintage toys from when you were a kid. It sells everything from Gameboys to Ataris to Transformers and everything in between. Great shop to kill an hour or two. "Next" is in Coventry as well and is a nice sneaker/clothing boutique. "Pacific East" is one of the best Sushi spots in Cleveland and is there, as well.

The Westside Market: www.westsidemarket.org

Located at the corner of Lorain Rd. & West 25th St., downtown.

The Westside Market is celebrating its 100th year and is in the heart of Ohio City. It is a market with all types of food, vegetables and amazing spots to eat. Probably close to a dozen stands here have been on The Food Channel for one reason or another. Steve's Gyro is one vendor that's been featured for their insanely good Gyro. Maha's Café is another vendor which has the best Falafel Sandwich you'll ever have. (Be sure to add hot sauce and hummus). There is the West Side Market Café where you can sit down and taste always fresh amazing food, from the market. Hours: Monday & Wednesday: 7 a.m. – 4 p.m., Friday & Saturdays: 7 a.m. – 6 p.m. **Keep in mind that a lot of vendors start to close down early, so you'll miss a ton if you try stopping by in the last hour they're open.

East 4th: <http://www.east4thstreet.com/dining>

Great neighborhood with restaurants, bars and House of Blues. Great spot to grab some food or drinks earlier in the evening. Dies out around 10 or 11 p.m. *Native (on East 4th): Awesome unique shop focusing on Cleveland memorabilia and clothing. A must hit shop. Great books and all kinds of stuff.

The Warehouse District: West 6th, 9th and St.Clair. Party central. All the crazy bars and clubs are here. If you want to get stupid or witness stupidity, this is the place. Everything is 21+ and bars close at 2 a.m.

West 25th: This area is a little bit of everything, a bit of West 6th and East 4th combined. Cool bars, great food and it goes all night. Specific recommendations will be in the section below.

*All of the neighborhoods and areas above are nice and compact. Easy to park and just wonder around.

Food & Booze: (Specific Recommendations)

Michael Symon: One of the best chefs on the planet, Iron Chef on The Food Network, James Beard and Michelin Star winning chef. He has a bunch of concepts throughout the city. Here is a break-down of each one:

B-Spot: These are all over town. Check www.bspotburgers.com for locations, hours and menu. Burgers, Brats, Beer. Super laid back place with killer burgers, wings, fries and shakes. Basically a modern take on a burger joint /diner. Andrew recommends the Lola burger, Lola fries and Sriracha wings specifically. Don't get those wings if you don't like hot stuff. Shakes with booze in them...how much better does it get? There can be a bit of a wait if you go during peek hours.

Lolita: Michael Symon's original location of "Lola" and his first place, which made him famous. It's still his baby and Andrew's favorite of his places. It's a Bistro by design, has a great bar, is semi-casual, but is still very much fine dining. Decent prices for the food, but not cheap. Weekends probably require reservations. www.lolitarestaurant.com

Lola: Michael Symon's new Lola location. Fine dining, great cocktails, amazing food. Not cheap and a bit "fancy," but beyond excellent. www.lolabistro.com

Pho-Row: Cleveland has a large Asian community and a passion for its food. Out of this came "Pho-Row," a string of great Vietnamese spots all in right by each other. www.superiorpho.com is my favorite for Pho itself and a favorite of Michael Symon, as well. www.saigongrille.com has the best Bahn Mi. #1 Pho is good, too, but a bit more Americanized. If you're looking for Thai, Chinese or Dim Sum, contact Andrew for recommendations.

Polish Boys: Cleveland's predominant ethnic group is Polish and there is some amazing food that comes along with that. Don't leave Cleveland without trying a Polish Boy and the Pierogies. They're on another level. If you haven't had one, a Polish Boy is a Sausage Sandwich with fries with coleslaw on it, covered in either BBQ or hot sauce. The best spots for them are: #1 Burton's BBQ: www.yelp.com/biz/burtons-bbq-cleveland. Call in your order, or be prepared to wait about a half hour after you arrive. Tiny little place with one guy doing everything. He takes amazing pride in what he makes, and it is well worth the wait. They have killer BBQ as well. #2 Seti's Polish Boy Truck: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Setis-Polish-Boys/184244031587861>. Check its Facebook page for location and hours. It's a food-truck, so they move! This is Michael Symon's favorite. These sandwiches will get soggy quick so eating them as soon as you get them is best.

Sokolowski's University Inn: This place is as old-school as it comes. Home cooking at its finest. Traditional Polish Cafeteria style. This is the only spot to get Pierogies. www.sokolowskis.com/lunch.php Lunch Monday-Friday, and ONLY serve dinner on Friday & Saturday. Closed Sunday.

Lucky's: Best spot in the city for breakfast/brunch. They make absolutely everything from scratch, therefore it's a bit more expensive than most spots. Best biscuits and gravy Andrew has ever had. Killer Rueben, as well. www.luckysafe.com

SoHo: On West 25th, and one of Andrew's favorite spots in town. The food is re-worked Southern classics. Best chicken & waffles as well as shrimp & grits in the city. They have amazing cocktails, a great patio, bar and is just a great relaxed spot to chill, eat, drink, whatever. www.sohocleveland.com

Southside: In Tremont, and well known for having one of the best patios in town. Great bar with killer food. Very good chicken & waffles, among a bunch of other stuff as well. Kitchen's open until 2 a.m. Great place to chill out, grab a bite or drink far too much. www.southsidecleveland.com

Prosperity Social Club: Andrew's favorite patio for drinking in the city and another old-school classic. Looks like it hasn't been touched since the early 60's. Very chill, great bartenders, pool-table, and it's in the heart of Tremont where there are tons of other spots to check out, if you choose.
www.prosperitysocialclub.com

Happy Dog: This is located in the Gordon Square Arts District. (It's one long street, not sure why it's called a square.) You can get hotdogs or sausages here and pick from like 100 toppings. Great spot, killer dogs and a hipster palace at its finest. Bring your skinny jeans and fixed gear.

Paninis: www.paninisgrill.com "Home of the Famous Over-Stuffed Sandwich" A Cleveland original, and located all over the city. They serve huge sandwiches with fries and coleslaw on them. They're all open until the bars close and are best after a few too many beers.

Velvet Tango Room: www.velvettangoroom.com

2095 Columbus Rd., Cleveland, OH 44113

The best drink you will ever have.....period.

This place is a complete throwback to the prohibition era. They pride themselves in using nothing but scratch made ingredients and mixers and perfecting the lost art of "*the cocktail.*" If you appreciate a good drink and don't mind paying for it then you need to check this place out. Drinks are \$15 a piece, but you get what you pay for. Not a casual place, but not stuffy either. No shorts, but just about anything else would be okay. If you drive here don't leave any valuables visible in your car, as it's not in the best neighborhood.

Great Lakes Brewing Company: www.greatlakesbrewing.com

2516 Market Ave., Cleveland, OH 44113

(216) 771-4404

One of the best breweries in the Midwest. If you like craft beer you must check this spot out. They're in the heart of Ohio City, around all sorts of other cool spots. If you go, ask if Leigh's working and tell her Andrew sent you. She's family so tip well.

ABC Tavern: www.abcthetavern.com On 25th Street and a bit of hipster-hell, but killer food and cheap drinks. The PBLT (Pork-Belly, Lettuce Tomato) Sandwich is worth tolerating all the PBR swilling regulars.

Greenhouse Tavern: www.thegreenhousetavern.com

2038 East 4th St., Cleveland, OH 44115

(216) 443-0511

This was opened by Michael Symon's protégé Jonathan Sawyer. Super laid back with some amazing food. The wings are especially amazing.

Melt: <http://meltbarandgrilled.com>

Melt has been all over The Food Network and has a few different locations throughout the city. It serves all kinds of grilled cheese sandwiches, with anything you can think of on them. There is always a crazy wait. If you go, be prepared for that, or try to go during off-peak hours. Give a call before you head out to get an estimate on how long the wait could be for the number of people with you.

Pizza:

Cleveland has some great Pizza spots. Here are Andrew's favorites:

#1 Geraci's

2266 Warrensville Center Rd., University Hts., OH , 44118

(216) 371-5643

Geraci's has been there for like 100 years. Killer Italian in general, but their Pizza is where it's at. Thinner NY style.

#2 Bar Cento

1948 W. 25th St., Cleveland, OH

(216) 274-1010

Bar Cento was voted by Food & Wine as having the best pizza in Ohio. Their "Breakfast Pizza" is the one to get and the one that won that award. It's a fancier pizza, and not the traditional style. They have the best fries ever. It's around a ton of other great bars and restaurants, as well.

#3 Vincenza's

603 Prospect E. Ave., Cleveland, OH

(216) 241-8382

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Vincenzas-Pizza-Pasta/170639702973582>

Great pizza and they serve all styles, thick-crust, thin, deep-dish, etc.

They're mainly a downtown lunch and dinner spot, so they're not open very late. Check the hours before you head there.

#4 Angelo's

13715 Madison Ave., Lakewood, OH 44107
(216) 221-0440

Amazingly fresh and a staple in town. Many will tell you this is the best pizza in Cleveland and that's hard to argue. It's in Lakewood, 10-15 minutes out of downtown.

#5 Santos

21467 Lorain Rd, Cleveland, OH 44126
(440) 333-7437

Great pizza on the Westside. Thicker crust, and especially awesome sausage.

Shopping:

Beachwood Place: www.beachwoodplace.com

Mall near Embassy Suites in Beachwood

Villa: www.ruvilla.com

Great sneaker/street wear shop and Cleveland's Got Sole's headline sponsor. Multiple locations around town

Next: www.ruleofnext.com

Similar to Villa but with more of a boutique feel. They have shops in Beachwood Mall, Coventry as well as other locations.

Westside Skates: www.westsideskates.net

14047 Madison Ave., Lakewood, OH 44107
(216) 226-2470

Awesome skate shops. Great place to find SB's and Vans.

Heart & Sole: www.heartandsolesneakers.com

Great boutique in Coventry with an especially nice selection of New Balance and unique street wear.

Another Enemy:

13437 Cedar Rd., Cleveland Hts., 44118

Killer locally-based clothing brand with a shop in Cleveland Heights, right by Melt. Buy their stuff while you wait for your table.

Ilthy Workshop: Gordon Square Arts District

5304 Detroit Ave., Cleveland Ohio 44102

Days of Operation: Tuesday-Saturday

Closed: Sunday & Monday

Hours: 12 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Cool street wear brand and art studio.

Steps Sneaker Consignment:

13446 Cedar Rd., Cleveland OH 44118

(216) 320-9680

Right by Another Enemy and Melt. Buy their stuff while you wait to eat.

We can't thank everyone enough for coming out to support Cleveland's Got Sole. We hope that you have an absolutely wonderful time while you're in Cleveland and that you'll come back soon. Again, if you have any questions at all, need anything whatsoever while you're here, please reach out to either one of us.

-Kevin & Andrew-