NATIONAL AVIATION
HERITAGE AREA

HOME OF THE WRIGHT BROTHERS…

…and the Birthplace of Aviation! In November 2004, Congress recognized the Dayton region as the National Aviation Heritage Area, in honor of the region's leadership in our nation's aviation history.

It began with the Wright brothers' invention of the airplane in the back of their cycle shop on Dayton's west side. They later perfected their flying machine on the testing grounds of Huffman Prairie Flying Field, just east of Dayton. Huffman is considered sacred ground by aviation aficionados the world over; meanwhile, the original 1905 Flyer, widely considered the world's most significant airplane still in existence, is on display at Carillon Historical Park in Dayton.

But the Dayton region's contributions to aviation progress merely began with the Wrights. In later years, other milestones would occur in the Dayton region, such as the first military airfield, the first parachute jump, WACO's dominance of civilian aircraft production between the World Wars, and much more. All told, Dayton truly is the Global Center of Aviation Heritage. Today, it continues that heritage as one of the most significant regions in the world for aviation advancement. Dayton is synonymous with aviation.

The National Aviation Heritage Area (NAHA) joins other select regions in existence around the country dedicated to protecting and promoting the historic, cultural and natural assets within those regions. NAHA is one of the few that represents more than a bygone era of heritage—it embodies an industry that is alive and well.

NAHA already has much to boast about when it comes to historical sites, artifacts and museums. Visitors will find much to experience, whether you spend a day or a full week traveling the Heritage Area. Ultimately, each visitor will have the opportunity to learn how the Wright brothers unlocked the millennia old secrets of human flight, and see how our nation's aviation heritage unfolded following the Wright brothers' invention.

Many agree that the airplane was the invention that changed the course of human history more than any other. Upon visiting NAHA, you will grasp that significance and come away with a new appreciation of one of America's greatest stories. Come. Discover. Fly!

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Dayton, Ohio

Front cover: Recreation of the Wright brothers' achievement of practical flight at Huffman Prairie. Photo by Neil "Skip" Raymond

Armstrong Air & Space Museum

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NAHA's vision of the Wright Company factory—America's first airplane factory—as a national park unit.

Under development with a planned opening in 2016.

US 35 and Abbey Avenue, Dayton, Ohio

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NAHA IS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:

The Wright B Flyer

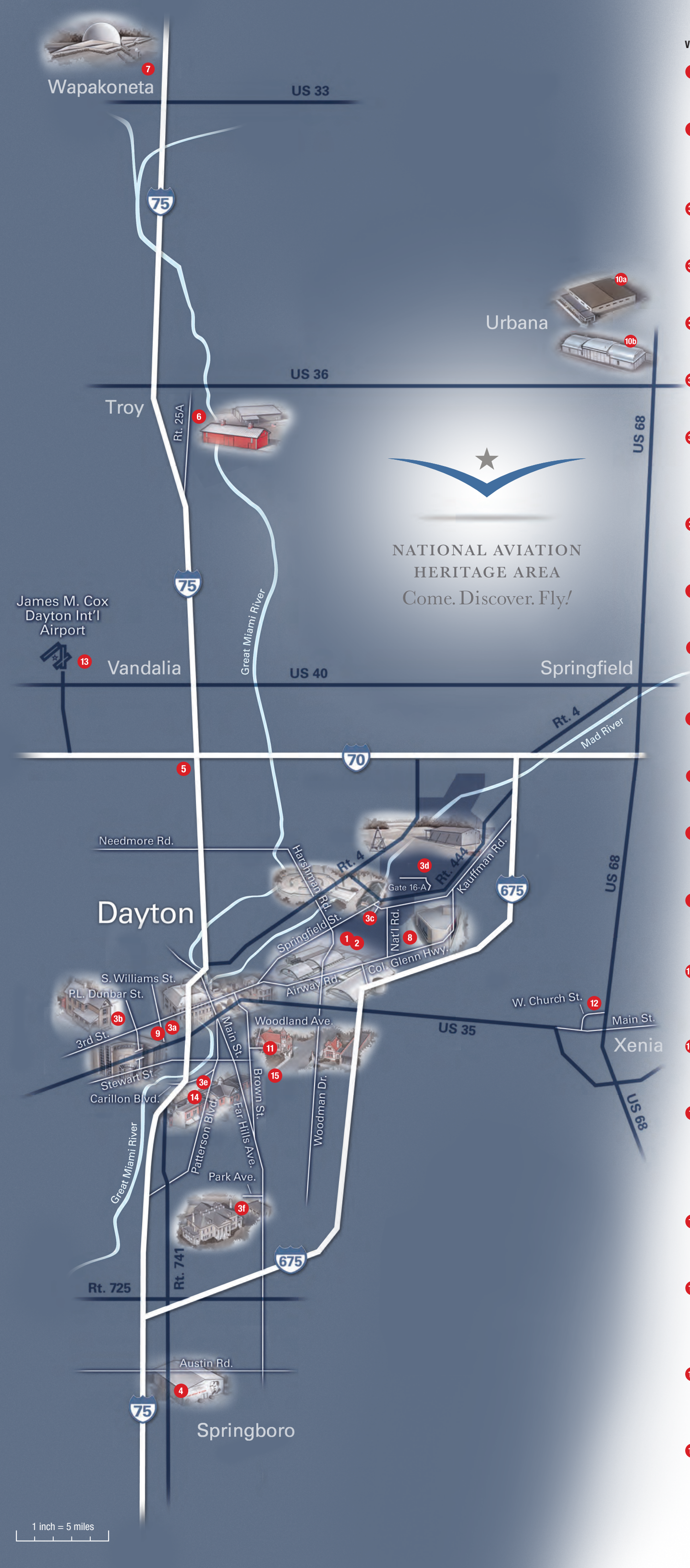
Historic WACO Field

National Museum of the United States Air Force®

EASY ACCESS FROM ANYWHERE!

The National Aviation Heritage Area is located in western Ohio, an easy drive from major cities in the Midwest, east and south, or by commercial flights to Dayton International Airport. All sites easily accessible from major highways: I-70 and I-75.

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



Visitors are encouraged to contact the sites to obtain current hours of operation.

1 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: 937-255-3286 Web: www.nationalmuseum.af.mil

2 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: 937-256-0944 Web: www.nationalaviation.org
Enter through the National Museum of the United States Air Force.

Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park

3a *Wright-Dunbar Interpretive Center and the Wright Cycle Company*
Capture the spirit and imagination of three inventive, creative men—aviation pioneers Orville and Wilbur Wright, and writer Paul Laurence Dunbar—whose lives came together in Dayton, Ohio.
16 South Williams Street, Dayton, OH 45402
Tel: 937-225-7705 Web: www.nps.gov/daav

3b *Paul Laurence Dunbar State Memorial*
Explore the life, times and creativity of a writer at the vanguard of African-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

3c *Huffman Prairie Flying Field Interpretive Center*
Learn more about the place where Orville and Wilbur 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

3d *Huffman Prairie Flying Field*
Walk the field 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 16 A, WPAFB, OH 45433
Tel: 937-425-0008 Web: www.nps.gov/daav

3e *John W. Berry, Sr. Wright Brothers Aviation Center at Carillon Historical Park*
See the original 1905 Wright Flyer III, originally 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-BE-HISTORY
Web: www.daytonhistory.org

3f *Hawthorn Hill (tours provided by Dayton History)*
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 tours.
1000 Carillon Boulevard, Dayton, OH 45409
Tel: 937-293-2841 or toll-free at 877-BE-HISTORY
Web: www.daytonhistory.org

4 Wright B Flyer, Inc.
Experience the thrill of actually flying in a replica of the Wright B Flyer, the first mass-produced airplane in the world, along with other historical displays.
10550 Springboro Pike, Miamisburg, OH 45342-4956
Tel: 937-885-2327 Web: www.wright-b-flyer.org

5 Wright Image Group
The Wright Image Group, Inc. has taken the lead in building the Wright Flyer Monument. With a 120' wingspan, the imposing structure sitting atop a pedestal 220' high at the crossroads of I-70 and I-75 will be seen by over 156,000 vehicles a day.
Tel: 937-276-2963 or toll-free at 800-266-4767
Web: www.wrightmonument.org

6 Historic WACO Field
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 airfield just south of Troy.
1865 South County Road 25A, Troy, OH 45373
Tel: 937-335-9226 Web: www.wacoairmuseum.org

7 Armstrong Air & Space Museum
Celebrate the accomplishments of the first man to walk on the moon, Neil Armstrong, a native son of Wapakoneta…and explore aviation and aerospace history.
500 Apollo Drive, Wapakoneta, OH 45895-9780
Tel: 419-738-8811 Web: www.armstrongmuseum.org

8 Wright State University Wright Archives
Gain new insights into the extraordinary accomplishments and everyday lives of Orville and Wilbur Wright with more than 6,000 photos, books, journals and other historical documents.
3640 Colonel Glenn Hwy., Dayton, OH 45435-0001
Tel: 937-775-2092
Web: www.libraries.wright.edu/special

9 Aviation Trail, Inc. Visitor Center & Parachute Museum
Learn more about the development of manned flight, and Dayton's critical role in the history of aviation in a number of ways, including parachute development.
16 South Williams Street, Dayton, OH 45402
Tel: 937-443-0793 Web: www.aviationtrailinc.org

Historic Grimes Field

10a *Champaign Aviation Museum*
The purpose is to restore and preserve World War II-era and other historical aircraft, and to operate them for static and flying displays. Currently under restoration is a Boeing B-17G, and an North American B-25N.
1652 N. Main Street, Urbana, OH 43078
Tel: 877-873-5764 and 937-652-4710 (weekends)
Web: www.champaignaviationmuseum.org

10b *Grimes Flying Lab Foundation*
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.
1636 N. Main Street, Urbana, OH 43078
Tel: 877-873-5764 and 937-652-4319 (weekends)
Web: www.facebook.com/grimesflyinglab

11 Historic Woodland Cemetery & Arboretum
You will marvel at the innovative "curvilinear" landscape design at this fifth oldest "Garden Cemetery" in the nation. The 105-acre Victorian "Historic District" is open 365 days a year. Enter the 1889 Richardson Romanesque Gateway and follow the signs to the Wright Brothers and Dunbar grave sites, or call to arrange a free audio or guided tour of the burial sites of America's industrial and aviation heroes such as Kettering, Patterson, Deeds and other "Barn Gang" members. Perfect for exercise enthusiasts, or driving.
118 Woodland Avenue, Dayton, OH 45409
Tel: 937-228-3221 Web: www.woodlandcemetery.org
Informational historic tours available.

12 Greene County Historical Society
Showcasing local history in a three-building complex, including a 1799 log house, 1875 town house, and Carriage House museum with permanent and temporary displays, plus office and museum store. Restored caboose at Xenia Station.
74 West Church Street, Xenia, OH 45385-2902
Tel: 937-372-4606

13 Vectren Dayton Air Show
One of America's premier air shows. The Air Show showcases world-class aerobatic champions, military jet demonstrations and entertainment for the whole family celebrating Dayton's aviation heritage as home of the Wright Brothers, National Museum of the US Air Force and Wright Patterson AFB. Visit website for this years Air Show dates.
Dayton International Airport
3800 Wright Drive, Vandalia, OH 45377-1004
Tel: 937-898-5901 Web: www.daytonairshow.com

14 Dayton History
Learn about two centuries of the Dayton region's expansion, industrialism and innovation while strolling through the Park's 25 historical buildings and interacting with the hundreds of artifacts in the exhibits.
1000 Carillon Boulevard, Dayton, OH 45409
Tel: 937-293-2841 or toll-free at 877-BE-HISTORY
Web: www.daytonhistory.org

15 Air Camp
Air Camp is a week-long, residence camp & educational adventure in aviation and aeronautics, designed to inspire middle school students to pursue STEM-related education and careers in the context of aviation.
PO Box 752332 Dayton, OH 45475
Web: www.aircampusa.com