

WRPS Possible Overnight Outings Information For 2008 Survey

There are 5 destinations and 6 different weekends. I am looking for the destination/weekend combinations with the most interest, and then I will follow up with more detailed information, hotels & possible itineraries.

I will pass around the clipboard for you to mark your interest at the meetings in February (and maybe March too).

Here are the 6 different weekends (Friday, Saturday, Sunday dates):

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| * May 30, 31, June 1 | * June 27, 28, 29 |
| * June 6, 7, 8 | * July 18, 19, 20 |
| * June 20, 21, 22 | * August 1, 2, 3 |

Here are the 5 destinations:

- The Wilds in Cumberland OH
- George Eastman House, Museum & Gardens in Rochester NY
- Hocking Hills OH
- Wheeling WV
- Pittsburgh PA

The Wilds in Cumberland OH (approximate 3 hour drive)

The Wilds is one of the largest & most innovative conservation center. Visitors can choose from air-conditioned transports or custom open-air transports (if weather permits) for a guided tour where they can see wildlife roaming freely (rhinos, giraffes, zebras, antelope, bison & more). There are 4 place to depart the transport; they are Lake Trail, the Wetlands, Outpost & Carnivore Conservation Center, & Butterfly Habitat. They also have a café. The open-air safari is \$25 per person & they are open from 10am to 4pm.

Other possible photo ops include Byesville Scenic Train ride from 1-2pm on Sundays (except Aug 3) for \$10 per person, Historic downtown Cambridge, Terra Cotta Vineyards on Saturday, Salt Fork State Park. Possible stops on the way home would include Warther Carving Museum in Dover (9am-5pm \$11), Zoar Village or Wolf Creek Winery in Akron. (information by research & not personal experience)

George Eastman House, Museum & Gardens in Rochester NY

(approximate 5 hour drive)

Discover millions of photographic masterpieces, movie classics, and technological wonders created during the past 160 years. Experience the landmark 50-room Colonial Revival-style mansion & formal gardens George Eastman called home. Nearly a dozen galleries & display areas host a wide variety of changing exhibitions from the Museum's collections as well as from other museums around the world. (information from their brochure)

Admission is \$8 per person but parking is free. Their hours are 10am to 5pm on Saturday and 1 – 5 pm on Sunday (10am-5pm on Sundays in May). They offer 45-minute tours daily, included with regular museum admission. Access to the Terrace Garden, Library Garden, and East Vista are included with regular museum admission. The West & Rock Gardens are accessible without regular museum admission.

Saturday evening we could all maybe go to dinner as a group & if everyone is staying at the same hotel meet for more socializing in the lobby or someone's room. (information by research & not personal experience)

A possible stop on the way home could include Mazza Chatauqua Cellars in Mayville NY.

Hocking Hills OH (approximate 3-4 hour drive)

The weekend would include mostly going to the many parks in the area, some have beautiful waterfalls without long or difficult hikes.

Wheeling WV (approximate 4 hour drive)

Some of the places to visit include Historic Victorian Homes in downtown Wheeling, the West Virginia Penitentiary in Moundsville, the Marx Toy Museum, and Oglebay Resort with their Bissonette Gardens, Schenk Lake & Good Zoo. (information by research & not personal experience)

Pittsburgh PA (approximate 3-4 hour drive)

Some of the places to visit include PPG Plaza, Point State Park, Station Square, Duquesne Incline, West End Overlook, & Carnegie Mellon College. (information by research & not personal experience)