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May Products: Shiitake Mushrooms and Hickory Syrup

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Length of Experience: 1 hour May Products: Strawberries, Spring Flowers

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June Products: Lavender Shiitake Mushrooms

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## Marysville & Union County Sample Itinerary LOCALLY GROWN - JUNE

### June

#### Dutch Mill Greenhouse & Leo Berbee Bulb Co.

There's truth in the Hans Christian Anderson quote, "Just living is not enough... one must have sunshine, freedom, and a little flower," - the only exception is that there's nothing little about the family-owned Leo Berbee Bulb Co. For more than 48 years the Berbee family has been sharing the beauty of their trade by cultivating and distributing millions of bulbs across the U.S. and beyond. Among their esteemed customer list is the Columbus Zoo, U.S. Botanic Garden, SeaWorld, The Pentagon, and the National Parks Service! Learn, discover, and take home a pack of inspiration for your own garden. July Products: Spring Flowers Length of Experience: 1 hour

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Fueled by the Power of Dreams, Honda continues to rank as the world's most innovative mobility company. The Honda Heritage Center™ highlights the company's successes in North America over the last half century with an array of historical, current, and future products - each with its own story. Honda Manufacturing of North America, Inc., made its home in Union County in 1979 and continues to inspire today through this state-of-the-art facility. Length of Experience: 1 hour

#### Picnic Lunch at Richwood Lake

Refresh for lunch at the beautiful Richwood Lake. Enjoy a hearty boxed lunch while gazing out over the gleaming lake taking in the crisp open air and listening to classic Americana tunes by a live musician. Stretch your legs and take a short stroll along the lake side trail or walk along the dock to catch a glimpse of the wildlife. Length of Experience: 1

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### June

#### Plein Air Painting at Richwood Lake

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#### Union Station 1820 & Uptown Marysville

Welcome to historic Uptown Marysville! Begin your exploration with a stop at Union Station 1820 the official welcome center of Union County where you will find artisan crafts, goodies, and other locally made products. Pick up a map and walk the quaint streets to the family run boutiques and cafes, the Original Scott's Miracle Grow Store. Length of Experience: 1 – 1.5 hours

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Length of Experience: 1 hour

#### Plein Air Painting at Richwood Lake

Tap into your inner Bob Ross as groups are guided through an inspiring canvas painting or leaf imprinting experience. Instructed by the president of the Marysville Art League, Cookies and Canvas takes sweet treats and creativity to a fun and lively level. Learn about working with color, adding depth, and easy brush techniques to bring your painting to life. Multiple options available!

Length of Experience 1.5 hours

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### September

#### Uptown Marysville and Scotts Miracle Grow Original Shop

Explore Uptown Marysville and stop by the Original Scotts Miracle Grow Shop. Learn the history of the Scotts company while viewing vintage gardening tools and products. Take some insider garden tips home to help your garden stand out! Be sure to stop by the various boutiques, cafes, and treat shops dotted throughout Uptown. Length of Experience: 1.5 hour

#### **Covered Bridge Tour**

Sit back, relax, and let a seasoned guide navigate the pastoral countryside on a tour of the covered bridges of Union County. Four of the bridges are historic (constructed in the 1800s) and were built by local resident Reuben Partridge, a prolific builder who built well over 100 bridges in Ohio. Length of Experience: 1 hour

#### Dinner on the Pottersburg Bridge

Participate in a truly unique experience of dining on a covered bridge, complete with delicious cuisine, entertainment, and a setting sure to celebrate a slower era. Picturesque Pottersburg Bridge, built around 1868, has become the venue for our signature covered bridge lunches and dinners, which are always a delight for the senses. Dinner includes a plated meal, live Americana music & entertainment, with historical presentation following. Length of Experience: 1 hour

#### **Dalton Union Winery & Brewery**

After years of dabbling in winemaking and receiving positive feedback from friends and family, Dale and Tonya decided to make it official. Playing on their love of wine and each other; they named the winery after the combination of their names, the celebration of their nuptials and their location in Ohio. With that, the Dalton Union Winery & Brewery, was born! Groups can enjoy a warm spirit of hospitality, delicious wines, and craft brews at this lovely Union County winery. Be sure to try the Covered Bridge Red, named after out famous Covered Bridges! Length of Experience: 1 hour

**Check Into Hotel** 



Check Out of Hotel

Ask about stops on the way home!

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