

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 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.

SERPENT MOUND

Serpent Mound is the largest and finest serpent effigy in the United States, and shares a category of archeology with the Great Sphinx and the statues of Easter Island. Sitting atop a plateau overlooking the valley of Brush Creek, and nearly a quarter of a mile long, this spectacular and inspiring earthwork represents an uncoiling serpent. Nearby conical mounds contained burials and implements characteristic of the prehistoric Adena people and dates to 800 BC-AD 100. There is no record of the purpose of Serpent Mound, but archeologists speculate that this earthwork symbolizes some religious or mythical principle for its builders.

Serpent Mound is open from 10am-5pm daily, and there is an entrance fee of \$6.00/car and \$2.00/motorcycle, free for Ohio Historical Society members. The museum contains exhibits on the mound, prehistoric cultures, and local geology. There is a short hiking trail to Brush Creek and 50-foot cliffs.

There are a few really nice roads on this Daytrip, especially Day Hill-Arnheim, Buck Run, and Big Woods Roads.

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 is about 4 hours, assuming that you spend 1 hour exploring Serpent Mound. Drivetime begins and ends at I-275. Depending on the day and time, especially weekday afternoon rush hour, the first 30 miles (Route 125) of this Daytrip may be a bit congested in places. This could add about 20 minutes of drivetime.

At the end of the itinerary there is an option to extend this Daytrip to about 6 hours 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

FIRST LEG



L1, with some L2. From I-275 take Exit #65 - Route 125 East (Amelia – Beechmont Avenue), and go 28.8 miles. Along the way you'll go through Amelia, Bethel, Yankeetown, Hamersville, and Georgetown, Ohio.

Services in Amelia, Ohio:

Speedway, Route 125
Ameristop Food Mart, Route 125
Sunoco, Route 125
BP Express, Route 125
5/3 Bank, Route 125
Key Bank, Route 125
Bank One, Route 125

Restaurants in Bethel, Ohio:

Arbys, 609 W Plane Street
Frischs, Route 125
Gold Star Chili, Route 125
Hardees, 621 W Plane Street
McDonalds, 625 W Plane Street
Skyline Chili, 553 W Plane Street
Subway, 304 W Plane Street
Taco Bell, 595 W Plane Street

Restaurants in Yankeetown, Ohio:

PJ's Restaurant, Route 125

Services:

Marathon, Route 125

Restaurants in Hamersville, Ohio:

Farrell's Dairy Bar, 540 E Main Street

Services:

Citgo, Route 125

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

- L2. Just east of Georgetown (28.8 miles from I-275), Route 125 comes to a stop sign and combines with US Highway 68. Turn right. Go 1 mile, and Route 125 goes off to the left – stay on Route 125.** This is well marked. Look for large, silver grain silos.
- L2. Continue .5 mile on Route 125 and take the 1st left, on Day Hill-Arnheim Road.** Landmark: In a valley. There is a streetsign.
- L3. Go 5.2 miles on Day Hill-Arnheim Road. 2.3 miles in, the road makes a sharp right turn and goes across a creek. This is still Day Hill-Arnheim Road.** There is a white house on the right. Landmark: Beyond this, at 4.1 and 5 miles in, you'll pass under powerlines.
- Just past the 2nd set of powerlines, take a hard right turn on Yockey Road** Landmark: Cemetery across street.
Go 4.2 miles. A few hundred feet after you turn onto Yockey Road you'll pass under powerlines.
1 mile in, at Honey Run Road (no streetsigns), TURN LEFT. There is a stopsign for the road that comes in from the right, and a stopsign for the road facing you. You do not have a stopsign
2.7 miles in, the road makes another sharp left, where a small road comes in from the right
Landmark: Beyond this, at 3.7 miles in, you'll pass under powerlines.
- L3. Yockey Road deadends at a stop sign, at Ash Ridge-Arnheim Road. Turn right (There is no streetsign). Go .6 mile to the stop sign at the junction of US Highway 62 in Ash Ridge, Ohio.** Landmark: There is an old, red house with "100 F" painted on it)
Cross US Highway 62 and remain on Ash Ridge-Arnheim Road.
- L3. Just east of Ash Ridge, Ohio the road forks. Take the left fork, and the road changes name to Ash Ridge-Winchester Road.** This is well marked. As you continue, Ash Ridge-Winchester Road has some winding curves and a creek alongside the road.
Continue 2.7 miles until a deadend at the stopsign at Russellville-Winchester Road.
Turn left. Landmark: There are grain silos on the right. Once you turn left, there will be a creek on the right side of the road.



L2, with some L3. Go 4.6 miles to the stopsign, at Route 136.

Turn left.

Landmark: 3.1 miles in, you'll pass under powerlines.

Cross Route 32, at the traffic light, into Winchester, Ohio.

Restaurants in Winchester, Ohio:

The Dairy Dip & Restaurant, 18862 State Route 136

Highland South Restaurant, 1940 US Highway 62

Services:

Marathon, Route 32/136

YOU SHOULD BE ABOUT 1 HOUR 30 MINUTES INTO YOUR DAYTRIP

SECOND LEG



L2. Continue on Route 136 beyond 4-way stop in the center of town. Turn right onto Tri-County Road, just before the railroad track.

Go one block to stop sign, turn left. This is still Tri-County Road.

Landmark: S&S Dairy Bar on the right.



Go .8 mile, crossing railroad tracks, and turn left on Buck Run Road (This turn is where Tri-County Road makes a VERY sharp right).



L3, with some L4. Go 4.2 miles on Buck Run Road until it

deadends at a stop sign, at Route 247. Along the way you will cross 2 creeks. Just over the first creek a LEVEL 4 road comes in from the left, bear right to stay on Buck Run Road. **IMPORTANT: The bridge over the second creek has a wooden deck, so please go VERY slowly.**



L2. Turn left on Route 247. Landmark: After you turn onto Route 247, there is a creek along the right side of the road.



Go .6 mile and turn right on Watt Young Road. Cross Buck Run Creek, go up a short hill, and take the 1st left on Big Woods Road. Landmark: There is a house on the right and farmland on the left.



L3. Go 2.8 miles on Big Woods Road. Landmark: 2.5 miles in, you'll pass under powerlines. **At the stop sign, turn left on Route 770.** Landmark: There is a gravel road called Lee O'banion Road directly in front of you.



L2. Go 4.7 miles on Route 770, through May Hill, Ohio (May Hill, Ohio is a couple of churches and some residential).

At the stopsign at Route 73, turn right. This is well marked.



L2. Go 3.9 miles, through Louden, Ohio to Serpent Mound, on left.

YOU SHOULD BE ABOUT 2 HOURS INTO YOUR DAYTRIP

See Serpent Mound and Museum. Hike the trail to Brush Creek. Picnic.

THIRD LEG/ HOME STRETCH



L2. Exit Serpent Mound. Turn left (East) on Route 73. Go 3.9 miles until a dead-end at the flashing red light/stopsign, at Route 41 in Locust Grove, Ohio. Turn right.

Restaurants in Locust Grove, Ohio:

Locust Grove Dairy Bar, 29913 State Route 41



L2. Go 4.7 miles on Route 41, through Peebles, Ohio, to the junction of Route 32. FYI – An interesting thing about Peebles, that gets me everytime, is that the traffic lights in town also go to yellow when changing from red to green.

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, Route 41
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



L1. Right on Route 32 (West). 52 miles to I-275.

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

DAYTRIP OPTION

You should be about 3 hours 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 5 hours drivetime (Again, assuming that you spent an hour at Serpent Mound).



L2. Go 30.5 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
5/3rd, Route 41



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

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), Chilo Lock #34 Park (**Rest Area**) 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 5th 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!