

# Shop & Dine

Many of the shops in downtown Kent's walkable retail district are locally owned and operated featuring unique, one-of-a-kind merchandise. They offer distinctive charater, innovative products & personalized service. The restaurant scene offers distinct and delicious flavors. With a wide variety of choices, there's sure to be something for every taste! If you want to grab a great cup of coffee & a place to hang out with a good book or group of friends, downtown Kent has that covered too with numerous, unique coffee shops.

## Art & Music

Visual arts are a staple in downtown Kent. With numerous art galleries, stylized bike racks, public art murals, & yarn bombing throughout the downtown, the city is rich with a variety of unique local art. Along the Kent State Esplanade live numerous sculptures as well as the Wick Poetry Center & Garden and the Kent State Fashion Museum. For a bit of history, you can make a stop at the Kent Historical Society located right in our downtown. There is also a vast array of live music options almost every night of the week & outdoor concerts in the summer months! Kent's history is rich in music & talent and today's music scene is thriving.

#### **Great Outdoors**

You can get close to nature & hike or bike your way through the Portage Hike & Bike Trails. Need a bike? Rent one from the Bike Share to get around and explore! Downtown Kent has great outdoor spots like the Hometown Bank Plaza & Acorn Plaza to eat lunch, grab an ice cream cone, or to just sit & relax. You can also spend the afternoon with Crooked River Adventures kayaking or canoing the Cuyahoga River. And be sure to check out the Haymaker Farmers' Market every Sat. from 9am-1pm for fresh local goodies!

### **Entertainment & Events**

The Kent Stage is downtown Kent's headquarters for live entertainment. It is an intimate venue that dissolves the barrier between the performers and their audience. They feature musical acts of all generes, comedy acts, theater performances, & much more! Public events are held throughout the year in downtown Kent as well. Numerous music events, Oktoberfest, Art & Wine Festival, Sidewalk Cinemas are just to name a few! There's always something happening in Kent.

Planning a visit to downtown Kent? You'll be amazed at all our town has to offer with it's multi-million dollar urban renewal effort, Kent boasts a colorful, vibrant downtown where historic preservation blends with the downtown's entrepreneurial spirit. It's become a popular destination for all ages to enjoy. Come discover uncommon, unmistakable Kent!

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