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From the Indian Hill Historical Society



Buckingham Lodge
1861

Historical Places to Visit Nearby

Residents of Indian Hill are familiar with its historical landmarks. Those include the Little Red Schoolhouse, Elliott House, the Water Tower, and Blome Road Bridge. Southwestern Ohio has many local historical museums and sites that offer unique cultural aspects to visitors. Quite a few are just a short drive away.

The Madeira Historical Society is located at the Miller House on Miami Road. Purchased from a Sears Roebuck catalogue, and constructed on site, it was a residence from 1922-1998. Four families lived there over seven decades. Artifacts related to daily living in the 29th century are visible in each room, and the chicken coop – with live poultry – is always a highlight for young students.

Promont, a Victorian mansion circa 1865, was the former home of John M. Pattison, Ohio's 43rd governor. Owned and operated by the Greater Milford Area Historical Society, it is on the National Register of Historic Places. The three floors are decorated with period furnishings, and the Italianate structure is steeped in old world elegance, capped off with a tower. It also contains a research library, gift shop, and periodically changing exhibits. The spacious grounds complement the museum.

Another Victorian home, Bonaventure, was constructed in 1862 for Dr. John S. Law, father of Loveland's first mayor. The Greater Loveland Historical Society maintains the historic home which has been refurbished and includes 2 parlors, a dining room, 2 bedrooms, and a kitchen. The Nancy Ford Cones Photography Collection is housed in the gallery. Additionally the GLHS offers the Rich Family Log Cabin and the Coleman gazebo.



Bonaventure House

A little farther afield is the Warren County Historical Society, located at the Warren County History Center Museum in downtown Lebanon. Known as Harmon Hall, the 28,000 square foot brick building has artifacts from the prehistoric era to the mid-20th century. The Shaker Gallery is one of the most complete in the Midwest. It contains many implements used by the religious sect. The Society is also responsible for Glendower, a historic mansion a block and a half away. Its Greek Revival style features Doric columns and a captain's walk on the hipped roof.

Also in Warren County, the Mason Historical Society manages the Alverta Green Museum, named after a local antiques dealer and longtime resident who bequeathed her home to the Society in 1988. It is a 1890s Victorian House full of period furniture and artifacts donated by Mason's residents.

Clermont County has quite a few local historical societies with buildings worth touring. The Anderson Township Historical Society arranges visits to the c.1796 Miller-Leuser Log House on Cough Pike, which it restored in the 1970s. It is on the National Register of Historic Places. The Goshen Township Historical Society has a log cabin dated circa 1800 – the Stroup-Cook Log Cabin, yet their main museum is located at The Anchorage, a limestone house built about 1825. It features changing exhibits throughout the year in one room. The Harmony Hill Association in Williamsburg at the site of Major General William Lytle's homestead boasts the oldest structure in the county – a 1796 dairy house. Historic New Richmond tends two properties. The Ross-Gowdy House is reminiscent of the steam boat era when New Richmond thrived on the traffic resulting from trade on the Ohio River. And the Ulysses S. Grant Birthplace, a small frame cottage in Point Pleasant, at the junction of the Ohio River and Big Indian Creek, is also open to the public.

Hamilton County possesses the Heritage Village Museum – a 19th century community with 12 restored buildings from southwest Ohio. Structures include homes, a train station, barn, church, print shop, and schoolhouse. It is located in Sharon Woods Park - less than a half hour from Indian Hill.

All these places are treasure troves which contain a wide array of artifacts and reflect timeless architecture. Because they have been preserved, each one conveys part of Ohio's unique heritage and local history.



Promont House



Ross-Gowdy House