

Student apartment living:

Have fun on a budget

Like many University of Toledo students, you may be on a tight budget after paying for rent, tuition and textbooks. But hey, you can't go to class and study all the time. Once in a while you need to get out of the apartment and recharge yourself. Here are some ideas on how to have fun and save money while doing it.



CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Most University of Toledo events are free or cost little for students, so attend Rockets football and basketball home games plus plays, recitals and other activities.

Check out the publicity posters around campus or look online for upcoming events. Link: <u>utoledo.edu</u>

FUN THINGS TO DO

Toledo offers many sources for enlightenment and entertainment. A world class art museum, a superb zoo, a symphony orchestra and many more cultural pursuits await you. On the lighter side, a number of lively nightclubs feature a variety of live or DJ music for dancing and fun.

Go-karts, putt-putt, bowling, laser tag and paintball are aways a good time.

Grab a copy of The Blade newspaper on Thursdays or look online and check out the Peach Weekender for all there is to do. Link: toledoblade.com/peach-weekender

LOOK FOR THE BARGAINS

Some movie theatres have half price offers on certain days and offer online coupons. Art galleries may be free or have discounted exhibitions at certain times. Nightclubs offer ladies nights, no cover early arrival, drink specials, etc.

There are always great values to be had for the budget-minded. And being a UT student gives you special access to a lot of them. Check out the online coupon sites for local deals on fun activities.

PUBLIC PARKS

Another plus for the Toledo area is the quality and quantity of public parks available for your use. Depending on the time of year and the particular park, you can walk, jog, bicycle, picnic, fish or ice skate and enjoy the great outdoors.

There are more than a dozen beautiful parks and nature preserves that are part of Toledo Metroparks. Link: metroparkstoledo.com

PUBLIC TRAILS

For fitness walkers, joggers and cyclists, there is a growing trail system in the Toledo area, part of which is accessible at UT.

University/Parks Trail - 6.3 mile paved multi-purpose trail suitable for walking, jogging, skating and cycling. It begins at the rail crossing just inside the UT campus south entrance on Dorr Street (an 11-minute walk from Westwood Square Apartments) and runs west through the campus to connect with Wildwood Preserve Metropark, Ottawa Park and Franklin Park Mall. Link: metroparkstoledo.com

Wabash Cannonball Trail - 63 mile multi-purpose trail which is mostly paved and suitable for cycling, cross country skiing and horseback riding depending on location. The "North Fork" of the trail runs in an eastwest direction, 46 miles from Maumee to within 15 miles of the Indiana state line near Montpelier, Ohio. The "South Fork" of the trail takes a southwesterly direction from Maumee 17 miles to the edge of Liberty Center, Ohio. Link: wabashcannonballtrail.org