

GREAT THINGS FOR HOMESCHOOLERS TO DO AND SEE IN THE GREATER CINCINNATI AREA

For those of you who understand that learning can just as easily take place when our children are having fun, enjoying themselves on a learning adventure, here is a list of some of the fun things we did, all in the Greater Cincinnati or Greater Dayton area, within a short drive. For more information google web sites for these:

Dayton Daily News offers a fabulous tour of their newspaper printing facility. To arrange a tour of this state of the art printing plant facility:

<http://www.daytondailynews.com/service/content/service/info/ptc.html>

Young's Dairy Farm in Yellow Springs; great place to visit in the spring when we once caught a doe (goat) giving birth to two baby goats. What a great experience! <http://www.youngsdairy.com/>

Caprine Estates and Willow Run Dairy, state of the art goat and goat dairy facilities; enjoy their tasting room at the end of the tour. This is a family operation and they have named each and every one of their 1200 dairy goats on their beautiful farm, located on 165 acres south of Dayton. Book tours 2-3 weeks in advance. Contact: Melissa Casey, 3669 Centerville Road, Bellbrook, OH 45305. 937.848.7406.

The **AK Steel** plant in Middletown; though they do not offer these tours often, do go if you can. This is a memorable experience. Nothing else like it.. Call them for more info. They usually put information about tours in the Dayton newspapers.

The old water wheel driven grain mill outside Yellow Springs in **Clifton Mills**; not far from Young's Dairy Farm and homemade ice cream facility: <http://www.cliftonmill.com/>

UDF's huge ice cream plant in Norwood, which always ends with a taste of fresh ice cream:

http://www.udfinc.com/contact_us/plant_tours.asp

Graeter's Ice Cream also offers tours:

<http://www.graeters.com/cincinnati.aspx>

Visits to local veterinary facilities or the **SPCA facility in Sharonville**: <http://www.spcacincinnati.org/pages/>

Visits to equestrian facilities, like **Kentucky's Horse Park**, or local equestrian riding centers: <http://www.kyhorsepark.com/>

Ice skating at one of our local ice rinks, such as **Northland in Evendale**; could be a fun day of exercise or an introduction for those who want to take skating lessons.

Roller skating at one of our local roller skating rinks.

Wonderful geological and fossil expeditions; try **Sharon Woods**, along the Gorge Trail, and **Sharonville's Trammel Fossil Park** where students can dig for fossils to take them home with them:

<http://www.sharonville.org/fossilpark.aspx>

All kinds of activities offered by our **local parks and recreation** folks: nature hikes and explorations; fishing days; maple syruping; bird, flower and tree identification hikes; special personal visits with some of our local wildlife:

<http://www.cincinnatiiparks.com/>

<http://www.greatparks.org/>

<http://www.dnr.state.oh.us/Default.aspx?alias=www.dnr.state.oh.us/parks>

<http://www.dnr.state.oh.us/>

<http://www.metroparks.org/>

One of our favorites, trips to **SunWatch Village** in Dayton:

<http://www.sunwatch.org/>

Visits to **Underground Railroad sites**; like the historical home of abolitionist **Rev. John Rankin** and the recently restored home of former slave and abolitionist, **John Parker**.

<http://www.ripleyohio.net/htm/rankin.htm>

<http://www.johnparkerhouse.org/>

National Underground Railroad Freedom Center has many events scheduled and exhibits to learn about our nation's history:

<http://www.freedomcenter.org/>

Visits to a **local newspaper editorial offices**.

Trips to **landscaping and greenhouse facilities** in the spring and summer when they are in peak production.

Trips to **apple orchards and cider mills** in the fall; these can be coupled with hayrides and Halloween activities, too:

<http://doiop.com/applesandcider>

Trips to farmer's markets, like **Findlay Market** downtown, or indoor places like **Whole Foods Market in Norwood** or **Jungle Jim's Market in Fairfield**:

<http://www.findlaymarket.org/parkingdirections.htm>

<http://www.wholefoodsmarket.com/>

<http://www.junglejims.com/about/tours.asp>

Visits to local organic farms, like **Red Sun Farm in Loveland**:

<http://www.redsunfarm.com/>

Visits to Indian Mound sites, like the fascinating **Serpent Mound** located in Amish country to the east of Cincinnati:

<http://ohsweb.ohiohistory.org/places/sw16/index.shtml>

Free visits to the **Dayton Art Institute**, or the **Cincinnati Art Museum**, or the **Contemporary Art Center** in downtown Cincinnati, or the **Taft Museum of Art**, also downtown :

<http://www.daytonartinstitute.org/>

<http://www.cincinnatiartmuseum.org/>

<http://www.contemporaryartscenter.org/>

<http://www.taftmuseum.org/>

Visits to **local TV or radio stations** to learn about how local shows are produced.

Visits to museums: the **The Children's Museum of Indianapolis**; **Boonshoft Museum of Discovery**; **Conner Prairie Interactive History Park**; and the dozens of other local museums (see attached list below) that have been regularly posted to this group:

<http://www.childrensmuseum.org/>

http://www.boonshoftmuseum.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=1

<http://www.connerprairie.org/>

Visits to the many historical sites all around our area. See the **Ohio Historical Society** web site for many options:

<http://www.ohiohistory.org/>

Visit **historical re-enactment events**. If historical re-enactments bring history alive for you, learn more about the many events happening around the country by subscribing to the **Smoke & Fire Newspaper**:

<http://www.smoke-fire.com/smoke-fire-newspaper.asp>

Visits to **festivals and special events** in the many small towns and communities throughout our area. The Cincinnati Enquirer posts information on many of these in its calendar section:

<http://rodeo.cincinnati.com/ent/events/catresults.aspx?c=15>

Free concerts and plays all through the year. You can find these also in the Cincinnati Enquirer's calendar section (see above).

Free or inexpensive special presentations from the **opera**, the **ballet**, **theatre groups** and other arts activities, like the annual

Fine Arts Fund Sampler Weekend:

<http://cincinnatiopera.org/education>

<http://www.cincinnatiaballet.com/index.php?id=185>

<http://www.fineartsfund.org/sampler/>

Visits to **Dayton's Carillon Park** and the **Wright Brothers facilities:**

<http://carillonpark.org/tourthepark.html>

<http://www.daytonhistory.org/>

More Free Places To Visit

The **Cincinnati Art Museum** has free admission:

<http://www.cincinnatiartmuseum.org/>

The **Cincinnati Museum Center** has Free Fridays during specific periods each year. Phone them for more information on current offers:

<http://www.cincymuseum.org/>

The **Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County**, with all its branches, has loads of programs for kids of all ages, almost all of which are free. You can find this info online or printed at your local library: <http://www.cincinnati.library.org/>

The annual **Fine Arts Sampler Weekend** has loads of great free stuff to do: <http://www.fineartsfund.org/sampler/>

Your local **YMCA** has programs for kids, many of which are low-cost and, if you are low-income, you can apply for membership on a sliding scale or you can apply for a scholarship, with proof of income. Call your nearest "Y" to learn about memberships for low-income families:

<http://www.myy.org/locations/index.shtml>

Join **4-H**. You may have enough children to form your own 4-H group. You can purchase some low-cost basic project books and do them as part of your homeschool curriculum. Call your local 4-H office (under U. S. Department of Agriculture, Hamilton County Extension Service or your local County Extension Service) and learn more about what is available:

<http://www.ohio4h.org/>

And if you're up to it, organize "clubs" that that you can hold monthly that meet for specific interests . We did the following when my daughter was younger: **drama club, book club, chess club, writing club, board games club, sewing club, knitting club, fossil club, astronomy club, doll club**. You can do these at home, inviting a few others to participate with you, or, if you know of a place where you can meet, like a church, library or rec center, you could do it at

another location.

Our **Taft Museum of Art** is free on Wednesdays for everyone, and is free to anyone 18 or younger all the time. Parking at the Taft is \$3.00

(Free to members or with paid Museum admission):

<http://www.taftmuseum.org/>

The **Contemporary Arts Center** downtown offers free admission on Monday nights, from 5:00-9:00 p.m. For more on what they offer visit:

<http://www.contemporaryartscenter.org/>

And here are 33 more area museums that offer FREE or low-cost admission all the time:

ALVERTA GREEN MUSEUM- Victorian house built circa 1900. Donated to the Mason Historical Society by Alverta Green to house their collection of antique artifacts, books and children's items. 1-4 p.m.

Thursday-Friday; and by appointment. Free. 207 W. Church St., Mason.

398-6750: <http://historicalmason.homestead.com/>

THE AMERICAN MUSEUM OF BREWING HISTORY AND ARTS- Houses the largest display of brewing and beer artifacts in the world. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Monday-Saturday; noon-5 p.m. Sunday. \$4 adult tour and tasting; \$3

adult tour only; \$2 beer tasting only; free to children ages 12 and

under. Oldenberg Complex, Interstate 75 at Buttermilk Pike, Fort

Mitchell. 341-2802:

AMERICAN CLASSICAL MUSIC HALL OF FAME AND MUSEUM- Features a gift shop and two displays for the Cincinnati Opera and the Cincinnati

Symphony Orchestra. 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Free. Carew

Tower, 441 Vine St., Downtown. 621-3263:

<http://www.americanclassicalmusic.org/intro.html>

ANDERSON TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY- Located in the brick house on the same property as the Miller-Leuser Log House. The log house is a

1796 log structure and was the oldest continually occupied log home

until 1968. There is also a barn, a corn crib and an outhouse. The

Historical Society is home to a genealogy collection and a research

department for the Anderson area. Through October. 1-3 p.m. the

second and fourth Sundays of the month; and by appointment. Free.

6550 Clough Pike at Bartels Road, Anderson Twp. 231-2114:

ANDERSON TOWNSHIP HERITAGE CENTER

<http://www.andersonparks.com/ParkHeritagehistory.html>

AURORA HISTORIC DISTRICT- This small Indiana river town was settled in the 1790s and its historic district reflects back to a time when commerce and river life filled its shores. A variety of architectural styles can be viewed in over 40 homes by strolling through the streets: Third Street through Fifth Street and Bridgeway, Mechanic, Main and Judiciary streets. A map of the district can be obtained by calling the Dearborn County Visitor's Center at 800-322-8198.

BEHRINGER-CRAWFORD MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY- Set in Devou Park, the museum is the legacy of William Behringer, who collected artifacts from all over the world. On display are Native American, Civil War and steamboat artifacts, fossils and a shrunken skull. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday; 1-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. \$3; \$2 seniors and children. 1600 Montague Rd., Covington. 491-4003.

BENNINGHOFEN HOUSE- A restored 1861 Italianate mansion with period furnishings. 1-4 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday. \$1; free to children ages 12 and under. 327 N. Second St., German Village, Hamilton. 896-9930.

BETTS HOUSE RESEARCH CENTER- Presents Cincinnati's Decorative Iron Age: Defining Space. Through October. ... The oldest residence in Cincinnati still remaining on its original site serves as an artifact of the city's period of early settlement. ... 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday; 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday. \$2. 416 Clark St., West End. 651-0734.

BUCKINGHAM LODGE- This pre-Civil War farmhouse is the headquarters of the Indian Hill Historical Society and contains a library, resource center and archives. By appointment only. Free. 8650 Camargo Rd., Indian Hill. 891-1873.

CAESAR'S CREEK PIONEER VILLAGE- The village is dedicated to preserving the architecture, tools and methods of the pioneers. Come see preserved log buildings from the early 19th century. There are also barns, outbuildings, a working garden, a smokehouse, a blacksmith shop and a springhouse. Efforts are currently under way to save three more log structures. Open daily from daylight until dark; buildings are open during special events. Free; cost for special events. 3999 Pioneer Village Rd., Waynesville, Ohio. 513-897-1120.

CAPT. ANTONY MELDAHL LOCKS AND DAMS- Watch the river barges make their way through the locks operated by the Army Corps of Engineers. There are picnic shelters, an observation tower and restrooms. Open 24 hours a day daily. Free. 2443 U.S. State Route 52, between Chilo and Neville. 876-2921.

CARILLON HISTORICAL PARK- The park is home to Ohio's largest bell tower as well as a collection of historical exhibits, including a lock that was once part of the Miami and Erie canal, the Newcom Tavern, a one-room schoolhouse, a grist mill and a covered bridge. There's also a replica of the Wright Brothers' bicycle shop and of a plane they built in 1905. There is a carillon concert every Sunday afternoon. Open through October. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday; 1-6 p.m. Sunday. \$1; children 17 and under are free. 2001 S. Patterson Blvd., Dayton, Ohio. 937-293-3412.

CARY COTTAGE- From 1832-50, the cottage was home to 19th-century poets Alice and Phoebe Cary. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday; and by appointment. Free. Clovernook Center, 7000 Hamilton Ave., North College Hill. 522-3860.

CHATEAU LAROCHE- Take a tour of this one-fifth scale medieval castle. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Sunday. \$1. 12025 Shore Dr., Loveland. 683-4686.

CHRISTIAN WALDSCHMIDT HOMESTEAD- The homestead includes the Civil War Museum of Camp Dennison and the Christian Waldschmidt House, which was built in 1804 as a patriotic shrine to the Daughters of the American Revolution. The house served as the area's Civil War Headquarters and Induction Center. Private and school tours are available and there is a nearby bike trail. Open through the last Sunday in October. 1-5 p.m. Sunday; and by appointment. Free; donations accepted. 7567 Glendale-Milford Rd., Camp Dennison. 937-832-4616.

CINCINNATI FIRE MUSEUM- A permanent installation honors Paula Duncan-Anderson, one of the city's first female African-American firefighters. ... Also on display: The Early Volunteer Firefighters of Cincinnati. ... 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday; noon-4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. \$3 adults; \$2 children ages 2-12. 315 W. Court St., Downtown. 621-5553.

CINCINNATI RAILROAD CLUB- On view in Tower A are the tracks, diagram board, train dispatcher desk and largest railroad library in the United States. 8-11 p.m. Thursday; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday; noon-4 p.m. the third Sunday of the month. Free. Museum Center at Union Terminal, Fifth Floor, 1301 Western Ave., Queensgate. 651-RAIL.- 275-7431.

DINSMORE HOMESTEAD- The five-generation home of the Dinsmore family features antique furnishings as well as a carriage house, a wine/gift shop, a cookhouse and the family cemetery. Open through December. 1-5 p.m. Wednesday and Saturday-Sunday. \$3; \$2 for seniors; \$1.50 for

children 17 and under; \$7 for families. 5654 Burlington Pike, Boone County, Ky. 586-6117.

EAST ROW HISTORIC DISTRICT- See bungalows from the 1930s and 1940s on Oak Street, Colonial Revival-style houses from the 1910s on Linden and Maple streets, and Queen Anne Colonial Revival and Princess Anne styles on Monroe and Overton streets. Newport. 292-3666.

FORT ANCIENT STATE MEMORIAL- Visit this prehistoric Indian site to see how Ohio's earliest inhabitants, the Hopewell Indians, lived. The 100-acre park features the circular earthen mounds they constructed. The new museum focuses on American Indian heritage in the Ohio Valley. 10 a.m.-7 p.m. daily. Through Labor Day. \$5; \$1.25 children ages 6-12; free to Ohio Historical Society members. 6123 State Route 350, southeast of Lebanon. 932-4421.

GLENDALE HERITAGE PRESERVATION MUSEUM- In the railroad depot, this museum contains historic artifacts from Glendale families and businesses as well as a miniature of the depot. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Thursday and Saturday. Free. 44 Village Square, Glendale. 771-8722.

GLENDOWER STATE MEMORIAL- Relive history with a Civil War Encampment, featuring the Ohio Valley Civil War Association Infantry, Cavalry, Medical Unit and Sanitary Commission. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Encampment is free; house tour is \$3; \$1 for students K-12. ...
The historical Greek Revival mansion was built circa 1840 and is decorated in the style of the period. Open daily through Labor Day; weekends through Oct. 31. Noon-4 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday; 1-4 p.m. Sunday. \$3; \$1 students through 12th grade. 105 Cincinnati Ave., Lebanon. 932-1817.

GRANT MUSEUM- Located in the Grant Memorial Building and run by the Bethel Historical Association, the museum houses a collection of memorabilia representing the life and times of Ulysses S. Grant, the 18th president of the United States, as well as notable former citizens of Bethel and artifacts that reflect the area's history. By appointment only. Free. Corner of Plane Street and Ohio State Route 133, Bethel. 734-2686 or 734-6435.

GRAY WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS MUSEUM- Jack Gray's collection of Cincinnati radio memorabilia can be viewed at the Channel 48 studio. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Free. Crosley Telecommunications Center, 1223 Central Pkwy., Over-the-Rhine. 381-4033.

GREATER LOVELAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM- The 1862 Victorian House is home to a permanent collection of period furniture, maps,

photographs and local artifacts. There is also a restored 1879 gazebo, the restored 1797 Rich log cabin, a herb garden, a library and a gift shop. Open 1-4:30 p.m. Friday-Sunday and by appointment. Free. 201 Riverside Dr., Loveland. 683-5692.

HARDING MUSEUM OF THE FRANKLIN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY- This 1901 house was the former residence of General Edwin Forrest Harding and is now home to the Historical Society. On file are records and photos of local and military history. There are also occasional displays of artifacts. Open through December; and by appointment. \$1 adults; 25 cents for children 12 and under; free to Franklin Historical Society members. 302 Park Ave., Franklin. 513-746-8295.

HARRIET BEECHER STOWE HOUSE- The Cincinnati home of the author of Uncle Tom's Cabin. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday. Donations accepted. 2950 Gilbert Ave., Walnut Hills. 632-5120.

HAUCK HOUSE MUSEUM- See a special postcard exhibit of turn-of-the-century Cincinnati. Through the summer. ... Built in 1870, this late Victorian home once belonged to the German brewer John Hauck. The house is Italianate style inside and out and contains period pieces as well as general antiques. There is also an interpretive tour of how a wealthy family lived in the late 1800s. ... Noon-4 p.m. Friday; noon-4 p.m. the fourth Sunday of the month; and by appointment. Group tours available by appointment. \$3; \$2 seniors; \$1 children. 812 Dayton St., West End. 721-3570.

HERITAGE VILLAGE MUSEUM- Kick back by a campfire, sing some songs and roast a couple of marshmallows at the Campfire Sing-A-Longs. 7-9 p.m. Every Thursday in August. ... Visit the Sharon Centre, a multipurpose facility with interactive educational exhibits focusing on the geological and natural history of the park. There are also several historic homes and buildings on the grounds of this museum, including the John M. Hayner House and the Chester Park Station. Noon-4 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday. Through December. ... \$5; \$3 seniors; \$2 children ages 6-12. Sharon Woods, 11450 Lebanon Pike/Route 42, Sharonville. 563-9484.

HIGHLAND HOUSE MUSEUM- Houses the offices of the Highland County Historical Society and features 200 years worth of rare collectibles, period clothes, furniture and other artifacts. 1-5 p.m. Friday; 1-4 p.m. Sunday. Free; donations accepted. 151 E. Main St., Hillsboro. 937-393-3392.

HILLFOREST- This 1850s home was built for industrialist, financier and riverboat owner Thomas Gaff. The house combines Italian

Renaissance architecture with the elegance of a paddlewheel riverboat. Open through December. 1-5 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday. \$4; \$2 students; free to children 4 and under. 213 Fifth St., Aurora, Ind. 812-926-0087.

HISTORIC LOG CABIN AND SPRINGHOUSE SCHOOL- The log house has two stories with a garret and is typical of dwellings built during 1795-1805. The two-story springhouse dates back to 1800 and was used as a schoolhouse for many years. Both buildings are good examples of pioneer constructions and contain period furniture, tools and implements. On display nearby is an authentic Conestoga Wagon. Open through September. 2-5 p.m. Sunday; or for special events. \$1 for a daily pass; \$3 for an annual pass. Shawnee Lookout, Miamiview Road, Miami Twp. 521-PARK, ext. 240.

LANE-HOOVEN HOUSE- A restored Victorian Gothic Revival home. 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Free. 319 N. Third St., Hamilton. 863-1389.

LEVI COFFIN STATE HISTORIC SITE- The Federal-style brick home was part of the Underground Railroad. Tours available. 1-4 p.m. Saturdays. \$2; \$1 students ages 6-18. 113 U.S. 27, Fountain City, Ind. 765-847-2432.

LITTLE RED SCHOOLHOUSE- Built in 1873, the brick house served as a school for 63 years. Restored by the Indian Hill Historical Society, it is now a museum. By appointment only. Free. 8100 Given Rd., Indian Hill. 891-1873.

LOVELAND HISTORICAL MUSEUM AND SOCIETY- This restored Civil War-era home and 1797 log cabin also houses historical material from the era and displays the works of local artists. 1-4:30 p.m. Friday-Sunday. Free. 201 Riverside Drive, Loveland. 683-5692.

MCGUFFEY HOUSE- The home of William Holmes McGuffey, author of the McGuffey Readers, is a national historic landmark that still has its original furnishings. Tours available. 2-4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday; and by appointment. Free. Corner of Oak and Spring streets, Miami University campus, Oxford. 513-529-2232.

MIMOSA MANSION- Built from 1853-55 as a Tuscan villa, the house has the original finishings, gas lights and two player grand pianos: a Mason and Hamlin, and a Chickering. 1-6 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Group tours by appointment. \$4. 412 E. Second St., Covington. 261-9000.

MOUNT HEALTHY HISTORICAL BUILDINGS- Come visit the 1859 tollhouse and the 1825 meeting house. 10 a.m.-noon. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

Free. 1554 McMackin Ave., Mount Healthy. 521-8168.

PAUL LAWRENCE DUNBAR HOME- This Victorian house was once home to one of America's most famous African-American poets. Born of former slaves in 1872, Dunbar rose to prominence before his death in 1906. The house contains his library, manuscripts and personal items. 9:30 a.m.-4:45 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday; noon-4:45 p.m. Sunday. \$1.50; \$1 for children ages 6-12. 219 N. Paul Lawrence Dunbar St., Dayton, Ohio. 937-224-7061.

PROMONT MUSEUM- John M. Pattison, Ohio's 43rd governor, lived in this stately home from 1879-1906. The house is now operated by the Greater Milford Area Historical Society and special exhibits are offered during the year. The house also holds records and photos pertaining to the Civil War, the Victorian era and local history. Private tours can be arranged for groups of 10 or more. 1:30-4:30 p.m. Friday and Sunday; tours by appointment. \$3; \$1 school-age children; researchers are free. 906 Main St., Milford. 248-0324

RAILWAY EXPOSITION COMPANY- Stop by and visit Cincinnati's four-acre museum filled with locomotives, passenger cars, freight cars and railroad memorabilia. Through November. 12:30-4:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. \$4; \$2 children. 315 W. Southern Ave., Covington. 491-RAIL.

RIPLEY MUSEUM- The 1830s Federal-style house is home to Civil War-era furnishings, antique clothing and 19th- and 20th-century toys. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday; noon-4 p.m. Sunday. \$1 adults; 50 cents children age 5-15. 219 N. Second St., Ripley. 937-392-4660.

ROSCOE VILLAGE- This historic village has been featured on both the History Channel and the Travel Channel and offers gardens, shops, living history tours and places to dine. Open daily 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 9:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Friday-Saturday; 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. The only charge is for the Living History Tour. Roscoe Village Foundation, 381 Hill St., Coshocton. 1-800-877-1830.

ROSS-GOWDY HOUSE- Overlooking the Ohio River, this historic riverboat era home, built in 1853, was once home to three of New Richmond's mayors. It now functions as a museum operated by Historic New Richmond Inc. and displays river memorabilia, artifacts and antiques. 1-5 p.m. Sunday; and by appointment or during special events. Free. 125 George St., New Richmond. 553-2375.

SERPENT MOUND- Ohio's prehistoric Native Americans built this mound in the shape of a snake with an egg in its mouth. It is nearly a quarter-mile long and stands 5 feet high in some spots. There are an

on-site museum and picnic facilities. 9:30 a.m.-8 p.m. daily through Labor Day. \$4 per private car; \$3.20 per car for seniors. Ohio Highway 73, four miles northwest of Locust Grove, Adams County. 937-587-2796.

SHANDON VILLAGE- Ohio's first Welsh settlement is now a 19th-century historic village filled with antique shops and specialty stores. Be sure to stop by for their annual Christmas in the Country, Southwestern Ohio's oldest Christmas walk attraction, or the Market Day in June. Times of different stores vary. Free. State Route 126 W. (Cincinnati-Brookville Road), between Ross, Ohio and Brookville, Ind. 738-3640 or 738-2962.

SHAWNEE LOOKOUT ARCHAEOLOGICAL MUSEUM- The museum houses prehistoric Native American artifacts dating back to 14,000 B.C. discovered on archaeological digs in the area. Open through September. 7:30 a.m.-dusk daily. Free. Shawnee Lookout Park, Brower Road, Miami Twp. 721-PARK.

SPRING GROVE CEMETERY AND ARBORETUM- Though many of Cincinnati's most influential citizens are buried in this beautifully landscaped cemetery, its 733 acres also serve as a bird sanctuary and a park. 4521 Spring Grove Ave., Winton Place. 681-6680.

SUNROCK FARM- This farm has plenty of woods, pastures and gardens, not to mention Three Mile Creek. It's also home to several wild and domesticated plants and animals. At this hands-on farm you'll have the opportunity to gather eggs, milk a goat, feed the pigs, brush a pony and tend the garden. There are farm picnics, replicas of Native American dwellings and daily programs. 2-3 p.m. weekdays; 2-4 p.m. weekends. Availability varies; call to reserve your tour time. \$5.50 per person weekends; \$3 per person weekdays. 103 Gibson Lane, Wilder, Ky. 781-5502.

SUNWATCH PREHISTORIC INDIAN VILLAGE- Children ages 5 and up will have fun at the Kid's Day program with hands-on activities, demonstrations, crafts and games. Reservations and prepayment required. 9-11 a.m. or 12:30-3 p.m. Aug. 12. \$5. ... See a reconstructed 13th-century village detailing the life of Ohio's earliest inhabitants, the Fort Ancient Indians. There's a visitors center, displays and a scale model that shows how the village acted as a sundial. ... On the first and third Saturday of the month, the village has special activities, demonstrations and crafts all day revolving around a monthly theme. August's "Family Day" theme is Astronomy. ... Open through November. 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday; noon-5 p.m. Sunday. \$5; \$3 seniors and children ages 6-17;

free to children 5 and under and members. Special weekend events may require an additional fee. 2301 W. River Rd., Dayton, Ohio. 513-268-8199.

TRAPSHOOTING HALL OF FAME AND MUSEUM- The Amateur Trapshooting Association celebrates its 100th anniversary with the Great American World Trapshooting Tournament here through Aug. 21. Special events include: the Grand American Attendance Awards Thursday; the Centennial Celebration Friday; and the Shoot for a Chevy contest Saturday. Times vary daily. Free. ... This museum is the only known one in the world that pays tribute to the history of trapshooting and famous markspersons like Annie Oakley. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. Free. ... 601 W. National Road, Vandalia. 937-898-1945.

ULYSSES S. GRANT'S HOMESTEAD- Privately owned by artist/naturalist John Ruthven, the boyhood home of Grant is a National Historic Landmark. On display are the gloves he wore to his inaugural ball, his binoculars from the Civil War, the family cradle and other personal effects. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday; and by appointment. Donations accepted. 219 E. Grant Ave., Georgetown, Ohio. 937-378-4222.

VANCE-TOUSEY HOUSE- The Dearborn County Historical Society displays their After the Battle: A History of Military Uniforms in Repose at DCHS exhibit at their new home. Through Thanksgiving. ... The historic home also houses genealogical records and is next door to the pioneer homestead, complete with a 1820s log cabin. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday-Friday. Free. 508 W. High St., Lawrenceburg, Ind. 812-537-4075.

VENT HAVEN MUSEUM- At the time of his death, William Shakespeare Burger's collection of ventriloquist dummies was unsurpassed- more than 500. He also left a massive library devoted exclusively to "vent" volumes. By appointment only. \$2. 33 West Maple St., Fort Mitchell. 341-0461.

WARREN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM- Known throughout the United States for its extensive Shaker collection, the museum is also home to an extensive genealogy library, fossil collection, Native American artifacts and a re-creation of an 1860s village. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday; noon-4 p.m. Sunday. \$3; \$2 students K-12. 105 S. Broadway, Lebanon. 932-1817.

WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE- Come see the boyhood home of the nation's 27th president and 10th chief justice. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. daily. Free. 2038 Auburn Ave., Mount Auburn. 684-3262.

WILLIAM H. MALLORY SR. MUSEUM- Run by the Arts Consortium, they display a variety of works that reflect the African-American culture. On permanent display is the black history exhibit Being Around 'Nati Town. 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday. Free. Museum Center at Union Terminal, 1301 Western Ave., Queensgate. 345-3744.

WILDER-SWAIM HOUSE- This 1832 farmhouse, originally owned by the Wilder family, is now home to the Montgomery Historical Society. By appointment only. Free. Zig-Zag and Cooper roads, Montgomery. 793-0515.

WRIGHT BROTHERS BICYCLE SHOP- Come see where aviation began at the shop where Orville and Wilbur Wright built their first flying machine. The shop is operated by the National Park Service and maps are available for the self-guided tour of the Aviation Trail. 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday; 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Sunday. Free. 22 S. Williams St., Dayton, Ohio. 937-443-0793.