

Spring, Summer Schoolcations Ideas in Southeast Ohio

CAMBRIDGE, OHIO (Feb. 22, 2021) – One of the newest travel trends to emerge from the 2020-21 global pandemic is ‘schoolcations.’ More and more families have opted to take remote learning on the road.

Forget about staying confined to your home. If you’re new to remote learning or are a homeschooling family, then Southeast Ohio offers a number of wonderful opportunities for your kiddos to have hands-on learning experiences.

“The potential upside to remote learning or homeschooling is the opportunity to set your own schedule,” Debbie Robinson, Cambridge/Guernsey County Visitor & Convention Bureau Executive Director said. “Our region of Ohio is perfect for socially distancing while also enjoying the great outdoors, history and more. We have numerous points of interest to making distance learning convenient and fun.”

10 Schoolcation Ideas:

The Great Steam Locomotive Museum houses handmade model steam locomotives and details the impact and growth of the American Railroad. Also onsite is the Cambridge Wooden Toy Company with handmade wooden toys from yesteryear. Students will marvel at the marble tree and be mesmerized by the model trains, all the while speaking to the craftsman himself – Brian Gray. www.CambridgeWoodenToyCo.com

Deerassic Park Education Center focuses on providing youth and families with exceptional outdoor education opportunities. The park features a live deer herd, fishing pond, trails and more. Opening in 2021 is the Ohio whitetail Deer Hall of Fame. www.Deerassic.com

Experience sitting in an authentic one-room schoolhouse complete with desks slates, chalkboards and a potbelly stove. Grab a hardhat and lunch pail to learn about the area’s coal mining history with a life-like replica coal mine at the **Guernsey County History Museum**. www.Facebook.com/GuernseyHistory

Revel in “the Greatest Story Ever Told” at **The Living Word Outdoor Drama** in the summer months. This nondenominational outdoor theater depicts the moving and powerful life and ministry of Christ on a spectacular 400-foot panoramic permanent set. A special backstage tour is available for groups before the performance. www.LivingWordDrama.org

The **National Road & Zane Grey Museum** is a “three for one” stop with three unique displays retelling national and regional history. Students/family groups will learn about America’s first federally funded highway, hear about locally born author, Zane Grey, and see a display of locally produced art and ceramic pottery. www.OhioHistory.org/NationalRoad

Visit the boyhood home of the late John Glenn, astronaut and U.S Senator, and experience 20th Century American History. The **John & Annie Glenn Museum** offers a captivating living history experience. (A special John Glenn Centennial Celebration will take place in Cambridge this July and August in honor of what would have been Glenn’s 100th birthday.)
www.JohnandAnnieGlennMuseum.org

See the glassmaking process up close with a free tour of **Mosser Glass Factory**. Enjoy a guided tour and witness the excitement of glassmaking at the last remaining hand-pressed glass factory in the United States. www.MosserGlass.com

Take a hands-on tour at the **National Museum of Cambridge Glass** to learn about the types of jobs people had nearly 100 years ago, dress as glassworkers and hold the tools used to manufacture at the Cambridge Glass Company. www.CambridgeGlassMuseum.org

Spend a morning or afternoon at **The Wilds**, the largest and most innovative wildlife conservation on nearly 10,000 acres. Located near Cambridge, it is home to rare and endangered species from around the world. Groups will board an open-air safari May-October to see and learn about the animals living in open-range habitats. Horseback, fishing and zipline safaris are available. The Wilds also offers home school programs, camps, and specialty tours.
www.TheWilds.org

Peters Creek S-Bridge is a perfect place to learn about the National Road, an All-American Scenic Byway. Historic stone arch bridges, S- bridges, derive their name from the sharply curving approaches to the span. The Peters Creek S-Bridge was built in 1829 with well-cut sandstone. Streams of traffic used this bridge on the Old National Road that headed for the western frontier.

The area offers numerous cabins, campsites and hotels for overnight stays.

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