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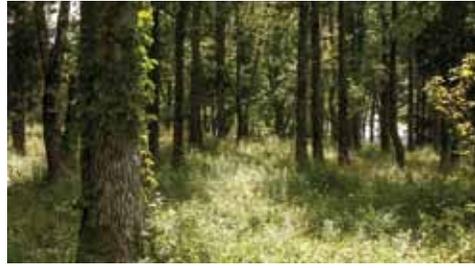


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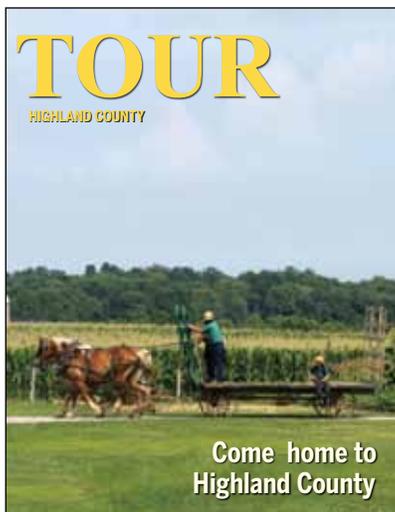
## your local travel destination

Welcome to the newest edition of TOUR magazine your preview of the best of our county. We have become the preferred destination for day trips, weekend getaways and extended vacations for Southern Ohio. Located within 60 miles of several major cities your trip is easy to enjoy after a short drive on any of the five major state roads that meet in the center of the county. If you are looking for water activities like boating, fishing or kayaking our creeks and two lakes offer the perfect location for fun. Overnight accommodations range from primitive camping to luxurious bed and breakfast cottages or cabins on working farms. With an emphasis on fresh, locally sourced ingredients our eating places offer a wide range of menu items at reasonable prices for every budget. Sample the fresh offerings at our local farmer's markets, at one of the many Amish or Mennonite stores or at the local gourmet shop in uptown Hillsboro. Shopping options are diverse including everything from handmade crafts to bridal gowns. You might discover, as many residents have, that Highland County is the perfect place for a family or your retirement home. Our website <http://www.highlandcounty.com/> has current events and listings as well as an online copy of this issue. We hope you enjoy your visit!

### Bob Lambert

Executive Director, Visitors Bureau of Highland County

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# OUT AND ABOUT

## A country drive close to home



Take U.S. Route 50 East from Hillsboro to Rainsboro, turn right on Barrett Mill Road and follow to Cave Road, then turn left. On this road you will see the remains of Barretts' Mill. Continue on this road (you may have to stop for a family of wild turkeys or peafowl to cross the road) to the Highlands Nature Sanctuary and its nature center, the Appalachian Forest Museum. There are two nature sanctuaries in the area that offer spectacular scenery of the limestone/dolomite cliff formations of Rocky Fork Gorge. Miller Nature Sanctuary is on Barrett Mill Road. Access is available only with a written permit from the Ohio State Nature Preserves.

See wilderness in Ohio at Highlands Nature Sanctuary. The sanctuary is a nature preserve encompassing the pristine Rocky Fork Gorge. A learning center and a number of lodging options, including Beechcliff, are available to couples, families, and groups for educational nature retreats.

Continue on Cave Road and it will bring you back to U.S. Route 50. Turn right on Route 50, go to Rapid Forge Road, turn left. As you cross the bridge overlooking Paint Creek (Paint Creek is the second longest creek in the world) to the right you will see an area of Paint Creek known as the Chutes. This is where kayaks and canoes enter the water. Looking to your right, you will see a large flat rock that is known as Turtle Back Rock. After crossing the bridge turn right on Falls Road, which follows Paint Creek. Keep a sharp eye out for the Falls of Paint, a very scenic spot and also for bald eagles nesting along the creek. Also on Falls Road is the site of the original settlement of Bainbridge, which was called New Amsterdam Village.

Continue on Falls Road to State Route 41, turn right and this will lead you to Bainbridge. At the traffic light, turn right on U.S. Route 50 41 South, turn right, another scenic highway.

Continuing on, you will see the Mennonite community. Be sure not to miss JR'S General Store. This charming store features bulk food and candy. There's also a nice selection of crafts, books and handmade clothing. Driving short distances within the community, you may visit the Country Crust Bakery, Crafts Unlimited, Pickett Run Plant Nursery and a produce auction.

This charming old world settlement is not to be missed and lunch is available at Crafts Unlimited.

Continue on State Route 41 South to Fort Hill, with its mystical Indian earthworks, over 10 miles of nature trails, and a beautiful picnic area.

Then follow State Route 41 South to Sinking Spring. Looking to your right, you'll see the Octagonal Schoolhouse. Turn right at the street beside the schoolhouse and go two blocks. At the end of the street, look to your right to see the Governor Byrd Cemetery which has recently been restored. Governor Byrd is considered to be one of the founding fathers of the State of Ohio.

Continuing on State Route 41 South into Adams County, be aware of the birding opportunities around you, especially at Woodland Altars, which will be on your left. Be on the lookout for the House of Phacops Rock Shop as you enter Locust Grove.

Before you turn right onto State Route 73 in Locust Grove, look to your left ahead of you to see the rock shop across from the Dairy Bar.

Now turn right on 73, to head to Serpent Mound State Memorial, the largest and finest serpent effigy in North America. Serpent Mound undoubtedly symbolized significant religious or mystical principle for its builders. The details of that belief, however, are a mystery. There is a parking fee for this site.

You may follow State Route 73 north, a 19-mile drive back to Hillsboro, through the beautiful foothills of Appalachia, with small villages and quaint country stores.

This is only one of the many scenic byways to be discovered in Southern Ohio.

### FOR INFORMATION ALONG THE WAY

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937-544-9750

Woodland Altars  
937-588-4411

Highlands Nature Sanctuary  
937-365-1935

House of Phacops  
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937-558-2766

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800-283-8905

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# HILLSBORO

## A HISTORIC CITY SURROUNDED BY BEAUTIFUL COUNTRYSIDE

Founded in 1807, just 4 years after Ohio became a state, Hillsboro was plotted with wide streets and alleys in a plan that still serves the city well. New Market, south of Hillsboro was considered for the county seat but legend has it the town leaders got very intoxicated during discussions about building a courthouse that Hillsboro was able to raise the money first and since then has served as the Highland County seat of government.

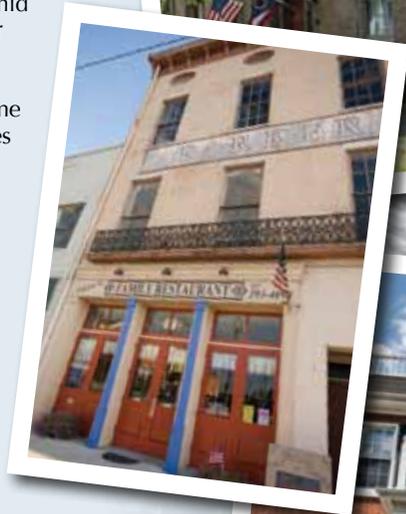
Hillsboro grew quickly, having 868 inhabitants in 1840. By the mid 1840's the community contained three churches, two newspaper offices, fourteen stores, and an academy for men and a school for women. In 1880, 3,234 people resided in Hillsboro, with approximately one-third of them being children. The town became a center of agricultural and industrial trade with two railroad lines serving the town.

Most of Hillsboro's manufacturing businesses produced flour, carriages, and lumber for this growing community. Hillsboro's largest employer was J.M. Boyd & Company, which processed flour. Manufacturing importance grew through the 19th and 20th centuries as companies like C.S. Bell, Gross-Feibel and others added industrial capacity to the town's abilities. With an emphasis on learning and knowledge, educational pursuits were encouraged in both men and women leading to many lawyers, governors and community leaders crediting Hillsboro for their accomplishments.

Educated and empowered women began the Temperance Crusade here and were led by "Mother" Eliza Jane Thompson, the daughter of a governor and wife of an attorney. They left a mark on the town that exists today as few liquor establishments remain inside the city limits. The city still boasts an active civic life with a variety of festivals, parades and celebrations that are family friendly and display the beauty of our historic streets and heritage.

The 'uptown' area, named that way because all the streets lead up to the center of town, has a wide variety of shops and services for residents and visitors alike. A drugstore is centrally located and still boasts the tin ceilings installed in 1895. Along the main streets of High and Main are a bookstore, appliance store, health food store, beauty shops, cosmetic shop, butcher, baker and even a candlestick maker just like in towns of days gone by. Even a cobbler shop exists on S. High Street that has been in the same location since the early years of the town. Antique and collectable shops also line the streets for bargain hunters and collectors as well as restaurants featuring local foods and home cooking. For the weekend traveler or resident Hillsboro has a lot to offer both "uptown" and in the northern part of town with lumber supplies, larger grocery stores and restaurants along the Harry Sauner Rd and North High Street corridor.

All roads lead to Hillsboro from Columbus, Dayton and Cincinnati and all points east, west, north and south so getting here is easy through the picturesque countryside we call home. For more information visit [www.hillsboroohio.net](http://www.hillsboroohio.net) and see Hillsboro, where pride rings true.





## Visitors Bureau of Highland County

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Your first stop in Highland County should be to our new Welcome Center located in historic Uptown Hillsboro. A variety of information and literature is available. Hours of operation are Thursday through Saturday from 9am to 4pm.



# Twenty Four exchange

Twenty Four Exchange is Highland County's newest outlet and resale shop. Located on West Main Street in Hillsboro they offer a wide variety of designer clothing, prom and wedding dresses, shoes, accessories and jewelry all at bargain prices. A "Shopper's Cave" is at the rear of the store loaded with closeouts, household items, architectural salvage, books and recordings that has ever-changing and interesting items. Next door is Twenty Four Exchange Deli and Pizza with a full menu of lunch, snack and dinner items as well as Amish baked goods and merchandise.



# Fallsville Wildlife Area

The 1,382 acre Fallsville Wildlife Area is in southwest Ohio, seven miles north of Hillsboro on State Route 73. Fallsville is a popular hunting, trapping and fishing destination in Highland County for rabbit, pheasant, fox squirrels, gray squirrels, ducks, raccoon, fox, muskrat, mink, largemouth bass, and bluegill.

Fallsville Wildlife Area is a popular summer hiking location and has a scenic waterfall and former old mill site located on Clear Creek, which flows through the area. The diverse wildlife habitat of Fallsville provides many opportunities for wildlife watching. The spring migration of waterfowl and songbirds and the fall migration of hawks are

of special interest. A variety of songbirds are in the area all year. Fallsville is home to a newly constructed archery range offering multiple shooting lanes of 10, 20, 30, and 40 yard stationary targets as well as one 50 yard range, elevated shooting platform and a broadhead pit. There is also an area dedicated for shooters to bring their 3D targets. The range is located just south of the Fallsville Wildlife Area Headquarters, at 10221 Careytown Rd., New Vienna Ohio, 45385. Hours of operation are from dawn until dusk.

Additional information can be found at <http://wildlife.ohiodnr.gov/fallsville>

# Highland County Birding

**Paint Creek Lake State Park** (280 Taylor Rd, Bainbridge) provides habitat for numerous waterfowl and shorebirds as well as the great blue heron. Osprey and bald eagles have been sighted over the lake. The limestone outcroppings on the lake's edge provide nesting habitat for the cliff swallow.

The 2200 acre **Highlands Nature Sanctuary** (7660 Cave Rd, Bainbridge) is the premier hiking and nature education destination in southern Ohio. The Sanctuary is in the heart of the scenic Rocky Fork Gorge, a 100foot high steepwalled canyon renowned for its stunning rock formations, ancient white cedars, spectacular wildflower displays, grottos, springs, stone arches, and a variety of bird species. Highland Nature Sanctuary is open on weekends

from April through October. For views from the other side of the gorge, visit nearby Miller Nature Sanctuary on Barrett Mill Road.

**Fort Hill** (13614 Fort Hill Rd, Hillsboro) boasts a stunning natural area of 1300 acres, sheltering one of the largest and oldest contiguous forests in all of Ohio. The park shelters thousands of species of plants and animals and is a perfect spot location for hiking and birding.

**Fallsville Wildlife Area** (10211 Careytown Rd, New Vienna) provides many opportunities for birding. The spring migration of waterfowl and songbirds and the fall migration of hawks are of special interest. A variety of songbirds are in the area all year.



The 1384 acre **Rocky Fork Lake State Park** (9800 N Shore Drive, Hillsboro) provides excellent habitat for numerous waterfowl and songbirds. The lake is home to a resident pair of bald eagles and plays host to many visiting species during the spring and fall migration seasons.

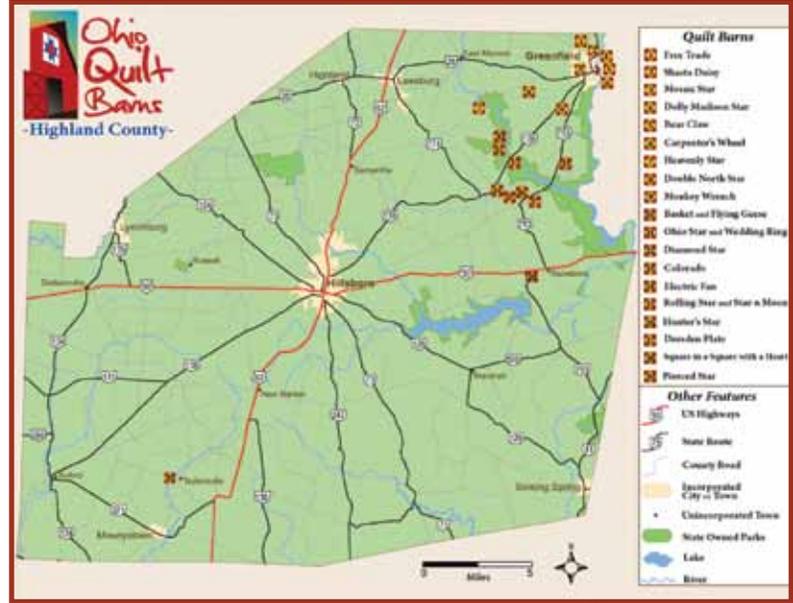


# Follow the pattern of history through... Ohio's Quilt Barn Trail

The Quilt Trail, "Patterns of Paint Creek," surrounding Greenfield, is a project of the Greenfield Historical Society. It began in July 2005 with a visit by Donna Sue Groves, creator of the "Clothesline of Quilts," originating in Adams County.

The Quilt Trail not only showcases some 50-plus quilt patterns painted by area artists, it leads to historic sites and recreational facilities providing a leisurely four-hour tour of the scenic rural tri-county area.

To view the quilts and see regular updates to the trail, visit [www.greenfieldhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.greenfieldhistoricalsociety.org). Maps and brochures will be available at any of the Greenfield Historical Society locations. For more information regarding making your own quilt square, contact the historical society. Greenfield, a city of 5,000, was founded in 1799 by General Duncan McArthur. The historical society is located on the east side of the city and consists of five buildings which depict the rich history of the area. The "Travellers Rest" is the original building of the society. The former "Greenfield Grain & Hay" now is a combination Agricultural Museum and Visitor Center. The "Smith Tannery," a Livery, and the "B&O Depot" also display artifacts of early life in and around Greenfield. The buildings are open 1 to 4 p.m. every Thursday and on Sunday May through November. Additional tours will be given by appointment by contacting historical society president Harold Schmidt at 937-981-2905.



Greenfield offers a variety of family entertainment that will add to your self-guided Quilt Trail tour. While visiting the tri-county area, don't forget to visit our antique, craft, and gift shops. Enjoy a sit-down dinner or grab a quick meal through the drive-thru. Relax with a round of golf, nature tour or play on the many playgrounds found along the trail.



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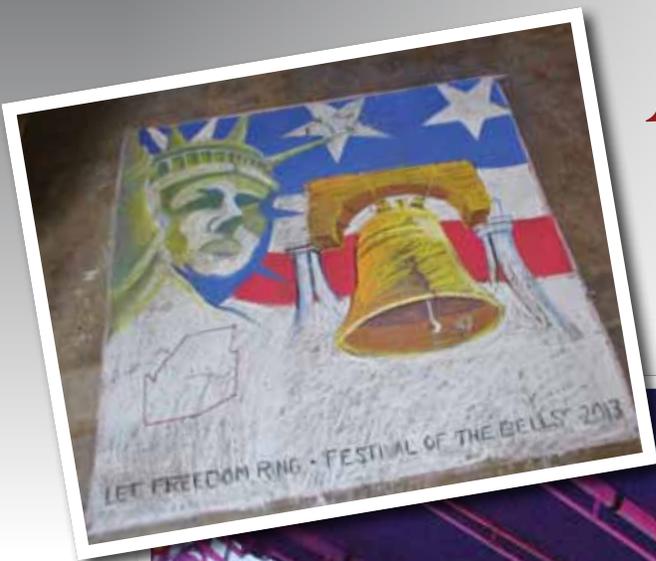


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# Festival *of the* Bells



Hillsboro has celebrated America's birthday in a family-friendly fashion for the past 27 years by shutting down the uptown streets and inviting thousands to attend the Festival of the Bells.

The fourth of July weekend is one that leads the city to stand out each summer with free Christian and country music concerts, contests, rides, deep-fried and locally-produced foods.

Numerous businesses throughout Highland County financially assist festival committee members in bringing the celebration back year after year. Area churches also contribute by sponsoring well-known Christian music artists the first night of the festival.

"This is a unique opportunity for people to come out to a venue in their own county and enjoy three wonderful nights

of music, completely free, take in the events, food concessions and more," said Michael Bradford, Festival of the Bells committee chairman.

Bradford said the festival is a wonderful way to bring the community out to enjoy summertime.

Currently, there are 16 members on the festival committee, many of whom have played a role since the festival's inception in 1976. Bradford has served in some capacity for more than 13 years.

"The committee has been great to work with and they are a wonderful group of people who give a lot of their family time to put this on each year," he said. "I really appreciate all of their help." The Festival of the Bells began following the city of Hillsboro's successful bicentennial celebration in the 1970s.

Many local citizens were seeking to host an annual celebration and soon the idea was formed. Hillsboro was the site of the former C.S. Bells Foundry which produced steel alloy bells to be distributed across the U.S. In a 1944 article re-printed on [www.highland-ohio.com](http://www.highland-ohio.com), it was reported that Charles S. Bell had garnered the concept of making the bells after accidentally dropping a piece of metal and listening to the loud, echoing ring that followed.

In 1944, the bells foundry had already cast more than 26,000 bells for various purposes including the Navy, civilian defense and Maritime Commission, according to the article.

An annual festival to celebrate the successful company that spread pieces of what would later become Hillsboro's history across the entire country, was the very idea for which the citizens of Hillsboro were looking.

Since the Festival of the Bells' first year, a massive growth in attendance has occurred and individuals can enjoy one or more of the dozens of holiday-weekend activities. Becoming most popular are the evening concerts that begin on the Thursday night of the festival and end on Saturday night.

Since 2000, Hillsboro has welcomed country artists from Brad Paisley and Rascal Flatts to Taylor Swift and most recently The Band Perry and Easton Corbin. Equally entertaining, Christian music artists, including Mark Schultz, Rush of Fools and Natalie Grant among others, have taken the stage in Hillsboro since 2006.

In addition to the musical entertainment, the Festival of the Bells offers several activities for families to enjoy together. Among such activities are face painting and kiddie pedal tractor pulls, as well as rides and an annual firefighters parade.

"I enjoy bringing my kids out to the festival during the day because it gives us something to do," said Heather Allen, of Hillsboro. "The kids can ride, watch the parade or just enjoy being out in the sunshine."

The 2016 festival will get under way Thursday, June 30 and last through Saturday, July 2 with location, activities and entertainment to be determined. For more information, visit [www.festivalofthebells.com](http://www.festivalofthebells.com).



## Country and Christian music artists that have performed at the Festival of the Bells since 2000:

- 2000:** Brad Paisley
- 2001:** Rascal Flatts and Joe Diffie
- 2002:** Brad Martin and Chris Cagle
- 2003:** Joe Nichols and Chris Cagle
- 2004:** Dierks Bentley and Trick Pony
- 2005:** Josh Gracin and Blake Shelton
- 2006:** Mark Schultz, Little Big Town Daryl Worley
- 2007:** Todd Agnew, Taylor Swift and Neal McCoy
- 2008:** Big Daddy Weave, Chuck Wicks, Bucky Covington
- 2009:** Rush of Fools, Julianne Hough and Lady Antebellum
- 2010:** Natalie Grant, Justin Moore and Jason Michael Carroll
- 2011:** Matthew West, The Band Perry and Easton Corbin
- 2012:** Sanctus Real, James Wesley, Hunter Hayes, Kip Moore
- 2013:** Brandon Heath, The Farm, Dustin Lynch
- 2014:** Francesca Battistelli, Frankie Ballard, Zach Paxon, Eric Paslay, Parmalee
- 2015:** Sidewalk Prophets, After Hours, Rae Lynn, John King, Chase Bryant
- 2016:** Building 429, Jana Kramer, Phil Vassar



# HIGHLAND HOUSE MUSEUM



## *Keeping History Alive*

Located on East Main Street in one of the oldest parts of Hillsboro is the 1840s era Highland House Museum. Home to the Highland County Historical Society the museum is filled with artifacts and documents from the earliest days of the Hillsboro area. The museum building served as a private home but soon became an active carriage stop and hotel complete with meal service. As times changed, the hotel became a boarding house with small sleeping rooms and a shared bath for all the residents. The kitchen also became more active as the dining room became a popular destination for locals and visitors alike.

The original home kitchen has been recreated as part of the room exhibits and features an antique cookstove and all the cooking implements of a time long ago. A newer kitchen added later in the building's history is still used to prepare food for the many functions and gatherings held in the spacious meeting room.

Recreating the living space of a home of that era was the goal in planning and furnishing the high ceiling rooms and common areas. Upstairs are several bedrooms decorated with items of the period just a few years after the founding of Hillsboro. Mid-19th century furniture is displayed along with personal effects like dresses, gloves and shoes to make history come alive.

The adult rooms show what daily life would have been like for early Highland County residents of means. Hand carved beds, chairs and furniture were brought from the east coast or larger cities until local factories could supply their needs. These items of daily use are now priceless antiques that can be appreciated for both their function and beauty. The walls are lined with historical portraits and paintings appropriate to the history and

were donated by local families as a memorial to the pioneering families of the area. The original house was constructed in a large "L" shape with the main house facing Main Street and the original kitchen extending back from the dining room. At one point in its history a two story porch was added, the first in Hillsboro, and in the late 1800s, the porch was enclosed with brick and it became a permanent part of the house. Evidence of this remodeling can be seen in the back hallway where the underside of the old porch roof can still be seen. An observant visitor can spot the architectural clues to the original layout and later remodeling. Great care has been taken to preserve this landmark building and grounds. A pamphlet is available in the entry hall to help you on your tour of the museum.

Other exhibits include a salute to local veterans, early medicine and dentistry, historical society members, early telephone service and a recreation of a one room school class with posters about history and penmanship. Look closely and you can see the old stone marbles a student has on his desk. These displays are accessible and open to allow the visitor to immerse himself in this early time in Ohio history.

Membership in the society is reasonable and includes a newsletter subscription and invitations to all the society events. During the holiday season, the museum is also open for a sale of handmade local craft items. The time and dates are posted in the newsletter and the local newspapers. Admission price to the museum is voluntary and only an interest in history is required to enter.

For information about membership, arranging a visit or reserving a meeting space for groups and organizations, call 937-393-3392.



# Brush & Palette *Art Guild Show*

The guild started in 1957 as the Leesburg Brush and Palette Art Club with eight pupils in an oil painting class taught by Mrs. Violet Linton, wife of Edward Linton, the pastor of the Leesburg Friends Church. Classes were held every Monday evening at the church. The group held its first show in 1959 at the Dunlap Building in Leesburg. From 1960 through 1996, the annual show was held in the Fairfield

High School gymnasium. In 1960, 26 members exhibited in the club's second annual art show.

The group reorganized and changed its name to Leesburg Brush and Palette Art Guild and was incorporated as a non-profit organization in 1980. The group had grown to 55 members in 1987. In 1997, the guild moved the art show to the central campus of Southern State

Community College in Hillsboro. With 60 members, the group moved their meetings to the Hillsboro Church of Christ on Walnut Street in Hillsboro. Having attracted members from several counties in southwestern Ohio, the group changed its name to Brush and Palette Art Guild in 2004.

For more information, contact Deanna Flinn at 937-393-4193.

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# Explore the GREEN LIVING Communities of Highland County

An Amish community is growing in southeastern Highland County in Brush Creek Township. Having moved from northern Ohio the families here are engaged in farming, carpentry, gardening, operating sawmills and rug and basket weaving. Visit the Eli Stutzman family's shop at 11976 Sinking Spring Road, west of Sinking Spring, to see more items like the excellent examples pictured below. They can also give directions to other farms and their wares.

Many Mennonite families have moved to the southeastern corner of Highland County and the adjacent corners of Ross and Pike Counties from eastern Pennsylvania and Maryland, and have been greatly welcomed to the area. Their fine craftsmanship, culinary skills, family values and good work ethics have given them a special place within the community. These families have established several businesses along State Route 41 between Sinking Spring and Bainbridge. JR's General Store stocks bulk items such as flours, dried fruits, spices, snack foods, cheeses and also has a nice selection of handmade clothing and handcrafted wooden items. For those who are interested in learning more about the Mennonites, JR's offers several books about their life and culture. Vegetables and fruits, most grown locally, are available in season. Nearby, Beech Grove Bakery and Farm Market, on Lapperell Road has a selection of fresh home-baked goods of the highest quality. Stauffer's Harness Shop carries a line of harnesses as well as providing mail order service for customers. Stauffer's also has registered Belgian horses. They are located on Dry Bone Road, off State Route 41 south of Cynthiana. Directions can be obtained at the stores to other specialized craftsmen.

During the growing season, the Bainbridge Produce Auction has fresh fruits and vegetables as well as bedding plants, perennials, straw and special auctions for furniture. Retail sales and wholesalers are both welcome. An excellent selection is available and lunch is served on sale days. Sales take place Monday, Wednesday and Friday throughout the spring, summer and fall. Not to be missed are the huge quantities of pumpkins auctioned after Labor Day to the end of October. The produce auction is located less than a mile from J. R.'s General Store on St. Rt. 41.

Recently opened in between the produce auction and J. R.'s is Crafts Unlimited. You can find antiques, locally made products and furniture, craft supplies and home décor items. Breakfast and lunch are served every day except Sunday. Country Crust Bakery, just south of Bainbridge off U.S. 50 on 41 S (down the road from JR's General Store), offers fresh baked pies, cakes, cookies, rolls, donuts and turnovers. The Weaver Family, located just outside of Rainsboro on State Route 753 North, has fresh vegetables, fruits and flowers available seasonally.



# Tracing Your Roots

## GENEALOGY LIBRARY AT AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

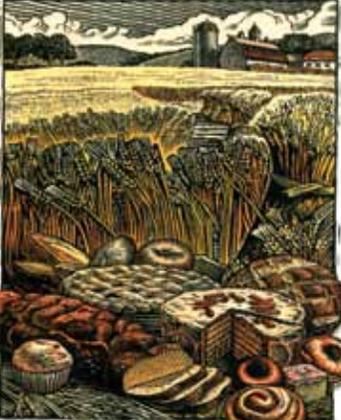


Highland County served as a starting point for many families during the early years of our country. Settled early in the State of Ohio's history by revolutionary war veterans and others many chose to stay in the area and raise families. The history of those families bring hundreds of visitors each year to the local cemeteries, historical societies and the Genealogy Library in search of missing relatives or more information on their ancestors. Located on the campus of Southern State Community College the library contains volumes of data listing births, marriages and deaths of local residents.

With the renewed interest in family histories following the success of

television programs like "Who do you think you are?" more people are searching for their family roots and experiences. The website <http://highlandco.org/content/genealogy-and-local-history> is a good place to start in a search for ancestors and includes links to local, regional and national resources for the casual or experienced researcher. The Southern Ohio Genealogical Society also is a great source of information and can be reached through their website [www.sogs.info](http://www.sogs.info) or by contacting the library location. All of the genealogy research is guided by the society to maintain the highest level of accuracy and completeness of family trees.





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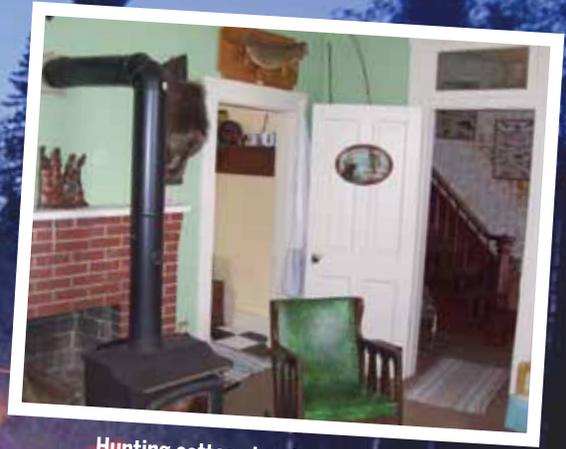
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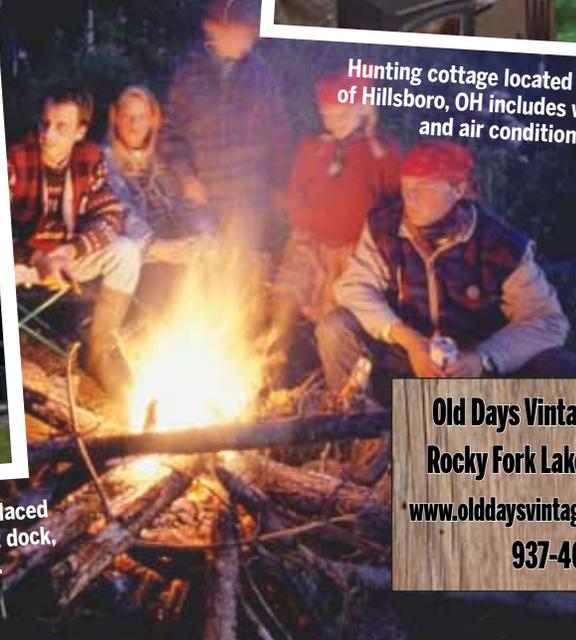
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# Fort Hill

## State Memorial

Fort Hill State Memorial, located off State Route 41, in southeastern Highland County, has within its boundaries one of the best preserved prehistoric Indian hilltop enclosures in the State of Ohio. Equally interesting are the rock outcrops and the vast variety of plant and animal life. The 1,200 acre site is administered by the Ohio Historical Society.

The summit of the hill is enclosed with a stone and earthen wall that is just below the top. The 1 and 5/8 mile long embankment has 33 irregularly spaced openings that vary in width. The reason for this is unknown. Objects found in one of two circular earthworks to the south seem to indicate that a prehistoric Hopewell village once occupied this area.

Fort Hill lies at the western edge of the Appalachian plateau and just south of the southern boundary of glacial activity in Ohio. This position gives Fort Hill an interesting combination of contrasting natural regions having different topography, glacial history, flora, fauna and soil. Baker Fork, which flows at the western base of Fort Hill through a limestone gorge, attracts a great deal of attention for the uncommon plants that grow there. The Canadian yew and Sullivantia, both practically exterminated in the north by the glaciers, grow here, as well as numerous other plants uncommon to the area.

The site is also home to many fascinating birds. Both summer and scarlet tanagers

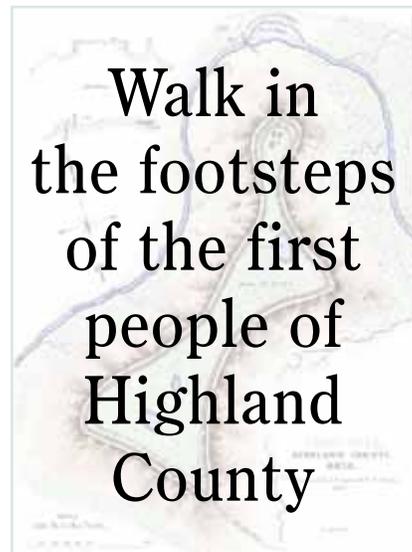
are present here and during nesting season the ovenbird can be heard singing. Yellow-throated vireos and other warblers are here as well. Other rarities occurring here are butterflies and Sanborn's crawfish, which reaches its westernmost range in this vicinity.

One of the most beautiful picnic grounds in the state, with picnic tables and grills available, the huge stone shelter house highlights the picnic area. Built in the 1930s by the Civilian Conservation Corp, or CCC, the living roof of the building is now of particular interest. They are the latest environmental fashion trend in modern high rise buildings of Europe, Canada and the U.S. for the purposes of increasing aesthetics and reducing carbon footprint and utility bills. But Fort Hill's shelter house went eco-friendly years before living roofs became popular. Its wooden shingles have been quietly "going green" ever since the picnic shelter was constructed. Although still resisting water, the shingles have become a living nursery for over a dozen species of mosses and lichens. This natural garden planted by mother nature herself, helps the shelter house blend naturally into its forest environment and assists in keeping the shelter cool on even the hottest days.

More than eleven miles of well-marked trails have been developed and maintained at Fort Hill. The trails are all color-coded and reference signs are prominently positioned.

The Fort Hill Museum is a treasure trove of information on the geological, cultural and natural history of this area. Telling the story through film, displays, timelines and the usage of touch screen computers, the visitor will learn of the ancient people who inhabited the area, the effects of glaciers and the presence of unusual flora and fauna.

For more information about Fort Hill State Memorial and Museum call 937-365-1935 or 800-282-8905 or visit [www.highlandssanctuary.org](http://www.highlandssanctuary.org) and click on Fort Hill. The park is open year round during daylight hours, groups by appointment. The museum is open weekends May through October, 10-5. There is no fee for museum entrance



# Where to Eat . . .

## Hillsboro

### Alley 21 Neighborhood Grille

1086 N. High Street,  
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Info: 937-840-0200

### Arby's Restaurant

1279 N. High Street,  
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Info: 937-393-5611

### Domino's Pizza

132 W. Main Street,  
Hillsboro  
Info: 937-393-9941

### Wanda's Grill

122 N. High Street,  
Hillsboro  
Info: 937-393-3774

### Classic's Diner

1581 N. High Street,  
Hillsboro  
Info: 937-393-3923

### Buckeye Dairy Bar

7786 Chillicothe Ave,  
Hillsboro  
Info: 937-393-1371

### Cowaburger

1468 N. High Street  
Hillsboro

### Dairy Queen

1000 W. Main Street,  
Hillsboro  
Info: 937-393-2344

### Frisch's Big Boy

1285 N. High Street,  
Hillsboro  
Info: 937-393-9973

### Kentucky Fried Chicken

301 Chillicothe Ave,  
Hillsboro  
Info: 937-393-3454

### Gold Star Chili

Harry Sauner Road,  
Hillsboro  
Info: 937-393-4422

### Giovanni's Pizza

1200 N High St. Hillsboro  
Info: 937-402-4323

### Danna's Family Restaurant

131 W. Main Street,  
Hillsboro  
Info: 937-393-4090

### Little Caesars Pizza

100 Harry Sauner Rd  
937-402-4571

### Pasquale's Pizza

122 S. High Street, Hillsboro  
Info: 937-393-3473

### McDonald's

1474 N. High Street,  
Hillsboro  
Info: 937-393-1233

### Pizza Hut Delivery

201 S. High Street, Hillsboro  
Info: 937-393-9933

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1461 N. High Street,  
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Hillsboro  
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**Dakota's Roadhouse**  
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Hillsboro  
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**LaCascada**  
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Info: 937-393-8861

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Hillsboro  
Info: 937-393-1440

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Info: 937-402-4200

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Hillsboro  
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**Senior Citizens Lunch**  
185 Muntz St., Hillsboro  
Info: 937-393-4745,  
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**Barnyard Cafe**  
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**Beechwood Pizza & Grill**  
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## Greenfield

**Three Spoons Diner**  
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**Buckeye Hills Country Club  
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**Burger King Restaurant**  
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**Fortune Wok Chinese  
Restaurant**  
216 Jefferson Street,  
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Info: 937-981-5300

**Dairy Nook**  
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**Pappy's Pub**  
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**The Village Cafe**  
162 S. Main St  
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**Family Diner**  
419 Main Street, Lynchburg  
Info: 937-364-6748

**Terry's Pizza**  
1505 U.S. Rte. 50, Lynchburg  
Info: 937-364-2156

**Village Inn Pub**  
124 Main Street, Lynchburg  
Info: 937-364-9215

## Leesburg

**Batter Up Bakery**  
40 E. Main St., Leesburg  
Info: 937-780-BAKE

**Crossroads Diner**  
11400 US 62  
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# Where to Shop . . .

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### Olde Cellar

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### Gable House

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### Bayview Campground Store

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937-393-3119

### Cundiff's Flower and Farm Market

8064 St. Rt. 124 SE, Hillsboro  
Info: 937-393-1411

### Highland House Museum

151 East Main Street, Hillsboro  
Info: 937-393-3392

### Merle Norman Cosmetics

144 S. High Street, Hillsboro  
Info: 937-840-0701

### Janie's Closet

203 N. High Street, Hillsboro  
Info: 937-393-2357

### Back Home Antiques

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Info: 859-200-3424

### Twenty Four

#### Exchange and Deli

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Info: 937-402-4729

### White's Cake Box

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### Margaret's

#### Memories Yarn Shop

220 W. Beech Street, Hillsboro  
Info: 937-763-1831

### The Shabby Moose

744 N. High Street, Hillsboro  
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### Bon Appetit

117 W Main St  
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## Leesburg

### Batter Up Bakery

40 E. Main Street, Leesburg  
Info: 937-780-BAKE



## Bainbridge

### Christmas At The Cabin

Cave Road, Bainbridge  
Info: 937-365-1388

### Trading Post

401 S. Maple Street, Bainbridge  
Info: 937-634-2867

## Greenfield

### Ivy & Twigs

116 N. Washington Street, Greenfield  
Info: 937-981-2125

### Marples Tattered & Torn

244 Jefferson Street, Greenfield

### Ben Franklin Crafts

1013 Jefferson Street, Greenfield

### Robin's Village Florist

232 Jefferson Street, Greenfield

### Greenfield's Homestead

345 Jefferson Street, Greenfield

### Greenfield Music & Amps

343 Jefferson Street, Greenfield

## Lynchburg

### Beech Street Candleworks

111 S. Main Street

### Lynchburg Antique Mall

174 N. Main Street, Lynchburg  
Info: 937-364-9036

### The Village Bakery

350 Eastern Avenue, Lynchburg

### Shirley and Toni's Bake and Sew

417 S. Sycamore Street, Lynchburg

### Lori's Place

220 Bayless Avenue, Lynchburg

### Duncan's Gift Shop

412 E. High Street, Lynchburg

### Lynchburg Commons

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### Dianne's Flowers and Gifts

3635 Anderson Road, Lynchburg  
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## Amish and Mennonite Shops

### Eli Stutzman Farm

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Hillsboro

### JR's General Store

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Sinking Spring and Bainbridge  
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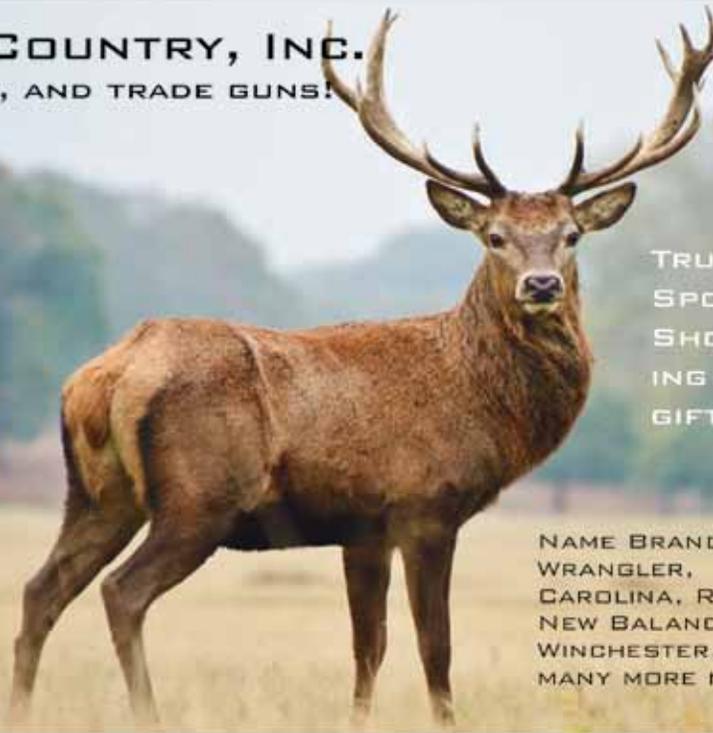
M&M Swap Shop on West Main Street in Hillsboro is a bargain hunter's paradise. Everything from trading cards to tools to antiques move through a rapidly changing inventory of interesting items. Video games and DVDs are very popular and weekly specials make them affordable for everyone. A family operation, they offer appraisal services on selected items they buy for their inventory. The walls are filled with merchandise and items to explore. Open till 6pm except Sundays.



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Prevalent among the county's attractions are the popular twin lakes, operated under the auspices of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. Rocky Fork State Park, located three miles southeast of Hillsboro off St. Rt. 124, and Paint Creek State Park, located midway between Hillsboro and Bainbridge on Rt. 50, both support a wealth of flora and fauna. Numerous waterfowl, such as the elegant snowy egret and blue heron find sufficient habitat at the lakes. Rocky Fork offers a bird observation area and trail. The area sustains plant life which includes trillium, yarrow, bloodroot, and the rare wildflower, *Sullivantia*. Beaver are regularly sighted in the area.

The Rocky Fork Region surrounds the Rocky Fork State Park and its 2,000 acre lake. Rocky Fork State Park is a paradise for outdoor enthusiasts and derives its name from the stream flowing through the park. This stream, winding over dolomite limestone, has eroded spectacular gorges and caves which we can enjoy today. The Division of Parks and Recreation operates and maintains the parking lots, boat ramps, docks, concessions, meeting facilities, swimming beaches, picnic areas, hiking trails and state campgrounds.

On the lake, unlimited horsepower boating allows for excellent water sports. The lake also provides excellent catches of bass, catfish, muskellunge, walleye, crappie and bluegill. A scenic gorge, dolomite caves and natural wetlands add to the popularity of this recreation area. Rocky Fork provides habitat for numerous waterfowl, songbirds, raccoons, skunk, red fox and white-tailed deer. The wetlands in the park are home to the green frog, bullfrog, opossum and muskrat. Hunting is very popular in the region and in 2009 a new state record was set when an 18 point buck was shot during gun season.

On the north side of the lake, everything needed for a great day or stay at the lake can be found. Both Route 50 and North Shore Drive provide plenty of lodging opportunities from motels to cottages and camping. Various dining establishments can be found on the north and east side of the lake and in Hillsboro. The east shore overlook is the home of the RF Sailing Club and Rocky Fork Marine. Rocky Fork Lake offers the best sailing in southwest Ohio. The lake has the largest sailing area in the tri-state, lying approximately 8 miles long on the East-West axis. (Be ready to tack, though!) Most of the sailboats run in

the range from 22 to 29 feet long, and sailors spend the summer on board, living the Lake Life! Look for the springtime SailFest event and come out for a sail, or just stop by the docks and chat. On the southwest side of the lake, via State Route 124, is the Rocky Fork Golf Course which boasts an 18-hole championship course.

Every year, the Rocky Fork Region enjoys activities like the Youth Trout Derby in the spring, Bluegrass Festival in late spring and summer and fall campout activities. Many fishing clubs enjoy tournament dates on the lake between March and September.



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Visitors to Paint Creek State Park have enjoyed good catches of saugeye, catfish, crappie, bass and bluegill. Hunting is also permitted on both lakes for waterfowl. A valid Ohio hunting or fishing license is required.

Unlimited horsepower boating is also permitted on Paint Creek Lake. Launch ramps provide access to the lakes and fuel. Boat and dock rental are available.

The hilltop campground at Paint Creek has 199 sites equipped with electricity. There is also a primitive horseman's camp for those who want to avail themselves of the park's 25 miles of bridle trails. Mountain bike enthusiasts will enjoy the 14 miles of bike trails.

For more information, call Rocky Fork State Park at 937-393-4284 and Paint Creek State Park at 937-393-4284.



## FISHING AT ROCKY FORK

Rocky Fork Lake is excellent for fishing with an average depth of about 15 feet and a maximum depth of about 40 feet. The present lake bottom was originally agricultural fields. Many tree stumps were left standing in the upper end of the lake during its construction. Steep, rocky shorelines are present in some sections of the lower half of the lake. The upper-third of the lake has become much shallower due to siltation.

The added attraction of a fishing pier at Fisherman's Wharf, which is accessible to the handicapped, makes fishing possible for everyone. A stone fishing pier at the Blinko Area on the Northeast side of the lake accommodates picnickers and fishing devotees.

In the spring, 8 to 12 inches crappie can be found in good numbers. Per the Ohio Division of Wildlife the 2010 minimum crappie length is 9 inch with a 30 fish daily bag rate. Fish the brushy shorelines or fallen timber in the spring and try the drop offs or points adjacent to deep water in the summer and fall. In the weed beds, around the fallen trees and at the boat docks 5 to 7 inch bluegill are caught using red worms, wax worms or small jigs between May and June.

The channel and flathead catfish population is strong with most channel catfish being 1 to 3 pounds and some have been found over 15 pounds. There are a good number of flathead catfish present with some weighing over 30 pounds. The outlook for catfish between June and August is very good.

There is a strong numbers of largemouth bass, 10 to 14 inch, and many being 2 to 4 pound fish. A fair number of smallmouth bass are present, some up to 3 to 4 pounds. A 2006 electrofishing survey showed fantastic numbers of bass 12 to 20 inches.

Tournament anglers weighed in a 5 pound, 8 ounce fish in 2005 and a 6 pound, 3 ounce bass in 2006. Try spinner baits, jigs, or plastic worms around weed beds, fallen shoreline trees or rocky shorelines. There are moderate numbers of 8 to 12 inch white bass. Try casting small spinners or small jigs with twister tails. In the main lake, try trolling small silver crankbaits or casting blade baits from July through September. In May, try Rocky Fork Creek near the SR 124 bridge for spawning fish.

Saugeye stockings began in 2001 and over 3 million fingerlings were stocked through 2008. Saugeye fishing has been hard to predict — great in 2005, slow in 2007, and very good in 2008. The average length of saugeye harvested in 2008 was 15 inches.

Beyond 2008, we look for good numbers of 13 to 18 inch fish, with some fish over 24 inches and 5 pounds. In general, the best catch rates occur from May through July. Try drifting with bottom-bouncing night crawler rigs, casting jigs and twister tails, and casting or trolling shad-pattern crankbaits along dropoffs adjacent to flats.

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www.sscctheatre.com

## Festivals

*June*

**Leesburg Summer Festival**

**Lynchburg's Back In Time Festival**

*July*

**Festival of the Bells**

- Festival celebrates the C. S. Bell Company and the bells heard around the world. Food booths, crafts, rides and historical displays.
- Downtown Hillsboro
- For Info: 937-393-9957,  
www.festivalofthebells.com

**Greene Countrie Towne Festival**

- Celebrating the industrial history of Greenfield, historical displays, food booths, crafts, entertainment, historical society buildings and cruise-in.
- Downtown Greenfield
- For Info: 937-981-2173

*August*

**Huckleberry Finn Fest & Gravy & Sausage Breakfast**

- Paint Creek State Park, U.S. Rt. 50, Bainbridge
- For Info: 937-393-4284

*September*

**Oktoberfest, Greenfield**

*October*

**The Fall Festival of Leaves**

- Bainbridge Ohio
- Festival is held annually on the third weekend of October.

## Arts & Crafts

**Cabin Fever Arts Festival**

- Hosted by the Appalachian Artisan Guild. Free admission.
- Southern State Community College, Hillsboro, Patriot Center Gymnasium
- For info: Diana Harvey, 937-393-2747, www.appartguild.com

*June*

**Appalachian Traditional Skills Workshop**

- Southern State Community College, South Campus, 12681 U.S. Route 62, Sardinia
- For info: 800-628-7722 ext. 2515

**Brush and Palette Art Guild Show**

- Last weekend in June
- Regional artists display their work.
- Southern State Community College, Central Campus, Hobart Drive, Hillsboro
- For info: Deanna Flinn, 939-393-4193



*November*

**Artisan Folk Fair**

- Artisans demonstrate and sell traditional folk arts and crafts. Free stage and strolling performers and food available. Handicapped accessible, free parking.
- Fairfield Local School Complex, 11611 SR 771, Leesburg
- For info: 937-780-9884, artisan-folkfair@yahoo.com

**Jingle Bell Bazaar**

- Craft bazaar features local and area artists as well as homemade cookies, handmade quilts, aprons, and other clothing, seasonal ornaments and wood products, homemade fudge and honey from local beekeepers. Lunch served by Hills and Dales PTO. Free admission.
- Hills and Dales Training Center, 8919 US 50 East, Hillsboro
- For info: 937-393-4237

## Expos

*June*

**Highland Co. Antique Machinery Show**

- Free entertainment, food, booths, demonstrations, and flea market. Follow signs from Rt. 50 and Rt. 124 East. Admission is \$3 per person and children under 12 free.
- For Info: 937-393-4341



# Outdoor Activities

## June

### Blast from the Past

- Paint Creek State Park
- For Info: 937-393-4284

### 50/60's Weekend

- Rocky Fork State Park
- For Info: 937-393-4284

### Father's Day Mini-Golf Tournament

- Paint Creek State Park
- For Info: 937-393-4284

## July

### Hog Roast

- Paint Creek State Park
- For Info: 937-393-4284

### July 4th Weekend

- Cornhole games, bike parade, crafts and movies.
- Rocky Fork State Park
- For Info: 937-393-4284

### Christmas in July Campout

- Rocky Fork State Campground  
North Shore Drive, Hillsboro
- For Info: 937-393-4284

### Campground Yard Sale

- Paint Creek State Park
- For Info: 937-393-4284

## August

### Campground Yard Sale

- Rocky Fork State Campground  
North Shore Drive, Hillsboro
- For Info: 937-393-4284

## September

### Highland County Fair

- Agricultural displays, crafts, livestock shows and sales, floral displays, rides and food. Free parking with admission fee.
- Fairgrounds, St. Rt. 73 North, Hillsboro
- For Info: 937-393-9975

### OSU Buckeye Tailgate Party

- Paint Creek State Park
- For Info: 937-393-4284

## October

### Pancake Breakfast

- Paint Creek State Park
- For Info: 937-393-4284

# Holiday Events

## September

### Labor Day Weekend

- Pet parade, cornhole and movies.
- Rocky Fork State Park
- For Info: 937-393-4284

### Labor Day

#### Pancake Breakfast

- Paint Creek State Park
- For Info: 937-393-4284

## October

### Haunted Hills, 7:30 to 11 p.m.

Fridays and Saturdays and  
7:30 to 10 p.m.

Sundays

- Magic Waters Woods,  
7757 Cave Road, Bainbridge
- For Info: 937-365-1388,  
[www.highland-ohio.com/magicwaters](http://www.highland-ohio.com/magicwaters)

### Halloween Campout

- Paint Creek State Park
- For Info: 937-393-4284

### Halloween Campout

- Camp-site decorating, costume contest, silent auction, games, movie and haunted trail. Regular camping fees apply.
- Rocky Fork State Park Campgrounds,  
9800 North Shore Drive, Hillsboro
- For Info: 937-393-4284

## November

### Hillsboro Holiday Parade

- Parade starts at 4 p.m. Lighting of the courthouse lawn at dusk.
- Uptown Hillsboro
- For Info: 937-840-0701

## December

### Highland House Museum

- Museum is beautifully decorated throughout for the holiday season. Children's tea party, gift shop available.
- 151 E. Main St., Hillsboro
- For Info: 937-393-3392

# What to Do...

## Hiking

### Highlands Nature Sanctuary

U.S. 50 East to Cave Road, Bainbridge

The sanctuary is open 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

on Saturdays and Sundays from April through October. Reservations are not necessary except for groups. The sanctuary contains tremendous gorge along with geologic formations such as caves and dolomite cliffs accented by spring wildflower displays. A full schedule of events relating to natural history & ecological self-sufficiency can be accessed at [www.arcofappalachia.org](http://www.arcofappalachia.org). Open for hiking and wilderness permits obtained two weeks in advance. Permit holders may reserve accommodations ahead of time for overnight lodging.

Info: 937-365-1935

### Miller's Nature Sanctuary

A steep-walled gorge of dolomite lined with wildflower draped slopes is the backdrop for this preserve. Small tributaries trickle over waterfalls as they make their way to the gorge. April and May are the best months to visit this dazzling display. Access with written permission.

Info: 937-544-9750

### Pike Lake State Park

1847 Pike Lake Road, near Bainbridge

Nature programs, camping, hiking, picnicking, boat rentals, boat ramps and winter sports. Visitor center, lodge and cabins. Info: 614-493-2212

### Paint Creek State Park

14265 U.S. Route 50, Hillsboro

Info: 937-393-4284, [www.paintcreekstatepark.com](http://www.paintcreekstatepark.com)



### Rocky Fork State Park

9800 North Shore Drive, Hillsboro

Info: 937-393-4284

### Fort Hill State Memorial

From Hillsboro, take St. Rt. 124 southeast to 41 North.

Nature trails, picnic areas, ancient Native American fortifications. Daylight hours only.

Info: 1-800-282-8905 or 937-365-1935

# What to Do...



## Lakes & Fishing

### Rocky Fork State Park

9800 N. Shore Drive, Hillsboro  
4 miles east on St. Rt. 124. 2,080 acres of lake and 1,384 of land. Boating with unlimited horsepower, camping, hunting, hiking, mountain bike trail, fishing, picnicking, with two swimming beaches. 16 boat launching ramps, dock and boat rentals. 200 campsites, 70 with electric. Info: 937-393-4284 or 1-800-BUCKEYE

### Paint Creek State Park

U.S. 50, East of Hillsboro  
Located amid the breathtaking scenery of the Paint Creek Valley, Paint Creek features a 1,200 acre lake with fine fishing, boating and swimming. A modern campground and meandering trails invite outdoor enthusiasts to explore and enjoy the 9,000 acres of rolling hills and streams of this scenic area.

Info: Park office: 937-393-4284;  
Camp office: 937-981-7061

### Cave Lake

1132 Bell Hollow Road, Hillsboro  
Over 400 campsites, 300 electric. Water coaster, beach, cabins. Open April 1 through October 1. Info: 937-588-3252 or 614-335-2433

## Camping

### Babington Campgrounds

11993 Spruance Road, Hillsboro  
Info: 937-466-2323

### Rocky Fork State Park

9800 North Shore Drive, Hillsboro  
Info: 937-393-4284

### Paint Creek State Park

14265 U.S. Route 50, Hillsboro  
Info: 937-393-4284 or 937-981-7061,  
www.paintcreekstatepark.com

### Shady Trails

11145 North Shore Drive, Hillsboro  
Info: 937-393-5618

### Long's Retreat

50 Bell Hollow Road, Latham  
Info: 937-588-3725

## Hunting



### Fallsville Area

Careytown Road, Hillsboro  
Info: 937-987-2508

### Highland County Coon Hunters Club

7056 State Route 753, Hillsboro  
Info: 937-365-1146

### Paint Creek State Park

www.paintcreekstatepark.com  
Info: 937-393-4284

### Rocky Fork State Park

9800 North Shore Drive, Hillsboro  
Info: 937-393-4284

### Treddolphin (private)

Wildlife preserve, Adams County

### Oldaker Game Preserve

Route 50 West and Russell Station Road  
Info: 937-393-4284

## Pools

### Hillsboro Swim Club

635 West Main Street, Hillsboro  
Info: Office Phone: 937-393-4367,  
Pool: 937-393-2505

### Highland County YMCA

Diamond Drive, Hillsboro  
Info: 937-840-9622

## Golfing

### Elks Country Club Golf Course

451 Danville Pike, Hillsboro  
on St. Rt. 138  
Nine-hole challenging golf course. Open to the public except during club events. March thru November. Pro Shop and carts available. Sand and water hazards. Info: 937-393-2940

### Buckeye Hills Country Club

7261 Limes Road, 2 miles west of Greenfield  
Eighteen hole course open to the public. Pro shop, carts available. Info: 937-981-4136

### Sims Family Golf Center

11801 Hull Road, Greenfield  
Info: 937-981-1322

## Parks

### Liberty Park

Diamond Drive, Hillsboro  
Info: 937-393-5219

### Richard Shaffer Park

US 62 North, Hillsboro

### Mitchell Park

Greenfield

### Ruth Crampton Memorial Park

Memory Lane, Lynchburg

### Roadside Park

Leesburg

### Beech Skate Park

Beech St., Hillsboro

### Felson Park & Nature Trail

Greenfield

# What to See...

## Hillsboro

### The Highland House Museum and Gift Shop

151 East Main Street, Hillsboro  
The Highland House was built in 1842-1844 in classic Federal Style architecture



and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. This handsome museum houses an extensive collection of memorabilia from throughout the area.  
Info: 937-393-3392

### Highland County Courthouse

This picturesque courthouse is the oldest courthouse still in use in Ohio. Located at the intersection of Main and High streets in uptown Hillsboro. Hours: Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### Magic Waters Theatre

7757 Cave Road, Bainbridge  
The theatre concentrates on comedies and simple musicals — the sort of things that send you home feeling better than when you arrived. Enjoy live entertainment at this rustic theatre mid-June through Labor Day.  
Info: 937-365-1388

### Highlands Nature Sanctuary and Appalachian Forest Museum and Gift Shop

7660 Cave Road, Bainbridge  
The sanctuary is open 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays from April through October. The Appalachian Forest Museum is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with educational displays and volunteer naturalists to help visitors orient to the fascinating natural history of the region. There is no fee to visit the forest center.  
Info: 937-365-1935

### Producers Livestock Association

U.S. 50 West, Hillsboro  
Sale held every Monday.  
Info: 937-393-3424

### Union Stockyards

7510 St. Rt. 138 East, Hillsboro  
Sale held every Thursday.  
Info: 937-393-1958

## Lynchburg

### Lynchburg Covered Bridge

Memory Lane, Lynchburg  
Located on Memory Lane at the west end of High Street. One of the few covered bridges left standing in southern Ohio. Ruth Crampton Memorial Park adjoins the bridge as a picnic area.  
Hours: Daylight hours all year round.

## Sinking Spring

### Octagonal Schoolhouse

St. Rt. 124, Sinking Spring  
Hours: Scheduled by appointment only. On the public square in Sinking Spring. This building has been in constant usage since it was built and is now used for town meetings.  
Info: 937-588-3915

## Greenfield

### B&O Railroad Depot / D.T.I. Railroad Depot

McArthur Way, Greenfield  
Two adjacent restored depots offer fine examples of days gone by. The B.&O. Depot is owned by the historical society. The D.T.I. Depot is owned by Dr. Michael Sims, D.V.M. Open during the "Wheels Of Progress Festival" in the month of July and for special occasions.  
Info: 937-981-7890

### Edward Lee McClain High School

Jefferson Street (St. Rt. 28) and N. Sixth Street, Greenfield  
The cornerstone for this historic school was laid in 1914 due to the generosity of philanthropist Edward Lee McClain, and the school houses a fine collection of classical artwork.  
Info: Dr. Dan Strain, principal, 937-981-7731

### Travellers Rest

147 Jefferson Street, Greenfield  
Built in 1812 of stone quarried from nearby Paint Creek, it offers an interesting glimpse of the history and tradition of both the Greenfield area and Ohio. Travellers Rest is listed on the National Register of Historical Places and is also home to the Greenfield Historical Society.

### Greenfield's Imagination Kingdom

200 N. Fifth St., Greenfield  
Located near the center of Greenfield, this extraordinary wooden playground structure is a welcome treat for any child.  
Hours: Daily, dawn to dusk, except during school hours.

## Unique Lodging

### Starlite Cabin

11565 St. Rt. 124, Hillsboro  
Info: 937-466-9188, [www.starlitecabin getaway.com](http://www.starlitecabin getaway.com)



### Coyote Creek Farm Bed and Breakfast

8871 St. Rt. 124, Hillsboro  
Info: 937-393-5166, [www.coyotecreekfarmoh.com](http://www.coyotecreekfarmoh.com)

### Highlands Nature Sanctuary

Overnight lodging for groups and couples.  
Info: 937-365-1935, [www.highlandssanctuary.org](http://www.highlandssanctuary.org)

### Lazy H Cabin Rentals, Inc.

14889 Old Route 50, Bainbridge  
Info: 740-634-5635 or 1-800-686-5635

### Holiday Cottages

6837 McCoppin Mill Road, Hillsboro

### Serenity Log Cabins

4354 Sweeney Lane, Hillsboro  
Info: 513-276-4292, [www.serenityhillcabins.com](http://www.serenityhillcabins.com)  
Visit us on Facebook

### Bayview Campground and Cottages

11104 North Shore Drive, Hillsboro  
Info: 937-393-3119, [www.rockyforkparks.com](http://www.rockyforkparks.com)

### Old Days Vintage Campers

Rocky Fork Lake, Hillsboro, OH  
937-402-8329

## Hotels & Motels

### Cedar Hill Motel

838 West Main Street, Hillsboro  
Info: 937-393-3547

### Greystone Motel

U.S. 50 East, Hillsboro  
Info: 937-393-1966

### Paragon Inn

883 West Main Street, Hillsboro  
Info: 937-393-4730

### Days Inn

Harry Sauner Road, Hillsboro  
Info: 1-800-222-3297 or 937-393-0299

### Tu-Lakes Motel

7420 North Beach Road, Hillsboro  
Info: 937-393-1917, [www.tulakes.com](http://www.tulakes.com)

# Highland County Veterans

*All gave some,  
some gave all*



Greenfield



Hillsboro

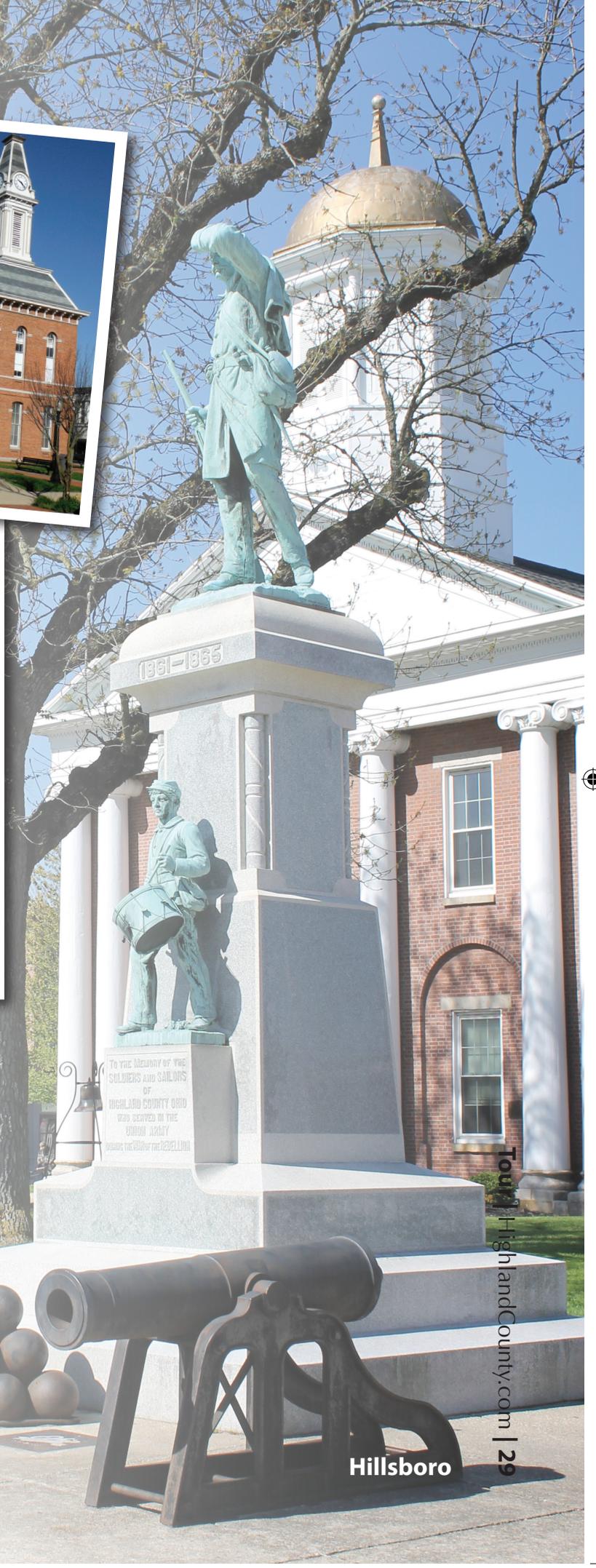


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# Saved for Future Generations



Greenfield has a rich heritage and a great opportunity to further preserve that heritage and share it with not only the residents of Greenfield, but with interested citizens across the country. It is with this idea in mind that the Greenfield Historical Society is preparing its vision for the future. With its current historical property complex, which includes Travellers Rest, the Smith Tannery, the B&O Railroad Depot, and the Greenfield Grain and Hay, the challenge is to create a master plan which not only best utilizes these properties, but defines a vision of educational programming, preservation and community involvement.

Travellers Rest was built by Noble Crawford in 1812. It was the first stone house in Greenfield and also served as Greenfield's first post office, established on June 25, 1813. Crawford was the first postmaster. For well over a century it was used as a private home. When acquired by the historical society, it was moved to its current location on McArthur Way and is used as the museum and headquarters for the Greenfield Historical Society. Housed here, are many noteworthy displays relating to Greenfield's past and rich industrial history.

Once an active transportation hub, the B & O Depot was relocated by the historical society and has been painted and repaired and is an integral part of the historic complex. Greenfield's contribution to the military is recognized in the fascinating items housed here. Of particular interest is the enormous mural on display.

The Samuel Smith Tannery, established in 1821, is the oldest existing tannery building in Ohio and was also a stop on



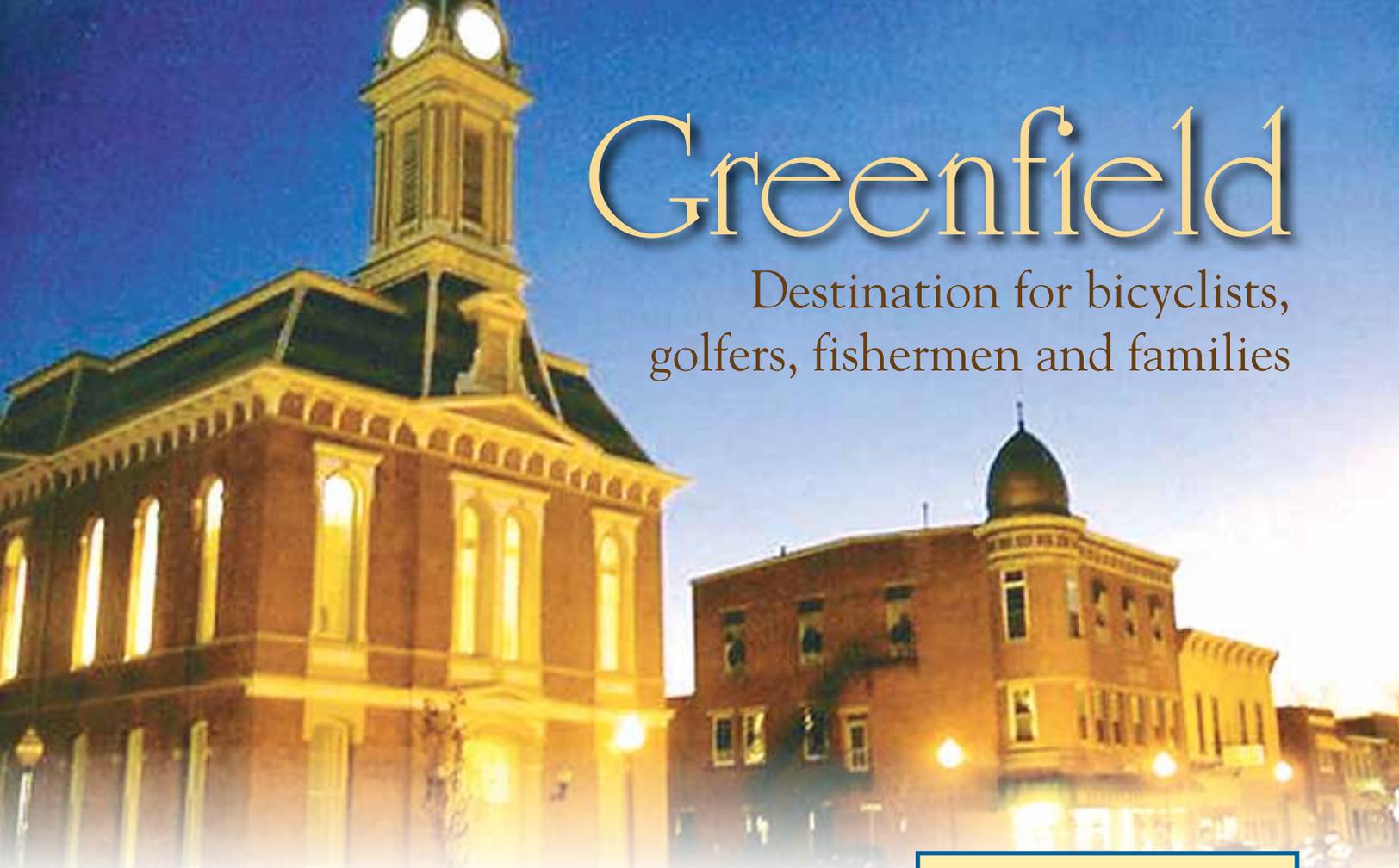
the Underground Railroad. This building is currently being restored and readied for future usage.

A wonderful complex of buildings known by the community as the Greenfield Grain and Hay has been acquired by the society. The most recent acquisition by the historical society, this building complex played a major role in providing farm and hardware products to area residents for many years. Among the cultural displays housed here is a collection of yearbooks from Edward Lee McClain High School as well as photographs and memorabilia relating to the classes.

The Greenfield Historical Society also recently purchased of the property located at 243 South Street in Greenfield, which is believed to be the first two-room schoolhouse in the State of Ohio. An initial donor has provided for the purchase of the property. This building was formerly the Old Seceders Presbyterian Church on South Street, lot #89, and it was part of the

Union Schools from 1867 to 1884. Visit the society's website for more information on special events and activities (including the Octoberfest celebration in September) at [www.greenfieldhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.greenfieldhistoricalsociety.org) or call 937-981-7890. The main society complex is located at McArthur Way and East





# Greenfield

Destination for bicyclists,  
golfers, fishermen and families

Located in northern Highland County with both Fayette and Ross Counties as its neighbors, Greenfield is just a hop, skip and a jump from Paint Creek Lake.

Families are able to bicycle on the scenic Greenfield Bike Trail that runs along the banks of Paint Creek. Our annual Wheels of Progress Festival will once again attract thousands who come to Greenfield to enjoy arts, crafts, games, amusements and musical entertainment.

Greenfield's city building has a rich history. In the late 1800s, the building nearly met an untimely demise when one of the chandeliers crashed to the floor in the midst of a political rally, spewing burning kerosene. A former slave, George Braxton, who decided to stay in Greenfield after arriving in the community via the Underground Railroad, tore off his coat and used it to smother the flames.

In gratitude, the citizens of Greenfield took up a collection to buy him new clothing. A monument in the local cemetery marks Braxton's grave. He was reportedly 115 years old when he died in 1942. The grave marker reads: Slave and Freeman and Christian Gentleman.

In 1921, a tornado passed through Greenfield, hurling debris through the business district but city hall managed to escape relatively unscathed.

A fun and satisfying life for the people of Greenfield includes not only work that fosters the growth and progress of the community — but also the recreational opportunities that allow all its residents to relax and enjoy their leisure time.

Organized field sports are conducted at Mitchell Park, the municipal park. League teams are available for both youth and adults. Baseball, softball and football fields are available at the park in addition to tennis courts and horseshoe pits. A stocked pond for fishing is also at the park.

However, some of the best fishing in Ohio is only five miles away at Paint Creek Lake. Paint Creek, a 1,200 acre lake, situated among the rolling hills and valleys of Southwestern Ohio offers a quiet, peaceful, back-to-nature atmosphere. This lake also provides boating, skiing, and swimming at a newly-constructed beach. The park surrounding the lake welcomes camping, hiking, crosscountry skiing, snowmobiling and horseback riding trails.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

The Greenfield Historical Society offers dinners, historical teas, house tours, local historical ghost tours. For more information, visit [www.greenfieldhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.greenfieldhistoricalsociety.org), visit the society at 103 McArthur Way in Greenfield or call 937-981-7890.

Another state park, 17 miles from Greenfield, is Rocky Fork State Park. Rocky Fork also provides swimming, boating, camping, skiing and fishing. In addition to these facilities, it also has a golf course nearby.

There is a privately-owned country club named Buckeye Hills located five miles west of Greenfield. This club offers a swimming pool and an 18-hole golf course situated in a green terrain landscape valley. It is considered to some the friendliest course in the midwest and also one of the best conditioned layouts in Ohio. Wide fairways make it an enjoyable experience for the average golfer and those who have played here in the past say Buckeye Hills is a true golfers' paradise.

For more information on Greenfield, call 937-981-3500.



Stately Beechcliff Lodge, built in 1912, is today fully remodeled and serves as the central hub for the Sanctuary's education programs, and is also available for private rental. Photo supplied by the Arc of Appalachia Preserve System.

# Get Back to Nature

## *Arc of Appalachia Preserves Ohio's Often-Forgotten Beauty*

### The Highlands Nature Sanctuary

The Rocky Fork Creek is the crowning jewel of Highland County. Its headwater streams drain much of the county's gently rolling agricultural lands, eventually contributing to the water that pools up behind the dam of the popular recreational lake, Rocky Fork State Park. When the water exits the dam, it begins to cut into dolomite bedrock forming the singular feature known as the Rocky Fork Gorge. As the Rocky Fork rushes through the next ten miles of canyon country, it forms a narrow passage between vertical rock walls rising up to 100 feet tall. The rock formations of tilted boulders, small grottos, sinkholes and rock arches present breathtaking panoramic views to visitors, while sheltering a bounty of ferns and wildflowers -- some of which are quite rare. In 1995, the newly founded non-profit Arc of Appalachia Preserve System began working toward an ambitious dream: to protect the lower ten mile canyon and major tributaries of the Rocky Fork Creek. The Highlands Nature Sanctuary was thus born, becoming

the Arc's very first preserve. Today the non-profit Arc of Appalachia Preserve System protects a total of fourteen preserves in southern Ohio. The Sanctuary, however, at 2200 acres, is the Arc's largest preserve, pieced together through the acquisition of 55 separate land parcels in the Rocky Fork watershed. This immense effort, funded primarily through private donations from Ohio citizens, has succeeded in reuniting some of the most stunning scenery to be found anywhere in Ohio. The Highlands Nature Sanctuary's focus is not only on nature preservation, however, but also education. Recently completed is the Arc's Appalachian Forest Museum, where visitors can visit to learn about the global significance of their common "backyard woodlot." Visitors learn that these small familiar forests are actually remnants of a once one contiguous immense forest. Prior to European settlement, this primeval nearly unbroken forest covered the entire eastern third of the United States. Known today as the temperate hardwood forest biome, this forest type is now the most disturbed of all the world's fourteen biomes. To help tell

the story of America's Eastern Forest, the Museum presents eight stunning forest murals, each one a teaching tool as well as a piece of fine art, rendered by three nationally recognized artists with roots in Ohio. After touring the Museum, visitors may hike one of two trails that wind into the stunning cliff country of the Rocky Fork Gorge, and a third trail that leads into a stately old-growth beech woods. After becoming acquainted with the Sanctuary, many visitors opt to become members of the Arc in order to help support its mission and public services. Members gain the benefits of accessing additional trails, and the convenience of weekday visitation. Memberships are \$35.00/year for the entire family. The Highlands Nature Sanctuary offers a large variety of educational events throughout the year, from casual afternoon hikes to intense five-day courses. Topics include natural history, earth-friendly skills and crafts, and leadership courses. The most popular annual weekend event is The Wildflower Pilgrimage which occurs in April, offering expertly guided field trips to outstanding floral hotspots and memorable meals followed by evening programs. The Sanctuary's superb wildflower displays are arguably among the top five most beautiful floral showcases in all of Eastern United States.

The Sanctuary's education hub provides lodging for its education courses, and these same lodges, cabins, and suites are also available to the public for private nature retreats. All of the Sanctuary's lodges lie in beautiful natural settings -- most of them in historic buildings that have been fully renovated to modern standards while retaining the ambience of their era's charms. The best known of all the lodges is The Hermitage. Here two suites sit on the very rim of the gorge, with windows overlooking the rushing waters of the Rocky Fork 100 feet below.

In addition to the Highlands Nature Sanctuary, The Arc of Appalachia Preserve System manages two preserves on behalf of the Ohio Historical Society — Fort Hill in southern Highland County, and Serpent Mound in adjacent Adams County. Both parks protect ancient Native American earthworks. Fort Hill includes a large ridgetop earthen-walled enclosure, and 11 miles of fine backcountry trails. Serpent Mound protects the world's largest and most famous animal effigy mound. Fort Hill is open daily from dawn to dusk without charge (closed during deer hunts). Serpent Mound is open daily from dawn to dusk with a \$7.00 car parking fee.

The Highlands Nature Sanctuary & The Appalachian Forest Museum  
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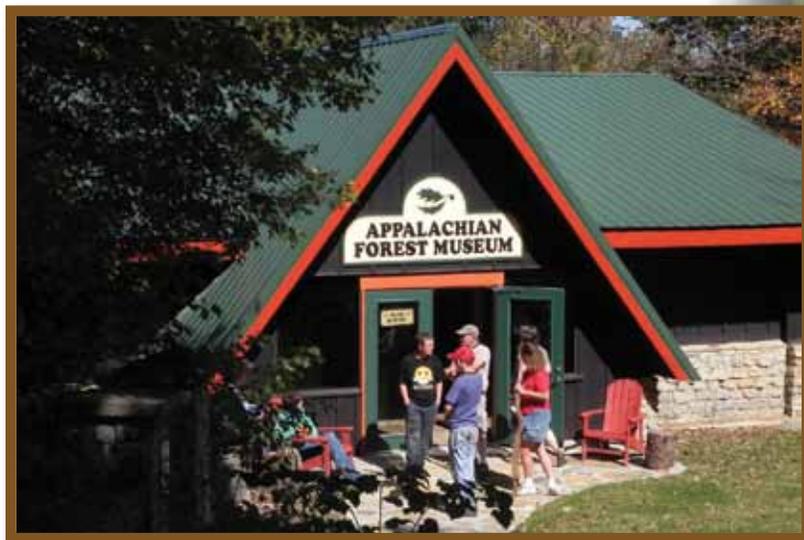
Open to the public on weekends only;

April through October, 9:30 - 5:00

Free of charge

Voluntary donations gratefully accepted

[www.arcofappalachia.org](http://www.arcofappalachia.org), 937-365-1935



The Appalachian Forest Museum serves as the hiking hub of the 2200 acre nature preserve. Photo supplied by the Arc of Appalachia Preserve System.



One of the Museum trails features a spectacular show of wildflowers in the spring, known as the Pyramid of Trilliums. Photo by Tim Pohlar, all rights reserved.



The Three Sisters is one of the most well-loved rock formations along the Rocky Fork Gorge and can be observed from the Museum's trails. Photo by Victoria Bergesen, all rights reserved.

## Planning a trip? Visit us online!

For information on the best of Highland County, visit the Visitors Bureau online at <http://highlandcounty.com>. The website is filled with points of interest, historical sites, lodging, dining, services, family friendly activities and more!

Also available from our website are links to the new county app and the Uptown Hillsboro Historic Walking Tour.



[www.highlandcounty.com](http://www.highlandcounty.com)

## The new Highland County App

During your next trip through the rolling hills of Highland County, log onto [highlandcounty.com](http://highlandcounty.com) to make use of the new Highland County app. The app will help you pinpoint areas of interest, historical sites, lodging, dining options, and more! Our web-based app is usable on all platforms.

For additional information on all things Highland County make a stop at the Visitors Center at 130 S. High Street in Hillsboro for travel maps, literature and area information.





# Disc Golf

There are several disc golf courses in and around Highland County that are perfect for a day of family fun! Each of the courses below has 18 holes of frisbee fun. Spend the afternoon walking along trails, through woods, and along lakeshores as you try to complete the course with the fewest throws possible. Additional information, including disc golf basics, course layouts, and reviews can be found at: <http://visithighlandcounty.com/discgolf>.

**Rocky Fork Lake State Park**  
 South Beach  
 Blue Ribbon Road, Hillsboro, OH  
 • 18 Holes  
 • Mostly Flat & Moderately Wooded

**Paint Creek Lake State Park**  
 280 Taylor Road, Bainbridge, OH  
 • 24 Holes  
 • Mostly Flat & Heavily Wooded

**Pike Lake State Park**  
 1847 Pike Lake Road, Bainbridge, OH  
 • 18 Holes  
 • Very Hilly & Heavily Wooded



# Golf

## Highland County

**Buckeye Hills Country Club**  
 7261 Limes Road, Greenfield – 937.981.4136  
<http://www.buckeyehillsgolf.com/>  
 Open to the Public  
 • 18 Holes  
 • Pro Shop  
 • Carts Available

**Elks Country Club Golf Course**  
 451 Danville Pike, Hillsboro – 937.393.2940  
<http://hillsboro361.com/>  
 Open to the Public  
 9 Holes  
 Pro Shop  
 Carts Available

**Sims Family Golf Center**  
 11801 Hull Rd., Greenfield – 937.981.1322  
<http://www.simsfamilygolfcenter.com/>  
 • Driving Range  
 • 8 Golf Lessons  
 • Golf Camps



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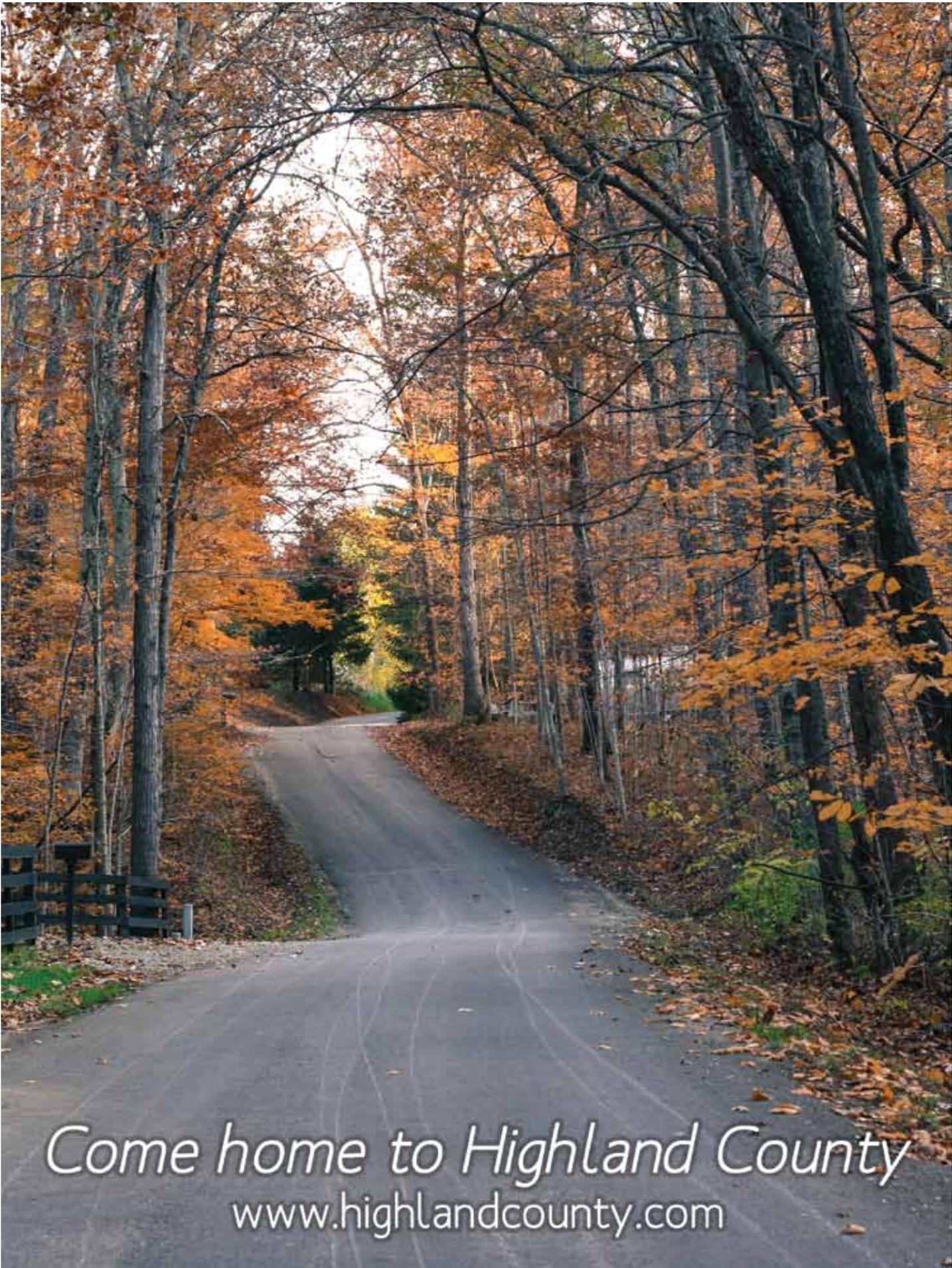
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