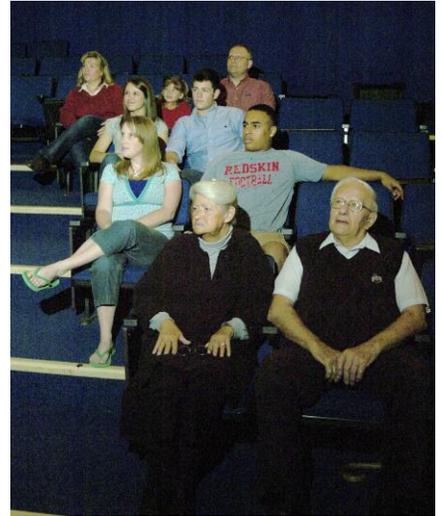




Armstrong Air & Space Museum

500 South Apollo Drive
Wapakoneta, OH 45895
www.armstrongmuseum.org
Phone: 800-860-0142

This delightful museum is named in honor of Wapakoneta native astronaut Neil Armstrong, the first man to walk on the moon. The museum chronicles Ohioans' contribution to the history of flight and new horizons in space travel including the space shuttle program and the International Space Station. It clearly depicts Armstrong's small town roots and his journey to those famous first steps. See a moon rock and the Gemini VIII spacecraft. The museum's Astro Theater presents the sights and sounds of that first moon walk. Recent renovations have included the addition of interactive exhibits with a space shuttle landing simulator and a lunar landing simulator.





Ft. Recovery State Museum

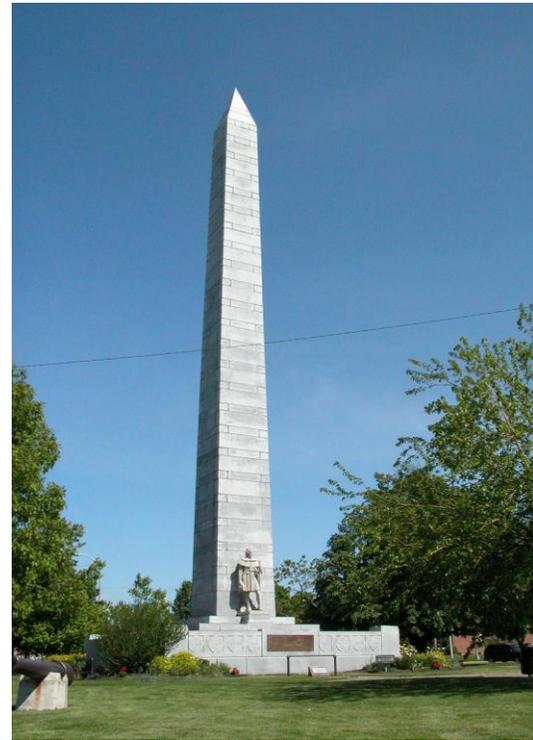
1 Fortsite Street
Fort Recovery, Ohio 45846
www.fortrecoverymuseum.org
419-375-4649

Fort Recovery is the site of two of the most dramatic Indian battles in American history. The museum features displays on General 'Mad' Anthony Wayne's legion and

the two Indian battles fought there. Also shown are a typical 1790's Native American and the largest and most complete prehistoric Indian artifact collection on display in the state of Ohio. On the grounds are two reconstructed blockhouses, a connecting stockade and the Greenville Treaty Line marker. A 103' monument stands to remember



the 900+ soldiers that died in the first battle and an oak tree to remember the Native Americans. Other attractions are a log home, blacksmith shop and local walk-by museum. Group Tours by appointment March -November.



The Fort Recovery Visitors Information Center



The center (a restored Shell gas station) was opened in May of 1998. It is located at 106 E. Butler Street in downtown Ft. Recovery. The center is located between the Fort-Museum area and Monument Park. The center has local items on display and information about the many sites and attractions in the area. Makes a great restroom stop for group tours.



National Marian Shrine of the Holy Relics

2291 St. Johns Rd.
Maria Stein, Ohio 45860
www.mariasteincenter.org
419-925-4532

The shrine contains approximately 1000 relics of the saints and is the second largest collection of its type in the United States. Built in 1890, the shrine and the adjacent former convent were placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1976. The Maria Stein Heritage Museum is located on the second floor. It contains a number of displays showing the history of the Sisters of the Precious Blood as well as the development of west central Ohio. When visiting the shrine don't miss the Pilgrim Gift Shop, Statue Garden, Patio and Angle Garden. Donations accepted. Tues - Sun: noon - 4:30 p.m. Closed Mondays and holidays.





Bicycle Museum of America

7 West Monroe Street
New Bremen, OH 45869
www.bicyclemuseum.com
Phone: 419-629-9249

The Bicycle Museum of America is the largest bicycle museum in the world, featuring over 350 examples on display, with over 1,000 in the entire collection. See unique and unusual bicycles and accessories. The museum also is home to a Civil War flag, WWII memorabilia, Presidential Inaugural Medals, Inaugural Service Badges, Navy Challenge Coins, and an extensive gem and rock collection. Fun for the entire family!



The Lighthouses of Grand Lake St. Marys



Grand Lake St. Marys Rotary Lighthouse

US 127 & Lakeshore Drive
Celina, Ohio 45822
www.SeeMore.org
800-860-4726

This forty foot working lighthouse welcomes visitors to Celina each evening. Built in 1986 by the Celina Rotary Club, this structure has a wrought iron observation deck encircling it for those who wish a 'grandier' view of the lake.

Grand Lake St. Marys Behm's Lighthouse

5444 Behm Road
Celina, Ohio 45822
www.SeeMore.org
800-860-4726

This beautiful stately structure sits on an island directly across from Behm's Restaurant. It was built and dedicated on April 19, 2003 in memory a member of the Behm family killed in an auto accident. The operating marine light can be seen up to seven miles. It can be viewed on the south shore of the lake at Behm's Landing.



Northwood Lighthouse

This 1923 Eddystone Lighthouse is a monument to the original English Channel Beacon and is listed on the National Registry of Historic Places. In the early days it operated under a government license from April to November. The Northwood Lighthouse is located on the north shore between Celina and St. Marys. *Viewing is possible from lake only and is a highlight of the Lost Weekend II Luncheon Cruise.*



Miami-Erie Canal Lockkeepers House/Visitors Center

22 South Water Street
New Bremen, Ohio 45869
419-629-0313
www.meccainc.org

The 'good ole days' live on as you stroll the canal towpath imagining what life was like for the settlers in the 1800's. To improve transportation and help sell produce, Irish, French and German immigrants labored for 31 cents a day and a jigger of whiskey to manually move trees, rocks and soil to create the 'big ditch' through the wilderness. Begun on July 25, 1825 near Middletown, OH the Miami and Erie Canal traverses 249 miles from Cincinnati to Toledo and was completed in 1845. The canal in this area is still mostly intact, with many historic structures, bridges and aqueducts along the way.



Memorial Park & Canal Walk
Corner of South & Chestnut Streets
St. Marys Ohio 45885
www.stmarysohio.org
419-300-4611

Dedicated to the WWI veterans, the park, with its clock tower, covered bridge and gazebo, rests beside the St. Marys River and Miami-Erie Canal flowing through downtown St. Marys. The Belle of St. Marys, a full scale replica of a packet canal boat, measures 76 feet long and 14 feet wide and rests on the waters of the canal. A paved pathway takes visitors past Lock 13 and along the canal.





Land of the Cross-Tipped Churches

800-860-4726 – for information or for group tours
www.grandlake.net/lctc/

In July of 1979, over sixty buildings representing the German Catholic settlements of southern Auglaize and Mercer Counties, as well as portions of northern Darke and Shelby Counties, were placed on a National Register of Historic Places. Consisting of churches, schools, rectories and convents, this grouping is symbolic of the cultural and historical uniqueness of the region. Today, these structures remind us of the hard work and dedication of these early settlers as they built the Miami-Erie Canal and forged a new life on the area's rich and productive farmland. Trips through the rural countryside follow the quaint churches with their cross-tipped "spires to heaven" and include stops at the focal points of the region: the former convent at Maria Stein; St. Augustine Church - the original Mother Church of the area at Minster and St. Charles center, the magnificent and impressive former seminary at Carthage.



Grand Lake St. Marys State Fish Hatchery

01735 Feeder Road
St. Marys, OH 45885
419-394-5170

One of only six hatcheries in the state of Ohio, the St. Marys site raises yellow perch, largemouth bass, channel catfish, fathead minnows, walleye and saugeye. Free tours are available by appointment.



KitchenAid® Stand Mixer Factory Tour

1701 KitchenAid Way
Greenville, Ohio 45331
(888) 886-8318

Every KitchenAid® Stand Mixer in the world is assembled with pride in this facility! The unique factory tour is led by production associates and brings the tourist into contact with the people who are responsible for making this beloved icon of the American kitchen. Tours take approximately one hour, and happen Monday through Friday at 10:00 am and 1:00 pm. Closed toe and heel shoes are required. Safety glasses will be issued. Guests must be 12 years of age or older. Groups welcome! Factory tours are subject to manufacturing schedules. Call for availability

KitchenAid Experience®

423 S. Broadway
Greenville, Ohio 45331
(888) 886-8318

www.kitchenaid.com/experience

Featured on the Travel Channel's 'Made in America,' the KitchenAid Experience® Center is located in Downtown Greenville. Here you will find the largest selection of KitchenAid® countertop appliances and cooking tools on the planet, as well as live cooking shows. The KitchenAid® Heritage Center features the history and development of the beloved KitchenAid® Stand Mixer and the people who build them. Purchase first quality and refurbished products direct from the manufacturer. Groups welcome!



Winery at Versailles

Tours & Tasting
6572 St. Rt. 47
Versailles, Ohio 45380
(937) 526-3232
www.wineryatversailles.com

Welcome to The Winery at Versailles, making wines from the heartland. Enjoy samplings from our wine list of more than 25 award-winning wines in our tasting room, on the patio in summer or in front of the fireplace in winter. Join us for Steak Fry Nights, special wine tastings, Jazz on the Patio, gourmet Valentine's Day Dinners and our annual "Wine and Swine" event in fall. The Winery at Versailles is available for your next corporate or family event. Call for pricing and details. Large group and bus tours welcome by reservation.





Airstream Factory Tour

419 West Pike Street
Jackson Center, Ohio 45334
937-596-6111

Airstream began with a single man having a single dream. The man was Wally Byam: his dream, to build the perfect travel trailer. One that would move like a stream of air. One light enough to be towed by a standard automobile. One that would provide first-class living accommodations anywhere in the world. Airstream's philosophy has always been and will always be, 'Let's not make any changes — let's make

only improvements!' This is as true of today's models as it was of the first Airstream to see the light of the open road more than 70 years ago.



Cooper Farms Livestock

3310 Ohio 49
Fort Recovery, OH 45846
www.cooperfarms.com
419-852-2695 (Carl Link)

Would your group be interested in seeing modern animal agriculture at work? Cooper Farms offers a

look behind the scenes at turkey and hog operations. Special viewing rooms at these farms allow your group to see how these animals are raised. Experts will answer your questions on these livestock facilities. There is no charge for this tour. Allow a minimum of 90 minutes for this tour which departs from Fort Recovery.



Lost Weekend II

www.thelostweekend.com

800-519-9220

Lunch, Dinner & Sightseeing Cruises of Grand Lake St. Marys are available seven days a week from May through October. Private charters are available for bus tour groups, class reunions, wedding receptions, corporate seminars, and other group functions.



The Potter's House & Java Nation

108 South Main Street

Celina OH 45822

www.thepotterhouseonmainstreet.com

419-584-1705

The Potter's House & Java Nation make a great stop for group tours offering delicious food & beverages, unique shopping and customized "hands-on" art activities. A sample of possibilities

include:

Artsy Fartsy Art Workshop- Paint a canvas! Unleash your inner art! A skilled instructor will lead you step-by-step through the process of recreating the featured artwork. At the end of the evening you will have a unique creation and a newfound talent that you will want to explore. Beginners welcome - NO experience necessary. This is Art Entertainment!

Afternoon Tea- Enjoy an assortment of teas accompanied with finger sandwiches, scones and much more! Perfect treat for the afternoon in their unique atmosphere that invites conversation and fun.

Latte' creativity - Paint your own pottery and coffee drinks- great pair! Enjoy the paint your own pottery Studio. Choose from a large variety of pottery pieces to create your own master piece. They will guide you and give complete instruction on techniques you can use. Prices range from 4.99- \$50+

Wine Tasting- They have a charming wine nook and wine bar and would love to design a private wine tasting for the group to enjoy. Also, live music could be scheduled to enhance your visit!

Wine and Dine - Wine Tasting, Live Music and Dinner.



The Langsdon Gem & Mineral Collection

The Mercer County District Library

303 North Main Street Celina OH 45822

www.mercer.lib.oh.us/minerals.htm

419-586-4442

Rockhounds take note of this fabulous gem and mineral collection on display to the public. The Mercer County District Library in Celina exhibits the collection consisting of 661 samples from all over the world. The specimens are housed in 12 custom built cabinets located in the center of the library. The collection was donated to the library by Ron and Ruth Langsdon on the basis that it be

continually displayed to the public. Each sample is labeled with the mineral type and place of origin.

Examples of minerals displayed are: apophyllite, stibnite, pyrite, galena, and purple amethyst.

Displayed in brightly lit cases, the minerals sparkle and gleam with a life of their own. The library offers classes and group tours by prior arrangement with Professor Ken Strickland who is the curator of the collection. The library is open six days a week with a variation in hours from summer to winter. Call ahead for library hours of service or to request a program or tour.



Famous Old Time Music Company

20322 U.S. 33
Wapakoneta OH 45895
www.fotmc.com
419-568-1220

Famous Old Time Music Company is a multi-faceted enterprise. In addition to being a retail shop for new and vintage instruments, Famous Old Time Music is a venue for acoustic concerts, festivals, and jam sessions; it is a teaching facility focused on bluegrass and dulcimer students; it is a repair and restoration center for all things stringed; it is a museum of antique furniture and instruments collected over the years by owner Vernon McIntyre; and it is home to Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass band, an award winning bluegrass band.

Famous Old Time Music Company is housed in the old United Local Elementary School. With cafe' style seating in front and cushioned chairs throughout the rest of the room, up to 350 people can be seated comfortably in the auditorium. The atmosphere is warm and friendly. Food service is available on site during certain events. Vernon has filled the hallways and auditorium with top quality antique furniture, then filled the furniture with antique instruments and knick-knacks.

Regularly scheduled concerts at Famous Old Time Music Company include a weekly Bluegrass Cafe' on Thursday evenings, a monthly Indoor Bluegrass concert (usually 2nd Saturday), and a monthly Appalachian Opry (usually 4th Saturday).

The Bluegrass Cafe' features Vernon and Kitty McIntyre on guitar and fiddle with various friends sitting in on banjo, mandolin, and bass. A Cafe' show is an informal conglomerate of songs, instrumentals, stories, and jokes. In addition to entertainment by Vernon McIntyre's

Appalachian Grass, an Indoor Bluegrass Concert series features a different headliner band each month. This concert is a must see for the die-hard bluegrass fan.

The Appalachian Opry is a variety show of bluegrass, folk, old-time, and gospel music with a couple of comedy skits thrown in for good measure.



Custom concerts can also be scheduled at Famous Old Time Music. One possibility is called Strolling Through the Bluegrass. During a Strolling program, Vernon and Kitty discuss and demonstrate both modern and antique instruments from their collection. Instruments are passed through the audience

for up close inspection. The files *Strolling* and *Strolling pix* give an overview and photos from past programs. Other possibilities include a personalized concert by the Appalachian Grass or a personalized presentation of the Appalachian Opry.

Contact Laura at 419-568-1220 or fotmc@iglou.com and schedule an event today!





Niekamp's Farm & Flea Market

6133 Olding Rd.
St. Henry, OH 45883
www.niekamp.com
Phone: 419-925-5208

The Best Tenderloin sandwich east of the Mississippi, Broasted Chicken

that is a local favorite, Delicious Pizza, or a refreshing scoop of Hand-Dipped Ice Cream in a choice of 16 scrumptious flavors are just the start of what Niekamp Farm Market offers visitors. If you are too full from other visits to eat while you are here; take a look-see at their selection of meats and cheeses, huge candy, popcorn, and snack assortment, delicious jams, jellies, relishes, sauces, and Amish Wedding Foods. And finally, don't miss our great wine offerings that includes local wineries.

Once you have curbed your appetite, there is still more to see! Shop for home and gift collectibles in the main store, then continue to browse in an additional barn full of consignment items; or, for the men in your group, an entire barn of sporting good products. There is something for everyone at Niekamp Farm Market.



Bud's Corvettes

1415 Commerce Dr
St Marys, OH 45885
Budschevy.com

Phone: 419-394-2371

If you love Corvettes..... You will love BUDS Chevrolet.

For years, BUDS has been the premier facility for the Corvette owner / buyer. Their huge indoor Corvette showroom features the states largest new Corvette inventory. A favorite Ohio tourist stop for all Corvette fans. Their showroom is open Mon-Sat and guests are always welcome to come in and browse. Our trained Corvette experts are always on hand to answer questions and talk our favorite subject, Corvettes! Conveniently located at the intersection of Rts 33 and 29in St. Marys, Ohio. Groups are welcome.

Downtown Wapakoneta

A visit to Historic Downtown Wapakoneta will bring a smile to your face. From friendly shop owners to passersby, you will see why Wapakoneta was named a 2011 Best Hometown by *Ohio Magazine*.

Auglaize Street is the heart of downtown a National Register Historic District, and is filled with unique shopping venues, from antiques and home décor to thrift stores and health food. A great place to begin your day is the Auglaize Antique Mall. With over 200 booths covering 25,000 square feet, you will surely find something to add to your personal collections. For a more intimate antiques experience, make sure to stop in at Gild the Lily, which has a large variety of vintage clothing and hats among its

assortments.

If it is lunch time, you have many delicious choices in downtown Wapakoneta.

You can have the “daily special” at the Alpha Café while enjoying its 1893 hand carved wooden bar and a song from the juke box.

If you are looking for a lighter option, Cloud Nine Café serves unique soups, salads and sandwiches and many specialty coffee drinks. A healthy lunch deserves a treat, and Cloud Nine will entice you with their signature desserts and homemade fudge. If pizza is what you crave, you will find just what you want around the corner at LaGrande Pizza and Subs, which has been serving pizza and other offerings since 1967. Make sure you get an order of their classic French fried pickles!

To work off your lunch, you will want to visit Casa Chic’s three floors of unique decorative items, furniture, purses, jewelry and more. Fernhill Farmhouse, Rustic Design and Thrifty Treasures, some of Wapakoneta’s newest stores, are just next door. If thrift stores are more to your liking, Mercy Unlimited and the Nearly New Thrift Store should be stops to

make. Macky’s has a nice selection of specialty health foods. The artist in you will appreciate the gallery at Riverside Art Center, the quaint offerings of stringed instruments at Park Street Music and Mercantile and canvas artwork at Art Your Mind.

If you have time to stick around for dinner, you will love the atmosphere of Marley’s Downtown, an upscale restaurant in the former Elks Lodge--the region’s best supper club. An evening wouldn’t be complete without taking in a movie at the historic 1904 Wapa Theatre, where new digital upgrades to picture and sound make this bargain priced theatre a real treasure.

