



Taste the Flavor on an Historic Trip

Darke County, Ohio is booming with history and we want you to come check it out. Annie Oakley was America's first female superstar and role model for today's woman. Unlike Hollywood's image of a western, rough and tumble tomboy, Annie was a true Victorian woman who loved lace, silver, beautiful furnishings and elegant cloth and yet was blessed with physical athleticism. The newly updated **National Annie Oakley Center** at the Garst Museum features exhibits dedicated to her personal and professional life and her impact on modern popular culture. Speaking of the **Garst Museum**, here you can find 35,000 square feet of exhibit space within six building wings. The museum's other major exhibits include, the Treaty of Greene Ville and "Mad" Anthony Wayne, Tecumseh and Native Americans, Lowell Thomas, an extensive military collection, period American furnishings, county history and agricultural artifacts. The museum also offers a staffed genealogy research library and unique store. **Bear's Mill** is another great place to check out. Built in 1849, this water powered flour mill is an authentic example of a stone grinding mill of its time, placed on the National Register of Historic Place in 1977, it is still in use today to grind a variety of local grains. Be sure to walk around downtown Greenville as well. Our historic district has architecture, charm and a vibrant shopping atmosphere with over 50 quaint shops, stores and dining opportunities for all to enjoy. The best part, **Historic Downtown Greenville** is a member of Heritage Ohio and is also a State and Nationally Accredited Main Street Program.





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In downtown Greenville there are also various historic places to visit. The **Altar of Peace** is a monument, located in Greenville City Park, commemorating the signing of the Treaty of Greene Ville in 1795. This treaty opened the Northwest Territory to settlement. **The Anthony Wayne Peace Council House** was dedicated on August 3, 1997, and is another great place to visit. The council house honors the Native American Tribes who signed the Treaty of Greene Ville. Anthony Wayne constructed the second official settlement in Darke County, Greene Ville in 1793 along Greenville Creek. **Fort Greene Ville**, a military headquarters, was the largest log-fortified structure ever built, encompassing 55+ acres of land enclosed by wooden stockades and blockhouses. The fort stood for six years. There are three markets within the area that the fort encompassed to view. One is an historic marker located on the public square in downtown Greenville, another is The Treat Stone also located on the public square to denote the signing of the Treaty of Greene Ville in 1795 and the third is a monument located on the corner of West Main and Elm Streets, which denotes the location where the Treaty was signed. **The Fort Jefferson State Memorial**, originally General St. Clair's outpost in 1791, is a state historic site located five miles south of Greenville near Wayne Lakes. The **Zachary Lansdowne Residence** is a simple, shingled house that stands as the birthplace of Lansdowne, who commanded the U.S.S. Shenandoah which crashed in 1925 in Noble County, Ohio, killing Lansdowne This private residence is on the National Register of Historic Sites. **The Bradford Railroad Museum** is dedicated to the preservation of Bradford, Ohio's railroad heritage, The railroad was once a significant part of Bradford's economy, employing many who manned the trains, worked in the witching yards and in the roundhouse where steam locomotives were kept and serviced between runs.





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Located just west of Greenville, the **Shawnee Prairie Preserve** is a 118-acre preserve, making it the largest in Darke County. Enjoy a leisurely walk through trails showcasing the three habitats of this park: woodlands, wetlands and prairies. Also found at Shawnee Prairie is the Nature Center, sugar shack, a natural play area for children and an 18th century Log House and blacksmith shop. Another site boasting both natural and historic significant is **Prairie Ridge Meadow/Tecumseh Point**. Now that you know of all the the cool and historic plays to visit, you're probably wondering where you can go eat and experience even more history? Well we have you covered on that too! Nestled inside a gorgeously restored historic building in downtown Greenville, **The Merchant House** offers a dining experience unlike any other, sourcing local ingredients to create an authentic, vibrant menu that features delicious BBQ, incredible Detroit-style deep dish pizza, several local Ohio craft beers and much more. Discover even more through the Whiskey, Wine & Ale Trail. At the **Winery at Versailles**, sip and savor various wines and for lunch. Or, head over to **A.R. Winery** and **Briar Brown Brewing Co.**, located near Arcanum. Take in the views, amazing brick oven pizzas, rocking chairs, bull frogs, great company and the quiet farm life. **Twenty-One Barrels** near Bradford is the newest winery and also offers several ciders. Enjoy dinner at **The Endless Pint** in downtown Versailles with one of their specialty pizzas and enjoy one of their great beers brewed on site.



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