“Green” with Envy

Start your day at Erie’s main attraction, Presque Isle State Park with activities for every season. Take a tour of the 65,000 square foot Tom Ridge Environmental Center, a “green” building, known as the Gateway to Presque Isle, located at the Park’s entrance. TREC, as it is commonly referred, creatively illustrates the history of Presque Isle through its interactive exhibits, the “Big Green Screen” large-format Theater, 75’ observation tower, interpretive panels, Sunset Cafe and Nature Shop. In the Park you can view the Presque Lighthouse, hike, bike or walk the nature trails, rent canoes or kayaks at the Presque Isle Boat Livery or fish from shore or stream. Or just relax on the beach with your picnic or watch the kite flying at sunset point. Narrated 90-minute scenic Presque Isle Boat Tours aboard the Lady Kate and free pontoon rides in the lagoons are unforgettable. Discover Presque Isle Days held the last weekend in July features live music on the beach, a pancake breakfast, arts and craft show, outdoor activities and competition, sand sculptures, bonfires and more. Come discover for yourself!

Stop at Mason Farms Country Market for farm fresh locally grown produce, delicious baked treats, and Erie souvenirs. Visit Asbury Woods and the Asbury Woods Nature Center, a 200-acre tract of wetlands, trails, forests, streams, fields and historic properties in Millcreek Township. In addition to hiking and mountain biking in the summer to cross-country skiing and snowshoeing in the winter, Asbury Wood’s offers nature camps, themed hikes, gardening classes, children’s classes and barn dances. Annual events such as the Maple Syrup Festival, and Winter Wonderland attract individuals and families of all ages.

Explore the newly expanded LEED certified Erie Art Museum, featuring 10,500 square feet of new exhibit space showcasing a permanent collection of over 6,000 objects, outdoor sculpture garden, gift shop and new fully accessible entrance. Relax and enjoy lunch at the in-house Wave Café.