

You should take a minute to go through the itinerary before you start your Daytrip. It's pretty easy to navigate a Daytrip alone but it's always helpful to have a companion, especially if it's your first time out. You'll find that there is probably more information than you will need concerning directions, landmarks, and comments.

If you follow the itinerary you'll never get lost (though some times it might feel that way), but it's a good idea to have a service station type roadmap with you. Any true backroad that you may be on will generally wind up at a main State Route or U.S. Highway at some point.

There are two sets of mileage numbers for each Itinerary item: The first is the driving distance of that specific item and the second number, in brackets, is the accumulated mileage from the beginning of the Daytrip. Distances between points are to the tenth of a mile. This is more about precision and accuracy than wanting you to constantly watch the odometer. Since each odometer may vary slightly you may notice a small discrepancies in the Itinerary mileage numbers.

While some directions require you to pay attention to a turn, most happen at a deadend and/or well described landmark. RELAX AND ENJOY THE DRIVE.

The most important parts of the itinerary are highlighted. Have a pen with you so you can check off the itinerary along the way. We expect that you'll find a "Daytrip Favorite" that you'll want to take more than once. In our experience, we hardly glanced at the itinerary on a repeat Daytrip. Once you're out there on the road, it will be that obvious.

Please read the Rules of the Road page on our website  
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**Road Rating:**

- L1. Level 1 – Best**  
4 lane highway, watch for cross traffic.
- L2. Level 2 – Good**  
Well marked and maintained 2 lane road.
- L3. Level 3 – Difficult**  
1 ½- 2 lanes, may be unlined. Blind or sharp curves and hills.  
Watch for slow moving farm machinery, Amish buggies, bikes, etc.!
- L4. Level 4 – Most Difficult**  
1 ½ lanes, unlined. May be gravel on asphalt in some places.  
Blind or sharp curves and hills. Not much traffic, but no margin for error either. Please drive carefully.

**NOTE:** Whenever you go through any town the speed limit will drop down to 35mph, and in many cases 25mph. Always obey the posted speed limit.

**BEFORE YOU LEAVE, ALWAYS CHECK THE "UPDATES" PAGE AT [DaytripCincinnati.Com](http://DaytripCincinnati.Com) FOR THE MOST CURRENT AND UP TO DATE INFORMATION ON ROAD CLOSURES AND DETOURS.**

**IF YOU COME ACROSS A ROAD CLOSURE OR DETOUR WHILE OUT ON A DAYTRIP, PLEASE LET US KNOW ABOUT IT ON THE "TIPS & REVIEWS" PAGE.**

## **FORT HILL STATE MEMORIAL**

Fort Hill State Memorial is a nature preserve containing one of the best pre-served Native American hilltop enclosures in North America. The Hopewell Indians (100 BC- AD 500) constructed the 1 ½ mile long earthwork hilltop enclosure, as well as at least two ceremonial buildings and probably a village in the Brush Creek valley.

There are 11 miles of hiking trails at the 1,200 acre nature preserve and a newly remodeled museum containing a variety of hands-on and interactive, multimedia displays depicting the geology, flora, and fauna of Fort Hill. We recommend a 2 hour hike on the Gorge Trail (Hike for an hour, then backtrack). Start at the end of the trail, nearest the entry to the parking lot. The first ¾ mile is the combined Gorge and Deer Trail. There will be a marker post where the trails split. Continue up the short hill to the log cabin and keep going. This takes you directly into a stunning gorge along the middle fork of Baker Creek. Baker Creek is 20-25 feet wide. Keep an eye out for the beaver dam, about 1½ miles in. There are also a couple of arches on the other side of Baker Creek.

There are 3 hiking trails at Fort Hill that begin and end at the main parking lot. The trail lengths are as follows:

Fort Trail – 2.3 miles/About 2 hours

Gorge Trail – 4.1 miles/About 3 hours

Deer Trail – 5.2 miles/About 4 hours

From the trailhead each hike begins with a fairly strenuous uphill hike, but get much easier once you're past that. The trails range from "obvious" to "primitive". All trails are periodically marked with tags or a dab of color spraypaint on tree trunks, as well as the occasional map post.

It's a good idea to have hiking boots or a change of shoes with you, especially if it has rained in the previous day or two. You won't get sloppy muddy, but you'll thank yourself for having the extra footwear when you get back to the car.

There is a wonderful picnic area at the main parking lot with huge old growth trees. A shelter area and rest rooms are also available.

There is no charge to use the park. Museum admission is \$3.00 for adults and \$1.25 for children 6-12. Children 5 and under are free. The museum is open from 9:30-5 Wednesday-Saturday, 12-5 on Sunday and Holidays, and closed on Monday and Tuesday.

**Drivetime for this Daytrip is 3 hours but this DOES NOT include the time that you decide to spend at Fort Hill. Add 1-5 hours for hiking or picnic time. There is a Daytrip Option at the end of the Itinerary that will extend your Daytrip 2 hours.**

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#### **4 SIMPLE RULES FOR PUBLIC USE LANDS**

There are a wide variety public use lands: National Parks & National Forests, State Parks/Resorts & State Forests, State & Local Nature Preserves, Scenic Rivers, Historic Sites & State Memorials to name a few. Certain areas get many thousands of visitors a year, like Hocking Hills State Park in Ohio, General Butler State Park in Kentucky, and Clifty Falls in Indiana. Others receive much less traffic, mainly because they lack amenities like lodges, cabins, and overnight camping.

There are some very important rules to remember when visiting public use lands of any kind. You'll probably find more rules and restrictions at areas like Nature Preserves than you will at State Parks Resorts, but we believe that no matter where you go you should treat the land with the utmost care and respect. Hopefully, these fall more into the category of "Common Sense", but please take a minute to review this list so we're all on the same page.

#### **"Take Only Great Memories, Leave Behind Only Soft Footsteps"**

- 1. Plan & Prepare.** What should you take? Get it together in advance of your hike. Good things to have are hiking boots, water, a trail map, and a trashbag. Depending on the time of year, you may also want long pants or insect repellent. Do you have enough time to take your hike and get back before dark? What will you do if a thunderstorm pops up? Going alone? Your cell phone might not work, so tell someone where you're going and when you'll be back.
- 2. Areas like Nature Preserves have some very strict rules.** No hunting, fishing trapping, pets, artifact gathering, motorized vehicles, camping, fires, bikes, horseback riding, or rock climbing. Certainly, areas such as State Resorts allow fishing and camping so you should check in advance for restrictions and requirements. In addition, there are public use lands specifically set aside for hunters, ATV's, and bicyclists.
- 3. Pack out your trash.** Actually, take a small trash bag with you and bring out any trash that you see. It's hard to believe that anyone would litter on purpose, so let's assume that it's just one of those unintentional things. Someone stops for a drink of water and a snack food wrapper escapes their pack undetected. A strong wind blows in one of those plastic grocery bags from the next county. It happens. Be a Hero! Pack it out.  
Special Note: It's hard to believe that certain trash is the result of unintentional littering. Dog droppings are litter too. So are things like disposable diapers, cigarette butts, and beer cans. Be part of the solution, not the problem!
- 4. Stay on the trail.** Most people think that this only a "Safety Rule" and some are tempted to break it because they're big, strong, experienced hikers and staying on the trail is a rule for kid's. Many times it is a safety issue and should be heeded for that reason alone. But consider this as well. If you leave the marked trail, you may destroy the home of ground nesting animals or crush an endangered species of plant without even knowing it. But not knowing about it doesn't make it any less a tragedy. Let's not damage the very thing that we have come to enjoy. Trails are generally marked with signs, colored swatches on tree trunks, or colored ribbons on low hanging tree limbs.

Here are some great resources about enjoying and respecting public use lands:

- The Buckeye Trail Association - [www.buckeyetrail.org](http://www.buckeyetrail.org)
- The Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources - [www.dnr.state.oh.us](http://www.dnr.state.oh.us)
- The Ohio Historical Society - [www.ohiohistory.org](http://www.ohiohistory.org)
- Leave No Trace - [www.lnt.org](http://www.lnt.org)
- Indiana Dept. of Natural Resources - [www.state.in.us/dnr/outdoor/hike/hiketips.htm](http://www.state.in.us/dnr/outdoor/hike/hiketips.htm) Kentucky
- Dept. of Natural Resources - [www.parks.ky.gov/camp/campregs.htm](http://www.parks.ky.gov/camp/campregs.htm)

**FIRST LEG**



**L2. From I-275 take Exit #59B - Route 50 East (Hillsboro), and go 20.5 miles to the traffic light at U.S. Highway 68, in Fayetteville, Ohio.**

**Turn Right.**

Along the way you'll pass through Perintown, Owensville, Monterey, and Marathon, Ohio.

**Restaurants in Owensville, Ohio:**

Subway, 110 E Main Street

**Services:**

BP Express/Subway, Route 50

Sunoco, Route 50

IGA Grocery, Route 50

US Bank, Route 50

**Carryouts/Delis in Monterey, Ohio:**

Thomas Drivethru, Route 50

Monterey Market, Route 50

**Carryouts/Delis in Marathon, Ohio:**

Dave's Grocery, Route 50

**Restaurants in Fayetteville, Ohio:**

The Lake Lorelei Restaurant, 586 Lorelei Drive

**Carryouts/Delis:**

Kiley Carryout, Route 50

**Services:**

Marathon, Route 50

1<sup>st</sup> Stop Gas/Foodmart, Route 50



**L2. Go 1.8 [22.3] miles on US Highway 68,** passing Fayetteville High School on the left.



**L2. In Chasetown, Ohio turn Left onto Route 131. Stay on Route 131**

**for 11.1 [33.4] miles.** 2 ¼ miles in Route 131 bears right. Stay on Route 131.

This is well marked. You will also cross Route 134, at the stopsign.

Stay on Route 131, **until deadend at the stopsign at Route 138.**



**L2. Turn Left (North) on Route 138.** You will immediately go through Danville, Ohio.  
**Go 7.3 [40.7] miles on Route 138, into Hillsboro, Ohio.**

**Restaurants in Hillsboro, Ohio:**

Arby's, 1279 N High Street  
Billy Kong Chinese Restaurant, 1092 N High Street  
Buckeye Dairy Barn, 7786 Chillicothe Road  
Chit Chat Restaurant, 122 N High Street  
Christopher's Lounge, 150 W Main Street  
Dairy Queen, 1000 W Main Street  
KFC, 301 Chillicothe Avenue  
Frischs, 1285 N High Street  
Frontier Cattle Company, 11145 N Shore Drive  
Gold Star Chili, 1105 Northview Drive  
Lakeside Dairy Bar, 12237 US Highway 50  
Long John Silvers, 100 Harry Sauner Road  
Magges Restaurant, 129 W Main Street  
McDonalds, 1474 N High Street  
McDonalds, 1092 N High Street  
Pizza Hut, 1461 N High Street  
Prime Cut Restaurant & Lounge, 115 W Main Street  
Subway, 224 N High Street  
Taco Bell, 1235 N High Street  
Wendy's, 900 N High Street  
Wooden Spoon Restaurant, 1480 N High Street

**Services:**

BP Express, Route 50  
Citgo, Route 50  
Marathon, Route 50  
US Bank, Route 50/US Highway 62  
5/3<sup>rd</sup>, Route 50/ US Highway 62



**Go past 4 stopsigns in Hillsboro, turn Right at the traffic light at US Highway 62.** Landmark: There is a church on your left.



**Go 2 blocks to the yellow flashing light and turn Left onto Route 73/Route 247.**



**Go 1 block to the traffic light. There will be a "near" right and a "far" right. Take the "far" Right, onto Route 73.**



**L2. Go 2.2 [52.2] miles on Route 73 to the crest of the hill and turn Left on Pigeon Roost Road. There is a street sign for Pigeon Roost Road.**

Landmark: You can only go left, there is an old red barn and a red farm building on the left, and a green mailbox in front of an big brick farmhouse on the right.

**AT THIS POINT YOU SHOULD BE ABOUT 1 HOUR INTO YOUR DAYTRIP.**

**SECOND LEG**

**L4. Go 4.3 [45] miles on Pigeon Roost Road until deadend at the stopsign at Prospect Road.**

**Turn Left.** There is no street sign that designates Prospect Road, but this is it. Landmark: You will be surrounded by farmland only.

**L2. Go 3.1 [48.1] miles on Prospect Road to the stopsign at Route 124.**

Landmark: There is a red ban for "Oak Grove Farm" on the right.

**Turn Left.**

**L2. Go 1.1 [49.2] miles on Route 124, into Marshall, Ohio.** Landmark: There will be an orchard on the right, and signs for Rocky Fork State Park.

**At the yellow flashing light, turn Right (East) on Route 506.**

This is well marked.

**L2. Go 4.4 [53.6] miles to the stopsign at the junction of Route 506/ Route 753, in Carmel, Ohio.** Landmark: Family Market and 1814 schoolhouse will be on the left.

**L3. Turn Right on Route 753.** This is well marked.

**Go about 3 [56.6] miles on Route 753 until a deadend at the stopsign, at Route 41.** This is well marked.

**L3. Turn Right (South) on Route 41.**

Please note that Route 41 would normally be a LEVEL 2 road, but some sections are really curvy and this is **Amish country**, so horse drawn vehicles and bicycle traffic are possible.

**L4. Go about ½ mile to entrance for Fort Hill State Memorial, turn Right. Entrance to parking lot is about 1 mile on the Left.**

**YOU SHOULD BE ABOUT 1 HOUR 30 MINUTES INTO YOUR DAYTRIP.**

Picnic, hike, visit the museum, and enjoy the day. At this point your total drivetime may vary depending on how long you are at Fort Hill. Some hiking trails may take up to 4 hours to complete. Return trip drivetime from Fort Hill to I-275/ Route 32 is about 1 hour 20 minutes.

**UPDATE August 2004 - Due to budget cuts, the museum at Fort Hill is closed and may not open until 2007. If this bothers you (and it should), please call Mr. Jim Strider at the Ohio Historical Society - (614) 297-2300.**

**THIRD LEG/ HOME STRETCH**

Please re-set your trip odometer to Zero.



**L4. Exit parking lot and turn Right to backtrack out to Route 41.**



**L3. Turn Right (South) on Route 41 and go 14.1 miles to State Route 32.  
Turn Right (West). (Curvy road and still Amish country).**

Along the way, you'll go through Sinking Springs, Locust Grove, and Peebles Ohio.

**Restaurants in Sinking Springs, Ohio:**

Kountry Korner Restaurant, Route 41

**Restaurants in Locust Grove, Ohio:**

Locust Grove Dairy Bar, 29913 State Route 41

**Restaurants in Peebles, Ohio:**

Jane's Village Inn, 87 N Main Street  
McDonalds, 2811 Measley Ridge Road  
Top-Jo Drive In, 116 Rarden Road  
White Star Restaurant, 38 N Main Street

**Carryouts/Delis:**

Youngs Cardinal Supermarket  
FYI – Some areas of Adams County are "dry"

**Specialty Shops:**

Becky Hughes Studio, 55 Old State Route 32  
Goodseed Farm, 5228 Old State Route 32  
Peebles Flower Shop & Antiques, 25905 State Route 41

**Services:**

BP, Route 41  
Marathon, Route 41  
Rich Service Station, Route 41  
5/3 Bank, Route 41



**L4. Take Route 32 (West) 52 [66.1] miles to I-275.**

**You'll be passing by Seamen, Winchester, Sardinia, Mt Orab, Williamsburg, and Batavia, Ohio.**

**DAYTRIP OPTION**

You should be about 2 hours of drivetime into your Daytrip at this point, with about 1 hour of drivetime remaining. Route 32 is a busy, divided highway and not really Daytrip material, but will get you back to I-275 pretty quickly.

If you would like to continue on Daytrip style roads, just cross over Route 32 and stay on Route 41 South. This is a nice little LEVEL 2 road that will take you through West Union, Ohio down to US Highway 52 at the Ohio River in Aberdeen, Ohio.

This will add about 2 hours to your Daytrip for a total of 4 hours drivetime (Again, this does not take into account the time that you spent at Fort Hill).



**L2. Go 30.5 [44.6] miles on Route 41. 11.1 miles in, you'll go through West Union, Ohio. Follow the signs to remain on Route 41.** Landmark: In town, you'll pass by the courthouse on the right. On the south side of West Union, there is a traffic light where Route 125 goes to the right. **Keep going straight to remain on Route 41. Continue on Route 41 to US Highway 52 (Also combined with US Highways 62 & 68), at the Ohio River in Aberdeen, Ohio. Turn Right (West).** Landmark: There is a Marathon Service Station on the corner.

**Restaurants in West Union, Ohio:**

Frischs, 11157 State Route 41  
Long John Silvers/Rax Roast Beef, 11306 State Route 41  
McDonalds, 11325 State Route 41  
Mikey's Family Restaurant  
Miller's Amish Bakery, 960 Wheat Ridge Road  
Murphin Ridge Inn & Restaurant, 750 Murphin Ridge Road  
Old Wayside Inn, 222 W Main Street  
Sundowner Restaurant, 4959 State Route 125  
Wendys, 11123 State Route 41

**Specialty Shops:**

As It Was In The Beginning Antiques, 4192 Unity Road  
Blake's Pharmacy, 206 North Market Street  
Miller's Amish Furniture, 960 Wheat Ridge Road  
Sunshine Store, 3232 Logans Lane  
The Collector – Antiques & Collectibles, 522 East Main Street

**Services:**

Speedway, Route 41  
UDF/Mobil, Route 41  
5/3<sup>rd</sup>, Route 41



**L2, with some stretches of L1. Go 51 [95.6] miles on US Highway 52, about 10 miles west of New Richmond, Ohio, to signs for access to I-275 South (To Kentucky and downtown Cincinnati) and I-275 North (Anderson, Milford, Loveland, etc.).**

Landmark: 6.7 miles in, you'll pass through Ripley, Ohio.  
US Highways 62 & 68 break off to the right in Ripley. Stay on US Highway 52. As you continue, you'll pass by Higginsport, Ohio, the ferry to Augusta, Kentucky (A good way back, via Route 8, if you live in Northern Kentucky), the Zimmer power station in Moscow, Ohio, Point Pleasant (**There is a State Rest Area here, on the left**), and New Richmond, Ohio.

**If you decide not to take the extended Daytrip option and take Route 32 back to I-275, here's what you'll find along the way:**

**Restaurants at Route 41/Route 32 junction:**

Burger King  
McDonalds

**Services:**

BP Express  
Marathon

**Restaurants in Seamen, Ohio:**

Cruisers Diner, 155 Stern  
Gold Star Chili, Route 32  
MC's Drive In, 16949 State Route 247  
McClellans Frostee Freeze, 100 State Route 770

**Carryouts/Delis:**

Cardinal Supermarket, 200 Main Street  
FYI again – This is still Adams County, and therefor may be “dry”

**Specialty Shops:**

Hilltop Designs, 4776 Graces Run Road  
Keim Family Amish Market, 2621 Burnt Cabin Road at Route 32

**Services:**

Marathon, Route 32  
Sunoco, Route 32

**Restaurants in Winchester, Ohio:**

The Dairy Dip & Restaurant, 18862 State Route 136  
Highland South Restaurant, 1940 US Highway 62

**Specialty Shops:**

County Broom & Gift Shop, 122 North West Street  
Emily Bunn Studio, Main Street  
Reflections of Time, 19272 State Route 136  
Woodcarvings and Other, 10630 Russellville Road

**Services:**

Marathon, Route 32

**Restaurants in Sardinia, Ohio:**

Broaster Foods, 7906 Yochum Road  
Country Diner, 7906 Yochum Road  
DJ's Dream Restaurant, 110 Winchester Road  
Johnnie & Judy's Restaurant, 104 S Main Street  
Ruth's Country Kitchen, 110 Winchester Road

**Carryouts/Delis:**

Martin's Super Valu Foods, 7110 Bachman Road

**Services:**

Marathon, Route 32  
Sunoco, Route 32

**NOTE: There is a State Rest Area on Route 32, on the left, between Sardinia and Mt. Orab.**

**Restaurants in Mt. Orab, Ohio:**

Buford Restaurant, 2512 State Route 134  
Country Farm Restaurant, 1470 Tri County Highway  
Country Inn Restaurant, 716 S High Street  
Great Steak, off Route 32  
Lake Manor Restaurant, 13143 US Highway 68  
Lee's Famous Recipe Chicken, off Route 32  
McDonalds, 560 N High Street  
Skyline Chili, 110 N Point Drive  
Subway, 100 N Point Drive  
The Cone Zone, 520 E Main Street  
Wendy's, off Route 32

**Carryouts/Delis:**

Crosstown Carryout, 1653 Crosstown Road  
Kroger with Firststar Bank, off Route 32

**Services:**

Shell, Route 32  
Sunoco, Route 32

**Restaurants in Williamsburg, Ohio:**

Empress Chili, off Route 32  
Del-vest Restaurant, 305 S 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Double E Cafe, 396 W Main Street  
Gold Star Chili, off Route 32  
Hank's Ranch House, 4227 All Star Drive  
The Sportsman, 320 W Main Street  
Valley View Tavern, 102 W Main Street  
Wendy's, off Route 32

**Services:**

BP Express, off Route 32  
Exxon, off Route 32

**Restaurants in Batavia, Ohio:**

Arbys, off Route 32  
Buffalo Wings & Rings, 2235 Bauer Road  
Burger King, 2196 Hospital Drive  
Clermont Inn, 180 E Main Street  
Dairy Queen, off Route 32  
Frischs, off Route 32  
Gold Star Chili, 2792 Old State Route 32  
Hungry Bear Diner, 1096 Old State Route 74  
Lees Water Tower Inn, 2409 Old State Route 32  
McDonalds, off Route 32  
Moon-Lite Chili, 236 E Main Street  
Papa Galos, 2235 Bauer Road  
Pizza Hut, 956 Old State Route 74  
Steak and Shake, 831 Clepper Lane  
Subway, 2199 Winemiller Lane  
Wendys, 2108 Front Wheel Drive

**Services:**

Shell, with Burger King, off Route 32  
UDF, with Mobil, off Route 32

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**DISCLAIMER.** We here at DaytripCincinnati are big believers in the concept that we live in a society with its foundation in law and justice, and we think it's all working pretty darned well.

It should also be recognized that we currently live in a society where some people need to be told, in explicit legalese, NOT to trim hedges with a lawnmower, coffee is HOT, etc.

So, we here at DaytripCincinnati feel compelled to let you know that your use of the material supplied by us is at your own risk. We will not be held responsible for accidents, injuries, thefts, trouble with the sheriff, fistfights with farmers, bugs in your grill, etc, etc.

Please abide by the spirit of the Daytrip experience.

DRIVE SAFELY

BE FRIENDLY & SHOW RESPECT

HAVE FUN & ENJOY THE DRIVE!