



## West Ohio Treasures Tour Suggested Itinerary

**Day One:** Your first stop will be historic **Fort Recovery**, site of two major 1790's Indian battles that took the lives of 900 American soldiers. You will visit the Fort Stockade, Monument Park, Blacksmith Shop, Historic Walkway, Greenville Treaty Line, and Pioneer Cemetery where all the soldiers are buried. You will also view the incredible murals painted throughout the downtown for the 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary last year.



The next stop will be a visit to the **Maria Stein Relic Shrine**.



You will marvel at the architecture and the beautiful artwork in this shrine which houses the second largest collection of relics in the United States. Be sure to check out the Heritage Museum, the Pilgrim Gift Shop and the beautiful Statue Gardens.

Lunch will be good home-style cooking at the **Spiritual Center of Maria Stein**. Located next to the Relic Shrine, you will enjoy the beauty of this Retreat Center in its peaceful, wooded setting.

After lunch you will make a short jaunt to New Bremen, a quaint restored canal town, and stop at the **Bicycle Museum of America**. Enjoy a short video on vintage bicycles and then tour the museum where you will see more than 250 different styles of bikes ranging from a rare wooden bike from the early 1800's to the sleek titanium bikes of today. After visiting the museum, you'll take a quick stroll to adjacent **Lock One Park** and see a rebuilt lock of the **Miami-Erie Canal**. Hear tales of the canal boats that traversed that waterway bringing prosperity to west-central Ohio.



Next stop is Wapakoneta, Ohio, where you will check into your hotel. This evening will include a delicious meal and a great toe-tapping time at the **Moon City Music and Events Center**. Enjoy great food followed by lively bluegrass and gospel music as the first day of your visit comes to an end.

**Day Two:** Breakfast will be provided by the hotel. Then blast off into space at the **Armstrong Air & Space Museum** located in Wapakoneta, the hometown of Neil Armstrong, the first man to walk on the Moon. The museum is filled with interactive exhibits and special artifacts marking one of mankind's greatest accomplishments.



Next is a truly unusual stop, the life's work of historian Jim Bosher, the **"Temple of Tolerance"**. This outdoor space consists of many large rock formations, monuments, historic artifacts and mazes that is hard to describe but is a true delight to experience.

Following your visit to the rustic "Temple" enjoy a special lunch at the beautiful, refined **Marley's Downtown**. After lunch stroll along the streets of downtown Wapakoneta, appreciate the vintage architecture and browse through the many antique, unique and specialty shops. Make time for a cappuccino or piece of cheesecake at **Cloud Nine Café** or **Winans Chocolates and Coffee** before your visit to the **Greater Grand Lake Visitors Region** comes to an end.



For an extended itinerary, other tour attractions in the area include **KitchenAid** and **Airstream** factory tours, viewing three **Lighthouses** along **Grand Lake St. Marys**, Ohio's largest inland lake, **Niekamp's Farm Market**, **St. Marys Memorial Park** with its a canal boat and covered bridge as well as touring historic churches throughout the **Land of the Cross-Tipped Churches State Scenic Byway**.

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