

Ohio to Erie Trail



The Ohio to Erie Trail travels 326 miles across Ohio connecting the Ohio River in downtown Cincinnati to Lake Erie in Cleveland. Along the way we'll visit the major cities of Cincinnati, Columbus, Akron and Cleveland, and cycle through scenic stretches of Pennsylvania's Amish Country and through beautiful Cuyahoga Valley National Park before wrapping up our ride on the sandy shores of Lake Erie. With over 90% of this ride being on perfectly paved bike paths while meandering through gorgeous scenery, this is one fabulous bike ride that is nearly impossible to surpass!

Tour Includes: All lodging, full ride support, daily luggage shuttle, tour guides, on-ride SAG support, immense amounts of fun!

Meals: 5 Breakfasts; 4 Lunches; 1 Dinners

Duration: 8 Days / 7 Nights

Lodging: Hotels & Inns

Difficulty: Easy to Moderate

Total Miles: 326 miles

Avg. Daily Miles: 45-55

Hills: Easy to Moderate



Away we go!



Arch on trail in Howard, OH



Ride end in Cleveland

Getting Here

Tour originates in Cincinnati and terminates in Cleveland. Both offer an abundance of sightseeing so we recommend adding on a day or two before and/or after your tour to spend time enjoying these lively cities!

Arriving by Air: We recommend flying into Cincinnati and home from Cleveland. Or fly in and out of Cleveland and use our shuttle to Cincinnati (see details below).

Arriving by Car: Shuttle from Cleveland to Cincinnati is available on Day 1 for \$75 per person.

We pick up at **CLE Parking Lot, 5775 Engle Rd, Brook Park, OH** at **11:30 AM**. You can make advanced parking reservations online: <http://clepark.com/>.

Day 1: Arrival Cincinnati

11:00 AM Optional Shuttle Cleveland (See info above)

7:00 PM Orientation at hotel

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.cincinnatiisymphony.org

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

Day 2: Cincinnati to Kings Mills

35 Miles

We're off 'n cycling as we begin our sojourn along the beautiful Ohio River. Dip that rear tire in the Ohio before pedaling away on this great adventure! We knock out our first 35 miles along the scenic Little Miami Trail with a lunch stop in charming Loveland before continuing on to Kings Mills, our stop for the evening.

Day 3: Kings Mills to Cedarville

45 Miles

A fabulous 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 stopping in colorful Xenia for lunch before reaching Cedarville, today's stop.

Day 4: Cedarville to Columbus

50 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 [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 www.columbusmuseum.org

Day 5: Columbus to Mount Vernon

46 Miles

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

Highlights: Beautiful scenery, trailside picnic, Ariel Park

Day 6: Mount Vernon to Fredericksburg

52 Miles

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: Massillon to Akron

30 or 55 Miles

Today is rider's choice. Will you opt to tackle the beautiful, but hilly 20 miles omitted from yesterday's ride? Or will you opt for the shorter 30 miles option providing the opportunity to explore Akron, or to hop on the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad where your rail ticket gives you a full afternoon of access to beautiful Cuyahoga Valley National Park.

Akron Art Museum: <http://akronartmuseum.org/>

Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad: <http://www.cvsr.com/>

Cuyahoga Valley Nat'l Park www.nps.gov/cuva/index.htm

Day 8: Akron to Cleveland

43 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 Edgewater Park in Cleveland where we end our adventure with a traditional dip of the wheels in Lake Erie.

Highlights: Cycling through Cuyahoga National Park, Cascade Locks www.cascadelocks.org;

Ride Conclusion: At the end of the ride we'll shuttle all guests from Edgewater Park to the Fairfield Inn & Suites, 55110 Tiedeman Rd, Brooklyn, OH (est. arrival Fairfield Inn is 2:30 PM). From there you can make your arrangements for homebound or other onward travel.

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