Welcome to Dayton

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HELPFUL ORGANIZATIONS

Beavercreek Chamber of Commerce ............................................ 426-2202
Dayton & Montgomery County Convention & Visitors Bureau ...................................................... 226-8248 or 800-221-8235
Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce ........................................ 226-1444
Huber Heights Chamber of Commerce .................................... 233-5700
Oakwood/Moraine/Kettering Chamber of Commerce ............. 299-3852
Quarterly Guides to Festivals & Events ................................. 1-800-BUCKEYE

HELPFUL WEBSITES

www.activedayton.com
www.ci.beavercreek.oh.us
www.ci.dayton.oh.us
www.ci.oakwood.oh.us
www.kettering.oh.org
www.ohiotourism.com

DAYTON-AREA HOSPITALS

Dayton Children's Medical Center
One Children's Plaza, Dayton, 641-3000

Good Samaritan Hospital
2222 Philadelphia Drive, Dayton, 278-2612

Grandview Hospital
405 Grand Avenue, Dayton, 226-3200

Greene Memorial Hospital
1141 North Monroe Drive, Xenia, 429-3200 or 372-8011

Kettering Medical Center
3535 Southern Boulevard, Kettering, 298-4331

Miami Valley Hospital
One Wyoming Street, Dayton, 208-8000

Southview Hospital
1997 Miamisburg Centerville Road, Miamisburg, 439-6000

Sycamore Hospital
2150 Leiter Road, Miamisburg, 866-0551

Veterans' Affairs Medical Center
4100 West Third Street, Dayton, 268-6511

Wright-Patterson Air Force Base Medical Center
88th Medical Group, 4881 Sugar Maple Drive, Bldg. 830, WPAFB, 257-0837
ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN

**Aullwood Audubon Center and Farm** – 1000 Aullwood Road, Butler Township - 890-7360 ([www.metroparks.org](http://www.metroparks.org)) - explore woods, streams, ponds, prairies, and meadows – includes an education center with a discovery room.

**Boonshoft Museum of Discovery** – 2600 DeWeese Parkway, Dayton - 275-7431 ([www.boonshoftmuseum.org](http://www.boonshoftmuseum.org)). Interactive museum with hands-on activities, programs and play areas for toddlers and up including a planetarium. Highly recommend a membership which includes free admission to Boonshoft for one year and free or reduced admission to museums and zoos around the country (ask for the reciprocal list) – a great deal!

**Brukner Nature Center** – 5995 Horseshoe Bend Road, Troy - 698-6493 ([http://bruknernaturecenter.com](http://bruknernaturecenter.com)) touch tables, nature puzzles and games, animal exhibits, nature trails and 200 year-old log home. Free Monday through Saturday 9 am to 5pm - $2 per family on Sunday 12:30 pm to 5 pm

**Five Rivers MetroPark System** ([www.metroparks.org](http://www.metroparks.org)) - see Metro Park Guide or website for description of parks and locations and the “Metro Parkways” bimonthly calendar of programs and events (available at any MetroPark) – of special interest for children:

- *Carriage Hill* – 1880’s living history farm with animals, interactive room and country store
- *Cox Arboretum & Gardens* (434-9005). Children’s’ programs. Reservations required – call early they fill up fast!
- *Horseback riding centers* are located at Carriage Hill (878-8940) and Sugarcreek (438-5569) MetroParks – they offer lessons, trail rides, pony rides and wagon rides
- *Parent and Preschool Programs* (ages 3-5) – many offered at various locations – check the website or Metro Parkways calendar – call early they fill up fast!
- *Possum Creek MetroPark Farm* – farm animals, play area, walking trail – “Kid’s Corral” every Saturday and Sunday 1-4 pm to get up close and personal with the animals

**Kettering Recreation Center** – 2900 Glengarry Drive, Kettering - 296-2587 ([www.kettering.oh.org](http://www.kettering.oh.org)) - Water Raves water park, many programs and classes offered for preschoolers through teens including summer camps

**Magic Castle & Rollandia Golf Center** – 4990 Wilmington Pike, Kettering – 434-4911. Food and games including an indoor play gym, putt-putt golf, a driving range, and batting cages for the big kids, too

**Quest Theatre** – 6255 Far Hills Ave, Dayton - 436-9990 ([www.questtheatre.com](http://www.questtheatre.com)) - live stage shows for preschoolers and up

**The Point** - 6911 Frederick Pike, Dayton - 454-9405 - The Point is a YMCA Early Childhood Center located at Stillwater United Methodist Church. They have a spectacular play land (similar to McDonalds, except much cleaner). It is great for the crawlers (the floor is carpeted) through climbers (lots of slides and tunnels). Best of all, it’s free! The Point is a wonderful place to play on cold or rainy days. In addition, there is an area to eat (with a microwave).

**U.S. Air Force Museum** – see museums

**Vandalia Recreation Center** – 1111 Stonequarry Road, Vandalia – 890-7709 ([www.ci.vandalia.ohio.us](http://www.ci.vandalia.ohio.us)). Features an indoor zero-depth entry pool with interactive activities for all ages including a twisting water slide. Call for hours—they vary by season

**YMCA** – various locations – offer children’s programs including swim lessons (membership not required for some programs).

**Young’s Jersey Dairy** – 6880 Springfield-Xenia Road, Yellow Springs – 325-7009 ([www.youngsdairy.com](http://www.youngsdairy.com)). Farm animal petting area, miniature golf, corn maze, wagon rides, fall festival and pumpkin patch, dairy store with homemade ice cream and restaurant – some attractions are seasonal – call for schedule

A web-site designed with events and activities for kids in the Dayton area: [http://www.daytonkidscorridor.com/](http://www.daytonkidscorridor.com/)
AMUSEMENT PARKS

Cedar Point – One Cedar Point Drive, Sandusky, 1-800-BESTFUN (www.cedarpoint.com) Lake front amusement park on Lake Erie - features rides, musical show, log water rides and several large roller coasters. Facilities for swimming, picnicking, boating, large motel on grounds.

King's Island - 800-288-0808 (www.pki.com) - located just north of Cincinnati - largest theme park in the Midwest, features the "Beast" - one of the fastest, largest, and longest wooden roller coasters in the world; replica of the Eiffel Tower and water park – about a one hour drive from Dayton.

Splash Moraine – 3800 Main St., Moraine 535-1100 (www.splashmoraine.com) - wave pool, slides, lazy river, kids’ pool with interactive play features.

The Beach Waterpark - 2590 Waterpark Drive, Cincinnati – 1-800-886-SWIM (www.thebeachwaterpark.com). Located 20 minutes north of downtown Cincinnati – less than a one hour drive from Dayton.

MUSEUMS

Boonshoft Museum of Discovery – 2600 DeWeese Parkway, Dayton - 275-7431 (www.boonshoftmuseum.org), Interactive museum with hands-on activities, programs and play areas for toddlers and up including a planetarium.

Cincinnati Museum Center – 1301 Western Ave., Cincinnati – 513-287-7000 or 800-733-2077 (www.cincymuseum.org) - includes Cincinnati History Museum, Cinergy Children’s Museum, Museum of Natural History and Science, and OMNIMAX Theater. About one hour from Dayton

COSI (Center of Science and Industry) Columbus – 333 W. Broad Street, Columbus – 877-257-COSI (www.cosi.org) - interactive exhibits and hands on activities make this a great museum for children and adults – includes activities for toddlers through adults. About one hour from Dayton

Dayton Art Institute – 456 Belmont Park North, Dayton, 223-5277 (www.daytonartinstitute.org). Free admission, some special exhibits have fees. Discovery room for kids, full service café and museum store.

Dayton Visual Arts Center – 40 West Fourth Centre, Dayton (corner of 4th and Ludlow) – 224-3822 – region’s leading contemporary gallery space and artists’ organization – free admission.

Indianapolis Children’s Museum – 3000 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis – 1-800-208-KIDS (www.childrensmuseum.org). This is one of the largest children’s museums in the world – five-level, 10-gallery museum features interactive and hands-on exhibits. About two hours from Dayton.


GROCERY STORES

The primary grocery store chains in the area are Kroger, Cub Foods and Meijer. In addition, there are the following:

Dorothy Lane Market (www.dorothylane.com)
2710 Far Hills Avenue, Oakwood, 299-3561
6159 Far Hills Avenue, Washington Township, 434-1294
740 N. Main Street, Springboro, 748-6800
DLM is an amazing grocery store with a wonderful deli, bakery, produce and seafood/meat departments, a large selection of gourmet prepared foods, a good selection of wines and a large selection of specialty grocery items that are difficult to find elsewhere

Jungle Jim’s (www.junglejims.com) - 5440 Dixie Hwy, Fairfield, OH, 45014, 513-674-6000. Huge selection of food items from around the world.

Trader Joe’s – 328 E. Stroop Road, 294-5411. This is more of a specialty food store than a full scale grocery store. They have many staples along with specialty foods and wines at great prices with great customer service.
PARKS

Beavercreek Parks, Recreational and Culture Department. For information on parks and park activities call 427-5514 or visit www.ci.beavercreek.oh.us


Dayton City Parks, Recreation and Culture. For information on parks and park activities call 333-4800 or visit www.cityofdayton.org.

Five Rivers MetroPark System – 275-7275 (www.metroparks.org) – see Metro Park Guide or website for description of parks and locations and the “Metro Parkways” bimonthly calendar of programs and events (available at any MetroPark or online). A fabulous collection of parks, programs and activities including over 240 miles of bike, walking and hiking trails

John Bryan State Park – 3970 St. Rt. 370 at Rt. 343, Yellow Springs, 767-1274; 900 acres of park running along the Little Miami River through Clifton Gorge; features picnicking, camping, hiking, swimming pool, fishing, canoeing, nature programs; cross-country skiing and sledding in the winter.

Kettering Parks and Recreation. A huge offering of sports, activities, art classes, cultural events. swimming, ice skating and more. (www.ketteringoh.org/depts/prca/parks/index.shtml)

PERFORMING ARTS

Dayton Ballet Company – 449-5060; performs at the Schuster Center

Dayton Playhouse – 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave, Dayton – 333-7469 (www.daytonplayhouse.com)

Fraze Pavilion – 695 Lincoln Park Blvd, Kettering – 297-3720 (www.fraze.com). Summer outdoor concert series including a wide range of popular artists


Victoria Theatre Association – 138 North Main Street, 228-3630 – live theatre, includes Broadway show series and the largest and oldest performing arts series for children ages 5-9 – performances takes place at the Victoria Theatre, Schuster Center, and the Loft Theatre. (www.ticketcenterstage.com)

SHOPPING MALLS

Cincinnati Premium Outlets (www.premiumoutlets.com). In Monroe, OH, which is north of Cincinnati. Discover upscale outlet shopping with an impressive collection of 100 designer and name brand outlet stores.

Dayton Mall – 2700 Miamisburg-Centerville Road, Centerville; 433-9833 - anchor stores include Macy’s, Elder-Beerman, JC Penney, and Sears as well as all the other typical mall stores Area surrounding the mall includes many other stores such as Toys-R-Us, Burlington Coat Factory, Michael’s Arts and Crafts, Hobby Lobby, Target, and Walmart.

Fairfield Commons Mall – 2727 Fairfield Commons (located on Fairfield Road just off I-675 in Beavercreek) – 427-4300 – anchor stores include Macy’s Elder-Beerman, JC Penney, and Sears as well as all the other typical mall stores. Area surrounding the mall includes many other stores such as Toys-R-Us, Kohl’s, Barnes and Noble, Bed Bath and Beyond, Michael’s Arts and Crafts, JoAnn’s Fabric, Target, and Walmart.

Prime Outlets, Jeffersonville – 1-800-746-7644 (www.primeoutlets.com) - just take Route 35 east and you can’t miss the outlet – approximately 45 minutes from Dayton.
The Greene – 51 Plum Street, Beavercreek; 490-4900 – retail stores including Ann Taylor Loft, Banana Republic, Books & Company, Coldwater Creek – many restaurants. During summer months, a lot of free outdoor entertainment at the town square.

Town & Country Shopping Center - 100 East Stroop Road, Kettering (corner of Stroop and Far Hills). Small shopping center that includes Stein Mart, Roderers Shoe Store (carry Stride Rite for children), Books & Co., and Trader Joe’s.

SPORTS & FITNESS

Canoe Rental – Fyffe’s, 3234 Washington Mill Road, Bellbrook, 848-4812

Cross-country skiing – contact area golf courses for information

Dayton Cycling Club – Contact the International Pro Bicycle Shop in Bellbrook, 848-8466, for more information; primarily a racing club

Dayton Dragons – Fifth Third Field, Dayton – 228-BATS (www.daytondragons.com) - Dayton’s professional baseball team. Tickets are sold out every year. Great family fun!

Downhill Skiing – Mad River Mountain, Bellefontaine, 937-599-1015 (www.skimadriver.com) - artificial snow, lodge and restaurant, swimming and ski shop. About one hour from Dayton.

Golf – Dayton has several public golf courses. Look in the Yellow Pages of the telephone book under GOLF for the courses nearest you.

Kettering Recreational Center – 2900 Glengarry Drive, Kettering - 296-2587 (www.ketteringoh.org). Year-round swimming (indoors – winter, outdoors – summer), aerobics classes, weight room, ice hockey. Residents of Kettering and anyone employed in Kettering receive discounted fees.

River Bikeway – 463-2707 (www.bikemiamivalley.org) From Dayton to Harrison Township, this trail stretches 24 miles north and south along the Great Miami and Stillwater rivers

Urban Krag Climbing Center – 125 Clay Street, Dayton, 224-5724 (www.urbankrag.com). Indoor climbing center

ZOOS AND AQUARIUMS

Cincinnati Zoo – 3400 Vine Street, Cincinnati – 513-281-4700 (www.cincyzoo.org), Open year round – great polar bear exhibit, about a one hour drive from Dayton. Great holiday lights program, too.

Columbus Zoo and Aquarium – 9990 Riverside Drive, Columbus – 1-800-MONKEYS (www.columbuszoo.org). About a one hour drive from Dayton.


Newport Aquarium – One Aquarium Way, Newport Kentucky – 800-406-fish – (www.newportaquarium.com). 100,000 square foot, state of the art facility with 11,000 aquatic creatures including 200 feet of tunnels. Just across the bridge from downtown Cincinnati.