

Explore Northeast Ohio

Historic and Natural Places in Partnership with NPS

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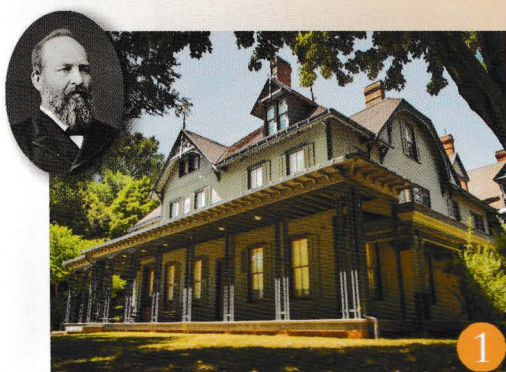
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National Historic Landmarks of Greater Cleveland

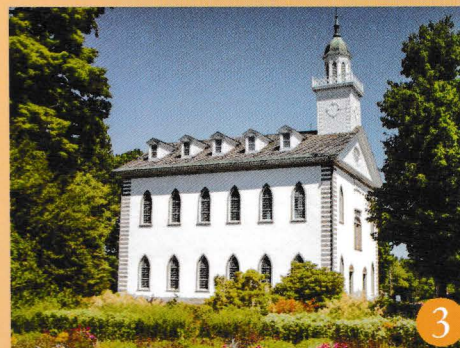
Northeast Ohio has a wealth of historic sites and buildings, many of which are designated as National Historic Landmarks (NHLs). NHLs in the Greater Cleveland Area include Cleveland Arcade and USS *Cod*, both situated near downtown Cleveland, as well as the James A. Garfield National Historic Site, Oberlin College, and Kirtland Temple located beyond the city limits.



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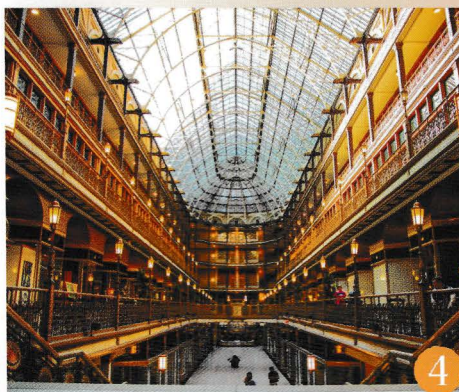


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James A. Garfield National Historic Site interprets the life, family, career, and legacy of 20th US President James Abram Garfield. In 1880, this home was the site of the nation's first front porch presidential campaign. The President's widow, Lucretia Garfield, added a Memorial Library in 1885-86, creating a model for what would become the presidential library network. Visit nps.gov/jaga

Oberlin College was founded in 1833 as the first college to freely admit both black and white students and maintained a radically abolitionist stance throughout the antebellum and Civil War period. The National Historic Landmark boundary includes Tappan Square, a 13-acre green space on the edge of campus designed by the Olmstead Brothers in 1885. Visit oberlin.edu/tappan-square

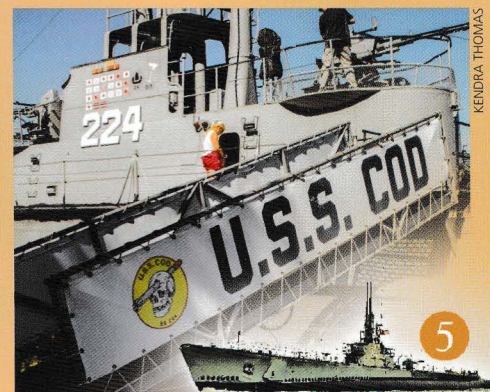
Kirtland Temple was the first temple built by adherents of the Latter-Day Saint movement, led by founder Joseph Smith. Building of the temple commenced after Smith received divine instruction to construct a house of worship, education, and order. The temple was dedicated in 1836 and currently offers multiple tours of the building and grounds. Visit kirtlandtemple.org



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Cleveland Arcade is a historic shopping center in downtown Cleveland. Constructed in 1890, this iconic commercial building is composed of two nine-story towers joined by a five-story atrium, featuring four balconies and an arched skylight spanning more than 300 feet. Visit theclevelandarcade.com

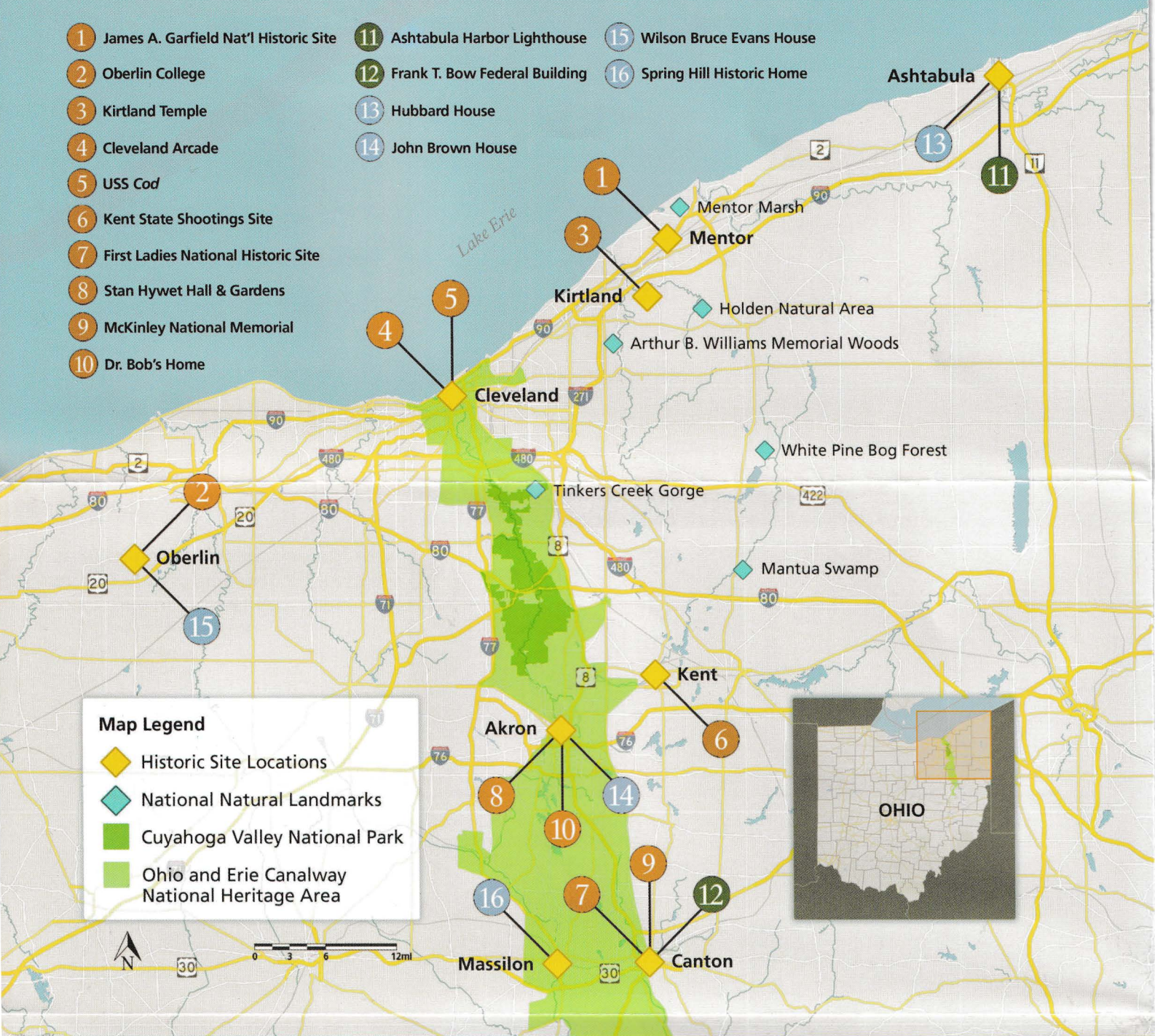
USS *Cod* is a brilliantly restored Gato-class WWII fleet submarine and is the only of its kind to remain fully intact. Permanently moored in Cleveland Harbor, visitors can inspect her interior crew spaces, including her Cleveland-built GM diesel generators, galley, and torpedo rooms. Visit usscod.org



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USS COD SUBMARINE MEMORIAL

Overview of Northeast Ohio Historic and Natural Resources



National Natural Landmarks

The National Natural Landmarks (NNLs) Program recognizes and encourages the conservation of sites that contain outstanding biological and geological resources.

Sites are designated by the Secretary of the Interior for their condition, illustrative character, rarity, diversity, and value to science and education. Six NNLs are located in northeastern Ohio.

The National Park Service administers the program and works cooperatively with landowners, managers, and partners to promote conservation and appreciation of our nation's natural heritage.

Visit [nps.gov/subjects/nnlandmarks](https://www.nps.gov/subjects/nnlandmarks)

Heritage Documentation Programs

Heritage Documentation Programs administers the Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS), the federal government's oldest preservation program, and its companion programs: the Historic American Engineering Record (HAER) and Historic American Landscapes Survey (HALS).

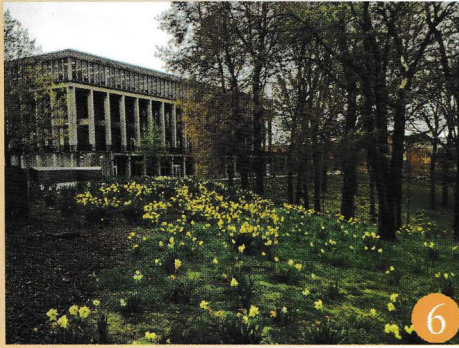
Documentation produced through the programs constitutes the nation's largest archive of historic architectural, engineering, and landscape recordation.

The HABS/HAER/HALS Collection is housed at the Library of Congress and materials may be accessed online at [loc.gov/collections](https://www.loc.gov/collections).

Visit [nps.gov/hdp](https://www.nps.gov/hdp)

National Historic Landmarks in Northeast Ohio

National Historic Landmarks (NHLs) are properties (buildings, sites, structures, objects, and districts) that are historically significant on a national scale and represent an outstanding aspect of American history and culture. There are over 2,600 NHLs in the United States, and listed below are five located in Northeast Ohio just beyond Greater Cleveland.



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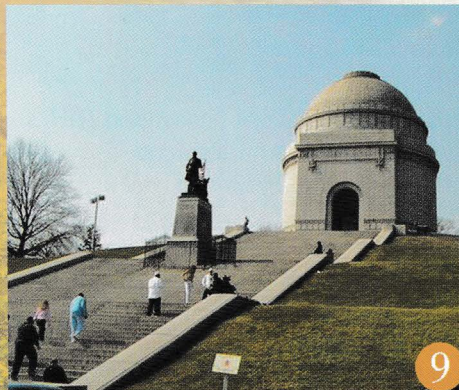
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Kent State Shootings Site memorializes victims of the tragedy that occurred May 4, 1970, when a nonviolent anti-war rally at Kent State turned deadly as the Ohio National Guard shot 13 students, ultimately killing four. The site was designated an NHL in 2016 as the events of May 4 made a significant societal and political impact on a national scale. Visit kent.edu/may4visitorscenter

First Ladies National Historic Site consists of two properties in downtown Canton - the Saxton House (pictured above) and the Education Center. Tour the Saxton House to learn the story of Ida Saxton-McKinley and her public role as First Lady of the United States. At the Education Center, visitors can learn about how the position of First Lady has evolved over time. Visit nps.gov/fila

Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens was the home of F.A. Sieberling, co-founder of The Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, and his immediate and extended family. Constructed between 1912 and 1915, this expansive estate features five historic buildings, ten fully restored historic gardens, and interior furnishings and collections, most of which are original to the Sieberling estate. Visit stanhywet.org



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McKinley National Memorial is a large, circular, domed mausoleum and the final resting place of 25th US President William McKinley. Designed by architect H. Van Buren Magonigle, the pink granite building rises 96 feet above a grassy hill and measures 79 feet in diameter. Visit mckinleymuseum.org

Dr. Bob's Home was the home of Alcoholics Anonymous co-founder Dr. Robert Smith and his wife Anne. Built in 1914, the home has become a site of pilgrimage for members of the program. The site includes an extensive archive of original furnishings and books. Visit drbobshome.org



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Cuyahoga Valley National Park & Ohio and Erie Canalway National Heritage Area

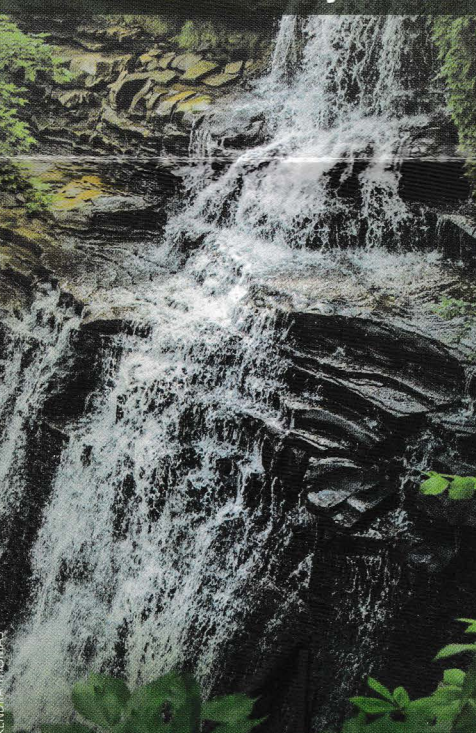
With nearly 33,000 acres containing natural and cultural landscapes, **Cuyahoga Valley National Park** is an excellent place to enjoy both educational and recreational activities. Located along the Cuyahoga River between Cleveland and Akron, Cuyahoga Valley National Park lies within the Ohio & Erie Canalway National Heritage Area.

The Park is conveniently situated to provide a respite from the bustle of the city and allows visitors to experience diverse wildlife, landscapes, and history all while remaining in the Cleveland area.



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Boston Mill Visitor Center
Cuyahoga Valley National Park



Brandywine Falls
Cuyahoga Valley National Park

Listed as both a National Historic Landmark and National Heritage Area, the **Ohio and Erie Canalway** was constructed in the early 1820s and offers plenty of opportunity for exploration. The Canalway and associated structures are significant for their role in settlement and expansion throughout the region.

The National Historic Landmark consists of a nearly 25-acre site along the canal and includes three locks, the Tinkers Creek Aqueduct, and two buildings dating from the period of canal use. The Ohio and Erie Canalway National Heritage Area is roughly 110 miles in length and spans five counties in northeast Ohio. The National Heritage Area also encompasses the entirety of Cuyahoga Valley National Park.



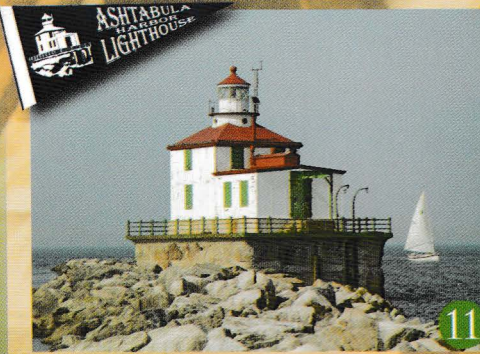
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Restored Canal Boat
Ohio and Erie Canal

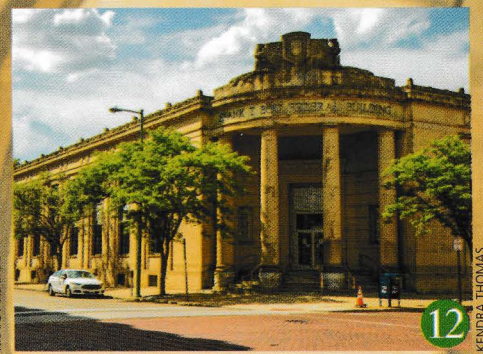
Surplus Property Programs

The **National Historic Lighthouse Preservation Act** of 2000 (NHLPA) provides for the disposal of federally owned historic light stations that have been declared excess to the needs of the government. The NHLPA recognizes the cultural, recreational, and educational value associated with historic light stations by allowing them to be transferred to federal agencies, state and local governments, nonprofits, and educational agencies.

The **Historic Surplus Properties Program** is administered in partnership with the U.S. General Services Administration to preserve and reuse federally owned historic buildings that are no longer needed by the federal government. This program enables state, county, and local governments to obtain historic buildings that have been determined surplus by the GSA and adapt them for new uses.



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Ashtabula Harbor Lighthouse is a NHLPA property constructed in 1903 on Lake Erie. It was the last U.S. Coast Guard-manned lighthouse on Lake Erie when it became fully automated in 1973. The lighthouse is now owned and maintained by the Ashtabula Lighthouse Restoration and Preservation Society, a nonprofit working to fully restore and reopen the lighthouse for public tours. Visit ashtabulalighthouse.org

Frank T. Bow Federal Building is a Historic Surplus Property built in 1933 as the Canton Post Office. It currently houses the Stark County Court of Common Pleas. Designed by Firestone and Christman, the building blends Classical elements with Art Deco and Egyptian-influenced detailing. The lobby is home to a series of distinct New Deal-era murals by Glenn Shaw depicting different phases of steel production. Visit loc.gov

National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom



CHRISTINE J. PETERS

Hubbard House was owned by abolitionists William and Katherine Hubbard, who became involved in the local antislavery society shortly after their arrival to Ashtabula. Completed in 1841, the home's location near Lake Erie made it a strategic Underground Railroad stop and often the last stop for freedom seekers before they crossed into Canada. Visit hubbardhouseugrrmuseum.org

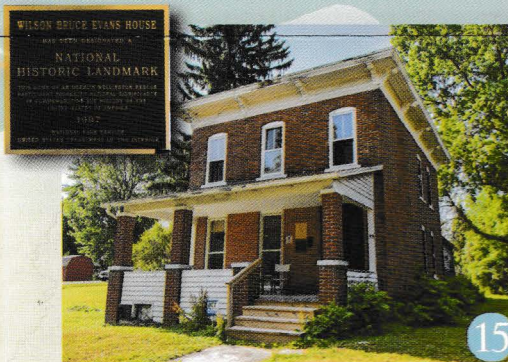


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John Brown House was home to the famous abolitionist from 1844 to 1854. While Brown is perhaps most known for his role in the Harper's Ferry Raid of 1859, he was also very active in the abolitionist movement in Ohio. He lived in Summit County most of his life and called this residence home for the better part of a decade and opened the home to freedom seekers. Visit summithistory.org

The **National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom (NTF)** Act passed in 1998 with a mission to honor, preserve, and promote the history of resistance to enslavement through escape and flight. The NTF program accomplishes its mission through collaboration with local, state, and federal entities, as well as individuals and organizations. The Network to Freedom advances the idea that all human beings possess the right to self-determination and freedom from oppression.

The program is a catalyst for innovation, partnerships, and scholarship that connects and shares the diverse legacy of the Underground Railroad across boundaries and generations. The program consists of sites, locations with a verifiable connection to the Underground Railroad; programs, with educational and interpretive programs that pertain to the Underground Railroad; and facilities, either research, educational or interpretive centers.



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Wilson Bruce Evans House was home to Black abolitionist leader Wilson Bruce Evans and is listed as an NHL. A carpenter by trade, Evans himself built the home that eventually became a refuge for freedom seekers fleeing the South. Evans is perhaps best known for his participation in the Oberlin-Wellington Rescue in which the people of Oberlin forcibly liberated freedom-seeker, John Price, after he was captured by a U.S. Marshal on his journey to freedom. Visit evanshhs.org



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Spring Hill Historic Home was a stop on the Underground Railroad for several decades and home of Thomas and Charity Rotch. As Quakers, the Rotches became part of the abolitionist movement when they settled in northeast Ohio in 1811. Their home, located in Massillon, is now a museum where visitors can learn about the Rotches and later owners of the estate, other abolitionists in the area, and their role in the Underground Railroad. Visit springhillhistorichome.org