

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.

QUIET TRAILS NATURE PRESERVE

There are many great things about visiting a nature preserve, but we think that one of the greatest is that we are able to enjoy land that most commonly has been donated by private landowners for public use and scientific research.

In this case, we should all thank Mr. & Mrs. W.G. Wigglesworth Jr. for the many years of setting this land aside as a private nature sanctuary and allowing its use to Scout troops, schools, and private organizations.

Upon its donation to the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Quiet Trails was opened to public use in March 1992, and is managed by the Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission.

Quiet Trails consists of 165 acres of ridges and ravines bordering the Licking River in Harrison County. There are 3.1 miles of hiking trails, which are described later in this Itinerary. Because Quiet Trails is so far off the beaten path, we're confident that you'll find true solitude and seclusion in a setting of diverse flora and fauna.

Here are some tips:

Like most nature preserves, there are no facilities or amenities: no restrooms, no snack bars, no ranger station, etc.

While the trails are well maintained, it's probably a good idea to wear long pants and hiking boots. Depending on the time of year insect repellent would be a good thing to have. Oh yeah, and watch out for the occasional spider web stretched across the trail at face level.

Every nature preserve has some pretty strict regulations. Please respect where you are and follow these rules. They are posted at the parking lot, but here they are anyway - No hunting, fishing, trapping, pets, artifact gathering, motorized vehicles, camping, fires, bikes, horseback riding, rock climbing. Finally, leaving the designated trail could do damage to plants, ground nesting animals, and endangered species. Please stay on the trail.

Every road on this Daytrip is as scenic, secluded, and immaculately maintained as you'll ever hope to find. It's pretty hard to pick our favorites, but we think that Route 10, Route 539, and the long stretch of Route 19 is especially pleasing.

Drivetime is about 4 hours. Remember, drivetime does not include the time that you choose to spend in at Quiet Trails Nature Preserve. Drivetime begins and ends at I-275.

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

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
The Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources - www.dnr.state.oh.us
The Ohio Historical Society - www.ohiohistory.org
Leave No Trace - www.lnt.org
Indiana Dept. of Natural Resources - www.state.in.us/dnr/outdoor/hike/hiketips.htm
Kentucky Dept. of Natural Resources - www.parks.ky.gov/camp/campregs.htm

GETTING THERE

Please reset your trip odometer to Zero.



L1. From I-275 take Exit #74A or from I-471 South (from I-71 & I-75 in downtown Cincinnati) - US Highway 27 South. This is the exit for Northern Kentucky University and Alexandria, Kentucky. Go 7.5 miles to the traffic light at the Junction of Route 10. Turn Left. Landmarks: Big water tower on Left corner, Provident Bank on far Left corner.

Services on the way to Alexandria, Kentucky:

- BP (2)
- Sunoco
- Speedway
- Shell/Ameristop
- Marathon
- Bank of Kentucky (2)
- U.S. Bank (2)
- Provident Bank (2)
- 5/3rd Bank (2)
- Kroger (2)
- Meier
- Thriftway
- Country Market
- Walgreens
- Walmart
- Martin's Pharmacy
- Ameristop

Restaurants on the way to Alexandria, Kentucky:

- Perkins
- Applebee's
- Buskin Bakery
- Subway (2)
- Gourmet Wok
- Burger King (2)
- Penn Station
- Bob Evans
- Cold Spring Roadhouse
- Frisch's
- White Castle
- Ruby Tuesday
- McDonalds
- Dairy Delight Cafe
- Harry's Diner
- Long John Silvers
- Longhorn Steakhouse
- Goldstar Chili
- KFC
- Sparetime Grill
- Empress Chili
- G.B.'s Family Restaurant
- LaRosa's

L2. Follow Route 10, through "old" Alexandria, to the stopsign at Peach Grove Road. Turn Right to remain on Route 10. This is well marked. Landmark: You'll see a sign that says to go straight for Silver Grove to Route 547.

In about 100 yards [8], Route 10 makes a sharp left, and you'll see a sign for Route 1121.

L2, with some L3. Turn right on Route 1121. This is well marked.
Go 10.3 [18.3] miles to the stopsign at the Junction of Route 10 (again).
Landmark: Church & Cemetery on corner.

Turn Right.

Note: 7.2 [15.2] miles in, Route 1121 comes to a stopsign at a "T" intersection. Turn Left to remain on Route 1121. Continue another 100 yards, into the residential community of Grubser Mill, Kentucky, and turn right to remain on Route 1121. This is all well marked.

L3. Go 15.6 [33.9] miles to the junction of Route 22.
Turn Right (West). This is well marked. Landmark: White barn on the left.

Along the way, you'll pass through the small Kentucky residential communities of Peach Grove, Mt. Auburn, Caddo, Lenoxburg, Berlin, and Willow. There aren't really signs posted when entering these towns. Many have churches with the town name in the church name.

L3. Go 3 [36.9] miles to the junction of Route 539.
Turn Left. Note: This is more of a Left fork than a sharp turn. There is a white building between the fork. This is well marked.

L3. Go 7.2 [44.1] miles to the stopsign at the junction of Route 19.
Turn Right (South).

Note: 1.9 [38.8] miles in, Route 539 forks. Bear Right.
2.9 [39.8] miles in, Route 539 makes a sharp Left.
This is Not Well Marked.

L2. Go 4.9 [49] miles to the stopsign at US Highway 62.
Turn Right. Landmark: After you turn, you'll immediately cross a creek.

L2. Go .6 [49.6] miles to the junction of Route 1284 West.
Turn Right. This is well marked. Landmark: Claysville General Store, on the right.



**L3. Go 4.3 [53.9] miles to the stopsign in Sunrise, Kentucky.
Turn Right onto Pugh's Ferry Road.**



L4. Go 1.9 [55.8] miles to Quiet Trail Nature Preserve.

You're looking for a **Wildlife Area sign (brown sign with binoculars)** and a 4-5 car parking area, on the right

Note: .7 [54.6] miles in, the road forks. Bear Left.

1.1 [55] miles in, you'll cross a little creek and go up a hill.

**1.2 [56.2] miles in, you'll see a road on your right called Wildlife Lane.
Keep going straight.**

YOU SHOULD BE ABOUT 2 HOURS AND 30 MINUTES IN TO YOUR DAYTRIP

WELCOME TO QUIET TRAILS NATURE PRESERVE!

When you go through the gate, you'll be at a trailhead for the four hiking trails at Quiet Trails. Go about 30 feet on the Challenger Trail (2nd from the left) and you'll find a mailbox. This should contain a trailmap, park rules, and a place to register your visit with the Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission.

There are six, well marked hiking trails at Quiet Trails. As you're standing at the main trailhead, here is a description of the 4 trails that you see:

White Tail Rest Trail - .6 miles. Pretty flat, wide and easy.

Challenger Trail - .9 miles. Pretty flat, then really steep downhill.

Sassafras Trail - .3 miles. A pretty flat, offshoot loop of the Challenger Trail. Access before you go down the really steep hill.

Prairie Vista Trail - This is pretty overgrown and wild, and meets up with the Challenger Trail in a couple hundred yards anyway. Forget this one.

Deep Hollow Trail - .5 miles. This goes down a very steep hill. Some stretches of the trail have a left to right slope. This trail will take you to the end of the Challenger Trail. Halfway through, there is a connecting trail that will take you to the **Cedar Trail**. At this point you can go left and up the hill to the Challenger Trail up on the ridge, or straight for a short distance and then left up the hill on the Challenger Trail. **EITHER WAY YOU GO, IT'S A STEEP CLIMB BACK UP.**

GETTING BACK

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L4. Backtrack the way that you came in on Pugh's Ferry Road to Sunrise, Kentucky.



L3. In Sunrise, continue to backtrack by turning Left onto Route 1284 [1.9].



L2. Continue to backtrack by turning Left onto US Highway 62 [6.2].



L2. Continue to backtrack by turning Left onto Route 19 [11.1].

At this point, go 24.2 [35.3] miles on Route 19 to the stopsign and flashing red lights at the junction of Route 8 in Augusta, Kentucky.

Turn Left.

Note: After you turn Left onto Route 19, you'll see a sign for Route 19 North and a sign that reads "Brooksville - 15 miles, Augusta - 25 miles".

Well marked landmarks along the way:

4.9 [16] miles in - Junction of Route 539. Keep going straight.

11.5 [22.6] miles in - Route 10 East combines with Route 19. Keep going straight.

14.5 [25.6] miles in - Enter Brooksville, Kentucky.

15.2 [26.6] miles in - Stopsign in Brooksville.

Turn Right to remain on Route 19/10.

Services in Brooksville, Kentucky:

BP

Citgo

1st National Bank

15.5 [26.9] miles in - Bear Left to remain on Route 19.

18.9 [30] miles in - Route 875 South combines with Route 19. Keep going.

19.4 [30.5] miles in - Bracken County Water Tower, on the right.

Just past this Route 875 goes off to the right. Keep going straight.

20.9 [32] miles in - Stopsign with 2 flashing red lights, at the junction with Route 9/AA Highway. Keep going straight. If you want to get back a bit quicker, turn left onto the AA and follow to US Highway 27, or further to I-275.

BE CAREFUL! CROSS TRAFFIC DOES NOT STOP.

24.2 [35.3] miles in - You're now at the stopsign and 2 flashing red lights where you turn left, at Route 8 in Augusta, Kentucky.

DAYTRIP OPTION: You can go into Augusta and take the ferry across the Ohio River to US Highway 52 on the Ohio side of the river (Toll- \$5). From there you can take US Highway 52 back to I275 and the east-side of Cincinnati.

Restaurants in Augusta, Kentucky:

Bee Hive Tavern
McKenzie's Restaurant
Parkview Country Inn
Corner Cafe

Services:

Cevron Service Station
Citgo Service Station
Firststar Bank

Specialty Shops:

Augusta General Store
Barbara Kelsch Gallery
Eklektikos
Folk Art Shop
Jane's Fine Arts & Antiques
Mea's Main Street Gallery
Smalltown Gift Shop



L2. Go 35.2 [70.5] miles on Route 8, to the 2 flashing yellow lights at the junction of Route 1998.

Turn Left. Landmark: Sign that reads To US Highway 27.

NOTE: If you live in the downtown Cincinnati area, continuing on Route 8 will take you in to Newport, Kentucky and access to I-471.



L1. Go 2.2 [72.7] miles to the traffic light at the junction of US Highway 27. Turn Right.



L1. Go 1 [73.7] mile to access I-275 East (Exit# 1A) or West (Exit# 1B), or I-471 North to downtown Cincinnati and I-71& I-75.

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!

