

# Open Adoption Visit Ideas in Columbus

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 Columbus 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](mailto:michael@adoptionstar.com) with the subject "Open Adoption Visit Project" and we will work to add your idea.

## Outdoors

- Columbus Zoo
  - o Phone: Toll-Free 1(800)MONKEYS (666-397)
  - o Location: 4850 West Powell Rd. Powell, Ohio 43065
  - o Website: [www.colszoo.org](http://www.colszoo.org)
- Glacier Ridge
  - o Many great flowers and 11 miles of walking trails, along with a boardwalk over the wetlands.
  - o Phone (614)891-0700
  - o Location: 9801 Hyland Croy Road Plain City, OH 43064
  - o Website: <http://www.metroparks.net/ParksGlacierRidge.aspx>
- Lockington Locks
  - o This area formerly connected the Miami and Erie Canals. Interesting way for children to learn about former ways of travel (boats)
  - o Phone: (800)686-1535
  - o Location: North Hardin Road Lockington, OH 45356
  - o Website: <http://ohsweb.ohiohistory.org/places/nw12/>

## Indoor Activities:

### Museums

- Cooper's Mill
  - o Learn how butter, jellies and jams are made
  - o Phone: (419)562-4215
  - o Location: 1414 North Sandusky Ave. Bucyrus, OH 44280
  - o Website: <http://www.coopersmill.net/>
- Ohio Historical Society
  - o Learn about the history of the state of Ohio
  - o Phone: (614)297-2300

- Location: 1982 Velma Ave. Columbus, OH 43211
  - Website: <http://ohsweb.ohiohistory.org/index.shtml>
- The Santa Maria
  - View a replica of the Santa Maria, one of Christopher Columbus' ships that he used when discovering North America
  - Phone: (614)645-0351
  - Location: 25 Marconi Boulevard Columbus, OH 43215
  - Website: <http://www.santamaria.org/index.php>
- Columbus Museum of Art
  - Location: 480 East Broad St. Columbus, OH 43215
  - Phone: (614)221-6801
  - Website: <http://www.columbusmuseum.org/>