

Last Call for Summer Fun in Southeast Ohio

CAMBRIDGE, OHIO (August 5, 2026) -- Looking for one last summer escape before the summer season winds down? Cambridge and Guernsey County, Ohio, deliver big adventures without the big price tag. Whether you're craving outdoor recreation, family fun, wildlife encounters, lakeside relaxation or a weekend of wine tasting, this southeast Ohio destination offers an affordable getaway that's closer than you think.

"A visit to this area won't break the bank, making it an ideal destination for families on a budget or anyone looking to escape for a few days," said Debbie Robinson, Executive Director of the Cambridge/Guernsey County Visitors & Convention Bureau. "We're also within an easy day's drive of nearly half the U.S. population, making it easy to get here and start enjoying everything our region has to offer."

One of the area's biggest draws is Salt Fork State Park, Ohio's largest state park.

"Salt Fork State Park is the complete package, especially this time of year," Robinson said. "Visitors can enjoy dozens of hiking trails, including a Storybook Trail and guided Bigfoot hikes, plus boating, fishing, swimming and countless opportunities to connect with nature. Families also love the park's new Eco-Discovery Center where Bigfoot serves as a fun and educational character guide."

Families looking to beat the heat will find plenty of splash-worthy fun at Seneca Lake Park. The park's new children's splash pad (opened in 2025) sits beside the beach, creating the perfect place for little ones to play while parents relax along Ohio's third-largest inland lake. Campgrounds and RV sites make it easy to turn a day trip into a weekend adventure.

Animal lovers can embark on an unforgettable safari at The Wilds, one of the nation's premier wildlife conservation centers. Operated by the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium, The Wilds offers incredible opportunities to see giraffes, zebras, camels, rhinos and other exotic animals roaming across thousands of acres of rolling grasslands. Visitors can enhance their experience with horseback safaris, zipline adventures, open-air tours and spectacular views from the Terrace Grill.

For couples and groups of friends planning an end-of-summer escape, Robinson recommends the Wild About Wine trail.

"Whether you're a seasoned wine and craft beer enthusiast or simply looking to discover Ohio's wine country for the first time, Wild About Wine offers a relaxing and memorable experience year-round," she said.

The self-guided tour features 15 wineries, breweries and tasting destinations throughout Guernsey, Coshocton and Muskingum counties. In Guernsey County, visitors can enjoy breathtaking views and handcrafted pizzas at Georgetown Vineyard or sample locally inspired craft brews at Guernsey Brewhouse. The tour also includes a discount ticket to The Wilds. A complimentary Wild About Wine guide is available online at VisitGuernseyCounty.com.

No summer getaway is complete without something sweet. Before heading home, stop by local favorites Parkside Tasty Treat, 360 Burger or The Station at Twenty-Two for frozen treats and nostalgic small-town charm.

From unforgettable wildlife encounters and outdoor adventures to scenic wineries and delicious hometown favorites, Cambridge and Guernsey County prove you don't have to travel far—or spend a fortune—to make lasting summer memories.

For a free travel guide or more information about attractions, events, lodging and dining, visit VisitGuernseyCounty.com or call 740-432-2022.



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