

THE GUERNSEY COUNTY STORY

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There is far more to Guernsey County than what you may see at first glance. The county's history and heritage is an intriguing combination of natives, immigrants, settlers and entrepreneurs who threw themselves into the business of the day and helped shape a nation.

The crown jewel of the county is the abundance of recreational opportunities. Hunting, fishing and camping continue to be centerpieces for the region. Ohio's largest state park, **Salt Fork**, and the state's third largest inland lake, **Seneca Lake**, are found within Guernsey County. The gear used may have changed over the years, but the sense of the frontier and adventure remain.

An integral part of Guernsey County includes its connection to the nation's expansion east to west. The Delaware, Shawnee, Wyandotte, Miami, Chippewa, and Mingo tribes, who once lived here, established the original wilderness trails that connected Ohio to Kentucky. However, it was the early settlers of the Northwest Territory that helped expand those trails into a stable and marked route westward from Cambridge, Maryland, toward St. Louis, Missouri in the early 1800s.

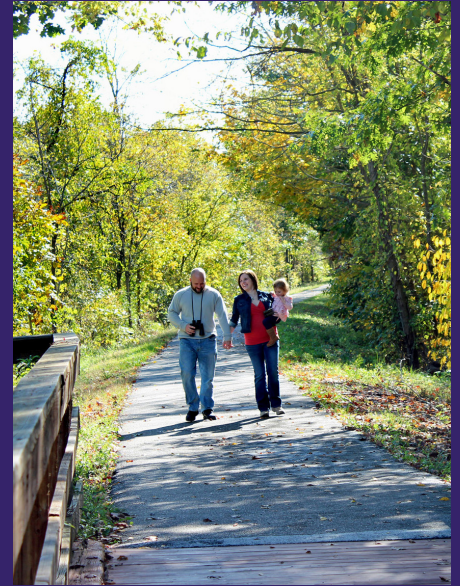
The **Guernsey County History Museum** welcomes visitors to discover the role the region played as a crossroads for America with the construction of the first federally funded national road. Today, the National Road (Route 40) spans nearly 700 miles through six states, with numerous points of interest that makes for a tranquil drive. The museum also features a large collection of local pottery and glass, various furniture that is representative of periods past, early kitchen and household items, and a military room with an emphasis on World War II. Additional special items of interest include President William McKinley's chair from the Ohio State Legislature; relics from the old double covered bridge; items from the wreck of the Shenandoah Airship, and more. Back in the day your "tablet" was a piece of chalk and the blackboard. Discover America's early education system in the one-room schoolhouse exhibit! In addition, the museum has a life-like replica of a coal mine from the 1890s that kids and grandparents will love. Visitors may also view a collection of thousands of digitized photos from the bygone era of Guernsey County.

Guernsey County's most notable entity is none other than former astronaut and U.S. Senator John Glenn. From hometown boy to space cowboy, Glenn was the region's most recognizable former citizen. A trip to the **John & Annie Glenn Museum** in New Concord, Ohio tells the tale of the couple's childhood roots.

The 20th century also brought notoriety to the county as Cambridge became synonymous with quality glassmaking. Though production of Cambridge Glass ceased many years ago, collectors have the opportunity to visit **Mosser Glass** and the **National Museum of Cambridge Glass**.

A local boy who gained national recognition, 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 the television in the 1950s. Follow the **Hopalong Cassidy Trail**, a collection of memorabilia on display at various locations throughout Historic Downtown Cambridge. For a free **Hoppy Trail brochure**, contact the Visitors & Convention Bureau office.

When You Have More Time...



GREAT GUERNSEY TRAIL

Take a leisurely stroll with your family or a relaxing 14-mile bike ride enjoying the solitude and beauty along this paved, low-grade path. The scenery along the way is unforgettable as you disappear into the serene woods. In the springtime, you'll be treated to abundant wildflowers and in the fall to the fiery autumn colors. Travel over three bridges; stop for an ice cream cone, or make it a great workout.

GUERNSEY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY LIBRARY

Located in Historic Downtown Cambridge, researchers can find genealogical records for Guernsey County at the library.

JOHN HUNT MORGAN HERITAGE TRAIL

Four interpretive signs are located throughout Guernsey County, giving an excellent interpretation of critical events that happened here. For more information about the entire John Hunt Morgan Heritage Trail, a guidebook is available at lulu.com. For more details on the Guernsey County portion of the trail, call for a free brochure.

Before You Go...

Contact the Cambridge/Guernsey County Visitors & Convention Bureau for a complete listing of events, updates and other points of interest.

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