

Hidden-Gem Day Trips in Ohio (History-Nerd Edition)

1. Fort Laurens Museum (Bolivar)

Ohio's only Revolutionary-War fort and Tomb of the Unknown Patriot.

<https://www.ohiohistory.org/visit/browse-historical-sites/fort-laurens/>

2. Fort Ancient Earthworks (Oregonia)

North America's largest Hopewell earthworks & museum—2,000 years old.

<https://www.ohiohistory.org/visit/browse-historical-sites/fort-ancient-earthworks/>

3. Fort Meigs (Perrysburg)

Reconstructed War of 1812 fort with tours, reenactments & cannons.

<https://fortmeigs.org/>

4. Fort Jefferson Site (Darke County)

1791 Northwest Indian War supply fort & subtle roadside memorial.

<https://www.ohiohistory.org/visit/browse-historical-sites/fort-jefferson-memorial-park/>

5. Fort St Clair Park (Eaton)

Early Ohio frontier fort memorial & peaceful trails.

<https://www.ohioexploration.com/miscellaneous/fortsaintclair/>

6. Fort Miami / Fallen Timbers (Maumee)

British post from the 1790s / site tied to Battle of Fallen Timbers.

<https://www.nps.gov/places/fallen-timbers-battlefield-and-fort-miamis-national-historic-site.htm>

7. Century Village Museum (Burton)

Pioneer-era open-air village near Cleveland, perfect family history stop.

<https://ohio.org/things-to-do/destinations/geauga-county-historical-society-century-village>

8. Cozad-Bates House (Cleveland)

Rare Black history interpretive center & 19th-century house.

<https://www.ohioandieriecanalway.com/plan/listings/cozad-bates-house-interpretive-center/>

9. Schoenbrunn Village (New Philadelphia)

One of Ohio's oldest settlements—living history & restored cabins.

<https://ohio.org/things-to-do/destinations/historic-schoenbrunn-village>

10. Roscoe Village (Coshocton area)

Historic canal-era village with restored 1830s buildings.

<https://www.visitcoshocton.com/roscoevillage-2/>