

## Itinerary #4 – South Central Ohio

Starting in Gallipolis, this 87-mile trip will take you along the southernmost point of Ohio to Portsmouth. Begin your trip in the Old French City, then take State Route 7 to Ironton. Continue the trip on State Route 52 to reach Portsmouth. Along the way, explore everything from the Homestead Museum at Bob Evans Farms to historic homes and a shoelace factory. There's something for everyone!

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

Attraction	Description
Old French City Gallipolis, Ohio	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.
Gallipolis Public Square Gallipolis, Ohio	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.
Our House State Memorial Gallipolis, Ohio	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. <a href="http://www.ohiohistory.org/places/ourhouse">www.ohiohistory.org/places/ourhouse</a>
Bob Evans Farms Rio Grand, Ohio	Visit the Homestead Museum, craft barn and restaurant of an American icon. Contact: (740) 245-5305. <a href="http://www.bobevans.com">www.bobevans.com</a>
Rankin Historic District Ironton, Ohio	Visit an important part of the history of the Underground Railroad.
Historic Home Tour Ironton, Ohio	The great success of the iron industry created great wealth as shown in the attractive homes and churches on the tour. Contact: (740) 534-0607.
Burlington 37 Cemetery South Point, Ohio	The site of a memorial marker to the 37 slaves freed in 1849 by James Twyman, a wealthy Virginia plantation owner. The monument stands at the gates of the Burlington 37 Cemetery and was funded in part by individual donations and donated proceeds from a book called “The Promise Land” by Earl Pratt, an Ohio lawyer from Ironton. This book is still available today describing James Twyman’s plantation and the 37 slaves he freed.
Ohio River Murals Portsmouth, Ohio	Located on the floodwall along Front Street, the 50 paintings in this outdoor art gallery depict scenes from the city’s past. Subjects include Portsmouth’s history, the town’s settlement, the growth of industry and famous personages, like Branch Rickey. Contact: (740) 353-1116. <a href="http://www.portsmouthmuralproducts.com">www.portsmouthmuralproducts.com</a> or <a href="http://www.loc.gov/bicentennial/propage/OH/oh-6_h_strickland8.html">www.loc.gov/bicentennial/propage/OH/oh-6_h_strickland8.html</a>
Mitchelllace Factory Portsmouth, Ohio	Tour the world’s largest shoelace maker – 4 million pairs per week. Contact: (740) 353-1116 or (740) 354-2813. Toll free: (800) 848-8696. <a href="http://www.mitchelllace.com">www.mitchelllace.com</a>