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### THE FRED ROGERS TRAIL

Hey, Happy Travelers! Lace up your tennis shoes, zip up your cardigan, and get ready to walk a mile in the shoes of a PA legend! The Fred Rogers Trail is packed with engaging activities inspired by the universally beloved children's television figure.



#### DAY ONE

Idlewild & SoakZone 2574 U.S. Route 30, Ligonier, PA 15658

Spend an adventurous day at Idlewild & SoakZone, recognized as the "Best Children's Park in the World" by Amusement Today. Take a trolley ride through *Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood*. Daniel Tiger is the first television series inspired by the original *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood*.

#### Worthy detour:

On your way from Idlewild to Latrobe on Route 30, keep an eye out for an overhead bridge with a familiar quote – "It's a Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood."

Fred Rogers Center at Saint Vincent College

300 Fraser Purchase Rd., Latrobe, PA 15650

The Fred Rogers Center presents an interactive exhibit which features recorded interviews with Fred, a look at his life "before the sweater," and other memorabilia.

Latrobe High School
131 High School Rd. Latrobe, PA 15650

The school houses a large display of items from Rogers' school years, *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood* production memorabilia, and other items. The display is only open to the public during scheduled school activities.

4 Latrobe Area Historical Society 416 Weldon St., Latrobe, PA 15650

> Explore the history of Fred Rogers' birthplace, Latrobe, its heritage firsts, and famous citizens including Fred and golf legend Arnold Palmer who attended high school together.

Latrobe Presbyterian Church 428 Main St., Latrobe, PA 15650

Fred Rogers was an ordained Presbyterian Minister, so stop by and see where he attended as a child.

Fred Rogers' Place of Burial 114 Chapel Ln., Latrobe, PA 15650

Take a moment to visit Fred Rogers' final resting place and reflect on his legacy at Unity Cemetery, which offers panoramic views of the Chestnut Ridge of the Laurel Highlands, at the foot of the Allegheny Mountains.

Fred Rogers Statue in James H. Rogers Park 200 Main St., Latrobe, PA 15650

> Named in memory of Fred's father, James H. Rogers, continue revisiting fond memories with a pit stop to James H. Rogers Park in downtown Latrobe, which features a statue of Fred Rogers sitting on a bench inviting you to take a seat and stay a while.

819 Ligonier St., Latrobe, PA 15650

Inside the Rogers Building next to James H. Rogers Park on the corner of Main and Ligonier streets, you'll find the Latrobe Art Center and Ricolita's Café, where you can enjoy breakfast or lunch and snag some Rogers merchandise.







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#### Inside scoop:

#### **Banana Split**

#### 805 Ligonier Street Latrobe, PA 15650

Next door to the Latrobe Art Center is the birthplace of the Banana Split with a larger-than-life-size Banana Split sculpture and the Pennsylvania State Historical Marker explaining its origin.



#### 120 S Whitfield St., Pittsburgh, PA 15206

If you're looking for a friendly neighborhood hotel experience with unique ties to Fred Rogers and his beloved show, check into Ace Hotel Pittsburgh, housed in a century-old former YMCA in the heart of East Liberty.

#### DAY TWO

**Duquesne Incline** 

#### 1197 W Carson St., Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Ever wanted to take a ride in the Neighborhood Trolley? You can (sort of!) by riding the look-alike Duguesne Incline, one of the most Instagrammed photos in Pittsburgh.



Venture to the Senator John Heinz History Center to view the world's largest collection of original items from the *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood* television set, including King Friday XIII's Castle and Mr. McFeely's "Speedy Delivery" tricycle.

### **Tribute to Children**

**North Shore Drive** 

Eniov the views of downtown Pittsburgh from the "Tribute to Children" monument on the North Shore. The tribute showcases a 10-foot bronze statue of Rogers sitting down and tying his sneakers — just as he did at the beginning of each episode of the show.

#### *Worthy detour:*

#### **WQED**

#### 4802 Fifth Ave., Pittsburgh, PA

Take a selfie outside of where *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood*, was produced by Family Communications, Inc. and filmed at WQED Studios, the nation's first community-supported television station.

#### DAY THREE

Children's Museum of Pittsburgh 10 Children's Way, Pittsburgh, PA 15212

> At the Children's Museum of Pittsburgh, explore the Fred Rogers & Us exhibit which features original puppets from the show, including King Friday XIII, Queen Sarah Saturday, and Henrietta Pussycat in the Nursery.

**Pennsylvania Trolley Museum** 1 Museum Rd., Washington, PA 15301

> For Daniel Tiger fans who want to ride a trolley, the Pennsylvania Trolley Museum can deliver. Here, you'll also discover where *Mister* Rogers' Neighborhood filmed the iconic episode "Grandparents."

Worthy detour: 1hr. 45 min. west

#### **Buttermilk Falls Natural Area** 570 Valley Brook Rd., New Florence, PA 15944

Growing up, Fred and his family would retreat from their neighborhood to Buttermilk Falls. This site features an impressive 45-foot waterfall, scenic hiking trails, and a picnic area.

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