



Overview:

Newport Aquarium showcases thousands of animals from around the world in a million gallons of water, including the enormously popular “Sweet Pea” and “Scooter,” the stars of the only shark ray breeding program in the world.

This state-of-the-art facility was named the No. 1 aquarium in the Midwest in the Zagat Survey’s U.S. Family Travel Guide in 2004 and the Best Rainy Day Outing in 2006 in Cincinnati Family Magazine. Like its sister aquarium, Adventure Aquarium, on the Camden Waterfront, Camden, NJ, Newport Aquarium is an accredited member of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA), a leader in global wildlife conservation.

It is a privately funded facility committed to community involvement. The WAVE Foundation, the independent, not-for-profit educational arm of the Newport Aquarium, was created to further the Aquarium’s efforts to educate the community about marine life and the conservation of natural resources and habitats.

The Aquarium is open to the public 365 days a year and is located only two minutes from downtown Cincinnati at Newport on the Levee. For more information, visit www.newportaquarium.com or call 859-261-7444.

Mission:

Captivate, Educate and Advocate Conservation.

Location:

- In Newport, Kentucky
- On the banks of the Ohio River
- A two-minute drive from downtown Cincinnati
- The cornerstone of Newport on the Levee, a 10-acre leisure center

Facility Details:

- 121,200 square feet
- 1 million gallons of salt and fresh water
- hundreds of species
- thousands of animals
- over 65 exhibits
- Opened May 15, 1999

Admission:

General Admission: *Pre-booked Groups of 10 or More:* *Annual Passes:*

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| ○ \$20 Adult | ○ \$14-16 Adult | ○ \$38 Adult |
| ○ \$13 Child (2-12) | ○ \$ 9-11 Child (2-12) | ○ \$24 Child (2 - 12) |
| | | ○ \$34 Senior (65+) |

**All prices include sales tax; children under 2 are free*

Educational Programs:

The Newport Aquarium is dedicated to igniting the imaginations of students and educators. WAVE Foundation educational programs are offered weekdays during the school year for classroom field trips. Call (859) 815-1462 or visit www.wavefoundation.org for more information.

Volunteers:

The Newport Aquarium is aided by a crew of volunteer educators and volunteer certified divers who help feed and care for the animals and exhibits. If you would like to volunteer, contact our Volunteer Office at (859) 815-1441.

History:

The Newport Aquarium grew out of the vision of five Greater Cincinnati entrepreneurs who wanted to share their love for aquatic life with the city. Planning began in 1990. Groundbreaking took place in November 1997. Less than 18 months later, the doors opened May 15, 1999. A \$4.5 million expansion opened May 29, 2004.

Sharky's Café

- A delicious selection of food including sandwiches, pizza and more
- Seats 180

Gift Shop: Underwater Trading Company

- A variety of fine gifts, jewelry, collectibles, clothing and books
- One of the country's largest aquarium gift stores

Group Events:

- Private events: a variety of options available for groups, corporations, birthday parties. A new ballroom, "CURRENTS" provides additional opportunities. Call (859) 815-1427 for more information.

Hours of Operation:

- Open 365 days a year
- Hours vary throughout the year; please visit www.newportaquarium.com or call (800) 406-3474 for current operating hours
- Allow a minimum of two hours for your visit

Accessibility:

- The entire Aquarium is wheelchair accessible; wheelchairs available on site

Parking:

- On-site parking as well as nearby parking with shuttle service.

Visit www.newportaquarium.com or call (800) 406-3474 for additional information.