

Itinerary #3 – Southern Ohio

Starting in Marietta, this 89-mile trip will take you along the southern Ohio border to Gallipolis, which is just east of the state’s southernmost point. Begin your trip in the Marietta Historic District, then take State Route 7 to Belpre. Continue the trip on State Route 124 to Chesire and return to State Route 7 to reach Gallipolis. Along the way you will encounter at least 13 historical and cultural sites to stop and explore, including the world’s largest baby doll factory, a Civil War battleground and many memorials.

Sites to see & things to do (listed from east to west)

Attraction	Description
Marietta Historic District Marietta, Ohio	The city of Marietta has retained its sense of history and boasts some of the finest and best-preserved commercial and residential architecture in the region, with styles ranging from pre-Civil War plantation to Victorian. Fifty-three sites comprise a walking tour. www.mariettaohio.org
Campus Meritus Museum and Ohio River Museum Marietta, Ohio	Visit the Ohio Historical Society’s Northwest Territory Museum and the nearby Ohio River Museum which has the only surviving steam powered sternwheeler towboat. Contact: 740-373-3750. Toll Free: (800) 860-0145.
Hamar Historic District Marietta, Ohio	The historic Hamar District of Marietta is where the first African American was born in the Northwest Territory, the home where abolitionist David Putnam, Jr. was born in 1808 and the home of four museums including the Hamar Station - an operating model railroad museum.
Lee Middleton Doll Belpre, Ohio	Tour the world’s largest baby doll factory and see the nursery of newborns. Contact: (740) 423-1481. www.leemiddleton.com
Hocking Valley Scenic Railway Nelsonville, Ohio	Ride through the beautiful rolling hills of Southeastern Ohio aboard a vintage locomotive. Santa Trains in the winter! Contact: (800) 967-7834. www.hvsr.com
Buffington Island Portland, Ohio	Buffington Island commemorates the only significant Civil War battle that took place on Ohio soil. Here a Union army routed a column of Confederate cavalry commanded by General John Hunt Morgan in 1863. A monument made of broken Ohio glacial boulders is set in a four-acre outdoor park where visitors can enjoy picnics and read the signs describing the history of the area. <i>It is not on an island.</i> Contact: (614) 297-2630. Toll Free: (800) 686-1535. www.ohiohistory.org/places/buffingt/
Meigs County Court House and Civil War Monument Chester, Ohio	Meigs County holds the distinction of being home to Ohio's oldest standing courthouse. The courthouse is currently undergoing a renovation. When finished this courthouse will have a museum and meeting rooms. Contact: (740) 992-2239 or 1-877-MEIGS-CO. www.meigscountytourism.com/attractions.htm
Meigs Greenhouse District Meigs County, Ohio	The flower industry is Meigs County’s largest agricultural industry bringing in several million dollars annually. Approximately 50 commercial greenhouses supply bedding plants, hanging baskets, potted plants and vegetables to retailers and individuals alike.
Pomeroy Victorian Walking Tour Pomeroy, Ohio	During this tour, visitors are led by one of ten authentically costumed tour guides. In Pomeroy, which is on the National Register of Historic Places, visitors will see unique architecture, churches and stroll along the promenade. www.meigscountytourism.com/attractions.htm
Meigs Heritage Mural Pomeroy, Ohio	The mural is separated into four distinct panels that describe the history of the southeast region of Ohio. The first panel depicts the Ohio River, the second agriculture and the last architecture. www.meigscountytourism.com/attractions.htm

<p>Old French City Gallipolis, Ohio</p>	<p>Gallipolis, which means “City of Gauls,” began as a land speculation project by the Scioto Land Company. French investors and noblemen arrived here in 1790 and established one of the first settlements in the Northwest Territory. The city also has many architecturally and historically significant buildings and sites.</p>
<p>Gallipolis Public Square Gallipolis, Ohio</p>	<p>The site of the first settlement is part of the Public Square and Garden Lots Historic District. The park has a number of memorials of interest.</p>
<p>Our House State Memorial Gallipolis, Ohio</p>	<p>The Our House State Memorial - a three-story brick tavern in the Federal style - was built in Gallipolis by Henry Cushing in 1819. The tavern boasted (in addition to its taproom, dining room, and other usual facilities), a large ballroom for social functions. Contact: (800) 752-2618. www.ohiohistory.org/places/ourhouse</p>