

## Columbus, OH

Quaint country towns, meandering lazy roads, riverside twisties, and rolling farmlands all combine together for an exceptional driving experience. All those “best roads in America” lists seem to forget that you don’t need mountain cliffs, or ocean views to have a great driving day. Perhaps that’s for the best, however, as our Ohio roads are quieter, and a secret enjoyment only locals really appreciate!

### Route master Notes

**Road Selection** - Your route master has made every effort to select roads which are fun to drive, lighter on traffic, and interesting for both driver and passenger. As the route departs onto secondary, or even more remote selections, pavement quality may suffer. If you were attending a drivers’ meeting at one of our traditional events, you’d hear your route master tell you “a rough road is only as rough as the speed you drive it at!” Slow driving through any sections you deem rough will ensure enjoyment for the whole route.

**Fuel & Washroom Stops** - Your route master presumes you’ve started the day with a full tank of fuel. We do pass through a number of major centres, so finding fuel shouldn’t be an issue. You may need to go slightly off route for the brand of your choice. Due to Covid-19, you may find that washroom stops are not available in towns, at gas stations, or anywhere on route. You may need to plan accordingly, depending on the current pandemic regulations in your area.

**Route Details** - Our total route is roughly 5 hours and 15min of driving, but could be divided into two shorter excursions if you wanted to use Hwy 33 to go directly home after lunch, or to return to experience the final 1.5 hours of the tour. Much of the tour, especially the first half, goes through areas with little or no cellphone coverage. As long as you load the map, and hit the “start” button while you have coverage, Rallista will direct you without cell signal. You can also print off the Android instruction sheet should you wish to have a paper-backup of the route.

We’ll start out leaving Columbus through farmlands, before hitting some of the best hills (and roads) we could find in the area. We’ll do our best to give you a great workout, trying to keep the hills and corners coming all the way through lunch and beyond. Our tour ends on the access ramp for Hwy 33 North, giving you easy access to Columbus and the Interstates for your route home.

Our full route includes a suggested coffee stop at Hocking Hills Inn and Coffee Emporium. Opened in 2019, the Coffee Emporium creates hand-crafted espresso drinks which your Routemaster claims are the best in the state! The Coffee Emporium also has variety of pastries, fresh donuts, breakfast sandwiches and lunch items. Be sure to check the website before departure, to confirm hours and service levels.  
[www.hockinghillscoffeemporium.com](http://www.hockinghillscoffeemporium.com).

For lunch, our route suggests a visit to Jackie O’s Taproom and Brewery. The Taproom and Brewery has an outdoor patio for dining outside. If the weather isn’t fantastic, we’re also going to bring you past the Jackie O’s Public House Restaurant which features an extended menu, traditional pub feel, but the same Jackie O’s beverages. You can check hours and levels of service before your departure using <https://jackieos.com/>