



Every Mile Tells a Story



SATURDAY, APRIL 27 • 11AM -4PM



STOP 1

53717 Pasco Rd., Bridgeport



ALONG THE WAY



Blaine Hill “S” Bridge



This unique bridge is Ohio's official Bicentennial Bridge. Built in 1828, it is Ohio's oldest bridge and remains the longest "S" bridge of the entire six-state Historic National Road. It offers a tiered view of three generations of American transportation history: Interstate 70, Route 40, and the Historic National Road.

This area has been a corridor for transportation since Native Americans used it as a footpath, Ebenezer Zane blazed it as a trail, Braddock marched troops over it in the American Revolution, and WWI convoys carried men and supplies over it. When the nation expanded west, the National Road was a main route filled with covered wagons, carriages, and drovers leading herds of livestock.

Also featured at this stop:

- Learn more from the Ohio National Road Association
- Play old-fashioned games from the Great Western Schoolhouse



Vino Di Piccin

55155 National Rd., Lansing

While driving along the Historic National Road through Lansing, VINO DI PICCIN Winery & Tasting House is a perfect place to visit. The Piccin family has been making wine for over 100 years and produces 16 different varieties.



The Fat Apple

225 Main St, Bridgeport

As you continue through Bridgeport, don't miss the chance to feel like a kid in a candy store – no matter your age – at The Fat Apple. Bring your sweet tooth and explore two floors of family fun and mouthwatering treats!



Deluxe Toy & Hobby

501 Hanover Street, Martins Ferry

As you travel the Ohio River Scenic Byway through Martins Ferry, you will find one of the oldest and largest independent toy stores in Ohio, Deluxe Toy & Hobby. Explore quality toys, games, and hobbies for the young and young at heart.

Did you know?

Belmont County is the only county in Ohio with three scenic byways: The Drovers' Trail, Historic National Road, and the Ohio River Scenic Byway.





STOP 2

420 N 5th St., Martins Ferry



STOP 3

627 Hanover St., Martins Ferry



Walnut Grove Cemetery



Dating back to the 1790s, this cemetery is Martins Ferry's oldest pioneer landmark. The Walnut Grove Cemetery is the burial place for members of the Zane and Martin families. The Betty Zane Statue at the entrance is a reminder of the heroine and the last battle of Fort Henry (now Wheeling, WV) where she helped settlers resist an attack by the British and their Native American allies in 1782.



Inside the cemetery, see a Napoleon Artillery Cannon made in 1864 and used by the Confederate Army in the Civil War. It is believed that the cannon was given to the city of Martins Ferry in the 1880s, and is one of 40 Napoleon Cannons still in existence today. It was refurbished recently through the efforts of Eagle Scout, Mason Kyer, in 2018.

Also featured at this stop:

- Experience living history narrated by historical interpreters

Sedgwick House Museum

Built in the 1870s, this was the home of the Sedgwick family through the 1960s. The Martins Ferry Area Historical Society established the Sedgwick House Museum in 1970 to display historical artifacts about the Martins Ferry area. The collection includes antique furniture, quilts, and clothing, that belonged to the Zane and Martin families, memorabilia from Martins Ferry schools, artifacts from business and industry that impacted the region, and so much more! Take a step back in time and relive the rich history of Martins Ferry.



Also featured at this stop:

- Learn about Pulitzer Prize Poet and Martins Ferry native, James A. Wright, from the Belmont County District Library, Martins Ferry

Martins Ferry is the oldest European settlement in the state of Ohio, having been settled at least as early as 1779, almost a decade before Marietta.

Did you know?





STOP 4

3200 Belmont St., Bellaire



ALONG THE WAY



Imperial Glass Museum



For over 20 years, the National Imperial Glass Museum has created a lasting legacy for the Imperial Glass Company, one of the largest handcrafted glass companies in America. Admire the museum’s collection of over 3,000 glass pieces created from 1904 to 1984, including Candlewick, Cape Cod, carnival, milk glass, and many more. Dedicated to the now-closed company and its employees, this Blue Star Museum is home to impressive displays that showcase the design, manufacturing, and marketing of glass pieces.



Also featured at this stop:

- See glass artist Dan Sullivan demonstrate his process of creating one of a kind wearable glass jewelry.



Sons of Italy

3348 Belmont St., Bellaire

A block down Belmont Street is the Bellaire Sons of Italy. Chartered in 1917, the lodge is an active civic organization with a generous spirit. In addition to serving up amazing pasta and famous sausage sandwiches, they are also home to the region’s only bocce ball court.

Also featured at this stop:

- Homemade sausage sandwiches available for purchase in the courtyard
- Learn about bocce from the Belmont County Eagles Special Olympics Bocce Team



Unique Treats by Jacquie

3050 Belmont Street, Bellaire

Find happiness in every delicious bite at Unique Treats by Jacquie. From donuts to cakes, soups to daily specials, there is something for everyone!



Gulla's Lunch

3073 Belmont Street, Bellaire

Serving up their signature sauce for over 95 years, family-owned, Gulla's Lunch is sure to become a favorite with their famous "Gulla Dog."

Did you know?

In the 1880s, Bellaire was known as the "Glass City." More glass manufacturers operated in Bellaire than in any other location in the Ohio Valley.



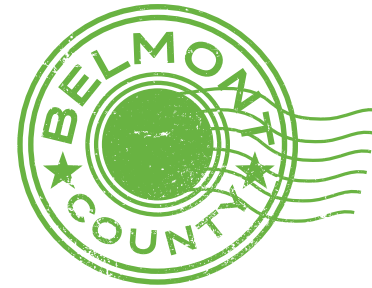
STOP 5

340 34th St., Bellaire



STOP 6

3057 Union St., Bellaire



Union Square Park



Union Square Park is filled with history and heritage that shaped the village of Bellaire, and features five historical markers telling its story. Historically, the park was used for public gatherings like circuses, political meetings, and playing baseball, and during the Civil War it was used as a canteen for feeding Union recruits from nearby Camp Jefferson. In 1882, "Union Square" officially became a city park with their first monument erected to honor Civil War veterans. Today the park has many monuments and features like a gazebo, fountain, and famous cast footprints including actor Bob Hope.



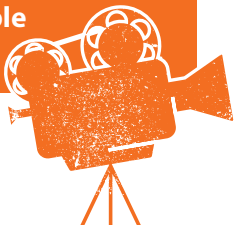
Also featured at this stop:

- Shop local with Ohio Valley Farmers Market vendors throughout the park
- Experience living history narrated by historical interpreters



Did you know?

Bellaire was used as the backdrop for scenes in two major motion pictures: *Silence of the Lambs* in 1991 and *Unstoppable* in 2010.



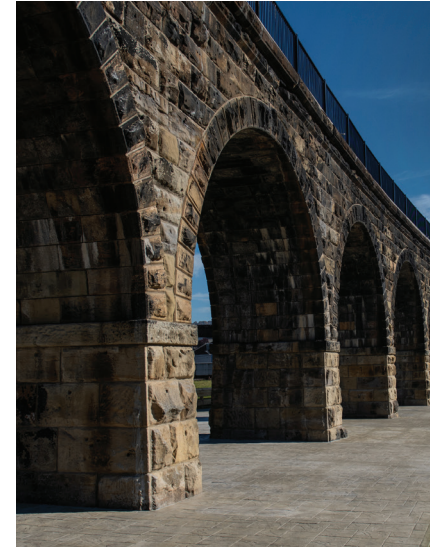
Great Stone Viaduct

There are few structures in Belmont County as iconic as the Great Stone Viaduct. For over 150 years, the towering stone arches have greeted visitors to Bellaire. They are a lasting reminder of the area's importance in transportation, industry, and innovation. With 43 sandstone arches resembling a Roman aqueduct, it was constructed in 1871 to unite the nation after the Civil War, each arch signifying a state of the Union.

The Great Stone Viaduct was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1976, and in 2022, a 20-arch portion of the Viaduct opened to the public as a walking trail, plaza, and overlook.

Also featured at this stop:

- Learn more from the Great Stone Viaduct Historical Education Society
- Enjoy crafts and activities from the Bellaire Public Library
- Watch planes soar as the RC Flyers take flight





STOP 7



65824 Willow Grove Rd.,
St. Clairsville

Willow Grove Mine Memorial



The impact of a mine accident that took the lives of 72 men reverberates through time and is still felt today. Belmont County continues to mourn the loss of those lives 84 years later. What began as a typical day at Hanna Coal Company's Willow Grove No. 10 Mine, recognized as one of the country's model mines, ended in tragedy on March 16, 1940.

This year marked the 84th Anniversary of the Willow Grove Mine Explosion. The United Mine Workers of America (UMWA) hosts a memorial service in March each year at the memorial site. The UMWA placed a memorial stone and statue at the site in 2021, and Ohio Department of Natural Resources added a historical marker in 2023.



Also featured at this stop:

- Learn more from the Friends of Willow Grove & UMWA

Did you know?

Belmont County is the all-time leader in coal production in Ohio. More than 824.9 million tons have been produced since 1816.



The open road awaits! So, buckle up and explore Belmont County, there's always something new to discover on the buckeye backroads.

2024 BELMONT COUNTY HERITAGE TRAIL RUBBERNECK TOUR

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Map not to scale.



Tour stops can be visited in any order.

Check in at each location and get a stamp on your passport. Complete the tour and turn in your passport at any location for a chance to one of five "Belmont Prize Baskets" (valued between \$50-\$200).

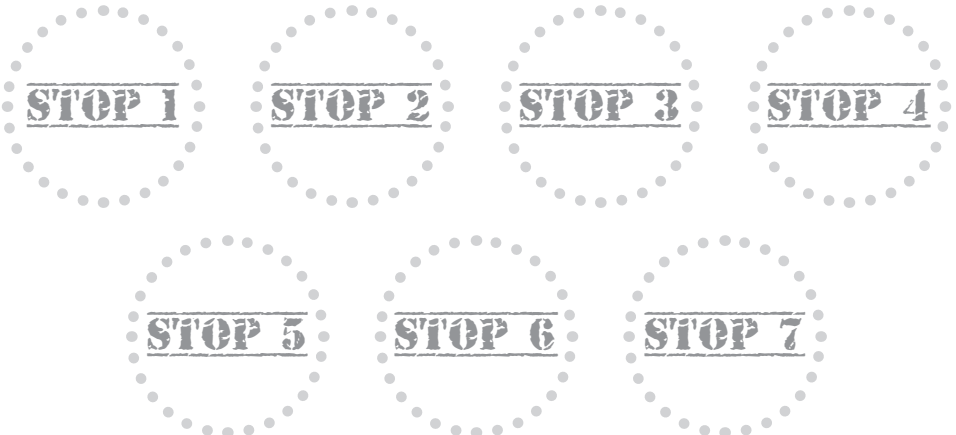
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