

### Day Trip #3—Northeast to Ohio

From **The Weller Haus**, take **I-471 North**, across the Ohio river and cruise on to **I-71** toward Columbus, Ohio. You'll enjoy a nice drive through the southern Ohio Valley with hills and farmland. Pass King's Island, exit at **Lebanon exit O-48** and head north into town. This picturesque town has plenty to see and do, most noted for the **The Golden Lamb**—Ohio's oldest Inn and the abundance of shopping found in this small town.

While you're in town you need to see:

**Warren County Historical Museum—105 South Broadway**--An outstanding collection of Shaker furniture and artifacts. A reconstructed nineteenth-century village green surrounded by turn-of-the-century shops gives a real feel of what Lebanon was like one hundred years ago.

**Golden Turtle Chocolate Factory—120 South Broadway**—This place is tough to pass by, as the home of the Texas Tortoise and Deluxe Almond Toffee candies. Chocoholics will be right at home.

**The Workshops of David T. Smith—3600 Shawhan Road**—You'll see spectacular museum-quality furniture reproductions and redware pottery.

**Village Ice Cream Parlor—22 South Broadway**—A visit to Lebanon is not complete without a stop in this quaint parlor with its old time soda fountain & wrought iron tables and chairs. It's so picturesque that it was used as a movie set, including scenes from *Milk Money* starring Melanie Griffith.

**Shopping, Shopping, Shopping**---Too much to mention, just visit the 60+ shops!

For dining, we strongly suggest **The Golden Lamb**. This Inn and restaurant has served many travelers including Charles Dickens, Mark Twain and ten US presidents—most recently George W. made an appearance. Owned by the internationally known Comisar family, proprietors of the only five-star restaurant in the Cincy area (Maisonette—closed in 2005) –the service, food and atmosphere are definitely five-star quality. It is open for lunch and dinner, reservations are strongly recommended.

Your next stop should be **Valley Vineyards Winery (2276 E. US 22, Morrow)**. US 22 tracks northeast off O-48. With forty acres at peak and 25,000 gallons of annual wine production, this is the second largest vineyard in southern Ohio and has claimed several international awards. Wine tasting is available with cheese and pizza or Friday/Saturday night steak and wine dinners. Tours are also available as well as wine sales in samplers or by the bottle. Valley Vineyards is the focal each September for a wine festival that draws 100,000 visitors in a single weekend.

Continuing on **US 22** and heading northwest to **O-350**, just **4 miles west of 22** you'll find **Fort Ancient State Memorial**. These earthworks are similar to many found in southern Ohio and Indiana, but are older and the second-largest in the nation after Ohio's Serpent Mound. These fort-like walls of stone and clay were constructed between 300 B.C. and A.D. 600 by the Hopewell people.

Things to do in the area:

**Morgan's Canoe Livery (5701 O-350, Oregonia)** rents canoes, tubes, rafts and kayaks as well as offers guided float trips along the Little Miami River. It is a designated National Wild and Scenic River and is one of the top ten scenic rivers in the country. Trips are 6 to 16 miles in length, and unless you're an expert, canoeing on this river is not recommended during the spring or after heavy rainfall.

**The Dude Ranch (3205 Waynesville Road)** offers horseback riding along wooded trails and across rolling meadows. Horses are available for riders of all levels. City slickers can saddle up for real cattle drive with authentic Texas Longhorns.