

# Plenty of sidetrips to enjoy, so what's your hurry?

By IRIS SANDERSON JONES

I can hear them now, bragging about how they drive to Florida non-stop, speed all night to reach Atlanta or burn up the turnpike to Lexington for a long weekend. Fast living is an American specialty, and sometimes it is necessary to live in the fast lane. But you miss a lot.

If you are one of the thousands of Detroit-area travelers who will drive Interstate-75 north and south in 1981, consider this radical idea: Drive slowly, stop along the way, enjoy yourself.

Discover cities like Toledo, Cincinnati, Lexington and Atlanta. Visit hidden treasures such as the Neil Armstrong Space Museum in Ohio, Shakerstown in Kentucky or Andersonville in Georgia. You might even have time to stop at places like the Golden Lamb, oldest inn in Ohio, the Kentucky State lodges, or Georgia's Callaway Gardens and Inn.

**TOLEDO** — Michigan and Ohio once fought a bitter war who would own Toledo, and Ohio won. Sometimes it looks like the people of Michigan turned their backs on Toledo that day and never entered the city again.

Toledo is on the Maumee River, the largest river to empty into the Great Lakes. The city has a first-class art museum, a wonderful warm weather river ride for history lovers, and a unique art colony called Crosby Gardens. For winter travelers, the logical travel break is at the Wolcott House, run by the Maumee Valley Historical Society in the adjacent town of Maumee.

**SOUTH OF TOLEDO** — You may want to save your visit to Toledo for a warm spring day, but there are two stops worth taking on the way to the Ohio-Kentucky border. You have probably visited the Air Force Museum at Dayton, but you may have missed the delightful little Neil Armstrong Air and Space Museum at the astronaut's hometown of Wapakoneta, Ohio.

The entrance walk runs past landing lights to the eerily lit dome rising like a full moon beside I-75. A sign reads "Please don't walk on the building." The building is built around the balloon, the Toledo Two, and the small yellow Aronca Champion in which Armstrong's boyhood bicycle.

If you like to eat, sleep and explore historic surroundings, detour off I-75 to Lebanon, 20 miles north of Cincinnati, to the Golden Lamb, the oldest inn in Ohio and one of the most attractive eating and sleeping places in the Midwest.

This was a log-cabin hostelry in 1802, and a social-political center during the War of 1812, the Civil War and most of the historic dates that followed. It contains an extensive collection of good Shaker furniture from the nearby Shaker settlement of Union Village.

Cincinnati is one of the finest, yet least-known, restaurant cities in the United States, but you may want to save the Queen City for your return trip, and stop instead in Covington, Ky.

**COVINGTON, KY.** — Just across the bridge from Cincinnati. Headlined in recent years because of the tragic fire at the nearby Beverly Hills Super Club in Southgate. You could drive through Covington many times without realizing that it is a city of churches.

In Europe, you would not be surprised to walk off a city street into a majestic stone cathedral; in Covington, you will probably be surprised. Look for the blue towers of the Mother of God Church. Turn a corner for a full view of the nearby Basilica of the Assumption, styled after the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris.

All of this cathedral architecture was built by the German Catholic settlers who founded Covington, a religious and industrious people.

Covington also has a unique private museum, seen only by appointment, where a large collection of ventriloquist dummies is housed.

A major stopping place on I-75 is the Lexington area, where the state has built a one-of-a-kind museum-park called the Kentucky Horse Park at Iron Works Pike, where Kentucky's million-dollar babies are born and raised.

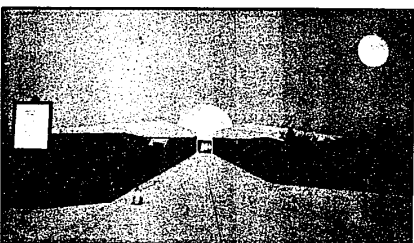
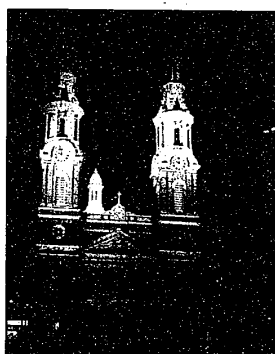
You can walk around the track and use picnic facilities free. A \$5 ticket admits you to the museum, film, farrier and harness-making barns, and to the barns where students learn to raise and train horses.

Among the better-known horse-related attractions of Lexington is a lesser-known historic house, the Mary Todd Lincoln House, which opened with little fanfare a few years ago and is often missed by travelers.

South and west of Lexington are two of the



**RIGHT:** Covington, Ky., is a city of churches remarkable in their architectural styles. Seen here, illuminated blue towers rise majestically above the Mother of God Church. **ABOVE:** In the Lexington area are 1,032 acres of land where the horses that made Kentucky famous are born and raised. The tract is called the Kentucky Horse Park and visitors can roam at will. **BELOW:** The setting is not Washington, D.C. Patricia Neal is nowhere in sight, and Michael Rennie is not about to utter the unforgettable: "Klaatu barada nikto!" Still the Neil Armstrong Air and Space Museum in Wapakoneta, Ohio, bears close resemblance to the craft in "Day the Earth Stood Still." (Photo by John Zvey)



state's most popular tourist attractions: Shakerstown, a restored village where you can find food and accommodations straight out of the 19th century; and Bardonia, where Stephen Foster wrote "My Old Kentucky Home."

A 355-mile stretch of I-75 runs from Rock City in the northwest corner of Georgia to Valdosta in the south. There are two national military parks, Chickamauga-Chattanooga, near Rock City, where you will find one of the largest military gun collections in the world, and the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park at Kennesaw.

The Cloudland Canyon State Park is also off I-75 on the northern leg at Rising Fawn. Three other state parks are adjacent to the highway: Red Top Mountain in Cartersville, Indian Springs in Indian Springs, and High Falls in Jackson.

Just south of Macon, where I-75 turns south and I-16 breaks east for Savannah, you are approaching the turnoff into Plains country and the Andersonville Trail. The trail winds through the Camelia Gardens at Marshallville, the free Flint River Ferry (honor your horn for service), and Andersonville National Historic Site and the village of Andersonville.

**A FEW MILES** south of the point where you re-enter I-75, you will see signs for the town of Tifton, where 30 authentic farm village structures have been restored in a state historic site called the Georgia Agraria. Take a detour to Pine Mountain on Highway 27 where a nature lover named Cason Callaway built Callaway Gardens.

Callaway Gardens is a non-profit foundation which offers greenhouses and natural woodland gardens as well as contemporary-if-woodsy motel with golf course, lake and a tiny chapel.

These are only a few of the sites you can see along the way if you take it slow along I-75 to Florida.

So, what's your hurry?

## tripping

### • EASTER IN VIENNA

For the ninth season running, Orin Hood will lead a small band of followers to Atlanta for the World Easter Music Tour. This year's walk begins Friday, April 17, with an afternoon flight from Metro Airport and finishes Saturday, April 25, back at Metro. Sandwiched in between are cathedral tours, palace tours, Easter Mass, a Vienna Choir Boys concert, the Lipizzaner stallions, the Danube, the Alps, Swan Lake and Mozart's childhood home.

Accommodations are first class hotels with bath and breakfast. The tour price is \$1,599. Singles, there is a \$100 supplement required. A deposit will suffice for while but full payment is due Feb. 28. For more information, contact Hood at 577-4146.

### • WHERE EAGLES FLY

If you've wondered where bald and golden eagles go to winter, wonder no further. It's to the Land Between the Lakes, a

170,000-acre peninsula in western Kentucky, where the neighbors include woodpeckers, chickadees, bluebirds, wild turkeys, deer and beaver roaming freely, undisturbed but for the occasional appearance of a human.

An Eagles Weekend (Feb. 20-22) has been set aside to observe this fowl gathering, and naturalists and specialists will conduct workshops during the time to help explain it all.

For information, contact TVA-Land Between the Lakes, Golden Pond, Ky. 42331, or Lake Barkley State Resort Park, Cadiz, Ky. 42311, 502-924-1177.

### • CLOSER TO HOME

- Feb. 20-22: Michigan U.P. Snowmobile Association Ride-In and meeting of Iron Dog Brigade, Copper Harbor;
- Feb. 21-22: Ski jumping tournament, Pine Mountain, Iron Mountain;
- Feb. 28 to March 1: Ski jumping championships, Sulclide Bowl, Ishpeming.



travel log

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## Getting firsthand look at the powers that be

Thirteen area students will travel to Washington, D.C., in March for a travel experience called the Washington Workshops.

The workshops are open to high school students nationwide, but as far as I know, the students of Kingswood School in Bloomfield Hills are the only ones in this area who have taken advantage of it.

The Washington Workshops are sponsored by the Washington Workshop Foundation, which wants to give young people experience in government to complement the theory they learn from books.

Qualified students spend several days on the campus of Marymount College in Arlington, Va., with regular trips to the places in Washington where the federal government is a living reality.

The 13 Kingswood students will travel with government teacher Arlyce Seibert of Rochester, who has sent several of her students to the program for the past five years.

ON TYPICAL workshop days, the students will ride the bus into Washington, meet representatives from both the House and the Senate, sit in on congressional committee hearings, eat in the Capitol Building, tour the Treasury Department, interview someone from the Secret Service.

They will also, of course, sit in the gallery of both the House and the Senate while Congress is in session.

In the evening, students will have government guests on campus, possibly an ambassador from a foreign country.

Each day will close with discussions called the Sense of the Seminar. The program ends with students creating their own model student congress.

THESE WORKSHOPS are enlightening, not only because of the experience, but also because students discuss government issues with their peers from all over the country, and are thus exposed to different regional viewpoints.

The Kingswood students will be in Washington March 8-15, but there are 10 of these programs held from January through June.

Any high school student will be eligible for the workshop either as an individual or as part of a high school group. Interested students must be recommended to the workshop by a high school government teacher.

For more information, write to Cynthia Littlefield, director, the Washington Workshops, 3222 N Street NW, Suite 340, Washington, D.C. 20007, or call 202-955-3434.

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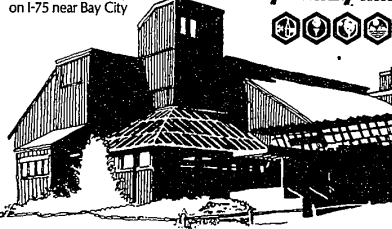
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