

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.

BUCKET LIST IDEAS

Soon when we are able to travel freely again, you may be ready to cross off a few of your bucket list items! Southeast Ohio offers a plethora of memorable adventures for all ages and interests to enjoy – from Bigfoot to safari tours – make plans now for an unforgettable experience.

A blend of beauty and fine craftsmanship, **Mosser Glass** has created works of art for nearly 50 years in Cambridge. Giving visitors a chance to see the glass making process up close, Mosser Glass offers free guided factory tours. The company is the last remaining hand-pressed glass factory in the United States! The showroom and retail store feature a unique blend of traditional and modern glassware designs and gift items. (Check with the store regarding factory tour times. Tours are offered year-round and are free.)

www.MosserGlass.com

Named one of the Top 10 “Squatchiest” Places in the country by USATODAY, Salt Fork State Park, located just outside Cambridge, Ohio offers a plethora of Bigfoot adventures for the avid enthusiasts or weekend thrill seeker. Salt Fork Lodge & Conference Center and Salt Fork State Park host several conferences and events to celebrate the legend of Bigfoot. Make plans to attend the **Annual Bigfoot Conference** (May 1, 2021), enjoy **Bigfoot Adventure Weekends** (June 4-6, 2021), **Bigfoot Night Hikes** (May-July) at Salt Fork State Park or **Bigfoot 50K, 20 Mile, 10 Mile** (December). Learn more about these adventures at www.VisitGuernseyCounty.com.

Check-off a bucket list adventure at The Wilds where visitors get a taste of an **African safari** with the affordability of Midwest prices. The Wilds resides on over 9000+ acres that were formerly used for strip mining in Cumberland, Ohio. The repurposing of the land allows for important animal conservation and education. During the 2+ hour open-air safari tour (May-October), you will see several rare and endangered species, along with rhinos, ostriches, and giraffes roaming around in a natural setting. Cost is \$35 per person.

Are you a fan of **Nat Geo WILD TV series, Secrets of the Zoo**? Join one of The Wilds' Animal Management team members who appear on the hit show for a special tour as they make their rounds. You might help take a head count of the Bactrian deer, see Albert the Sichuan takin, be introduced to the resident giraffe herd or drive among the herd of southern white rhinos. Tours are 2.5 hours long and are offered daily at 1:30 p.m. (July – October). Advance reservations are required. Cost is \$200-250 per person.

Finally, would you rather zip through the air? **The Wilds' Zipline Safari Tour** offers various unprecedented, untamed, "flight-seeing" expeditions that will have you overlooking endangered animals. These professionally-guided zip line eco-tours are perfect for adventure seeking individuals. This tour consists of 10 breathtaking ziplines and a rappel built on a series of observation platforms in and around The Wilds' animal pastures. This 2.5 hours tour is designed to thrill anyone with a love for wildlife and a passion for adventure. Cost is \$89 per person. For a complete list of activities and tours at The Wilds, visit www.TheWilds.org.

2021 Calendar of Events

A full list of our events is located at VistGuernseyCounty.com. Before attending any event, we suggest that you call before you go.

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.