

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 www.DaytripCincinnati.com

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 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.

JUST ROADS

Kentucky and Ireland...Separated at birth? Think about it. Both have a rich history and fine tradition of horses, creative cuisine, and fine spirits. There are more similarities than differences between Celtic and Bluegrass music. Ireland is filled with scenic country lanes following handmade stone fences, same as Kentucky.

We jest, of course, since much of the Commonwealth of Kentucky was originally settled by immigrants from the British Isles...and their unique cultural legacy continues to today.

While this Daytrip is indeed about great roads, you will also have the opportunity to visit and explore the Ohio rivertowns of Augusta and Maysville in Kentucky. The return trip to Cincinnati includes several options, some of which visit some of the rivertowns along the Ohio side of the river.

If you drive all three Legs of this Daytrip, you'll be able to count the number of traffic lights and stopsigns without taking your shoes off. Most travelers use Kentucky Route 9 (AA Highway), so we expect that you'll see very little traffic. Even better, and with a tip of the cap to the Kentucky Highway Department, these are all perfectly maintained roads and a treat to drive.

There are a couple of golf courses along the way, one on Route 1997 on the First Leg, and the other in the Second Leg along Route 735, so you may want to bring your clubs and hit a few.

This Daytrip will take you through Campbell, Pendleton, Bracken, and Mason Counties in Kentucky. Go to the Links page for complete information on festivals, events, shopping, history, and much, much more.

Drivetime for this Daytrip is about 4 hours.

If you haven't visited our website, find out everything that you need to know to enhance your Daytrip experience at www.DAYTRIPCINCINNATI.com.

FIRST LEG



L2. From I-275 take Exit #74 A/B - US Highway 27 South (Alexandria & NKU). Go 1.5 miles to the 8th traffic light at the junction of Kentucky Route 1998. Turn LEFT. Landmark: Gigantic water tower on the right.

Restaurants along the way to Kentucky 1998:

Perkins
Alplebee's
Buskin Bakery
Subway
Gourmet Wok
Taco Bell
Arby's
Wendy's
Barleycorn's

Services:

Kroger
Walgreens
Martin's Pharmacy
BP
Sunoco
Bank of Kentucky
US Bank
National City Bank



L2. Go 2.1 [3.6] miles to a deadend at the stopsign and flashing red lights, at the junction with Kentucky Route 8.

Turn RIGHT.



L2. The next turn isn't really all that tricky, but you'll need to be paying attention. 1.3 [4.9] miles in you'll pass the LaFarge Gypsum Plant, a huge green & white processing plant on the left. 1.8 [5.4] miles in, at the east end of the plant, you'll come to a traffic light.

Turn right at the traffic light (This is Kentucky Route 547, but there is no sign).



L3. Go 3.4 [8.8] miles to the junction of Kentucky Route 1997 in Cold Springs, Kentucky.

Turn LEFT. This is well marked. Landmark: Sign for St. Joseph Parish, on the left.



L3. Go 3.7 [12.5] miles to the stopsign at Kentucky Route 9 (AA Highway).

Keep going straight- CROSS TRAFFIC DOES NOT STOP.

Continue another mile to the junction with Kentucky Route 10.

Turn LEFT. After you turn left onto Route 10, you'll cross over a creek.

- L2, with some L3. Go 7.3 [19.8] miles to the junction with Kentucky Route 735. Turn LEFT.** This is well marked. As you are approaching Route 735 you'll see a green sign for the Mentor Baptist Church, and the AA Highway on your left. **You'll immediately come to a stopsign at the junction with the AA Highway (again). Go straight - CROSS TRAFFIC DOES NOT STOP.**

Landmarks: Along Route 735 you'll pass the Rock House Bar, Flintlock's Bar & Grill, and the Webster's Branch Inn.

- L3. Continue another mile [20.8] to a deadend at the stopsign, at the junction of Kentucky Route 8 (again). Turn RIGHT.**

SECOND LEG

- L2. Go 7.4 [27.2] miles to the junction with Kentucky Route 1019 South.** There is no stopsign or traffic light, but this is well marked. There is a 2-story, red brick building on the far right corner. **Turn RIGHT.** **After you turn right, you'll go through a short residential section, and then to a fork in the road - TAKE THE LEFT FORK, and go up the hill.** Landmark: Along Route 8, 3.5 [24.3] miles in, you'll pass the Carneuse Lime Plant, on the left.

- L4. Go 1.8 [29] miles to the junction with Kentucky Route 1951. Turn LEFT.** No stopsign or trafficlight, but well marked. Landmark: Farmhouse on the right.

- L4. Go 4.1 [33.1] miles to a deadend at the stopsign, at Kentucky Route 1109. Turn LEFT.** There is no sign for Route 1109, but this is it. The road goes down a hill.

- L3. Go 2 [35.1] miles to a deadend at the stopsign, at Kentucky Route 8. Turn RIGHT.**

THIRD LEG

- L2. Go 8.1 [43.2] miles to the junction with Kentucky Route 435. Turn RIGHT.** This is just beyond the flashing yellow lights on the east side of Augusta, Kentucky. **After you turn, take the RIGHT FORK onto Kentucky Route 2370 South.**

Augusta is a great little rivertown. You may choose to stop and visit now, but the return trip will also pass this way.



L3. Go 3.1 [46.3] miles to a deadend at the stopsign at the junction with Kentucky Route 875.

Turn LEFT. Landmark: About 2.5 miles in you'll come to the AA Highway again. Keep going straight. **CROSS TRAFFIC DOES NOT STOP.** At the junction with Route 875, there is an electrical power sub-station.



L2. Go 5.2 [51.5] miles to a deadend at the stopsign where Kentucky Route 10 combines with the AA Highway. Turn RIGHT.
Go about 100 yards and Turn LEFT onto Kentucky Route 3056.

NOTE: About 3 miles in, you'll come to a deadend at a stopsign where Kentucky Route 10 combines with Route 875. TURN LEFT.
Just past this on Routes 10/875 you'll come into Germantown.
Route 875 goes off to the right. GO STRAIGHT TO REMAIN ON ROUTE 10.

L3. Go 5.9 [57.1] miles to the stopsign at the junction with US Highways 62/68.
Turn LEFT. CROSS TRAFFIC DOES NOT STOP.

L1. Go about a mile to the "New" Bridge and access to Kentucky Route 8.

The "New" Bridge is actually the Harsha Bridge, named after the builder of many area covered bridges in the 1800's.

HOME STRETCH

This completes the Gettin' There part of this Daytrip, and it's decision time. Here are your options:

1. Continue straight across the bridge and take US Highway 52 West in Ohio back to Cincinnati (near Coney Island and Riverbend).
2. Exit at the bridge and turn RIGHT to visit Maysville, Kentucky. To leave Maysville you can continue this Daytrip by using Option 3, or cross the "Old" Bridge in Maysville to US Highway 52 West in Ohio. The actual name for the "Old" Bridge is the Maysville-Aberdeen Bridge. From Aberdeen, Ohio you are 52 miles from I-275.
3. Exit at the bridge and turn LEFT to return along Route 8 along the Kentucky side of the river. This will also give you a second chance to visit Augusta. As you are getting close to the end, Route 8 is closed for construction until May 2006. Follow the well-marked detour to Kentucky Route 9 (AA) Highway North. This will take you to I-275.
4. Do Option #3, and take the ferry across the river in Augusta, Kentucky to US Highway 52 West in Ohio. Very cool and worth every penny!

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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!