

Trying Not To Freeze To Death While Camping

March Break 2025



Thursday, March 6

Make sure cargo carrier is on the car, most of the stuff is packed into the car, do not forget about the food, and this itinerary is printed.

Friday, March 7

Pack the last of the stuff and fill the car up with gas.

Work: 3:50 **Home:** 4:00 **Leave:** 4:15

Days Inn by Wyndham Perrysburg/Toledo

T: 4:45 (plus border crossing) D: 469 A: 9:30

Saturday, March 8

Wake: 5:40 Breakfast at the hotel **Leave:** 6:20

Pyramid Hill Sculpture Park - Opens at 9:00. Free with our NARM. 71 sculptures with most being viewable from the road. There will be over a dozen where we will need to get out and walk. Dress for the weather. Link to the park map is in Google Maps.

T: 2:48 D: 303 A: 9:10 S: 90 L: 10:40

Mammoth Cave - Site 78 Loop C We will be camping here. This is the largest cave in the world and offers many different types of tours. If we are too early for our tour, set up the tent. NO ELECTRICITY! Nights are known to get cold. **Must arrive 30 minutes before the tour.** We do the Cleveland Avenue Tour at **1:45**. Buy firewood. The sunset is at 5:48.
T: 3:20 D: 353 A: 1:00 (time zone change)

Sunday, March 9

Wake: 7:15 Breakfast and break camp **Leave:** 8:30

National Corvette Museum - Free with NARM. Opens at 9:00.
T: 30 D: 45 A: 9:00 S: 90 L: 10:30

Tennessee Welcome Center - Time to stock up on brochures.
T: 27 D: 47 A: 11:00 S: 15 L: 11:15

Kentucky Welcome Center - Turn around, and hopefully, they have brochures too.
T: 6 D: 4 A: 11:20 S: 20 L: 11:40

Cheekwood Estate and Gardens - Reduced pricing for AHS members. Mansion tour is at 10:00. In the gardens, there are more trolls. Self-guided tours at 12:30, 1:30, 2:30, 3:00. Guided tour at 12:45.
T: 1:00 D: 80 A: 12:40 S: 2:00 L: 2:40

Lane Motor Museum - An odd collection of cars. Admission of \$15 USD. Free parking on site. Closes at 5:00
T: 26 D: 21 A: 3:10 S: 90 L: 4:40

Sunday, March 9

Walmart - Get whatever supplies we might need.

T: 29 D: 44 A: 5:10 S: 20 L: 5:30

Old Stone Fort State Park Campground - Stay until Thursday, March 13. Campsite 33. Sunset is at 7:44. Two falls and ruins.

T: 36 D: 55 A: 6:10

Monday, March 10

Wake: 6:30 **Breakfast Leave:** 7:30

Hunter Museum of American Art - Free with NARM. Several sculptures outside. Opens at 10:00.

T: 1:25 D: 130 A: 10:00 (time zone) S: 2:00 L: 12:00

Sculpture Fields at Montague Park - Free.

T: 10 D: 5 A: 12:10 S: 50 L: 1:00

Georgia Visitor Information Center - Ringgold - Get brochures.

T: 18 D: 21 A: 1:20 S: 25 L: 1:45

Chickamauga Battlefield Visitor Center - Take a driving tour of this battlefield after we visit the Visitor Center. Might be free or \$10. Monuments on site.

T: 24 D: 25 A: 2:15 S: 2:00 L: 4:15

Natural Bridge State Natural Area - Uncertain if we can drive in or have to walk in. If walking in, it is only 160m. The bridge is a very short walk down some stairs.

T: 1:12 D: 100 A: 5:30 S: 30 L: 6:00

The Cross - A photo op of a cross. Consider the time before deciding to do this.

T: 9 D: 8 A: 6:10 S: 10 L: 6:20

Camp

T: 40 D: 54 A: 7:00

Tuesday, March 11

Wake: 7:30 Breakfast **Leave:** 8:30

Cannonsburgh Village - Free. Pioneer Village and the world's largest cedar bucket. Opens at 9:00 unless the weather is bad.

T: 34 D: 50 A: 9:10 S: 1:00 L: 10:10

The Parthenon - \$10 admission each. Opens at 10:00. Looks like free parking on site.

T: 44 D: 58 A: 11:00 S: 1:00 L: 12:00

Murals and Art - There are a couple of clusters of murals and art near the Parthenon. Explore these.

T: 30 L: 12:30

Cathedral of the Incarnation - Hopefully, it is open.

T/D: short S: 20 L: 2:00

Main Street Murals - Park at a rec centre and use the map to do a mural tour.

T: 10 D: 7 A: 2:10 S: 2:00 L: 4:10

Return to **Camp** or find more murals to do.

T: 1:01 D: 104 A: 5:20

Wednesday, March 12

Wake: 6:45 Breakfast **Leave:** 7:30

Tennessee State Capitol - Park at the Farmer's Market for free. Check to see if there are time limits on parking. Tours (45 minutes) are on the hour starting at 9:00.

Tennessee State Museum - After the Capitol, walk to the museum. It is free entry.

St Mary of the Seven Sorrows - Walk to this church (hopefully open) and to **The Downtown Presbyterian Church**. Multiple murals and art in the area. Make sure to visit **Walk of Fame Park**. **Church of the Holy Trinity** with many murals in the area. There are a lot of museums in the area that are all country music-related. Maybe consider visiting some (pricey).

T: 1:04 A: 8:40 S: a long time.

Rutledge Falls - Park on the road. There is a statue on the trail to the falls. Hiking Shoes! Consider the time before deciding to do this.

T: 1:09 D: 113 S: 30

Camp

T: 15 D: 12

Thursday, March 13

Wake: 5:30 Breakfast and break camp **Leave:** 6:30 If we have not checked out the waterfalls and ruins at this park by now, do so before we leave.

Mt. Gilead Cemetery - Unique style of graves for the area.

T: 1:03 D: 83 A: 7:40 S: 20 L: 8:00

Burgess Falls State Park - Free to enter. Short hike to see 4 falls, but the last falls is rather steep. Hiking Boots.

T: 23 D: 25 A: 8:30 S: 40 L: 9:10

Cumberland Falls - Free. Short hike from the visitor's center (if open).

T: 2:50 D: 231 A: 12:20 (time zone change) S: 20 L: 12:40

Only if ahead of schedule - **Harland Sanders Café and Museum**

The original KFC with museum.

S: 30

Red River Gorge Byway - Scenic route with places to stop and view. T: 1:50 D: 148 A: 2:30

- **Whistling Arch** 800 m round trip. Considered easy. 20 min
- **Skybridge** 3 KM round trip. Considered moderate. 50 min
- **Devil's Canyon Lookout** Scenic viewpoint on the road. 10 min
- **Swift Creek Overlook** Road viewing. 10 min
- **Sky Bridge** 2 KM Loop trail that goes over and under the arch. 45 min. 75 stairs at one section.
- **Gladie Visitor Center** Closes at 5:00
- Travelling the byway takes an hour.

S: 3:30 L: 6:00

KFC - We are in the name state of KFC. Gotta have it.

T: 37 D: 61 A: 6:40 S: 20 L: 7:00

Super 8 by Wyndham Columbus West

T: 3:02 D: 327 A: 10:10

Friday, March 14

Wake: 8:30 Breakfast at the hotel **Leave:** 9:30

Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens - Free with our AHS. Not sure what will be in bloom. Visit the greenhouses.

T: 17 D: 20 A: 10 (opening time) S: 90 L: 11:30

Kelton House Museum and Gardens - Free with ROAM. Tours start at 12:00. If we are early, visit **Topiary Garden** a few blocks away. Free street parking.

T: 6 D: 3 A: 11:40 S: 1:50 L: 1:30

Columbus Museum of Art - Free with NARM. Parking is \$7.

Depending where we parked, we might just walk to this location and save the \$7.

A: 1:40 S: 1:00 L: 2:40

The Museum of Catholic Art and History - Admission is \$10 each. Closes at 4:00. **Saint Joseph Cathedral** is across the street. The original Wendy's location is on the street corner.

T: short A: 2:50 S: 1:00 L: 4:00 (closing)

Field of Corn - 109 cobs of corn.

T: 20 D: 26 A: 4:20 S: 20 L: 4:40

South Ridge Inn - See if the room has a microwave. Walmart is 12 minutes away. Non pre-paid.

T: 2:04 D: 220 A: 6:10

Saturday, March 15

Wake: 8:30 Breakfast at the hotel **Leave:** 9:30

Cleveland Metroparks Zoo - Free parking on site. \$20 each.

T: 20 D: 27 A: 9:50 (opens at 10:00) S: 3:00 L: 1:00

Optional - **Lake View Cemetery** - Visit Wade Memorial Chapel. We have been here before but were rushed. Also, visit the James Garfield Monument. Both Wade and Garfield open in “the spring”, so it might be possible that these places are not yet open. Also, check out the Haserot Angel. It is named The Angel of Death Victorious. It is believed to cry, and there are stains on its face that show this. S: 30 to 60

Optional - Be mindful of time. It is still 5 hours to get home.

Henry Church Rock - Carved stone that tells the story of the Indians and White Man. Two waterfalls on this 1 KM loop hike. Steep in a couple of sections. S: 45

Schaefer's Auto Art - Park on the road.

T: 1:27 (from Henry or similar from Zoo) D: 155

Harvey's - Where else?

T: 2:30 (plus border crossing)

Home

T: 1:15 D: 118