



The starting point for this tour is the Athens County Convention and Visitors Bureau, located at 667 East State St. For more information about Athens County history, visit the Athens County Historical Society and Museum, located at 65 N. Court St, Athens, OH 45701.

Taking the full tour, including stops at each marker, will take approximately 3 to 3.5 hours.

Albany / Enterprise Academy – Washington Rd & W Clinton St, Albany, OH 45710

- From the Visitors Bureau, turn left onto E. State St., go under the highway overpass and turn left onto US-32 West.
 - Albany is about 10 miles from Athens and there is only one exit, on the right.
 - After getting off of US-32 West, turn left onto State St (OH-681) then turn right onto Washington St.
 - The Marker will be a few blocks down on the left hand side, at the intersection of Washington and Clinton Streets. Look for the mural near the Marker depicting the three key points of Albany's history: The Underground Railroad, Agriculture and Education.
 - To get back to US-32 East, turn back onto State St. and follow it past the highway overpass. Turn left onto McCoy Ave. (the first street after the overpass) which runs into US-32 East.
- Time: 15 Minutes Distance: 11 Miles

Dow Finsterwald Day, September 25, 1958 – Athens Country Club, 7606 Country Club Rd, Athens, OH 45701

- The Dow Finsterwald Day Marker is located next to the Athens County Country Club.
 - Coming from Albany, travel four and a half miles on US-32 East.
 - Turn left onto Radford Road (CR-19) and travel another two and a half miles.
 - Turn left onto OH-56 and in half a mile turn left onto Country Club Rd. Follow it all the way to the end.
 - As you approach the main building, the marker is located to the left, near the first tee box.
- Time: 20 Minutes Distance: 8.2 Miles

Peden Stadium – Richland and South Green Drive, Athens, OH 45701

-From the Athens Country Club, turn right onto OH-56 and go about 2.3 miles to OH-682.

-Take a right onto OH-682 and follow it until coming to a roundabout.

-Take a left at the roundabout onto Richland Ave and go over the bridge. Turn right at the next stop light.

-The Peden Stadium Marker will be on the right side of the street, about half a block down from the stop light, near a small Bobcat statue. There is no on street parking in this part of town, but there are several University parking lots which, depending on the time of day, will likely require the use of a meter.

Time: 10 Minutes

Distance: 4.5 miles

Ohio University / Alumni Gateway – Corner of Union and Court Streets, Athens, OH 45701

-From Peden Stadium, get back onto Richland Ave heading into town and follow it until it dead ends into Court St. Turn Left.

-The marker and the Alumni Gateway are about a block ahead on the right.

Time: Less than 5 Minutes

Distance: 0.5 Miles

The Berry Hotel – 18 N. Court Street, Athens, OH 45701

-The Hotel Berry marker is located about a block and a half further up Court Street from the Alumni Gateway, in front of the Court Street Diner.

Time: Less than 5 Minutes

Distance: 0.2 miles

Western Library Association, 1804 - The Coonskin Library – 1 State Street, Amesville, OH 45711

-Follow Court Street until it dead ends and take a left onto Carpenter St. Carpenter St will become Columbus Ave.

-Follow Columbus Ave. until it goes under the highway overpass and becomes OH-550.

-Continue to follow OH-550 for about ten miles until it runs through Amesville. The marker is located in a park on the right hand side just as you enter the village.

NOTE: OH-550 is a bit of a rough road, with lots of twists and hills. Drive with caution, especially when wet or snowy.

Time: 20 Minutes

Distance: 13 Miles

Athens County Infirmary – OH-13, Near Chauncey, OH 45719

-From Amesville, travel back down OH-550 until just before you reach the highway.

-At the stop light before the US-33 overpass, turn right onto OH-13. The Marker and the former infirmary buildings are located on the left hand side, a little less than 3 miles down the road.

Time: 15 Minutes

Distance: 11 Miles

Hisylvania Coal Company Mine No. 22 – Near Glouster, OH 45732

-To reach the Hisylvania Mine Marker, continue to travel on OH-13 for about nine mile (the road takes a right turn at an intersection in Chauncey).

-The Marker is located on the left hand side of the road just before entering Glouster, in a small community park. You will travel through the small communities of Jacksonville and Trimble before reaching the marker.

NOTE: This marker may not be easily accessible due to the amount of mud around it.

Time: 15 Minutes

Distance: 9 Miles

Hocking Valley Railway – Nelsonville, OH 45764

-To get to Nelsonville, go back down OH-13 into Chauncey. At the intersection where OH-13 goes left, make a right turn onto OH-682.

-Take OH-682 until it runs into US-33 West. Turn right onto US-33 West and follow it into Nelsonville.

-Once in Nelsonville, stay on US-33 and keep an eye out for the Rocky Boots Outlet Store, on the left hand side. The Hocking Valley Scenic Railway, the location of the marker, is located just past the Rocky Boots Store, on the same side.

-You will likely be unable to see the Marker from the street, especially if there are any trains pulled up to the station. The Marker is located just past the ticket office, over the tracks.

Time: 25 Minutes

Distance: 19 Miles

Hocking Valley Coal Strike, 1884-5 – Public Square, Nelsonville, OH 45764

-The final marker on the tour is located in the Neslonville Public Square.

-To get to the Public Square, go to the stop light in front of the Rocky Boots Store and turn left onto Hocking Street.

-Hocking St will dead end into Washington St. on the corner of the Public Square. The marker is located in the grassy area in the middle of the square.

Time: Less than 5 Minutes

Distance: 0.3 Miles

To get back to Athens, take Hocking St back to the light and turn left onto US-33 East.

Total drive time: 2 hours 15 minutes

Total Driving Distance: 77 Miles