

# Discover Ohio's Aviation Pioneers



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*It all began in 1903 in the Dayton, Ohio workshop of aviation pioneers Orville and Wilbur Wright. Ohio "Buckeyes" not only invented flight, but the state of Ohio has produced 25 astronauts. Ohio is known as the "Birthplace of Aviation" and the greater Dayton area is home to the National Aviation Heritage Area. This tour honors Ohio Pioneers of Aviation History.*



## 10am

Arrive at the **Neil Armstrong Air and Space Museum**. Wapakoneta is the hometown of Neil Armstrong, the first person to walk on the moon. This museum takes visitors on a journey through aviation and aerospace history, chronicling Ohio's contributions to the history of space flight.

-Cost: \$7.00 per person

## 12:30pm

Stop for lunch in Piqua or Troy. Some restaurant recommendations can be found on our website or call Meghan at the Miami County Visitors Bureau.

## 2:30pm

Our next stop is the **WACO Air Museum and Learning Center** and **WACO Airfield**. Exhibits depict the Troy Company's commercial and military aircraft production from the 1920s through WWII. In the 1920s WACO was the largest producer of aircraft in the world.

- Cost: \$7.00 per person

## Free Time

Enjoy local shopping in our quaint downtowns in Troy, Tipp City or Piqua. Arrangements for dinner can be made at a local restaurant. Contact Meghan at the Miami County Visitors Bureau for assistance.

See additional information on locations at [www.homegrowingreat.com](http://www.homegrowingreat.com)

## 9am

The **National Museum of the United States Air Force** is the world's largest and oldest military aviation museum. The museum uses both chronological and subjective layouts to tell the exciting story of aviation development from the days of the Wright Brothers to current stealth technology. The National Aviation Hall of Fame is also located inside the museum. You also won't want to miss the presidential aircraft including Kennedy's Air Force One.

- Cost: Free admission and parking
- Lunch will be at the Valkyrie Cafe inside the museum



## 1:30pm

Arrive at the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park in Dayton. During this visit, you will explore the **Wright Cycle Company** where the Wright brothers built their Wright flyers. In their Dayton, Ohio bicycle shop, they researched and built the world's first power-driven, heavier-than-air machine capable of free, controlled and sustained flight.

- Cost: Free admission

## 3pm

**Carillon Historical Park**, home to the Wright Brothers National Museum, celebrates the history of invention, transportation and pioneer life in Dayton and the Miami Valley. In Wright Hall, you will discover the 1905 Wright Flyer III, a National Historic Landmark. The national park unit at Carillon includes a replica of the last Dayton bicycle shop where the brothers worked.

- Cost: \$8.00 per adult, \$7.00 for seniors