

entertainment

Grandpa's Cheesebarn

1. Visit Grandpa's Cheesebarn to find a wide variety of cheeses, meats, dips and other snacks to purchase. The barn is situated at 668 US-250, which is right next to Fin Feather Fur Outfitters. Do not forget to stop into the cheesebarn's sister store, Sweeties Jumbo Chocolates, before you leave to pick up their handmade desserts!

Athletic Events

2. Sporting events happen year-round and are an exciting way to cheer on fellow Eagles. With all of the Division II sports AU offers, games are regularly taking place during all seasons. As an added plus, student tickets are usually offered at a discount.

Downtown

Ashland

3. Downtown Ashland can be found just up Claremont Avenue and has plenty of shops to explore that are within walking distance of campus. The stores are diverse, ranging from a record shop and a tattoo parlor, to restaurants and clothing boutiques.



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Grandpa's Cheesebarn is a local business that sells homemade foods.

13 things to do around AU

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So you have moved into your dorm room. Now what? Ashland may be a small town, but that does not mean that there is not anything to do. Why not go out and explore any of these local recommendations?

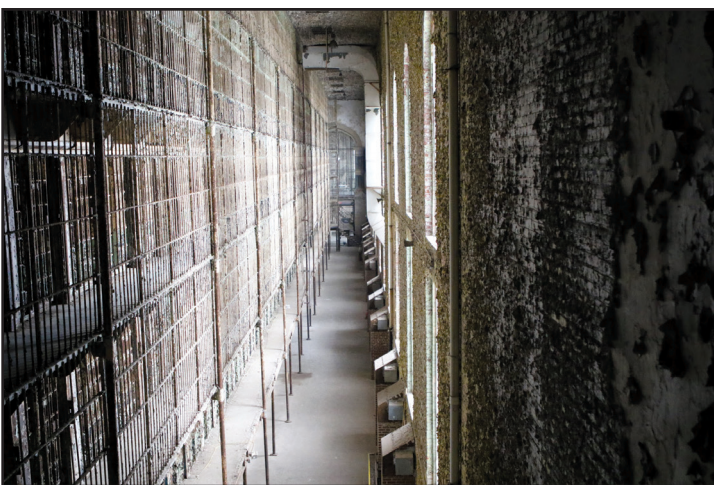


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Downtown is home to many Ashland shops and restaurants.

Ohio State Reformatory

9. What once was a notorious prison, has been restored. The Ohio State Reformatory, also known as the Mansfield Reformatory, is a supposedly haunted building that has been used as a set in music videos and films such as The Shawshank Redemption. The reformatory is less than 30 minutes from campus and offers a variety of tours to the public for those who might be interested in the historic elements, ghostly encounters or film history that the building has to offer. If you are brave enough, take a tour of this infamous site!



VINCE LESTER

The Ohio State Reformatory is famous for supposedly being haunted and its appearance in movies.

Coburn Art Gallery

10. Ashland University is home to the Coburn Art Gallery. It is located inside of the Center for the Arts building (CFA). The gallery is free and open to the public, but many of the works inside are available for purchase. Visual art exhibitions regularly take place during the school year and often feature the work of many university students, faculty and that of other contemporary artists. The first exhibition to be held this semester is called Obsolescence and opens on Aug. 31 at 4:30 p.m. in CFA.

Richland Mall

4. If downtown does not satisfy your shopping fix, be sure to check out the Richland Mall. The shopping center is about a half-hour drive from campus in Ontario, OH. There are many businesses to explore, such as popular retailers and fast food chains.

CAB Events

5. The Campus Activities Board organizes functions that happen around campus throughout the school year. Events like movie nights, comedians and grocery bingo are organized and typically free to students. CAB also coordinates larger events like Spring Fest.



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Cillian Donahue, Lindsay Davidson, Sara Ludwig, and Kellie Pleshinger with a therapy dog at CAB's Stress Less Fest.

Use your student discount

6. Student's EagleCards do not only serve as a means to access buildings and dining services, but will grant discounts if used at certain businesses around the city. Stores like McDonald's, Applebee's, Eva's Treats and many others offer discounts.

Honey Haven Farm

7. Honey Haven Farm is a local business in Ashland. Through Sept. 8 it hosts a farmer's market with fresh produce until their fall festival begins on Sept. 30. The Fall Festival has a corn maze, horse-drawn wagon rides, a pumpkin patch and many other seasonal activities.

Freer Field

8. Freer Field is an Ashland City park that is less than a half-mile south of campus. It has a spacious, grassy area surrounded by a paved path leading into the woods where there are hiking trails. Freer Field is perfect if you are looking for a place to run, walk, need a large space or want to look at the stars.



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The Pop Up Art Shop hosted by the Coburn Art Gallery sells student work.

Bowling

11. If bowling is right up your alley, stop by Luray Lanes. The bowling alley is a local business and can be found at 647 E Main St. in Ashland. CAB has organized it so the alley offers free bowling to AU students one Thursday out of every month. Be sure to take advantage of those dates and bring your AU I.D.!

Audubon Preserve

12. Another park in Ashland is the Audubon Wetlands Preserve, which can be found at 1379 Township Road. 743. There are hiking trails with plenty of plants and animals so see. Some science classes even take trips there to study the wildlife. If you are interested in hunting, the park allows for deer archery during certain months.

Volunteering

13. AU offers students many opportunities to give back to the community through the student organization AU G.I.V.S. Participants have the opportunity to walk dogs at the local animal shelter, participate in Ashland County's largest food drive, build a home with Habitat for Humanity and much more.