

The WACO Air Museum was established in 1997 on 100 acres and supports an authentic "Sunny" biplane available. Two hangers are dedicated to the history of the WACO Factory and the employees who made it great. The Waco Aircraft Company was located in the museum's hometown of Troy, Ohio. Between 1919 and 1947, the company produced a wide range of civilian biplanes and designed the CG4A glider used in WWII.

HISTORIC WACO FIELD



Experience a one-of-a-kind flight in a modern look-a-like of the world's first practical airplane. Based at Dayton-Wright Brothers Airport, the non-profit Wright "B" Flyer Inc. operates flying and non-flying airplanes built to resemble the Wright B, produced by the Wright Company in its West Dayton factory beginning in 1910. The modern look-a-like made its debut in July 1982. Since then, it has promoted Dayton's aviation heritage with regular flights at the Dayton Air Show and with appearances around the U.S. and overseas.

THE WRIGHT "B" FLYER



SPACE AGE TOUR

- 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.

**Insider Tip: Airstream isn't the only camper-friendly attraction. Bring your own RV or tent to stay at nearby Grand Lake St. Marys State Park.*

Please make sure to check for current hours and admission before arriving.



WAR YEARS TOUR

- 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 hangers 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.

**Insider Tip: Whether you are doing one itinerary, or multiple, extend your stay in a historic hotel in Urbana. Visit the nearby Freshwater Farms Sturgeon Petting Zoo, Ohio Caverns, or Cedar Bog Nature Preserve.*

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The John W. Berry, Sr. Wright Brothers National Museum has more 3-dimensional Wright artifacts on display than any other place in the world, including the 1905 Wright Flyer III: the only airplane designated a National Historic Landmark, the first practical flying machine, and what the Wright brothers considered their most important aircraft. Carillon Historical Park is a 65-acre open-air history museum containing dozens of buildings and countless artifacts.

WRIGHT BROTHERS NATIONAL MUSEUM AT CARILLON PARK



EXTEND YOUR TRIP

- Cincinnati**
Cincinnati is less than an hour away from the National Aviation Heritage Area. Shine in the neon glow of the American Sign Museum and stop into Jungle Jim's International Market on your way for a truly unique culinary experience.
- Columbus**
Columbus, the nation's third largest fashion capital, is only an hour away from the National Aviation Heritage Area. Visits to COSI science center and the Columbus Zoo are a must for all traveling families.
- Indianapolis**
We don't recommend you drive quite as fast as the Indy 500 racers, but Indianapolis is just two hours away from the National Aviation Heritage Area. Visit the Indianapolis Motor Speedway for track and behind-the-scenes tours.
- Detroit**
MotorCities National Heritage Area in Detroit is less than three hours away from the National Aviation Heritage Area. Key stops are The Henry Ford Museum and the North American International Auto Show. Step foot in the lab where Thomas Edison had his lightbulb moment, in the Bagley Avenue shed re-created by Henry Ford to share the story of where he built his first car, and in the bicycle workshop where the Wright brothers taught us to reach for the sky.

Come. Discover. Fly!

Trace the footsteps and historic flights of the Wright brothers at Huffman Prairie Flying Field. Visit both the Flying Field and the Interpretive Center in the world, including the 1905 Wright Flyer III: the only airplane designated a National Historic Landmark, the first practical flying machine, and the principles of controlled, powered flight that developed the world's first practical airplane. Experience one of Ohio's largest restored prairie environments and learn about the flight school and military installations that called the field home.

HUFFMAN PRAIRIE FLYING FIELD & INTERPRETIVE CENTER



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Learn about the invention of the airplane and the Wright's early careers as printers and bicycle builders. Explore the Wright Cycle Company on a ranger-led tour. Discover the Aviation Trail Parachute Museum, which tells the story of the free fall parachute's development at Dayton's McCook Field to modern applications on earth and beyond.

DAYTON AVIATION HERITAGE NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK



NATIONAL AVIATION HERITAGE AREA Come. Discover. Fly!

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.

#ComeDiscoverFly

National Aviation Heritage Area
P.O. Box 414
Wright Brothers Station
Dayton, OH 45409
937.443.0165

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Tour 19 acres of indoor exhibit space and see noteworthy aircraft such as the only permanent public exhibit of a B-2 stealth bomber, or visit the B-17F Memphis Belle™, one of the most recognizable symbols of World War II. Board a space shuttle exhibit and walk through presidential aircraft—the museum offers FREE admission! Make sure you also ride a flight simulator, enjoy a 3D movie, eat in one of the two cafes, and shop in the museum store for great gifts.

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE



EARLY YEARS TOUR

- Grab a coffee in one of Dayton's historic districts – you're going to need it for this packed itinerary!
- Start in downtown Dayton at the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park to see how the Wright brothers got their start, learn about their cycling business, and explore their stories.
- Continue your journey to Huffman Prairie Flying Field and Interpretive Center to walk the field where the first practical airplane was invented.
- Carillon Park is your next stop to both view that first practical airplane, but also to grab lunch in the park's brewery or café.
- After you've explored all 65 acres of the museum, head to the Wright "B" Flyer and experience a flight yourself. Or, visit the Wright State University Archives to read the Wrights' diaries and letters.
- To finish out your trip, Woodland Cemetery & Arboretum provides beautiful views over Dayton's skyline from the Wright brothers' final resting place. Located near the University of Dayton and a variety of restaurants, a top pick is The Pine Club: a Dayton icon and a top ranked steakhouse throughout the nation.

**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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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.



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.



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.

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)

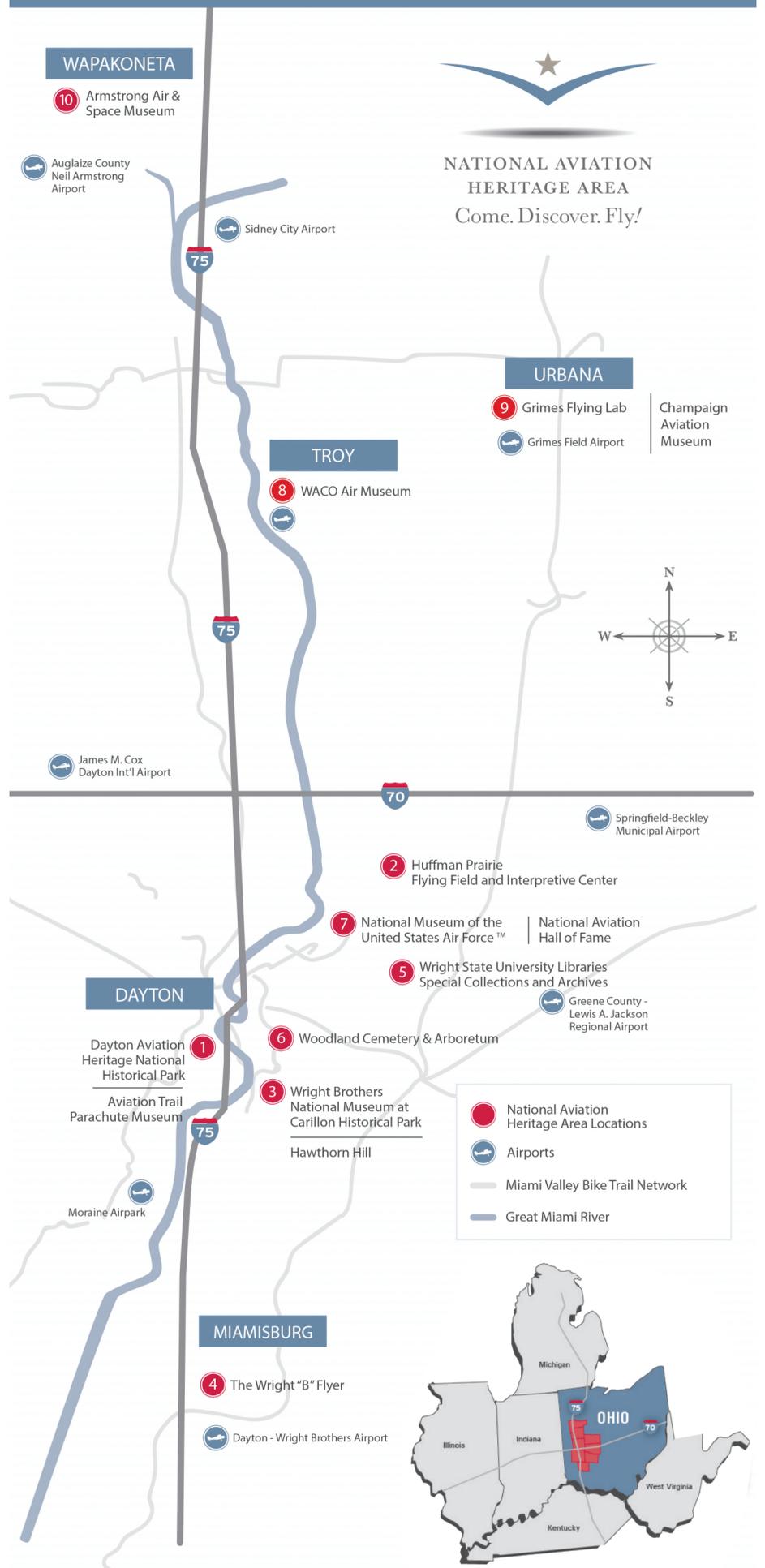
One of America's premier air shows, showcasing world-class aerobatic champions, military jet demonstrations, and entertainment for the whole family.

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.*



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.

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

