

TALKING TOURISM

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Each month this space will be devoted to a column written by Debbie Robinson, executive director of the Cambridge/Guernsey County Visitors & Convention Bureau (VCB). She will provide information about upcoming events, area attractions, bureau services and projects, and most importantly, communicate the tremendous impact that the travel and tourism industry has on this region.

Autumn Play List

Your autumn “play list” should include more than great music. It should include memorable adventures with family and friends. The landscape of Southeast Ohio, specifically Guernsey County, threads together an amazing tapestry of Ohio’s largest parks, nationally known attractions and restaurants with savory comfort foods. Oh, and did we mention the fun events?

Your autumn play list should begin with the great outdoors! The **Great Guernsey Trail** lives up to its name. Take a leisurely stroll or a 14-mile round trip bike ride while enjoying the fiery colors of the season, all just a few miles outside of Cambridge city limits.

Have the need to hit the open road and feel a cool breeze in your face? Cambridge’s curvy ribbons of road make it a fun place for motorcycle enthusiasts to explore. Located north of downtown Cambridge, just off Ohio Rt. 658, the **Indian Camp Covered Bridge** (circa 1855) is an Instagram-worthy stop.

If you’re seeking family fun and games, **Rocky Fork Recreation** has 850 acres of outdoor opportunities including paintball, canoeing, hiking trails, mini-golf, 200+ campsites and a lodge. It is open seven days a week and year-round.

Enjoy miles and miles of the region’s beautiful patchwork landscape on horseback for a memorable family experience. Guernsey County has several **outstanding stables** from which to choose: riding safari tours at The Wilds, Rocky Fork Recreation and Salt Fork Stables.

If the great outdoors isn’t your thing, Cambridge and Byesville are home to more than a dozen locally-owned shops that carry an eclectic mix of home décor, hand-made art, gourmet food, and must-have items. Bring the colors of autumn into your home with something from **Mosser Glass**. The only pressed glass manufacture in the country, Mosser’s gift shop is full of amber colored glass pumpkins, plates, bowls, glasses and more – perfect for any table.

Speaking of pumpkins...as soon as summer ends, the world goes pumpkin crazy. Pumpkin pie, pumpkin beer, punkin’ chunkin’...you’ve likely seen it all. What you maybe haven’t seen is a pumpkin cake donut. **Kennedy’s Bakery** makes them, and they’re insanely good. While you’re here, nobody would blame you for also trying a few of their other autumnal bakes, like pecan snails, maple iced Bismarck’s, cinnamon apple Danishes and apple fritters.

Savor the flavor of autumn at local restaurants, too. Overlooking downtown Cambridge, **Georgetown Tavern on the Hill** makes an excellent version of apple wine. Its sweet white has won numerous awards — including gold at the Tasters Guild International Wine Competition 2016 — its fresh, dry burst of apple flavor is all sorts of tasty.

Finally, autumn would not be complete without a few great events. Cambridge plays host to a Guernsey County Courthouse Halloween Light Show, Deerassic Park’s Trail of Treats and Cambridge Main Street’s Brews & Brains on Main package.

These are just a few of the many enjoyable stops in Guernsey County. What are you waiting for? Log on to VisitGuernseyCounty.com to begin planning your adventures this season.

Events to Discover

Oct. 10	Cemetery Tour, Old City Cemetery
Oct. 16-18 & 23-31	Halloween Light Show, Guernsey County Courthouse
Oct. 17	Trail of Treats, Deerassic Park Education Center
Oct. 24	Rotary Road Rally, Cambridge Country Club and throughout Cambridge
Oct. 24	Brews and Brains on Main Package, Downtown Cambridge
Oct. 24	2nd Annual Family Fall Celebration, The Airport Tavern
Oct. 31	Trick or Treat on Main, Downtown Cambridge

All events subject to change. Please call ahead.

To learn more about the VCB, area events, and activities, visit the Cambridge/Guernsey County VCB office at 627 Wheeling Avenue, Suite 200 in downtown Cambridge, call 740-432-2022, email info@VisitGuernseyCounty.com or log onto VisitGuernseyCounty.com.

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