

# Metro One lists 100 fun things in Valdosta

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VALDOSTA — Think there's nothing to do in Valdosta? Think again. Metro One Valdosta has 100 answers.

On Monday, Metro One releases its 100 Fun Things to Do in Metro Valdosta list.

The list was "created to raise awareness of the attractive assets in Valdosta and Lowndes County," says Keyara Hamilton, the Valdosta-Lowndes County Chamber of Commerce's director of business and workforce development.

Metro One Valdosta is a chamber initiative "to attract and retain young professionals to the Metro Valdosta area," according to the group's mission statement.

The 100 Fun Things to Do List is designed to both attract newcomers and remind young professionals already working here of the many activities which Valdosta has to offer.

At 11:30 a.m. Monday, April 9, on the Lowndes County Courthouse steps, Metro One will officially release its 100 list. The group is scheduled to be joined by representatives from the Valdosta City Council and the Lowndes County Commission. Valdosta Mayor John Gayle and Lowndes County Commission Chairman Ashley Paulk are expected to declare it "Explore Metro Valdosta Day."

The entire list should be available on the MetroOneValdosta.com site. Here's a sneak peek at the Top 10 items on the list.

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## TOP 10

- 1. View local and regional artwork** at Spring Into Art or the Drawproject at the Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts.
- 2. Print out a copy** of Valdosta's Historic Driving Tour and discover over 50 historic buildings as you drive through Valdosta's four National Registered Historic Districts.
- 3. Art After Dark:** Experience fabulous artwork, bands and shopping discounts in Downtown Valdosta on the third Friday of every month.
- 4. Lions and Tigers and Bears, Oh My!** Visit the petting zoo or take an excursion tour at Tiger Stripes Exotic Animal Sanctuary.
- 5. Born to be Wild!** Join a local riding club.
- 6. Sneak a peek** at some of the most beautiful and well-appointed homes at Valdosta's Home and Garden Tour every spring.
- 7. Give your time** to one of many local service clubs to make the community a better place.
- 8. Polish your public speaking skills** with the Valdosta Toastmasters

