

A group of people, including children and adults, are gathered around a large, dark blue aircraft on display. The aircraft is mounted on a raised platform with a yellow canopy. The scene is outdoors on a paved area under a blue sky with white clouds. A red tent is visible in the background. The text "EARLY YEARS TOUR" is overlaid at the bottom of the image.

Grab a coffee in one of Dayton's historic districts – you're going to need it for this packed itinerary!

- \*Insider Tip: this entire itinerary follows the nation's largest paved trail network and is completely bikeable. For those looking to increase their adventure, ride the rapids starting in downtown Dayton on the Great Miami River and continue paddling through West Carrollton – home of the Wright brothers' first seaplane base.*

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The National Aviation Heritage Area consists of the world's largest military aviation museum, the birthplace of the Wright brothers and Neil Armstrong, and the National Aviation Hall of Fame. We overlap a National Water Trail and National Recreation Trail, and we house one-of-a-kind experiences found nowhere else in the world. The National Aviation Heritage Area is the recognized center of aviation heritage tourism and aerospace innovation, sustaining the legacy of the Wright brothers. Our mission is to preserve and develop the assets in the National Aviation Heritage Area and promote the heritage and future of aerospace.

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A young woman with blonde hair is smiling broadly while wearing a flight helmet with green oxygen tanks and goggles. She is seated in a cockpit, with a microphone positioned near her mouth. The background shows the interior structure of the aircraft.

## A person dressed in a white sheet costume with eye holes is hanging from a wooden gallows. The background features a brick building with a sign that reads "WRIGHT CYCLE CO." and a striped awning. There are some bare trees in the foreground.



EXTEND  
YOUR TRIP

## Cincinnati

## Columbus

## Indianapolis

## Detroit

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## A biplane is shown in flight, positioned horizontally across the frame. The aircraft has two sets of wings, a tail section, and a propeller at the front. It is flying over a green field and a blue sky with white clouds. The image is framed by a red and white border.

A B-24 Liberator bomber aircraft, painted in a red, white, and blue livery with stars, is shown in flight. The name 'GRIMES' is prominently displayed on the side of the fuselage, along with 'United States Army Air Corps'. The aircraft is a four-engine plane with a high wing configuration. Below the image, the text 'WAR YEARS TOUR' is written in large, white, serif capital letters on a red background.

- Start your day with the world's oldest military aviation museum, the National Museum of the United States Air Force. Plan on spending at least half a day exploring four hangars from Early Years to the Space Age. Try your skills on a flight simulator; view hundreds of planes, and be inspired to lead the next chapters of aerospace innovation. While you're there, make sure to stop into the National Aviation Hall of Fame to learn about the people that changed the course of our aviation history.
- Find a delicious lunch in historic Downtown Troy, famous for its architecture and annual Strawberry Festival. You'll be in the hometown of Historic WACO Field and can stop into the museum for a tour or a ride in an open-cockpit biplane for a truly unique view of the city.
- Your next stop is in Urbana at Historic Grimes Field. Help to restore a B-17 "Flying Fortress" or sit for dinner at the airport and watch planes as you sample their homemade pie.

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## A large red biplane with white spots on its fuselage is displayed in a museum. The plane is suspended by a white structure, and its propeller is visible. The background shows other exhibits and museum walls.

A photograph of the Armstrong Air & Space Museum. The main feature is a large, white, dome-shaped structure, which is the museum's planetarium. In the foreground, a white, triangular sign with the words "ARMSTRONG AIR & SPACE MUSEUM" in black, bold, sans-serif capital letters is visible. The museum is situated on a grassy hill under a clear blue sky.

- Looking for a way to go to the moon? It may happen sooner than you think, so better go prepared. Make your first stop the Armstrong Air & Space Museum in Neil Armstrong's hometown of Wapakoneta. Marvel at the building's unique architecture before stepping inside, and leave plenty of time to watch the historic film footage.
- Have lunch in a quaint downtown restaurant before heading to the Airstream Factory Tour in Jackson Center. Not only are their 'Silver Bullet' RVs known for their unique design, but they were also used as decontamination units for the returning Apollo 11 astronauts.
- Head south to Dayton to continue your space adventure at Charles Bassett II's mural next to Warped Wing Brewery. Grab tickets (if you can) to a Dayton Dragons baseball game on the banks of the Great Miami River and watch the Fountain of Lights, one of the world's largest fountains, in action at RiverScape MetroPark.

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## ARMSTRONG AIR & SPACE MUSEUM

The Armstrong Air & Space Museum, named for Wapakoneta's own Neil Armstrong, exhibits a combination of aviation and aerospace collections and artifacts from the first man to walk on the moon.

The Apollo 11 crew had completed the greatest journey in human history: putting men on the moon and setting the course for the future of the nation's space program. The impact of that journey is still felt in Wapakoneta today. Businesses and streets in the community reflect the pride the city has in its native son, the first person to walk on the moon.



## NATIONAL AVIATION HALL OF FAME

Meet the heroes and heroines of aviation and space travel—and explore the history of aviation—at this facility co-located with the National Museum of the United States Air Force.™

A true national treasure, the National Aviation Hall of Fame serves as the only congressionally-chartered aviation hall of fame. It works tirelessly to promote the vision, innovation, skill, and courage of the national heroes who lent their genius to further our nation's aerospace legacy. You'll come to appreciate the achievements of the nearly two hundred enshrinees, including Wilbur and Orville Wright, Charles Lindbergh, Amelia Earhart, Jimmy Doolittle, Benjamin O. Davis, Chuck Yeager, John Glenn, Neil Armstrong, and others.



## WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY WRIGHT ARCHIVES

The Wright Brothers Collection, housed in Special Collections and Archives in the Wright State University Libraries, is one of the most complete collections of Wright material in the world.

The library includes the Wrights' own technical and personal library, family papers including letters, diaries, financial records, genealogical files, and other documents detailing the lives and work of Wilbur and Orville Wright and the Wright Family. It also includes awards, certificates, medals, albums, recordings, and technical drawings. Perhaps the most valuable part of the collection are the thousands of photographs documenting the invention of the airplane and the lives of the Wright family.

## REGIONAL PROGRAMS & EVENTS

### Aviation Trail Wilbear Passport Program

Make sure to pick up your passport before your journey begins. Kids will love Wilbear!

### Vectren Dayton Air Show (Summer Event)

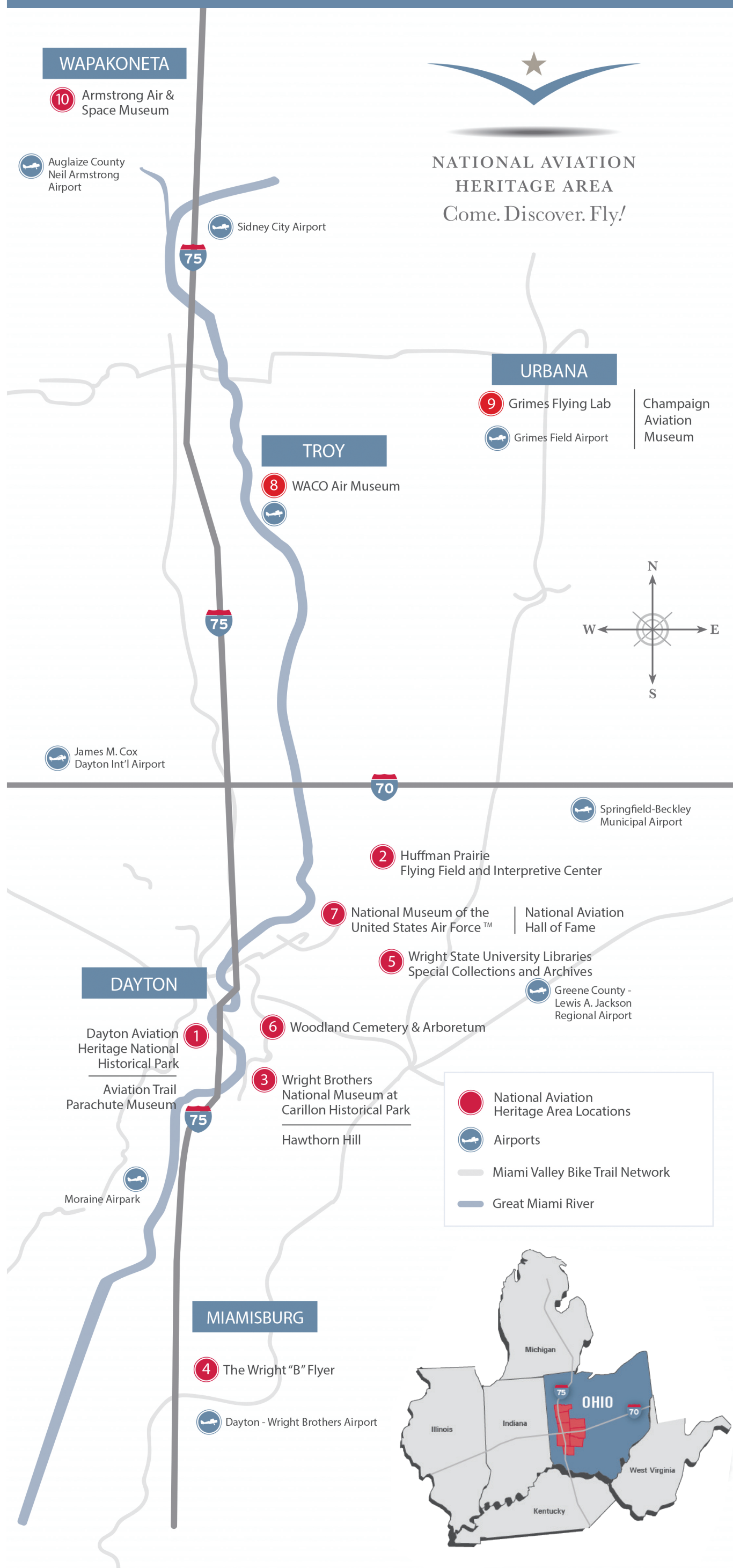
One of America's premier air shows, showcasing world-class aerobatic champions, military jet demonstrations, and entertainment for the whole family.

### Air Camp (Summer Event)

Air Camp offers a series of camps and educational adventures in aviation and aeronautics, designed to inspire students to pursue STEM-related education and careers in the context of aviation.

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## NATIONAL AVIATION HERITAGE AREA LOCATIONS



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## HISTORIC GRIMES FIELD

At the Champaign Aviation Museum, you'll get a close-up look at historic aircraft—particularly from World War II—that soared to great heights to preserve freedom. More than stationary museum pieces, these warbirds have been or are being restored to fly again.

And, shed new light on your appreciation for aircraft lighting and learn more about the man who was dedicated to making flight safer at night by visiting the Grimes Flying Laboratory museum. Warren G. Grimes, an enshrinee of the National Aviation Hall of Fame, produced his first airplane lights in his garage in 1933. By World War II, Grimes Manufacturing Company had grown to produce lighting for the needs of military aviation.

*\*Insider Tip: the Grimes Airport Cafe is known for their homemade pie. Enjoy a slice on their patio watching planes take off and land.*

## EARLY YEARS

- 1 **Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park**  
Aviation Trail Parachute Museum  
16 S. Williams Street, Dayton Ohio 45402
- 2 **Huffman Prairie Flying Field**  
2380 Memorial Rd., WPAFB, OH 45433
- 3 **Wright Brothers National Museum at Carillon Historical Park**  
1000 Carillon Blvd., Dayton, OH 45409
- 4 **Wright "B" Flyer**  
10550 Springboro Pike, Miamisburg, OH 45342-4956
- 5 **Wright State University Wright Archives**  
3640 Colonel Glenn Hwy., Dayton, OH 45435-0001
- 6 **Historic Woodland Cemetery & Arboretum**  
118 Woodland Ave., Dayton, OH 45409

## WAR YEARS

- 7 **National Museum of the United States Air Force™**  
National Aviation Hall of Fame  
1100 Spaatz St., Dayton, OH 45433
- 8 **Historic WACO Field**  
1865 S. Co. Rd. 25A, Troy, OH 45373
- 9 **Historic Grimes Field**  
1652 N. Main St., Urbana, OH 43078

## SPACE AGE

- 10 **Armstrong Air & Space Museum**  
500 Apollo Dr., Wapakoneta, OH 45895-9780



## WOODLAND CEMETERY & ARBORETUM

Founded in 1841, Woodland Cemetery is one of the nation's oldest rural garden cemeteries and is a unique cultural, botanical, and educational resource in the heart of Dayton.

Thousands tour the beautifully landscaped grounds each year to visit the grave sites of Wilbur and Orville Wright and other members of the Wright family, poet Paul Laurence Dunbar, Governor James M. Cox, writer Erma Bombeck, inventor Charles F. Kettering and entrepreneurs John H. Patterson (NCR), George P. Huffman (Huffy Bicycles), George H. Mead (Mead Paper), Loren M. Berry, Sr. (L. M. Berry Co.), Preserved Smith (Barney & Smith Mfg. Co.), and the other 110,000 souls resting peacefully at Woodland.

