



## **Discover Gahanna, Ohio's Herbal Trail!**

### 2-day Sample Itinerary

Welcome to Gahanna – the Herb Capital of Ohio! Chart your group adventure along our one-of-a-kind Herbal Trail, featuring dozens of experiences that immerse visitors in the health, culinary and wellness benefits of herbs! To book this adventure or learn about our other many Herbal Trail experiences, contact Mary Szymkowiak at the Gahanna OH Convention & Visitors Bureau. (614/418-9114 [MSzymko@VisitGahanna.com](mailto:MSzymko@VisitGahanna.com)).

### **Morning**

#### **9-11 am Field-to-Vase Tour & Class**

When the flower fields of Central Ohio's most beautiful organic farm show off their colors, shapes, and scents—it's an unforgettable experience. During this Field to Vase tour, guests are invited to harvest blooms and greenery from the gardens and return to the historic, renovated barn to create inspired bouquets to take home. A tour of this 65-acre organic farm and visit to the Farm Market rounds out the program. Light refreshments are included. Scheduled rain or shine. Walking required. \$25/pp. Minimum 10. Allow 2 hours. Walking required.

**11:30-1 pm Lunch at 101 Beer Kitchen.** Savor seasonal, locally sourced chef-driven cuisine in fun setting. This signature Central Ohio eatery provides friendly service with an uncomplicated, comfortable style. Focused on educating visitors in the joys of food and beer.

**1:30-3 pm Herbal Trailblazers.** Experience Gahanna's Herbal Trail in a fun and engaging way during this 1.5 hour adventure. Smell, taste and savor some delightful herbs—while visiting three of Gahanna's signature businesses. Your Gahanna CVB guide will meet your group upon their arrival in Olde Gahanna, divide them into smaller groups and provide guests with a trivia game sheet and an explanation of how the activity will work. Guests will explore Olde Gahanna, visiting three local businesses for answers to trivia questions about some powerful herbs—their characteristics, healing properties and culinary uses. Enjoy treats, gifts and activities along the way! Cost: \$12/per person.

#### **3:30-5:30 pm Universal Design Living Laboratory**

Gahanna is home to THE highest rated universal design home in North America (earning 3 national certifications)! Tour the Universal Design Living Laboratory, the breathtaking Frank Lloyd Wright inspired home, and meet the inspiring couple that envisioned (and now resides in) this home. This home went beyond green to promote an economically, environmentally and socially sustainable lifestyle. It provides comfort, independence, convenience and safety for people who have physical challenges as well as for those who would like to age in place gracefully. Universal design features include: no step entrances, low door thresholds, wider doors and hallways, curbless showers, and multiple height countertops. \$15/per person. (Minimum 30.)

*Dinner: 6-8 pm*

#### **OPTION 1: The Barn at Rocky Fork**

With its pastoral setting and abundant rural elegance, a visit to The Barn at Rocky Fork Creek transforms dining out into an unforgettable culinary outing. Serving traditional cuisine refined by the inventive chefs from Cameron Mitchell Restaurants, The Barn features an onsite smokehouse, a bourbon bar, a butcher shop and bakery. The amazing cuisine, charming setting and good company will create an evening your group will not soon forget. (\$50-60/per person)

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OPTION 2: *Dinner*

**5:30-7:30 pm BBQ & Blues.** Gahanna's signature event is the annual Creekside Blues & Jazz Festival (June), which draws some of the Midwest's TOP blues musicians. In this PRIVATE dinner event, your group will enjoy a live performance by one of the festival's most popular performers plus some award-winning BBQ with all the fixings, catered from one of Central Ohio's most popular restaurants. All this in a private venue overlooking Gahanna's scenic Creekside District and Golf course. Pricing depends on dinner choices. (\*Musicians available at budget levels ranging from \$100-\$250 for a 45 minute performance.)

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**9:30-11:30 am**

**OPTION 1: Guided Tour of Geroux Herb Gardens & Herb Craft**

Enjoy a private tour of Gahanna's beautiful Geroux Herb Garden's Scented Culinary, Spiritual and Medicinal Gardens. Followed by a make-it-and-take-it gift project that shows participants how easy it is to incorporate herbs into everyday life. Led by experts from the Ohio Herb Education Center. Cost: \$6 per person for both activities. (Allow 2 hours.) Requires walking.

**OPTION 2: Preserving the Harvest Workshop.** Preserving is a great way to capture autumn's bountiful herbal harvest. In this workshop, you'll learn different ways to preserve herbs from your garden to enjoy them in your cooking and home throughout the winter. An expert from the Ohio Herb Center will lead this workshop, inspiring participants with great herbal recipes and a hands-on, herb-infused culinary creation to take home! \$12/pp

**Lunch.**

**12-1:30 pm 94th Aero Squadron**

Located near the Port Columbus International Airport and offering dramatic views of air traffic, The 94th Aero Squadron Restaurant features the finest in American cuisine, including hand-cut steaks, chicken, seafood and pastas. The old country 1917 French farmhouse décor offers stone fireplaces, wood paneling, beamed ceilings and military memorabilia. Enjoy a buffet supper with many delicious options. Pricing varies depending on choices. (\$18-20/pp)

**Afternoon:**

OPTION 1:

**Shop the "Rodeo Drive of the Midwest!"**

USA Today dubbed Easton Town Center the "Rodeo Drive of the Midwest!" Anchored by Nordstrom and Macy's, the upscale shopping Mecca boasts more than 200 specialty stores, restaurants and entertainment options. A little time spent shopping this upscale destination provides the best kind of retail therapy! (Coupon booklets available from Easton Town Center for groups visiting from 50+ miles away.)

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OPTION 2: **Franklin Park Conservatory**

Visit one of the Midwest's premier botanical landmark and cultural attractions, featuring exceptional plant collections and gardens, seasonal art and nature-based exhibitions and a dynamic array of educational opportunities and special events for visitors of all ages. The Conservatory, home to the spectacular "Blooms and Butterflies" exhibit (March-September), is situated in the lovely 88-acre Franklin Park and features indoor gardens filled with exotic plant life and artwork by Dale Chihuly.

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