

Open Adoption Visit Ideas in Cleveland

Adoption STAR is a not-for-profit adoption agency in New York, Ohio and Florida. The agency firmly believes that post adoption contact (open adoption), when appropriate, is what's best for all parties involved, especially the children.

Open adoption visits between adoptive families and birth families should be a time to celebrate the adoption journey and create relationships. These visits can be as simple as a picnic in the park or going swimming at a local pool, to theme parks and adventures. Below you will find an extensive list of open adoption visit ideas that have been suggested by Adoption STAR clients and staff members in the Cleveland area.

This list can be updated regularly, so if you have any suggestions that you do not see on the list, please email michael@adoptionstar.com with the subject "Open Adoption Visit Project" and we will work to add your idea.

Outdoor

- Beaches for swimming on Lake Erie – Huntington, Edgewater, Mentor Headlands
- Parade the Circle at University Circle –
 - o June 9 11 am – 4 pm
 - o A parade in which all costumes, floats, etc. are made by hand. Music. Activities for children before and after parade
 - o Location: 10820 East Boulevard, Cleveland, OH 44106
 - o Website: <http://www.universitycircle.org/events/2012/06/23rd-parade-the-circle-and-circle-village>
- Cleveland Zoo (BD) (Outdoor)
 - o Phone: (216)661-6500
 - o Location: 3900 Wildlife Way, Cleveland OH. 44109
 - o Website: www.clemetzoo.com
- Cleveland Orchestra 4th of July concert at Public Square (Free) (Outdoor)

Museum

- Children's Museum
 - o Phone: (216)791-7114
 - o Location: 10730 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland OH 44106
 - o Website: <http://www.clevelandchildrensmuseum.org>
- Cleveland Aquarium
 - o Recently held grand opening
 - o Phone: (216)862-8803
 - o Location: Greater Cleveland Aquarium: 2000 Sycamore St. Cleveland, OH 44113
 - o Website: <http://www.greaterclevelandaquarium.com>
- Cleveland Museum of Natural History

- Exhibits for children of all ages as well as live animal shows, planetarium programs, and outdoor gardens/wildlife habitats
- Phone: (216)231-4600
- Location: 1 Wade Oval Drive University Circle, Cleveland OH 44106
- Cleveland Art Museum
 - Houses over 3000 pieces of art from over 5,000 years. Free to attend
 - Phone: (216)421-7340
 - Location: 11150 East Boulevard Cleveland, OH 44130
 - Website: <http://www.clevelandart.org>
- Cleveland Rock and Roll Hall of Fame
 - Interactive exhibits celebrating the history of rock and roll music
 - Phone: 216-781-7625
 - Location: 1100 Rock and Roll Boulevard Cleveland, Ohio 44114
 - Website: www.rockhall.com

Theme Park

Memphis Kiddie Park

- 11 rides for children as well as an arcade and mini golf.
- Phone: (216)941-5995
- Location: 10340 Memphis Ave. Brooklyn, Ohio 44144
- Website: www.memphiskiddiepark.com