

Ohio to Erie Trail



The Ohio to Erie Trail travels 326 miles from the Ohio River in downtown Cincinnati through pastoral fields of Amish Country and on to the sandy shores of Lake Erie in downtown Cleveland. Along the way you'll cycle through gorgeous scenery, major cities, rural town, an lush farmlands.

Getting Here: Tour originates in Cincinnati OH and terminates in Cleveland.

Arriving by Car: Free shuttle from Cleveland or Columbus available on Day 1. Return shuttle to Columbus after tour \$50 per person.

Tour Includes: All lodging, full ride support, daily luggage shuttle, tour guides, on-ride SAG support, immense amounts of fun! **Meals:** 8 Breakfasts; 2 Lunches; 1 Dinner

Duration: 9 Days / 8 Nights

Lodging: Hotels & Inns

Difficulty: Easy to Moderate

Total Miles: Approx. 320 miles

Avg. Daily Miles: 45-55

Hills: Easy to Moderate



Away we go!



Arch on trail in Howard, OH



Ride end in Cleveland

Day 1: Arrival Cincinnati

If time allows arrive early so you can explore the vibrant city of Cincinnati with many great attractions and beautiful parks. We'll meet in the evening to make introductions and for trip orientation.

Nearby Attractions:

Cincinnati Art Museum www.cincinnatiartmuseum.org

Cincinnati Music Hall www.cincinnati-symphony.org

Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park www.cincyplay.com

National Underground Railroad Freedom Center: <https://freedomcenter.org/visit/plan-your-visit/>

Day 2: Cincinnati to Kings Mills

Cycling 34 miles

We're off on cycling as we begin our sojourn along the beautiful Ohio River. Dip that rear tire in the Ohio before we pedal away on this great adventure! We knock out our first 25 miles which bring us to the Loveland Castle before continuing on to Kings Mills, our stop for the evening.

Highlights: Loveland Castle & Museum (2.5 mile shuttle) <http://lovelandcastle.com/>

Day 3: Kings Mills to Cedarville

Cycling 45 miles

A lovely morning of scenic cycling is in store as we hit the trail and head for our first destination, Fort Ancient, a national historic landmark, which served as a social and ceremonial gathering place for America's indigenous people. We continue on to colorful Xenia Station where we'll stop for lunch before continuing on to Cedarville, today's stop.

Day 4: Cedarville to Columbus

Cycling 54 miles

Enjoy a beautiful morning of easy cycling stopping at lovely county parks along the way before stopping for a trailside picnic lunch. Onward, we make our way to the exciting city of Columbus with gorgeous parks and wonderful museums and our stop for the night.

Highlights: Topiary Park of Columbus (.75) [www.columbus.gov/recreationandparks/parks/Topiary-Garden-\(Deaf-School-Park\)/](http://www.columbus.gov/recreationandparks/parks/Topiary-Garden-(Deaf-School-Park)/); Columbus Museum of Art (.60) www.columbusmuseum.org

Day 5: Columbus to Mount Vernon

Cycling 49 Miles

Today's ride is pure tranquility and bliss as we cycle through miles of rolling farmlands. Get lost in your thoughts and as you enjoy easy, scenic cycling before reaching Mount Vernon for our overnight.

Day 6: Mount Vernon to Millersburg

Cycling 53

Today's ride takes us into Ohio's Amish country, the second largest Amish settlement in the U.S. Expect to share the trail with local residents who may be traveling by horse and buggy. At approximately mile 33 we come to the most photographic part of the day as we cycle across the Mohican River via the Bridge of Dreams, a 370-foot covered bridge and the third longest covered bridge in the country.

Highlights: Amish Country, Bridge of Dreams

Day 7: Millersburg to Franklin

Cycling 44 miles

We're on the trail heading out on the Holmes County Trail (part of the OTET system) for our first 10 miles before our route converges onto picturesque rural roads through more of Amish Country where you'll see Amish farmers working the land with their horse-drawn plows. We stop for lunch in Dalton then it's back on bike paths as we begin the next leg of our journey following the Ohio/Erie Canal as we make our way to Franklin, the end of today's ride.

Highlights: Amish Farmlands, Ohio & Erie Canal

Day 8: Franklin to Cleveland

Cycling 53 miles

Our last day of cycling is a real treat as more than half of our cycling will be through beautiful parks including more than 20 miles through gorgeous Cuyahoga Valley National Park, where we'll continue cycling along the Ohio & Erie Canal stopping at the Canal Exploration Center to enjoy a picnic lunch. From there it's on to Cleveland where we end the tour with a traditional dip of the wheels in magnificent Lake Erie.

After a glorious final day of cycling we'll share stories and recap this amazing tour with a dinner social.

Highlights: Cascade Locks www.cascadelocks.org; Cuyahoga Valley Nat'l Park www.nps.gov/cuva/index.htm
Rock & Roll Hall of Fame www.rockhall.com

Day 9: Departure

Departure for homebound or other destinations.

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