

Explore Your Local and Global Communities *from home*

Community engagement and feeling connected is more important now than ever. Check out these opportunities to feel inspired to explore new spaces and gain new experiences.

Local **Rochester** Exploration

Online Classes

Rochester Brainery: The [Rochester Brainery](#) is a community classroom and event space located in Rochester's Neighborhood of the Arts.

Opportunities to Explore:

- Online Classes: The Rochester Brainery is going online – temporarily! You can join them for a class hosted through Zoom. Classes cost \$15-\$35 and cover topics ranging from Kombucha Making to Stress Reduction. Interested individuals can register [here](#) and before the class you will receive a link with directions via email by 5PM.

Community Exploration

Rochester Abandon Subways: The [Rochester Abandon Subways](#) are a must see attraction here in Rochester, NY! The once underground rapid transit system is now an urban exploration opportunity for anyone who likes adventuring off the beaten path. The city is currently studying ways to re-use this cultural icon!

Opportunities to Explore:

- Virtual Tour: A local photographer, Mark Goho, has made it his mission to capture 360° panoramas of Rochester parks external link to share with the world on Google Views. Click this [link](#) to experience the Rochester Abandon Subways from the comfort of your own home!

Rochester Wall Therapy: [Rochester Wall Therapy](#) is an art and community intervention project, using public murals as a means to transform the urban landscape, inspire, and build community. Their murals have transformed walls, buildings, and neighborhoods. This transformation has sparked inspiration in individuals and communities alike. The murals have become part of the local conversation, the local identity, and the fabric of the city.

Opportunities to Explore:

- Virtual Tour: Follow this [link](#) for a virtual tour of the many murals throughout Rochester, NY.
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Museums & Event Spaces

Eastman Museum: The [Eastman Museum](#) is located in Rochester, New York, on the estate of George Eastman, the pioneer of popular photography and motion picture film. Founded in 1947 as an independent nonprofit institution, it is the world's oldest photography museum and one of the oldest film archives.

Opportunities to Explore:

- [Eastman Museum at Home](#): Search their [online collection](#) that hosts 250,000+ objects, browse past exhibitions, and dive into museum's vaults using their Collections Online.
- [Virtual Tour](#): To explore the historic mansion from home follow this [link](#) to see the mansion and hear stories about Eastman's life.

Geva Theater: The [Geva Theater's](#) mission is to create and produce professional theatre productions, programs and services of a national standard for the Rochester community and beyond.

Opportunities to Explore:

- [Virtual Tour](#): On this virtual tour you can explore the best seats in the house and see the view from stage! Follow this [link](#) for more information.

The 2020 Rochester Flower Show: The annual [Rochester Flower Show](#) offers the Rochester community 4 days of spectacular garden exhibits. The 2020 theme is "Gardenscape 2020 Passport to the Spring."

Opportunities to Explore:

- [Virtual Tour](#): On this virtual tour you can explore all of the past exhibits including this year's! Follow this [link](#) for more information.

Global Exploration

Museums

The Louvre: [The Louvre](#) dates back to the 1200s. Once a royal residence, it became a museum in 1793 during the French Revolution and is now home to artwork dating from the 7th millennium BC to 1850s!

Opportunities to Explore:

- [Virtual Tour](#): By following this [link](#) you can visit the museum's exhibition rooms and galleries, contemplate the façades of the Louvre!

The Smithsonian Institution: The [Smithsonian Institution](#) is the world's largest museum, education, and research complex, with 19 museums and the National Zoo—shaping the future

by preserving our heritage, discovering new knowledge, and sharing our resources with the world.

Opportunities to Explore:

- Virtual Tour: By following this [link](#) you can explore many of the Smithsonian Museums and their exhibitions!

Online Resources to Virtual Museums and Other Collections: This comprehensive list is an excellent guide to explore museums across the globe! All resources are free – click here to start [exploring](#).

Streaming Performances

The Metropolitan Opera: The [Metropolitan Opera](#) is a vibrant home for the most creative and talented singers, conductors, composers, musicians, stage directors, designers, visual artists, choreographers, and dancers from around the world.

Opportunities to Explore:

- Live Streaming Performances: Each day, a different encore presentation from the company's Live in HD series is being made available for free streaming on the Met website, with each performance available for a period of 23 hours, from 7:30 p.m. EDT until 6:30 p.m. the following day. The schedule will include outstanding complete performances from the past 14 years of cinema transmissions, starring all of opera's greatest singers. For more information follow this [link](#).

Stay at Home Music Festival: The [Stay at Home Music Festival](#) harnesses the power of the internet for good, by creating a central hub to find all the fantastic decentralized events that are happening online, and aiding music discovery during the global pandemic.

Opportunities to Explore:

- Live Streaming Performances: Starting in April, an open-source online music festival schedule will go live and act as a resource for performers to host their own shows. Click this [link](#) to learn more!

National Exploration

The Hidden Worlds of the National Parks: Through a partnership with Google the [National Parks Service](#) is taking you on an adventure!

Opportunities to Explore:

- Virtual Experiences: Fly over active volcanos, gaze out into the night sky, and swim through a shipwreck! Get your headphones ready and follow this [link](#) to begin.