



NATIONAL AVIATION
HERITAGE AREA
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“Air power alone does not guarantee
America’s security, but I believe it
best exploits the nation’s greatest
asset - our technical skill.” - General
Hoyt Vandenberg

Small to large groups welcome.
B-25 rides available only to groups.



**Preserving America’s Freedom.
Thank you to our Veterans.**

**National Museum of the United States Air Force
and National Aviation Hall of Fame**

Open 9 - 5 daily (holiday hours apply)

Visit the National Museum of the United States Air Force, the world’s largest and oldest military aviation museum, and the National Aviation Hall of Fame. Discover more than 360 aircraft and aerospace vehicles on display, many rare and one-of-a-kind. In addition, find thousands of historical aviation artifacts and learn about the individuals whose ambition, innovation, and inspiration gave wings to mankind’s pursuit of flight. FREE admission.

Historic WACO Air Museum

Open 9 - 1:30 weekdays, noon - 5 weekends

The WACO Historical Society and Air Museum celebrates the Golden Age of Aviation with numerous aircraft and a 2,400 foot grass airstrip. Learn about WACO’s CG4A Glider, the most widely used American troop/cargo military glider of World War II. A glider theatre offers World War II footage of the glider in action.

Historic Grimes Field

Open 10 - 4 Tuesday-Saturday (holiday hours apply)

Take a ride on a B-25 (groups of 8) or work with volunteers to help restore the B-17 “Champaign Lady” to flying status. Must be scheduled in advance. For restoration, all skill levels welcome.

Huffman Prairie Flying Field and Interpretive Center

Open 9 - 5 daily (winter hours and holiday hours apply)

Owned by the U.S. Air Force and operated by the National Park Service, see the place where Orville and Wilbur Wright developed and tested the world’s first practical airplane. Experience exhibits that focus on the achievements of the Wright brothers and the story of Wright-Patterson Air Force Base’s evolution since those first days of aviation’s history.



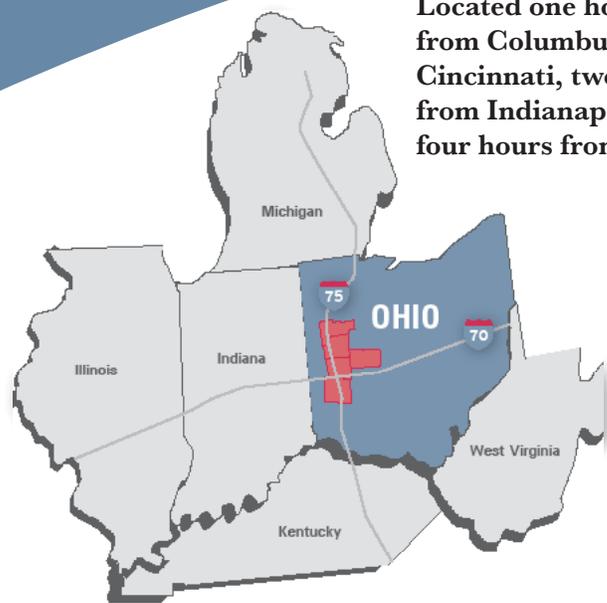
Joey DeGrella, Pilot for a Day program participant, boards a C-130J Super Hercules assigned to the 36th Airlift Squadron, Sept. 20, 2019, at Yokota Air Base, Japan. Photo by Machiko Arita.



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Located one hour
from Columbus and
Cincinnati, two hours
from Indianapolis, and
four hours from Detroit.

Sample Two-Day Itinerary

- Your first day is spent entirely at the National Museum of the United States Air Force and the National Aviation Hall of Fame. A cafe overlooking multiple exhibit hangars is available for lunch and make sure to encourage your participants to leave time for the museum shop. While you visit, enjoy a ride in a flight simulator or in an IMAX movie. (7 hours)
- Eat dinner at one of many chain restaurants by Wright State University or sample a local favorite, Linh's Bistro, before relaxing in your hotel. (1.5 hours)
- Breakfast is in your hotel before heading to Huffman Prairie Flying Field and Interpretive Center. May is a great time to visit for those also interested in birdwatching. (2 hours)
- Have lunch in historic downtown Troy and then drive a few minutes down the street to Historic WACO Air Museum. (2 hours)
- As your last stop, enjoy Champaign Aviation Museum's variety of military aircraft and talk with the volunteer restoration crew working the B-17 "Champaign Lady." Make sure to stop into their neighboring airport for dinner and some of their delicious pie. (2 - 3 hours)

Nearby Attractions

Day One

Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park
Wright Cycle Company
Carillon Historical Park
Wright State University Wright Archives
Eastwood MetroPark
Nation's largest paved trail network
Ohio's National Water Trail

Day Two

Historic downtown Troy boutique shopping
Cedar Bog Nature Preserve, Urbana

Recommended Hotels

Comfort Suites Wright Patterson
Hilton Garden Inn Dayton/Beavercreek
Holiday Inn Dayton/Fairborn

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