



Scenic Ohio River Driving Tour

Saturday, July 16, 2022

Please join us on Saturday, July 16 for a scenic drive along the Ohio River. Our first stop is the Cardboard Boat Museum in New Richmond, Ohio. After lunch at the Front Street Cafe, we'll visit the Ohio River Lock 32 Museum in Chilo, then head to the John Rankin House Museum in Ripley, Ohio. We'll conclude our journey at the nearby Meranda-Nixon Winery where we will enjoy a dinner of filet mignon or salmon paired with a Meranda-Nixon wine.

RSVP: Please RSVP by July 9 to Lisa Nogar by phone at 513-474-5197 or by email to rsvp-july@oveb.org. Specify salmon or filet mignon for your dinners.

10:15AM: The Cardboard Boat Museum

311 Front St, New Richmond, OH 45157

<http://www.newrichmond.org/cardboard-boat-museum.html>



The world's only cardboard boat racing museum can be found in New Richmond, Ohio, home of the annual International Cardboard Boat Regatta. Many boats from previous races are displayed at the museum. Also on display are trophies from many race categories, including the coveted *Titanic Award* for the most dramatic sinking.

It's a short walk from the Cardboard Boat Museum to the Front Street Café. We'll leave our cars at the museum while we are enjoying lunch.

11:00AM: The Front Street Cafe

120 Front St, New Richmond, OH 45157

<https://www.frontstcafe.com/>



We'll depart the Front Street Café at 12:30PM and head east on US-52 for the Ohio River Lock #34 Museum in Chilo, Ohio. Our route will take us past the Captain Anthony Meldahl Lock & Dam, which opened in 1964 and replaced the original wicket dam at Lock #34.

1:00PM: Ohio River Lock #34 Museum

521 County Park Rd, Chilo, OH 45112

<https://clermontparks.org/chilo-lock-34-visitor-center/>



The museum is located in the former powerhouse of a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers lock and dam. Inside are three floors of exhibits and interactive displays focusing on the history of the Ohio River navigation, specifically its locks and dams.

After our brief stop at Lock#34, we'll depart at 1:30PM and head back on US-52 to Ripley, Ohio. It will take about twenty-five minutes to reach the Rankin House Museum for our reserved tour at 2:00PM. The cost for the tour is \$6.00.

2:00PM: John Rankin House Museum

6152 Rankin Hill Rd, Ripley, OH 45167

<https://www.nps.gov/nr/travel/underground/oh3.htm>



Built in 1828, this National Historic Landmark was the home of Presbyterian minister John Rankin who is reputed to have been one of Ohio's first and most active "conductors" on the Underground Railroad. From 1822 to 1865, Rankin, along with his wife and children, assisted hundreds of escaped slaves in their trek to freedom. Overlooking the Ohio River, John Rankin's home (and Ripley, Ohio in general) were considered one of the first stations on this route of the Underground Railroad. It was here that Harriet Beecher Stowe heard the escaping slave's story which became the basis for part of her famous work, Uncle Tom's Cabin.

4:00PM: Meranda-Nixon Winery

6517 Laycock Rd, Ripley, OH 45167

<http://www.meranda-nixonwinery.com/>



Upon graduation from The Ohio State University's College of Agriculture, Seth Meranda returned to his great-grandfather's family farm and grew tobacco and grain crops prior to planting the Meranda Vineyards in 2003. The Meranda-Nixon Winery opened in 2007 in an area of the Ohio Valley that was one of the largest grape-growing regions in the country during the 1800s. Seth Meranda and his wife, Maura, own and operate the winery and vineyard with the help of their four children.

Dinner at the Winery

We'll have time to taste some Meranda-Nixon wines and explore the winery and vineyards prior to dinner. Seth and Maura Meranda have agreed to prepare a special dinner just for our group. The price of \$85 per couple includes an appetizer, two side dishes, a delicious dinner of filet mignon or salmon paired with an award-winning bottle of Meranda-Nixon wine plus dessert. (The price for an individual dinner is \$42.50 and includes two glasses of wine.)

The food will be ordered especially for our group, so we need an accurate headcount as soon as possible. Please specify either filet mignon or salmon for each person in your party when you submit your RSVP.

This should be a fun day of cruising along the scenic Ohio River. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

Best Regards,

Brad

Our Route

