

Seasonal Tourism Attractions Begin to Open Throughout Southeast Ohio

CAMBRIDGE, Ohio (April 17, 2023) – Seasonal tourism attractions throughout Southeast Ohio are beginning to open their doors to visitors. In addition to the expansive outdoor recreational offerings, Cambridge/Guernsey County, Ohio is home to more than eight unique museums and points of interests – including The Wilds (an internationally recognized conservation center) and The Living Word Outdoor Drama (Ohio’s only outdoor passion play).

“As families begin to plan their summer getaways, Cambridge/Guernsey County provides an affordable and fun escape from the ordinary,” said Debbie Robinson, Cambridge/Guernsey County, Ohio Visitor & Convention Bureau Executive Director. “This area has a rich history of people and industries that have shaped our country. Families will love stops at the John & Annie Glenn Museum, Mosser Glass and much more.”

Step back in time at the **Guernsey County History Museum** in downtown Cambridge. This museum is located in a home nearly 200 years old and contains antique furnishings, products and personal items from Guernsey County’s past. A unique one-room schoolhouse and a life-like replica of an Ohio coal mine from the 1890s are perfect places for kids to explore with hands-on activities. Open April 4 through December 30 on Tues., Thurs. and Sat. from 12-3 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children.

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Experience the art of glass making through interactive exhibits and more at the **National Museum of Cambridge Glass**. From April through October, visitors flock to marvel at more than 10,000 pieces of glassware made by the Cambridge Glass Company, with an interpretive area that demonstrates how glass was made from gathering, shaping, etching and engraving.

The Sample Room features the door and shelving from the original factory; a dining room display features a table setting arranged on period furniture much as it would have appeared in the early 1900s. Guests can also make their own rubbings from original etching plates in the Education Center and view a movie made in the 1940s by the Cambridge Glass Company. New this year is the Cambridge Glass Factory Restaurant. Pieces of Cambridge Glass and jewelry made from Cambridge Glass are available for sale in the gift shop, along with books and other items throughout the museum. Open April 5 through October 29 Wed.-Sat. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sun. from 12-4 p.m. Admission is \$6; Seniors/AAA \$5; children 12 and under are free.

www.cambridgeglassmuseum.org

If you’re lucky, you’ll see more than a few deer during any visit to Guernsey County, but there’s no better place to spot and learn about these beautiful animals than the **Deerassic Park Welcome Center**. A dock offers fantastic views of the resident deer, while interactive activity centers, a slide and mural give families a fun introduction into the plants and animals that help our region thrive.

Deerassic’s welcome center is a one-of-a-kind facility that is sure to be a favorite for visitors of all ages. The center has packed as much Ohio native wildlife information as possible into this 5,400 square foot space. Every display has been designed and built to be hands-on, interactive, informative and fun for all. The park’s welcome center is open to the public May through October on Thursdays-Saturday from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. (closed Sunday-Wednesday). Be sure to experience the Ohio Whitetail Deer Hall of Fame here too. Admission is free to the welcome center. www.deerassic.com

You don't need a passport to have an exotic adventure. **The Wilds**, operated by the Columbus Zoo, offers up-close (and safe) animal encounters for the whole family. From painted dogs to graceful giraffes, The Wilds brings the African plain to Guernsey County. With a rooftop Terrace Grill, specialty and zipline tours and more, there's always something new to explore. The Wilds is open daily May 1 through October 31 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for safari tours. Or enjoy The Wilds from an aerial perspective during a 2.5 hour zipline safari. Advanced reservations required. www.thewilds.org

The **John & Annie Glenn Museum**, a National Historic Site, enlightens visitors about life in 1937 during the Great Depression. Experience American history through the prism of the Glenns' lives May 3 – October 28 on Wed. - Sat. from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sun. 1 to 4 p.m. Admission is \$7 for adults, \$6 for seniors and groups of 10 or more, \$3 for students and free for children 6 and under. Download a John & Annie Glenn Heritage Trail guide that leads you through three towns and explains the Glenn's ties to each. www.johnglennhome.org

Explore the story of early America's busiest route west and learn about locally born author of Western novels, Zane Grey, at the **National Road & Zane Grey Museum**. The museum tells the story of the building of the National Road and the settlement of America's Midwest, along with an exhibit featuring Ohio author Zane Grey, and a spectacular collection of locally made art pottery. Guided tours take place May 3 through October 29 on Wed.–Sat. from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Sunday 1 – 4 p.m. Admission is \$7 for adults, \$6 for seniors, \$3 for students and \$5 for groups. www.ohiohistory.org/visit/museum-and-site-locator/national-road-and-zane-grey-museum

In 1837 Benjamin Kennedy, whose ancestors hailed from Ireland and Scotland, purchased an 80-acre tract of land in Guernsey County, and built a two-story home from sandstone quarried nearby. In 2002, the **Stone House Museum** (the last remaining original homestead structure) was converted into a museum and placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Open May 5 – October 29 Friday through Sunday from 1-5 p.m. http://www.kennedystonehouse.org/Kennedy_Stone_House/Welcome.html

For 49 years, **The Living Word Outdoor Drama** (Fridays in July & August; Fridays & Saturdays in September, 2023) has transported audiences to Old Jerusalem (via a 400-ft. panoramic set) for a dramatic retelling of the latter years of Jesus. You will witness Christ's last days – from the Sermon on the Mount to His Ascension. Audience members can participate in the production as extras in crowd scenes. Tickets are Adults - \$18; Seniors - \$16; Children 4-12 - \$6. www.livingworddrama.org.

For more information and these and other attractions and events, 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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