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Why Oberlin? A Guide to Oberlin, Ohio

Dining, Shopping and Attractions



You know what they say about real estate: **location, location, location**

When you choose to live in Oberlin, Ohio, whether in the home you have loved for years or a comfy cottage at Kendal at Oberlin — you have chosen wisely. From arts and culture to dining and shopping, Oberlin is a very walkable community that has it all, including plenty of intergenerational opportunities. Oberlin is only a short drive from Cleveland and has many attractions in the surrounding areas.

Let's discover a few restaurants, shops and one-of-a-kind experiences you can only find in Oberlin!

Oberlin Restaurants

Oberlin offers a lot of great dining destinations. Here are some favorite local spots to try in the area.

The Feve

This restaurant/bar/escape from everyday life has a loyal fan base that will make you feel at home, no matter what your mood. They offer an amazing weekend brunch, and the menu changes regularly depending on what fresh, local ingredients are available.

Lorenzo's Pizzeria

This Oberlin tradition is beloved by young and old alike. Since 1982, Lorenzo's has served the community Italian dishes made with love and know-how. The sauce and dough are made from scratch, and toppings come from the freshest vegetables, meats and cheeses. This Oberlin staple is not to be missed!

1833 Restaurant

Located in the lobby of the Hotel at Oberlin, 1833 Restaurant offers seasonally inspired menus, showcasing locally sourced ingredients and regional artisan products. A cool atmosphere, unique beverage selections and a friendly staff make 1833 Restaurant a fun gathering spot. Open year-round, 1833 welcomes both hotel and public guests to enjoy dining overlooking historic Tappan Square.



Oberlin Shopping

Looking for the best places to shop in Oberlin, Ohio? The city boasts a variety of excellent local shops perfect for an afternoon outing. From gifts to games to designer apparel, you're sure to find everything you need.



Ben Franklin and Mindfair Books

Originally opening as a general store in 1935, Ben Franklin continues to provide quality merchandise at low prices. Enter into a world where there is a little bit of everything — from your everyday wants and needs to rare toys, games and other exciting merchandise. Like a kid in a candy shop, you won't know where to start, and you definitely won't want to stop! Supporting local suppliers, as well as the environment, makes Ben Franklin a guilt-free shopping spree.

Main Street Antiques

Main Street Antiques has an ever-changing selection of items from days gone by. Over a dozen vendors are located in this large, two-story antique mall on 335 S. Main Street — just south of downtown. You'll find small antiques, collectibles, furniture, tools, decor, books and more. As one shopper mentioned, it's "a hidden treasure here in Oberlin."

Evie Lou Oberlin

Evie Lou Oberlin opened in August 2020 in the location previously occupied by Bead Paradise. Similar to its sister location in Cleveland, Ohio, Evie Lou Oberlin features artful ladies' apparel, artisan accessories and chic home and dorm decor. You'll also discover a selection of self-care items, including oils, skin care products and soaps.

Cultural Gems of Oberlin

Now that you have experienced some of the best dining and shopping in Oberlin, Ohio, you are ready to move on to the city's cultural treasures and art scenes. From classical to contemporary and timeless to modern, you will not be disappointed.

Frank Lloyd Wright House

The Weltzheimer/Johnson House, designed by the famous American architect, is also referred to as the Frank Lloyd Wright house. Wright developed the idea of organic architecture and Usonia, his vision for urban living in the U.S.

Usonian Homes are small, L-shaped structures that fit around a garden terrace. The Weltzheimer/Johnson House, completed in 1949, was the first Usonian house in Ohio and one of the few in the nation open to the public.



The Frank Lloyd Wright house is part of another Oberlin gem - the Allen Memorial Art Museum!

Apollo Theatre

A true staple in the Oberlin community, the Apollo Theatre has focused on cinematic delight for viewers of all ages for nearly 100 years. The single screen has shown everything from thrillers to dramas to family-friendly flicks for as many as 840 moviegoers at a time.

In 2012, the theater was reopened following renovations to transform the Apollo into a one-of-a-kind modern film and performance space on the first floor. The Danny DeVito and Rhea Perlman Cinema Studies Center for Media Education and Production is on the second floor.



Ginko Gallery & Studio

The intimate Ginko Gallery & Studio features more than 250 artists, each with their own captivating character and talent. Not only will you find works of art on canvas, but you will find pottery, jewelry, glass, wood, metal, weavings and all sorts of other materials manipulated to form inspiring art.

What truly sets this gallery apart? There are five working studios where resident artists create the art you were just peering at on the other side of the wall. Seeing something beautiful coming to life gives the world of art a new eye-opening perspective.

Oberlin Conservatory of Music

With more than 200 Steinway Grand Pianos within its walls, the Conservatory of Music has the largest collection of Steinway & Sons pianos outside the Steinway factory. The Conservatory is also the oldest continuously operating conservatory in the U.S. Residents of Kendal at Oberlin, as well as many community members, attend concerts and recital performances throughout each academic year.

Conservatory students appreciate the opportunity to perform for a diverse and critical audience. These students are among the best musicians in the world. Alumni often see their names in lights on Broadway, the Metropolitan Opera and in The New York Times. There are also award-winning composers, conductors and musicians.

These are only a few of the cultural experiences awaiting you in Oberlin. Make sure to get out there and discover your own. Or you could change it up with a short drive to world-class Cleveland!





Things To Do in the Cleveland Area

Exciting Cleveland is only a short 45-minute drive from Oberlin. Instead of staying in with nothing special to do, discover the next town over.

With world-renowned museums, first-class dining and Broadway theater, Cleveland has something for everyone. Beyond the Oberlin must-sees, try these hand-selected venues and dining highlights in historic and vibrant Cleveland.



Cleveland Culture and Art

Cleveland attractions don't stop with the famous Rock and Roll Hall of Fame or the FirstEnergy Stadium. If you're looking for ways to enjoy the rich cultural tapestry of Cleveland, give these locations a try.

Cleveland Museum of Art

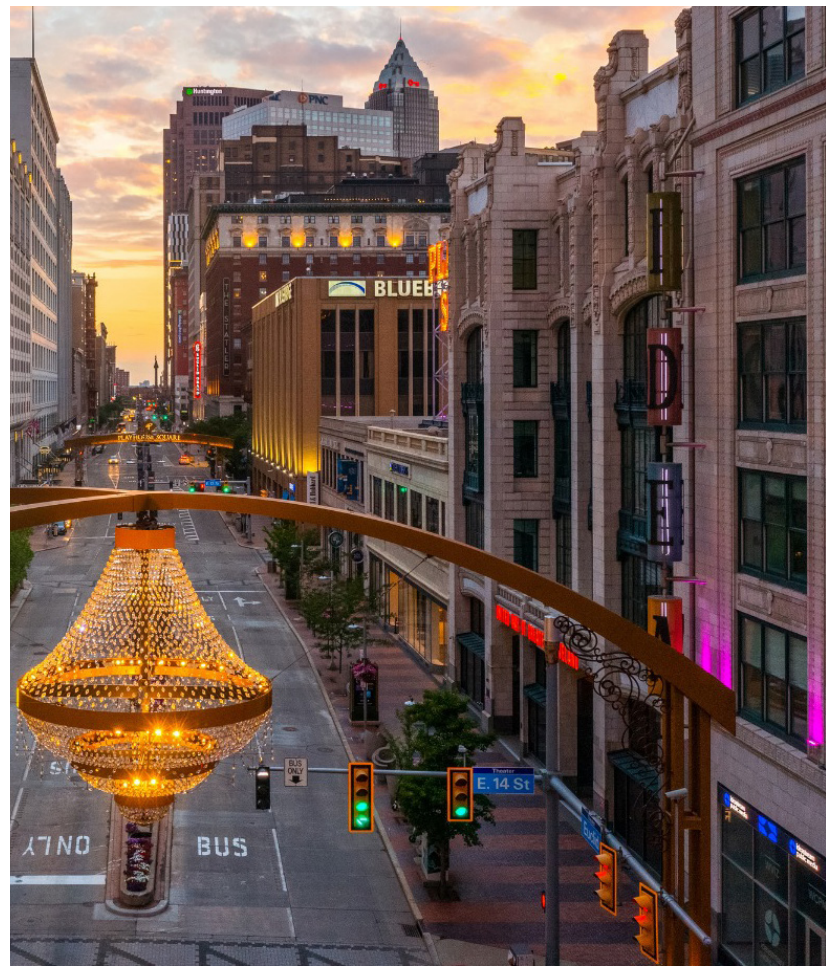
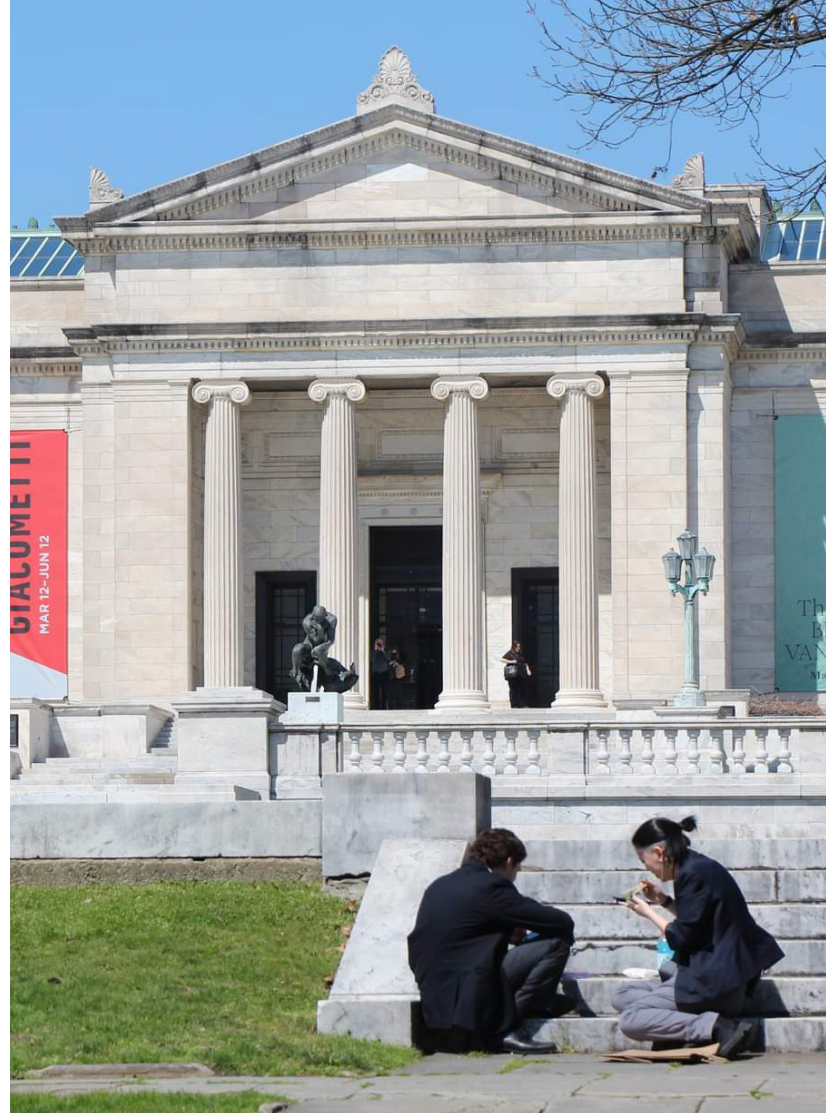
Who would have known friendly Midwestern Cleveland is home to an internationally recognized art museum featuring many of the world's finest artists?

Whether it's European, African, Ancient Egyptian, Greek, Medieval, contemporary or photo galleries you're interested in, there's a never-ending feast for the eyes. Experience something different with the CMA's mix of new exhibits, special events, performances, films, lectures and tours.

Playhouse Square

For the largest performing arts hub outside of New York City, head to Cleveland's Playhouse Square, the cultural epicenter of Broadway shows, musicals and more. The top-rate performers will wow you with all the magic of live performance.

More than a million people a year come to Playhouse Square for its diverse range of shows, including concerts, dances, plays, comedy, opera, ballet, speakers and more. Make sure you book your tickets in advance.



Cleveland Dining & Hot Spots

With a variety of great eats and interesting venues in downtown Cleveland, there's something to please even the most discerning and experienced tastes.

Dante

Some say Cleveland is transforming into one of the latest modern fine dining cities, and Dante stands out as one of the best restaurants in town. When you're looking for classic cuisine with a twist in the historic Tremont district, enjoy some of the unique plates from Chef Dante Boccuzzi. This former bank building boasts a traditional, comfortable atmosphere with a beautifully designed interior featuring local art.

East 4th Street

East 4th Street is one of Cleveland's latest revivals that combines vibrancy and sophistication near downtown Public Square. Come alive with the completely renovated, now walking-only street in an exciting destination area, perfect for a special evening of dining, entertainment and exploration. Indulge in top-notch restaurants or hit the House of Blues for the best beats in town. Be sure to check out Hilarities comedy club, one of the largest theaters in the nation made for comedy.

West Side Market

If fresh produce and novelty treats tantalize your taste buds, you can't miss the premiere indoor market in historic Ohio City. Rain or shine, the market is home to some of Ohio's best and freshest food. The market offers dairy, produce, meat, seafood, baked goods, organics and specialty items from over 100 vendors. You can even find ready-to-eat treats like candy and nuts.



Around the Corner: Destinations Near Oberlin

When residing in Oberlin, the nearby cities and towns bring a variety of cultural excitements to Lorain and Cuyahoga counties. Perhaps when you think you've seen it all, a short drive in any direction can take you to wineries, performing arts centers, restaurants, shopping and more.

Discover some of the top picks, all less than an hour from the heart of Oberlin!



Stocker Arts Center

Lorain County's hidden gem features quality performances, art, education and events in Elyria, as part of Lorain County Community College. For drama or culture, this is one of the top performing and visual arts venues in Ohio. After its 1980 founding, the first 25 years of the Stocker Arts Center welcomed more than a million visitors to over 1,000 performances, art galleries, films and cultural offerings.

John Christ Winery

For a relaxed atmosphere and friendly, rustic vibe, visit John Christ Winery in Avon Lake. The comfy indoors is perfect for playing one of the board games laid out for wine lovers. Or venture to the patio or backyard for a beautiful view of the vineyards. The 1946 winery makes and bottles the wine on-site, offering award-winning varietal, French American and vinifera choices.

The Beck Center

The Beck Center for the Arts in Lakewood is a popular performing and visual arts center. With a large-scale auditorium, it's a great place for professional theater with a lower-key vibe. The Beck Center showcases a mix of musicals, dramas, family classics, youth theater and other performances throughout the year. You'll also find a variety of dance, theater and art classes, as well as an art gallery. While you're in Lakewood, be sure to explore the quaint city full of independent shops and unique restaurants.

Active Living in Oberlin, Ohio

As you can see, there are many wonderful things to do in Oberlin, Ohio. Here at Kendal at Oberlin, we're proud to be part of a community with a strong emphasis on learning, nature and the arts.

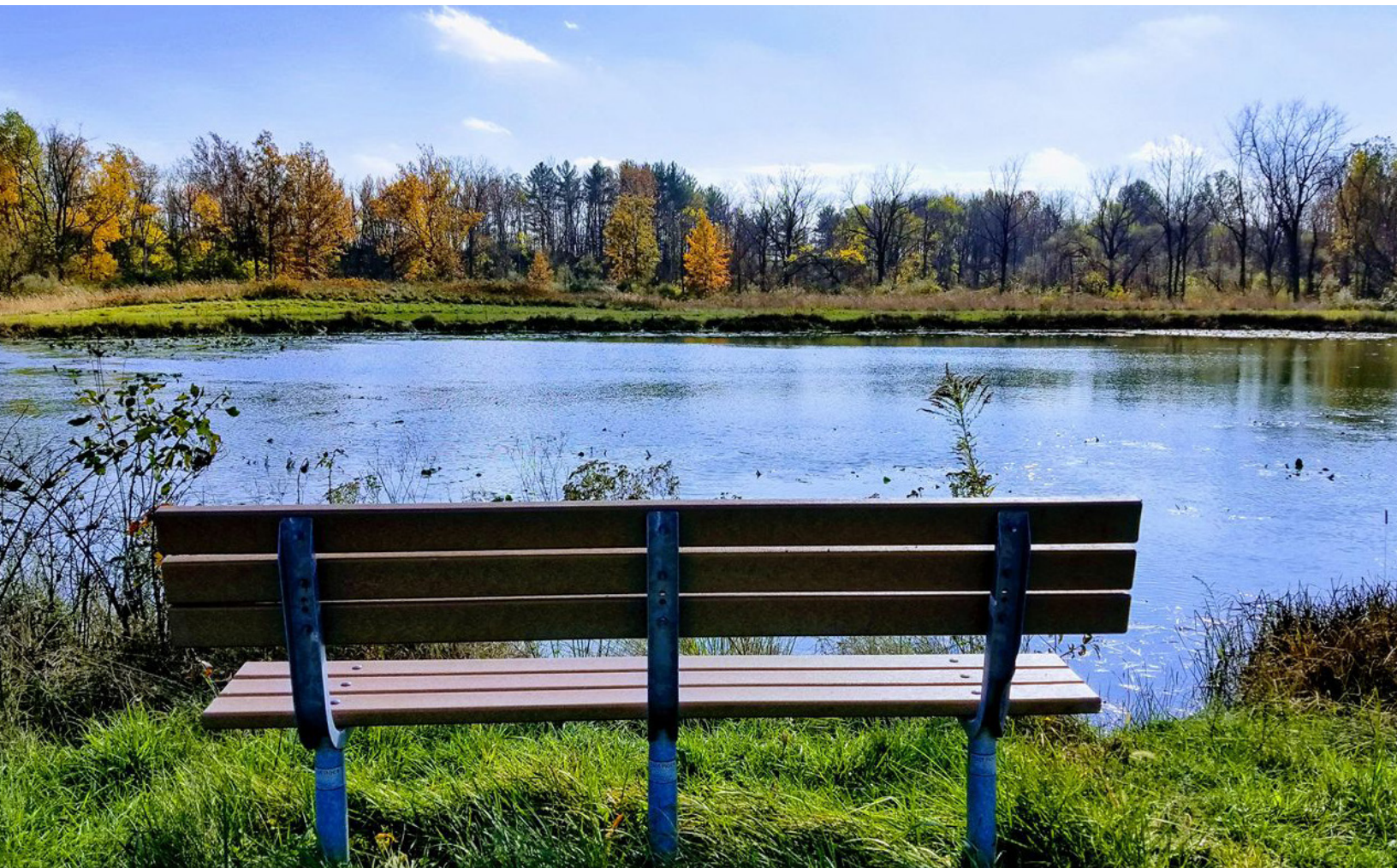


If you're an active adult looking for things to do, whether you're here to stay or just visiting, these are a few Oberlin area activities you might enjoy:

- Enjoy the outdoors at the [Carlisle Reservation](#). Here you can enjoy hiking, horseback riding and birdwatching.
- Dive into history with the [Oberlin Heritage Center](#). Visit the historic Monroe House or enjoy a walking tour of the area's best landmarks. There's even a self-guided biking tour you can enjoy!
- Delight the senses at the [Allen Memorial Art Museum](#). With astounding collections on display and fascinating exhibitions, this is one of the finest collegiate art museums in the country.

At Kendal at Oberlin, we place a big focus on physical and mental activity, as they both play a significant role in our overall health. To support holistic and independent living for seniors, residents enjoy:

- Flexible dining services, including private dining and catering for special occasions
- 110+ acre campus with beautiful ponds, wetlands and walking trails
- Environmentally-friendly cottages and apartments
- Cultural and educational opportunities, such as special lectures, concerts, performances and lifelong learning classes
- A fitness center designed especially for older adults that offers a wide variety of both aquatic and land exercise programs





Oberlin College: Lifelong Learning for Kendal Residents

Oberlin College is another well-known Oberlin institution. Kendal at Oberlin shares a special bond with the college. Over one-third of Kendal at Oberlin residents are alumni or former faculty and staff, and those who aren't alumni typically come because they love the college-town atmosphere. This special connection has translated into a host of enriching and educational opportunities for residents.

Most of the people at Kendal at Oberlin have a keen interest in lifelong learning. They put that into practice by taking classes at the college, enjoying performances at the Conservatory of Music and working in collaboration with professors and students on energy and environmental initiatives.

Students are regular volunteers at Kendal, and some even have the opportunity to live in a Kendal-owned property, exchanging volunteer time for room and board.

Some of the other benefits of the strong Kendal and Oberlin College connection include:

- Residents can regularly travel via provided transportation to the Conservatory of Music to enjoy numerous concerts on campus each year.
- The college now owns the century-old Apollo Theatre and hosts everything from blockbusters to foreign and independent movies. It's an easy distance from Kendal at Oberlin, so residents can take a pleasant walk or bike ride during the warm summer months to catch a show.
- Audit classes for free! With the permission of the professor or instructor, residents can sit in on a class at no cost. Not only is it a tremendous lifelong learning benefit, but it also provides opportunities for intergenerational connections.

Kendal at Oberlin: A Vibrant Life Plan Community in Ohio

With various cultural venues to discover and good eats to indulge in, a short ride in any direction is sure to entice any Oberlin dweller's penchant for something new. Whether you're exploring the surrounding area or simply enjoying all the Kendal campus has to offer, you can always find something to do that's enriching, educational or simply fun.

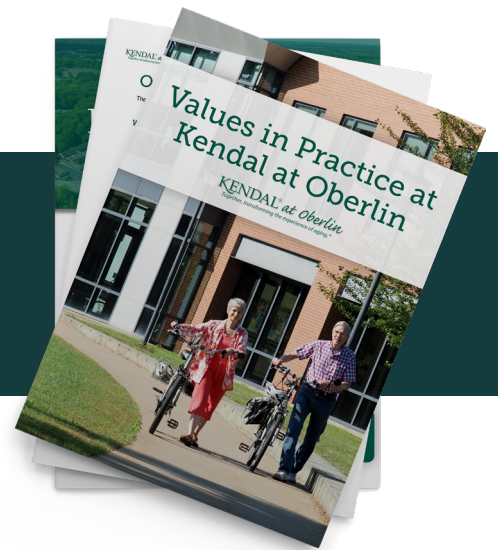
Kendal at Oberlin is a continuing care retirement community in Ohio, within an easy driving distance of Cleveland. Residents enjoy a full range of services, beginning with independent living cottages and apartments, with the option of assisted living and skilled nursing if it becomes necessary.

Our Mission Statement

Founded as a nonprofit organization based on Quaker values, we are a vibrant, diverse, inclusive, caring community focused on healthy aging. We support individual lifestyles by promoting independence, continuous learning, engagement in and service to the wider community, social and intergenerational relationships and excellent health care.

You also may be interested in learning more about our values.

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