

## Huffman Prairie Flying Field Interpretive Center

2380 Memorial Road, Wright-Patterson AFB 45433

Hours: 8:30 am to 5:00 pm

Summer Hours: 8:30 am to 6:00 pm, May 23 to September 7

Closed for the USAF Marathon, September 19, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day. Huffman Prairie Flying Field Interpretive Center is subject to closure based on the needs of the United States Air Force. Before visiting, call 937.425.0008 for current information.

### Wright Memorial Ranger Talk

Daily (May 23 to September 7), 1:00 pm

Discover the past and present of this park designed by the Olmsted Brothers. Topics include the area's ancient past, the history of the Wright Memorial, the formation of the Miami Conservancy District, and the development of Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

### Prairie Workshop

July 14, 8:30 am - 3:30 pm

This free full-day workshop is open to anyone age 16 or older interested in prairie ecology and conservation. Sessions will be at the Huffman Prairie Flying Field Interpretive Center and Huffman Prairie, one of the largest remnant prairies in Ohio. Call 937.425.0008 for information and registration by Tuesday, July 7. Please register early since space is limited. Bring a sack lunch.

### AVIATION HERITAGE SPEAKER SERIES

At the Engineers Club, 110 East Monument Ave, Dayton, Ohio 45402

#### Leslie Edwards

Thursday, February 26, 7:00 pm

A member of the Tuskegee Airmen "Experience," Leslie Edwards was a flight chief at Tuskegee Army Air Field from 1941 to 1948. Mr. Edwards' program on the Tuskegee Airmen "Experience" will commemorate Black History Month.

#### Sarah Byrn Rickman

Thursday, July 16, 7:00 pm

A former reporter and columnist for *The Detroit News* and the editor of the *Centerville-Bellbrook Times*, Sarah Byrn Rickman is also a free-lance writer and author of several books on women in the field of aviation, particularly those who served as WASPS, the Women's Auxiliary Squadron Ferry Pilots, during World War II. Ms. Rickman's presentation will focus on the valuable contributions the WASPs made toward the successful conclusion of that war.

#### Guy Johnstone

Thursday, October 22, 7:00 pm

Guy Johnstone, retired teacher and businessman, owns the Kittyhawk, Orville Wright's vacation boat used on Georgian Bay in Canada. He is working on a history of Orville's time and experiences in Canada. A highlight of his presentation will be home videos of the Wright family in Canada.

## Huffman Prairie Flying Field

Wright-Patterson AFB, Gate 16A to Pylon Road

Open: 8:00 am to 6:00 pm (CLOSED Wednesdays)

Closed for the USAF Marathon, September 19, 2009

The field is also subject to closure based on the needs of the United States Air Force. Call Huffman Prairie Flying Field Interpretive Center at (937) 425-0008 for current information.

### Ranger Talk – The Wrights at Huffman Prairie

Daily (May 23 to September 7), 10:30 am

Explore the pasture where the Wright brothers developed the world's first practical airplane, the 1905 Wright Flyer III, and taught 119 men and women how to fly.

### 104<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Practical, Powered Flight

October 5, 9:00 a.m.

Activities are being planned to commemorate the 104<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Practical Flight (1905 – 2009) at Huffman Prairie Flying Field beginning with a flight of a replica 1905 Wright Flyer III. If the event is canceled due to weather or base operations, no alternative date is scheduled. Call for details.

### First Flight Ceremony at the Wright Memorial – 106<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

December 17, 10:00 am

Celebrate the 106<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the First Flight with the annual wreath laying ceremony at the Wright Memorial located next to the Huffman Prairie Flying Field Interpretive Center.

## Bike-with-a-Ranger Tours

Come join us for a bicycle tour of historic Dayton with *Bike-with-a-Ranger*, a great way to explore Dayton's history and learn more about the Wright brothers. Choose from three programs offered this year.

Tour 1: Creative Dayton: Invention, Innovation, and Art Sundays, May 17 and September 20, 8:30 am – 12:30 pm  
The Wright Cycle Company, 22 South Williams Street, Dayton, Ohio 45402

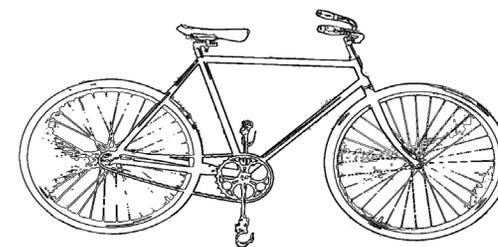
Stops include Engineers Club, the Dayton History Archives Center, the Oregon District, and the home of poet Paul Laurence Dunbar.

Tour 2: The Gem City: Historic Homes & Sites of Dayton Sundays, June 14, July 12, and August 9, 8:30 am – 1:30 pm  
The Wright Cycle Company, 22 South Williams Street, Dayton Ohio 45402

This somewhat challenging bicycle ride will stop at locations that include Hawthorn Hill, Patterson Homestead, Woodland Cemetery and Carillon Historical Park.

Tour 3: A Living Legacy: Huffman Prairie to Wright-Patterson AFB Sundays, June 28, July 26, and August 23, 8:30 am – 12:30 pm  
Huffman Prairie Flying Field Interpretive Center 2380 Memorial Road, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433  
Ride your bike to the world's first air field and the Wright State University archives.

Registration & other information: Pre-registration is encouraged. You can also register at 8:30 am the day of the tour. Tours may be cancelled due to inclement weather. Participants are required to bring their own bicycles and personal gear, including snacks or lunch. Helmets are required. For the latest information check our website at [www.nps.gov/daav](http://www.nps.gov/daav) or call 937.425.0008.



## The Wright-Dunbar Interpretive Center

Aviation Trail Visitor Center & Museum  
and The Wright Cycle Company building  
16 South Williams Street, Dayton, Ohio 45402

Hours: Daily, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm (including summer)  
Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day  
Phone: (937) 225.7705

### Wright-Dunbar Neighborhood Walking Tour

Daily (May 23 to September 7), 10:30 am  
Join a ranger to discover the heritage of West Dayton, neighborhood of the Wright brothers and Paul Laurence Dunbar. Discover the neighborhood fabric reflected in the restored homes and businesses. Also offered in May on Saturday and Sunday, or by reservation.

### "It's in the Details: Wil and Orv as Printers," Demonstration Program

June 19, 20, July 10, 11, August 7, 8, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm  
Wil and Orv were first printers and it took a keen eye and attention to detail to get this job done "Wright."  
Watch a ranger demonstrate the tedious process of printing in 1890 in the room the Wright brothers used.

### Homecoming Celebration

June 20, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Join Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park and Wright-Dunbar Village for music, ice cream, a home tour, and children's activities in commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of Dayton's Wright Brothers' Homecoming Celebration.

### Conducting Genealogy Research in Ohio

November 7, 1:30 pm  
Wright State University Archivist, John Armstrong will provide the basics of how to conduct genealogy research in Ohio and an overview of genealogy resources in Ohio. Subjects discussed will include: Census records, birth and death records, marriage records, naturalization records and estate records. In addition, other potential sources will be identified and discussed including military records, family histories, church records, funeral home records, cemetery records and passenger lists.

### Invention Station

December 5, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Using common items, children will design inventions (to take home), learn problem-solving techniques, and show off their inventiveness, just like the Wright brothers.

### KIDS' PROGRAMS

Children must be accompanied by an adult at ALL programs.

#### Life with the Wright Family

May 9, 2:00 - 3:00 pm  
Fourteen-year-old Carrie Kayler went to work as a housekeeper for the Wright family in 1900, and worked for them for nearly 50 years. Join the adult "Carrie" to explore treasures of her memory chest and learn what it was like to live within this unusual family!

#### Art in the Park

July 11, 18, & 25, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm  
For a second summer, Dayton Aviation will team up with the K12 Gallery for free Art in the Park Saturday sessions. Children, enrolled in kindergarten through 6th grade, will have the opportunity to use their imagination, creativity, and talent while having FUN! Pre-registration is required. Call Judi Hart at 937.225.7705 or email judi\_hart@nps.gov for more information and to obtain a registration form. Participants must be signed in by an adult on the day of the activity.

#### Junior Ranger Days

Each program will complete one activity in the Jr Ranger booklet.

#### Who Am I?

June 24 - 27, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Junior Ranger participants will identify "Who" as they learn first-hand about the people who inspired the Wright brothers.

#### Not Just Another Cycle Shop

July 22-25, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Aspiring Junior Rangers will learn about the many aspects of The Wright Cycle Company building and who inspired the brothers to invent the airplane.

#### Puzzling Out a Poem

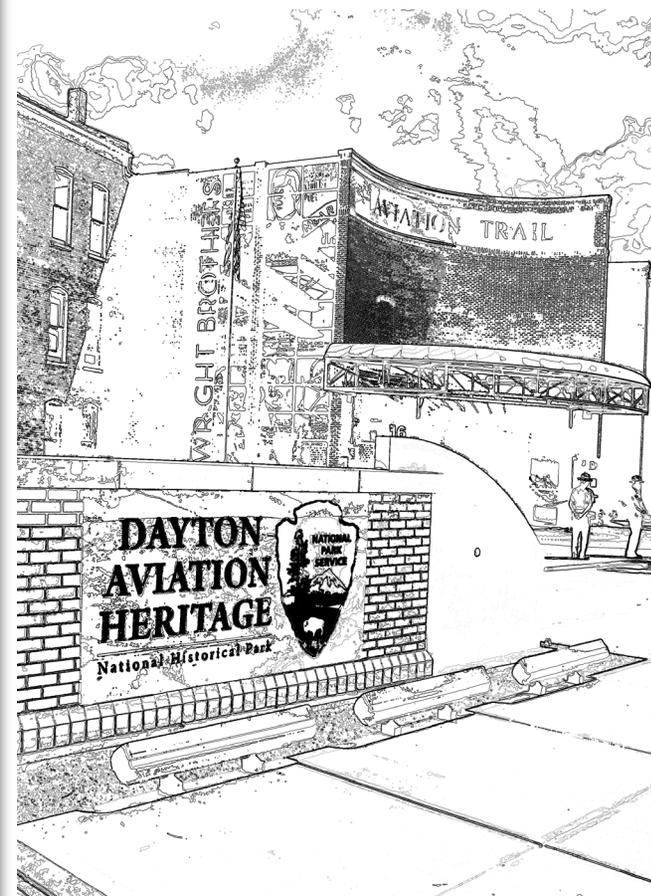
August 12-15, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Participants choose from a grab bag full of words to craft a poem as they complete a puzzle.

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## 2009 Calendar of Events



For more information about our park call  
937.225.7705 or 937.425.0008.  
Or visit us online at <http://www.nps.gov/daav>