

# SURVEY OF DAYTON, OHIO

Dayton, OH, known as the Birthplace of Aviation, was named after Jonathan Dayton, a captain in the American Revolutionary War and signer of the U.S. Constitution. It was home to the aviation pioneers Wilbur and Orville Wright, who ran a bicycle shop in Dayton before their famous flight in Kitty Hawk, NC. With a population of about 162,000, it is Ohio's sixth largest city.

## TOURS

### **NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE**

Formerly known as the United States Air Force Museum, this is the official national museum of the United States Air Force and is located at Wright-Patterson AFB, east of Dayton. With over 300 aircraft and missiles on display, you will be able to see many rare and important aircraft. Just a few of the collection includes one of four surviving Convair B-36's, the only surviving XB-70 Valkyrie, and *Bockscar*—the B-29 Superfortress that dropped the second atomic bomb in World War II. The museum has several Presidential aircraft, including those used by Franklin D Roosevelt, Harry Truman, and Dwight D. Eisenhower. The centerpiece of the Presidential aircraft collection is SAM 26000, the first aircraft to be called *Air Force One*, used by John F. Kennedy through Richard Nixon during his first term, after which served as the backup Presidential aircraft. There is a large section of the museum dedicated to pioneers of flight, especially the Wright Brothers, who conducted some of their experiments at nearby Huffman Prairie. The Wright's 1909 Military Flyer is on display, as well as other Wright Brothers artifacts. The museum also has a large inventory of USAAF and Air Force clothing and uniforms in its collection. A third hangar now houses Cold War-era planes such as the B-2 Spirit stealth bomber, the F-117 Nighthawk stealth fighter and others. An IMAX theatre features aviation and space oriented IMAX films.

### **SUNWATCH INDIAN VILLAGE/ARCHAEOLOGICAL PARK**

This is a partially reconstructed Fort Ancient period Native American village along the Great Miami River. This culture lived between about AD 1000 and AD 1650. The people were farmers and the last historic group to occupy the land prior to the arrival of European settlers. The excavation of the site began in the 1960's and soon attracted many amateur archaeologists from the immediate area. In 1988, SunWatch opened to the public and now combines archaeological research, including the reconstruction of the Fort Ancient structures in their original 13th century locations, with an interpretive center that exhibits many of the artifacts that have been recovered from the site.

### **PATTERSON HOMESTEAD**

This home of Dayton's influential Patterson family who lived on the site from 1804 to 1904. The Federal style home, constructed between 1810 and 1850, was originally the home of Revolutionary War veteran Colonel Robert Patterson and his wife. Later his son Jefferson raised his nine children in the farmhouse. Two of those children, John H. and Frank J. Patterson, co-founded The National Cash Register Company (NCR) in 1884 and eventually built the factory complex on the northern fields of the old family farm. When the house was donated to the City of Dayton, it was fully furnished with 18th and 19th century antiques along with several original family pieces. Over the years, the artifact collection has grown to include more family-related artifacts that are housed in six period rooms.

### **MIAMISBURG MOUND**

This prehistoric Indian mound is the largest conical earthwork of its kind in Ohio. It measures 65 feet in height and 877 feet in circumference. This best known of the Indian mounds in Ohio is believed to be the work of the Adena Indians who arrived about 1000 BC.

## CITY TOUR

### **RIVERSCAPE**

RiverScape is a popular park along the Great Miami River in the heart of Downtown Dayton. Beautiful floral plantings, hanging baskets and fountains make RiverScape the Miami Valley gathering place. Among the attractions here are the Five Rivers Fountain of Light; Laser, Light and Music Shows and Inventor's Walk.

The focal point of RiverScape is the Five Rivers Fountain of Lights, a series of five fountains that shoot water upwards of 200 feet and 400 feet across at the confluence of the Great Miami and Mad Rivers. On weekend evenings the fountain provides a football field size water screen for RiverScape's Laser Light & Music Shows.

Also at RiverScape is Dayton's Inventor's River Walk. This walk is a tribute to the fact that Dayton has had more inventions per capita than any other city in the United States. The walk consists of seven invention stations that celebrate Dayton inventions. Included are a life size replica of the Wright Flyer III and bigger than life versions of the pop top can, the ice cube tray, the cash register and others.

From RiverScape you can catch a ride on the Duck Tours for an exciting ride into and out of the Miami River, giving riders a thrill you won't soon forget! Learn about the city's rich history while riding on a restored WWII amphibious D.U.K.W.

### **HISTORIC OREGON DISTRICT**

The Oregon District is a historic residential district, 5 square blocks in size, at the edge of downtown Dayton. Home to some of the city's first merchants, within this district is a unique block of fine restaurants, outdoor dining, taverns, entertainment, and unusual retail shops.

### **CITIZENS MOTORCAR COMPANY: AMERICA'S PACKARD MUSEUM**

Here you will find a fully restored 1930's dealership featuring beautiful vintage Packard motorcars on display.

### **ESTER PRICE CANDIES**

You'll not be able to resist these fine chocolates, made from the highest quality ingredients, placed in a distinctive gold box and tied with red ribbons.

### **STATE OF OHIO KOREAN WAR MEMORIAL & ALL VETERANS WALKWAY**

The Memorial honors all servicemen and women involved in the "forgotten war." It includes a 475 foot walkway leading to the memorial.

### **WRIGHT-DUNBAR INTERPRETIVE CENTER AND THE WRIGHT CYCLE COMPANY**

Showcased in this center are three of Dayton's most creative men—aviation pioneers Orville and Wilbur Wright and writer Paul Laurence Dunbar. You'll see exhibits that demonstrate how the lives of these three men came together to weave a rich historical tapestry. All three were classmates in school, and when the Wright Brothers ran a printing shop, they printed Dunbar's newspaper for the African-American community, the *Dayton Tattler*. Visit the Wright Cycle Company and see the bicycle technology the Wrights incorporated into the structure and mechanisms of their gliders and flyers.

### **CARILLON HISTORICAL PARK**

The park is a 65-acre outdoor museum with 25 exhibit buildings and structures. It showcased Dayton's rich heritage of creativity, invention and milestones in transportation that changed the nation and the world. Visitors learn about these achievements through the exhibit buildings and interacting with hundreds of artifacts and exhibits. The highlight of the collections is the 1905 Wright Flyer III, the world's first practical airplane, and a National Historic Landmark. Also on display are the steam locomotive, the 1835 B&O (Grasshopper) and the first automobile self-starter. The park is home to the Deeds Carillon, one of Dayton's most well-known landmarks, and the largest Carillon in Ohio.