

2012 Adventures In and Around Grove City, Ohio

Grove City is just six miles from Downtown Columbus with easy access off I-71 Exit 100 at Stringtown Road. There are many day trip options in Central Ohio but we will mostly concentrate on Grove City. Contact us for assistance.

THE ENCAMPMENT, 4185 Orders Road, Grove City.



Although Ohio didn't experience the ravages of the Civil War on its local turf, there is considerable interest in the conflict that helped identify the United States as we know it today. This event includes re-enactors representing both the Union and Confederate sides. It's an opportunity to talk first hand, hear the cannons roar, observe the loading and discharge of black powder long rifles, discuss medical procedures at a field hospital while listening to music of the period. In addition to Civil War re-enactors, you will experience other groups from the American Revolution, the Wild West and you will even have an

opportunity to see a bison up close (stuffed of course) and meet Buffalo Bill. It's a great event and best of all it's free but donations to the Southwest Franklin County Historical Society are appreciated. Food and beverage is available on site. Additional information is available. Potential other side trips: **Motts Military Museum, 5075 S. Hamilton Road,**



in Groveport.

and its Civil War exhibit area can take up several hours. There is a \$5 per person admission fee. **Camp Chase**, one of the largest prisoner of war camps in the Northern States during the Civil War is about 15 minutes from Grove City. All that remains today is the cemetery

where 2,260 Confederate soldiers are buried. Another nearby site is the Camp Chase mural in Westgate Park minutes from Camp Chase Cemetery. The Encampment is the last weekend in April each year.

OLD TIME HARVEST DAY, 4185 Orders Road. This annual event is held at Grove City's Century Village, a community that brings the 1850's to life. The day long program is hands-on and great for both children and adults. Learn how early settlers made rope, harvested grain, quilted bedding and completed fine needlework. Children and adults enjoy the experience of "washing socks" in a wash tub then



using a wooden ringer before the items are placed



on a clothes line then recycled to the wash tub. Many other everyday household activities are demonstrated. The village has a one room brick school, a log cabin, two log barns, a two hole outhouse (*not in service*), a windmill, kitchen garden and an outside hand pump for water. This event also is free but donations to the Southwest Franklin County Historical Society are appreciated. Another free side trip would be the Grove City Welcome Center Museum. The featured item is a mint condition 1912 Model T Ford in addition to other numerous items. The Old Time Harvest Day is held the first Sunday in October.



THE GARDENS AT GANTZ FARM, 2255 Home Road, Grove City. This is one of Grove City's most popular public parks. It features 10 herb gardens that feature herbs used in medicine, food preparation, scent, garden accents and much



more. The labyrinth (above-left and below) is a new addition to the park. Labyrinths are an ancient meditation tool that has been used throughout the world. The circular path has one entrance point, no dead ends, leading to the center. Walking the labyrinth is a personal and reflective experience that mimics the twists and turns of life. The Gantz labyrinth is surrounded by an herbal grove including American Beech, Sweet Bay Magnolia and Sassafras. Special tours of Gantz can be arranged by volunteers through Grove City Parks and Recreation. Free. Gardens at Gantz are open weekdays during daylight hours.



INTERNATIONAL E-JET MODEL AIRPLANE SHOW, 6321 Young Road, Grove City.

This fall event runs four days through weekend usually in August or September. Large scale model aircraft and their pilots from countries around the world attend the competition what sees these electric jet aircraft hit speeds as high as 200 miles per hour. During the aerial completion, many planes will be airborne at the same time. See the planes take off and land at a 1,000 foot paved runway. Cost of some planes up to \$12,000. Admission \$5 per car or truck.



Minutes south of Grove City.



BALLOONS-n-TUNES, 3811 Southwest Blvd., Grove City. Watch hot air balloons launch from the infield at Beulah Park in Grove City. Thousands visit each year from throughout Ohio and other states. It's a great opportunity to get up close and watch as the launch begins and the preparation to package the big balloons after a night glow. If you have never experienced a night glow, it is well worth the effort to attend. Tethered rides available for a limited time. Balloon glow after dark. Parking \$5 per car or truck. No admission.



BEULAH PARK THOROUGHBRED RACING, 3811 Southwest Blvd., Grove City. Ohio's first thoroughbred race track that was founded in 1923. Prior to that, Grove City was known as the greyhound racing center in Ohio. Beulah Park today has a fall/winter and spring meet. Groups with prior arrangements can receive a special orientation at the track explaining how betting and racing go hand in hand.

TRAPPER JOHN'S CANOE LIVERY, 7141 London Groveport Road., Grove City. Enjoy a few hours or an overnight trip along a national scenic waterway. Canoes and kayaks are available. Flow of water and weather conditions can impact waterway travel.



THE BIG SPLASH, 2831 Southwest Blvd., Grove City. Open Memorial Day thru Labor Day. Amenities include zero-depth entry into the pool, interactive water toys, a six-lane lap pool, two 190-foot large body slide, 165-foot enclosed slide and an aquatic climbing wall. Other facility features include a sand play area, relaxing green space, lounge chairs and umbrellas and a sand volleyball court. The facility is operated by Grove City Parks and Recreation. Call 614/277-1818 for recorded message or 614/277-3050 for general information.



THE DISCOVERY FRONTIER AT FRYER PARK, 4185 Orders Road, Grove City.



Play area for children located south of Grove City at Fryer Park, has won national awards and recognition. Large catch and release lake on the property, no license required. Children will enjoy the sound area, tunnels, unique swings, purple sand and much more. Play surfaces are cushioned for safety. Public restrooms on the property.



LITTLE THEATRE OFF BROADWAY, 3981 Broadway, Grove City. Enjoy live theatre in the Grove City Town Center. It is strongly recommended you order tickets early. The theatre group is one of the oldest in Ohio with several performances throughout the year.



GROVE CITY WELCOME CENTER AND MUSEUM, 3378 Park St., Grove City.

The Welcome Center provides a wide range of travel information for popular destinations throughout Ohio. The Museum gives a glimpse of the area's history including many artifacts such as a 1912 Model T Ford, 1896 'high speed' washing machine (right), early furnished parlor, men's and ladies hats. The Welcome Center and Museum is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.



Non-chain places to dine in Grove City

Detailed restaurant map at each hotel and on line www.visitgrovecityoh.com

Cimi's Bistro, —The private Pinnacle Golf Club in Grove City has public dining at Cimi's. Memorable surroundings, great and reasonably priced food, dine inside or outside, the view of rolling hills are beautiful.

China Bell—Locally owned and with a strong, loyal dining audience. Order off the menu or enjoy a Sunday buffet.

Lilly's Kitchen Table—Breakfast or lunch in this 1950's diner. Order from menu; large portions served. Their specialty is fresh, home cooked potato chips.

Side trips in Columbus

Addresses at www.visitgrovecityoh.com

Santa Maria. A 98-foot long wooden merchant cargo ship built to the actual Spanish plans of Columbus' original ship that explored the New World. View from outside free, there is a charge to board the ship.

Park of the Roses. A 13 acres of manicured gardens with over 11,000 rose bushes that make up 350 varieties. One of the largest municipal rose gardens in the United States. Free activity.

Jack Nicklaus Museum. Over 2,000 pieces are on display as one of the greatest collections of golf memorabilia in the world. Adult admission \$10.

The Topiary Park. A unique image of Georges Seurat's post-impressionist painting. It's a landscape of a painting of a landscape. No admission.

Kelton House Museum & Garden. A view of the Victorian era of Columbus. The house was also an important stop on the Underground Railroad. Current admission is \$6 per person.

The Book Loft in German Village. This is a popular destination for people who enjoy books and reading. It is a unique building in the heart of the German Village.

COSI Columbus. Nation's #1 science center. Spend an enjoyable day there and don't miss the seven story extreme screen theatre.

Columbus Zoo. The zoo is known around the world and is promoted by Jack Hanna. The zoo also is rated the top facility of its kind in the country.

Zoombezi Bay. It's a wild water park beside the Columbus Zoo. Roaring rapids, wild tides in the half-million gallon wave pool, and all kinds of other water adventures.

Franklin Park Conservatory. The Conservatory has over 400 species of plants from a variety of global climate zones and features a Victorian Palm House with more than 40 species of palms. Special annual exhibitions include The Orchid Forest, Blooms and Butterflies, and Holidays at the Conservatory.

Ohio Statehouse. The Ohio Statehouse is one of America's finest examples of Greek Revival architecture and is one of the oldest working statehouses in the United States. For groups of fewer than 10, free guided tours are offered Monday through Friday on the hour from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m., and on Saturdays and Sundays from noon until 3 p.m. Tours last approximately 45-60 minutes.

Columbus Museum of Art. CMA houses art that speaks to diverse interests and styles through many permanent collections and special exhibitions. Recognized for extraordinary regional collections such as the largest public collection of woodcarvings by Columbus folk artist Elijah Pierce and the world's largest repository of paintings and lithographs by Columbus native George Bellows, who is widely regarded as the finest American artist of his generation.

The Wexner Center for the Arts. The building features four exhibition galleries, totaling approximately 13,000 square feet. Come for a free Walk-in Tour most Thursdays at 5 pm and most Saturdays at 1 pm, when exhibitions are open. These hour-long tours allow plenty of time for questions and discussion. Reservations are not required.

Thurber House. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, Thurber House is the home of humorist, author, and New Yorker cartoonist James Thurber. The house is a non-profit literary center and Thurber museum. In many rooms, visitors are invited to sit on the chairs, play a chord on the piano, and experience the museum as if they were the Thurber's guests.

SegAway Tours of Columbus. Enjoy the thrill of riding on a Segway i2 while you discover the charm and history of Columbus. During this 2 hour tour you will explore miles of peaceful parkland along the Scioto River, the thriving Short North arts district, the vibrant Arena District and historic downtown.



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