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Four Must-Sees You May Not Know About in Southeast Ohio

CAMBRIDGE, OHIO (June 14, 2016) – There are a few things about Southeast Ohio that might surprise you when it comes to outdoor recreation and points of interests. While Guernsey County, Ohio is home to the state's largest state park and third largest lake, it's also home to several unique activities that will quickly become topics your family will talk about for years to come.

Four "Wild Adventures" to experience:

1) Bigfoot. Sasquatch. Yeti. Whatever you choose to call it, it really is all the same creature. Very big, hairy and tall, averaging 6 to 8 feet tall. With foot prints averaging from 13 to 17 inches long. It has been rumored to live in Ohio since the mid-1700s. And it has also been rumored to live in Ohio's largest state park, Salt Fork. Over 36 reported sightings have been reported since the middle 1980s. So keep a keen eye open to the wood lines of Salt Fork State Park the next time you visit. The park campgrounds host several Bigfoot events each summer, along with monthly Bigfoot night hikes. Learn more: http://bit.ly/21PcZSb



- 2) One of the largest and most innovative wildlife conservation centers in the world is located in Southeast Ohio. **The Wilds**, situated on 10,000 acres near Cambridge, is home to rare and endangered species from around the world. Visitors can board a guided Safari Transport or Open-Air Safari to see and learn about the animals living in open-range habitats, including a visit to the Mid-Sized Carnivore Conservation Center. Open daily May through September. Open Saturday and Sunday in October. Tour hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. every day. https://thewilds.columbuszoo.org
- 3) See the Wilds from an aerial perspective. Led by two professionally trained guides, the Wilds Zipline Safari is a 2.5 hour tour consisting of 10 ziplines and a series of observation platforms overlooking various exotic animal species at the Wilds. Zip along a network of cables, through the trees, over the animal watering holes, lakes, and pastures, finally landing among the amazing giraffes. http://zipthewilds.com

4) **Deerassic Park Education Center** offers a unique opportunity for families to learn about the whitetail deer and their environment in a natural setting. The education center is located on 130 acres, with a three-acre pond, trails, and event areas including 15,000 sq. ft. of pavilion space. The park offers special events throughout the year ranging from a Bigfoot lock-in to archery and fishing camps. http://deerassic.com

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