



# THE SECOND EAST SIDE STORY

**A tour of historic automobile sites in Chagrin Falls, the Chagrin River Valley, and a Nature Center in one of Cleveland's Metroparks.**

## **Introduction**

The features of this tour include a drive through Cleveland area's east side including Chagrin Falls, the Chagrin River Valley, and the Nature Center in one of our Metroparks. We will then travel west into the city itself and visit Lakeview Cemetery, some auto sites, and the Crawford Museum. The tour will return to the hotels in the Chagrin Blvd. I-271 area.

## **The Driving Tour**

**We will be starting this tour at the Double Tree Hotel on Park East Dr. just off Chagrin Blvd. by I-271.**

**From the Doubletree parking lot, turn Left onto Park East Dr.**

**Turn right at the stop sign and proceed to Richmond Rd.**

**Turn Left onto Richmond Rd. and proceed two blocks to Harvard Rd. – Ahuja Medical Center is on the left-- Stay in left lane and prepare to turn left at Harvard Rd.**

**Turn Left onto Harvard Rd. and proceed east on Harvard Rd. You will pass under I- 271 and continue east crossing the intersections at Brainard Rd. and at Lander Rd. After crossing Lander Rd., the name of the street changes to Hiram Trail. Follow Hiram Trail east until you reach a stop sign at SOM Center Rd. (Route 91).**

**Turn Right onto SOM Center Rd. Watch for traffic coming from your left, which is coming up a large hill.**

**After turning onto SOM Center Rd., proceed south. The first major cross street you come to is Jackson Rd.**

Shortly after passing Jackson Road, look to the right and you will see, on the top of a slight rise, a duplicate of the cabin in which President James A. Garfield was born. It was rebuilt in the municipal complex of the Village of Moreland Hills, the town in which he was born. Later in this tour you will visit President Garfield's tomb and monument.

**Proceed south on SOM Center Rd. until you reach a traffic light at Miles Rd. Prepare for a left turn at Miles Rd.**

**Turn Left onto Miles Rd. Follow Miles Rd. east for 1.5 Miles. You will cross over the Chagrin River on a bridge just after passing Chagrin River Rd. Stay on Miles Rd. for another 1.5 miles. Miles Rd. curves gently to the southeast before a gentle turn to the left at Hillside Ln. You will still be on Miles Rd. and heading northeast. You will cross the Chagrin River just before reaching a stop sign at Solon Rd.**

**Turn Left onto Solon Rd. You will only be on Solon Rd. for a few feet before it makes a right turn and you will be heading west. One block after the turn you will cross Church St. At this point the name of the street changes from Solon Rd. to Maple St.**

**Continue East along Maple St. Proceed four blocks to where Maple St. terminates at a traffic light at South Franklin St.**

**Turn right onto South Franklin St. Proceed south on South Franklin St. through five intersections until you reach Oak St. Prepare for a left turn onto Oak St.**

**Turn left onto Oak St. Proceed east along Oak St. until you come to a stop sign.**

The property directly in front of you at the stop sign is the site of the Henry Furnace and Foundry Company, which made flywheels for Model T Fords at this location in the 1920s.

**Turn left at the stop sign. You are still on Oak St. Proceed one block to Pine St.**

**Turn right onto Pine St. Pine St. curves gently to the left.**

Watch carefully on your right for the vacated road bed of the Wheeling and Lake Erie Railroad which served the Henry Furnace Foundry. The roadbed is now an asphalt path just before Pine St. ends at Chagrin Rd.

**There is no street name sign identifying Chagrin Rd. Regardless of that, prepare to make a left turn here.**

**Turn Left onto Chagrin Rd. Proceed northwest along Chagrin Rd. At South St. Chagrin Rd. becomes South Main St. Proceed along South Main St. until you reach downtown Chagrin Falls at Washington St.**

**After crossing Washington St. you will see the Chagrin Falls town square on your left, except in this case it is a town triangle.**

**Just past the triangle you will reach the intersection of Bell St. and Main St. Prepare to make a right turn at this intersection. DO NOT CROSS THE MAIN STREET BRIDGE OVER THE CHAGRIN RIVER.**

**Turn right onto Bell St. The Chagrin River will be on your left. Proceed along Bell St. for 0 .2 miles until you arrive at a Y intersection at Vincent St.**

**Turn Left at the Y intersection onto Vincent St. Follow Vincent St. until it ends at Cleveland St. The Chagrin River will be on your left.**

When you arrive at Cleveland St., look to your left to see the site of the Chase Bag Company. The bridge construction project does not permit us a closer look.

The Chase Bag Company founded in the 1840s as the Lake Erie Paper Company is located at Cleveland St. and the Chagrin River. It was one of the largest and oldest watermill industries, which were the basis for the town of Chagrin

Falls. The large mill ponds were located up river from the mill. Back in the day Chagrin Falls had nine separate dams and associated mill based industries.

**Turn Right onto Cleveland St. Proceed along Cleveland St. passing Columbus St. on your right. The second street you come to will be Bell St. There is a stop sign with a right turn arrow on the pavement.**

**Turn Right onto Bell St. Proceed along Bell St. until it ends at a traffic light at Main St. Prepare to make a right turn at Main St.**

**Turn Right onto Main St.**

After turning onto Main St., you will be crossing a bridge over the Chagrin River and the falls, which give the town its name. On the left hand side just before the bridge is the famous popcorn and ice cream store.

**After crossing the river on the Main St. Bridge, proceed one block to the intersection of Main St. and West Orange St. Prepare to make a left turn onto West Orange St.**

**Turn left onto West Orange St. Proceed west on West Orange St., which becomes Chagrin Blvd. just past Summit St. Continue along Chagrin Blvd.**

Chagrin Blvd. takes you on a long downhill trip into the Chagrin River Valley for about one mile. When you reach the bottom of the valley, you will cross the Chagrin River on a Chagrin Blvd. Bridge. Watch carefully for the Chagrin River and the bridge. Almost immediately you will come to a cross street named Chagrin River Rd. Be alert, because the intersection is not well signed.

**Turn right onto Chagrin River Rd. Proceed north on Chagrin River Rd.**

Chagrin River Rd. follows the Chagrin River Valley and passes many large suburban estates. It is often said that the West Side wealthy are the "Boat Set" and the East Side wealthy are the "Horsey Set". That is certainly true in the Chagrin Valley, which has many horse farms and riding trails.

**Proceed North on Chagrin River Rd. The first major intersection you come to in 1.3 miles will be South Woodland Rd. (Route 87).**

On the right hand side at the corner of South Woodland Rd. and Chagrin River Rd. is the Cleveland Metroparks Polo Field. This is the site of many polo matches, horse shows and various other events. It is probable that no event has been scheduled for the day of the tour.

**Proceed north on Chagrin River Rd.**

This slightly winding road follows the Chagrin River northward passing through the Cuyahoga County suburbs Moreland Hills, Hunting Valley and Gates Mills. At several points along the road you will be quite close to the river on the right side of the car.

**The next major cross street as you proceed north for 2.3 miles will be Fairmount Blvd. located in the Village of Hunting Valley.**

**Proceed north on Chagrin River Rd. after crossing Fairmount Blvd. Shortly after passing Cedar Rd. on your left, you will be entering the Village of Gates Mills. At this point the road is quite close to the river, which sometimes floods and covers the road.**

The Village of Gates Mills is an old, quaint bedroom community on the eastern border of Cuyahoga County. Its claim to fame is that it was the home of Cleveland Indians great, Bob Feller.

**Proceed north on Chagrin River Rd. The river will be on your right and the Village of Gates Mills will be on your left.**

**Turn right onto Old Mill Rd. and cross over the river. Just past the bridge you will come to the intersection of Chagrin River Rd. and Old Mill Rd. Turn left onto Chagrin River Rd. Proceed north on Chagrin River Rd. The Chagrin River is on your left. You will pass two street intersections before coming to a bridge over the Chagrin River.**

**The intersection just after crossing the river is Wilson Mills Rd. Stay on Chagrin River Rd. and proceed north for 1.5 miles**

**Just past Wilson Mills Rd. you will reach a fork in the road at Riverview Rd. Take the left fork staying on Chagrin River Rd. At this point the North Chagrin Reservation of the Metroparks is on your left.**

**Turn left at the entrance to North Chagrin Reservation. You are now on Ox Ln.**

**Stay on Ox Ln. You will pass two Y intersections. In each case take the left fork on the Y. The first left fork keeps you on Ox Ln.**

**At the second Y intersection, take the left fork onto Buttermilk Falls Pkwy.**

**Follow Buttermilk Falls Pkwy. a short distance and turn right onto the entrance to the parking lot of the North Chagrin Nature Center.**

The North Chagrin Nature Center has bathroom facilities and places to sit both inside and outside. The Nature Center has many interesting exhibits. Other nearby points of interest includes Sunset Pond and Sanctuary Marsh located next to the Nature Center.

**Turn left and exit the parking lot onto Cleveland Metro Park Dr.**

**At the fork in the road, take the left fork onto Buttermilk Falls Pkwy.**

**Follow Buttermilk Falls Pkwy. until you come to an intersection with a road coming in on the left. That road is Sunset Ln.**

**Turn left onto Sunset Ln. and proceed west until you come to a traffic light at SOM Center Rd. Stay in the right lane.**

**Proceed across SOM Center Rd onto White Rd.**

**Proceed west on White Rd. for 3.1 miles until it ends at Richmond Rd. The first cross street you come to is Rockefeller Rd. The second cross street will be Bishop Rd. (Route 84). Cross those intersections and continue west on White Rd. until White Rd. ends at Richmond Rd. (Route 175)**

**Turn right onto Richmond Rd. In two short blocks you will reach the intersection of Richmond Rd. and Chardon Rd. (Route 6). Stay in the left turn lane.**

**Turn left onto Chardon Rd. Take Chardon Rd. for 2 miles until it ends at Euclid Ave. (Route 6 and 20). Stay in the left turn lane at Euclid Ave.**

**Turn left onto Euclid Ave. Proceed southwest on Euclid Ave. for 1.5 miles. Stay in the right hand lane.**

Just past Chardon Rd. on the right side you will see a large building formerly occupied by General Motors Fisher Body Division. Bodies for Chevrolet, Pontiac and Oldsmobile were manufactured at this location from 1947 to 1970. From 1970 until 1993 this plant supplied upholstery and interior trim for GM cars.

### **The Parker Building (former Chandler/Cleveland Factory)**

This building was built in 1919 by the Chandler Motors Co. to build their Cleveland Model Automobile.

**Proceed southwest along Euclid Ave. for ½ mile to Belvoir Blvd. The street sign on the right will say Ivanhoe Rd. The left turn at this intersection takes you onto Belvoir Blvd.**

**Turn left onto Belvoir Blvd. Proceed for one block on Belvoir Blvd. where you come to a stop sign at Hillsboro Rd.**

**Proceed across Hillsboro Rd. and continue on Belvoir Blvd.**

This is a long winding road, which follows a creek bed which flows through an underground culvert. Euclid Ave. is on a glacial beach and most roads going south from Euclid Ave. follow such creek beds.

**Proceed along Belvoir Blvd. for 2 miles. You will come to the first cross street on Belvoir Blvd., Princeton Blvd.**

**Proceed along Belvoir for one block where you come to Monticello Blvd.**

**Turn Right onto Monticello Blvd. Proceed southwest along Monticello Blvd for 2.5 Miles where Monticello Blvd. ends at Mayfield Rd.**

**Turn right onto Mayfield Rd. Proceed west along Mayfield Rd. for one mile. There will be a traffic light at the corner of Mayfield Rd. and Kenilworth Rd. Lakeview Cemetery is on your right. This is also the spot where Mayfield Rd. starts its downhill run to Euclid Ave. Do not continue on Mayfield Rd. This is the spot where you enter Lakeview Cemetery.**

**Turn right into Lakeview Cemetery. After passing through the gate, turn left and follow the road for several feet until you come to a right turn, which takes you around a landscaped circle located behind a large stone building. That is the Garfield Monument. Park your car and walk to the front entrance of the Garfield Monument.**

Lakeview Cemetery is the resting place for President and Mrs. James A. Garfield and a number of other prominent Cleveland area citizens. Those include industrialists such as John D. Rockefeller and many who were involved in the automobile industry. On the weekends, you can tour the Garfield Monument and hear a talk about the history of the cemetery and some of the people buried there.

**Leave Lakeview Cemetery by the Euclid Ave. Gate.**

**Turn Right onto Euclid Ave. Proceed northeast along Euclid Ave. one block to Lakeview Rd. Get into the left lane for a turn onto Lakeview.**

**Turn Left onto Lakeview Rd.**

The vacant lot on Euclid Avenue across from Lakeview Cemetery was occupied by the Stearns Knight Automobile Company. The building was torn down about a year ago to make room for a solar collector farm.

**Proceed northwest on Lakeview Rd. You will pass under a railroad bridge. Immediately after passing under the bridge, prepare to make a left turn onto Wade Park Ave.**

**Turn left onto Wade Park. Follow Wade Park until it stops at East 118<sup>th</sup> Street.**

**Turn left onto E. 118<sup>th</sup> Street. Immediately turn right onto Wade Park Ave.**

**Proceed west along Wade Park Ave. to East 108<sup>th</sup> St.**

**Turn Left onto East 108<sup>th</sup> St. Proceed one block to Magnolia Dr.**

**Turn left onto Magnolia Dr.**

### **Crawford Auto Aviation Collection of the Western Reserve Historical Society**

**The parking lot of the WRHS is under construction. Please find parking at the meters on the street.**

**You may stay in the museum as long as you want. The trip back to the DoubleTree Hotel takes about 30 minutes. Directions for the return trip to the DoubleTree Hotel are as follows:**

On the return trip you will be passing through University Circle, the home of many of Cleveland's cultural institutions including a large university (Case Western Reserve), two large hospital systems (Cleveland Clinic and University Hospitals), and several major museums. You should consider another visit to this area in the future. For now, let's get you back to the Hotel.

**Turn Right onto Magnolia Dr. Proceed along Magnolia for one block until you come to Hazel Dr.**

**Turn Right onto Hazel Dr. Proceed along Hazel for one block until the street ends at East Blvd. On your left is the Cleveland Institute of Music.**

**Turn Left onto East Blvd. Proceed along East Blvd. until you come to Euclid Ave. The first intersection is a Y intersection at Ford Dr. Take the right hand turn at the Y, staying on East Blvd. On your right you are passing the Botanical Garden and on the left is the Case Western Reserve University Law School. As you continue along East Blvd. you will pass the Cleveland Museum of Art on your right and the Cleveland Institute of Art on your left. After passing Bellflower Rd. on your left, you will pass the Wade Park Lagoon in front of the Art Museum on your right and the CWRU Library on your left. When you arrive at Euclid Ave., you will see Severance Hall on your left.**

**Turn right onto Euclid Ave. Stay in the center lane until you pass the intersection of Euclid Ave. and Stearns Rd. Then move to the left lane and prepare to make a left turn onto Stokes Blvd.**

**Turn Left onto Stokes Blvd. Stokes Blvd. is a one way street, which will take you up the hill into the Heights. Stay in one of the two left lanes on your way up the hill. After you cross the bridge over the railroad and rapid transit tracks, you will be passing the Baldwin Reservoir and Filtration Plant on your right.**

**At the top of the Hill you will arrive at a traffic light at the intersection of Stokes Blvd. and Martin Luther King Drive.**

**Continue straight across the intersection and you will be on Fairhill Rd. Proceed east on Fairhill Rd. until you come to Coventry Rd. Major intersections you pass on the way to Coventry Rd. are Kemper Rd. and South Park Blvd.**

**Turn right onto Coventry Rd. Proceed south on Coventry Rd., which is a divided road with a mid-strip. You will pass South Park Blvd. After passing South Park Blvd., get into the left lane and prepare to turn left at Shaker Blvd.**

**Turn Left onto Shaker Blvd. You will be crossing the Shaker Rapid Transit tracks and turning onto East Bound Shaker Blvd. Proceed along Shaker Blvd. East Bound until you reach Richmond Rd. Most of the way you will be in the City of Shaker Heights. You will be crossing major intersections at Warrensville Center Rd. and Green Rd. The Shaker Rapid ends at Green Road. Stay on Shaker Blvd. East Bound after crossing Green Rd.**

**The first street after Green Rd. will be Sulgrave Oval. You will see a sign welcoming you to the City of Beachwood. Continue East Bound on Shaker Blvd. for one more block until you reach Richmond Road (Route 175). Prepare to make a right turn.**

**Turn right onto Richmond Rd. Proceed south on Richmond Rd. until you reach Chagrin Blvd. On your left you will see the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage. You will pass a major intersection at South Woodland Rd. After crossing South Woodland Rd., stay in the left hand lane and prepare to make a left turn at Chagrin Blvd.**

**There are two left turn lanes at Richmond Rd. and Chagrin Blvd. Stay in the right hand left turn lane. This will put you in the curb lane of Chagrin Blvd. You will be traveling for one block on Chagrin Blvd. Stay in the curb lane and move into the right turn lane as you pass Crestmont Cadillac on your right.**

**Turn right onto Park East. Proceed south on Park East until you arrive at the DoubleTree Hotel on your left.**

**Thank you for joining our tour, we hope you enjoyed it!**

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