

17 Southeast Ohio Parks & Lakes to Visit in 2017

CAMBRIDGE, OHIO (July 18, 2017) – Southeast Ohio is home to some of the finest public parks and lakes in the country. From sandy beaches to safari tours, 17 parks serve as a backdrop to amazing family vacations, retreats, reunions and much more.

Deerassic Park Education Center – Deerassic Park Education Center offers unique opportunities for families to learn about the whitetail deer and their environment in a natural setting. Special events are scheduled throughout the year. Please call for specific dates and times. You may also schedule experiential education field trips for classroom and youth groups. www.deerassic.com

Great Guernsey Trail – Take a leisurely stroll with your family or a relaxing 14-mile round trip bike ride enjoying 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. Be sure to check out the newly added Coal Ridge Coal Ridge Park and Trails! www.guernseycountycdc.com

AEP Recreation Land - Camping, fishing, hunting, horseback trails, and hiking are available. ReCreation Land has 6 campgrounds with water and latrine facilities, equine campground, and 3 park sites. For more information call 740-962-1205 or visit www.facebook.com/AEPRecreationLand

Cambridge City Park - Located in the heart of the community, Cambridge City Parks offers something for every member of your family. Enjoy picnic shelters, fishing in the pond, sand volleyball, ice cream, basketball, tennis, softball, baseball, football, playgrounds, handicap accessible playground, pool, walking trail, covered bridge, huge shade trees, modern restrooms, meeting rooms, city band concerts, annual 4th of July Boomarama, festivals and more! www.cambridgeoh.org

Fletcher Park - Available facilities include picnic tables, benches, a BBQ grill, and shade trees for your comfort. (In the future, the park plans to build a pavilion, additional picnic tables, a walking trail, and playground equipment.) 740-685-5856 or 740-705-6868

Jackson Park - The park offers the following recreational facilities: four-acre stocked pond, two pavilions, one stage, a walking trail, and a playground. Jackson Park is handicap accessible. The park is free and open to the public. 740-685-5856 or 740-705-6868

Rocky Fork Recreation - Rocky Fork Ranch offers many outdoor recreational activities such as paintball, guided horseback rides, canoeing, hiking trails, mini-golf, pizza and sub shop, and picnic

facilities. The Center is open seven days a week year-round with hours adjusted seasonally. www.rockyforkranchresort.com

Salt Fork Marina - Salt Fork Marina is a state operated facility that is open Thur. – Sun. from Memorial Day to Labor Day. We offer “no ethanol” gasoline, bait, clothing, marine products and snack food. We also rent paddle boards and courtesy docks. www.parks.ohiodnr.gov/saltfork

Sugartree Marina - Located on picturesque Salt Fork Lake offering ski boat, pontoon boat, fishing boat, kayak, and canoe rentals. Boat accessories, supplies, logo clothing, fuel, ice, pump out service and food available. www.saltforkmarinas.com

Salt Fork State Park - Salt Fork, Ohio’s largest state park, boasts recreational facilities to suit nearly every interest. Whether it is fishing, hunting, camping, hiking, swimming, horseback riding or golfing, there is something for everyone. www.parks.ohiodnr.gov/saltfork

Seneca Lake Marina - Seneca Lake Marina is a truly unique and convenient place to enjoy one of Ohio’s most beautiful lakes. Seneca Lake is the largest of the Muskingum Watershed Conservatory lakes at 3,550 acres and horsepower limit of 399. Our knowledgeable Marina staff is driven to make your boating experience memorable. Seneca Lake Marina offers the following services: pontoon and fishing boat rentals, bait and tackle, boating, camping supplies and gifts, seasonal and transient docking, 90 octane ethanol-free recreational gas, public launch ramp, boat repair and storage. There is also courtesy boat docking (up to 2 hours) and The Dockside Restaurant where you can eat inside or on the outdoor deck with a great view of the lake. www.senecamarinaohio.org

Seneca Lake Park - Seneca Lake, boasting 3,550 acres of water surface, is conveniently located near the intersection of Interstates 70 and 77. Recreation seekers from around the area enjoy boating, swimming, and fishing on the 399 limit horsepower lake. The Seneca Lake Park and Campground offers a swimming beach with concession stand, picnic shelters, a log cabin nature center, hiking trails, amphitheater, planned activities, and playground. Accommodations include vacation cabins and more than 500 campsites. The Dockside Restaurant offers a dining option overlooking the lake where boat rentals and docking are available. www.senecaparkohio.org

Senecaville Fish Hatchery - The current fish production consists of walleye, saugeye, hybrid striped bass and channel catfish. Approximately 10-15 million fish are produced here annually. All fish produced here are stocked into public fishing waters around the state. The hatchery is open to visitors from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will accommodate tour groups with advanced reservations.

Drafty Acres Stables - Whether you are an experienced rider or have never been on a horse, Drafty Acres Stable offers horseback riding for everyone. www.draftyacresstable.net

Horseback Riding Safari at the Wilds - These tours take guests on a journey along the beautiful hillsides of the Wilds overlooking rare and endangered animal species roaming in large, natural settings. Tours begin at the Wilds entrance and travel through breathtaking landscapes with spectacular views of safari areas and habitats. www.thewilds.org

Salt Fork Stables - Salt Fork Stables offers ten miles of enjoyable riding trails, boarding (long or short-term) is available. Open daily except for Wednesday. Trail rides leave at 10 a.m., 12 p.m., 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Schedule is subject to change. Reservations are recommended. The stables are located three miles east of Salt Fork State Park on State Route 22. www.saltforkstables.com

the Wilds – The entire family will enjoy experiencing one of the largest and most innovative wildlife conservation centers in the world. This completely immersive experience offers safari tours, zip line tours, horseback riding, fishing, and more, including one-of-kind, hands-on educational opportunities. The Wilds is open daily May through September and on Saturday and Sunday in October. Tour hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. every day. www.thewilds.org

For more information on area attractions, events and overnight packages, contact the Cambridge/Guernsey County Visitors & Convention Bureau office at 627 Wheeling Avenue, Suite 200 in downtown Cambridge, call 800-933-5480, email info@VisitGuernseyCounty.com, or log onto VisitGuernseyCounty.com.

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