



## New in 2010

### Family Fun

- The country's largest indoor waterpark resort, located in Sandusky, Ohio, is expanding again with its new [Kalahari](#) Zip Line Course. Designed with an African village theme and set above the resort's outdoor waterpark, the experience will feature six-story towers that launch guests; a towering ropes course; and a rock climbing wall. This brand-new adventure area is part of Kalahari Resort's expanding team-building activities for meetings and conventions, but will be available to all guests. Target opening date is late spring 2010.
- Cedar Point's newest water adventure, [Shoot the Rapids](#), will take riders on a 2,100-foot-long journey, through a wooded area and around an illegal still used for brewing sweet-tasting elixir, all while encountering surprise water elements and special effects. Opening in the spring of 2010 and with a price tag of \$10.5 million, it's the most expensive water ride ever built at Cedar Point.
- On March 26, 2010, the Columbus Zoo & Aquarium will introduce a new [Polar Frontier](#) exhibit area. In addition to polar bears, Polar Frontier will house Arctic foxes, Alaskan brown bears and reindeer. Also, on March 27, Beco the Asian Elephant will turn one-year-old.
- [Wake Nation](#) in Cincinnati will open a new, kid-friendly wakeboard experience, "Easy Line," for youngsters ages five and up in spring 2010. The site is the first and only cable wake park in the tri-state (Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana) area, allowing both beginners and experienced riders the ability to wakeboard, water ski, kneeboard, and/or wake skate on a 10-acre lake without a boat.
- In 2010, the world's most popular beagle, Snoopy, and the entire PEANUTS gang will come alive in Kings Island's new Kids Area, [Planet Snoopy](#). The park also features Diamondback, debuted in 2009 as the park's tallest fastest and meanest coaster; and Boomerang Bay, the 15-acre water park offering more than 50 water activities, including 30 water slides (free with park admission).

### Sports & Recreation

- Ohio is home to the new [Firefly Hollow](#) – located in Little Hocking, near the Ohio-West Virginia border – which offers nature and birding Segway tours in a rural, scenic location. Firefly offers a unique alternative to the typical city-dwelling tours, and allows participants to easily navigate through wilderness terrain with minimal effort.
- Ohio's Lake Erie Marsh region will be the site of [The Biggest Week in American Birding](#), May 6-10, 2010. Attracting bird enthusiasts from around the globe, this weeklong event will include guided excursions to Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge, a hotspot for water birds and warblers; birding-by-ear workshops; and presentations by birding guru, Kenn Kaufman.

- The organizers of the Revolution3 triathlon racing series have chosen Lake Erie Shores & Islands and Cedar Point as home for their newest event, the [2010 REV3 Cedar Point Triathlon](#). An Ironman-length race, the competition includes swimming, biking and running courses and will offer pro athletes a \$100,000 prize purse. The Sunday, Sept. 12 race will begin and end at Cedar Point and fan out throughout the surrounding Shores & Islands region.

### **Cities, Culture & Cuisine**

- Through July 2010, Columbus art galleries and institutions are collaborating to celebrate glass-inspired art with the [GlassArt365](#) initiative. Exhibits include Chihuly Illuminated at the Columbus Museum of Art and ongoing glass art workshops at Glass Axis. Additionally, Franklin Park Conservatory in Columbus is the only botanical garden in the world to own a permanent signature collection from internationally acclaimed glass artist Dale Chihuly.
- Ohio became the site of two new “gourmet” hot dog spots in late 2009: [Dirty Frank’s Hot Dog Palace](#) in Columbus, serving specialties like the Hot Bollywood and the Who Nellie!; and [Senate](#) in Cincinnati, serving house-made hot dogs with contemporary twists. A Cleveland staple, [The Happy Dog Bar](#), also revamped its menu recently to include “choose your own” hot dog toppings including Spanish onions and vodka sauerkraut.
- [The Cleveland Museum of Art](#) opens the second of three new wings designed by architect Rafael Vinoly June, a major milestone in the museum’s multi-million dollar renovation and expansion. In 2009, the museum opened the 139-square-foot East Wing, which created new spaces for the presentation and conservation of one of the nation’s leading collections.
- Newly opened in 2009, the [Scotts Miracle-Gro Company Community Garden Campus](#) at Franklin Park Conservatory in Columbus is a “living classroom” in which people can learn about gardening, horticulture, sustainability, nutrition and wellness. The campus includes an apiary, culinary and herb gardens, a berry yard, rentable community garden plots, a resource center, computers with garden design programs and a test kitchen for cooking classes and demonstrations.

### **History & Heritage**

- The National Museum of the United States Air Force will commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Korean War with a [renovated exhibit](#) opening June 24-26, 2010. The weekend festivities will include a “Dinner Under the Wings” reception in the museum’s Modern Flight Gallery; Freedom’s Call Military Tattoo, featuring live music, aircraft flyovers and a fireworks show; and a Korean War Memorial Ceremony in downtown Dayton.
- Starting July 7, 2010, the [Tall Ships](#) return to Cleveland for a four-day festival that includes ship boardings, a wide variety of exhibits and displays, and even sail aways. These spectacular vessels represent maritime history from the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, Great Lakes trading schooners, Baltimore Clippers and more. The ships will enter Cleveland’s harbor and begin a Parade of Sail in preparation for the opening of the festival.

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### **Coming in early 2010, Ohio will have four new/updated thematic guides available:**

- Culinary Ohio, Family Fun, Multicultural Excursions and the Fall/Winter Guide to Ohio.

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