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



- [ ] Explore downtown Hyde Park and walk around the neighborhood to see the gorgeous houses
- [ ] Take a walk by President Barack Obama's House (5046 S. Greenwood Avenue), although you can't get too close.
- [ ] Walk around the campus of Chicago University
- [ ] Tour Frank Lloyd Wright's Robie House
- [ ] Visit the Stony Arts Bank and their famous collection of books. It's a pretty impressive library and event space.
- [ ] Go the Museum of Science and Industry, the only building left from the Chicago World's Fair.
- [ ] Wander around the Osaka Garden at Jackson Park
- [ ] Visit the hidden gem bookstore, 57 Street Bookstore
- [ ] Sign up for a Devil in the White City tour
- [ ] See a movie at Harper Theatre
- [ ] During the summer go to 57th Street Beach and Promontory Point (5491 S. Shore Drive)
- [ ] Bike the lakefront path around Hyde Park
- [ ] Valois Diner is a must! It's Obama's favorite restaurant in Hyde Park
- [ ] Enjoy a cozy cup of coffee or tea and a small bit too eat at Plein Air
- [ ] Although this place is no-frills, Rajun Cajun is the place for you if you love Indian food with a little Cajun flare
- [ ] 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