

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 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.

CLIFTY FALLS

Clifty Falls State Park was established in 1920 and has grown to become the premier state park destination in Southeastern Indiana. Covering 1361 acres, Clifty Falls came into being as a result of glacial flow during the last Ice Age. There are 4 major waterfalls, ranging from a height of 60' to the 83' drop of Tunnel Falls. Waterfalls are running best during the winter and spring months, or a day or two after a heavy rain.

There are ten hiking trails, most rated "moderate" to "very rugged". Most trails have a steep climb in and out, and follow close to some pretty steep cliffs. Always stay on the designated trail. On the trail map, trails 2, 8, & 5 are probably the most private and secluded. Trails 1, 3, 6, & 9 are typically the most popular and active.

As you enter the park you will receive an information pamphlet and trail map. The admission fee to the park is:

Indiana residents:	\$4/day/car	\$24 annual pass
Non-residents:	\$5/day/car	\$30 annual pass

A big reason for to popularity of Clifty Falls is it's close proximity to Madison, Indiana. Of all the Daytrip regions, it's safe to say that Madison is probably our favorite rivertown. Madison has many wonderful cafes, restaurants, and antique shops. Most of the riverfront is a beautiful public park, and the town is as friendly and immaculately maintained as you'll ever hope to find.

There are some really great driving roads on this Daytrip, and we think that you'll especially enjoy Milton-Bear Branch Road on the way there, and State Route 62 on the way back.

This Daytrip will take you through Dearborn, Ohio, Switzerland, Jefferson, and Ripley Counties in Indiana. Go to the Links page for complete information on festivals, events, shopping, history, and much, much more.

Drivetime is about 3 1/2 hours. Remember, drivetime does not include the time that you choose to spend in Madison or Clifty Falls. 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

FIRST LEG



L1. From I-275 take Exit #16 - US Highway 50 West (Greendale/Lawrenceburg/Aurora). Proceed to the traffic light. Turn left to remain on US Highway 50 West, and go 15.1 miles. Along the way you'll go through Lawrenceburg and Aurora, Indiana. Landmark: About 6 miles in, you'll leave the business district area, and US Highway 50 West becomes a 4-lane divided highway.

Services on the way to Lawrenceburg, Indiana:

- Ameristop
- Shell/Dairymart
- Marathon
- Deerborn County Visitors Center

Restaurants on the way to Lawrenceburg, Indiana:

- Burger King
- McDonalds

Services in Lawrenceburg, Indiana:

- BP
- Shell
- UDF/Mobil
- Speedway
- 5/3rd Bank
- US Bank
- CVS Pharmacy
- Kroger

Restaurants in Lawrenceburg, Indiana:

- KFC
- Whiskey's Family Restaurant
- Arby's
- Wendy's
- Penn Station
- Skyline Chili
- Steak & Shake
- McDonalds
- Jersey Mikes
- Pizza Hut
- Golden Corral
- El Burrito Mexican restaurant
- Poppy's Sports Bar & Grill
- Domino's Pizza
- Durango's Restaurant
- Gold Star Chili
- Frisch's

Services in Aurora, Indiana:

- Citgo
- BP
- Swifty
- Shell
- Aldi Food Store
- CVS Pharmacy

Restaurants in Aurora, Indiana:

White Castle
Bob Evans
Taco Bell
Long John Silvers
McDonalds
Dairy Queen
Flavors Ice Cream/Deli

- L2. Turn left on combined Route 62/262. This is well marked.**
Almost immediately Route 62 goes off to the right.
Go straight to remain on Route 262. This is well marked.
Go 4.1 miles to Milton, Indiana. 3.5 miles in, Route 262 makes a sharp right where another smaller road goes straight. This is not well marked.
Go right to remain on Route 262.
Landmark: 3.9 miles in, you'll cross a creek, and enter Milton, Indiana

- L3. Turn right on Milton-Bear Branch Road.** This is well marked.
Go 9.4 miles to Fairview, Indiana.
Landmarks: 5.6 miles in, you'll pass a small cemetery on the right.
6.4 miles in, there is a stopsign at Aberdeen Road. Go Straight.
7 miles in, you'll pass a white church and small cemetery, on the left.

- L2. Turn right on Route 250. There are no signs visible for Route 250, but this is it.**
Landmark: Tall, thin water tower across the street on the right.
After you've turned, you'll see a sign for Route 250 West.
Go 6 miles to the stopsign at Route 129.
Landmark: Old, white block building across the street on the right, and a cemetery on the left.

- L2. Turn right on Route 129.**
Go 5 miles to Moorefield, Indiana.
Landmark: 3.8 miles in, you'll pass a blue water tower, on the left.

- In Moorefield, turn right on Green Briar Road. This is well marked, but there is no traffic light or stopsign. Landmark: P&J Market, a large white siding building, on the far right corner**

- L4. Go 3.7 miles to a deadend at the stopsign.**
Turn left. There is no streetsign.
Landmarks: Macedonia Baptist Church on the right.
Gravel road straight ahead, with No Outlet sign.
Just after you turn right, you'll go down a steep hill.

- L4. Go 1.1 to the deadend at the stop sign.**
Turn left. This is Brushy Fork Road.
Landmark: After you turn left, you immediately cross a small bridge over creek.

- L3. Go 3.2 miles.** Landmark: You will cross a creek several times over small bridges.
This is a little tricky. At 3.2 miles, turn right to cross a creek over a larger, Level 2 type bridge. The road you're on does continue straight. There are no streetsigns. TURN RIGHT AND CROSS THE BRIDGE.
Landmark: Immediately after you cross the bridge, you enter Manville, Indiana and then you'll see the Manville Country Corner store on the right.

- L3. At the Manville Country Corner, turn left on Manville Road and cross a bridge.**

- L3. Go about 100 yards and turn right on Wolf Run Road.** Landmark: Old barn on the left, modular home on the right. About 100 yards after you turn right, you'll pass by the Manville Christian Church, on the right.

- L3. Go 3.7 miles to the 4-way stopsigns.** Landmark: Ryker's Ridge Baptist Church on left corner. **Go straight. The road changes name to Ryker's Ridge Road.**
This is well marked, and begins to become somewhat residential.

- L3. Go 1.2 miles to a 3-way stopsign. Go straight.**
This is now Telegraph Hill Road.

- L3. Continue for 2.4 miles to the stopsign in Madison, Indiana.**
.8 miles in, Telegraph Hill Road makes a sharp right. There is a road that goes straight. After you make the right you should see the smokestacks of a power plant through your windshield (down the road in Madison, Indiana).
Landmarks: 1.6 miles in, you'll pass a radio station, on the left.
1.9 miles in, you'll go down a steep, curvy hill.

- Go 3 blocks, to the 2nd stopsign at East Main Street (Route 56).**
Turn right and enter Madison, Indiana.

- Go 2.1 miles to enter Clifty Falls State Park, on the right.**

YOU SHOULD BE ABOUT 2 HOURS INTO YOUR DAYTRIP

Restaurants in Madison, Indiana:

Bistro One, 122 E. Main St.
Cafe Camille, 119 E. Main St.
Clifty Inn, Clifty Falls State Park
Coffee Mill Cafe/The Attic, 104 E. Main St.
Downtownner, 104-106 E. Main St.
Hinkles 204 W. Main St.
Historic Broadway Restaurant, 313 Broadway
Joey g's Restaurant & Nightclub, 218 E. Main St.
Key West Shrimp House, 117 Ferry St.
McQuiston's Malthouse, 605 W. Main St.
Montpelier Restaurant, 1251 W. Main St.
Mundt's Candies/JWI Confectionery, 207 W. Main St.
Ovo Cafe
Rogers Corner Soda Fountain, 101 E. Main St.
Star Mill Cafe, 721 W. Main St.
The Red Pepper Deli & Cafe, 902 W. Main St.

Wineries in Madison, Indiana:

Madison Vineyards, 1456 E. 400 North
The Thomas Family Winery, 208 E. Second St.

Specialty Shops in Madison, Indiana:

Cover to Cover Books, 309 W. Main St.
Crawdaddy Music, 130 E. Main St.
Fine Line Office Supply, 324 W. Main St.
Gifts That Last, 120 E. Main St.
Hemingway's Fine Cigars, 404 West St.
House O' Hits, 404 Broadway St.
Joan's Quilts & Crafts, 115 E. Main St.
Lanham House Antiques \$ Fine Things, 709 W. Main St.
Life in Orange, 313 W. Main St.
Little People Boutique/Fine Threads, 232 E. Main St.
Madison Fudge Factory, 630 W. Main St.
Madison Art Club Art gallery, 118 E. Main St.
Margie's Country Store, 721 W. Main St.
Once Upon A Time..., 513 Clifty Dr.
Rock-A-bye Lady, 407 Main St.
Something Simple, 417 E. Main St.
The Attic, 631 W. Main St.
The Birdhouse Wild Bird & Nature Shop, 108 E. Main St.
The Garden Gate, 616 W. First St.
The Red Onion Bookshoppe, 218 E. Second St.
Thistle's, 113 W. Main St.
Wakefield's Gift Gallery, 719 W. Main St.
Whimsy, 133 E. Main St.
Wanda's Gifts, 202 W. Main St.
Zanni's, 318 W. Main St.
Antiques Etc., 110 E. Main St.
Evan Sommerfield Antiques, 118 E. Main St.
Lumber Mill Antique Mall, 721 W. First St.
Main Cross Antiques & Collectibles, 210 E. Main St.
Mundt's, 207 W. Main St.
Riverwest Antique Mall, 1029 W. Second St.
In Home Gallery, 411 W. Second St.

SECOND LEG/HOME STRETCH

DRIVETIME TO I-275 IS 1 HOUR 30 MINUTES.



**L1. Using the North exit of Clifty Falls, turn right on Route 62 East.
Go 36.1 miles to Dillsboro, Indiana.**

You'll quickly come into a business district, where Route 62 will go through 5 traffic lights. Beyond that, there is a 4-way stopsign at the junction of Route 421. Stay in the center lane to remain on Route 62.

Restaurants along Route 62 in Madison, Indiana:

- Burger King
- McDonalds
- Arby's
- Bello's Pizza
- Dairy Queen
- Wendy's
- Cabana Joe's restaurant
- Pizza Hut
- Frisch's
- Long John Silver
- Rally's
- KFC
- Ponderosa
- Mr. Gatti's Italian Restaurant
- Sonic
- Domino's
- Taco Bell
- Bob Evans

Services:

- Shell
- Bigfoot
- Macs Service Station
- CVS Pharmacy
- Kroger
- Aldi Food Store



Some notes and landmarks for Route 62 to Dillsboro, Indiana:

**Route 62 is a Level 2 road, with some stretches of Level 3,
and is very well marked. Watch for some sharp left and right turns.**

Landmarks:

5.7 miles in you'll pass a small cemetery, on the right.

7.6 miles in Route 62 makes a sharp left. There is a smaller road that goes straight. After the sharp left, you'll cross a creek and pass St. Anthony Catholic Church, on the right.

**9.2 miles in you'll come to a stopsign, where Route 250 comes in from the left
and combines with Route 62. Go right to remain on Route 62.**

16.5 miles in Route 250 goes off to the right. Keep going straight to remain on Route 62.

20.4 miles in Route 62 makes a sharp right. There is a church and a cemetery on the left.

21 miles in you'll come to a stopsign at the junction of Route 129.

Turn left. You are now on combined Routes 62 & 129.

After you turn left, you'll see a farmhouse with 4 large, silver grain silos on the left. Just up the road, you'll enter Cross Plains, Indiana.

23.4 miles Route 129 continues straight, and Route 62 makes a left turn.

Turn left to remain on Route 62. This is well marked.

27.5 miles in you'll enter Friendship, Indiana.

In Friendship, Route 62 make a well marked right turn.

30 miles in you'll pass a light blue water tower on the right, in Farmers Retreat, Indiana.

34.5 miles in you will enter Dillsboro, Indiana.

Services:

US Bank



L2. 36.1 miles in you will come to a 4-way stopsign with 2 flashing, red lights and signs for US Highway 50.

Turn left.



Go about 100 yards to the stopsign.

Turn right on US Highway 50 East (Aurora).

At this point you are now backtracking the way you came in.



Go 15.1 miles on Us Highway 50 East for access to I-275 North or South.

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!