

# OHIO ICE CREAM TRAIL

Ever notice how ice cream and happiness just go together? Ohio is the cream of the crop when it comes to this delightful treat - we're home to more than 2,200 dairy farms and hundreds of shops each with their own flavor for creativity. That means you can share your ice cream dreams with friends and family nearly anywhere you wander in Ohio. But don't leave it to chance. Here's the A to Z list of scoop shops on the Ohio Ice Cream Trail, where frozen confection paradise is yours for the tasting! *Ohio. Find It Here.*

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# ICE CREAM TRAIL LOCATIONS

## 1. Toft's\* • Sandusky

You know the ice cream is going to be good when it's connected to the dairy that founded it! Toft's creamy ice cream has been attracting visitors since the 1940s for game changers including Lake Erie Cookie Island Monster, Muddy's Sea Salt Slam and Peanut Butter Pretzel. This Sandusky-based shop serves up scoops in its ice cream parlor and at local spots like Cedar Point and Fifth Third Field, home of the Toledo Mud Hens.

## 2. Mitchell's Homemade Ice Cream • Cleveland

It's impossible not to feel great about eating Mitchell's. Your mouth will relish every hand-crafted bite of incredible flavors - try Strawberry Rhubarb Crisp or Fresh Mint Chocolate Chunk (or both!). And you can feel good about supporting a business that uses locally sourced and sustainable products. Make the trip to Ohio City (Cleveland) or remain unhappy and Mitchell's-less. The choice is yours.

## 3. Sweet Moses Soda Fountain and Treat Shop • Cleveland

Sweet Moses gives us all the throwback feels with an old school soda fountain, marble counters and restored wrought-iron chairs. Try the infamous 10-scoop Terminal Tower sundae that puts all other sundaes to shame - we dare you to eat it by yourself! Visit this Cleveland spot in the historic Gordon Square Arts District where even the hot fudge and caramel sauces are fresh from the kitchen.

## 4. Dietsch Brothers • Findlay

For a scoop of summer refreshment, you can't beat Dietsch Brothers' Lemon Custard or Orange Pineapple! Top selling scoops including Moose Tracks (vanilla base with chocolate ripple and mini peanut butter cups) and their seasonal creations are amazingly creamy and flavorful. For your next party, head to their Findlay shop and pick up ice cream slices to-go!

## 5. Hartzler Family Dairy's Ice Cream Shoppe\* • Wooster

This family owned operation added dairy to its farm-fresh offerings in the early 1990s and never looked back. It's now known almost as much for its creatively named flavors as its high quality treats, boasting varieties like Ditch Tea Delight (mint and chocolate cookies) and the shop's signature, peanut butter-packed flavor, Heifer Trails.

## 6. Handel's Homemade Ice Cream & Yogurt • Youngstown

Every scoop of Handel's incredible concoctions, from Graham Central Station to Chocolate Pecan, is packed with fistfuls of candy pieces and nuts. With more than 100 flavors on the menu, you better plan on at least two scoops! The business Alice Handel started at a Youngstown gas station in 1945 now has shops sprinkled throughout Ohio and as far away as Oregon.

## 7. Lake City Creamery • Celina

Lake City Creamery satisfies late-night cravings with creations like the decadent Bananas Foster, the delicious Cinnamon Oatmeal Raisin Cookie and the must-try Pear Riesling Sorbet. Pack your sweet tooth and head to Celina for a swoon-worthy scoop.

## 8. Velvet Ice Cream\* • Utica

Ye Olde Mill in Utica is where the magic happens! Watch in amazement as Velvet Ice Cream is churned before your eyes during a public factory tour, making the final product that much sweeter. Ohioans can take pride in Velvet's famous Buckeye Classic or venture out and try something new like Raspberry Fudge Cordial.

## 9. Jeni's Splendid Ice Creams • Columbus

Founder Jeni Britton Bauer is an ice cream mastermind, delighting taste buds with incredibly creative combos including Middle West Whiskey & Pecans, Brambleberry Crisp and Goat Cheese with Red Cherries (a.k.a. heaven). Once you try one, you will want to try them all! Find Jeni's colorful pints and scoops in Cleveland and Columbus, or in select grocery stores.

## 10. Johnson's Real Ice Cream\* • Bexley

On your first visit to Johnson's, insiders suggest the decadent Fudgie Dessert. This vacation in a dish combines the texture of chocolate cake from Resch's Bakery (another Columbus favorite) topped with ice cream, hot fudge, nuts, whipped cream and a cherry - taste bud nirvana! If chocolate isn't your thing, Johnson's has plenty of tantalizing flavors including Blueberry Pie and Lemon Cha Cha.

## 11. Tom's Ice Cream Bowl • Zanesville

Tom's Ice Cream Bowl serves up super-sized, diner-style portions. Don't pass up the popular Black and White sundae (three scoops of vanilla ice cream topped with house-made chocolate syrup and marshmallow sauce) in a soup bowl. Bring a friend to help devour this tasty feast and spend some quality time together! Head to the shop in Zanesville to be super-sized satisfied.

## 12. Young's Jersey Dairy\* • Yellow Springs

It's easy to feel like a kid again eating ice cream, and at Young's you're encouraged to find your inner kid! Relish in Chocolate Fudge Brownie or savor the Peaches & Cream. Then head out with friends or family for some mini-golf at Udders & Putters, pet the goats and cows or hit a few balls in the batting cage. Check their calendar for events and flavor of the week.

## 13. Whit's Frozen Custard • Athens

What ice cream trail is complete without authentic, rich frozen custard? The Whitman family has perfected this dessert and keeps visitors on their toes with weekly rotating flavors, all of which pack a punch. Ten out of ten people recommend the Waffle Caramel Brownie, the Lemon Drop and mixtures called Whitsers in 30 locations throughout Ohio.

## 14. Aglamesis Brothers • Cincinnati

Aglamesis brings the exotic to ice cream! You haven't been there if you haven't tried the rave-worthy Banana, a decadent scoop with touches of Madagascar vanilla and honey. The Greek immigrant founders even bring something special to French Vanilla that is so inexplicable, you'll have to head out to their Cincinnati shops and try it for yourself.

## 15. Graeter's • Cincinnati

There are only four words you need to know at Graeter's: Black Raspberry Chocolate Chip. The chocolate "chips" are dark chocolate chunks that harmonize with rich raspberry ice cream to create perfection in your mouth! Even Oprah Winfrey gushed on her show in 2002, "This is the best ice cream I ever tasted!" Taste for yourself at shops in Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus and Dayton.



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