

TALKING TOURISM April 1, 2018

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.

Seasonal Attractions Open

Ah.....it's finally spring! And with the coming of warmer weather, we welcome visitors to our area. We also welcome the 2018 opening of our area attractions.

Guernsey County History Museum – Located in a 188 year old home, the museum contains antique furnishings, products and personal items from Guernsey County's past. A unique one-room school house and a life-like replica of a coal mine from the 1890s are perfect places for kids to explore with hands-on activities. Open April through December on Tues.-Thurs. and Sat. from 12-3 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. www.facebook.com/guernseyhistory

National Museum of Cambridge Glass – Hold the tools used many years ago and see over 8,000 pieces of colorful Cambridge Glass made by the Cambridge Glass Company (1902-1958). Visit the education center for hands-on activities or stop by the gift shop. Open April through October Wed.-Sat. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sun. from 12-4 p.m. Admission is \$5 seniors, \$4 adults, and children under 12 are free. www.cambridgeglass.org

John & Annie Glenn Museum - Learn about life in 1937 during the Great Depression, in 1944 during WWII, and in 1962 when John Glenn orbited Earth and gave hope to the free world. Open May - October on Wed. - Sat. from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sun. 1 to 5 p.m. Admission is \$7 for adults, \$6 for seniors, \$3 for students and \$5 for groups. www.johnglennhome.org

National Road & Zane Grey Museum - This museum tells the story of the building of the National Road and the settlement of America's Midwest. Also featured is an exhibit on author Zane Grey and a spectacular collection of locally-made Art Pottery. Guided tours; buses welcome. Hours: May through October on Wed.-Sat. from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Sunday 1 – 5 p.m. Admission is \$7 for adults, \$6 for seniors, \$3 for students and \$5 for groups. www.ohiohistory.org

Stone House Museum – In 1837 Benjamin Kennedy, whose ancestors hailed from Ireland and Scotland, purchased an 80-acre tract of land in Guernsey County, and built a two-story home from sandstone quarried nearby. In 2002, the Stone House Museum (the last remaining original homestead structure) was converted into a museum and placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Open May – October Friday through Monday 1-5 p.m. www.kennedystonehouse.org.

The Wilds - One of the largest and most innovative wildlife conservation centers in the world, is located on 10,000 acres near Cambridge. The Wilds is open daily May through September and on Saturday and Sunday in October. www.thewilds.org

Zipline Safari Tour at the Wilds - Enjoy the Wilds from an aerial perspective! Led by two professionally trained guides, this 2.5 hour zipline safari tour consists of 10 ziplines and a rappel built on a series of observation platforms overlooking various exotic animal species that are home to the Wilds. www.zipthewilds.com

The Living Word Outdoor Drama - The Living Word is a non-denominational amphitheater depicting the moving and powerful life and ministry of Christ. Presenting “the greatest story ever told” on a spectacular 400 foot panoramic permanent set, you will witness His last days from the Sermon on the Mount to His Ascension. Season begins June 15. www.livingworddrama.org.

Events to Discover

April 6	First Friday, Downtown Cambridge
April 6-7	Salt Fork Gospel Jubilee, Salt Fork Lodge
April 6 & 20	Pennyroyal Opera House Bluegrass Concerts, Fairview
April 13-14, 20-22	Annie (featuring local talent), Pritchard Laughlin Civic Center
April 13-15, 20-22	"The Last Five Years," Cambridge Performing Arts Center
April 14	50 th Annual Daffodil Luncheon and Style Show, Pritchard Laughlin Civic Center
April 22	Southeastern Ohio Symphony Orchestra, New Concord
April 24	The Festival Bash, Pritchard Laughlin Civic Center
April 27	Author Bill Clevlen's Rediscover America Road Trip Tour, Crossroads Branch Library
April 29	Zane Grey Day, Norwich

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 www.VisitGuernseyCounty.com.

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