

## DAY TRIPS TO DO WITH YOUR INTERNATIONAL FRIEND

### AMISH COUNTRY:

<http://www.visitamishcountry.com/attractions.php> In Amish country, I recommend the town of Berlin for their quilt shop, pottery store, and Boyd and Werthman's, a home-cooking restaurant that offers 28 kinds of pie on their dessert list! (Frankly, I prefer the date-nut pudding to any of their pies.)

Also, you should go to Lehman's Hardware Store in Kidron, Ohio. They stock things for people who don't use electricity, such as the Amish, but also for people who live in remote areas: gas-powered refrigerators, beautiful wood burning cook stoves and heating stoves, oil lamps, candles, and books about the Amish, to mention a few items. Fascinating! Allow about 2 hours to get there.

### DAYTON AIRFORCE MUSEUM:

<http://www.nationalmuseum.af.mil/> I think you've already been here. It's in Dayton. Allow 1 hour 30 min travel time.

### TRAIN MUSEUM:

<http://www.warthers.com/> This is wonderful for anyone who likes the trains of the past. This is a collection of work by a fairly uneducated man who loved wood carving and trains. He produced scale models of rail locomotives that are incredibly accurate. His wife's button collection is in the same location. Almost 2 hours travel time.

### HOCKING HILLS STATE PARK:

<http://www.hockinghills.com/> Maybe you've been to Hocking Hills with your family. There is so much beautiful scenery and so many good hiking trails that you can easily spend a day there. Allow about 1 hr 45 min to reach most destinations.

### GERMAN VILLAGE AND DOWN TOWN COLUMBUS

[http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction\\_Review-g50226-d110220-Reviews-German\\_Village-Columbus\\_Ohio.html](http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g50226-d110220-Reviews-German_Village-Columbus_Ohio.html)

Columbus' own German Village, settled by Germans in the 19th and early 20th centuries, has lots to see if you like exploring city settings. I recommend the Golden Hobby Shop on S Third Avenue, where senior citizens sell handcrafted items. Want some buckeye necklaces or bracelets? Find them at the Golden Hobby Shop. Right across the street is the Book Loft of German Village, offering 32 rooms of books at less-than-publishers' prices. For sophisticated crafts, toys, and jewelry from all over the world, try Helen Winnemore's shop. German Village also offers some good places to go

for pastries, ice cream, and German food. While you're downtown, stop by the Santa Maria replica in the Scioto River. Of course, there's also the Center of Science and Industry (COSI), but it's rather expensive. And the Columbus Zoo, which isn't so expensive.

#### COLUMBUS METRO PARKS:

<http://www.metroparks.net/ParksMaps.aspx>

Don't want to drive too far but tired of being in the city? Visit one of Columbus' excellent metro parks!

#### ORGANIC FARM:

<http://www.flyingjfarm.com/>

This is a good look at organic farming. Owned by a former aeronautics professor at OSU, this beautiful farm offers restful hikes and a wonderful tour, if the owner, Dick Jensen, is alerted well in advance. Less than 1 hour travel time.

#### MOHICAN STATE PARK

<http://www.loudonville-mohican.com/area-businesses.html>

Want to go canoeing in a shallow river that will take you through some really beautiful country? Try one of the canoe liveries on the Mohican River. Mohican State Park is beautiful, has many hiking trails and some 100-foot lookout towers one can climb to see the wide landscape. Lots of picnic areas, too. One of my family's favorite destinations when I was a child. Allow 1 hour 40 minutes travel time.

#### DAWES ARBORETUM

<http://www.dawesarb.org/>

A very restful spot close to Columbus that offers good driving tours, hiking, and lots of information about trees. Beautiful getaway!

#### GRAETERS ICE CREAM FACTORY, COLUMBUS

<http://www.graeters.com/bethel.aspx>

Like ice cream? Interesting in seeing it made? Go right around the corner and have some excellent cold treats! Check out online coupons before you go!

#### SUMMER FUN:

<http://www.cityofpowell.us/government-parksrec.php>

Want a nice, free picnic spot where the kids can laugh and run through fountains, bucketfuls of water dumping down, a playground and--if you're lucky--a close-up look at a passing cargo train on the railway bordering the park? Try the Splash Pad by the Powell Municipal buildings. Allow 20 minutes travel time. (Has nice restrooms in the Municipal Bldg.) If you like antiques, Powell has many stores along its main street.

<http://www.orangetwp.org/parks/index.php>

Just a couple of miles from Powell, North Orange Park has a free sand area and playground plus a great swimming pool (admission fee). There's a nice shelter next to the playground and grills for picnics and cookouts.

### SHOPPING:

Of course, I recommend Volunteers of America on Indianola Avenue, the Goodwill Store on N High Street, and the Goodwill Store at 6665 Sawmill Road in Dublin if he wants to get some great bargains to take home as gifts. VOA has half off the entire store on the last Tuesday of the month. Get there at 9 AM!

Jeffersonville Outlet Mall: <http://www.primeoutlets.com/locations/jeffersonville.aspx>  
Allow about 45 minutes travel time.

Marhalls: <http://www1.tjmaxx.com/tjx/directions.aspx?sid=302> Great bargain and great prices.

Easton: <http://eastontowncenter.com/> Great shopping in eastern Columbus and a fun fountain that kids can play in.

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