

Summertime Travel Bargains for Your Broods in Southeast Ohio

CAMBRIDGE, Ohio (July 5, 2019) – If you're looking for places to go and things to see on a budget, get ready to hit the road to Cambridge/Guernsey County, Ohio! Here are 11 summertime bargains for your brood you won't want to miss experiencing.

1. National Road (Route 40) - The All American, Scenic Byway

Designated in 1827 by President Thomas Jefferson, the road became the nation's first interstate highway linking the Eastern Seaboard with the western frontier. This ribbon of road runs through the heart of the county and features several interesting sites, including unique "S" shaped bridges that span numerous creeks and streams and weave around historic sites. A free driving tour brochure is available. VisitGuernseyCounty.com/what-to-do/discover/heritage-trails/89-the-national-road-an-all-american-national-scenic-byway.html

2. Stone House Museum, Salt Fork State Park

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. During the mid-1900s the State of Ohio purchased the land and transformed it into Salt Fork State Park. 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. The museum can be accessed by water, vehicle or hiking. (By Donation)

KennedyStoneHouse.org

3. Great American Steam Locomotive Museum

For over 37 years, master craftsman Brian C. Gray has been creating handmade steam locomotives from walnut. The display room is a magnificent look at the impact railroads had on the growth of America. Take a personal tour guided by the craftsman himself. (By Donation)

CambridgeWoodenToyCo.com

4. Cambridge City Band Concert Series

Each summer the oldest continuously playing community band in the state of Ohio, originating in 1841, thrills its audiences with a free evening of music in the Cambridge City Park. Most concerts are every other Thursday at 7:30 p.m. during the summer or on holidays.

CambridgeCityBand.wordpress.com

5. Mosser Glass Factory Tours

Mosser Glass offers free guided factory tours giving visitors a chance to learn about the glass making process up close and observe talented craftsmen at work. MosserGlass.com

6. Hopalong Cassidy Trail

Guernsey County native William Boyd made quite a name for himself as the famed cowboy star Hopalong Cassidy, first on the big screen in the 1930s and 40s, and then on television in the 1950s. The Hopalong Cassidy Trail is a collection of memorabilia, statues and monuments on display at various locations throughout Historic Downtown Cambridge. A free trail brochure is available. VisitGuernseyCounty.com/what-to-do/discover/heritage-trails/164-hopalong-cassidy-trail.html

7. Historic Downtown Cambridge

It doesn't cost a nickel to window shop! Downtown Cambridge offers dozens of unique shops and boutiques along Wheeling Avenue and its side streets that are reminiscent of the early 20th Century! You'll find everything from knickknacks and books, to modern furniture, and more.

DowntownCambridge.com

8. Covered Bridges

You don't want to miss a stroll through one of the last remaining covered bridges in the county. The Armstrong/ Clio Covered Bridge built in 1849 is located along the Cambridge City Park walking trail. In addition, drive through the Indian Camp Covered Bridge, circa 1867, Northwest of Cambridge about six miles east on Rt. 658.

9. Great Guernsey Trail

Walk, run or bike with your family on a relaxing 14-mile round trip on the Great Guernsey Trail just east of Cambridge. Enjoy the solitude and beauty along this paved, low-grade path. In the springtime, you'll be treated to abundant wildflowers and in the fall to the fiery autumn colors.

GuernseyCountyCDC.com

10. Dickens Victorian Village

Take a trip back in time and experience old world England as historic downtown Cambridge, Ohio, is charmingly transformed into a Dickens Victorian Village each holiday season. From November through January 1 each year, visitors are invited to stroll amidst over 92 scenes of 166 lifelike figures representing classic scenes from Victorian society. At 5:30 -9 p.m. each evening, the Guernsey County Courthouse comes alive with thousands of pulsating lights synchronized to holiday music. DickensVictorianVillage.com

11. Salt Fork State Park

The landscape of rural Guernsey County appears as a patchwork of forested hills, open meadows and misty valleys threaded by numerous streams. At the heart of this region is Salt Fork State Park, encompassing the woodlands and fields flanking Salt Fork Reservoir. As Ohio's largest state park, Salt Fork boasts 17,229-acres of recreational facilities to suit nearly every taste. Hike year round, fish, swim, boat and enjoy adventure and imagination at every turn. Parks.OhioDNR.gov/SaltFork

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