

Amish Country Byway

Discover the cultural and historic treasures of the Amish and northern Appalachian people as you wend through curves and over the hills of the pastoral countryside. Experience simple living and sustainability along charming country roads, taking you to a bygone era still present, manifest in the people and their lifestyle.



Length: 76.2 miles / 121.9 km

Time Allow 1-2 days to enjoy the
to byway, or 3-4 hours to drive
Allow: it.

Local Information

**Holmes County Chamber of
Commerce and Tourism Bureau**
330-674-3975
Send E-mail

Visitor Services

Fees



Several attractions charge fees.

Bicycle/Pedestrian Facilities



The Great Ohio Bicycle Adventure has included Amish Country Byway on its route numerous times. Many bicycling groups meander along the byway. The byway shares its roads with bicycles, pedestrians and Amish horses and buggies. In most areas, which are frequented by bicycles and buggies, the shoulders of the roads or berms have been widened. The berms were widened enough to allow the slower travelers, including buggies, to move to the side of the road and let faster vehicles pass by. The distribution of marking reflectors for bicycles and buggies has improved the safety along the byway.

Camping



Camping is available at the Holmes County Amish Flea Market, Loudonville Canoe Livery, and Whispering Hills Campground/RV Park.

Food



County tourism officials estimate there are available food services on average, at least every 5 miles along the byway.

Gasoline



County tourism officials estimate there are available gas stations on average, at least every 5 miles along the byway.



Information

There is an authoritative information center along this byway.



Lodging

There is overnight lodging along this byway.



Phone

Public phones are available along this byway.



Restrooms

There are toilet facilities along this byway.



Retail

There are places to shop along this byway.

Special Considerations

- Please respect the privacy and religious beliefs of the Amish. Don't take pictures of them.
- Because of the unique agriculture and culture of Amish Country, you must share the road with Amish buggies, agriculture equipment, cyclists, etc. The two lane state routes and US-62 should be traveled at a somewhat slower pace than most paved roads.
- Keep in mind that things slow down on Sunday, and while rest areas, public restrooms, and some gas stations remain open on Sunday, many other services are not available.

Restrictions

Roads are sometimes bad in the winter because of ice or snow. Every ten years or so, there may be flooding in the spring or summer, but rarely are the major highways closed.

Seasons

Best Time to Drive

Early autumn--Harvest time.

High Season

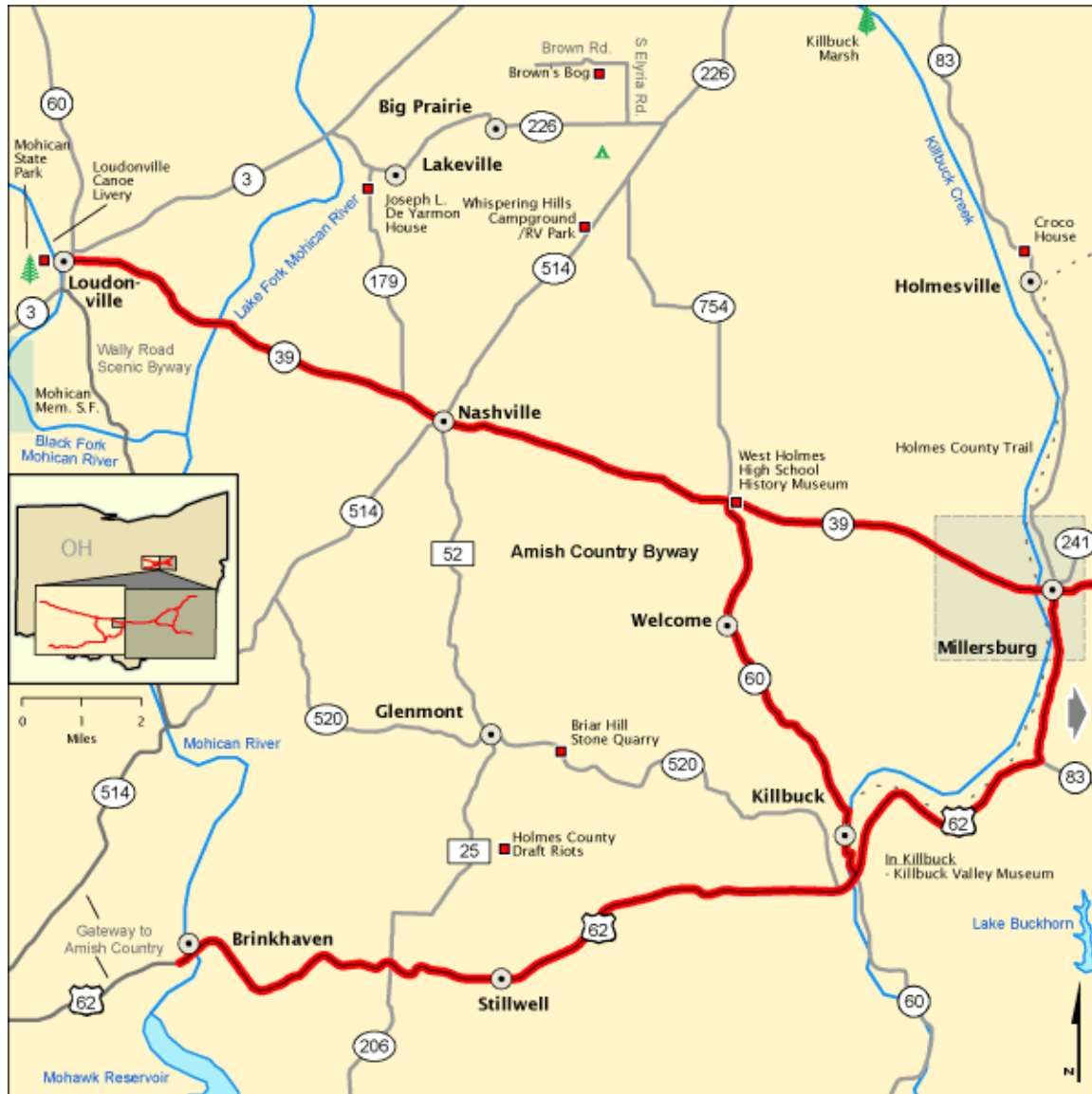
The harvest season. There are many produce stands and auctions. The fall foliage is stunning. People are also Christmas shopping--people shop year-round for Amish Oak and Cherry furniture.

Map and Directions

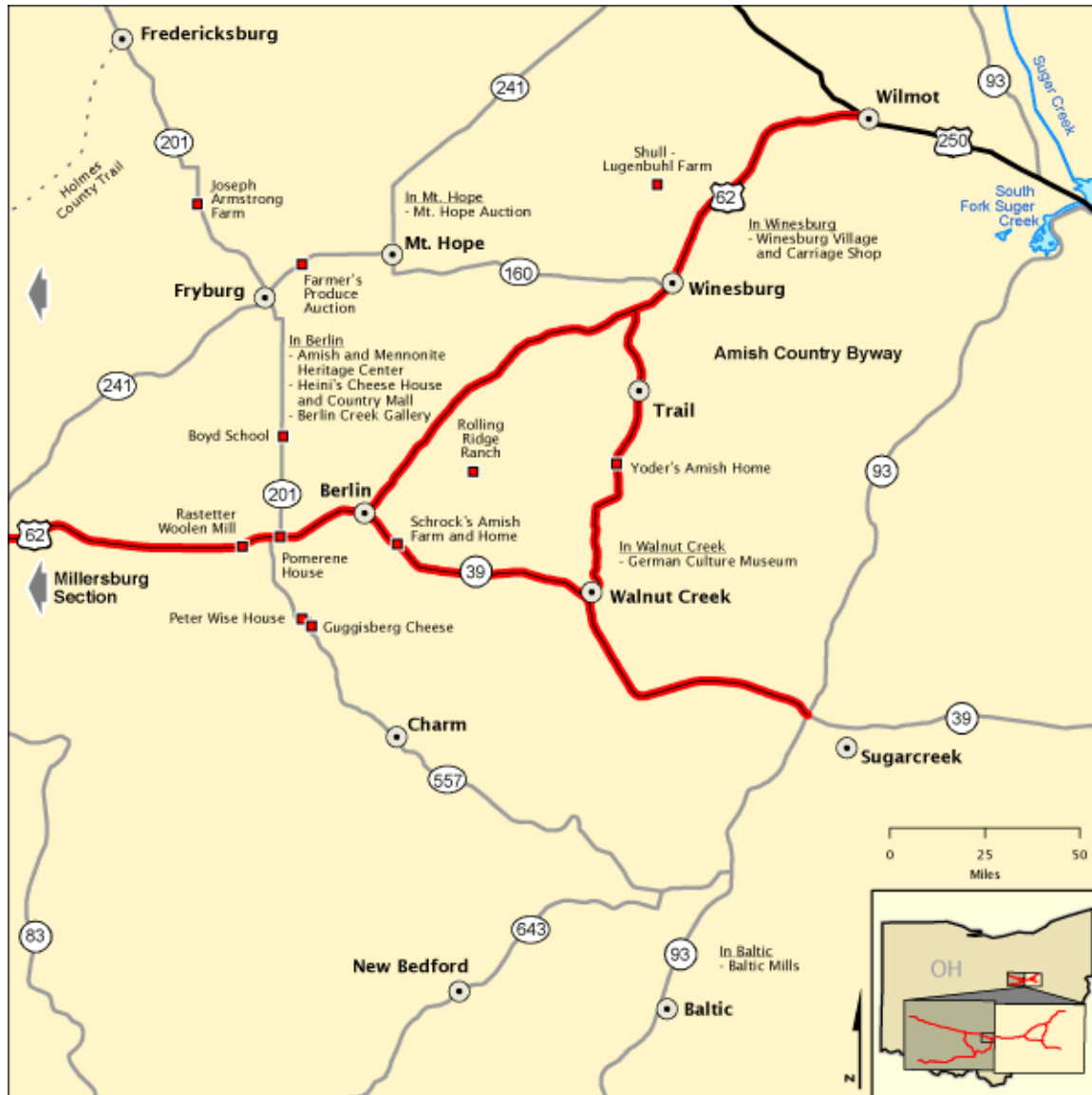
Standard Map - Millersburg Section



Standard Map - Western Section



Standard Map - Eastern Section



Legend:

■ Point of Interest	▲ Campground	— Featured Byway	— Water	— State Border
🌲 Park	⛺ Picnic/Rest Area	— America's Byways	— Wildlife Refuge	— Urban Area
⚔ Mountain	🛣 Interstate	— Other Byway	— Wilderness Area	— Tribal Nation
⊙ City	🛣 U.S. Highway	— Other Road	— Other Federal Lands	— Military Base
★ Capital	🛣 State Highway	⋯ Trail	— Other State Lands	

Driving Directions

It is suggested that you enter the Amish Country Byway along the same corridor as the first Amish settlers did in 1808.

- Coming from Interstate 77, the Dover exit, travel west along SR 39 where the Byway begins just past Sugarcreek/Shanesville.
- Continue along 39 West, 21 miles through Berlin, and Millersburg to the intersection of SR 60 South, just past West Holmes High School on the north side of SR 39.
- Turn south for 7 miles through the Village of Killbuck to US 62.
- Turn left onto US 62 to Millersburg and Berlin headed east.
- In Berlin continue east on US 62 approximately 7 miles to the junction of SR 515.
- Turn south onto SR 515, a 5 mile drive to the Village of Walnut Creek.
- The culmination of your double loop experience brings you to the junction of the territory's original buffalo path, then Indian trail, turned white-man's public road, back onto State Route 39.

Getting to the Byway



Nearby cities

Cleveland, OH (62 miles / 99.78 km, 1 hour 15 minutes)

- Start:** 📍 I-77 southbound, Cleveland, OH
 N 41.493° W 81.678° [?]
- Directions:**
- Take I-77 south to Pigeon Creek.
 - Get on OH-21 and go south to Canal Fulton.
 - Take OH-93 south to US-62.
 - Continue on US-62 southwest to Wilmot where the byway begins.
- Junction with byway:** * US-62, Wilmot OH
 N 40.656° W 81.633° [?]



Road Trip: Amish Country Western Section

Departure: Holmes County Trail, Ohio

Destination: Loudonville Canoe Livery, Ohio

Time to allow: 2 days

The western end of the byway provides opportunities to see marsh lands, ravens, and guided river tours. Also be sure to stop off and explore the numerous historical sites, many of which are on the National Register of Historic Places.

Day 1

- **Start: Holmes County Trail**

Homes County Trail was originally a Penn Central railroad corridor. The train track has been converted to a multi-use trail accessible to hikers, non-motorized bikers, walkers, horse and buggy, and horseback riders. Byway visitors may view the protected swamp areas and its native floral and wildlife as well as the fertile croplands of the Amish country.



- **Stop 1: Briar Hill Stone Quarry**



From previous stop: 17 minutes / 7.44 mi (11.9 km)

Directions: You can get to the quarry walking or horseback riding on the Holms County Trail or you can drive to it. When driving to the quarry start in Brinkhaven. Go north on Main St. toward Pine St. Main St. will become Dodd Rd./Township Hwy 349. Turn right onto Holmes Rd./Township Hwy 548. This road will become Township Hwy 12, which will become Country Road 75. Turn left onto CR 14. After 3 miles turn right onto OH 520 and follow it until you reach Glenmont. In Glenmont go east on State Route 530 until you get to 12470 and turn into the Briar Hill Stone Quarry.

Suggested time at this stop: 30 minutes

Briar Hill is the largest sandstone quarry in operation, since 1917, in the U.S. The Briar Hill Stone Company quarries and cuts sandstone for a variety of projects. Admire the buildings built in the 1800s from this same sandstone.

- **Stop 2: Killbuck Valley Museum**

From previous stop: 15 minutes / 5.6 mi (9.0 km)

Directions: From the Briar Hill Stone Company go southeast on OH 520. Follow this road until you come to CR 621/Front St. You will cross Killbuck Creek and then Water St. The museum is on the right before you get to SR 60.

Suggested time at this stop: 1 hour

Find an assortment of exhibits at the Killbuck Valley Museum. Study fossils, geological displays, and artifacts. Tour a one-room school, a Civil War display, and a zoology display.

- **Stop 3: Croco House**

From previous stop: 22 minutes / 13 mi (20.8 km)

Directions: In Killbuck, go east on CR 621/Ftount St. This road will become Railroad St, which will soon become School St. Turn right onto School St./Township Rd. 89. Turn left onto US 62. Turn left onto US 62/OH 83/S. Washington St. Follow OH 83 until you see Croco House.

Suggested time at this stop: 30 minutes

Croco House is listed on the National Register of Historic places because it played an active role in the Underground Railroad. Hear some of the intense and sometimes amusing stories about the house's role in the escape of southern slaves.

- **Stop 4: Killbuck Marsh**

From previous stop: 9 minutes / 4 mi (6.4 km)

Directions: Go northwest on OH 83/ Vermillion St. and follow it for 3 miles. Take a slight left onto CR 1 and go about a mile until you reach the Killbuck Marsh.

Suggested time at this stop: 1 hour

Killbuck Marsh is the largest freshwater wildlife marsh site in the State of Ohio. The land is available for hunting, trapping, fishing, bird watching and hiking.

- **End: Whispering Hills Campground/RV Park**

From previous stop: 18 minutes / 8.6 mi (13.8 km)

Directions: Go north on OH 83/Vermillion St. toward W. Main St. Turn left onto W. Main St./CR 320. Stay straight to go onto CR 329. Turn right onto CR 318. Turn left on to CR 516. Turn right onto OH 754/CR 51. Turn left onto CR 330. Turn left onto OH 514 and go until you see the Whispering Hills Campground.

The campground has a tennis court, sand volleyball court, basketball hoop, nature lodge, hiking trails, free hot showers, LP gas, and clean restroom facilities. It is AAA approved, and has an information center. The managers can tell you about the scenic ravine and nature center in the area.

Totals for Day 1

Total Distance Traveled: 38.64 miles / 61.8 km

Total Travel Time: 1 hour 21 minutes

Total Stopping Time: 3 hours

Day 2

- **Stop 1: Joseph L. DeYarmon House**

From previous stop: 10 minutes / 5 mi (8.0 km)

Directions: Go northeast on OH 514 to CR 330. Turn left onto CR 330. Turn right to stay on CR 330. Turn left to stay on the road. Turn left onto OH 226. Turn left onto Shreve Rd./OH 226. Follow OH 226 until you get to County Road 129 and Township Road 273.

Suggested time at this stop: 5 minutes

The DeYarmon House is a privately owned home on the National Register of Historic Places. Stop by this house to see the stunning late 19th Century Italian architecture.

- **End: Loudonville Canoe Livery**

From 12 minutes / 7 mi (11.2 km)
previous
stop:

Directions: Go northwest on OH 226. Turn left onto OH 3. Turn left onto N. Union St/OH 3/OH 60. Turn right onto E. Main St. and follow it until you get to the Loudonville Canoe Livery.

Riding the river is a pleasant and relaxing way to view the area from a setting. The Loudonville Canoe Livery rents out canoes, rafts, kayaks, and tubes. They even offer trips ranging in length from 30 minutes to several days.

Totals for Day 2

Total Distance Traveled: 12 miles / 19.2 km

Total Travel Time: 22 minutes

Total Stopping Time: 5 minutes