



GIRLFRIEND GETAWAYS: MALLS TO MAIN STREETS

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county**
a playground for generations

A girlfriend getaway to Delaware County, Ohio is designed for relaxation, rejuvenation, and the ultimate shopping extravaganza. From malls to main streets, exceptional shopping, a variety of entertainment, extraordinary dining, endless antiquing, outdoor play, and wildly wonderful attractions can be found here.

SHOP TILL YOU DROP

Let's get down to business. From valet parking at malls to historic downtown shopping districts, shopping excursions are plentiful.

Delaware has all the benefits of a major metropolitan city, along with the serenity of historic towns and villages—all within 15 minutes of one another. A neighbor to Ohio's state capital and its largest city, Columbus, Delaware County is an ideal getaway destination to pal around in with your best friends.

Central Ohio's premier shopping destination, **Polaris Fashion Mall** is easily accessible from I-71 and U.S. Rt. 23 and features

more than 150 specialty stores. Six anchor stores include Saks Fifth Avenue, Von Maur, Macy's, Sears, JC Penney, and The Great Indoors. In addition, eight tasty food hall eateries are located within, as well as three full service restaurants: Brio Tuscan Grille, Molly Woo's, and California Pizza Kitchen.

The ultimate kicker though to this shopping venue is the valet parking that is offered at the main entrance. Forget about trying to remember where you parked—simply drop off your keys and when your arms are full of new found treasures, ask for your car to be pulled around!

After spending time shopping indoors, carry the fun outside to three charming historic downtowns, where main streets still carry a little of everything. The City of Delaware has renovated more than 50 stately structures within its 19th century historic district.

Vintage buildings hold shops from antiques to tasty treats, regional art to imported décor. Hearty restaurants are also scattered amongst the shops and boutiques perfect for grabbing a bite to eat after working up an appetite shopping. From wood-fired pizzas at **Amato's Woodfired Pizza** to Central Ohio's best fish-n-chips at the **Old Bag of Nails** and everything

in between, there is something sure to please your taste buds.

Just 12 miles away, the nearby town of **Powell** is bursting at the seams with new shops and boutiques. Brick-lined streets entice shoppers to traverse by foot to its art galleries, music shops, book stores, and restaurants that serve everything from All-American to Italian, Greek, and Mexican fare.

Galleries and artisan shops reside in old storefronts and vintage homes throughout downtown. Two must-stop locations include the **Bloomsbury Loft** filled with well-designed old furnishings married with whimsical collections of everyday items. Just a few doors down, **Pink Moon Cupcakes** specialize in delicious gourmet cupcakes. Buy one or a dozen—they are all perfect for a midnight snack.

The tiny town of **Sunbury** (population 2,600) has retained its original village green square after 200 years. This little enclave is so charming that it is a must see. Stroll along the shops that hug the square for antiques, collectibles and folk art, unpretentiously housed in historic homes and buildings. Seasonal flea and farmer's markets are perfect to build a day of shopping around.

Linda's 3 and **Porcelain & Patina** is a tiny shop on the corner featuring antiques, art, and custom framing. Possibly the best find in the shop is its take on saving heirloom china and converting it into fashionable and custom made pins, bracelets, and earrings. The jewelry is hand crafted from broken china which is cut into unique shapes that showcase its particular pattern. It is then encased in silver and accented with silver beading, and coated with a protective clear coat to prevent tarnishing.

All of Delaware County's towns are reminiscent of a time before a one-size-fits-all suburbia sprawl took place.

A WELL EARNED RETREAT

After the shopping and eating, an afternoon of pampering should be next on the list with a visit to one of Delaware County's spas.

Be rejuvenated with a soothing hot stone treatment, or drift away with a deep tissue massage. Enjoy an aromatherapy facial and walk out a new woman with a pedicure and manicure at the **J Bentley Studio & Spa** in Powell, or **Spa Retreat** in Delaware. Numerous other spas are conveniently located in close proximity to additional shopping outlets and restaurants throughout the region.

BISTROS TO COFFEE BEANS

From contemporary bistros and coffee shops to elaborate dining venues—Delaware County's culinary opportunities

are almost endless. After the shopping it's all about the food. From tantalizing chocolate cake and gourmet cupcakes to wine, tea, pasta, seafood, and salads, eating is one of the must do's on the list.

Nearly a half a dozen local coffee bistros dot the landscape, including the **Mean Bean Caffeine Lounge**, **Chelley Belly**, and **Trotter's Coffee Co.** If your group of gals prefers tea over coffee then **The Whitaker House** is the spot to meet and enjoy a quaint high tea at their restaurant and gift shop.

Where to Crash

Staying up late and sleeping in are all part of the gig of a getaway. Well-known hotels may be found throughout the county, while several Bed and Breakfasts and Inns are located in the area.

Delaware County celebrates everything new without losing its authentic small-town experience. Laughter, memories, and great fun will be had by all.

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