

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.

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. 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.**

## **COVERED BRIDGES**

This Daytrip will take you on a serious backroads tour of the covered bridges of Southwestern Ohio. This daytrip is not really as complicated as it appears, but this would be a good one to take a fellow, friendly daytripper along as a navigator. Along this route you'll see six covered bridges from 63 to 170 feet in length, and dating from 1855-1890. You will drive across a couple of the bridges and some you can get out and walk across. If you like historic covered bridges, then you may also be a fan of picturesque old barns, and there are some nice ones along this route.

In some cases there is no real developed place to pull over and check it out, but it definitely can be done. These bridges are really isolated so just remember to respect private property and find a good place to pull over.

This Daytrip contains a few more LEVEL 3 and LEVEL 4 roads than usual. These are well maintained, asphalt, but be prepared for 1-1½ lane roads with some unmarked sharp curves and blind hills. In addition, there are a few places where you'll be told to make a turn onto a road without a streetsign.

**Don't Panic. You're Fine.** This always happens at a deadend, stopsign (usually the only one since you're last turn), and/or obvious landmark.

We think that you'll find North Pole, Suck Run, and George Miller Roads to be especially enjoyable.

This Daytrip will take you through Clermont, Brown, and Adams Counties in Ohio. Go to the Links page for complete information on festivals, events, shopping, history, and much, much more.

**Drivetime for this Daytrip is 4 ½ hours. Drivetime begins and ends at I-275. Depending on the day and time, especially weekday afternoon rush hour, the last 30 miles of this Daytrip may be a bit congested. This could add about 20 minutes of drivetime.**

**If you haven't visited our website, find out everything that you need to know to enhance your Daytrip experience at [www.DaytripCincinnati.com](http://www.DaytripCincinnati.com).**

## FIRST LEG



### **L1. From I-275 take Exit #71 - US Highway 52 East (New Richmond).**

**Go about 41 miles to Ripley, Ohio.** Along the way you'll pass through several rivertowns, including: New Richmond, Point Pleasant, Moscow, and Higginsport, Ohio.

#### **Restaurants in New Richmond, Ohio:**

Dee's Dairy Barn & Drive In, 620 Hamilton Street  
Empress Chili, US 52  
Frischs, Old US 52  
Gold Star Chili, 1041 Old US 52  
Joe's Place, 100 Front Street  
Kristle Kitchen, 206 Front Street  
McDonalds, 1043 Old US 52  
Subway, 1041 Old US 52  
The Landing Restaurant, 401 Front Street

#### **Carryouts/Delis in New Richmond, Ohio:**

Mac's Deli & Carryout, 711 Front Street  
New Richmond Ice House, 711 Front Street

#### **Services:**

IGA Supermarket, US 52  
Ameristop, US 52  
Speedway, US 52  
Sunoco, US 52

#### **Services in Point Pleasant, Ohio:**

Point Pleasant Grocery, US 52

**There is a State Rest Area in Point Pleasant, on the right.**

#### **Restaurants in Moscow, Ohio:**

River Edge Pub, 112 Broadway  
Thirsty Dog Brewing Co., 45 W Alexander Bell Road

#### **Restaurants in Higginsport, Ohio:**

Fireside Restaurant, US 52  
Our Place, 701 Columbia

#### **Services:**

Village Grocery, US 52

#### **Restaurants in Ripley, Ohio:**

Chuck Wagon Diner, 523 S 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Dairy Yum Yum II, 1105 S 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Eddie's Family Restaurant, 15 S 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Gold Star Chili, 290 S 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Logans Gap Restaurant, 7074 Scoffield Road  
McDonalds, 1000 S 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Riverhouse, 18 N Front Street  
Sunset Bar & Grille, US Highway 52

#### **Carryouts/Delis:**

Main Street Deli, 8 Main Street  
Tackett's Carryout, US 52  
Village Drive-Thru, US 52

#### **Services:**

Marathon, US 52  
Sunoco, US 52

**Go through the 2 traffic lights in the center of town.  
Cross Red Oak Creek.**

Landmark: US Highways 62/68 combine with US Highway 52.

**Pass a cemetery on the left.**



**As you are leaving Ripley, turn left onto Scoffield Road.** Landmark: On the right there is a High School, and then a light brown, roadhouse-type bar with a Pepsi sign with the word "LIQUOR" on it. On the left, just before the turn, is an Ohio Bicentennial barn.

**Scoffield Road sort of forks off to the left and goes up a short hill.  
You should be about 43.5 miles into your Daytrip at this point.**



**L3. Go 2.8 miles on Scoffield Road.** Landmark: You'll pass by Chief Logan's Gap Camping Resort and a series of guardrails on the right.

**Turn left on the unmarked road just before you cross Eagle Creek**

Landmark: There is a small, old cemetery on the left.



**L4. Go 1.9 miles, with Eagle Creek on your right, to a deadend at the stopsign.**

**Turn right.** There is no streetsign, but this is North Pole Road, and if you look upstream to your right, you may be able to see the first covered bridge.

**L4. Continue a short distance on North Pole road, and drive across the North Pole Road Bridge.**

*North Pole Bridge*

*156', built in 1875, spanning Eagle Creek*



**L4. From the North Pole Road Bridge, continue east for 3.9 miles on North Pole Road until a deadend at the stopsign.**

**Turn left.** There is no streetsign, but this is Scoffield Road again.

Landmark: There is a small creek and old barn on the right, and a newer dark brown, red roofed farm building on the left.



**L4. Go .3 miles until a deadend at the stopsign, at Route 763**

**Turn left (North).** This is well marked.



**L3. Go 4.1 miles to Suck Run Road. There is no street sign. As you are approaching the turn, you'll be coming down a hill that has a very sharp right bend. At this point you'll see 2 newer bridges that span the fork of a creek. Just across the first bridge there is a 1½ lane, newer asphalt road on the right.** Landmark: White gate at a property entrance.

**This is Suck Run Road.**

**Turn Right.** Suck Run Creek will be on your right for several miles.

**L4. Go 6.2 miles on Suck Run Road until a deadends at the stopsign at Route 41.**

**Turn left (North).** There is no sign for Route 41, but this is it.

Landmark: There is a farm supply business on the left, and a brown brick house across the street.

**L2. Go 3.2 miles on Route 41, through Bentonville, Ohio and turn left onto Route 136.** This is well marked.

**L2. Go 1.7 miles on Route 136, to Kirker Bridge on the right** (This is one that you can safely pull over to look at).

*Kirker Bridge*

*63', built in 1890, spanning the East Fork of Eagle Creek*

**Continue north on Route 136 a couple of miles to the junction of Route 125. Turn right (East).** This is well marked.

**At this intersection, there is a State Rest Area to your left. FYI – This Rest Area is somewhat primitive by modern standards.**

**L2. Go 3.5 miles, into West Union, Ohio.**

**Turn left at the traffic light.**

**Turn left at the next traffic light (North), Route 247**

Landmark: Courthouse on 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

**YOU SHOULD BE ABOUT 2 HOURS INTO YOUR DAYTRIP.**

**SECOND LEG**



**L2. Go 7.5 miles on Route 247.**

**Turn right onto Graces Run Road.** Landmark: As you approach the turn, you'll pass under powerlines. About .5 mile further, just across Graces Run Creek.



**L4. Go 1.3 miles to Harshaville Bridge, at Harshaville, Ohio**

**This is Amish country so horse drawn vehicles and bicycle traffic are possible.**

*Harshaville Bridge  
110', built in 1855, spanning Cherry Fork Creek*



**L4. Turn around and backtrack west on Graces Run Road.**

**Cross Route 247, staying on Graces Run Road.  
This is still Amish country.**

**Continue a short distance until a deadend at the stopsign, at Route 137.  
Turn left.**



**L2. Continue until a deadend at the stopsign, at Route 136 in Cherry Fork, Ohio.**

**Turn left.**

**Go about 150' and turn right onto Cherry Fork Road.**



**L3. Go 6 miles until a deadend at the stopsign, at Russellville-  
Winchester Road.**

**Turn left.**



**L3. Go 1.2 miles to Paeltz Road.**

**Turn left.** Landmark: As you approach the turn, you'll pass under powerlines.

At the turn there is a small, old red building on the right, and a few other buildings beyond that. After you turn onto Paeltz Road, there is a newer house with white pillars.



**L4. Go 1.6 miles until a deadend at the stopsign, at Route 125.**

**Turn left.** There is no visible sign for Route 125, but this is it.



**L2. Go 1.9 miles to George Miller Road, just past the sign for Brown County  
Speedway, and where Route 125 makes a sharp left. This is well marked.**

**Turn right.**

**L4. Go 1.2 miles to George Miller Bridge.**

*George Miller Bridge  
154', built in 1878, spanning the West Fork of Eagle Creek*

**L4. From the George Miller Bridge continue west for 2.3 miles on George Miller Road, to the stopsign.**

**At the stopsign, go straight and cross US Highway 62.** The road changes name to Clifton Avenue.

**L4. Go another 1.5 miles to a funky, unmarked intersection. There will be the backs of 3 stopsigns facing you.  
Turn right.**

**L3. Go 1.1 miles until a deadend at the stopsign, at Route 125.  
Turn left.**

**L2. Go 1.4 miles on Route 125, and turn right onto Day Hill-Arnheim Road**  
Landmark: In a valley. This is well marked.

**L3. In 2.3 miles, where Day Hill-Arnheim Road makes a sharp right and crosses a creek, there is an unmarked road facing you.  
At this point, go straight and onto that road. Do not cross the creek.**

**L4. Go 2 miles until the deadend at the stopsign.  
Turn right.** This is unmarked. Landmark: There is a white church on the right.

**L3. Go 1.9 miles until a deadend at the stopsign, at Delhi-Arnheim Road.  
Turn left.**

**L3. Go 1.4 miles to the stopsign, at Hamer Road.  
Turn right.**

**L2. In 2.7 miles Hamer Road makes a sharp right bend. At this point, turn left onto Goose Run Road.** There is a streetsign, but it's a little faded.

**L3. Go 1.8 miles until a deadend at the stopsign, at Stephan Road.**  
This is unmarked.  
**Turn right.**

**Go 1.3 miles, to Brown Bridge, on the left.**

*Brown Bridge*  
129', built in 1878, spanning White Oak Creek

**L3. Turn around and backtrack on Stephan Road for 2.7 miles, until a deadend at the pair of stopsigns, at US Highway 68.**

**At the second stopsign, cross US Highway 68 onto a road that will take you to the New Hope Road Bridge.**

*New Hope Bridge*  
170', built in 1878, spanning White Oak Creek

**YOU SHOULD BE ABOUT 3 HOURS 45 MINUTES INTO YOUR DAYTRIP.**

**THIRD LEG/ HOME STRETCH**

**L2. Go right (South) on US Highway 68 for 7.9 miles, to Route 125. Turn right.**

**L2, with some LEVEL 1 near the end. Go 28.7 miles on Route 125, to I-275/Route 125.**

You'll pass through Georgetown, Hamersville, Yankeetown, and Amelia, Ohio.

**Restaurants in Georgetown, Ohio:**

Burger King, 649 E State Street  
Deli & Grill On The Square, 103 N Main Street  
Gold Star Chili, 801 Mt Orab Pike  
Hunan Palace, 4873 State Route 125  
Jimmy's Restaurant, 309 S Pleasant Street  
Long John Silver/Rax Roast Beef, 758 E State Street  
Mamaws Restaurant & Dairy Bar, 300 N Main Street  
McDonalds, 4883 State Route 125  
Pizza Hut, 4849 State Route 125

**Carryouts/Delis:**

Harold's Quick Stop Carryout, 772 S Main Street  
The Picnic Basket, 112 E State Street  
Pitzers Carryout, 10048 US Highway 68

**Services:**

BP Express, Route 125  
Marathon, Route 125  
5/3 Bank, Route 125  
IGA Supermarket, Route 125

**Restaurants in Hamersville, Ohio:**

BJ's Lake, 1174 State Route 125  
Farrell's Dairy Bar, 540 E Main Street

**Services in Yankeetown, Ohio:**

Marathon, Route 125

**Restaurants in Bethel, Ohio:**

Arbys, 609 W Plane Street

Frischs, Route 125

Gold Star Chili, Route 125

McDonalds, 625 W Plane Street

Skyline Chili, 553 W Plane Street

Subway, 304 W Plane Street

Taco Bell, 595 W Plane Street

**Services in Amelia, Ohio:**

Speedway, Route 125

5/3 Bank, Route 125

Key Bank, Route 125

Bank One, Route 125

**Services:**

Ameristop Food Mart, Route 125

Speedway, Route 125

Sunoco, Route 125

BP Express, Route 125

Bank One, Route 125

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**DISCLAIMER.** We here at DaytripCincinnati are big believers in the concept that we live in a society with it's 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!