

## **Last-Minute Summer Getaways: Wild Escapes, Wine Adventures & Family Fun Await in Guernsey County, Ohio**

CAMBRIDGE, OHIO (August 6, 2025) -- Looking for one last summer adventure before the season slips away? Pack your bags and point your compass toward Guernsey County, where budget-friendly escapes, hidden gems, and unexpected thrills are all just a short drive away.

“Southeast Ohio is perfect for a spontaneous getaway,” said Debbie Robinson, Executive Director of the Cambridge/Guernsey County Visitors & Convention Bureau. “A visit to our area won’t break the bank, which makes it ideal for families on a budget or anyone simply looking for a few days of affordable fun. Plus, we’re conveniently located within a day’s drive of half the U.S. population.” Whether you’re craving the calm of nature, the thrill of wild animal encounters, or the sweet satisfaction of local wine and ice cream, Guernsey County has something for everyone.

### **Explore the Great Outdoors**

Start your journey at Salt Fork State Park, Ohio’s largest state park and an all-in-one destination for adventure seekers. Hike dozens of scenic trails — including a charming storybook trail and guided Bigfoot adventure hikes — or head out on the lake for a day of boating, kayaking, or fishing. A brand-new Eco-Discovery Center, featuring interactive exhibits and a Bigfoot-themed guide, adds an educational twist to the fun.

Nearby, Seneca Lake Park beckons families with its new splash pad, perfectly designed for younger kids. Located next to the beach area and steps from the campground and RV sites, it’s the ultimate lakeside family retreat.

### **Go Wild – Literally**

Looking for a truly unforgettable experience? Don’t miss The Wilds, a world-class safari park operated by the Columbus Zoo. Spot giraffes, camels, rhinos, and zebras roaming the open terrain of eastern Ohio — all from the comfort of an open-air safari vehicle or zipline tour. Be sure to stop by the rooftop Terrace Grill for lunch with a view.

Bonus perk: Guests who book the Wild About Wine tour package receive discounted admission to The Wilds — the perfect pairing of wine and wildlife for couples or friend groups planning a weekend escape.

## Sip, Savor & Tour with Wild About Wine

“Whether you’re a wine and beer connoisseur or just starting your tasting journey, our Wild About Wine trail is the perfect way to explore Ohio’s wine country,” said Robinson.

This self-guided tour takes you across Guernsey, Coshocton, and Muskingum Counties, with 15 delicious stops to enjoy locally crafted wine and beer. In Guernsey County, don’t miss Georgetown Vineyards, known for its hilltop views, wood-fired pizza, and relaxed atmosphere, or Guernsey Brewhouse, offering handcrafted beers infused with local flavor.

A free printed Wild About Wine guide is available at [VisitGuernseyCounty.com](http://VisitGuernseyCounty.com), making it easy to plan your perfect sip-worthy adventure.

## Don’t Forget Dessert

No summer escape is complete without something sweet. Guernsey County is home to some of Ohio’s best-kept ice cream secrets, including Orr’s Drive-In, Parkside Tasty Treat, and The Station at Twenty-Two. Be warned: one scoop might not be enough.

### Plan Your Escape Today

Whether you're looking to hike, sip, splash, or safari — Guernsey County has your perfect last-minute getaway covered. Download a free travel guide or learn more at [VisitGuernseyCounty.com](http://VisitGuernseyCounty.com) or call 740-432-2022.

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