The Ohio Creativity Trail

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"The artist is the person who makes life more interesting or beautiful, more understandable or mysterious, or probably, in the best sense, more wonderful."

– **George Bellows**, Columbus, Ohio Born Painter (1882-1925)

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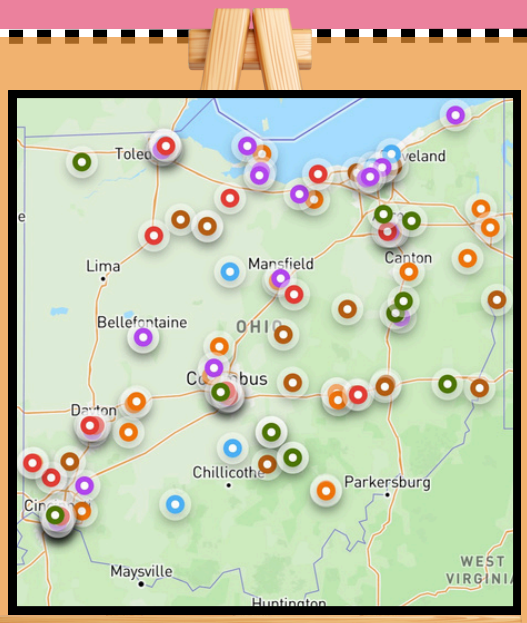

2 Ways to Experience the Trail

Take a **multi-media approach** by visiting all the sites in a particular region.

Or, **tour based on the art medium** (or theme), such as visual arts, glass and pottery, carousels, folk and traditional arts, music and literature/illustrations. Use the online map to filter by theme, or use this document as your guide!

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The Ohio Creativity Trail is part of an America 250-Ohio program celebrating Ohio's incredible stories through driving trails.

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Visual Arts

painters, sculptors, photographers

Ohio is a destination for art lovers. World-class museums and vibrant art scenes are found throughout the state. Early industrialists, like John D. Rockefeller and Edward Drummond Libbey, established museums through financial gifts or by donating their personal art collections. A new approach to philanthropic funding emerged in Ohio, with The Cleveland Foundation—recognized as the world's first nonprofit foundation—leading the way for future contributions to support the arts and local communities.

Notable artists with ties to Ohio made their marks on various movements, including George Bellows and John Sloan in the Ashcan School, and Roy Lichtenstein in Pop Art. The Cleveland School, a network of artists founded in 1910, was influenced by the Arts and Crafts movement. Moses Jacob Ezekiel, the first Jewish-American sculptor recognized internationally, studied at the Cincinnati Art School. Cleveland artist Julian Stanczak pioneered the Op Art movement.

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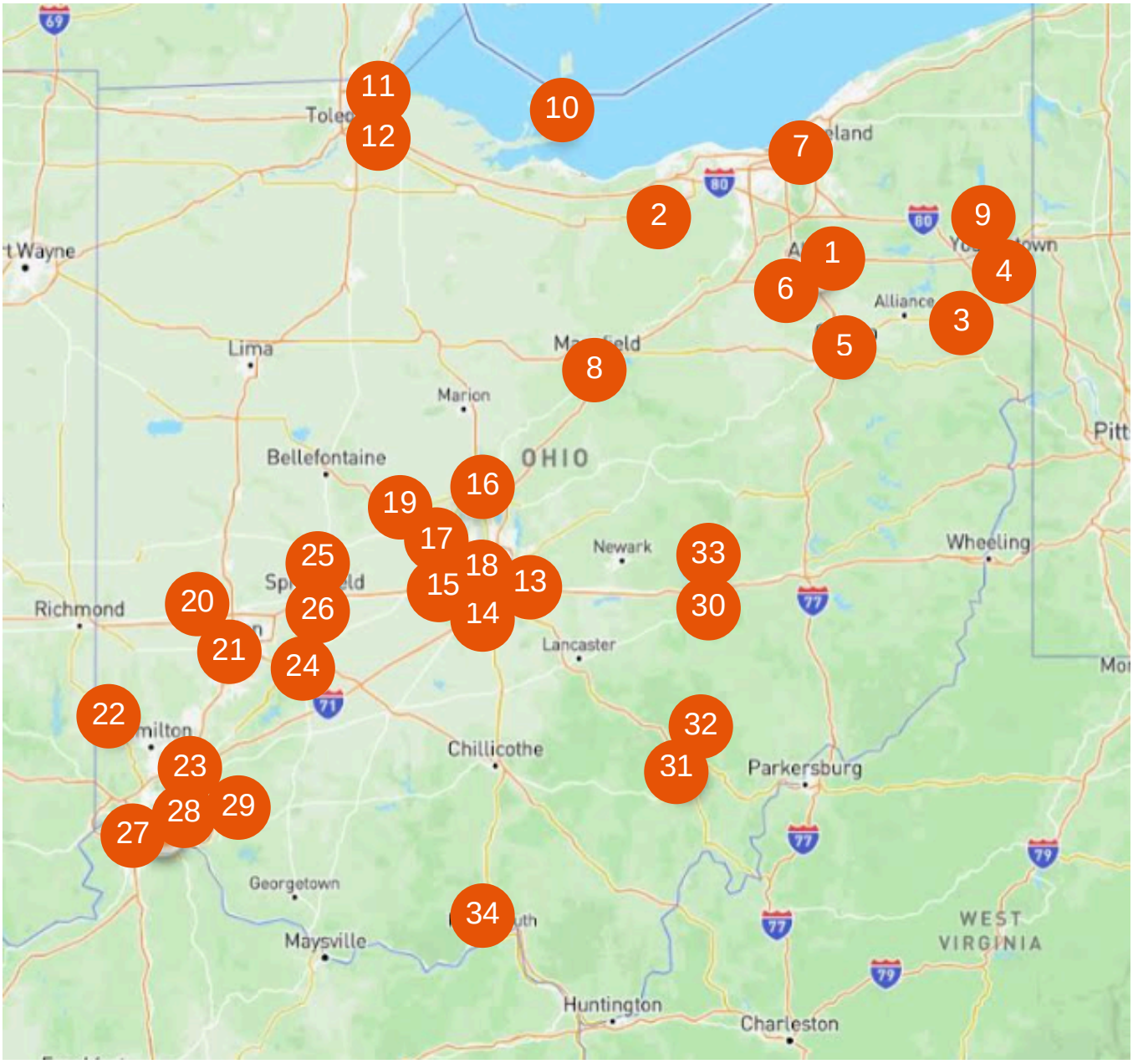

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Northeast

1 Akron Art Museum
Showcasing regional, national and international works since the 1850s, this museum is particularly strong in contemporary painting and sculpture and 20th century photography, including the works by Ohio State University grad Joan Liftin. This celebrated photographer aimed to “live life authentically, and to be ruthless in documenting that life,” wrote an art colleague. Liftin’s photographs capture authenticity with a style that evokes a range of emotions.
1 South High St., Akron
akronartmuseum.org
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Akron/Summit Convention & Visitors Bureau

2 Allen Memorial Art Museum
The Allen Memorial Art Museum is recognized as one of the nation’s top academic art museums. Visitors to this intimate museum are greeted with the museum’s motto carved above the arched entryway - “The Cause of Art is the Cause of the People” by William Morris. This quote perfectly describes the museum’s commitment to sharing art, and the museum even rents original works of art to students to hang in their dorm rooms.
Oberlin College, 87 N. Main St., Oberlin
amam.oberlin.edu
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Lorain County Convention & Visitors Bureau

3 Burchfield Homestead Museum
Called “the most important house in American art history,” the Burchfield Homestead was where the visionary artist spent time "gathering the materials for a lifetime." Charles Burchfield lived and painted in this Salem house from the age of five to 28. He was part of The Cleveland School, an impressive group of watercolorists and other artists that flourished in northeast Ohio between 1910 and 1960.
Open May through October
867 E. Fourth St., Salem
burchfieldhomestead.com
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Columbiana County Visitors Bureau

4 The Butler Institute of American Art
The Butler Institute of American Art is one of the earliest museums dedicated exclusively to collecting, exhibiting, and preserving the art of America’s past, present, and future. Several examples of works interpreting the Ohio story are highlighted, including the celebrated Americans: Youngstown, Ohio, a painting by Alfred Leslie depicting community members faced with uncertainties following a steel plant closure.
524 Wick Ave., Youngstown
butlerart.com
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Explore Mahoning

5 Canton Museum of Art
The Canton Museum of Art houses a collection of artworks focusing on watercolor and ceramics – two areas where Ohio artists have been leaders and revolutionaries. Among the many Ohio artists featured in its collection are August Biehle, Leza McVey, Alice Schille, Claude Hirst, Phyllis Sloane, George Bellows, Edward Potthast, Rudy Autio, Charles Burchfield, Henry Keller, Frank Duveneck, and Emerson Burkhart.
1001 Market Ave. N., Canton
cantonart.org
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Visit Canton Stark County Convention & Visitors’ Bureau

6 Clayton Bailey’s World of Wonder Museum
Clayton Bailey was a renowned pop funk artist who shaped ceramics and metal into eccentric and humorous sculptures. Large-scale whimsical robots, medical curiosities, bones and rockets are example of how Bailey connected art with science fiction.
Open seasonally
225 S. Main St., Akron
curatedstorefront.org/wow
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Akron/Summit Convention & Visitors Bureau

7 The Cleveland Museum of Art
The Cleveland Museum of Art is internationally recognized for its impressive collections. The museum hosts a multitude of works from artists that were based in Ohio or are currently living and working in Ohio, including the work of Jeptha Homer Wade, a famous industrialist in Cleveland, who was also a painter and photographer. His grandson, Jeptha Wade II, founded the museum.
11150 East Boulevard, Cleveland
clevelandart.org
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Destination Cleveland

8 Mansfield Art Center
Don Hisaka was a nationally prominent architect who spent many years in Ohio. The Mansfield Art Center is an example of his geometric and “no nonsense” approach to design. This center features local, regional, national and international artists.
700 Marion Ave., Mansfield
mansfieldartcenter.org
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Destination Mansfield

9 Medici Museum of Art
Medici Museum of Art includes pieces from contemporary and classic artists along with periodic traveling exhibits. “Science Fiction & Hollywood: The Art of John Zabrucky” is an exhibition opening late January 2025 to showcase Ohioan John Zabrucky. He contributed props to hundreds of films such as Ghostbusters and RoboCop (1987), as well as films and TV series in the Star Trek and Marvel/DC franchise.
9350 East Market St., Warren
medicimuseum.org
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Trumbull County Tourism Bureau

Northwest

10 The Charles Herndon Galleries and Sculpture Gardens
Herndon is one of few artists working with stone that traveled with glaciers from the Canadian Shield to Kelleys Island and the surrounding area. He takes this stone, interprets it through his artistic lens, and displays it to the public at his Sculpture Galleries and Gardens.
110 Laylin Ln., Kelleys Island
charlesherndon.com
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Shores & Islands Ohio

Visual Arts
painters, sculptors, photographers

11 Toledo Museum of Art
The museum offers exhibitions that explore all time periods and regions of the globe. From unique contemporary installations to those that explore individual artists or historical themes, there's always something on view to open your eyes and deepen your understanding. The American Studio Glass Art Movement was born in Toledo and continues its legacy here through the Glass Pavilion.
2445 Monroe St., Toledo
toledomuseum.org
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Destination Toledo

12 Glass City River Wall
The largest mural in the country at 170,000 square feet honors the region's agricultural and indigenous heritage. Giant sunflowers and portraits of American Indian women and children cover grain silos. The mural can be seen from afar from several downtown spots. For the best experience, consider booking a tour with J&M Cruise Line.
1306 Miami St., Toledo
urbansight.org
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Destination Toledo

Central

13 Columbus Museum of Art
This museum inspires creativity through its late nineteenth and early twentieth-century American and European modern works of art, including Ohio artists such as Aminah Brenda Lee Robinson, Elijah Pierce, and George Bellows. Columbus-born Bellows was one of the most influential artists of his generation for his gritty portrayals of urban life.
480 E. Broad St., Columbus
columbusmuseum.org
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Experience Columbus

14 Ohio Statehouse
This Greek Revival building houses working government chambers and offices side-by-side public monuments, portraits, sculptures and paintings of important moments in the state's history. Its public art collection and architectural details are highlighted during self-guided, cell phone and guided tours. "Ohioans in Space," the work of Perrysburg artist Bill Hinsch, was unveiled in 2024 and highlights Ohioans who have broken barriers in space exploration.
1 Capitol Square, Columbus
ohiostatehouse.org
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Experience Columbus

15 Ohio Art Council's Riffe Gallery
The OAC's Riffe Gallery is the premier space dedicated to showcasing the work of Ohio artists and curators. As a vital platform for artistic excellence, the gallery highlights the talent found across Ohio's 88 counties. Nationally, the Riffe Gallery stands as a model for public arts investment, demonstrating how a state-supported gallery can elevate artists, engage communities, and contribute to a thriving creative economy.
77 S. High St., Columbus
oac.ohio.gov/riffe-gallery
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Experience Columbus

16 Richard M. Ross Art Museum
The museum's most significant collections are in printmaking and photography, but the museum also prides itself on collecting work by Ohio artists. Among the many Ohio artists exhibited are Sallie Humphreys, Sidney Chafetz and Robert Henri, a leading figure of the Ashcan School of American realism and organizer of a group known as "The Eight," artists who protested the restrictive exhibition practices of the National Academy of Design.
Ohio Wesleyan University, 60 S. Sandusky St., Delaware
owu.edu/about/ross-art-museum
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Delaware County Visitors Bureau

17 Watch House and Circle Mound
Art bridges time and space. In the case of this public art installation, artist Todd Slaughter honors early American Indian culture and our future. It depicts a planetarium and house bridging a recreated Indian earthwork. Watch House and Circle Mound is part of an Art in Public Places collection that includes more than 70 sculptural elements in public spaces.
Coffman Park, 5200 Emerald Parkway, Dublin
dublinarts.org/watchhouse
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Visit Dublin Ohio

18 Wexner Center for the Arts
The Wexner Center for the Arts is a "multidisciplinary, international laboratory for the exploration and advancement of contemporary art." The center offers exhibitions, performances, films, artistic residencies and educational programs. The building, a landmark of postmodern architecture, was designed by Peter Eisenman of New York with Richard Trott of Columbus.
The Ohio State University, 1871 North High St., Columbus
wexarts.org
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Experience Columbus

19 Marysville Art League
The Local Legends exhibit honors Union County residents who have made a significant impact through their artistic contributions. See artwork ranging from paintings and sculptures to sketches and wood carvings. Local artists who have influenced national and international art include sculptor Ann Entis, children's illustrator of *Mother Goose Rhymes* Ella Dolbear Lee, and painter James Mellick. Visitors are invited to participate in the Marysville Art League Creativity Trail Scavenger Hunt, a hands-on experience to help share the stories of local artists.
264 W. Fifth St., Marysville
marysvilleartleague.org
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Union County Tourism

Southwest

20 Dayton Art Institute
Founded in 1919, the museum's collection spans 5,000 years of art history, including important American, Ancient American, Asian and European fine and decorative art collections, and numbers more than 27,000 objects. Among the works are many Ohio artists, such as Don "DonCee" Coulter (born 1970), a contemporary artist from Columbus who uses leather, suede and denim to create landscapes and portraits.
456 Belmonte Park North, Dayton
daytonartinstitute.org
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Destination Dayton

Visual Arts
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21 The Contemporary Dayton
The Contemporary Dayton (The Co) mission statement provides art for its community and a community for artists. Exhibitions and education programs feature artists living and working today, both nationally and in Ohio, with an emphasis on those whose work focuses on issues of social justice.
25 W 4th St., Dayton
codayton.org
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Destination Dayton

22 Richard & Carole Cocks Art Museum
Situated on three acres of scenic sculpture park grounds, the museum features five galleries of changing exhibitions and a growing permanent collection of more than 17,500 artworks. Among its Ohio artists featured is Cincinnati's Elizabeth Nourse, the first American woman to be voted into the Société Nationale des Beaux-Arts.
Miami University, 801 S. Patterson Ave., Oxford
miamioh.edu/cca/art-museum/index.html
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Travel Butler County and Enjoy Oxford Visitors Bureau

23 Cincinnati Art Museum
Cincinnati has been an important center of art and design in the Midwest since the late 1800s. The museum opened in 1886 as the first art museum built specifically for that purpose west of the Allegheny Mountains. In 2003, the museum became the first in the nation to dedicate a wing to its hometown art history. Today, the museum is top-ranked for its collection of more than 67,000 objects, spanning 6,000 years of art.
953 Eden Park Dr., Cincinnati
cincinnatiartmuseum.org
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Visit Cincy

24 The National Afro-American Museum & Cultural Center
Focused on African American contributions to art, history, culture and social movements, this museum has frequent exhibitions of Ohio, national and international artists.
1350 Brush Row Rd., Wilberforce
ohiohistory.org/visit/browse-historical-sites/national-afro-american-museum-cultural-center
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Greene County Ohio Convention and Visitors Bureau

25 Springfield Museum of Art
The Springfield Museum of Art's permanent collection and changing exhibitions include American art, primarily from the Midwest. Ohio art featured includes a large collection of Rookwood pottery, photographs by Berenice Abbott and paintings by George Bellows. The museum is the only Smithsonian Affiliate art museum in the state of Ohio.
107 Cliff Park Rd., Springfield
springfieldart.net
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Visit Greater Springfield

26 Hartman Rock Garden
The Hartman Rock Garden is a nationally recognized art environment by self-taught artist Ben Hartman. After losing his job during the Depression, Hartman turned to art. For the remaining years of his life, he constructed hundreds of structures and figurines in his yard using concrete, metal, glass, stone, wood, and whatever else he could find.
1905 Russell Ave., Springfield
hartmanrocks.org
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Visit Greater Springfield

27 National Underground Railroad Freedom Center
This museum shares the stories of freedom's heroes, from the era of the Underground Railroad to contemporary times. Art is an integral part of these stories. Columbus-born Aminah Robinson was deeply influenced by the tapestry of African American communities in Ohio when she created the RagGonNon works hanging in the museum's grand hall.
50 East Freedom Way, Cincinnati
freedomcenter.org
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Visit Cincy

28 Taft Museum of Art
Robert S. Duncanson painted a series of landscape murals commissioned by art patron Nicholas Longworth to decorate the entry hall of his home, now the Taft Museum of Art. In the late 1840s, Duncanson devoted himself to landscape painting and eventually became the first Black American artist to earn an international reputation.
316 Pike St., Cincinnati
taftmuseum.org
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Visit Cincy

29 John Ruthven Studio & Gallery
John Ruthven, known as the 20th Century Audubon, was a naturalist and painter who focused his work on animals, often birds and dogs. Ruthven was the first wildlife artist to receive the National Medal of Arts and is the most decorated wildlife artist in history. This studio is a replica of Ruthven's and features his artwork and artifact collection from his travels.
130 Longworth St., Milford
ruthven.com
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Visit Cincy

Southeast

30 Alan Cottrill Sculpture Studio and Museum
This is a working artist studio with a group of artists creating monumental-scale sculptures. There are more than 500 sculptures by nationally-known sculptor Alan Cottrill on display, which constitutes the largest body of work on display by any sculptor in the world.
110 South 6th St., Zanesville
alancottril.com
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Zanesville-Muskingum County Convention and Visitors Bureau

31 Dairy Barn Arts Center
The Dairy Barn Arts Center pushes the boundaries of contemporary quilting. Rotating exhibits showcase contemporary art. The center hosts Quilt National, showcasing creative use of materials, technical mastery, and artistic expression.
8000 Dairy Ln., Athens
https://dairybarn.org/
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Visit Athens County Ohio

Visual Arts
painters, sculptors, photographers

32 Kennedy Museum of Art
The museum's largest collections are in prints, photography, ceramics and sculpture, southwest Native American art, and African art.
Ohio University, 100 Ridges Circle, Athens
ohio.edu/museum
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Visit Athens County Ohio

33 Zanesville Museum of Art
In addition to a vast pottery collection, Zanesville Museum of Art has works on paper and decorative arts that span thousands of years. Its Arts of Ohio Galleries feature works illustrating the art, history, and culture of the Buckeye state.
620 Military Rd., Zanesville
zanesvilleart.org
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Zanesville-Muskingum County Convention and Visitors Bureau

34 Southern Ohio Museum & Cultural Center
Visit the Southern Ohio Museum & Cultural Center to explore the works of American Scene painter Clarence Holbrook Carter and Indigenous Adena and Hopewell artifacts. Learn about Carter's artwork from his artistic development to his trove of masterworks in oil and watercolor. The Wertz Gallery features over 10,000 artifacts from native Ohio Indigenous tribes, from practical objects to artwork made of the local environment. Be sure to check the Museum's website for live music and shows that may occur on-site during your visit.
825 Gallia St., Portsmouth
somacc.com
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Portsmouth Scioto County Visitors Bureau

On the Page

authors, poets, picture book illustrators, cartoonists

"All water has a perfect memory and is forever trying to get back to where it was. Writers are like that: remembering where we were, what valley we ran through, what the banks were like, the light that was there, and the route back to our original place,"
Nobel Prize-winning author Toni Morrison from Lorain.

Ohio is the "original" place to many celebrated storytellers, including Toni Morrison (Lorain), Sherwood Anderson (Clyde), James Thurber (Columbus), Harriet Beecher Stowe (Cincinnati), and Superman creators Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster (Cleveland). Through their words and illustrations, Ohioans create new worlds, inspire change and foster community healing.

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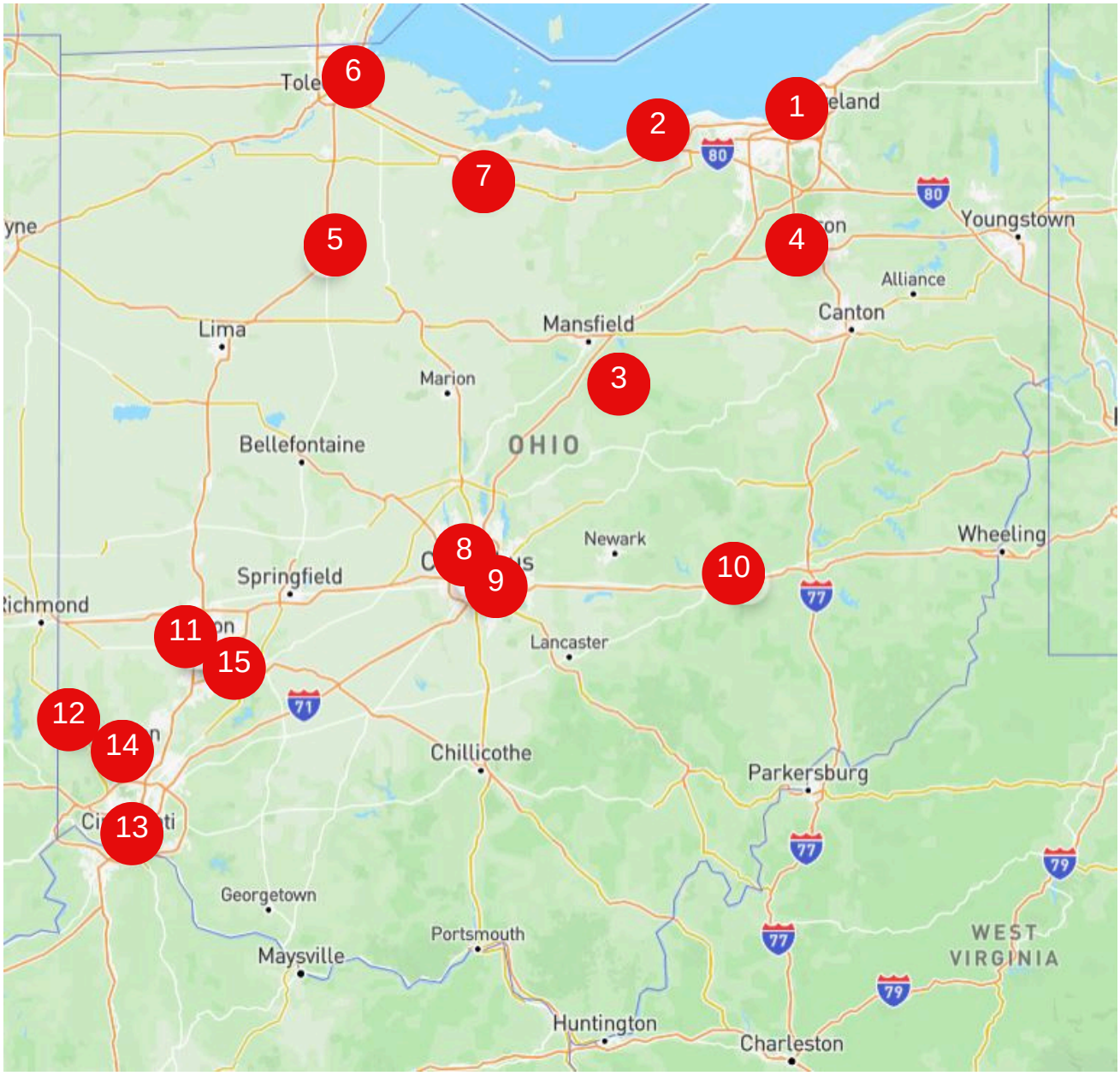

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Northeast

1 Karamu House
Karamu House, a “place of joyful gathering,” has served as a cultural home for Black artists since its founding in 1915, initially drawing neighborhood residents into the settlement house through theatre. It has launched high-level careers and influenced artistic trends in visual arts, dance, and theatre, and produced the works of a host of Black playwrights, most notably Langston Hughes. Exhibits tell these stories and are accessible during operating hours.
2355 E. 89th St., Cleveland
karamuhouse.org
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Destination Cleveland

2 Lorain Public Library - Toni Morrison Room
The Toni Morrison Room honors the life and works of Pulitzer and Nobel Prize-winning author Toni Morrison. When city officials asked how to commemorate her achievements, Morrison said she wished to create a cozy reading room in the library that had nurtured her love of literature.
351 W. Sixth St., Lorain
lorainpubliclibrary.org
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Lorain County Convention and Visitors Bureau

3 Malabar Farm State Park
Louis Bromfield was a Pulitzer Prize-winning author, screenwriter, and conservationist. He made Malabar Farm his home, where he pioneered and wrote about organic farming. The farm also hosted many Hollywood friends, including Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall on their wedding day.
4050 Bromfield Rd., Lucas
ohiodnr.gov/go-and-do/plan-a-visit/find-a-property/malabar-farm-state-park
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Destination Mansfield

4 Maple Valley Branch Library – Rita Dove
As a Poet Laureate of the United States and a Pulitzer Prize-winning poet, Rita Dove writes of identity, history, and social justice. She made poetry accessible and advocated for diverse voices in literature.
1187 Copley Rd., Akron
akronlibrary.org/locations/maple-valley
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Akron/Summit Convention & Visitors Bureau

Northwest

5 Mazza Museum
The Mazza Museum celebrates the original art of picture books using education, exhibits, events and artist visits. It features the largest collection of picture book art in the world.
201 College St., Findlay
mazzamuseum.org
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Visit Findlay

6 Toledo Lucas County Public Library – Nancy Drew Collection
Under the pen name Carolyn Keene, Toledo journalist Mildred Wirt Benson wrote 23 of the first 30 Nancy Drew mysteries between 1930-1953, including the first book in the series.
325 Michigan St., Toledo,
toledolibrary.org/nancydrewcollection
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Destination Toledo

7 The Clyde Museum
Author Sherwood Anderson loosely based his novel *Winesburg, Ohio* on his experiences growing up in Clyde. With its casual dialogue and focus on characters, this novel was among the first examples of Modernistic Literature.
124 W. Buckeye St., Clyde
clydemuseum.org
Open late-March through November
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Sandusky County Visitors Bureau

Central

8 Billy Ireland Cartoon Library and Museum
This museum houses the world’s largest collection of materials related to cartoons and comics. It’s named after a Chillicothe native who used humor and a pen to share opinions as a cartoonist at the *Columbus Dispatch* from 1908-1935.
The Ohio State University, Sullivant Hall, 1813 N. High St., Columbus
cartoons.osu.edu
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Experience Columbus

9 Thurber House
The Thurber House is the restored 1873 home of humorist, cartoonist, author, playwright, and journalist James Thurber. He is considered one of the foremost American humorists of the 20th century.
77 Jefferson Ave., Columbus
thurberhouse.org
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Experience Columbus

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Southeast

10 The National Road & Zane Grey Museum
Zane Grey shaped early perceptions of the Old West through more than 90 books and 100 movies. An avid adventurer, Grey also became one of the first millionaires based on storytelling.
8850 E. Pike, Norwich
nationalroadandzanegreymuseum.org
Open May through October
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Visit Zanesville

Southwest

11 Paul Laurence Dunbar House Historic Site
Dunbar's creative legacy as an author and poet is celebrated at this site, as well as his impact on artistic expression as the first Black American to fully supported himself on his writing.
219 N. Paul Laurence Dunbar St., Dayton
nps.gov/places/dunbar-house.htm
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Destination Dayton

12 William Holmes McGuffey House & Museum
William Holmes McGuffey authored McGuffey's Eclectic Readers, textbooks used in most schools in the 19th century. His work taught the nation to read.
401 E. Spring St., Oxford
miamioh.edu/cca/mcguffey-museum/index.html
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Enjoy Oxford and Travel Butler County

13 Harriet Beecher Stowe House
Harriet Beecher Stowe changed the world with her novel, *Uncle Tom's Cabin*. Her focus on the humanity of freedom seekers and the devastation of maternal loss and family separation made her an important voice in the anti-slavery movement and shifted public opinion in the North.
2950 Gilbert Ave., Cincinnati
stowehousecincy.org
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Visit Cincy

14 Make Way for McCloskey Mural & Lentil Sculpture
Hamilton-born Robert McCloskey wrote and illustrated eight children's books and was awarded two Caldecott Medals for best illustrations. His most famous works include *Make Way for Ducklings, Blueberries for Sal*, and *Homer Price*.
20 High St., Hamilton
fittoncenter.org/streetspark-murals/make-way-for-mccloskey
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Travel Butler County

15 Seed of Life – Oregon District 8/4 Memorial
Poetry builds community and heals. Dayton poet Sierra Leone penned the poem "Remember the seed of" that is an integral part of a mosaic and sculpture park in Dayton honoring victims, survivors and first responders of a 2019 shooting.
530 E. Fifth St., Dayton
8-4memorial.com
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Destination Dayton

Music

singers, songwriters, musicians, instrument makers

Ohio has long been at the center of music movements, with Cleveland being known as the birthplace of the term “rock and roll.” Dayton, Columbus, Toledo, Akron and others fostered local musicians and helped bands rise in popularity. Ohio’s contribution to music extends across the boundaries of genres and even created new ones. Ohio musicians blended blues, jazz, and country into new forms such as funk and hip-hop. The state’s central location between other music hubs exposed artists to different styles and helped spread their new sounds to Nashville, New York and Chicago. Musical opportunities still abound throughout the state of Ohio.

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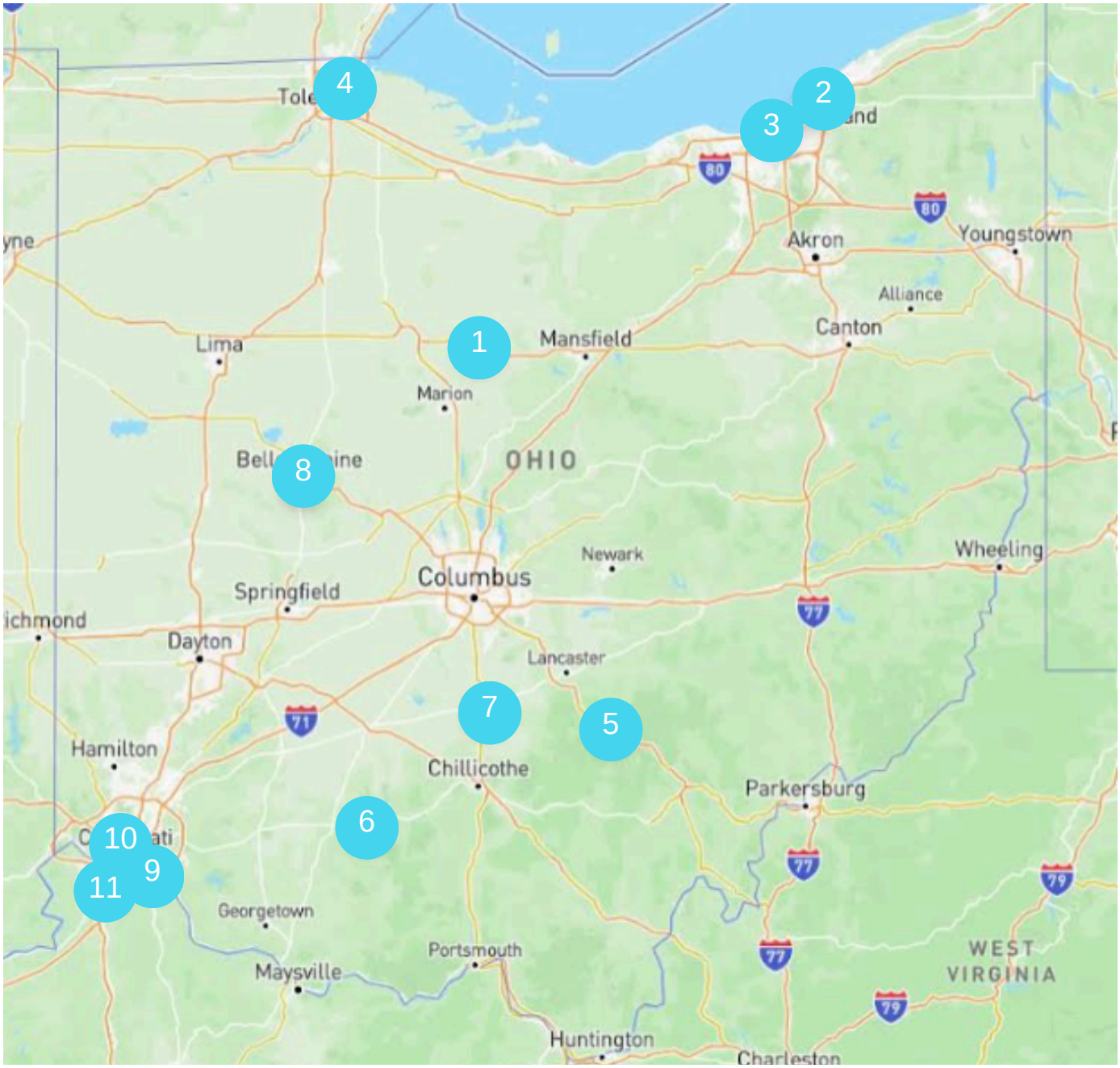

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Northeast

1 Bucyrus Copper Kettle Works
For more than 100 years, national and international orchestras have treasured the exquisite tympani shells made in Bucyrus, Ohio. Their hand-crafted construction results in the unique signature sound prized by percussionists around the world.
119 South Walnut St., Bucyrus
bucyruscopperkettle.com
Factory tours available by calling 419.562.6891
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Visit Bucyrus

2 National Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame
The museum traces the story of the city's home-grown sound from its roots in the old Slovenian neighborhoods to nationwide popularity with audio exhibits, historic photographs and original instruments. The archive preserves 6,000 vintage recordings, dating back to 1913.
605 East 222nd St., Euclid
Open Wednesday and Saturday
clevelandstyle.com
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Destination Cleveland

3 Rock & Roll Hall of Fame
Born from the collision of rhythm & blues, country, and gospel, rock & roll is a spirit that is inclusive and ever-changing. Cleveland earned its place on the rock & roll map in the early 1950s when local disc jockey Alan Freed was the first to call the R&B music he was playing on his nightly radio show “rock and roll.” From then on, Ohio has played a crucial role in rock’s expansion across the country and generations. Check out the "Cleveland Rocks" exhibit to learn more about some of the artists who hail from Ohio. Ohioans featured throughout the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame include Tracy Chapman, Chrissie Hynde, and many more.
1100 Rock and Roll Blvd., Cleveland
rockhall.com
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Destination Cleveland

Northwest

4 Sacred Steel Music & History Museum
This unique museum celebrates the vibrant tradition of Sacred Steel, a musical genre rooted in the African American Holiness-Pentecostal churches. Explore an extensive collection of steel guitars, historical artifacts, and multimedia exhibits that tell the stories of pioneering musicians who shaped this soulful sound. Engage with interactive displays and listening stations, and experience live performances at the Harmony House Performing Arts Center.
2108 Collingwood Blvd., Toledo
sacredstrings.com
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Destination Toledo

Southeast

5 The Columbus Washboard Company
This company still has a loyal base of customers who use washboards for their laundry, including the Amish Community. However, today’s washboard markets also include those who use them as musical instruments. Held annually on Father’s Day Weekend, the world-famous Washboard Fest features authentic Appalachian bluegrass and folk music as a testament to the story and culture of the area.
4 East Main St., Logan
Open Monday-Saturday. Factory tours available by calling 740.380.3828
columbuswashboard.com
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Hocking Hills Tourism Association

6 Music Makers Museum
Chronicling the development of music recording and playing technology, this museum also spotlights how Ohioans contributed to funk, blues, country and other music genres. Among the many stories told at the museum are how Milan, Ohio native Thomas Edison invented the phonograph, early Ohio influences on blues and jazz and King Records in Cincinnati which launched many careers.
11885 U.S. Highway 50, Hillsboro
Open seasonally. Call one week prior to schedule a visit at 937.763.1864
musicmakersmuseum.com
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Visitors Bureau of Highland County Ohio

Central

7 The Ted Lewis Museum
Is Everybody Happy? With his trademark battered top hat and clarinet, Circleville's own Ted Lewis drew standing room only houses, sold millions of records, starred in every entertainment medium from Vaudeville to television, and captured the hearts of audiences for six decades. Lewis was a renowned jazz musician and entertainer known for his influential contributions to the jazz genre.
133 West Main St., Circleville
Open Saturday
tedlewismuseum.org
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Pickaway County Visitors Bureau

8 Logan County History Center
The Mills Brothers were the first black artists to have their own show on national network radio. Born in Piqua, Ohio, the brothers moved to Bellefontaine in their early teens. Bellefontaine remained their home base for many years when they began touring the world performing. The museum has a large exhibit on the Mills Brothers featuring more than 100 album covers, as well as photos from the Mills family.
521 East Columbus Ave., Bellefontaine
Open Wednesday through Sunday
loganhistory.org
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Logan County Visitor’s Bureau

Music

singers, songwriters, musicians, instrument makers

Southwest

9 Cincinnati Black Music Walk of Fame
Experience augmented reality activations, an experiential drum machine honoring 50 years of Hip-Hop, a musical waterfall, nightly jam sessions, as well as interactive kiosks that honor the contributions of Black musical artists. Among the inductees honored at this outdoor experience are The Isley Brothers, Bootsy Collins, Dr. Charles Fold, Otis Williams, Penny Ford, Midnight Star, DJ Hi-Tek, Wilbert Longmire, Phillipe Wynne, Louis Shropshire, James Brown, and The Deele featuring LA Reid and Babyface.
190 W. Merhing Way, Cincinnati
cincyblackmusicwalkoffame.org
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Visit Cincy

10 Cincinnati Music Hall
The music hall is home to the Cincinnati Opera, Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, Cincinnati Ballet, and the May Festival, the longest-running choral festive in the Western hemisphere. Though the hall has a reputation for presenting classical music, it has also welcomed contemporary artists, including Frank Sinatra, Elton John, and Pink Floyd.
1241 Elm St., Cincinnati
Music Hall tours available by calling 513.621.2787 or through the website
friendsofmusichall.org
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Visit Cincy

11 Cincinnati Music Heritage Mural
A love letter to the Cincinnati music scene, this 18,000-square-foot mural pays tribute to 10 music legends who originated or launched their careers in Cincinnati, including James Brown, Mamie Smith, Bootsy Collins, Doris Day and H-Bomb Ferguson. To learn more about these musicians, as well as the legendary King Records which operated in Cincinnati, visit the link below before or during your visit.
100 W. Fifth St., Cincinnati
visitcincy.com/blog/post/visit-the-largest-contiguous-public-mural-in-ohio
Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Visit Cincy

Glass & Pottery

artisans, glass blowers, ceramics artisans

Ohio's rich deposits of sand, clay, and limestone provided the raw materials for Indigenous peoples to craft practical and ceremonial items. Later, this abundance of materials, along with shipping and rail access, led to a thriving pottery industry in cities like East Liverpool and Zanesville. Ohioans played key roles in the Studio Glass Movement and the American Art Pottery Movement. Cincinnati became a center for decorative arts with the Rookwood Pottery Company, known for its innovative blend of American and Japanese aesthetics. Known as the "Glass City," Toledo inspires artists to push creative boundaries. Across Ohio, countless opportunities await to discover unique artistic and functional pieces, learn from skilled experts, and experience the stories that breathe life into these astonishing designs.

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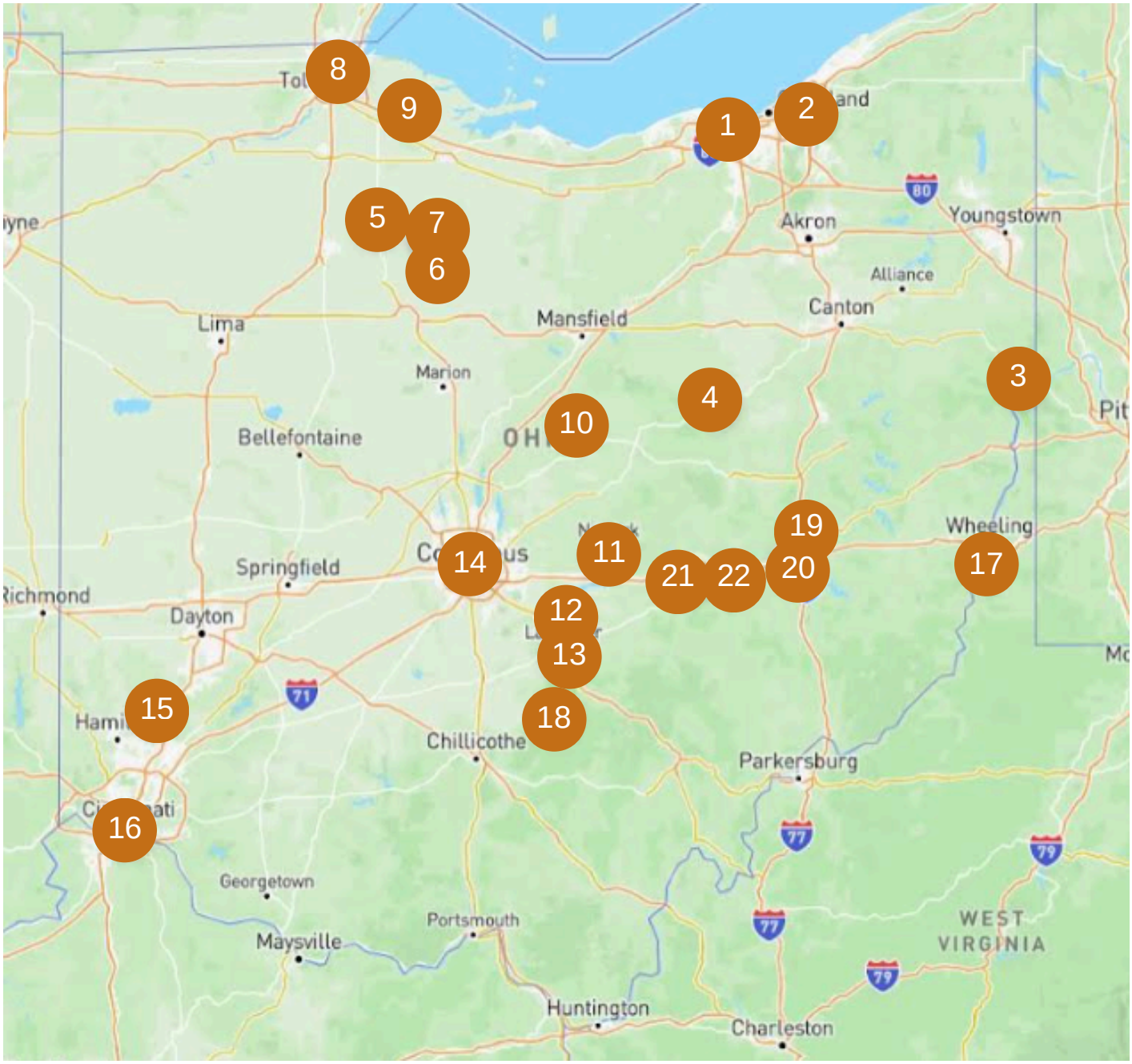

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Northeast

1 Cowan Pottery Museum
The museum is located on the first floor of Rocky River Public Library. It features more than 1,200 pieces of a distinctive form of American art pottery created by R. Guy Cowan and his associates at the Cowan Pottery Studio in Lakewood from 1913-1917 and in Rocky River from 1920-1931. The company was one of the nation's leading potteries during the 1920s.
1600 Hampton Rd., Rocky River
rrpl.org/cowan
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Destination Cleveland

2 Museum of American Porcelain Art
A Cleveland entrepreneur began collecting and trading porcelain art. Wanting to give back to his community, he opened the Museum of American Porcelain Art to share and preserve the works of five major American porcelain studios. The museum offers porcelain painting classes.
4645 Mayfield Rd., South Euclid
americanporcelainart.org
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Destination Cleveland

3 Museum of Ceramics
The Museum of Ceramics highlights the craftsmanship of skilled potters in the East Liverpool Pottery District beginning in the 1840s until today. East Liverpool was the center of the ceramic industry in America. In addition to a vast collection, the museum depicts production with life-size dioramas of a jigger shop, kiln, and decorating shop. Classes and workshops are offered.
400 East Fifth St., East Liverpool
Open seasonally
themuseumofceramics.com
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Downtown East Liverpool

4 Millersburg Glass Museum
Millersburg Glass operated for less than four years, 1909-1912, making their iridescent carnival glass pieces extraordinarily rare. The museum features 400 glass masterpieces cherished by collectors worldwide. The company's founder was John Fenton, one of the original founders of the Fenton Art Glass Company that opened in Martins Ferry, Ohio.
484 Wooster Rd., Millersburg
Open seasonally
holmeshistory.com
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Holmes County Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Bureau

Northwest

5 Fostoria Glass Heritage Gallery
During the heyday of Ohio glassmaking, Fostoria was home to 13 glass manufacturing companies. Access to natural gas and a vast railroad network drew investors to create everything from lanterns, lamps, tableware, tiles and colorful collectibles. The museum displays items from 10 of these companies.
109 E. Main St., Fostoria
Open seasonally
fostoriaglass.com
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Destination Seneca County

6 Hawkes Crystal
The original T.G. Hawkes & Co. was founded in 1880. Before the decade was over, Hawkes Crystal would take Europe by storm as the first American cutting shop to win the coveted Grand Prize at the Paris Exposition in 1889. Today, one of only three Master Crystal Cutters in the nation continues the legacy on-site.
207 S. Washington St., Tiffin
hawkescrystal.com
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Destination Seneca County

7 Tiffin Glass Museum
Tiffin Glass operated for 100 years, one of the few major glass manufacturers to survive the Depression. They produced pressed glass and diversified in later years into blown glass. This small museum displays many of the company's pieces, including special order designs from Elvis Presley.
27 S. Washington St., Tiffin
Open seasonally
tiffinglass.org
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Destination Seneca County

8 Toledo Museum of Art Glass Pavilion
The American Studio Glass Art Movement was born in a garage at the Toledo Museum of Art in 1962. Today, the glass pavilion is an active space for local glass artists and hosts demonstrations and classes. The pavilion has a world-renowned glass collection and features more than 5,000 works of art from ancient to contemporary times. Museum benefactor and glass industrialist Edward Drummond Libbey opened the W. Libbey and Son Company (now known as Libbey) in 1888.
2444 Monroe St., Toledo
toledomuseum.org
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Destination Toledo

9 Packer Creek Pottery
Since 1979, Packer Creek Pottery has been dedicated to creating beautiful and functional handmade pottery. Jan Pugh has spent over four decades crafting homemade pottery and has contributed to the rich history of the studio and shop. Each piece displayed was hand-crafted in Ohio and proudly displays a unique and fun experience. Many celebrities own Packer Creek pieces, including Julie Andrews and Barbara Bush.
103 E. 8th St., Genoa
packercreekpottery.com
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Shores & Islands

Central

10 Ariel-Foundation Park
Glass-making opportunities and jobs brought an influx of Belgian families to central Ohio, influencing food, music and culture. When Pittsburgh Plate Glass closed its Mount Vernon factory in the '70s, buildings fell into disrepair. In an amazing example of adaptive use, a 250-acre park now stands and incorporates former factory architectural elements and tells the story of glass-making.
10 Pittsburgh Ave., Mount Vernon
arielfoundationpark.org
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Visit Knox County

Glass & Pottery

artisans, glass blowers, ceramics artisans

11 The National Heisey Glass Museum
The A.H. Heisey Company crafted fine quality glass tableware and decorative figurines. Both pressed and blown glassware were made in many patterns and colors between 1896 and 1957. In addition to more than 6,000 pieces, the museum exhibits cuttings, etchings, engravings, tools, and experimental pieces.
169 W. Church St., Newark
heiseymuseum.org
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Explore Licking County

12 Gay Fad Studios and Glass Museum
In 1945, Fran Taylor moved her glassware company to Lancaster, Ohio. It was here that she blazed a pioneering trail in midcentury glassware. Throughout the years, Gay Fad Studios developed multiple methods to decorate glassware with brilliant accuracy and durability. Today, Gay Fad offers new and vintage midcentury glassware inspired by the company that broke the glass ceiling.
137 W. Main St., Lancaster
gayfadstudios.com
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Fairfield County Visitors and Convention Bureau

13 Ohio Glass Museum & Glass Blowing Studio
Examples and stories of early glass making to present-day glass manufacturing meet at the Ohio Glass Museum, which also features rotating exhibits. Glass-blowing classes and demonstrations, as well as fused glass workshops, are available.
124 West Main St., Lancaster
ohioglassmuseum.org
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Fairfield County Visitors and Convention Bureau

14 Ohio History Center
The Ohio History Center exhibits Ohio-made ceramics, including stoneware, earthenware, yellowware, whiteware, art pottery, ceramic tile, and porcelain. The collection also includes tools used to make ceramics, such as molds and machinery. This large museum is managed by the Ohio History Connection.
800 E 17th Ave., Columbus
ohiohistory.org
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Experience Columbus

Southwest

15 BeauVerre Riordan Studios
This studio is the oldest continuously operating stained glass studio in the United States. It began in 1838 and continues its legacy of creating stained glass works and restorations. Classes are offered, as are private guided tours upon appointment.
1054 Central Ave., Middletown
beauverre.net
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Travel Butler County

16 Rookwood Pottery Company
As the 1880's founder of Rookwood Pottery, Maria Longworth Nichols Storer was the first woman in the United States to own a manufacturing company. The company continues to produce high quality art pottery and architectural tiles. It's known for its innovative artistic glazes and hand-painted designs, continuing to influence ceramic art worldwide. Factory tours and classes are available.
1920 Race St., Cincinnati
rookwood.com
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Visit Cincy

Southeast

17 National Imperial Glass Museum
Housed in the former Imperial Glass Company office building, this colorful museum showcases more than 3,000 pieces. Learn about the unique styles of Imperial products, the company's advertising and the people who worked there.
3200 Belmont St., Bellaire
imperialglass.org
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Belmont County Tourism Council

18 Jack Pine Studio
This Hocking Hills artist studio showcases glassworks that blend traditional techniques with contemporary flair while also showcasing 100+ artists from across the country, including nationally-recognized Jack Pine and his ornate designs. It offers glass blowing demonstrations, workshops, and studio tours.
21397 OH-180, Laurelville
jackpinestudio.com
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Hocking Hills Tourism Association

19 Mosser Glass
Tom Mosser began the company in an abandoned chicken coop. A generation later, the Mosser family continues to produce sought-after pressed glass items, including tableware and collectibles. Factory tours and a retail store are available.
9279 Cadiz Rd., Cambridge
mosserglass.com
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Cambridge/Guernsey County Visitors & Convention Bureau

20 National Museum of Cambridge Glass
Experience what it was like to work as an artisan at The Cambridge Glass Company (1902 – 1958). Original tools and more than 9,000 hand-crafted glass pieces are on display.
136 S. 9th St., Cambridge
cambridgeglassmuseum.org
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Cambridge/Guernsey County Visitors & Convention Bureau

Glass & Pottery

artisans, glass blowers, ceramics artisans

21 Zanesville Museum of Art

In addition to access to clay and silica, Zanesville pottery manufacturers had access to water and rail, as well as wood, coal and gas to fire kilns. As the industry grew, so did the skills of its workforce, inspiring innovations in machinery and processes. Learn more at the American Art Pottery gallery at the Zanesville Museum of Art.

620 Military Rd., Zanesville

zanesvilleart.org

- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:

Zanesville-Muskingum County Convention and Visitors Bureau

22 Zanesville Pottery

Rich clay deposits in southeast Ohio led to pottery making by Indigenous people, as well as early settlers. Zanesville became a center of mass-produced pottery, with skilled workers producing dinnerware, crocks, storage jars, and tile. Zanesville Pottery formed in 1945 as a store representing the local factories in the area.

7395 East Pike, Zanesville

zanesvillepottery.com

- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:

Zanesville-Muskingum County Convention and Visitors Bureau

Carousels

carvers, band organs, working carousels

Carousels evoke nostalgia, especially in Ohio, home to one of the largest collections in the United States. Introduced by German immigrants, carousels and carousel carving quickly took hold in the nation. The first carousel to operate in the United States is said to have occurred in Hessville, Ohio, in the 1840s. Cincinnati soon became home to two carousel manufacturers during the art form's heyday. In 1986, Carousel Works out of Mansfield revitalized the tradition after decades of dormancy. When the company closed following the pandemic, several of these artisans set up shop in Ohio to continue the legacy. Ohio also influenced carousel music, with two band organ companies - Wurlitzer Company (founded in Cincinnati) and the Stinson Band Organ Company (Bellefontaine).

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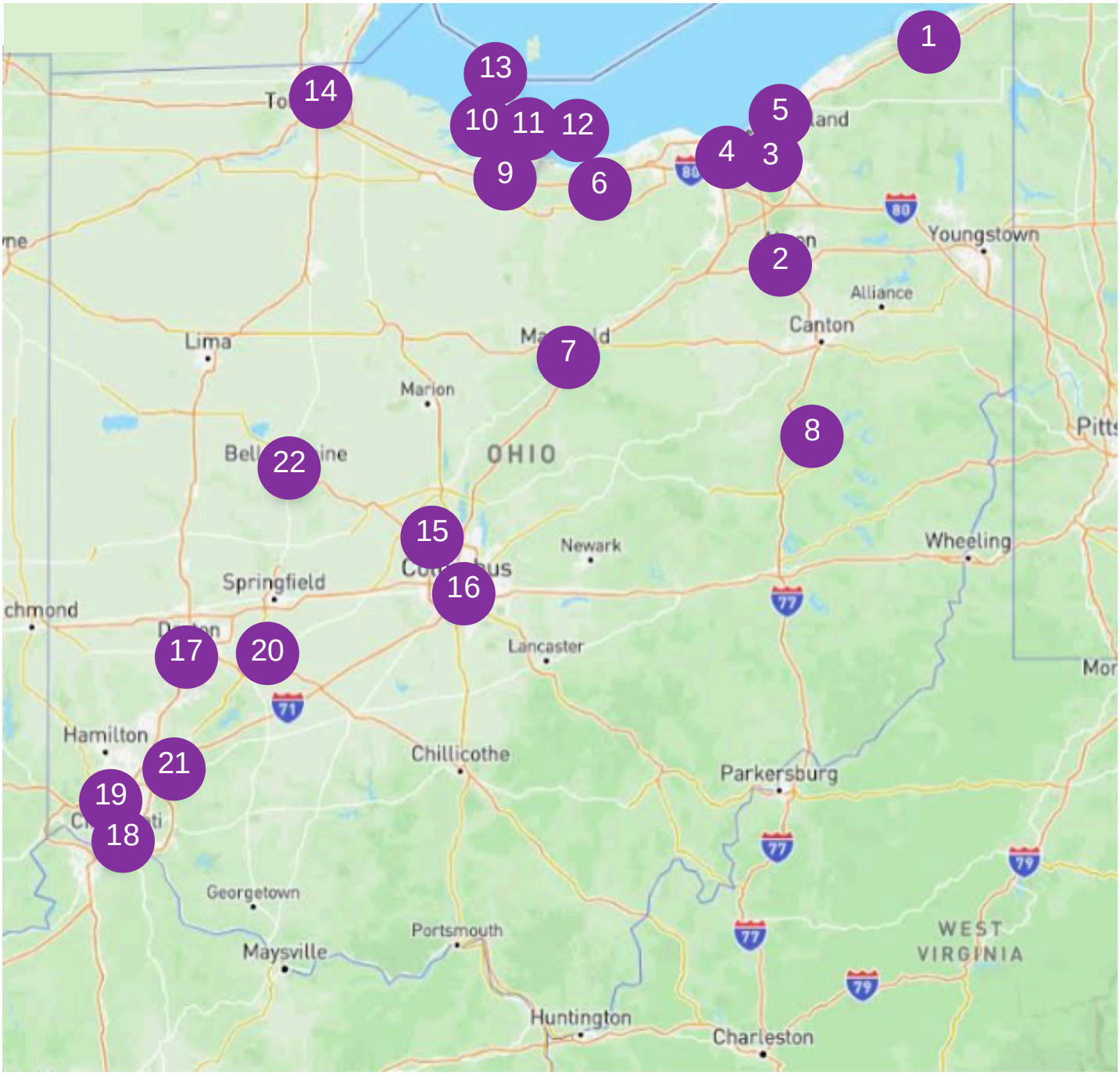

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Northeast

1 Adventure Zone Carousel
1957 Allan Herschell metal carousel
Adventure Zone, 5600 Lake Rd. E., Geneva-on-the-Lake
Open seasonally
adventurezonefun.com
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Ashtabula County Visitors Bureau

2 Akron Zoo Conservation Carousel
2019 Carousel Works wood carousel
Akron Zoo, 500 Edgewood Ave., Akron
Open year-round
akronzoo.org
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Akron/Summit Convention & Visitors Bureau

3 Circle of Wildlife Carousel
2014 Carousel Works wood carousel
Cleveland Metroparks Zoo, 3900 Wildlife Way, Cleveland
Open year-round
clevelandmetroparks.com/zoo
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Destination Cleveland

4 Memphis Kiddie Park Carousel
1950 Allan Herschell metal carousel
Memphis Kiddie Park, 10340 Memphis Ave., Cleveland
Open seasonally
memphiskiddiepark.com
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Destination Cleveland

5 Euclid Beach Park Grand Carousel
1910 Philadelphia Toboggan Company (PTC #19) wood carousel with North Tonawanda Musical Instrument Works band organ
Cleveland History Center, Western Reserve Historical Society, 10825 E. Boulevard, Cleveland
Open year-round, Thursday through Sunday
wrhs.org
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Destination Cleveland

6 Schoepfle Garden Carousel
1960s Theel metal carousel
Schoepfle Garden, 11106 Market St., Wakeman
Open seasonally
loraincountymetroparks.com/schoepfle-garden
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Lorain County Convention & Visitors Bureau

7 Richland Carrousel Park
1991 Carousel Works wood carousel with Stinson Band Organ
75 N. Main St., Mansfield
Open year-round
richlandcarrousel.com
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Destination Mansfield

8 Tuscora Park Carousel
1928 Herschell-Spillman wood carousel with 1928 Wurlizer 153
Tuscora Park, 161 Tuscora Ave., NW, New Philadelphia
Open seasonally
tuscorapark.com
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Tuscarawas County Convention and Visitors Bureau

Northwest

9 **Merry-Go-Round Museum**
1939 Allan Herschell Carousel populated with both newly-carved and period horses and menagerie animals. Wurlitzer 105 band organ.
One of only a handful of carousel museums in the nation, this museum has working carvers, more than 200 carousel figures ranging in dates from 1865-1935, a carousel and gift shop.
301 Jackson St., Sandusky
Open February through December
merrygoroundmuseum.org
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Shores & Islands Ohio

10 Midway Carousel
1915 D.C. Muller & Bro. wood carousel with Wurlitzer 153 band organ
Cedar Point, 1 Cedar Point Dr., Sandusky
Open seasonally
cedarpoint.com
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Shores & Islands Ohio

11 Kiddy Kingdom Carousel
1924 W.H. Dentzel wood carousel
Cedar Point, 1 Cedar Point Dr., Sandusky
Open seasonally
cedarpoint.com
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Shores & Islands Ohio

12 Cedar Downs Racing Derby
1921 Prior & Church Racing Derby, wood
Cedar Point, 1 Cedar Point Dr., Sandusky
Open seasonally
cedarpoint.com
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Shores & Islands Ohio

13 Kimberly's Carousel
1917 Allan Herschell wood carousel with Wurlitzer 146A band organ
160 Delaware Ave., Put-In-Bay
Open seasonally
carriagehousepib.com/carousel
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Shores & Islands Ohio and Put-in-Bay Chamber of Commerce

Carousels

carvers, band organs, working carousels

14 The Toledo Zoo African Carousel
2003 Carousel Works wood carousel
Toledo Zoo & Aquarium, 2 Hippo Way, Toledo
Carousel operates seasonally
toledozoo.org
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Destination Toledo

Central

15 The Grand Carousel
1914 Mangels-Illions wood carousel with Wurlitzer 153 band organ
Columbus Zoo and Aquarium, 4850 W. Powell Rd., Powell
Open daily; carousel closed January and February
columbuszoo.org
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Delaware County Visitors Bureau

16 Columbus Commons Carousel
2011 Carousel Works wood carousel
160 S High St., Columbus
Open seasonally
columbuscommons.org/visit/the-carousel
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Experience Columbus

Southwest

17 Carousel of Dayton Innovation
2011 Carousel Works wood carousel
Carillon Historic Park, 1000 Carillon Blvd., Dayton
Open year-round
daytonhistory.org
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Destination Dayton

18 Carol Anne's Carousel
2015 Carousel Works wood carousel
Smale Riverfront Park, 8 E. Merhing Way, Cincinnati
Closed Jan. 25 through Feb. 10
mysmaleriverfrontpark.org/carousel
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Visit Cincy

19 Cincinnati Zoo Carousel
2023 Chance Rides
3400 Vine St., Cincinnati
Open year-round
cincinnatizoo.org
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Visit Cincy

20 Cowtherine's Carousel
2024 Chance Rides
Young's Jersey Dairy, 6880 Springfield-Xenia Rd., Yellow Springs
Open year-round
youngsdairy.com
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Greene County Ohio Convention and Visitors Bureau

21 Grand Carousel
1926 Philadelphia Toboggan Company wood carousel with 1926 Wurlitzer 157 band organ
Kings Island, 6300 Kings Island Dr., Mason
Open seasonally
visitkingsisland.com
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Warren County Convention & Visitors Bureau

Related Site

22 Logan County History Center
Exhibits and band organ made by Stinson Band Organ Co. in Bellefontaine
521 E Columbus Ave., Bellefontaine
Open Wednesday through Sunday
loganhistory.org
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Logan County Visitor's Bureau

Note: Ohio has 22 operating carousels, but one is within a private event space so it is not included in the list above.

Folk & Traditional Arts

designers, masters, creators of functional art

Ohio has made significant contributions to the arts through its influence on fashion, advertising, and folk traditions, blending creativity, craftsmanship, and innovation. The state's role in textile production, introduction of department stores, and the work of influential designers such as Charles James and Isabel Toledo highlight its impact on fashion history. Likewise, Ohio's legacy in advertising is prominent, exemplified by the iconic Mail Pouch Tobacco barn ads and the Goodyear Blimp, which demonstrate the state's pioneering spirit in visual communication and marketing.

Ohio’s vibrant folk-art traditions, influenced by its diverse immigrant, regional culture and religious communities, showcase the state's commitment to preserving heritage through quilting, woodworking, and storytelling. From the minimalist yet elegant designs of Shaker artisans to the intricate carvings displayed at the Warther Museum, the question of whether function or beauty holds greater importance need not have an answer. Ohioans value their heritage, which is reflected not only in building preservation but also in the ways traditional folk art practices are preserved, taught, and celebrated.

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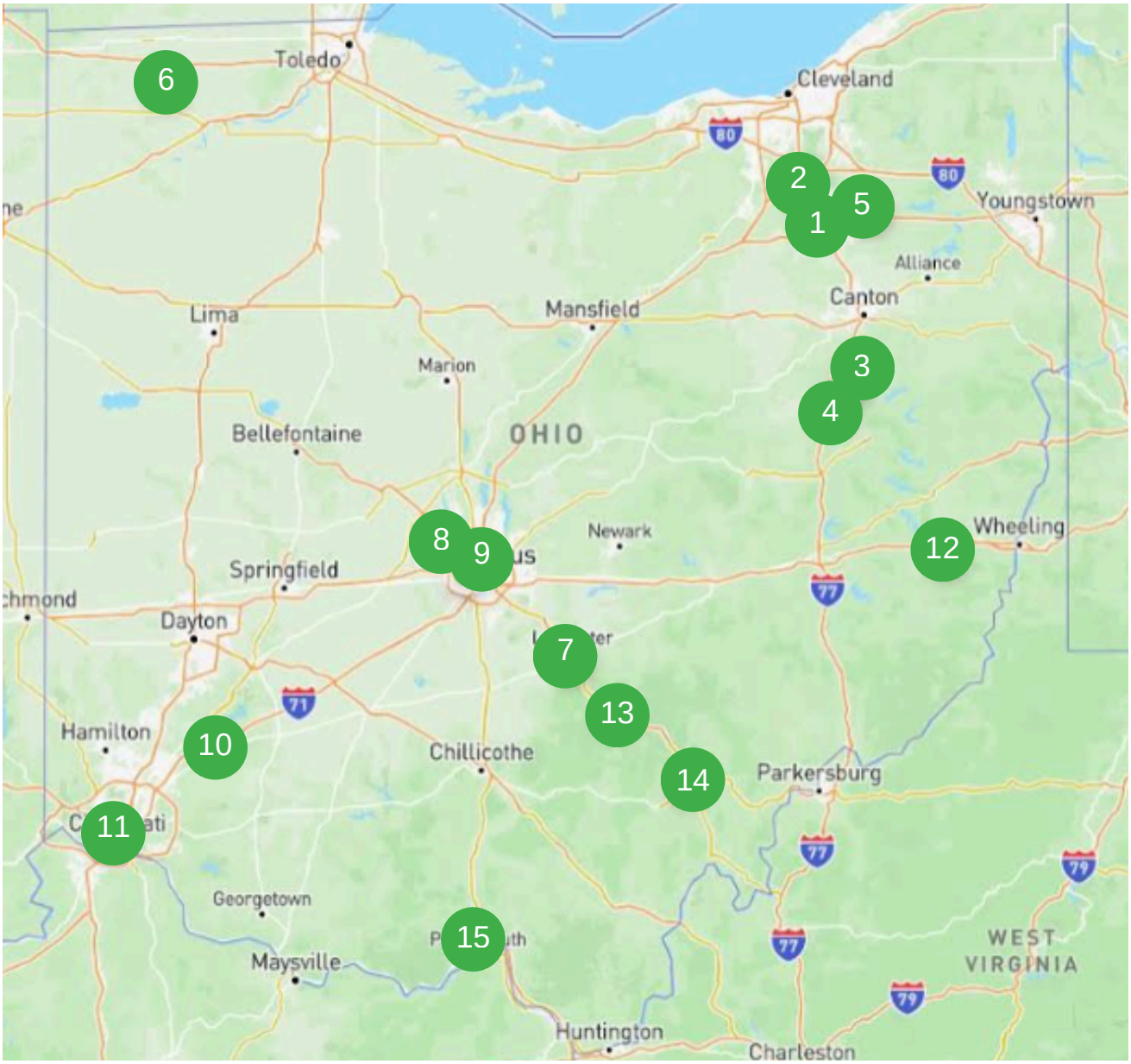

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Northeast

1 Donn Drumm Studios & Gallery
In the late 1950s, Don Drumm pioneered the use of cast aluminum as an artistic medium. He has also been an innovator in the use of contemporary building materials and techniques for the creation of arts and crafts. Drumm's work is showcased in many public art exhibits and has been commissioned globally.
347 Crouse St., Akron
drummstudios.com
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Akron/Summit Convention & Visitors Bureau

2 Hale Farm & Village
A living history museum within the boundaries of the Cuyahoga Valley National Park, Hale Farm & Village provides visitors with a 19th century rural life experience in Ohio. Learn how tradespeople transformed ordinary materials of the day into beautiful – and useful – items. Artistic demonstrations are offered daily highlighting the skills people used to operate their farms and build the Western Reserve – glassblowing, pottery, weaving, candlemaking, etc.
2686 Oak Hill Rd., Bath
Open seasonally
wrhs.org/plan-visit/places-to-visit/hale-farm-village
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Destination Cleveland

3 Historic Zoar Village
Established in 1817 by German religious dissenters, Zoar Village was inhabited by a communal society until 1898 – making it one of the longest-lasting communal settlements in the U.S. Today, Zoar is renowned for its well-preserved 19th century architecture and offers visitors 45 historic buildings to explore, such as the Bimeler House & Museum, which features rotating art exhibits.
198 Main St., Zoar
Open seasonally
historiczoarvillage.com
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Travel Tuscarawas County

4 Ernest Warther Museum & Gardens
The Ernest Warther Museum features the complete collection of artist Ernest "Mooney" Warther, who hand-sculpted more than 60 works and earned the title, World's Master Carver. The museum is built around the original location of Ernest and his wife's home and is operated by third and fourth generation family members. Guided tours are offered daily during public hours.
331 Karl Ave., Dover
Open seasonally
thewarthermuseum.com
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Travel Tuscarawas County

5 Kent State University Museum
Home to extraordinary collections of historic dress, fashion, textiles and decorative arts, the Kent State University Museum features works by many of the world's greatest artists and designers. Rotating exhibitions showcase the artistry and innovative techniques of artists from around the world.
515 Hilltop Dr., Kent
kent.edu/museum
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Discover Portage

Northwest

6 Sauder Village
Step back in time on a visit to Ohio's largest historic village, depicting Ohio life from 1803 to 1928. The 235-acre Village complex includes a living history farm and craft village preserving more than 75 historic structures and nearly 50,000 artifacts. Sauder Village is also home to artisans and craftsmen who demonstrate skills that were vital to everyday life – glass blowing, quilting, basketmaking and woodcarving, etc.
2261 State Route 2, Archbold
Open seasonally
saudervillage.org
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Explore Fulton County

Central

7 Decorative Arts Center of Ohio
Located in one of the finest examples of a Greek Revival home – this center offers rotating exhibits highlighting various aspects of the decorative arts, as well as tours of the home's architecture, period furnishings and collections. Classes and workshops for all ages are offered regularly.
145 E Main St., Lancaster
decartsohio.org
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Visit Fairfield County

8 Ohio Craft Museum
Operated by the Ohio Designer Craftsmen, the Ohio Craft Museum annually presents four exhibitions of fine craft, including a juried showcase of Ohio Designer Craftsmen members' works. Their collection comprises of 250+ works in clay, glass, metal, fiber, wood and mixed media, including the works of world-renowned sculptor Dorothy Gill Barnes and Ohio ceramics artist Jack Earl.
1665 W 5th Ave., Columbus
ohiocraft.org
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Experience Columbus

9 Ohio History Center
The Ohio History Center is the primary museum of Ohio's history and serves as a research and archive center. Its collection is vast and includes artifacts from most time periods. This large museum is managed by the Ohio History Connection.
800 E 17th Ave., Columbus
ohiohistory.org
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Experience Columbus

Folk & Traditional Arts
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Southwest

10 Harmon Museum & Art Gallery
This museum has large Shaker, textiles and folk art collections. The indoor Village Green is a recreated 19th century town square with 12 shop, including a general store, daguerreotype studio, milliner, sweet shop, post office.
105 S. Broadway, Lebanon
wchsmuseum.org/harmonmuseum.html
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Warren County Convention & Visitors Bureau

11 American Sign Museum
The American Sign Museum pays homage to the ingenuity of artists and the craftsmanship of days gone by. Featuring a collection representing nearly 100 years of signage, the museum also highlights signage, branding, and placemaking history and offers weekly guided tours and neon demonstrations.
1330 Monmouth Ave., Cincinnati
americansignmuseum.org
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Visit Cincy

Southeast

12 Barkcamp State Park
Nestled in the Sandstone hills of the Appalachian Plateau, Barkcamp State Park is one of the few places where visitors can glimpse what Ohio's forests looked like prior to settlement. A highlight is the antique barn with a painting of the Mail Pouch Tobacco logo. Painted by Belmont native Harley Warrick, this is one of 20,000 barns he painted across the US.
65330 Barkcamp Rd., Belmont
ohiodnr.gov/go-and-do/plan-a-visit/find-a-property/barkcamp-state-park
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Belmont County Tourism Council

13 Home Grown on Main
Home Grown on Main is a community space promoting the works of more than 90 different local artists from the Appalachia region. Workshops and demonstrations in various disciplines are regularly offered.
65 W Main St., Logan
explorehockinghills.com
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Hocking Hills Tourism Association

14 Dairy Barn Arts Center
The Dairy Barn Arts Center offers exhibitions, year-round classes and events that promote local artists and provide community access to fine arts and crafts. Internationally renowned for showcasing the art of quilting, the Dairy Barn also hosts a biennial exhibition called Quilt National that draws thousands of tourists to Athens.
8000 Dairy Ln., Athens
dairybarn.org
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Visit Athens County Ohio

15 Southern Ohio Museum & Cultural Center
Visit the Southern Ohio Museum & Cultural Center to explore the works of American Scene painter Clarence Holbrook Carter and Indigenous Adena and Hopewell artifacts. Learn about Carter's artwork from his artistic development to his trove of masterworks in oil and watercolor. The Wertz Gallery features over 10,000 artifacts from native Ohio Indigenous tribes, from practical objects to artwork made of the local environment. Be sure to check the Museum's website for live music and shows that may occur on-site during your visit.
825 Gallia St., Portsmouth
somacc.com
- Visitor information for nearby attractions, dining and lodging:
Portsmouth Scioto County Visitors Bureau