

Day Trippin' Tips

Mapping Treasures Close to Home

Ask yourself a question. How often do you travel great distances to see sites but skip those treasures close to home?

Day trips are often dismissed as less than adventurous—but not so! A day trip can be packed with excitement, but it does take planning.

We have 5 easy tips to get you started.

#1 - Map

- Pinpoint where you live on a map. (We used google maps.)
- Draw a 50-mile radius circle around where you live. (See this video on how to draw the circle -- <https://youtu.be/IR7TBs85fT0>)

#2 - Think

- Think about the "what" – what to do, see, and experience.
- Think like a tourist! What would you want to see if you had never been in the area before?
- Check with local residents for more ideas.

#3 - Research

- Research everything there is to do within the circle.
- Search online for "things to do near me" and tourist centers.
- Look for parks, historic sites, museums, and roadside attraction.
- Don't forget to look for cool places to eat as well!

#4 - Pinpoint

- Use the "My Maps" feature in google maps
- Pinpoint each location you find in your research

#5 - Select

- Select the 1st place you want to go and get planning your trip. (See our "Day Trippin' Tips: Plan. Go. Enjoy." for more tips.)

What's Next

What happens when you see everything in your circle? Increase radius to 75 or 100 miles and repeat the steps.

Keep your travel time under 2-hours, 3-hours at the most to maximize your time.

Enjoy where you live and happy travels. Be sure to let us know what wonderful worthy detours you find!