Zoar is a restored town located in 1837 by German settlers seeking religious freedom. For many years, they sustained a successful communal society. The village contains several historic buildings used for the public by the Ohio Historical Society. These are open April through October. The village also has numerous historic homes, many of which have been restored. Some are private homes while others are open as shops, bed and breakfasts and restaurants. Phone the Zoar Village State Memorial at 330-874-3011 or 800-874-4366 for hours and more information.

Fort Laurens
Fort Laurens, established in 1778, was the only Continental Army Revolutionary War fort in Ohio. The museum is open Wednesday through Sunday during the Summer and weekends during the Fall. It displays artifacts from the fort and continued munitions and has an audio-visual program. The grounds contain memorials to the soldiers and a pleasant picnic area. For more hours and information, phone 330-874-2599 or 800-281-8914.

For more information on other sites phone 1-800-BUCKEYE or visit the website at http://ohiogamepark.com

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