

# discoverohio Presidential Pathways



In the 53 years between the Reconstruction Era and the Roaring Twenties, 10 men inhabited the White House — eight from Ohio. This Gilded Age led to Ohio's nickname, "The Mother of Presidents."

## AREA ATTRACTIONS INCLUDE:

- 1. Fremont** **Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Center** - Dedicated to our 19th U.S. President Rutherford B. Hayes, this was the nation's first presidential center. It includes President Hayes' Victorian home complete with original family furnishings, the extensive Hayes Museum and Library, and the Hayes Tomb.
- 2. Cleveland** **Garfield Monument** - Located in Lake View Cemetery, this impressive 1890 stone monument is the final resting place of 20th President James A. Garfield and his family. The monument contains an observation deck, stained glass windows, mosaic tiles, five bas relief panels depicting Garfield's life, a marble statue of the President and the crypt.
- 3. Mentor** **James A. Garfield National Historic Site** - This former home of President Garfield was made famous during his front porch campaign. Reporters dubbed the home "Lawnfield" due to its expansive lawn where they literally camped out during the campaign. The site also includes a visitors center, museum and library and campaign office.
- 4. Marion** **Harding Home State Memorial** - Built in 1891, this Victorian residence of 29th President Warren G. Harding has been restored and contains most of the original Harding furnishings. The adjacent press house used during the 1920 election now serves as a museum. Nearby, the **Harding Memorial**, the final resting place of President Harding and his wife, Florence, rivals sites in Washington, D.C. The Memorial is a circular, white marble, open-air Greek structure 103 feet in diameter with 46 columns set in a 17-acre park.
- 5. Niles** **National McKinley Birthplace Memorial, Library and Museum** - The life of 25th President William McKinley is commemorated with a 232-foot by 136-foot by 38-foot Georgian marble structure comprised of two wings. One wing houses the McKinley Memorial Library (public) and the other wing houses the McKinley Museum and an auditorium.
- 6. Canton** **William McKinley Presidential Library and Museum** - The William McKinley Presidential Library and Museum brings history to life through his letters and speeches, along with artifacts from his career. President McKinley and his family are entombed in the nearby McKinley National Memorial.  
**National First Ladies' Library** - Located just a few blocks from the William McKinley Presidential Library and Museum, the National First Ladies' Library was the first ever facility dedicated to documenting the lives and accomplishments of America's first ladies. The museum, authentically decorated in period furnishings and décor, houses a ballroom, parlor, library, sitting room and study.

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- 7. Dayton** **The National Museum of the United States Air Force** - One of the most prominent displays at The National Museum of the United States Air Force is the Presidential Hangar, home to a number of planes that transported U.S. presidents including the retired presidential aircraft, "Air Force One," that carried President Kennedy's body from Dallas to Washington, D.C.
- 8. North Bend** **William Henry Harrison Tomb** - William Henry Harrison was the first U.S. president from Ohio. He died after only one month in office, the shortest term of any president, after contracting pneumonia during his inauguration speech. Commemorating the life of our 9th U.S. president, the Harrison Monument rises 60 feet above the tomb.
- 9. Cincinnati** **William Howard Taft National Historic Site** - The William Howard Taft National Historic Site is the birthplace and boyhood home of our 27th U.S. president. In addition to the period décor displayed throughout the home, the site also features educational exhibits showcasing President Taft's childhood years and political career. An adjacent education center highlights other Taft family contributions to our country.
- 10. Point Pleasant** **Grant's Birthplace** - Point Pleasant marks the spot of President Grant's birthplace, where visitors can find a restored one-story, three bedroom cottage, information and artifacts on our nation's 18th president and his family.
- 11. Georgetown** **Grant's Schoolhouse and Boyhood Home** - As President Grant's longest place of residence, this home was occupied by the Grant family from 1823 - 1839. The home is decorated in 1800s style and displays various family artifacts.

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