



Upcoming Conference News

Pittsburgh Fun Facts: Cool Places

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The Polar Vortex of 2019 brought extreme cold weather to large portions of the country, and Pittsburgh was no exception. In June, Pittsburgh will remain cool - it was the only US City to rank on *National Geographic's Cool Places for 2019*. Here are a few things to do to cool off after spending the day at the conference.

Visit one of the many nearby fountains and parks:

- Point State Park <http://riverlifepgh.org/riverfront-guide/point-state-park-fountain/>
- Agnes R. Katz Plaza https://trustarts.org/pct_home/visit/facilities/katz
- Mellon Square Fountain <https://www.pittsburghparks.org/mellon-square>
- PPG (Tomb of the Unknown Bowler) <http://www.ppgplace.com/directory/plaza/>
- Highland Park Garden <http://www.highlandpark.pgh.pa.us/park/entry.htm>

Hang out with polar bears and penguins:

<https://www.pittsburghzoo.org/>

Visit more penguins at the National Aviary in Allegheny Commons: <https://www.aviary.org/>

Head over to the tennis courts outside the Aviary and get the best snow cone in town at Gus and Yia Yia's": <https://www.yelp.com/biz/gus-and-yiayias-pittsburgh>

Tour the PPG Paints arena to see where the NHL Pittsburgh Penguin's train and compete:

<http://www.ppgpaintsarena.com/events/tours>

Listen to some Cool Jazz, live music Thursday-Saturday at Andy's Wine Bar in the Fairmont Hotel:

<http://andyswinebar.com/jazz/>

Cool off your taste buds with ice cream from Klavon's Ice Cream Parlor:

<https://www.klavonsicecream.com/>

Enjoy a cool one at one of the many craft breweries in the area:

<https://www.discovertheburgh.com/pittsburgh-craft-beer/>

Check out the cool installation art at the Mattress Factory: <https://www.mattress.org/>

Take a walking tour of Pittsburgh via the Miniature Railroad and Village to experience winter (and the other 3 seasons as well) in Western PA:

<http://www.carnegiesciencecenter.org/exhibits/miniature-railroad/>

Be "cool as a cucumber" and tour the Heinz History Center - "relish" the pickle paraphernalia:

<https://www.heinzhistorycenter.org/exhibits/heinz>