



A Self-Guided Tour



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Geauga County is home to the 4th largest Amish community in the United States. Wind your way to Middlefield for these points of interest in **BOLD LETTERS**. Decide which ones you want to visit and map them out on your smart phone or follow the directions below.

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MIDDLEFIELD ORIGINAL CHEESE CO-OP

As you exit MotorCoach Resort, go right 1.7 miles to Route 534. Turn right on 534 and travel 14.1 miles. Here you will pass the **TRUMBELL MEAT LOCKER**. Their beef jerky and smokies are the best in the area, so you may want to make a quick stop. If not, drive an additional 3 miles to the traffic circle. At the traffic circle, take the 2nd exit and stay on 534 for 11 miles. Once you pass Route 322, you will begin to see Amish homes and farms. Their homes are white, with curtains pulled to one side. Often, you will see clothes drying on the outside clotheslines. Amish don't have electricity. However, some are beginning to install solar panels. At the intersection of 534 and 87 is the **END OF THE COMMONS GENERAL STORE** which opened in 1840. It makes for an interesting stop. Once you get to the intersection of 534 and Route 87 turn right and drive west for 4.2 miles. The Co-Op is set back and on the right. You can watch them make cheese Monday-Friday before noon.



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YODER FURNITURE

To get to Yoder's turn right out of the parking lot and drive west 0.8 miles to Route 528. Turn left onto 528 and go 2.5 miles south to Shedd Road. Turn right onto Shedd Road. Yoder's Furniture is 0.2 miles on your left. The furniture is made to order. However, there are items available for purchase in the store.

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WHITE HOUSE CHOCOLATE

To get to the chocolate store, turn left out of Yoder's and go west 2.1 miles on Shedd Road until it dead ends at Tavern Road. Look for the one room school houses along the way. Children walk to school, so these schools are scattered throughout the area. Turn right on to OH-168N. Travel 2.6 miles to Gingerich Road. Turn right onto Gingerich Road and go 0.7 miles to Route 87. Turn right on Route OH-87E. White House Chocolates is 0.4 miles on your right. The store sells ice cream as well. The candy is made in the red building behind the house, if you want to take a peek.

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MARY YODER'S AMISH KITCHEN

Turn right as you leave White House Chocolate and drive east on Route 87 for 2.4 miles to the light at Old State Road. It's just past the Arby's. Turn left and drive 0.4 miles north. Mary Yoder's will be on your right. After lunch or dinner, make sure you do a little shopping, especially in the bakery. Their breads and pies (if you didn't get a slice with your meal) are wonderful. If nothing else, pick up a cinnamon bun for tomorrow's breakfast. One is enough to share.

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ROTHENBUHLER'S CHEESE CHALET

The Cheese Chalet is a not far from Mary Yoder's. Turn right as you leave Mary Yoder's and go 0.8 miles to Rothenbuhler's.

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SERVANTS OF MARY CENTER FOR PEACE

Take a right when leaving Rothenbuhler's and immediately turn right onto Nauvoo Road. The **HERITAGE MARKETPLACE** complex has a dozen little shops to explore if you want to stop. Drive 1.4 miles to Route 528. Turn left onto 528 and in 5.8 miles take a right onto Chardon-Windsor Road. In 2.6 miles take a right on to OH-86S. Drive 0.5 miles to Ireland Road. Turn left on to Ireland Road and the center will be 0.3 miles on the right. Walk off your meal by walking the grounds. There's a gift shop and chapel should you want to stop. If by chance you are there in the evening, the illuminated rosary is a sight to see.

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RETURN TO MOTORCOACH RESORT LES

Turn right out of the parking lot and head south on Ireland Road for 0.3 miles, turn right onto Route 86. Drive 3.8 west miles to Route 528. Turn Right on 528 and go north 6.8 miles to the square in Thompson. Go half-way around and continue on 528 for an additional 5.8 miles. You will pass both **GRAND RIVER CELLARS WINERY** and **LAURENTIA WINERY**, both located on 528. In Madison Village, turn right onto Route 84. Here you will pass by Madison Village Square, a traditional New England style square. If by chance you are doing the trip on a Thursday afternoon/evening in the summer, there's a farmers market, food trucks, a vintage car gathering and entertainment. Take Route 84 east for 2.5 miles to the 4-way stop in Unionville (where they are in the process of restoring **THE HISTORIC UNIONVILLE TAVERN**). Turn left (north) onto Countyline Road and drive 5.0 miles to Lake Road. Turn right onto Lake Road and MCRLES is about a mile on your right.

