

18 Things to See, Do, and Eat in Hyde Park on Chicago's South Side

If there is a neighborhood in Chicago that's a hidden gem, I would have to say it would be Hyde Park on Chicago's South Side. Use this checklist to explore 18 of the best things to do in Hyde Park, Chicago

- 1 Explore downtown Hyde Park and walk around the neighborhood to see the gorgeous houses
- 2 Take a walk by President Barack Obama's House (5046 S. Greenwood Avenue), although you can't get too close.
- 3 Walk around the campus of Chicago University
- 4 Tour Frank Lloyd Wright's Robie House
- 5 Visit the Stony Arts Bank and their famous collection of books. It's a pretty impressive library and event space.
- 6 Go to the Museum of Science and Industry, the only building left from the Chicago World's Fair.
- 7 Wander around the Osaka Garden at Jackson Park
- 8 Visit the hidden gem bookstore, 57 Street Bookstore
- 9 Sign up for a Devil in the White City tour
- 10 See a movie at Harper Theatre
- 11 During the summer go to 57th Street Beach and Promontory Point (5491 S. Shore Drive)
- 12 Bike the lakefront path around Hyde Park
- 13 Valois Diner is a must! It's Obama's favorite restaurant in Hyde Park
- 14 Enjoy a cozy cup of coffee or tea and a small bit too eat at Plein Air
- 15 Although this place is no-frills, Rajun Cajun is the place for you if you love Indian food with a little Cajun flare
- 16 Medici on 57th used to be an old coffee house but now it's a local favorite, especially amongst University of Chicago students
- 17 For around \$10 you can get a great jerk chicken meal including all the sides at this local famous spot, Uncle Joe's Jerk Chicken
- 18 If you are looking for a delicious and more high-end date night restaurant, head to Piccolo Mondo for authentic Italian