



Dayton, Ohio



Dayton, Ohio, is the birthplace of Wilbur and Orville Wright and therefore is considered the birthplace of aviation. Dayton is also home to the first military airfield and the first emergency parachute jump.

The Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park contains many aviation-based attractions. Carillon Historical Park's 25 buildings display aviation artifacts and other inventions. The Aviation Trail, Inc. Visitor Center has exhibits about the Wrights' lives. The Wright-Dunbar Interpretive Center displays the interconnected lives of the Wrights and Paul Laurence Dunbar, the first African-American poet to earn international acclaim; the Paul Laurence Dunbar State Memorial House offers additional exhibits about the author's life. Hawthorn Hill is the Oakwood mansion that belonged to Orville Wright and is currently open for tours. The Wright Brothers used Huffman Prairie Flying Field, located on the grounds of Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, to test their aircraft and to train pilots. Also located on the base are Huffman Prairie Flying Field Interpretive Center, the National Museum of the United States Air Force, and the National Aviation Hall of Fame. The Armstrong Air & Space Museum, Wright B Flyer, Grimes Flying Lab Foundation, and Historic WACO Field are also in the Dayton vicinity.

Other attractions include the Dayton Art Institute, Dayton Cultural Center, the Dayton Visual Arts Center, Dayton International Peace Museum, The Citizens Motor Car Company: America's Packard Museum, the Old Courthouse, Memorial Hall, the Korean War Memorial, Patterson Homestead, and Boonshoft Museum of Discovery.

The Victoria Theatre Association operates the historic Victoria Theatre, the Benjamin & Marian Schuster Performing Arts Center, and the Metropolitan Arts Center. These venues host concerts, performances, and other shows by the Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra, Dayton Opera, Dayton Ballet, Broadway Series, and the Human Race Theatre Company. The professional choral ensemble Musica, the Bach Society of Dayton, Cityfolk, Dayton Contemporary Dance Company, Dayton Theatre Guild, and Dayton Playhouse also offer entertainment.

NEIGHBORHOODS

In downtown Dayton, rentals and condominiums can be found in renovated warehouses, flats, townhouses, and new buildings.

Among the historic districts located on the edge of the downtown is Oregon, Dayton's oldest neighborhood, which features 19th century mansions in Federal, Italianate, Greek Revival, and Queen Anne styles. The South Park neighborhood is close to the Miami Valley Hospital and features one- and two-story brick and frame houses built in vernacular, cottage, Second Empire, High Victorian Italianate, Queen Anne, Federal, and Romanesque Revival styles. Housing styles in the Dayton View Historic District include high Victorian, Queen Anne, Jacobethan, Chateausque, classical American Foursquare, and Prairie School. The Jacobethan style dominates the Grafton Hill Historic District, which is close to the Grandview Hospital. Queen Anne, Victorian, Craftsman, and Tudor style homes can also be found in this area. Good Samaritan Hospital is located near the Kenilworth Historic Neighborhood that features large wooded landscaped lots and homes constructed in Craftsman, Tudor, Colonial, Foursquare, and Cotswold Cottage styles. The Dayton View Triangle neighborhood has large houses in the Tudor style on curvilinear tree-lined streets.

Dayton's newer neighborhoods include infill houses in the Wright-Dunbar Historic District and areas such as Hook Estates, Pheasant Ridge, and Quail Hollow. Apartments and condominiums are also available.

PARKS AND RECREATION

In addition to the historic parks, Dayton has community centers with indoor pools, an outdoor pool, 7 spray parks, 3 golf centers, a softball complex, and a tennis center. Among the Five Rivers MetroParks located in Dayton, Eastwood MetroPark features a 185-acre lake, a pond, a lagoon, and the scenic Mad River and offers water-based recreational activities. RiverScape MetroPark is located along the Great Miami River in downtown Dayton and hosts concerts, community events, and a spray ground. Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark has formal gardens in many styles, a Children's Discovery Garden, and a community garden.

The Woodland Cemetery is one of the nation's five oldest rural/garden cemeteries and is the burial site of the Wright Brothers and Paul Laurence Dunbar.

The SunWatch Indian Village and Archaeological Park is a 13th century Fort Ancient Indian village that has been partially reconstructed and features a museum/interpretive center.

The Dayton Dragons (baseball) and the Dayton Gems (ice hockey) are professional sports teams.

EDUCATION

Dayton Public Schools educates approximately 15,000 students in 22 pre-kindergarten through grade 8 elementary schools, 6 high schools, and 2 special centers. Two elementary schools are single-sex schools.

Higher education is available at nearby Wright State University offers undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs and is also home to the Boonshoft School of Medicine. The university's library contains the Wright Brothers Collection. The University of Dayton is a Catholic research university that offers undergraduate and graduate programs and a law school. Sinclair Community College offers associate degrees and certificates. Kettering College offers training in various health care fields, and Miami-Jacobs Career College offers career-based training in business, health care, and other fields.

HEALTH CARE

Located within Dayton, the three adult acute-care hospitals and one pediatric hospital have over 1,900 licensed beds, two rehabilitation centers, a psychiatric facility, a specialty orthopedic and plastic surgery facility, and a long-term acute-care facility. The Dayton VA Medical Center provides a full range of health care services for veterans. The medical center's campus is also recognized as a historic district.

CITY STATS

2009

City Population	141,527
Metropolitan Statistical Area Population	842,131
Per Capita Personal Income, Dayton, Ohio, MSA	\$35,886