

SCENIC BYWAY TOUR

TOUR INTRODUCTION

Now that we have a better understanding of the natural and cultural history of the environs of the *North Ridge Scenic Byway*, it's time to tour and explore the fascinating attributes that can be seen along the *Byway*. Following the mileage designation system used by State highways from west to east, this tour guide begins in Sheffield Township at the intersection of Ohio Routes 57 and 254 (midway between the cities of Elyria and Lorain, Ohio) and progresses eastward to the Cuyahoga County line. The Byway traverses the following political subdivisions: Sheffield Township—1.1 miles, Sheffield Village—1.8 miles, and the City of Avon—6.1 miles.

The primary scenic features of the *North Ridge Scenic Byway* are the vistas of agricultural fields and woodlots which flank the corridor and the spectacular, steep-walled ravine which holds the Black River. The ancient beach ridge upon which Route 254 was constructed lies about 30 feet above the surrounding countryside and offers a commanding view of the farms that date back nearly 200 years. Fifty years ago, tomato-producing greenhouses were prominent features of the landscape. Today, most of these are used to grow flowers and other landscaping shrubs and trees, giving the roadside a colorful charm. Near the western end of the *Byway*, Route 254 passes over the Black River ravine on the newly constructed Garfield Bridge. For some 10,000 years the river has been carving the ravine and creating a fertile floodplain, known locally as the “flats.” Early settlers selected these rich soils for their farms, knowing that each spring the river's floodwaters would renew the earth.

The *North Ridge Scenic Byway* follows a historic route, between the major urban areas of Lorain and Cleveland, Ohio, through the rural landscape of Sheffield and Avon. The roadway follows one of the more significant topographic features of the region, an ancient beach ridge. Unlike other main roads leading to greater Cleveland, North Ridge/Detroit Road is still largely two lanes wide and, except around major intersections, remains largely free of postwar suburban commercial development. You will be treated to an array of agricultural, residential, commercial, and natural settings as you traverse the *Byway*.

The following table lists many of the noteworthy historic structures located along the Byway and gives a street address and map location for each structure. The accompanying maps show the approximate location of each structure listed by number in the table. This portion of the guidebook contains descriptive information and photographs for representative structures listed in the table, as well as, narrative information and photographs for other buildings and features of interest along the *Byway*.

Enjoy your journey!

HISTORIC STRUCTURES WITHIN THE NORTH RIDGE SCENIC BYWAY CORRIDOR

MAP OHI ALS

MAP No.	OHI No.	ALS No.	NAME	ADDRESS	DATE	STYLE
Sheffield Township						
1			OLD VINCENT METHODIST CHURCH	2283 NORTH RIDGE RD	c1910	QUEEN ANNE/VERNACULAR
2	LOR-789-10		CLEATUS HEIDRICH HOUSE	3135 NORTH RIDGE RD	c1905	VERNACULAR (DEMOLISHED)
3	LOR-790-10		DUNFORD HOUSE	3226 NORTH RIDGE RD	c1920	BUNGALOW (DEMOLISHED)
Sheffield Village						
4			GARFIELD BRIDGE	N. RIDGE/DETROIT RDS	2003	CONCRETE PILLARS, 4-LANE
5			REYNOLDS-HAMMER HOUSE	4747 DETROIT RD	c1860	FOLK VICTORIAN
6	LOR-20-9		DOUGLAS SMITH HOUSE	4759 DETROIT RD	1833	GREEK REVIVAL
7	LOR-21-9		HALSEY GARFIELD HOUSE	4789 DETROIT RD	1854	GREEK REVIVAL/ITALIANATE [N]
8	LOR-23-9		SHEFFIELD VILLAGE HALL	4820 DETROIT RD	1883	QUEEN ANNE [N]
9	LOR-23-9		GARFIELD CEMETERY	4820 DETROIT RD	1851	GRAVEYARD [N]
10	LOR-22-9		MILTON GARFIELD HOUSE	4921 DETROIT RD	1839	GREEK REVIVAL [N]
11			CLYDE McALLISTER HOUSE	4926 DETROIT RD	1929	CRAFTSMAN BUNGALOW
12			ROOT-McALLISTER HOUSE	4944 DETROIT RD	1914	COLONIAL REVIVAL/VERNACULAR
13	LOR-141-9		GEORGE W. MOON HOUSE	5220 DETROIT RD	1855	ITALIANATE (DEMOLISHED)
14	LOR-230-9		JOSEPH TOWNSHEND HOUSE	5574 DETROIT RD	c1855	GREEK REVIVAL/ITALIANATE
Avon						
15		140	SCHMETZER HOUSE	39645 DETROIT RD	c1880	VERNACULAR
16		138	MALONE HOUSE	39555 DETROIT RD	c1870	ITALIANATE/EASTLAKE
17		136	BAEDER HOUSE	39385 DETROIT RD	c1920	CRAFTSMAN BUNGALOW
18		141	EZRA JACKSON HOUSE	39351 DETROIT RD	1846	GREEK REVIVAL
19		139	RESIDENCE	39350 DETROIT RD	c1920	CRAFTSMAN BUNGALOW
20		135	ELBRIDGE G. MOON HOUSE	39200 DETROIT RD	1857	ITALIANATE
21		137	RESIDENCE	39141 DETROIT RD	c1910	CRAFTSMAN BUNGALOW
22		134	RESIDENCE & BARN	39114 DETROIT RD	c1880	ITALIANATE
23		133	ROOT HOUSE	39049 DETROIT RD	c1910	COLONIAL REVIVAL/VERNACULAR
24	LOR-98-3	132	DEWIT C. MOON HOUSE	39016 DETROIT RD	c1845	GREEK REVIVAL
25		131	BUNGART HOUSE	38960 DETROIT RD	c1900	COLONIAL REVIVAL
26		130	MIDDLESTEAD HOUSE	38901 DETROIT RD	c1880	ITALIANATE
27		128	RESIDENCE	38744 DETROIT RD	c1880	ITALIANATE/VERNACULAR
28		127	RESIDENCE	38580 DETROIT RD	c1880	ITALIANATE
29		129	RESIDENCE	38515 DETROIT RD	c1860	VERNACULAR
30		126	RESIDENCE	38490 DETROIT RD	c1860	VERNACULAR/ITALIANATE
31	LOR-91-3	124	WILLIAM RINK HOUSE	38181 DETROIT RD	c1840	GREEK REVIVAL
32	LOR-42-3	125	ORA B. CAHOON HOUSE	37821 DETROIT RD	1843	GREEK REVIVAL
33			AVON METHODIST CHURCH	37711 DETROIT RD	1960	NEOCLASSICAL
34		123	RAK HOUSE	37546 DETROIT RD	c1850	GREEK REVIVAL
35		122	JOS. P. FORTHOFFER HOUSE	37511 DETROIT RD	c1880	ITALIANATE
36		121	BARRETT HOUSE	37485 DETROIT RD	1876	COLONIAL REVIVAL
37		120	RECTORY, CHURCH OF GOD	37447 DETROIT RD	c1880	QUEEN ANNE
38	LOR-102-3	119	AVON CHURCH OF GOD	37445 DETROIT RD	c1911	LATE GOTHIC REVIVAL
39	LOR-95-3	118	TRUMAN B. DAILY HOUSE	37416 DETROIT RD	1870	ITALIANATE
40		116	DR. PIPES HOUSE	37399 DETROIT RD	c1900	COLONIAL REVIVAL
41		117	BENHAM HOUSE	37388 DETROIT RD	c1880	ITALIANATE
42		143A	RESIDENCE (FORMER BARN)	37384 DETROIT RD	c1830	VERNACULAR
43		115	WILLIAM BOMMER HOUSE	37375 DETROIT RD	c1880	ITALIANATE
44		114	MILLO WILLIAMS HOUSE	37371 DETROIT RD	c1880	ITALIANATE
45		113	RESIDENCE	37350 DETROIT RD	c1880	ITALIANATE
46		110	RESIDENCE	37311 DETROIT RD	c1860	GREEK REVIVAL/ITALIANATE
47	LOR-86-3	112	H. H. WILLIAMS HOUSE	37300 DETROIT RD	c1840	GREEK REVIVAL [N]
48		111	CABINET COMPANY	37298 DETROIT RD	c1850	GREEK REVIVAL/ITALIANATE
49		109	AVON ISLE PARK PAVILION	37080 DETROIT RD	1926	NEOCLASSICAL/ITALIAN REVIVAL
50	LOR-93-3	108	BUCK HARDWARE BUILDING	37079 DETROIT RD	c1879	ITALIANATE
51			GAZEBO & MARKER	37001 DETROIT RD	2000	FOLK VICTORIAN

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No.	No.	No.	NAME	ADDRESS	DATE	STYLE
		107	COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS	37000 DETROIT RD	c1900	COLONIAL REVIVAL
53	LOR-103-3	143	OLD TOWN HALL OF 1871	36995 DETROIT RD	1871	ITALIANATE
54		106	RESIDENCE	36981 DETROIT RD	c1890	ITALIANATE
55	LOR-41-3	92	CLEMENS ALTEN HOUSE	36976 DETROIT RD	c1830	GREEK REVIVAL
56		105	SECRET GARDEN FLORIST	36951 DETROIT RD	c1900	CRAFTSMAN BUNGALOW
57		104	RESIDENCE	36900 DETROIT RD	c1920	CRAFTSMAN BUNGALOW
58		103	WEARSCH HOUSE	36870 DETROIT RD	1927	CRAFTSMAN BUNGALOW
59		99-102	OLDE AVON VILLAGE	36840 DETROIT RD	c1850	GREEK REVIVAL & ITALIANATE
60		98	CASPER GARAGE	36816 DETROIT RD	c1940	VERNACULAR CONCRETE BLOCK
61		97	CARRIAGE HOUSE	36741 DETROIT RD	c1945	COLONIAL REVIVAL
62		96	RESIDENCE	36719 DETROIT RD	c1910	CRAFTSMAN BUNGALOW
63	LOR-90-3	95	KELLING HOUSE	36718 DETROIT RD	c1840	GREEK REVIVAL
64		142	JAMESON HOMESTEAD	36675 DETROIT RD	1906	COLONIAL REVIVAL
65		143B	JL SMITH BUILDING	36610 DETROIT RD	1946	BUNGALOW
66		94	AVON VILLAGE SCHOOL	36600 DETROIT RD	1924	NEOCLASSICAL/MODERNE
67		93	FORTHOFER BARN	36383 DETROIT RD	c1900	VERNACULAR
68	LOR-97-3	91	GEORGE CLIFTON HOUSE	36368 DETROIT RD	c1910	COLONIAL REVIVAL
65		90	RESIDENCE	36345 DETROIT RD	c1920	CRAFTSMAN BUNGALOW
69		89	COUNTRY SIDE ANTIQUES	36290 DETROIT RD	c1910	CRAFTSMAN BUNGALOW
70			AVON CENTER CEMETERY	35995 DETROIT RD	c1820	MOUND GRAVEYARD
71	LOR-99-3	87	AVON CENTER SCHOOL	35955 DETROIT RD	c1910	COLONIAL REVIVAL
72		85	SMITH BUILDING	35800 DETROIT RD	1940	COLONIAL REVIVAL
73		84	SMITH HOUSE	35750 DETROIT RD	1936	COLONIAL REVIVAL
74		83	JOHN PICKERING HOUSE	35735 DETROIT RD	c1930	COLONIAL REVIVAL
75		82	LAVERN PICKERING HOUSE	35715 DETROIT RD	c1930	COLONIAL REVIVAL
76		80	PICKERING HILL FARMS	35669 DETROIT RD	c1920	BUNGALOW
77		79	OEBKER HOUSE	35651 DETROIT RD	c1920	COLONIAL REVIVAL
78	LOR-1375-3	76	JOSEPH FORTHOFER HOUSE	35290 DETROIT RD	1911	COLONIAL REVIVAL/SHINGLE
79		74	BARN	35161 DETROIT RD	c1850	VERNACULAR
80		73	FORTHOFER HOUSE	34625 DETROIT RD	c1920	CRAFTSMAN BUNGALOW
81		72	RESIDENCE	34562 DETROIT RD	c1900	COLONIAL REVIVAL
82		71	RESIDENCE	34443 DETROIT RD	c1920	BUNGALOW
83		69	RIDGE BRIDGE FARM	34390 DETROIT RD	c1900	COLONIAL REVIVAL/CRAFTSMAN
84		68	RESIDENCE	34130 DETROIT RD	c1900	DUTCH COLONIAL REVIVAL
85		67	RESIDENCE	34010 DETROIT RD	c1900	CRAFTSMAN BUNGALOW
86		66	RESIDENCE	33820 DETROIT RD	c1910	CRAFTSMAN BUNGALOW
87		65	RECTORY, HOLY TRINITY	33601 DETROIT RD	1902	QUEEN ANNE
88	LOR-87-3	64	HOLY TRINITY CHURCH	33601 DETROIT RD	1902	LATE GOTHIC REVIVAL
89		63	RESIDENCE	33495 DETROIT RD	c1900	QUEEN ANNE/COLONIAL REVIVAL
90			NAGEL FARM	33294 DETROIT RD	c1900	VERNACULAR
91		62	RESIDENCE	33211 DETROIT RD	c1850	GREEK REVIVAL
92	LOR-96-3	61	WILLIAM HURST HOUSE	33065 DETROIT RD	1843	GREEK REVIVAL [N]
93		59	HARDWICK HOUSE	32681 DETROIT RD	1832	GREEK REVIVAL
94		60	RESIDENCE	32678 DETROIT RD	c1890	QUEEN ANNE
95		58	RESIDENCE	32625 DETROIT RD	c1880	ITALIANATE
96		57	RESIDENCE	32453 DETROIT RD	c1900	COLONIAL REVIVAL
97		56	RESIDENCE	32350 DETROIT RD	c1880	QUEEN ANNE
98		55	GEORGE SWEET HOUSE	32345 DETROIT RD	c1840	GREEK REVIVAL
99		54	RESIDENCE	32297 DETROIT RD	c1900	COLONIAL REVIVAL
100		53	COLVIN SWEET HOUSE	32135 DETROIT RD	1848	GREEK REVIVAL
101		52	RESTAURANT	32045 DETROIT RD	c1910	COLONIAL REVIVAL
102		51	FUNERAL HOME	32000 DETROIT RD	1960	NEOCLASSICAL

OHI—OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY LISTING NO., OHIO HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE; **ALS**—AVON LANDMARKS SURVEY NO., AVON LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION; **[N]**—DENOTES LISTING ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES.

LOCATIONS OF HISTORIC STRUCTURES LISTED IN THE ABOVE TABLE ARE SHOWN ON THE ACCOMPANYING MAPS.

Lorain County Beautiful Awards

Annually, Lorain County Heritage, in cooperation with the Lorain County Visitors Bureau, presents awards that recognize properties within the county for their exterior beauty and aesthetic contribution to the overall quality of life in the greater Lorain County area. These awards are given in several categories, including: new buildings, rehabilitation, and landscaping. In the past ten years 22 properties in the ***North Ridge Scenic Byway*** corridor have either been winners or nominees for these awards (listed west to east):

Sheffield Village

Milton Garfield House Restoration (4921 Detroit Road)

Garfield Farms Heritage Barn (4921 Detroit Road)

Quaker Steak & Lube Restaurant (4900 Transportation Drive)

EMH Sheffield Medical Building (5001 Transportation Drive)

Sheffield Crossings Landscape Design (5231 Detroit Road)

Baumgarten & O'Toole Law Offices (5455 Detroit Road)

Barnes Wendling CPA Offices (5050 Waterford Place)

Avon

Avon Town Hall Restoration (36995 Detroit Road)

Nemo Grill at the Alten House (36976 Detroit Road)

Henry's at the Barn, Olde Avon Village (36840 Detroit Road)

Lewis House Restoration, Olde Avon Village (36840 Detroit Road)

Whistlers Ice Cream Shoppe (36816 Detroit Road)

Parkview Financial Bank (36976 Detroit Road)

Avon Senior Center (36786 Detroit Road)

Avon Fire Station (36185 Detroit Road)

Avon Police Station (36145 Detroit Road)

French Creek Square (36050 Detroit Road)

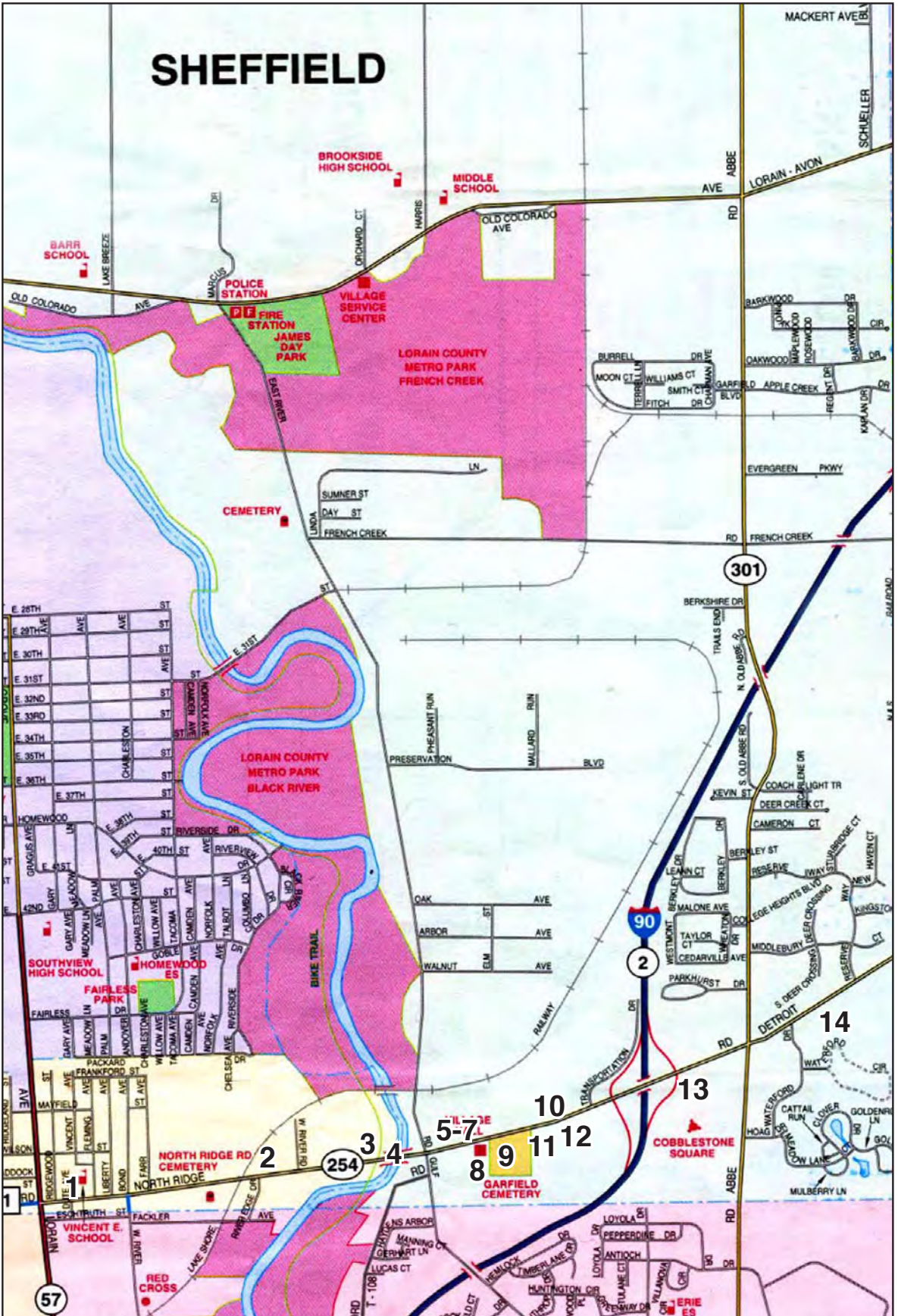
Vintage House Café (35800 Detroit Road)

St. Mary of the Woods (35755 Detroit Road)

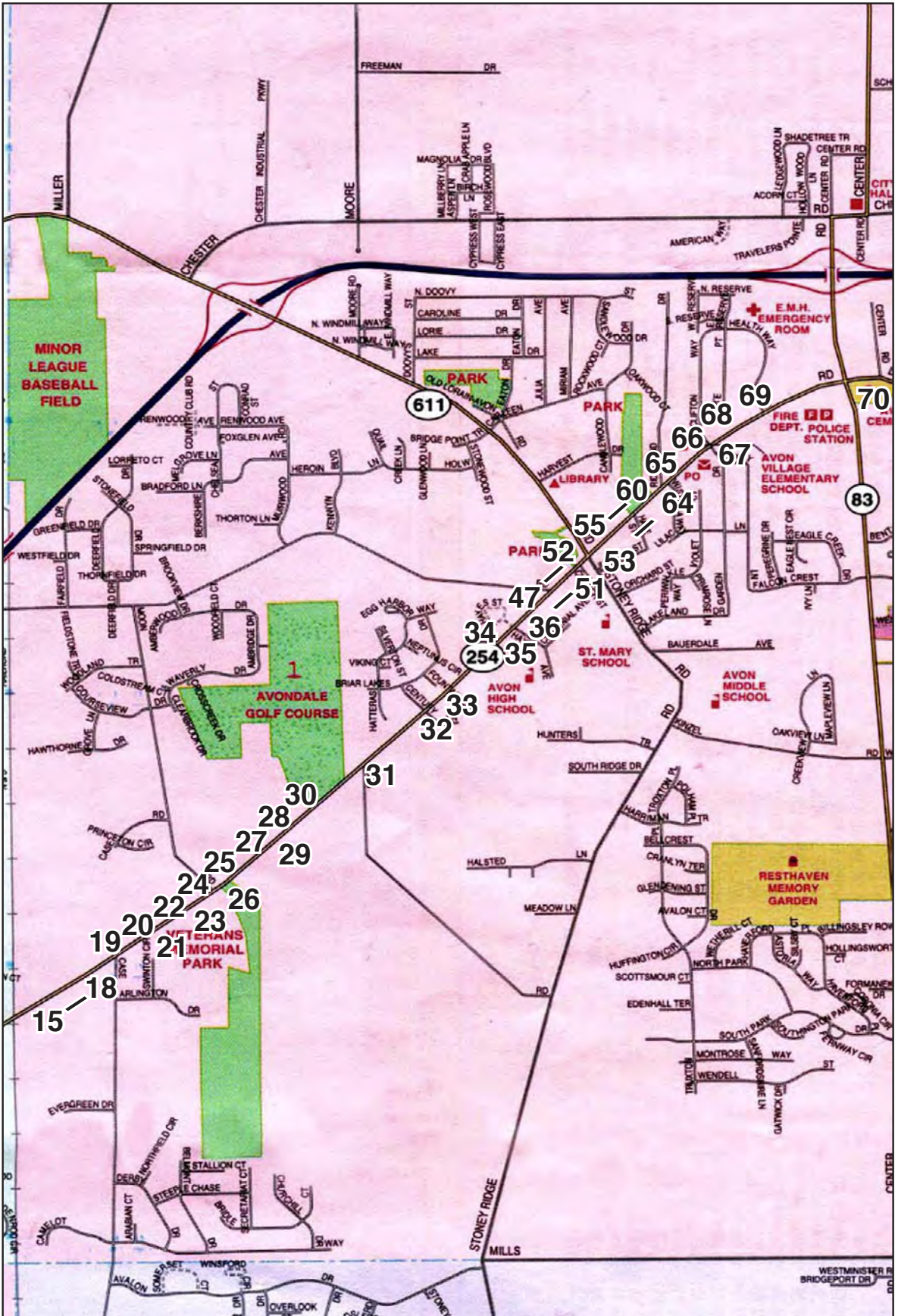
Avon Heritage School (35575 Detroit Road)

Providence Church (35295 Detroit Road)

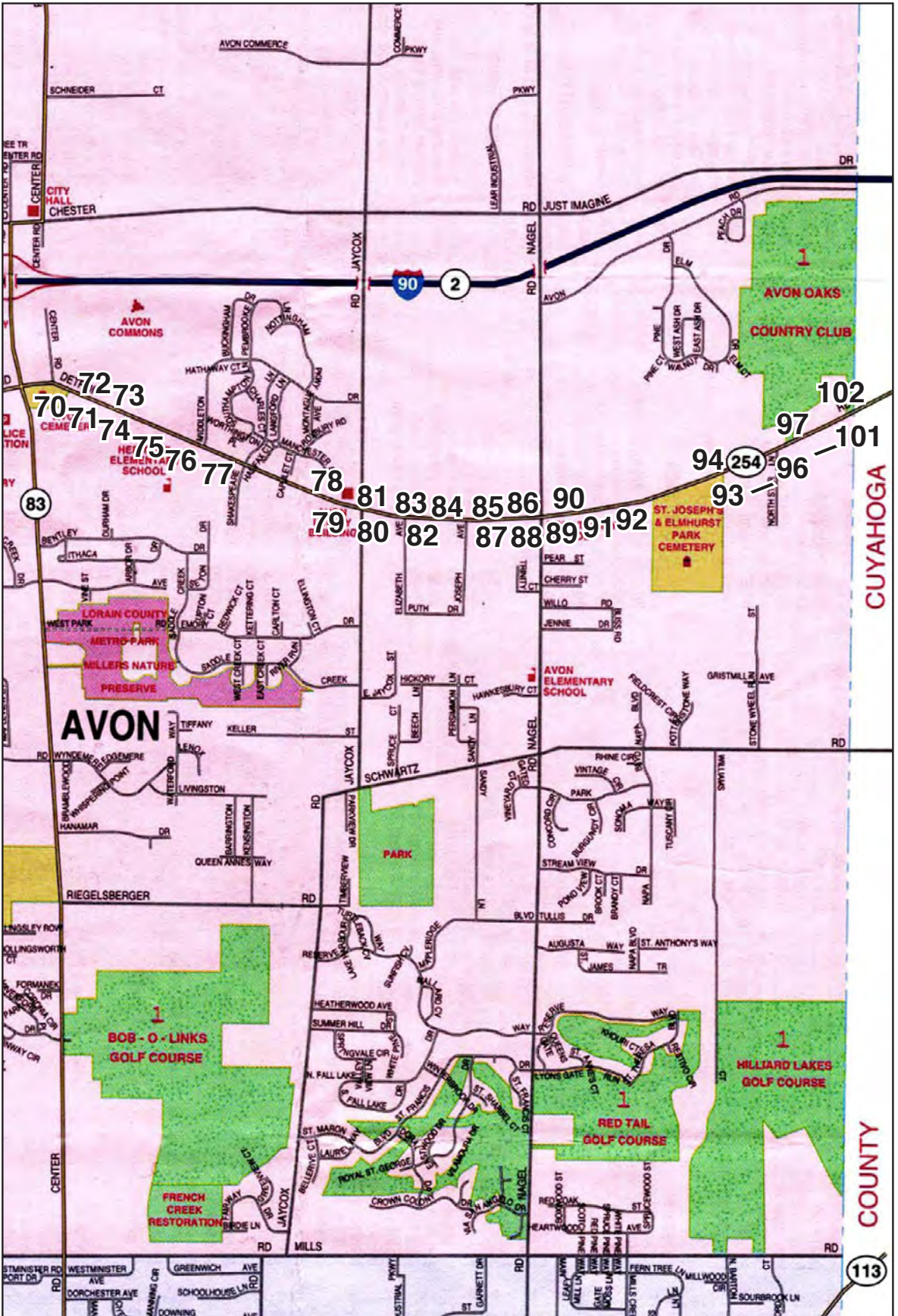
Avenbury Lakes (35290 Detroit Road)



Location of historic structures along North Ridge Scenic Byway corridor (Route 254) in Sheffield.



Location of historic structures along North Ridge Scenic Byway corridor (Route 254) in Avon west.



Location of historic structures along North Ridge Scenic Byway corridor (Route 254) in Avon east.