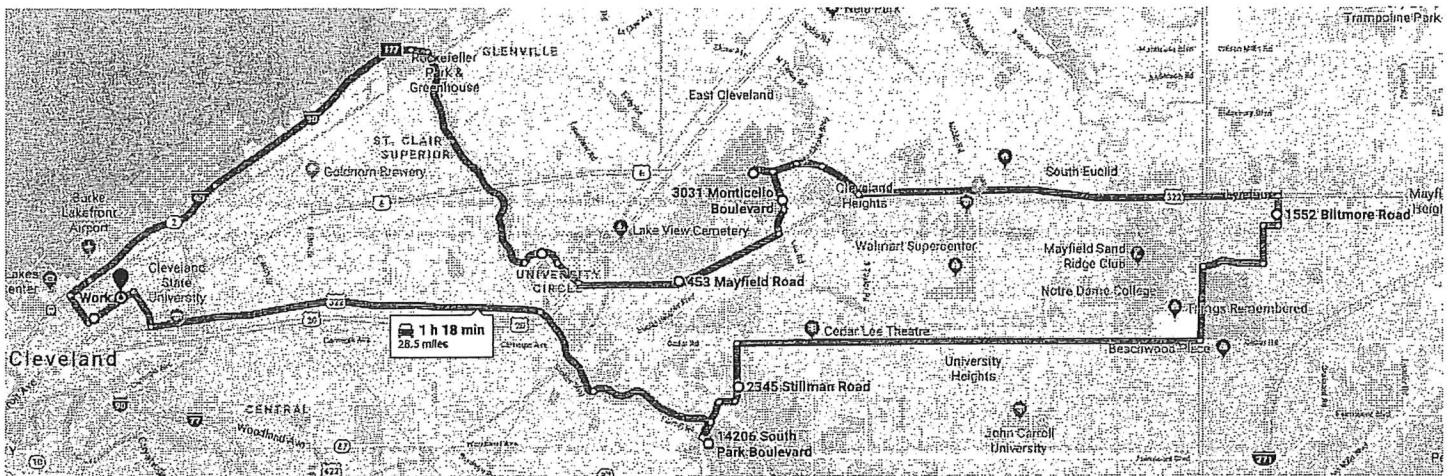


Tour of Cleveland AA Sites



From the Cleveland District Office (1557 S. Clair Ave NE) go west on St. Clair to E. 9th St. Turn right (north) to I-90 East. The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Great Lakes Science Center—two of Cleveland’s major attractions—are visible just north. Take I-90 3.6 miles to exit #177 (MLK Jr Drive). Take it 2.3 miles to turn left onto East Blvd. Take it 0.4 miles to veer left onto Ford Dr. In 0.3 miles you’ll cross Euclid Ave onto Mayfield Road. Take it 0.9 miles up the hill to turn left into Lake View Cemetery. Turn left following the signs toward Wade Chapel. While traveling down a small hill you’ll see a stone stairway on the right leading to a tall obelisk. STOP. That’s the **John D. Rockefeller grave site**. Pay you respects! Without his family’s and associate’s help AA would almost certainly have died in its infancy.

Backtrack to the entrance and turn left to continue east on Mayfield. Take it a mile to turn left onto Monticello (missed the turn? Turn left on Lee Rd). Take it to **Forest Hill Church** (3031 Monticello). This is the home of the **Borton Group** (est. 11/16/1939)—Cleveland’s oldest extant group—ever since 1968. Clarence S claimed this is the first group to call itself an AA group rather than a sect of the Oxford Group. Others disagree. Go north on Lee Road to the next street (Forest Hill Drive and turn left and left again into the parking lot. Feel like a hike? Walk west along the large meadow to the edge of the hill. This is where the **Rockefeller Summer Home** sat until a fire in 1917 destroyed it.

Take Lee Rd south back to Mayfield and turn left onto it to continue east. Take it 3.8 miles to Biltmore Rd and turn right. Take it 0.2 mile to the **home of Clarence S** (1552 Biltmore) on the right. Clarence was the early driving force of Cleveland AA.

Continue south on Biltmore to Beacon Ave and turn right. Take it 0.1 miles turning left onto Winchester for 0.3 miles to turn right on Meadow Wood Drive for 0.5 miles turning left onto Richmond Road for 0.7 miles. Turn right onto Cedar for 4.2 miles to Stillman Road. Turn left for 0.4 miles to the corner **home of Albert “Abby” G** (2345 Stillman). This was the home of the Cleveland Group starting in May 1939.

Continue on Stillman, turning right onto Scarborough to left on Coventry. Take Coventry 0.4 miles to South Park, turning left to the home of **Ruth Hock's** father-in-law (14206 S Park). Ruth was the secretary of Bill W and Hank P and typed the Big Book chapters over and over. Hank fell in love with Ruth and wanted to marry her, complicated by his current marriage. Ruth spurned him. marrying Philip C in 1942 and moving to this home in Shaker Heights for a few years before settling in Marietta, OH.

Retreat on Coventry to turn left onto North Park. Take it 1.2 miles, veering right onto MLK Jr Drive for 0.9 miles where it becomes Chester Avenue. Take it 3.5 miles to turn right onto E 17th Street. Turn left on St. Clair to return to the office.