

Legendary Heritage Trails to Explore through Southeast Ohio

CAMBRIDGE, Ohio (March 1, 2022) – Guernsey County, Ohio is home to several legendary heritage trails that are sure to supply memorable adventures and fun for the entire family. Discover astronaut John Glenn’s home with high school sweetheart Annie, a Civil War raid by Confederates that zigzagged through Ohio and the beloved 1950s television cowboy Hopalong Cassidy hometown. It’s time for a road trip!

John & Annie Glenn Heritage Trail

Guernsey County’s most notable entity is none other than former astronaut and U.S. Senator John Glenn. Before he was a four term U.S. Senator, before he was America’s first orbital astronaut, before he was a military test pilot, before he was a 150-mission fighter pilot, before Pearl Harbor spurred him to enlist, John H. Glenn, Jr., was a small town plumber’s son who dreamed of flying someday.

Before her 73-year marriage to John Glenn, before moving her Marine household 24 times, before becoming a disabilities advocate, before overcoming her own disability, Annie Glenn was a small town dentist’s daughter with a life-impairing stutter and a very special boyfriend.

Learn the stories behind the stories of Ohio’s first world-famous astronaut and his wife at their namesake museum, the John & Annie Glenn Museum in New Concord, Ohio, and visit 33 other locations in two adjoining counties. Download a single-image version of the John & Annie Glenn Heritage Trail at <https://visitguernseycounty.com/what-to-do/discover/heritage-trails/264-john-annie-glenn-heritage-trail.html>

Hopalong Cassidy Trail

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, Boyd was the ultimate cowboy. 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 or download it here <https://visitguernseycounty.com/what-to-do/discover/heritage-trails/164-hopalong-cassidy-trail.html>

John Hunt Morgan Heritage Trail

On July 2, 1863, John Hunt Morgan and his Confederate Cavalry started moving north through Kentucky on a raid that would encompass three states and 950 miles. His 2,000 man cavalry entered Ohio on July 13, 1863 spreading fear throughout the villages in Ohio.

Morgan and his men entered Guernsey County near sundown on July 23. Worn out from the constant pursuit of Union forces and hours in the saddle, the Southern men sought a brief respite in the village of Cumberland. The uninvited guests visited homes and demanded food and rest.

Near dawn on July 24, Morgan and his men arrived at Campbell's Station, (now Lore City), inflicting the harshest damage of the raid. They burned a bridge, several railcars, a tobacco warehouse and stole nearly \$4,000 dollars from a safe. From there, the Confederates thundered north to Washington, (now Old Washington), and commandeered meals from the proprietors of the American Hotel. Many of the raiders spread out through town to rest or ravage the local stores of wares and supplies.

This respite proved dangerous for Morgan's men as Union Cavalry had now arrived at Washington, shelling the city from a hill south of town and attacking the surprised Confederates. Morgan and his men escaped both North and East...to fight another day.

As you travel Guernsey County's portion of the John Hunt Morgan Heritage Trail, be sure to stop at the four interpretive markers located in Cumberland, Senecaville, Lore City and Old Washington. These markers serve as your storyteller to these interesting events. For more details on the Guernsey County portion of the trail, call the VCB for a free brochure.

For more information, contact the Cambridge/Guernsey County VCB office at 627 Wheeling Avenue, Suite 200 in downtown Cambridge, call 740-432-2022, email info@VisitGuernseyCounty.com, or log onto VisitGuernseyCounty.com.

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