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51 Musts In The Steel City

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# How Close Are You To Finishing Our Pittsburgh Bucket List?

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There's always lots to do in the Steel City, but there are certainly things you \*need\* to do as a Pittsburgher.

Now that we're three weeks into the new year, it might be a good time to evaluate your progress on your new year's resolution.

Or, if you're in the market for a new goal, try ours: Here's a list of 51 things that every Pittsburgher should do at least once. Try to cross all 51 off the list before you, *ahem*, before 2014 kicks the bucket.

*(Have your own ideas for must-do Pittsburgh activities? Share your own Pittsburgh Bucket List with us on Twitter and Facebook: #PghBucketList.)*

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## 51 Musts In The Steel City

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51.) Walk through one of the quarterly [Gallery Crawls](http://crawl.trustarts.org/) in the [Cultural District](http://crawl.trustarts.org/).

- 50.) Admire the various vintage cars at the [Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix](http://www.pvvp.org/) (<http://www.pvvp.org/>).
- 49.) Learn the history of Pittsburgh at the [Senator John Heinz Regional History Center](http://www.heinzhistorycenter.org/). (<http://www.heinzhistorycenter.org/>)
- 48.) Eat a Smiley Cookie at an Eat'n Park restaurant.
- 47.) Save a spot with a Pittsburgh Parking Chair.
- 46.) Attempt to become fluent in Pittsburghese.
- 45.) Read Stephen Chbosky's seminal Pittsburgh coming-of-age novel, "The Perks of Being a Wallflower."
- 44.) Then watch the movie and keep track of all the Pittsburgh landmarks on display.
- 43.) Let loose with some catcalls at [OUTrageous Bingo](http://outrageousbingopgh.org) (<http://outrageousbingopgh.org>).
- 42.) Take a hands-on class at the [Pittsburgh Glass Center](https://www.pittsburghglasscenter.org/) (<https://www.pittsburghglasscenter.org/>).
- 41.) Skate the [ice rink](http://www.ppgplace.com/directory/the-rink/) (<http://www.ppgplace.com/directory/the-rink/>) at PPG Place, near the city's historic Market Square.
- 40.) Watch "Night of the Living Dead" before driving down to Evans City Cemetery, the production site of the film's legendary opening sequence. Then run back home and board up your windows.
- 39.) Take the drive up to [Fallingwater](http://www.fallingwater.org/) (<http://www.fallingwater.org/>).
- 38.) Sit down for a Rick Sebak documentary to get to know the people and places of Pittsburgh.
- 37.) Embrace the silence in [Allegheny Cemetery](http://www.alleghenycemetery.com/), (<http://www.alleghenycemetery.com/>) the 6th oldest in the country.
- 36.) Tour the cutting edge art scene at the [Mattress Factory](http://www.mattress.org/). (<http://www.mattress.org/>)
- 35.) Use your words as your weapons at the [Steel City Poetry Slam](http://www.pghpoetry.org/program/steel-city-slam/). (<http://www.pghpoetry.org/program/steel-city-slam/>)
- 34.) Shop the wholesale markets at the [Strip District](http://www.neighborsinthestrip.com/) (<http://www.neighborsinthestrip.com/>).
- 33.) Strip off your, uh, inhibitions and participate in [Pittsburgh's Underwear Bike Ride](https://www.facebook.com/PghUnderwearBikeRide) (<https://www.facebook.com/PghUnderwearBikeRide>).
- 32.) Tour the [Nationality Rooms](http://www.nationalityrooms.pitt.edu/about/cathedral-learning) (<http://www.nationalityrooms.pitt.edu/about/cathedral-learning>) at the University of Pittsburgh's Cathedral of Learning...
- 31.) ...And then, if you're looking for a workout, run to the top of all 36 of the Cathedral's climbable floors.
- 30.) Watch this year's performance of [Pittsburgh Shakespeare in the Park](http://www.pittsburghshakespeare.com/history.html) (<http://www.pittsburghshakespeare.com/history.html>).
- 29.) Accept animation and cartooning as art forms at the [Toonseum](http://www.toonseum.org/) (<http://www.toonseum.org/>).
- 28.) Hang out with the furrries at [Anthrocon](http://wesa.fm/post/photos-venture-inside-anthrocon-worlds-largest-furry-convention) (<http://wesa.fm/post/photos-venture-inside-anthrocon-worlds-largest-furry-convention>), the world's largest convention for people fascinated with anthropomorphics.
- 27.) Add your influence to a one-of-a-kind show at [Steel City Improv](http://steelcityimprov.com/). (<http://steelcityimprov.com/>)
- 26.) Head down to the Point for the [Three Rivers Arts Festival](#).

<http://www.3riversartsfest.org/>)

25.) ...And snap a picture of the Point State Park Fountain while you're there.

24.) Slam down some stylin' jamz at the [AcoustiCafe Open Stage](#) (<https://www.facebook.com/acousticafepgh>) at [Club Cafe](#) (<http://www.clubcafelive.com/>).

23.) Drink some local brews at [East End Brewery](#) (<http://www.eastendbrewing.com/#freshlocalbeer>).

22.) Run the wooded trails through Schenley Park...

21.) ...And, while you're at it, stop and smell the exotic flowers at [Phipps Conservatory](#) (<http://phipps.conservatory.org/>).

20.) Sit down for some of the world's best films at the [Three Rivers Film Festival](#) (<http://3rff.com/>).

19.) Follow the route of the [Pop City Pizza Tour](#) (<http://www.popcitymedia.com/features/toppizzas030712.aspx>). Then go home to your couch and nap forever.

18.) Then (after a few days to let your stomach deflate), follow the route of the [Pop City Burger Tour](#) (<http://www.popcitymedia.com/features/1oburgers010211.aspx>).

17.) Take a walking tour through the steps on the South Side Slopes.

16.) Sample the foods and be a bridge to other cultures at [Conflict Kitchen](#) (<http://conflictkitchen.org/>).

15.) Ride your bike down Canton Avenue, the steepest slope in the world...but take a first-aid kit with you, just in case.

14.) Take a jump to the left to the [Hollywood Theatre](#) (<http://www.thehollywooddormont.org/>) in Dormont for one of their monthly midnight showings of the Rocky Horror Picture Show.

13.) Read through Pulitzer Prize-winner and Pittsburgh native Michael Chabon's many Steel City-themed novels and stories.

12.) Brace yourself and brave the terrifying [ScareHouse](#) (<http://scarehouse.com/>), consistently named one of the best haunted houses in the country.

11.) Grab breakfast at [Pamela's](#) (<http://www.pamelasdiner.com/>) in the Strip District...

10.) ...then head back to the Strip the next day for [DeLuca's](#) (<https://www.facebook.com/DelucasPittsburgh>).

9.) Kayak along the three rivers through [Kayak Pittsburgh](#) (<http://www.kayakpittsburgh.org/>)

8.) Limp and growl your way through the annual [Zombie Walk](#) (<http://www.pittsburghzombiefest.com/>).

7.) Visit--or, better yet, read at--the [Moth's monthly StorySLAM](#) (<http://themoth.org/about/programs/the-moth-storyslam>).

6.) [Primanti Brothers'](#) (<http://primantibros.com/home.html>). And don't even think about not finishing your meal.

5.) Revisit the lessons of the past at the [Carnegie Museum of Natural History](#) (<http://www.carnegiemnh.org/>).

4.) Wave your Terrible Towel for the Steelers at Heinz Field.

3.) See a Pirates game at PNC Park.

2.) Watch the Penguins at CONSOL Energy Center.

1.) Ride the [Duquesne Incline](http://www.duquesneincline.org/) (<http://www.duquesneincline.org/>) at sunset.

**Correction:** An earlier version of this list incorrectly placed a downtown ice rink at Market Square. It is a PPG Place. The list has been updated.

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