

Experience the Birthplace of Aviation—Dayton, Ohio

## Race to the Dayton Region's Aviation Places



Orville Wright

## The sky's the limit!

A unique *history*.

A fascinating *present*.

A boundless *future*.



Wilbur Wright



Paul Laurence Dunbar



The world's aviation story is not complete without a visit to the Dayton area, *the Birthplace of Aviation*. Begin an exciting journey as you Race to Dayton's Amazing Aviation Places! You'll find the sky's the limit in our community when it comes to innovation, inspiration, discovery and educational fun. "Wilbear Wright" (an indirect descendant of Wilbur and Orville Wright, the inventors of powered, heavier-than-air, human-controlled flight) is eager to belong to YOU. Just tour and obtain a passport stamp at the National Park Service's Wright-Dunbar Interpretive Center and a minimum of six of the remaining amazing aviation sites listed in this brochure to redeem your passport for your very own "Wilbear Wright" aviator teddy bear. **Start today: it's top-flight fun!**

The Wright-Dunbar Business District was the Dayton neighborhood the Wrights and Dunbar called home. There remains a special spirit in the Wright-Dunbar Business District that encourages visionaries, embraces innovators and grows dreams within those who dare to imagine.

The Wilbear program began as part of a Preserve America grant to demonstrate the economic impact of connecting the aviation and cultural heritage sites in the Dayton region.

...and receive this "Wilbear Wright" aviator teddy bear FREE!  
See details inside.



## Race to the Dayton region's Amazing Aviation Places

Send in the passport for a FREE "Wilbear Wright" aviator teddy bear!

You're invited to have some top-flight fun! Tour a minimum of 7 of the 14 amazing aviation sites listed in this brochure. Receive a stamp at the one required site, Wright-Dunbar Interpretive Center, plus a minimum of 6 of the remaining sites to qualify for the free "Wilbear Wright" aviator teddy bear. Have fun and learn lots!

To receive your free "Wilbear Wright" aviator teddy bear, please mail your completed passport\* to:

"Wilbear Wright"  
c/o Wright-Dunbar Interpretive Center  
Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park  
16 S. Williams Street, Dayton, OH 45402

Or your bear may be picked up in person from a National Park Service Ranger at the Wright-Dunbar Interpretive center\*.

\*Must have a minimum of 7 sites stamped. One bear per person per visit.



## The Aviation Trail, Inc.

*As long as men fly...  
wherever they journey through space...  
their flights began in Dayton, Ohio,  
The Birthplace of Aviation.*

The Dayton Aviation Trail is a self-guided tour of selected, aviation-related sites open to the public. The Trail was established in 1981 by Aviation Trail, Inc., an all-volunteer, not-for-profit corporation whose mission is to preserve and promote the Dayton area's unique aviation heritage, starting with the invention of the airplane by Wilbur and Orville Wright. That heritage continues on to today's aerospace projects of the future now under development at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

In 1982 Aviation Trail, Inc. acquired two historic Wright brothers buildings still standing next to each other on their original sites in Dayton's West Side neighborhood: the Hoover Block and The Wright Cycle Company building. These eventually became the cornerstone of the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park, a park of four scattered sites managed by the National Park Service. The Trail group also completed in late 2010 the Aviation Trail Parachute Museum on the second floor of the Visitor Center which tells the story of the development of the free fall parachute from its invention at Dayton's McCook Field after World War I up to the vital role it plays in safely landing today's spacecraft.

**For more information about the organization, contact Aviation Trail, Inc.**

P.O. Box 633, Wright Brothers Branch,  
Dayton, Ohio 45409, (937) 443-0793

[www.aviationtrailinc.org](http://www.aviationtrailinc.org)

Aviation Trail, Inc. qualifies for tax exemption under Sec. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.



**Wilbear Sponsorships – We thank the following organizations for their generous contributions.**



### AAA Miami Valley

As North America's largest motoring and leisure travel organization, AAA provides more than 52 million members with travel, insurance, financial and automotive-related services. Since its founding in 1902, the not-for-profit, fully tax-paying AAA has been a leader and advocate for the safety and security of all travelers. AAA clubs can be visited on the Internet at AAA.com.



### Dayton/Montgomery County Convention & Visitors Bureau

The Dayton/Montgomery County Convention & Visitors Bureau welcomes you to DAYTON, The Birthplace of Aviation! Greater Dayton offers so many amazing, authentic aviation attractions and sites that you'll want to spend several days experiencing them. For assistance with accommodations & detailed information on the area log onto [www.daytoncnvb.com](http://www.daytoncnvb.com) or call 800-221-8235.



### Greene County Convention and Visitors Bureau

Thinking about staying longer? Visit [greenecountyohio.org](http://greenecountyohio.org) for hotels, restaurants and fun. Life is good in Greene County, Ohio.



### National Park Service

The park is a cooperative effort between the National Park Service and five partners, which include: Dayton History, the Ohio Historical Society, Aviation Trail, Inc., the Wright Family Foundation, and Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.



### National Aviation Heritage Alliance

The National Aviation Heritage Alliance (NAHA) is a private, not for profit corporation operating as the management entity of the Congressionally designated National Aviation Heritage Area, one of 49 national heritage areas in the United States. NAHA's vision is for Dayton to become the recognized global center of aviation heritage and premier destination for aviation heritage tourism, sustaining the legacy of the Wright brothers. The National Aviation Heritage Area encompasses an eight-county area (Montgomery, Greene, Miami, Clark, Warren, Champaign, Shelby, and Auglaize counties.)



Enjoy "Wilbear Wright's" adventures on his Facebook page.



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# Visit the National Aviation Heritage Area

Experience the Birthplace of Aviation  
Easy Access From Anywhere



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**1 \*Wright-Dunbar Interpretive Center and The Wright Cycle Company Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park**

Capture the spirit and imagination of three inventive, creative men—aviation pioneers, Wilbur and Orville Wright, and author and poet laureate Paul Laurence Dunbar — whose lives came together in Dayton.

16 South Williams Street, Dayton, OH 45402 **Required site**  
Tel: 937-225-7705 Web: www.nps.gov/daav  
Open: 9:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. daily Closed: Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years Day

**Aviation Trail, Inc. Visitor Center & Parachute Museum**

Learn more about the development of manned flight, and Dayton's crucial role in the history of aviation in a number of ways, including the many uses of the parachute.

16 South Williams Street, Dayton, OH 45402  
Tel: 937-443-0793 E-mail: membership@aviationtrailinc.org  
Web: www.aviationtrailinc.org  
Open: 9:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. daily Closed: Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years Day

**2 Paul Laurence Dunbar State Memorial Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park** \$ entrance fee

Explore the life, times and creativity of an author and poet laureate at the vanguard of Africa-American literature by visiting the restored home where Paul Laurence Dunbar lived his last years.

219 North Paul Laurence Dunbar Street, Dayton, OH 45402  
Tel: 937-313-2010 E-mail: lscl@ohiohistory.org Web: ohiohistory.org  
Tour hours: 11:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M., Thursday-Saturday with advance notice.

**3 \*Huffman Prairie Flying Field Interpretive Center Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park**

Learn more about the place where Wilbur and Orville Wright developed the world's first practical plane... and see the memorial built to honor their lives and accomplishments.

2380 Memorial Road, WPAFB, OH 45433  
Tel: 937-425-0008  
Web: www.nps.gov/daav  
Open: 9:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. daily. Closed: Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years Day.

Visit seven locations, and receive this "Wilbear Wright" aviator teddy bear FREE!



**Huffman Prairie Flying Field**

Walk the fields where the Wright brothers spent countless hours flight testing various models of their aircraft, and at their aviation school training others to take the controls.

Enter through Gate 16A, WPAFB, OH 45433  
Tel: 937-425-0009 Web: www.nps.gov/daav  
Open: 9:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. daily. Closed: Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years Day.

**4 \*John W. Berry, Sr. Wright Brothers Aviation Center at Carillon Historical Park**

**Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park** \$ entrance fee

See the original 1905 Wright Flyer III, restored under the supervision of Orville Wright, and gain a new appreciation for the lives and accomplishments of the Wright brothers through other exhibits.

1000 Carillon Boulevard, Dayton, OH 45409  
Tel: 937-293-2841 or toll-free at 877-8E History  
Web: www.daytonhistory.org  
Open: 9:30 A.M.-5:00 P.M. Tuesday-Saturday, 12:00 P.M.-5:00 P.M. Sunday.  
Open Monday holidays only 12:00 P.M.-5:00 P.M. Hours subject to change.

**5 \*National Museum of the United States Air Force**

Get a sweeping view of Air Force and military aviation progress—from the earliest days to advanced technology at the largest and oldest museum of its kind in the world.

1100 Spaatz Street, Dayton, OH 45433  
Tel: 937-265-3266 E-mail: nationalmuseum.usaf@wpafb.af.mil  
Web: www.nationalmuseum.af.mil  
Open: 9:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. daily. Closed: Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years Day

**6 National Aviation Hall of Fame**

Meet the heroes and heroines of aviation and space travel—and explore the history of aviation-at this facility located within the National Museum of the United States Air Force.

1100 Spaatz Street, Dayton, OH 45433  
Tel: 937-266-0944 Web: www.nationalaviation.org  
Open: 9:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. daily. Closed: Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years Day  
Enter through the National Museum of the United States Air Force.

**7 Hawthorn Hill (tours provided by Carillon Historical Park) Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park** \$ entrance fee

Experience the Oakwood mansion that Orville Wright called home for nearly 35 years. The home of the man who invented flight and changed the world is available for educational tours.

1000 Carillon Boulevard, Dayton, OH 45409  
Tel: 937-293-2841 or toll-free at 877-8E History  
Web: www.daytonhistory.org  
Tour hours: 10:00 A.M. & 12:30 P.M., Wednesday and Saturday with advance notice.

**8 Historic Woodland Cemetery & Arboretum**

Enjoy a beautiful stroll through one of the most historic garden cemeteries in the U.S. Visit gravesites of some of the famous, and infamous, people who have made Dayton what it is today. From John Van Clevé who established the cemetery in 1841 to the Wright brothers who discovered flight and, of course, Paul Laurence Dunbar a gifted, classic author and poet laureate.

118 Woodland Avenue, Dayton, OH 45408  
Tel: 937-228-3221 Web: www.woodlandcemetery.org  
Open: 8:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. Monday-Friday, 8:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M. Saturday  
Informational tours available.

**8 The Wright B Flyer**

Experience the thrill of actually flying in a look-alike of the Wright B Flyer, the first mass-produced airplane in the world, along with other historical displays.

10550 Springboro Pike, Miami'sburg, OH 45342-4956  
Tel: 937-895-2237 E-mail: wbflyer@dayton.net  
Web: www.wright-b-flyer.org  
Open: 9:00 A.M.-2:30 P.M. Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday  
Other times by appointment.

**10 Wright State University Special Collections and Archives Paul Laurence Dunbar Library**

The Archives contains the most complete collection of Wright brothers items including 4,000 photographs that document the invention of the airplane. The Archives also includes many other aviation collections, all of which are available to researchers with advance notification.

Tel: 937-775-2092 Web: www.libraries.wright.edu/special/  
Hours: 8:30 A.M.-5:00 P.M. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday  
8:30 A.M.-9:00 P.M. Wednesday, 1:00 P.M.-5:00 P.M. Sunday. Closed: Saturdays  
No evening or Sunday hours during the summer and academic breaks.

**11 Historic WACO Field and WACO Airplane Museum** \$ entrance fee

Take a flight back in time to the glory days of WACO aircraft, built in Troy from 1923 to 1946, with the museum and the working airfield reminiscent of the grass airfields of the 1930s and 1940s. The museum includes aircraft, artifacts, historic photographs and other exhibits related to the WACO Aircraft Company and the aircraft it produced.

1865 South County Road 25a, Troy, OH 45373  
Tel: 937-335-9226 Web: www.wacoairmuseum.org  
Facebook - WACO Historical Society  
Hours: 9-130 Monday-Friday, Noon-5 Saturday and Sunday

**12 Armstrong Air & Space Museum** \$ entrance fee

Celebrate the accomplishments of the first man to walk on the moon, Neil Armstrong, a native of Wapakoneta... and explore aviation and aerospace history.

500 Apollo Drive, Wapakoneta, OH 45895-9780  
Tel: 419-738-8811 Web: www.armstrongmuseum.org

**13 Champaign Aviation Museum**

The museum's purpose is to restore and preserve World War II-era and other historical aircraft, and to operate them for static and flight displays. Currently under restoration is a Boeing B-17G, and a North American B-25N.

1638 N. Main Street, Urbana, OH 43078  
Tel: 937-852-4710 Hours: Tue-Sat 9-4

**14 Grimes Flying Lab**

Schedule a visit to see the aircraft that lighted the way to developments in aircraft lighting, and learn more about Warren G. Grimes, the man who dedicated his life to making flight safer at night.

1638 N. Main Street, Urbana, OH 43078  
Tel: 937-852-4319 Saturday

For additional travel planning information contact the Dayton/Montgomery County Convention & Visitors Bureau  
www.daytoncvb.com

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passport accepted per visitor.  
Offer good while supplies last.

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