

Southeast Ohio Attractions Begin to Open for Busy Tourism Season

CAMBRIDGE, Ohio (April 2, 2024) – Come explore Southeast Ohio's seasonal tourism attractions that are now open for visitors! Cambridge/Guernsey County, Ohio is the perfect destination for outdoor enthusiasts and history buffs alike. With over eight unique museums and points of interest, including The Wilds (a renowned conservation center) and The Living Word Outdoor Drama (Ohio's only outdoor passion play), there is something for everyone to enjoy.

"As families start preparing for their summer vacations, Cambridge/Guernsey County offers a budget-friendly and enjoyable break from the usual," shared Debbie Robinson, Executive Director of the Cambridge/Guernsey County Visitor & Convention Bureau. "With a fascinating history shaped by remarkable individuals and industries, this area is a must-visit. Families can explore attractions like the National Museum of Cambridge Glass, Deerassic Park Educational Center and many other exciting stops."

Coal was once king in Guernsey County, Ohio. And you will learn why with a visit to the **Guernsey County History Museum**. Immerse yourself in the rich history of the area with a life-like replica of an Ohio coalmine from the 1890s. And kids will love exploring the unique one-room schoolhouse. Everyone will be engaged with hands-on activities and interesting artifacts. The museum is open from April 4 to December 30 on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 12-3 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. Don't miss this opportunity to discover the captivating history of Guernsey County! www.guernseycountyhistory.org

The captivating art of glass making is preserved at the **National Museum of Cambridge Glass** with interactive exhibits and over 10,000 exquisite pieces of glassware crafted by the renowned Cambridge Glass Company. From April through October, the museum offers tours and interactive exhibits to help visitors understand the intricate process of glass making from gathering to shaping, etching and engraving. Step back in time as you admire a dining room display showcasing period furniture and a table setting from the early 1900s. The Education Center allows guests to create their own rubbings from original etching plates, while a 1940s movie made by the Cambridge Glass Company provides an interesting glimpse into the past. The gift shop offers pieces of Cambridge Glass, jewelry made from it, books and other items for sale. Open from April 5 to October 29, visit Wednesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays from 12-4 p.m. Admission is \$6; seniors/AAA members pay \$5; children 12 and under are free. For more information, visit www.cambridgeglassmuseum.org.

The natural beauty of Guernsey County, Ohio is abundantly displayed at **Deerassic Park Welcome Center**. With interactive activity centers, a slide and mural, families will learn about the plants and animals that thrive in the region. The welcome center is a unique facility that offers hands-on displays and information about Ohio's native wildlife. Open from May to October on Thursdays-Saturdays from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., the center is free for all visitors. Don't forget to check out the Ohio Whitetail Deer Hall of Fame while you're there. Plan your visit now at www.deerassic.com.

Looking for an exotic adventure without the hassle of getting a passport? Look no further than **The Wilds**, operated by the Columbus Zoo. This incredible destination offers safe and up-close animal encounters for the whole family, including beautiful giraffes and stunning painted dogs. With a rooftop Terrace Grill, specialty tours, zipline adventures and more, there's always something new to explore at The Wilds. Open daily from May 1 through October 31 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., it's the perfect destination for a day trip or weekend

getaway. For an even more thrilling experience, book a 2.5 hour zipline safari and see The Wilds from an aerial perspective. Advanced reservations are required, so visit www.thewilds.org today to plan your adventure!

Explore American history from the Great Depression to the Great Space Race by visiting the **John & Annie Glenn Museum**, a National Historic Site. From May 3 to October 28, you can experience the lives of the Glens and gain insights into life in 1937. As a native of Guernsey County, John Glenn left his fingerprints of generosity and love for the community throughout the area. The museum is open on Wednesdays - Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and on Sundays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Admission fees are \$7 for adults, \$6 for seniors and groups of 10 or more, \$3 for students, and free for children aged six and below. To make your visit even more informative, download a John & Annie Glenn Heritage Trail guide that takes you through three towns and explains their connections with the Glens. Visit www.johnglennhome.org for more information.

America's fascinating history of a bustling western route is the plot for many a Zane Grey novel. Delve into the legacy of renowned Grey and his books at the **National Road & Zane Grey Museum**. Discover the rich narrative behind the construction of the National Road and the pioneering spirit that shaped America's heartland. Immerse yourself in an engaging exhibit dedicated to Ohio's own Zane Grey, complemented by a stunning array of locally crafted art pottery. Guided tours are available from May 3 to October 29, Wednesday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$7 for adults, \$6 for seniors, \$3 for students, and \$5 for groups. Plan your visit today at www.ohiohistory.org/visit/museum-and-site-locator/national-road-and-zane-grey-museum.

Visit the **Stone House Museum**, a historic site in Guernsey County, Ohio. Originally built in 1837 by Benjamin Kennedy, the museum is housed in the last remaining original homestead structure made of sandstone quarried nearby. Don't miss out on this unique opportunity to explore history. The museum is open from May 5 to October 29, every Friday through Sunday from 1-5 p.m. Learn more at www.saltforkparklodge.com/recreation/property-activities/kennedy-stone-house.

Finally, journey to Old Jerusalem with **The Living Word Outdoor Drama** as Ohio's Only Outdoor Drama celebrates its 50th season in 2024. Witness the dramatic retelling of Jesus' final days, from the iconic Sermon on the Mount to His Ascension. Performances take place each Friday from June 14-September 27, 2024. Be part of the production as extras in crowd scenes and engage with the story like never before. Tickets available for Adults at \$18, Seniors at \$16, and Children aged 4-12 at \$6. Visit www.livingworddrama.org to secure your spot today.

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 destination@VisitGuernseyCounty.com or log onto VisitGuernseyCounty.com.



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