

Destination Dayton

Youth-Friendly Stopover Guide

Perfect for groups traveling through Dayton via I-75 and I-70. This guide gives adult chaperones easy, engaging stop ideas that allow youth to stretch, explore, and recharge.

Attractions

National Museum of the United States Air Force

Address: 1100 Spaatz St, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, OH 45433

Minutes from I-75 / I-70: 7–10 minutes

What to Expect: World-class aviation museum with hundreds of aircraft and interactive exhibits.

Cost: FREE (optional paid simulators/IMAX)

Boonshoft Museum of Discovery

Address: 2600 DeWeese Pkwy, Dayton, OH 45414

Minutes from I-75 / I-70: 8–12 minutes

What to Expect: Hands-on science museum with live animals and planetarium.

Cost: Approx. \$14.50 adults, \$11.50 youth

Carillon Historical Park

Address: 1000 Carillon Blvd, Dayton, OH 45409

Minutes from I-75 / I-70: 10–12 minutes

What to Expect: Outdoor historical park showcasing Dayton innovations.

Cost: Approx. \$14 adults, \$10 youth

RiverScape MetroPark

Address: 237 E Monument Ave, Dayton, OH 45402

Minutes from I-75 / I-70: 8–10 minutes

What to Expect: Riverfront park ideal for walking and picnic breaks.

Cost: FREE

Cox Arboretum MetroPark

Address: 6733 Springboro Pike, Dayton, OH 45449

Minutes from I-75 / I-70: 12–15 minutes

What to Expect: Gardens and nature trails for a relaxing outdoor stop.

Cost: FREE

Scene75 Entertainment Center

Address: 6196 Poe Ave, Dayton, OH 45414

Minutes from I-75 / I-70: 10–14 minutes

What to Expect: Indoor entertainment with arcade games, go-karts, laser tag, and more.

Cost: Pay-per-activity; budget \$20–\$40 per person

Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark

Address: 1301 E Siebenthaler Ave, Dayton, OH 45414

Minutes from I-75 / I-70: 10–12 minutes

What to Expect: Scenic gardens and walking paths.

Cost: FREE

Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park

Address: 16 S Williams St, Dayton, OH 45402

Minutes from I-75 / I-70: 8–10 minutes

What to Expect: Wright brothers and aviation history exhibits.

Cost: FREE

Miller Lane Dining Options (Near I-75)

Culver's – Miller Lane

Address: 4999 Miller Ln, Dayton, OH 45414

Minutes from I-75 / I-70: 5–7 minutes

What to Expect: Fast-casual burgers, chicken, and frozen custard.

Cost: Approx. \$8–\$12 per person

Golden Corral – Miller Lane

Address: 6611 Miller Ln, Dayton, OH 45414

Minutes from I-75 / I-70: 5–7 minutes

What to Expect: All-you-can-eat buffet with wide menu variety.

Cost: Approx. \$12–\$15 per person