

# Things To Do in Dayton Within Five Minutes of the Convention

**Oregon Arts District** – Dayton’s original arts and entertainment district has something for everyone, from art galleries to vintage stores, trendy restaurants to laid-back watering holes, along with an independent movie house, comedy club, and even a climbing center and yoga studio. In the 2008 People’s Choice Awards, the District won more honors than any other Dayton destination. [www.oregondistrict.org](http://www.oregondistrict.org) (937) 224-1518

**2nd Street Market** – With sponsorship assistance from PNC Bank, local growers, bakers, culinary specialists, and artisans fill this charming historic freight house. Reminiscent of European markets, it’s alive with vendors, people and activity during market hours. <http://www.metroparks.org/Parks/SecondStreetMarket/Home.aspx>

**America’s Packard Museum aka The Citizens Motorcar Company** – The museum features over 50 automobiles on display in the restored Art Deco showroom, service department and pavilion. In addition, significant artifacts from the Packard Motorcar Company are on display. The January 1998 edition of Car Collector magazine named the museum one of the “Top Ten” Museums in The United States. [Americaspackardmuseum.org](http://Americaspackardmuseum.org) (937) 226-1710

**Carillon Historical Park** – Carillon Historical Park engages you to sample Dayton’s rich heritage of creativity and invention! Founded by Colonel Edward and Edith Deeds, the Park is situated on a beautiful 65-acre campus between the Great Miami River and a glacial moraine. The Park immerses you in the region’s history – from Dayton’s founding in 1796 through two centuries of expansion, industrialism and innovation. Learn about these revolutionary achievements while strolling through the Park’s 25 historical buildings and interacting with the hundreds of artifacts in our exhibits.

Where else can you see the original 1905 Wright Flyer III, the world’s first practical airplane and National Historic Landmark, the 1835 B&O (Grasshopper) steam locomotive, and the first automobile self-starter? Only at Dayton History’s Carillon Historical Park, that’s where! As a visitor, you will also get to experience Dayton’s pioneer history complete with costumed interpreters and a visit to Dayton’s oldest building, Newcom’s Tavern, erected in 1796. <http://www.daytonhistory.org/destinations/carillon-historical-park/> (937) 293-2841

**Hawthorn Hill** – Are you captivated with the history of flight? Would you be fascinated by a glimpse into the mind of Orville Wright? Do you enjoy visiting beautiful, historic homes? If you answered “yes” to any of these questions, then Hawthorn Hill is the place for you!

Due to an exciting partnership between Dayton History and The Wright Family Foundation, Hawthorn Hill, the Oakwood mansion that Orville Wright called home for nearly 35 years, is available for educational tours. This joint venture marks the first time that the structure will be accessible on a regular basis for members of the general public. <http://www.daytonhistory.org/destinations/hawthorn-hill-2/> (937) 293-2841

**Hollywood Dayton Raceway** – Experience the nonstop thrill of our nearly 1,000 reel, digital and progressive games. From your traditional favorites to all the newest games with cutting-edge technology, there’s a game for everyone. We offer VLT denominations from penny machines all the way up to \$25 machines. With our blockbuster jackpots, nobody has more winners than we do. [www.hollywooddaytonraceway.com](http://www.hollywooddaytonraceway.com) (937) 235-7800

**River Scape Metro Park** – Located along the Great Miami River in the heart of Downtown Dayton, this park features interactive fountains in the summer and ice skating in the winter, landscaped gardens, exhibits and invention stations highlighting the city’s history, and a concession stand open year-round. River Scape connects to more than 60 miles of recreation trails and in the summer hosts laser, light and music shows, along with numerous festivals. [www.metroparks.org/Parks/Riverscape/Home.aspx](http://www.metroparks.org/Parks/Riverscape/Home.aspx) (937) 274-0126

**Boonshoft Museum of Discovery** – Extraordinary traveling exhibits and interactive experiences will spark your imagination as you explore the Boonshoft Museum of Discovery’s 94,000 square feet and two stories of unlimited learning potential. Meet a real Egyptian mummy, witness explosive science shows, and dance to the rhythms of the color wall. The Museum houses the region’s only Planetarium, a live animal zoo, a three-story climbing tower, and much more. [www.boonshoftmuseum.org/](http://www.boonshoftmuseum.org/) (937) 275-7431

**Carriage Hill Metro Park** – Farm life in the 1880s comes alive at Carriage Hill Farm. Visitor Center exhibits start the journey back in time while demonstrations, reconstructed and historical buildings, and even period farm animals paint the picture. There are also acres of natural beauty to enjoy. <http://www.metroparks.org/Parks/CarriageHill/Home.aspx> (937) 278-2609  
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## EDITOR’S NOTE:

Yes, this is your (early) July issue. Just thought I would remind you all how much fun the Conventions are in a timely fashion. So, get registered and get your Hotel room before they fill up.

I would love to see you all in Dayton. Ann’s article about the Jam Session is one of the wonderful things you get to experience and spending the weekend with the Four Freshmen makes it even better. Mel and I saw Group 25 on April 23 in Sarasota and they were exceptional. They played to a full house of adoring fans. So why would you want to miss seeing for yourself in Dayton? Barb Meyers