

Places We're Visiting and Other Things To See and Do!

Ohio State Reformatory - Thursday

This is the site of movies like Shawshank Redemption, Air Force One, Tango & Cash and many music videos. The travel Channel refers to it as one of the Scariest Places on Earth, it also appeared on episodes of the SyFi Channel Ghost Hunters.

The cornerstone laid on November 4, 1886 evolved into this magnificent Chateausque structure. Cleveland architect Levi T. Scofield designed the Ohio State Reformatory using a combination of three architectural styles: Victorian Gothic, Richardsonian Romanesque and Queen Anne. This was done to encourage inmates back to a "rebirth" of their spiritual lives. The architecture itself inspired them to turn away from their sinful lifestyle, and toward repentance. The Reformatory doors were opened to its first 150 young offenders in September 1896. After housing over 155,000 men in its lifetime, the doors to the prison closed December 31, 1990.

Today, the Ohio State Reformatory Historic Site receives visitors from all over the world. Every year tourists, movie buffs, thrill seekers and paranormal investigators walk through the halls of this majestic structure.

David Warther Carvings, Sugarcreek, Ohio

<http://www.warther.org>

David Warther's work is a collection of intricately carved miniatures that depict sailing ships from ancient Egypt, circa 3000 B.C. to modern times. The collection, now numbering over 80 ship carvings, is a highly educational exhibit of maritime history. The exhibit of carvings has been seen by visitors from around the globe who have been inspired by the striking beauty of his artwork. Carving from antique ivory and ebony wood, David's works are designed using blueprints and drawings furnished by maritime scholars and researchers worldwide. Visitors are especially intrigued by the ivory rigging. Each line is made of ivory that has been hand filed to seven thousandths of an inch (.007") in diameter and then masterfully applied to the ship carving. David developed this hand filing and sanding technique for making "ivory threads" at the age of 13 and has perfected it over the years. The artistic details and methods are of special interest to many who view the carvings. David engraves the highly polished antique ivory through a process known as scrimshaw where fine lines are scored on the ivory's surface with a handheld stylus. Later, when ink is applied to the scored surface, the microscopic pores in the ivory absorb the ink while the polished areas remain white. The scrimshaw process allows the intricate details of the ship's planking, doors, and windows to come to life.

Smucker's, Orrville, Ohio

Possible Wednesday tour?

<http://www.jmsmucker.com/smuckers-corporate/smuckers-store-orrville>

For more than 115 years, the J.M. Smucker Company, with its trusted brands and quality products, has helped to make family meals memorable. Today, the J.M. Smucker company store and cafe showcases products and merchandise from the company's family of brands. This includes:

Smucker's, Jif, Pillsbury, Adams, Crisco, Crosse & Blackwell Dickinson's, Hungry Jack, Knott's Berry Farm, Laura Scudder's, Martha White, Natural Brew, None Such R.W., Knudsen Family, Sahale Snacks, Santa Cruz Organic, Smucker's Natural, Smucker's Toppings, Smucker's Uncrustables, truRoots, White Lily, Folgers, Dunkin' Donuts, Cafe Bustelo, Folgers Gourmet Selections, Kava, Medaglia D'Oro, Milk-Bone, Nature's Recipe, Natural Balance, Kibbles 'n Bits, Pup-Peroni, Milo's Kitchen, Snausages, Gravy Train, Canine Carry Outs, 9Lives, Meow Mix, Pounce, Bick's, Carnation, Double Fruit, Five Roses, Golden Temple, Robin Hood.

Wendell August Forge, Berlin, Ohio

https://www.wendellaugust.com/location/berlin_oh

A 5,000 square foot showroom filled with unique, one-of-a-kind handcrafted metal giftware that Wendell August is famous for. The store is a 13,000 square foot timber frame facility, the largest of its kind in Ohio.

P. Graham Dunn, Dalton, Ohio

<https://www.pgrahamdunn.com>

Keim Lumber, Charm, Ohio

<http://www.keimlumber.com>

Rare and beautiful wood products. A 4th generation family-owned business began in 1911 as a rough lumber mill with just 4 employees. Today, they have grown to a 50-acre complex with over 700,000 square feet of retail, office, warehouse, and millwork production space, with over 400 dedicated employees.

Pro Football Hall of Fame, Canton, Ohio

<http://www.profootballhof.com>

Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, Cleveland, Ohio

<https://www.rockhall.com>

Roscoe Village, Coshocton, Ohio

<http://www.roscoevillage.com>

Roscoe Village was once a bustling port along the Ohio and Erie Canal. Now it is a top Ohio tourist destination and one of the region's most beautiful areas to visit. There are shops, beautiful gardens, fine restaurants, living history tours, canal boat rides and historical exhibits of this restored canal town.

The Wilds, Cumberland, Ohio

<https://thewilds.columbuszoo.org/home>

The Wilds and it's 9,000 plus acres is anything but a home to rare and endangered species from around the globe living in open range habitats. The park that has transformed wildlife conservation practices was once devoted to strip mining. The Wilds has evolved into a completely immersive experience with zip line tours, horseback riding, fishing, and more, including one-of-a-kind, hands-on educational opportunities.

Amish & Mennonite Heritage Center

5798 County Road 77, Berlin, Ohio

Phone: 330-893-3192

Open 9:30 - 4:40 daily. Closed Sunday.

Polish Pottery Shopping:

Old World Polish Pottery, Navarre, Ohio

Pottery Niche, Millersburg, Ohio