



Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park

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Programs for educational groups are offered by the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park every weekday (Monday through Friday). For more information, or to schedule a program or tour, please call (937) 2257705, ext. 246, or e-mail karen_rosga@nps.gov. All groups are required to make a reservation prior to their visit. A **free**, guided tour through our facilities can include our orientation movie plus hands-on displays. Teachers are required to stay with classes at all times, monitor student behavior, and assist with procedures.

Large classes (over 25) will need to be divided into smaller groups; each group must be chaperoned. The Park may be able to accommodate groups of up to 50 on a single visit. We realize that economics often dictate several classrooms join in one field trip, exceeding the size limit. Some options to consider include dividing the group between Carillon Historical Park, the Museum of the U.S. Air Force, the Paul Laurence Dunbar House, etc., or spreading visits over more than one day.

Ranger-guided Tours of the National Park Interpretive Centers

Wright Cycle Company Complex (Wright-Dunbar Interpretive Center)

This tour will help participants discover the importance of the Hoover Block and the Wright Cycle Company building in serving as the locations of the mechanical development for the foundation of the first heavier-than-air flying machine. Participants will investigate the early careers of the Wright brothers by exploring the only original Wright brothers bicycle shop and print shop remaining in Dayton, while engaging in interactive exhibits and hands-on activities. Grades 2 – 12. Suggested time: 90 minutes (120 minutes with movie).

Huffman Prairie Flying Field and Interpretive Center

After their success at Kitty Hawk, the Wright brothers proved that flight was possible. But they needed to prove that flight was practical. It was here, at Huffman Prairie, that the brothers built the first practical airplane, the 1905 Wright Flyer III (located at Carillon Historical Park), and learned to fly. Participants will walk the actual flying field while retracing the brothers' footsteps through principles of flight. Exhibits include a replica 1905 hangar and catapult launch system. Grades 3 - 12. Suggested time: 30 - 45 minutes.

The Interpretive Center tour will allow participants to track the continuation of the Wright brothers' flying experiments here in Dayton after Kitty Hawk through user-friendly displays. The center includes interactive exhibits which follow the course of aviation history in Dayton. Outdoors, the Wright Memorial and surrounding wall commemorate the achievements of the Wright brothers and contributions of others to Dayton's heritage. Grades 2 - 12. 45-60 minutes (75-90 minutes with movie).

Year-round and Special Programming

The National Park Service offers free, fun-filled, educational programs throughout the year! You may choose from any of the programs listed, or if there are any you would like to see offered, please contact Karen Rosga at (937) 225-7705, ext. 246 or e-mail, karen_rosga@nps.gov.

Special Programming

Things that Fly

Long before the Wright brothers brought heavier-than-air, powered flight to the world, humans looked to their surroundings and envied the winged creatures that seemed to move so effortlessly through the air. This program designed for younger children encourages participants to identify what flies and how, and to categorize these "aviators" by type through a story and activity. Ages 4 through 7. 30 minutes (Offered at Wright-Dunbar Interpretive Center, at Huffman Prairie Flying Field Interpretive Center, or at your school)

Life with the Wright Family

The world considers Orville and Wilbur Wright heroes as well as inspired inventors. The brothers, their parents and their siblings were also a close-knit family who lived through wondrous experiences together. Their housekeeper, Carrie Kayler Grumbach served the family for 48 years and had an inside perspective on the extraordinary lives of these ordinary people. In this first-person program, students learn what life was really like for this famous family through the years through "Aunt Carrie's" eyes. Grades 2-8. 60 minutes (Offered at the Wright-Dunbar Interpretive Center or at your school).

Goop Tales

The Wright brothers are excellent role models for children. They were men of integrity who worked hard at everything they did and their accomplishments made a huge difference in our world. *Goop Tales*, by Gelett Burgess, first entered the world of children's books in 1900; and it was one of the books Wilbur and Orville read to their nieces, nephews and neighborhood children. By listening and "acting out" *Goop Tales*, students learn accepted behavior whether in a museum, classroom, or at home. Grades K-5. 60 minutes. (90 minutes with movie or add a tour of the museum for an additional 45 minutes).

Upon teachers' requests, the park can present programs on a variety of topics within the Ohio Social Studies and Science Standards requirements.