



Hopewell Culture National Historical Park © NPS

FACT SHEET

National Parks in Ohio

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Ohio offers some unique sites to the National Park System. Included among them are a battlefield that played host to a turning point in the War of 1812, the homes of two former presidents, and a “crooked river.” All of these, and more, await visitors to Ohio’s national parks.

Cuyahoga Valley National Park - major metropolitan areas of Cleveland and Akron, Cuyahoga Valley National Park protects 33,000 acres along the banks of the Cuyahoga River. The winding Cuyahoga—the “crooked river,” as named by American Indians—gives way to rolling floodplain, steep valley walls and ravines, and lush upland forests. Cuyahoga Valley National Park is a refuge for flora and fauna, and provides both recreation and solitude for Northeastern Ohio’s residents and visitors.

David Berger National Memorial - This site honors the memory of David Berger, an American citizen who was one of the 11 Israeli athletes killed at the 1972 Olympic Games in Munich, Germany. The memorial is dedicated to his memory and to the memory of the ten other athletes whose lives were taken.

Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park - Aviation Heritage commemorates three exceptional men - Wilbur Wright, Orville Wright, and Paul Laurence Dunbar - and their work in the Miami Valley. The sites are The Wright Cycle Company Complex; Huffman Prairie Flying Field and Huffman Prairie Flying Field Interpretive Center; John W. Berry, Sr. Wright Brothers Aviation Center; and the Paul Laurence Dunbar State Memorial.

First Ladies National Historic Site - Saxton McKinley House. The City National Bank Building is being renovated for use as the National First Ladies’ Library Education and Research Center. The library functions as a national archive of the contributions of America’s first ladies and other notable American women.



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Hopewell Culture National Historical Park -

200 BC to AD 500, the Ohio River Valley was a focal point of the prehistoric Hopewell culture. The culture is characterized by the construction of enclosures made of earthen walls, often built in geometric patterns, and mounds of various shapes. Many of these sites were built to a monumental scale, with earthen walls up to 12-foot-high outlining geometric figures more than 1,000 feet across.

James A Garfield National Historic Site -

erty associated with the 20th president of the United States. Garfield acquired the home in 1876 to accommodate his large family. The home, named Lawnfield by reporters, was the site of the first successful front porch campaign in 1880.

North Country National Scenic Trail

Perry's Victory & International Peace Memorial -

William Howard Taft National Historic Site

Key Issues Facing National Parks in Ohio

shortfall now estimated at \$750 million annually. In addition, several billion dollars are needed to protect archaeological sites and historic buildings, and repair the extensive backlog of maintenance projects. Many park friends in Congress have spent years highlighting the fiscal crisis in America's national parks. The Administration and Congress responded in fiscal year 2008 with a \$122 million increase in the budget for park operations. This is a strong first step in our parks and improving the experiences of visitors. The FY 2008 budget also launched the National Park Centennial Challenge, which will help restore the parks for their 100th birthday and for generations to come. In addition to the operational shortfall, the National Park Service has a \$1.9 billion land acquisition backlog consisting of over 11,000 tracts of land and covering more than 1.8 million acres. In many instances, failure to acquire these lands makes operating the parks more complex and costly. Unfortunately, funding for national park federal land acquisition has declined dramatically in recent years, from \$130 million five years ago, to only \$21 million in the fiscal year 2009 request.

- Perry's Victory Memorial lacks the funding to make much need repairs to the site, including an estimated \$3.79 million to re-point the column. Recently, a 500-pound block of granite broke off the observation platform and fell 317 feet.
- Wright-Patterson Air Force Base has increased its security requirements in response to the terrorist threat. Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park has had to accommodate these changes as many of its sites fall within the base.

Park Visitation in Ohio

Budget Information

ministration is proposing a 4 percent increase, which would bring operations funding to \$17.2 million.

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NPS Unit	FY03 Enacted	FY04 Enacted	FY05 Enacted	FY06 Enacted	FY07 Enacted	FY08 Enacted	FY 09 Requested	% Change FY07-08	% Change FY08-09
	\$145	\$144	\$148	\$152	\$155	\$194	\$210	25	8
Perry's Victory	\$883	\$878	\$1,006	\$1,025	\$1,043	\$1,087	\$1,107	4	2
William Howard Taft NHS	\$529	\$557	\$630	\$642	\$653	\$679	\$838	4	23
All Ohio parks					\$15,681	\$16,547	\$17,183	6	4



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