

Columbus Self-Guided Tour

This tour includes several notable cemeteries in Columbus: Green Lawn Cemetery, Mount Calvary Catholic Cemetery, the Old Franklinton Cemetery, and Union Cemetery.



Stop 1:

Green Lawn Cemetery
1000 Green Lawn Avenue
Columbus, Ohio
39° 56' 25" N, 83° 01' 57" W

Approximately 40 minutes from campus (37.2 miles).

Green Lawn Cemetery was established as a non-profit association in 1848, and is one of the oldest and largest cemeteries in Ohio with approximately 147,000 burials. There are many impressive monuments and personal mausoleums, and the cemetery is also home to a beautiful Chapel Mausoleum designed by Frank L. Packard, a famous Columbus architect. The Chapel Mausoleum features two Tiffany stained glass windows and mosaic murals representing Truth and Wisdom. More information about Green Lawn Cemetery can be found on their website: <http://www.greenlawncolumbus.org>

From Denison University's Sunset Residence Hall Parking Lot, go east on West Loop towards Presidents' Drive. West Loop becomes Presidents' Drive.

Turn right on Main Street. Main Street becomes Ohio Route 37. Follow for 8.1 miles.

Take Route 37 East to I-70 West.

Merge on I-70 West. Take I-70 West towards downtown Columbus. Follow for 26.6 miles.

Take the I-71 South exit 99 A-B (left) towards Cincinnati. Merge on I-71 South via exit 99A on left. Follow for 1 mile.

Take the Greenlawn Avenue exit 105.

Turn right on Greenlawn Avenue. The road will end at the cemetery after approximately 0.3 mile. After passing through the gate, the office will be on your right.



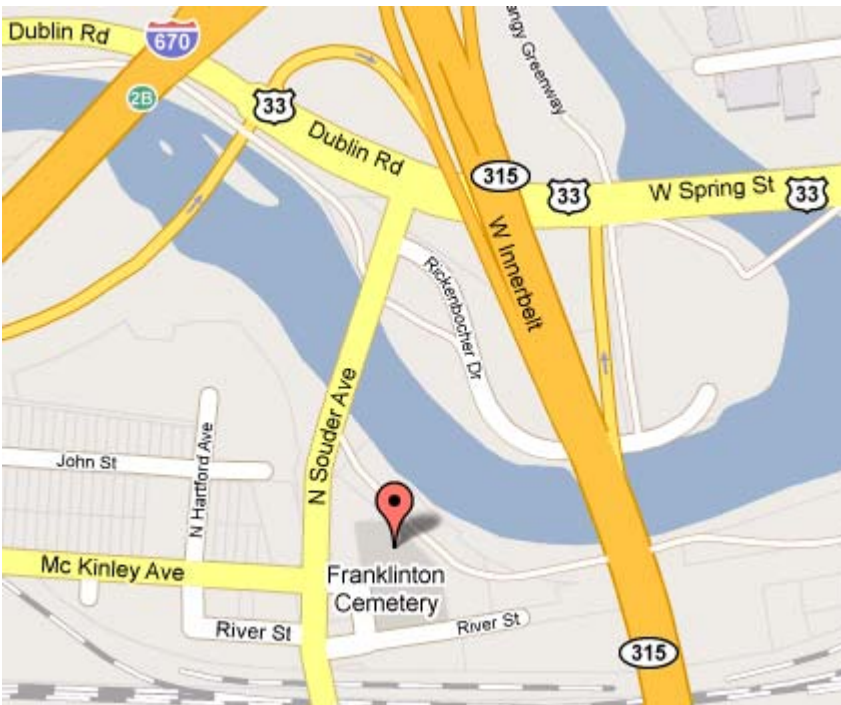
Stop 2:

Mount Calvary Cemetery
 518 Mount Calvary Avenue
 Columbus, Ohio
 39° 56' 50" N, 83° 01' 28" W

Approximately 2 minutes from Green Lawn Cemetery (1 mile).

Mt. Calvary Catholic Cemetery was established in 1865, and is the oldest active Catholic Cemetery in Franklin County. There are many notable Columbus residents buried in its 40 acres, and beautiful Victorian era statuary and monuments. More information about Mt. Calvary Catholic Cemetery can be found on the Roman Catholic Diocese of Columbus website:
<http://www.colsdioc.org/Offices/CatholicCemeteries/Map/MtCalvaryCemetery.aspx>

From Green Lawn Cemetery office, exit back through main entrance on Green Lawn Avenue. Turn left on Harmon Avenue. Follow for 0.7 mile. Harmon Avenue becomes Mound Street (bears to the left). Follow for 0.2 mile. Turn left on Mount Calvary Avenue. Then turn right into cemetery.



Stop 3:

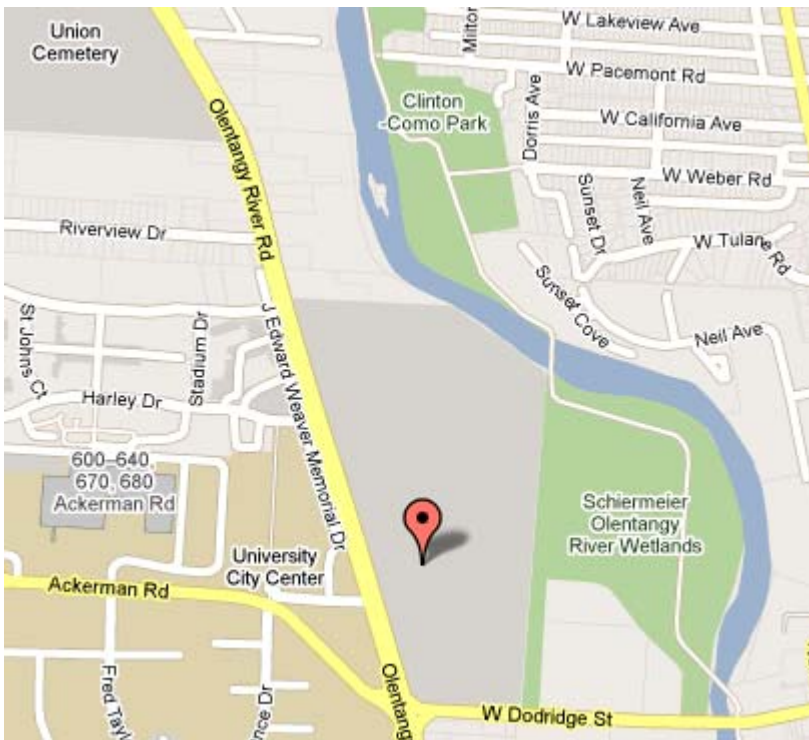
Old Franklinton Cemetery
 Near intersection of Souder Avenue and River Street.
 Columbus, Ohio
 39° 57' 47" N, 83° 01' 20" W

Approximately 7 minutes from Mt. Calvary Cemetery (3.1 miles).

The Old Franklinton Cemetery was established in a bend of the Scioto River in 1799. There are approximately 100 pioneers buried in the cemetery. It is the original burial place of Lucas Sullivant, the founder of Franklinton, which later became Columbus. He was later moved to Green Lawn Cemetery. There is also a large granite obelisk that was erected by the West Side Board of Trade in 1931, to mark the location of the first church in the community.

Directions to cemetery continue on next page.

From Mount Calvary Cemetery, backtrack on Mt. Calvary Avenue to Mound Street.
 Turn left on West Mound Street. Follow for 0.5 mile.
 Merge on I-70 East. Follow for 0.8 mile.
 Merge on Ohio Route 315 North via exit 99 B. Follow for 1.2 miles.
 Take the US-33 exit towards Dublin Road/Long Street.
 Turn left on US-33/West Spring Street. Follow for 0.1 mile.
 Turn left on Souder Avenue. Follow for 0.3 mile.
 The cemetery will be behind a parking lot on your left (there is a stone wall around the graveyard), almost opposite McKinley Avenue.



Stop 4:

Union Cemetery
 Old section is near intersection of Olentangy River Road and W. Dodridge Street
 Columbus, Ohio
 40° 1' 7" N, 83° 1' 22" W

Approximately 13 minutes from the Old Franklinton Cemetery (4.4 miles).

Before Union Cemetery was established in 1847, it was the small burial ground for Northwest Territory pioneer and Revolutionary War veteran Balsler Hess and his family. The land was purchased from the Hess family, and the Union Cemetery Association was created in 1878 to manage the cemetery. The cemetery is still active, and there are some beautiful gravestones and statuary. More information can be found on the Union Cemetery website: <http://www.union-cemetery.com>

From the Old Franklinton Cemetery, backtrack on Souder Avenue for 0.3 mile to US-33.
 Turn left on US-33/Dublin Road. Follow for 0.4 mile.
 Turn right on Twin Rivers Drive. You will need to turn right again after 289 feet (by post office) to continue on Twin Rivers Drive.
 Twin Rivers Road becomes Olentangy River Road after 0.7 mile. Continue on Olentangy River Road past Lennox Center and OSU campus. You will have to turn right after 1.7 miles (by Lennox Center) to continue on Olentangy River Road. Then there will be another 1.4 miles before reaching the cemetery.
 The old section of the cemetery is at the intersection of Olentangy River Road and West Dodridge Street. Continue driving past West Dodridge, and the entrance will be on the right.
 If you wish to visit the newer section, continue north on Olentangy River Road, past Riverview Drive on the left, and the cemetery will be on the left side of the road.

The drive back to campus is 41.5 miles, and will take approximately 50 minutes.
 Start by backtracking south on Olentangy River Road.
 Turn right on Ackerman Road, by the Red Roof Inn. Follow for 0.7 mile.
 Take the exit left to Ohio Route 315 South. Follow for 4.8 miles.
 Take the exit left to I-70 East. Follow for 26.9 miles.
 Take I-70 East to Ohio Route 37, Exit 126.
 Take the OH 37 exit and turn left. Follow for 8.7 miles.
 OH 37 will take you into Granville. Stay straight to enter Denison University.