



## Regional Tour Itinerary #5 For Shelby and Darke County, Ohio

For More Information Contact  
Sidney Visitors Bureau  
(937) 492-9122 or Toll Free (866) 892-9122

### **KitchenAid Experience**

Contact: (888) 886-8318 [www.kitchenaid.com/experience](http://www.kitchenaid.com/experience)

Cooking classes are offered on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 10:30 am.

### *Here's What You'll See*

Come to Darke County and experience an interactive shopping adventure! Be the first to assemble your very own KitchenAid stand mixer! In addition, learn how to use the full-line of KitchenAid products and purchase refurbished products at discount prices.



### **KitchenAid Factory Tour**

Contact: (888) 886-8318 [www.kitchenaid.com](http://www.kitchenaid.com)

Scheduled tours run Tuesday through Friday at 12:30 pm, and are subject to manufacturing schedules. The cost is \$5 per person and closed-toe shoes and safety glasses are required. Tours are for individuals age 12 and over. Walk-ins are welcome.

### *Here's What You'll See*

This backstage tour is a one-hour walking event and showcases the operations that build every KitchenAid stand mixer. Discover the only place on Earth where the famous KitchenAid stand mixer is hand-built.

*35 miles from Sidney.*

### **Garst Museum**

Contact: (937) 548-5250

[www.garstmuseum.org](http://www.garstmuseum.org)

Hours are Tuesday through Saturday 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sunday 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Closed Mondays and the entire month of January. Open weekends only in December and February. Other times available for groups by special arrangement. Admission to the museum is \$3 for adults, \$2 for seniors, \$1 for school-age children and free for children under school-age.



### *Here's What You'll See*

This Darke County Historical Society museum features the largest known collection of memorabilia on Annie Oakley; memorabilia and artifacts from the world famous radio broadcaster, Lowell Thomas, along with historic artifacts relating to Anthony Wayne and the Treaty of Greeneville, and Native American artifacts. Other wings in the museum include a village of shops, a wing of early American furnishings, pioneer life, and military uniforms, as well as an early Indianapolis 500 race car built in Greenville. Also featured is a small gift shop and an extensive genealogy room for research. *35 miles from Sidney.*



### **Eldora Speedway**

Contact: (937) 338-3815

[www.eldoraspeedway.com](http://www.eldoraspeedway.com)

### *Here's What You'll See*

Home to the Historical Big One, the Famous World 100, The Dirt Late Model Dream, and the Annual Kings Royal Race, this half-mile dirt oval features All-Star sprints, modifieds, late models, stock cars, and motorcycles. *31 miles from Sidney.*

## Bear's Mill

Contact: (937) 548-5112

[www.bearsmill.com](http://www.bearsmill.com)

There is no charge for self-guided tours. Groups are always welcome.

Hours: 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday - Sunday

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday.

### *Here's What You'll See*

Built in 1849 by Gabriel Bear, Bear's Mill is one of the few operating water-powered mills in Ohio today. The site of the present mill, as well as the water rights were granted to Major George Adams through a Presidential Deed by President James Monroe in 1824. Not only is the Mill significant but the land and water around it is important, too. Huge trees line the banks of the Greenville Creek and the mill race including red, white, and burr oak, black walnut, ash, willows, cedar, birch, cherry, tulip poplar, and white-barked sycamore. The forest floor is carpeted with wildflowers in the spring and summer. Wild plants, wild grapes, ginger, and raspberries are all around. The flowing waters attract all types of animals including the white-tailed deer, fox, beavers, squirrels, reptiles, fish, birds including the Great Blue Heron, King Fisher, chickadees, owls, woodpeckers, cardinals, robins, blue jays, and sparrows.

Because of the abundance of wildlife and the uniqueness of its ecosystem, the Mill property is considered a wildlife sanctuary. The Mill itself has a backdrop of mowed lawns and tree covered knolls bordering both sides of Greenville Creek, which meanders freely through the property.

The water from the creek still provides power that turns the underwater turbines which power all of the milling machinery. A large and small dam creates a two mile lake area from which water is channeled to the mill race. A pair of water gates enables the stream water to be diverted into the race to impel the turbines. A second outlet gate (located under the mill) enables the race to be drained when it is necessary to perform maintenance work on the turbines.

Placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1977, Bear's Mill is still in use today to grind cornmeal, whole wheat flour, rye flour, and pancake mixes. The mill and the burr stones are powered by water.

Visitors are encouraged to tour the mill and the area surrounding it, as well as the distinctive gift shop. The Friends of Bear's Mill offer a line of gift boxes and custom baskets, as well as mill flours and other gourmet sundries and giftware. A special feature at the mill is the handmade pottery by the Bear's Mill potters.

*30 miles from Sidney.*



## Winery at Versailles

Contact: (937) 526-3232

[www.wineryatversailles.com](http://www.wineryatversailles.com)

Hours are Monday through Wednesday 10:00 am to 6:00

pm, Thursday 10:00 am to 8:00 pm, Friday & Saturday

10:00 am to 9:00 pm. Closed Sunday.

### *Here's What You'll See*

You are invited to visit West Central Ohio's only winery located in the heart of Darke County. This family-owned business offers over 32 wines with tastes to suit everyone. From dry Cabernets to fruity Catawbas and sparkling wines, you will surely find the one that's just right for you. Tour the facility, sample the wine and visit the gift shop.

Reservations encouraged. *25 miles from Sidney.*

