

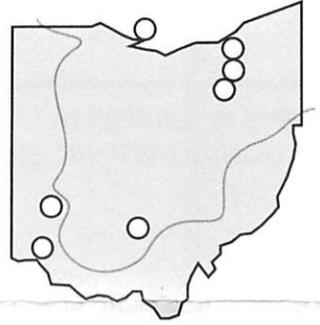
National Park Service Areas in Ohio

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Come Visit America's Heartland

When one thinks of the National Park Service one envisions deep canyons, steaming geysers, Civil War battlefields, and endless mountains of forests with large furry animals – one does not think of a National Park-like setting in Ohio. But what makes the National Park Service (NPS) unique is that it provides special places of history as well as nature -- both found here in Ohio. Take time to visit your Ohio National Parks -- come visit America's heartland.



HOPEWELL CULTURE NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK



earthworks and ceremonial mounds. The Mound City unit of the park preserves one of the largest known concentrations of these mounds. The Visitor Center

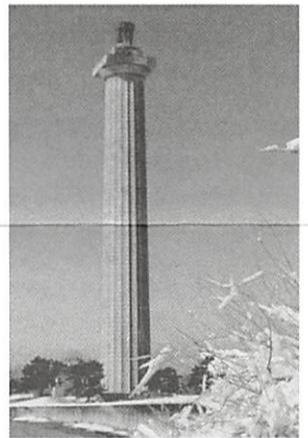
From about 200 BCE to CE 500, the Ohio River Valley was a focal point of the prehistoric Hopewell culture. The Hopewell peoples left behind great geometric

features museum exhibits, an orientation film, and sales area. Guided tours of the earthwork area are available. The center is open daily 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., except Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day. There is no entrance fee. The park also preserves Hopewell Mound Group, Hopeton Earthworks, Seip Earthworks, and High Bank Works. For more information, contact: Superintendent, 16062 State Route 104, Chillicothe, Ohio 45601, (740) 774-1125, www.nps.gov/hocu.

PERRY'S VICTORY AND INTERNATIONAL PEACE MEMORIAL

Constructed between 1912 and 1915, this massive memorial commemorates Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry's decisive naval victory over a British fleet in the Battle of Lake Erie during the War of 1812. This memorial also inculcates the hard won lessons of international peace through disarmament, arbitration, and negotiation. Comprising 78 courses of pink granite, the 352-foot memorial is the largest Greek Doric column in the world. An observation deck 317 feet above Lake Erie is reached by elevator for a small fee. The visitor center is free and contains exhibits, a DVD presentation, and a cooperating association sales area.

The park is open daily from late April to mid October, and by appointment the rest of the year. The visitor center is handicapped accessible. For more information, contact: Superintendent, Box 549, Put-in-Bay, Ohio 43456, (419) 285-2184, www.nps.gov/pevi.



CUYAHOGA VALLEY NATIONAL PARK



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The park encompasses 33,000 acres of the pastoral Cuyahoga River valley between Akron and Cleveland, including forests, meadows, streams, lakes, waterfalls, rock outcroppings, farm fields, historic villages, and canal resources. Year-round

activities include hiking, biking, skiing, nature study, golfing, train rides, concerts, and more. The 20-mile-long Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail is fully accessible for bicycles and wheelchairs. Hale Farm & Village is an outdoor museum of 19th-century life operated by the Western Reserve Historical Society. Fees are charged for some activities. For more information contact: Superintendent, 15610 Vaughn Road, Brecksville, Ohio 44141, (216) 524-1497, www.nps.gov/cuva. A daily listing of activities offered in the valley is available at www.dayinthevalley.com.

DAYTON AVIATION HERITAGE NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

The lives and legacies of Wilbur Wright, Orville Wright and Paul Laurence Dunbar are preserved within the four units of the park. The Wright Cycle Company Complex, located in the Wright brothers' neighborhood, consists of the Wright Cycle Company building and the Wright-Dunbar Interpretive Center. Huffman Prairie Flying Field Interpretive Center tells the story of the flying field where the brothers learned to control their flying machine in the air. The Wright Brothers Aviation Center, located at Carillon Historical Park, contains the 1905 Wright Flyer III, the world's first practical airplane. The Paul Laurence Dunbar House is where the poet, author, and acquaintance

of the Wright brothers lived and worked prior to his death. Start your tour at the Wright Cycle Company Complex, 22 S. Williams Street, Dayton, Ohio 45402. For information contact: Superintendent, P.O. Box 9280, Dayton, Ohio 45409, (937) 225-7705, www.nps.gov/daav.



**WILLIAM HOWARD
TAFT NATIONAL
HISTORIC SITE**

The site commemorates the only man to serve as president and chief justice of the United States. A visit to the site includes a tour of four period rooms that reflect family life during Taft's boyhood. The home also includes second floor exhibits highlighting Taft's life and career. The Taft Education Center houses an orientation video, exhibits on later generations of the Taft family, and classrooms for visiting schools. The restored home is at 2038 Auburn Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45219,

(513) 684-3262,
www.nps.gov/wiho.
The site is open seven days a week from 8 am to 4 pm and closed New Year's, Thanksgiving and Christmas days.
A visit to the site is free.



**JAMES A. GARFIELD
NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE**

James A. Garfield National Historic Site commemorates and interprets the life, family, and career of James Abram Garfield, college professor and principal, Civil War general, member of Congress, and 20th President of the United States. This eight-acre property includes the Garfield home (purchased in 1876; expanded in 1880 and 1885-86), memorial library, 1880 presidential

campaign office, and several outbuildings. The grounds are free; access to museum exhibits, the film, and guided house tours are \$5.00 per person for those over 15. The site regularly hosts several expanded tours, including a "Behind the Scenes" tour and a special tour for kids. Numerous programs and special events throughout the year further interpret James A. Garfield's legacy and important role in American history. For more information, contact James A. Garfield NHS, 8095 Mentor Avenue, Mentor, Ohio 44060, (440) 255-8722, www.nps.gov/jaga.

**FIRST LADIES NATIONAL
HISTORIC SITE**

First Ladies National Historic Site preserves and interprets the roles of America's First Ladies, and the impacts they have had on our nation's social and political history. The site's operating partner, the National First Ladies' Library (NFLL), manages a virtual library, as well as an on-site, seven-story Education and Research Center (ERC), to tell the stories of our First Ladies. Housed in the historic home of Ida Saxton McKinley in Canton, Ohio, the site offers

tours of the home and ERC, educational and interpretive programs. Contact the NFLL at (330) 452-0876, www.firstladies.org or www.nps.gov/fila.



**NORTH COUNTRY
NATIONAL SCENIC
TRAIL**

The North Country National Scenic Trail links scenic, natural, historic, and cultural areas in seven northern states: North Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan,

Ohio, Pennsylvania, and New York. The approximately four thousand mile long trail includes a variety of hikes from easy walking to challenging treks. A few segments offer bicycling and horseback riding. Information about the trail is available from 700 Rayovac Drive, Suite 100, Madison, Wisconsin, 53711, (608) 441-5610, www.nps.gov/noco.

**DAVID BERGER
MONUMENT**

This site honors the memory of David Berger, an American citizen who was one of the 11 Israeli athletes killed at the 1972 Olympic games in Munich, Germany. The memorial is dedicated to his memory and to the memory of the ten other athletes whose lives were taken. The memorial design of broken Olympic rings is meant

to symbolize the interruption and cancellation of the Munich games by the tragic events, and the eleven segments on which the rings rest represents the life of each athlete. For information contact: Mayfield Jewish Community Center, 3505 Mayfield Road, Cleveland, Ohio, 44118, (216) 382-4000, www.nps.gov/dabe

**NATIONAL HERITAGE
AREAS, NATIONAL
NATURAL LANDMARKS,
AND NATIONAL
HISTORIC LANDMARKS**

Besides visiting the National Park Service sites in Ohio, you can also check out the state's National Heritage Areas, National Natural Landmarks, and National Historic Landmark sites as well. With nearly 100 to choose from, you are bound to find a site that will interest every member of the family!

National Heritage Areas were established to recognize areas that have natural, cultural, historic and recreational resources combined with distinctive landscape arising from patterns of human activity shaped by geography. Examples of these areas in Ohio include the Ohio & Erie National Heritage Corridor and the National Aviation Heritage Area. For more information visit <http://www.cr.nps.gov/heritageareas>.

The National Natural Landmarks Program recognizes and encourages the conservation of nationally significant natural areas that have been designated as such by the Secretary of the Interior. Nearly 600 National Natural Landmarks sites have been designated, with 23 of them being in Ohio. Some of the sites in Ohio are, Cranberry Bog in Licking County and Mentor Marsh in Lake County. For more information visit <http://nature.nps.gov/nnl>.

The National Historic Landmarks Program recognizes nationally significant historic places designated by the Secretary of the Interior for their significance to U.S. history. Fewer than 2,500 sites can claim this honor, with more than 70 calling Ohio home. Examples include the SunWatch Indian Village in Dayton and the William H. McGuffey House on the campus of Miami University in Oxford. For more information visit <http://www.cr.nps.gov/nhl>.