

What's Your Favorite Pittsburgh Place?

Project for Public Spaces Pro Walk/Pro Bike/Pro Place 2014 National Conference

Responses given by people who were waiting for the bus on Liberty Avenue and 10th Street (in front of the August Wilson Center) on September 8, 9, and 10, between 3:30 and 6:00 P.M.

- Airport
- “All of it”
- “All of the Bridges”
- Allegheny Passage (“part that goes through city”)—1
- “Any river in Pittsburgh”
- Applebee’s—2
- Art Crawl in Garfield (Garfield Artworks, Most Wanted, Mr. Roboto Project, etc. Awesome underground music and art)
- August Wilson Center— 2
- Aviary
- Bellevue
- Beltzhoover Neighborhood Parade
- Benedum Center—2
- Bloomfield—2
- Candy Rama [gone]—2
- Carnegie Art Museum—5
- Carnegie Science Center—4
- Churches—2
- "Church Brew Works is a hidden treasure!"
- Civic Arena—2
- Courthouse Fountain
- Cultural District—2
- DeLuca’s (in the Strip)
- Denny’s
- Dive bars
- Dormont
- Downtown—3
- Duquesne Incline
- Eat’n Park—8
- Emsworth
- Enrico Tazza D’oro—2
- Every place
- Federal Building
- Fort Pitt Museum—1
- Frick Park—2
- Frick Park: trails, dog park
- Gardens in winter
- Garfield (shops and art)
- Gateway Grill
- Golden Triangle Bike rental
- Heinz Field—11
- Heinz Hall
- Heinz History Center
- Hill House
- Hofbrauhaus—3
- “Home”—9
- Homewood
- Industrial Gym North Shore
- James Street Pub
- Jerry’s
- Kaya
- Kennywood—9
- LeMont
- Market Square—4
- Mattress Factory
- McDonalds
- Meat and Potatoes Restaurant
- Mellon Park—3
- Mexican War Streets
- Momma Rose’s (Bloomfield)
- Monongahela Incline Overlook
- Monroeville
- Montour Trail
- Morton Steak House
- Mt. Ararat Baptist
- Mt. Washington Overlook—9
- “My own place”
- Nabisco Factory
- Nature
- North Park
- North Side—2
- The “O”
- Oakmont, PA
- Old Union National Bank
- The Original Oyster House—2
- Pamela’s—2
 - Shadyside for Pamela’s
- Peabody

- Peppi's
- Phipps Conservatory—4
- Pittsburgh Ballet
- Pittsburgh Popcorn
- Pittsburgh Public Theater
- Pittsburgh Zoo—2
- PNC Bank
- PNC Park—8
- PNC Park Water Steps—4
- Point State Park—19
 - “The Point”
 - “The fountain at the Point”
- PPG Building—2
 - “PPG Place architecture”
- Red Lobster
- Rivers Casino—2
- Rodman Missionary Baptist Church
- Roman Bistro
- St. Nicholas Food Festival
- Schenley Park—3
- “School”
- School Football Field
- Sideliners (North Hills, really good wings)
- Simpatico
- Southside—2
- Stage AE
- Station Square—3
- Steel Plaza Fountain
- Steeler Nation
- Strip District—10
- “This corner [at Liberty Avenue and Tenth Street, downtown] is turning into one!”
- The O'Reilly Theatre
- Three Rivers Stadium [gone]
- Too many to list
- Under 40th street bridge (cool graffiti)
- US Steel Tower
- View coming thru Fort Pitt Tunnels—6
 - “You know you're home”
- Waterfall on Penn Avenue [Katz Plaza]
- Weldin's
- West View Park—2 [gone]
- “Wherever the free cookies are!”

Bus Stop Stories

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Several people wrote several sentences about a memorable Pittsburgh experience. Here are a few of the stories:

“If I am coming from out of state, I love to see the lights and bridges as I come out of the tunnels just to see Pittsburgh.”

“Coming through the Ft. Pitt tunnel and seeing the city open up in front of you. Being on top of Mt. Washington at sunset, watching the twinkling lights appear.”

“Exiting the Ft. Pitt Tunnel, entering Pittsburgh.”

“If I had a car I would drive through the Fort Pitt Tunnels every day.”

“I'm new to Pittsburgh. I really like that the city is family oriented. Allegheny Cemetery is a favorite place. I take a walk with my girlfriend there two or three times a week to watch wildlife. My favorite place is Mt. Washington. I like cities and from there I can see the whole city. At lunchtime I like to walk over by the stadiums to see the Point, the fountain, and the view. Mt. Washington is the best overlook. The view is really nice. Pittsburgh is nice. People here are really nice. The winter is too cold. Bus routes, roads and bridges need to be fixed. Bring more people into the city. Also, I like PPG Place. Oakland and Pitt are also really nice.”

“I was housesitting with a friend at a philanthropists’ house years ago and I answered the phone. I explained to the person calling that the homeowner wasn’t available. The caller asked me to tell the homeowner that "Jonas Salk called.”

“I love Mt. Washington. I live there because I get to stroll around Grandview Avenue every day!”

“I work in the US Steel Building on the 24th floor for UPMC. I grew up in Braddock and think Pittsburgh is a good place to live. I have one son and two step kids from Alabama. They have noticed that Pittsburgh is faster paced than the South and much busier. They are adjusting.”

“In 1980 I moved to Pittsburgh from New York City. I went to a birthday party and was enjoying being in Pittsburgh until I was standing at the bus stop until 1-1:30 A.M. A nice person driving a car informed me that the buses were no longer running. I was used to getting public transportation in NYC at any time of the day.”

“Riding the 71C. The bus driver is really cool.”

“During the Blizzard of ’95, I didn’t get home til midnight because of the difficulty with the buses that night.”

“I miss the 18C Brighton Heights.”

“I took my little sister to the Gay Pride Parade, stayed for the Regatta and got food and face paint of a unicorn.”

“First time going to work at the Federal Building, passing the rotunda at the Pennsylvanian, everyday.”

“Kennywood: Annual Penn Hills picnic, a gathering of friends and family. Sandcastle, Waterfront.”

“Kennywood is something nice and its big and a place where you can be with family.”

“Pirate Games.”

“The Old Gimbels. My dad used to take us shopping (my brother and I) to Market Square and we would buy a fish sandwich. I’ve worked downtown for 30 years.”

“Conneaut Lake Park: the lake, Mother Nature, good clean fun.

“Duquesne Incline, all of my travels, history and fun together.”

“East Bus Way—the P2—avoiding the Squirrel Hill Tunnel”

“I see that this could be nearly impossible [naming my favorite Pittsburgh place]. Seriously, there’s too many to list!

1. Steelers
2. Pirates/Pens
3. Rivers
4. Jet Skiing
5. Night Life – Restaurants to sub shops – all great!
6. Mellon Park at lunch time on a sunny day like today ☺ 9-8-14
7. People – I love this place”

“Having two babies at Magee and riding bikes around Highland Park with husband.”

“Heinz Field, soccer field, July 1st—Point State Park, Pirates, Kennywood.”

“Duquesne Incline – Favorite memory”

“Squirrel Hill, Highland Park, Strip District, are my favorite places.”

“Lawrenceville is a “Mr. Roger’s neighborhood,” Tamari Japanese Mex Fusion, Everybody knows everybody’s name, including the Crossing Guards!”

“West End Overlook, 4th of July”

“Favorite Place: August Wilson Center!

“Mellon Park”

“Tonic Restaurant”

“I miss the Smithfield Café.”