

Fermilab and the Community

Cultural Contributions

Fermilab's founding director envisioned a laboratory that would offer cultural activities as well as scientific. The combination helps to attract top-notch scientists from across the globe and strengthens relationships with the neighboring communities.

Public areas of the laboratory's 6,800-acre site include:

- Interpretative nature trails
- Bird/butterfly watching sites
- Jogging/biking/cross-country skiing paths
- Fishing ponds
- A 35-acre unfenced dog park

The Fermilab Arts and Lecture Series sponsors cultural events attended by 10,000 to 12,000 people annually.

- Each year, the Lecture Series offers five to eight public lectures on science topics. Fermilab's Website makes available free, archived video-streamed tapes of the lectures.
- The Art Series offers 11 events a year, including concerts, dance performances and theater productions.
- A Gallery Chamber Series offers three classical concerts a year.

Other cultural programs

- The onsite Lederman Science Center provides free, hands-on science education for children.
- Fermilab hosts four different folk dancing clubs offering dances and classes for the public two or three times a week.
- A Wilson Hall gallery provides quarterly art displays open to the public during Art Series events and monthly Open Houses.
- An international film society annually offers some films open to the public.
- The laboratory hosts an annual Family Open House with tours, science demonstrations and hands-on activities for children. An anonymous donor funds the event.
- Docents and scientists staff onsite summer science education camps.
- Girl and Boy scouts can earn merit badges through the Lederman Science Center.