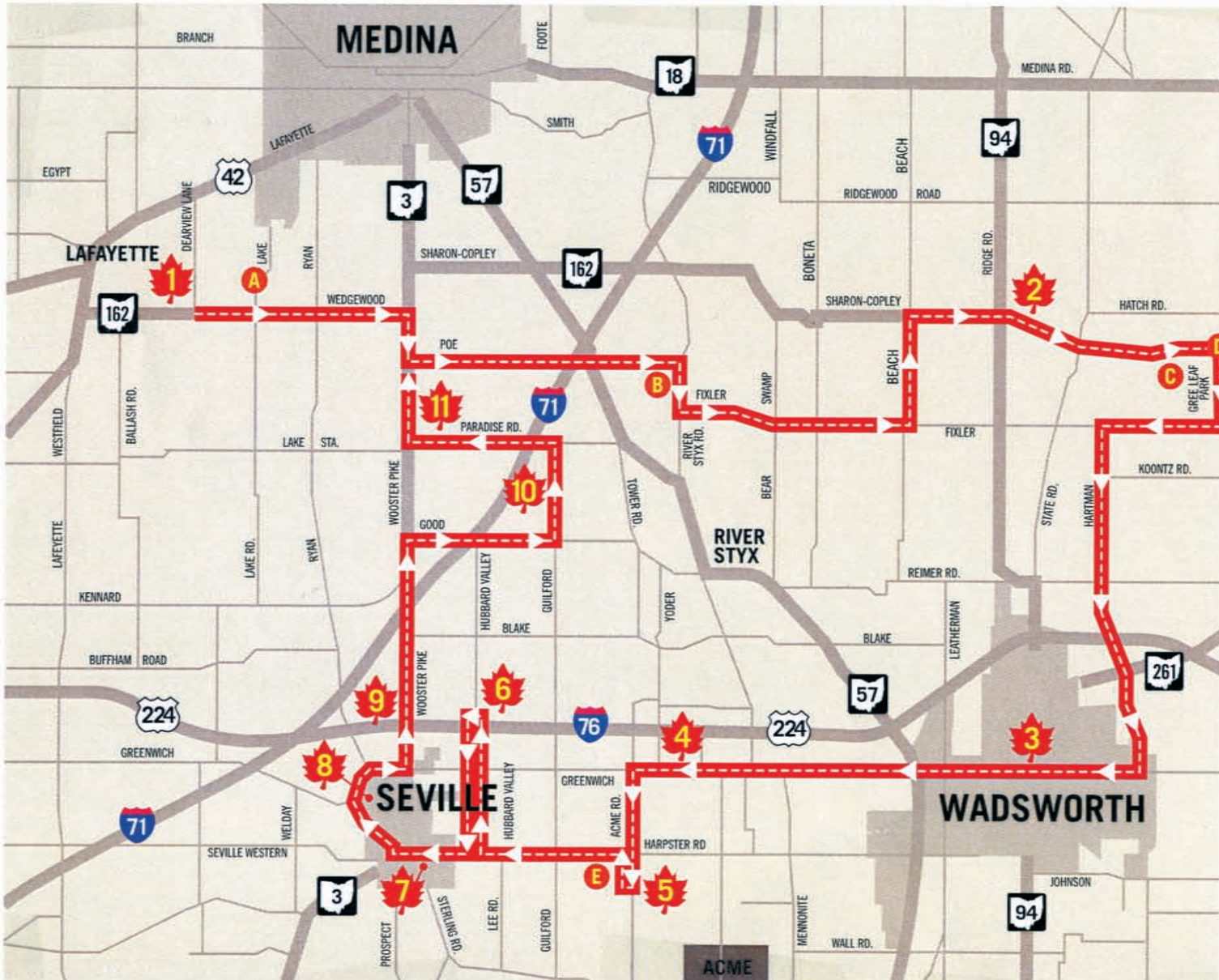


2009 Fall Foliage Tour

October 10-11 NOON- 6:00

Medina County Park District; Soil & Water Conservation District, OSU Extension, and the Visitors Bureau request you to *please follow the green arrows on the route and show your appreciation to the Tour Hosts. Enjoy Medina County.*



TOUR STOPS:

1. Pioneers in the Park
2. Sharon Center United Methodist Church
3. Wadsworth Historical Society
4. Skypark Airport
5. Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery
6. Maple Valley Farm
7. Town & Country Coop
8. Sulzener Gardens
9. Geig's Orchard
10. Paradise Tree Farm
11. Boyert's Greenhouse

POINTS OF INTEREST:

- A. University Center
- B. "Sign Our Streams"
- C. Wetlands
- D. Green Leaf Park
- E. Land Conservation

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The committee requests that you:

1. Follow the arrow directions for traffic safety & flow.
2. Note that some sites do not allow pets or require that pets be leashed.
3. Respect the orange tape as boundaries set by Hosts.
4. Respect starting time (Noon) and ending time (6 p.m.).
5. Carpool to save gasoline and parking spaces.

Host Sites

1. Pioneers in the Park

***Buckeye Woods Park - Medina County Park District
6335 Wedgewood Road (S.R. 162), Medina 44256***

Come and see demonstrations of pioneer crafts, skills and encampments, enjoy the sounds of bluegrass and dulcimer music, and try your hand at pioneer games and activities. Food and drinks are available for purchase.

Restrooms available; leashed pets only please

2. Sharon Center United Methodist Church

6407 Ridge Road, Sharon Center 44274

Tour one of the oldest continuously-operating churches in Medina County and learn about its history which began in 1832. Have some old-fashioned fun doing a make-and-take craft and making rope. Harvest dinner on Saturday only; dinner between 4 - 6 p.m.

Restrooms available; no pets please

3. Wadsworth Historical Society

104 High Street, Wadsworth 44281

The Johnson house, built in 1840, is now a restored historical doctor's office and residence. See antique medical equipment and Wadsworth artifacts. Guides will be dressed in period costumes.

Park in the city hall parking lot.

4. Skypark Airport

3071 Greenwich Road, Wadsworth 44281

View the patchwork-quilt landscape of southern Medina County from the sky. Scenic flights are provided at the cost of \$15 per seat, weather permitting, with maps and information from the Chippewa Subdistrict of the Muskingum Watershed. Food is available for purchase.

Restrooms available; leashed pets permitted on site but not on flights

5. Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery

10175 Rawiga Road, Rittman 44270

This national cemetery opened in June 2000 to honor our fallen military. The Medina County Women of the Military and the cemetery directory will be at the Information Center. Listen to patriotic music played by a carillon and walk the trail featuring 114 memorials donated by local veteran service organizations.

Restrooms available; no pets please

6. Maple Valley Farm

8701 Hubbard Valley Road, Seville 44273

Five generations of the Fulton family have been working and caring for this dairy and grain farm since the late 1800s using good conservation practices. The making of pure maple syrup is a family tradition, and the "Sugar Camp" will be open for display. Maple products are available for sale.

No pets please

7. Town and Country Co-op

16 West Market Street, Seville 44273

This feed mill started as the Seville Elevator Company in 1919. Walk through a birdseed "factory" and see how various seeds and grains are blended for different species of birds. Also, view grain bins and the fertilizer blending facility.

Port-a-Potty available; no pets please

8. Sulzener Gardens

9383 High Street, Seville 44273

The Sulzener family mini farm features homegrown pumpkins, mums, and various farm animals including the farm's flock of sheep. There is a lot for the family to see and do including: hay maze, corn pit, pony rides (\$3), flint knapping, and Native American artifacts. Food is available for purchase.

Port-a-Potty available; no pets please

9. Geig's Orchard

8468 Wooster Pike, Seville 44273

Stroll through 30 acres of fruit trees or take a hayride to the pumpkin patch. Inside Geig's produce store, you will see apples being sorted, graded and packed. The new cider press will be operating.

Port-a-Potty available; leashed pets only please

10. Paradise Tree Farm

4136 Paradise Road, Seville 44273

The Demeter family started the 100-acre tree farm in 1988. Learn about different tree species and the drip irrigation system while touring the groves of trees on a hay wagon. See the equipment used for digging, balling, and transplanting trees. Food available for purchase.

Port-a-Potty available

11. Boyert's Greenhouse

7171 Wooster Pike (S.R. 3), Medina 44256

The Boyert family started its Medina greenhouses and farm in 1981 and specializes in growing perennials, herbs, scented geraniums, bedding plants, houseplants, and holiday plants. Educational presentations will be held both days including: Lawn maintenance (1p.m.); Garden/lawn designing (2 p.m.); Shrubs for fall colors and winter interest (3 p.m.); Building a bird paradise (4 p.m.).

Restrooms available

Drive-by Points of Interest

A. University Center - hosts the University of Akron and Technical Training

B. "Sign Our Streams" - signage brings citizens' attention to the headwaters of the West Branch of the Rocky River. Trees protect the water quality in the stream's riparian.

C. Wetlands - filter and remove sediment, recharge ground water, control flooding, create a habitat for wildlife and create biodiversity.

D. Green Leaf Park - was the first land developed as a Medina County Park and is home to one of the oldest remaining Medina County log homes, the Hard Family cabin.

E. Land Conservation - contour crop rows are designed to slow down rainwater runoff in order to save soil nutrients and reduce erosion.



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