



## Loveland Castle - Civil War Museum - Schoolhouse Restaurant Saturday, October 15th



We'll start our outing with a visit to the Loveland Castle Museum in Loveland, Ohio. It is about a 25-minute drive from the castle to our next stop, the Christian Waldschmidt Homestead and the Camp Dennison Civil War Museum. We have arranged for a private tour on a day when the museum is normally closed.

After visiting the Civil War Museum, we'll enjoy lunch at the nearby Schoolhouse Restaurant, famous for their chicken dinners. The Schoolhouse Restaurant is only a one-minute drive from the Civil War Museum. We should arrive there at approximately 4:00PM.

- 1:00PM Loveland Castle (Château Laroche)**  
12025 Shore Dr, Loveland, OH 45140  
<https://lovelandcastle.com/>
- 2:30PM Christian Waldschmidt Homestead & Civil War Museum**  
7567 Glendale Milford Rd, Camp Dennison, OH 45111  
<https://www.ohiodar.org/waldindex.html>
- 4:00PM Dinner at Schoolhouse Restaurant**  
8031 Glendale Milford Rd, Camp Dennison, OH 45111  
<https://theschoolhousecincinnati.com/>
- RSVP [RSVP-October@oveb.org](mailto:RSVP-October@oveb.org)**  
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## Loveland Castle (Château Laroche)



Loveland Castle is a museum on the banks of the Little Miami River north of Loveland, Ohio. Built in the style of a Medieval castle, construction began in the 1920s by Boy Scout troop leader, World War I veteran, and medievalist Harry D. Andrews. Andrews named his castle after a military hospital in the Château de la Roche in southwest France, where he was stationed during the First World War. Its name means "Rock Castle" in French.

For over fifty years, Andrews worked on his castle project. He pulled stones from the nearby Little Miami River, and when that supply was exhausted, molded bricks with cement and quart milk cartons.

When Andrews died in 1981, he willed the castle to his Boy Scout troop, the Knights of the Golden Trail (KOGT). The Castle has been extensively upgraded and renovated in the years since Andrews' death and has been mostly completed by the KOGT. The East tower now houses a short video presentation on Andrews' quest to finish his dream. The walls of the upstairs chapel feature many stones brought back by Andrews in his world travels and others sent to him from foreign locations by his friends and followers. Tales of the castle being haunted – often coming from Chateau Laroche's own volunteer knights – have been reported over the years.

## Christian Waldschmidt Homestead & Civil War Museum



The Christian Waldschmidt Homestead Museum complex includes an historic home completed in 1804, a Civil War Museum, a spring house and a visitor center.

In 1794, Christian Waldschmidt, a veteran of the American Revolution, ventured to a site near the Little Miami River and established a new settlement called New Germany. The home was completed in 1804 and is considered one of the best examples of Pennsylvania Dutch architecture west of the Alleghenies. Waldschmidt was a businessman who established a store, a church, a school, lumber mill, paper mill, grist mill, fulling mill, and a distillery; and supported others in their pursuit of their own businesses and homesteads.

During the Civil War, the Waldschmidt Homestead and surrounding grounds were part of Camp Dennison. This property was used primarily as a mustering center for the recruiting and training of troops. It also served as a hospital after the Battle of Shiloh. The camp was named in honor of Ohio Governor William Dennison. At one time, the main house served as the headquarters for General Joshua Bates. The smaller stone structure on the property served as the guard house and now houses the Camp Dennison Civil War Museum.

The homestead was donated to the Ohio State Society Daughters of the American Revolution in 1941 and opened to the public as a museum in 1953. The Welcome Center houses an extensive collection of primitive stone cutting and farm tools. The vehicle collection includes a Conestoga wagon, President Garfield's surrey and a farm wagon used in the Civil War. Since the opening of the Homestead, Ohio DAR members have researched and collected pieces of early Americana. The furnishings include many original pieces used by the family.

## The Schoolhouse Restaurant



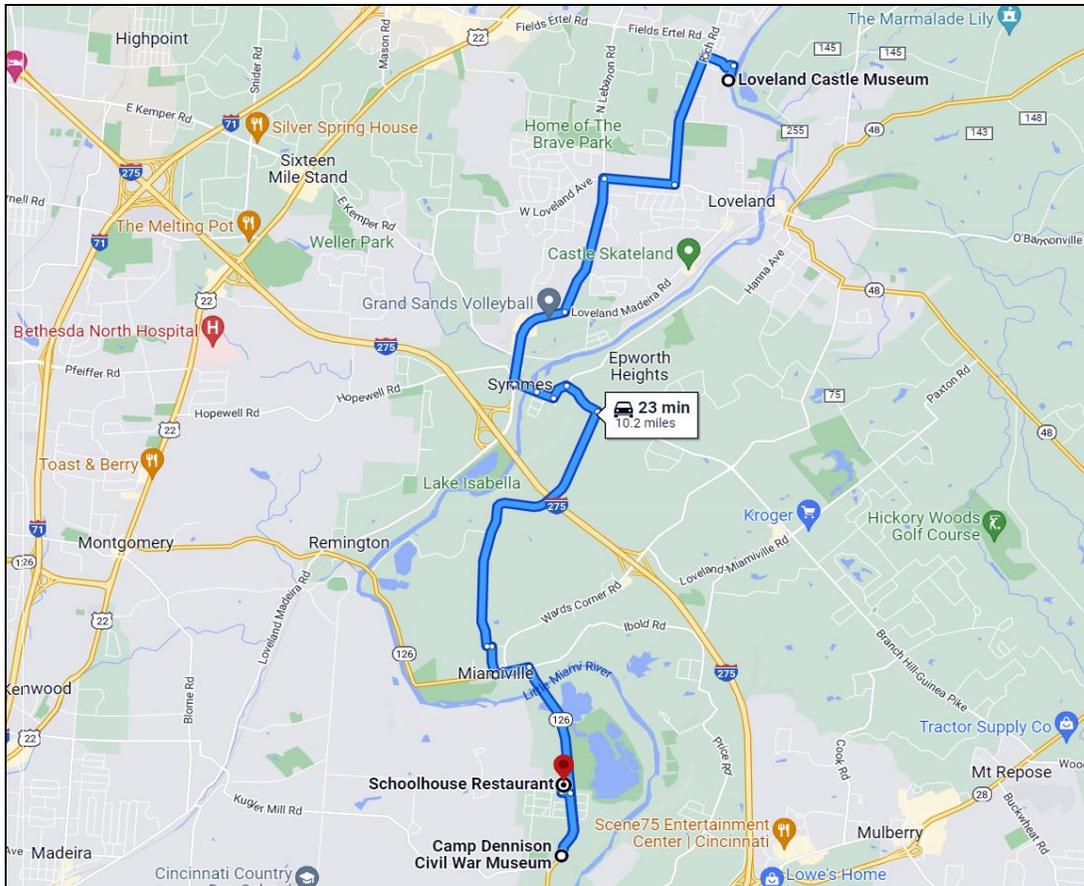
The Camp Dennison School was built in 1864 after the conclusion of the Civil War and was occupied from 1870 – 1952 as part of the Hamilton County School District. It was one of the first 2 room, 2 story brick schools built in the Midwest. On the first floor were the classrooms. Grades 1-4 were in the current kitchen and grades 5-8 were in the current dining room. The second story contained the principal's office and the auditorium/gymnasium. The last class graduated from The Camp Dennison School in 1952.

The Camp Dennison School was purchased by Donald & Phyllis Miller who saved the school from being demolished. Dr. Miller was a family physician and gentleman farmer and Phyllis was an architect. Phyllis came up with an idea for a restaurant. Her inspiration came from the family's own kitchen table in Madeira, a large, round, wooden table with a lazy Susan in the middle where dinner was served every night at 5 o'clock. It was a special place where the busy family members

could get together, talk, and catch up on the events of the day while enjoying delicious, homemade dinners.

The Miller's children now proudly own and operate The Schoolhouse Restaurant and General Store. The Camp Dennison School turned 155 years old this year and has been a restaurant for the past 55 years. Take a walk around the property, visit The General Store, hang out with the goats & geese, grab a bench and enjoy the view.

## Map from Loveland Castle to Civil War Museum & Schoolhouse Restaurant



### Depart Loveland Castle Museum

- Head north on Shore Dr toward Mulberry Rd (.4 mi)
- Turn left onto Mulberry Rd (.3 mi)
- Turn left onto Rich Rd (1.1 mi)
- Turn right onto W Loveland Ave (.6 mi)
- Turn left onto S Lebanon Rd (1.2 mi)
- Turn right onto Loveland Madeira Rd (.8 mi)
- Turn left onto Hopewell Rd (.2 mi)
- Continue onto Bridge St (.1 mi)
- Bridge St turns left and becomes Branch Hill-Loveland Rd (.2 mi)
- Continue onto Branch Hill-Guinea Pike (.3 mi)
- Turn right onto Branch Hill-Miamiville Rd (2.4 mi)
- Branch Hill-Miamiville Rd turns left and becomes E Poplar Dr (210 ft)

- Turn right onto Branch Hill-Miamiville Rd/Second St (.2 mi)
- Turn left onto OH-126 E (.3 mi)
- Turn right to stay on OH-126 E. The Museum will be on Right (1.7 mi)
- **Arrive Camp Dennison Civil War Museum**  
7567 Glendale Milford Rd, Camp Dennison, OH

### Depart Camp Dennison Civil War Museum

- Head north on OH-126 W (.5 mi)
- Turn left onto Cunningham Rd (331 ft)
- Turn right onto Center St. Restaurant will be on the right. (302 ft)
- **Arrive Schoolhouse Restaurant**  
8031 Glendale Milford Rd, Camp Dennison, OH