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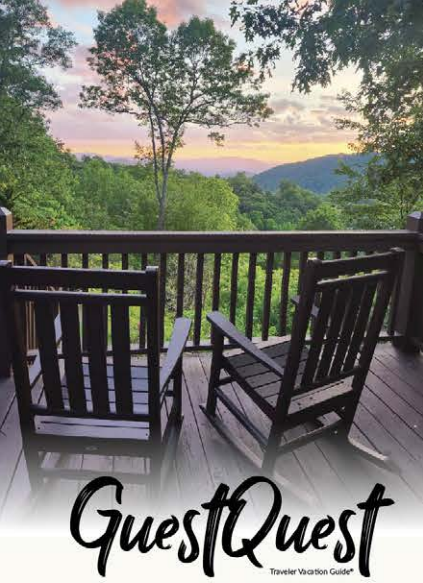
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What makes Brookgreen Gardens truly special is its combination of sculpture, botanical gardens, and wildlife. With over 2,000 works of American figurative sculpture displayed throughout its grounds, Brookgreen is the largest and most significant collections of American figurative sculpture in the United States. As you stroll through the expansive gardens, you'll encounter breathtaking pieces of art that harmonize with the surrounding greenery and water features.

The garden's botanical diversity is equally impressive, with themed areas including the tranquil Palmetto Garden and the vibrant Children's Garden. Every season offers something new, vibrant azaleas in the spring, lush camellias in winter,

of caladium in summer. Coming in the fall of 2025, Brookgreen's new addition, the Purdy Conservatory, will feature season displays and a blooming wall of orchids!

For nature lovers, Brookgreen also boasts a Lowcountry Zoo, home to native wildlife such as alligators, otters, and eagles. The zoo provides an opportunity to see these animals up close while learning about their habitats and conservation.

Beyond its stunning landscapes and wildlife, Brookgreen Gardens hosts a variety of events year-round, including garden tours, educational programs, and seasonal festivals. The renowned "Nights of a Thousand Candles" holiday event transforms the gardens into a glowing wonderland in December.

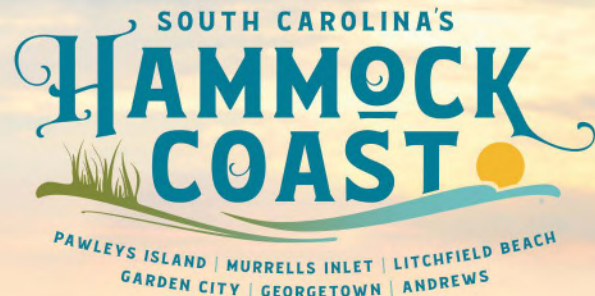
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Pawleys Island has just been named "South Carolina's Best Beach" by USA Today/10 Best. As the birthplace of the rope hammock, relaxation has a long history here - and gave inspiration to the region's moniker as the "Hammock Coast."

Litchfield Beach, just north of Pawleys, earned TripAdvisor's designation as one of the Top 10 beaches in America! Murrells Inlet, known as the "Seafood Capital of South Carolina," was originally a fishing village on a protected inlet. The southern portion of Garden City overlooks Murrells Inlet and the Atlantic Ocean, offering stunning views in every direction. And DeBordieu Colony offers a stunning beach near historic Georgetown, where history comes alive at five museums.

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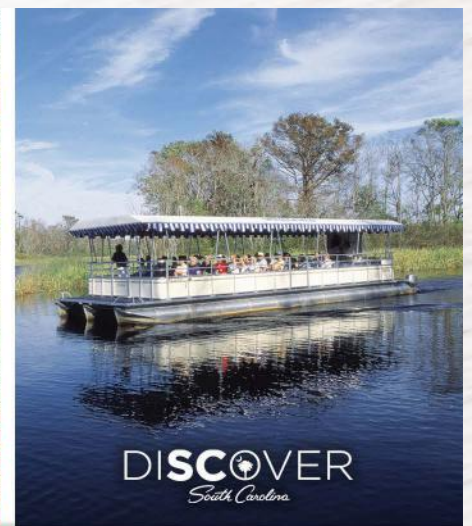
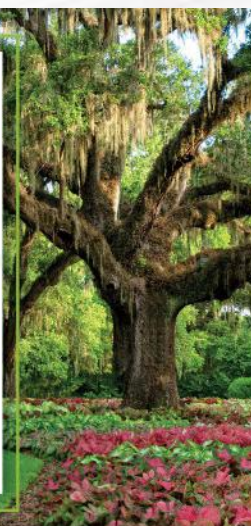
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Discover Summerville, South Carolina – the charming younger sister of Charleston. Located just 24 miles away, Summerville is at the heart of your Lowcountry experience, where history and beauty intertwine. Here, the flowers bloom by the acre, world-class cuisine is served with a touch of Southern charm, and sweet tea is a staple.

Steeped in natural beauty and surrounded by lush pines and blooming azaleas, Summerville is a Tree City USA community, offering plenty of outdoor parks and gardens to explore. Despite its small-town feel, Summerville is full of character and charm. Take a stroll through the historic downtown, grab a seat and enjoy the local flavor, or allow your taste buds to tingle with a sip of our homegrown southern sweet tea.

With an average temperature of sunny and 75, there's always something to do in Summerville. Only 20 minutes from Charleston and Beidler Forest, and 8 miles from historic Hwy 61, the town is a hub of activity. From festivals and outdoor events to community theaters, you can find all there is to do by checking out the local community calendar.

Summerville is host to several unique events, such as the

Flowertown Festival (April 4-6 2025) – held in the stunning Azalea Park, a 12-acre oasis in the heart of town with peaceful ponds, paths, fountains, tennis courts, and an amazing collection of permanent sculptures.

The town is renowned for its historic character, with over 700 homes and buildings on the National Register of Historic Places. You can take a self-guided Historic Homes Walking Tour to discover the history of 20 homes in downtown Summerville.

Known as the Birthplace of Sweet Tea, Summerville is where the tea plant first landed, and tea was first commercially grown at the Pinehurst Tea Plantation. Explore the shops, sites, sips, and tastes that make life in Summerville so sweet along the Sweet Tea Trail. Experience the Sweet Tea Festival on September 20th, 2025.

So come and experience the kind of sweetness and hospitality you'd expect from a small Southern town with "big" charm. Let Summerville, South Carolina captivate you with its sunny weather, sweet tea, and charming atmosphere.

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## Savor the Seasons in Upcountry South Carolina!

Blooming Dogwood Trees and Azaleas signal that Spring has officially arrived in South Carolina's Upcountry. In Summer, explore the numerous lakes, rivers, forests, and parks. Fall brings a display of brilliant foliage as you travel along the Cherokee Foothills National Scenic Byway. In the Winter months, relax in a cozy mountain cabin and a hike to discover spectacular views of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Further exploration of the Upcountry will allow you to learn about the rich history of the area. From the Native American Cherokee to the battlegrounds where American forces defeated the British during the American Revolution, to stone and covered bridges that will take you back a few centuries, traversing the backroads of the Upcountry will allow you to connect to the historic, cultural, and natural sites and points of interest in the area.

Be sure to allow time to explore the many waterfalls in the Upcountry, some of which can be easily reached, while others may require a bit of effort. For a more relaxing experience, take a boat ride on one of the freshwater mountain lakes or

pack a picnic and spend the day in a state park.

Take the opportunity to stroll through the small towns throughout the Upcountry. Here are a few helpful hints and "don't miss" attractions and activities for those unfamiliar with the area. Don't forget to bring a flashlight when visiting the Stumphouse Tunnel, an unfinished railroad project carved through the granite mountain for about one-quarter of a mile before abruptly ending. Tee off at one of over thirty manicured golf courses found here. Take an exhilarating whitewater rafting trip on the National Wild & Scenic River. Listen (or join in) with the locals at one of the regular "Bluegrass Jams." Go fish for trophy Trout on Lake Jocassee or one of the mountain streams. Or play with the "kids" at Split Creek Farm in Anderson, where a herd of 400 goats resides.

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Start your adventure with scenic hikes through the lush forests and stunning mountain vistas. For those seeking a rush of excitement, experience the thrill of rafting down the French Broad River or hit the slopes for a winter wonderland of skiing and snowboarding.

After a day of outdoor fun, immerse yourself in the thriving art scene of Madison County. Explore local galleries, attend workshops, and meet talented artists who call this place home. There's always something new and inspiring to discover!

And when hunger strikes, indulge in some of the best food in the region.

From cozy cafés serving farm-to-table dishes to local restaurants offering southern comfort food, every meal is an experience worth savoring.

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Here, life is simple, the air is fresh, and the scenery is stunning. Explore the Blue Ridge Parkway and nearby national, state, and local parks. Enjoy the scenic New River or spend an afternoon in charming downtown Sparta, where you'll find unique shops, art galleries, welcoming restaurants, and watering holes.

Venture beyond Sparta to the nearby communities of Ennice, Glade Valley, Laurel Springs, Roaring Gap, and Piney Creek for stunning mountain and farm country landscapes. Outdoor enthusiasts can hike, fish, canoe, kayak, or take a leisurely float down the New River. Pitch a tent beneath the stars at a

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## North Carolina Waterfall Bucket List Stops!

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Tory's Falls: The tallest waterfall dropping from around 240 feet, usually a thin flow, especially in dry months. The trail to the falls is 0.3 miles one-way but does not lead to the base.

Window Falls: Named for a rock formation that creates a "window" near the falls, features a 15-foot drop with a picturesque setting. Located along the Indian Creek Trail (about 1.6 miles round trip)

Hidden Falls: Smaller but serene waterfall along Indian Creek Trail, often paired with Window Falls for a short, enjoyable hike, there is even a picnic shelter near the trailhead.

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Tucked away at the foot of the majestic Blue Ridge Mountains is a small southern county, a community of craftsmen with a rich heritage, a gathering place of furniture makers, artists, nature lovers, and now hi-tech giants such as Google. This is Caldwell County and Lenoir, NC - a place to stop, catch your breath, and enjoy all that nature and the people it has inspired for generations have to offer.

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During the last century, the furniture industry refined craftsmen which formed the basis for a community of artists and art lovers. Artists from all over converge in Lenoir, NC each year for the Annual Indoor/Outdoor Sculpture Celebration, one of the Southeast's largest sculpture competitions. With nearly 80 installations, Caldwell County has the largest collection of permanent public outdoor sculptures

of any county of its population in the US.

However, Mother Nature sculpted the area's most endearing attraction. The climate among the rolling hills and striking vistas is mild. Visitors will experience the largest elevation change in North Carolina from 900 feet above sea level to 5,964 feet. A short drive from the city of Lenoir is the remote and rugged Wilson Creek, a federally designated "Wild and Scenic River." Other must-see nature stops include Historic Happy Valley and Pisgah National Forest. Camping, kayaking, hunting, fishing, mountain biking, and off-road driving provide escape for the outdoor enthusiast. Located minutes from the Blue Ridge Parkway and Boone, Caldwell County is also within a short driving distance to Charlotte and Asheville.

Caldwell County and Lenoir, NC - stop in for a visit. Soak in the sculpture and experience the reinvigorating respite of nature at its best. Take a few minutes and Explore Caldwell & The NC Foothills a little more.

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Grayson Highlands State Park is open to hiking and horseback riding year-round, weather permitting. The famous wild ponies roam the highlands of Wilburn's Ridge, always ready for a photo shoot. Visitors to

the park can take a leisurely drive up to Whitetop for a bite to eat at the Railroad Market & Café to put their pin on the map in Virginia's highest zip code. Four-wheel drive enthusiasts can even ride to the very top of Whitetop Mountain on the state's highest public road to catch

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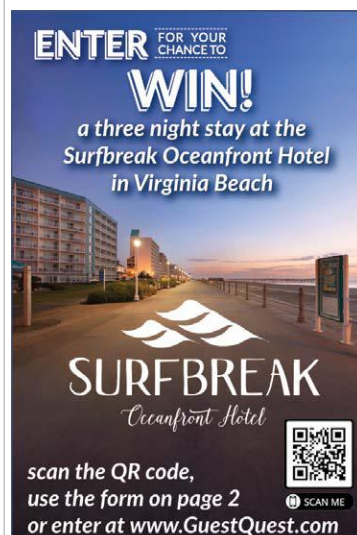


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The summer heats up with Independence Day festivities, including dazzling 4th of July fireworks displays across the county. In August, the streets of Chestertown groove to the beat of Legacy Day, celebrating African American heritage through music, dance, and history.

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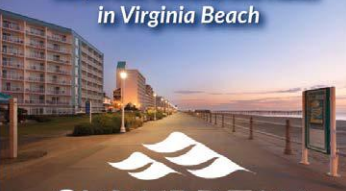
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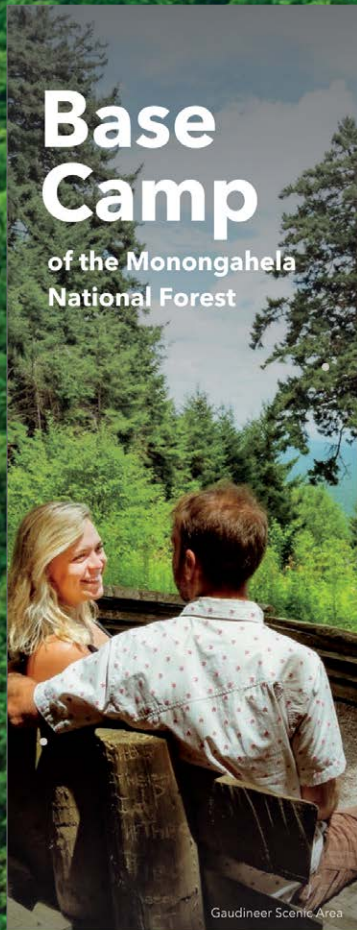
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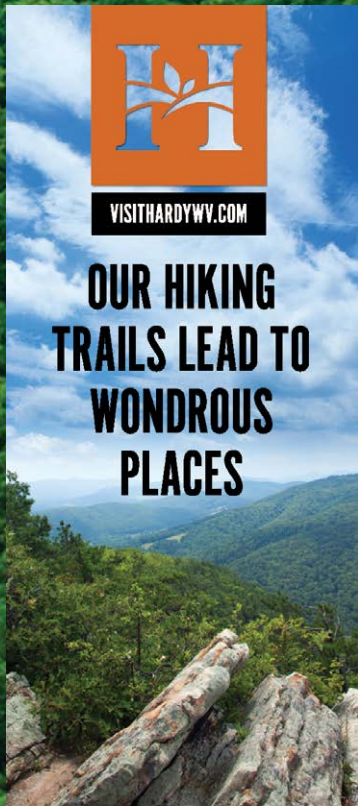
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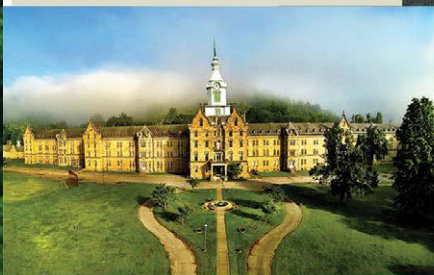
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Interested in local history? Tour a museum dedicated to the military and Hollywood careers of hometown hero Jimmy Stewart. Stop by an area historical society or the Blairsville

Underground Railroad History Center to learn about local history. Embark on a self-guided driving tour which takes you on a 36-mile round-trip journey to see 4 covered bridges. View public art during the self-guided walking tours in historic downtown Indiana and Blairsville, which bring the arts-to-life with murals and sculptures.

The Indiana University of Pennsylvania is also home to IUP Crimson Hawks sporting events

and the Lively Arts at IUP, which showcases performing and visual arts, as well as the University Museum. Enjoy the beauty of the Allegheny Arboretum, a living museum devoted to the study, conservation, and enjoyment of trees, shrubs, and vines.

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McConnells Mill State Park is home to four of six waterfalls and hiking trails including the North

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Golf on award winning courses or practice on indoor simulators. Home to those who previously lived and still reside there, Haunted Hill View Manor is open for paranormal day tours, overnight and private investigations.

Having the 2nd largest old order Amish in Pennsylvania and the 12th largest in the United States makes the sight of horse-drawn buggies on major roads a commonplace. Choose between guided tours or a self-guided driving tour for an in-depth look into the Amish lifestyle. You'll find not just quaint and quirky Air bnb's & Bed & Breakfasts, but one-of-a-kind shopping in the villages of Volant and New Wilmington.

Nova Destinations boasts six wine, brew and distillery locations.

Continue throughout the county to find several more wine and brew businesses including one inside an old schoolhouse. Pause for a bite at one of the many ethnic restaurants where the only food served is homemade; Middle Eastern, Italian and Mexican.

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The Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RailRiders come back swinging for the 2025 Triple-A season at nearby PNC Field.

Explore the beauty of Ricketts Glen and its 22-named waterfalls, or head out on the mighty Susquehanna River and get up close and personal with Northeast PA's aquatic life.

The Fine Arts Fiesta takes over the Square in downtown Wilkes-

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## Rest, Renew and Enjoy an Adventure in Columbia & Montour Counties

Nestled in the heart of Central Pennsylvania, Columbia and Montour counties are renowned for their rural beauty and outstanding adventure opportunities. The local landscape is comprised of idyllic river valleys, rolling hills, green farmlands, charming communities, forests, parks and state gamelands. One must-see attraction is Ricketts Glen

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For cyclists, the 430-mile Endless Mountains Gravel Bikepacking Loop will get you off the beaten path and onto our quiet country backroads. Or visit us in June for Grinduro, an annual cycling event that combines a gravel

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The Susquehanna River North Branch, named Pennsylvania's 2023 River of the Year, flows through the Endless Mountains. Take a kayaking trip for some of the best views. Susquehanna Kayak & Canoe Rentals and Endless Mountain Outfitters can provide boat rentals and shuttles.

Between our stunning scenery and rich heritage, it's no wonder the Endless Mountains have inspired a rich arts and culture scene. To experience it for yourself, head to the Wyoming County Cultural Center at the Dietrich Theater. Located in historic downtown Tunkhannock, this nonprofit movie theater shows more than just the latest blockbusters. They also host art classes, wellness workshops, and community events for all ages. Don't miss their seasonal film festivals, which happen quarterly. Each festival features about 21 foreign and independent

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# NEW YORK

## Come Alive in Oswego County This Spring

Oswego County comes alive as winter gives way to spring. Residents and visitors alike embrace the outdoors, whether it's hiking along the shores of Lake Ontario or enjoying the many parks and trails scattered throughout the county.

March brings St. Patrick's Day celebrations honoring Irish pride. The luck of the Irish is celebrated on March 8th, with an annual 5k run/walk through the east side of the city of Oswego. The day continues with

the Oswego St. Patrick's Day parade at 1 p.m. The parade begins on the east side of the city of Oswego and winds across the bridge through west side neighborhoods before ending near Wright's Landing Marina.

The fun continues throughout the day with local establishments offering live entertainment, Irish fare, and fun.

Spring also marks the return of racing excitement in Oswego County. During the spring and summer months, enthusiasts flock to the

track, eager to witness high-speed action and local legends battling for victory. The roar of the engines kicks off the racing season at Fulton Speedway on April 25, with racing at Brewerton Speedway kicking off their season May 2. On Memorial Day weekend, Oswego Speedway's "Steel Palace" kicks off their season on May 24.

As May approaches, thoughts turn to Memorial Day. Communities throughout Oswego County hold

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If you're seeking art and entertainment, our opera house, museums, galleries, and music venues will leave you nothing short of captivated. Craving food and beverages? We've got that cover too. Allegany County is home to charming Main Streets filled with local eateries

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There is no better time than now to visit Allegany County and enjoy what authentic rural living is all about. Plan your trip to align with our events or be spontaneous and just show up. There's always something to do around here!

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# Adventure begins in Fulton County

If adventure is what you are seeking, Fulton County New York - home of 44 lakes and over 74,000 acres of wild forest. Rich in history with a flair for culture and the arts, you can find something exciting for everyone.

the Fulton County 5 Hiking Challenge and visit the Kane Mountain Fire Tower celebrating 100 years this summer!

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Fulton also County offers endless adventure: boating, fishing, hiking, shopping, theater, art, concerts, history, top restaurants, rodeos, extreme mountain biking at Wheelerville Trails, motocross events at Royal Mountain, and so much more!

Home of the Great Sacandaga Lake, Historic Johnson Hall, Historic Rice Homestead, the New York Baseball Hall of Fame Museum, adjacent to historic Parkhurst Field, or visit the Wildlife Sports and Educational Museum.

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# Visit Seneca Nation in Western New York

Traveling throughout Western New York you will witness the beauty of the Allegany Mountains as the hills roll endlessly. Nestled in the serene landscape is the home of a Native Nation known as the Onöndowa'ga', the people of the great hill or by their English name, the Seneca.

matter which place you choose to experience, there is something the entire family can enjoy!

This spring we will host our annual Ohi:yo' Art Market, where native artists enter their handmade work for a chance to win the top prize of \$7,000. Join us in the summertime as we celebrate our Highbanks Campground's 50th anniversary! No

Experience our take on food security and food sovereignty through community engagement and wellness by implementing a Haudenosaunee approach to agricultural practices at our Gakwi:yo:h Farms.

During your visit, be sure to stop by the Onöhsagwë:de' Cultural Center - home of the Seneca Iroquois National Museum, housing Haudenosaunee history, while you are out exploring. We invite you to

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For the most up-to-date information on programming and events in and around the Seneca Territories, be sure to like and follow Visit Seneca on both Facebook and Instagram.

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Spring in Wayne County, Ohio, heralds a vibrant transformation as nature awakens from its winter slumber. The county, adorned with picturesque landscapes, experiences a burst of color as cherry blossoms, tulips, and daffodils bloom, creating a stunning tapestry. The pleasant temperatures beckon residents to

explore Wayne County's numerous parks, where trails wind through lush greenery. Farmers' markets come alive with the season's bounty, showcasing locally grown produce and handmade crafts. Wayne County's agricultural heritage shines during spring, with orchards and fields bursting with blossoms

and new growth, and crops being planted. The community embraces the change with events like spring festivals and outdoor gatherings, fostering a sense of camaraderie. As the days lengthen, residents savor the beauty of Wayne County in bloom, celebrating the renewal of life and the promise of warmer days ahead. €

## Discover Mohican Country!

Send for our 2025 Adventure Guide and you will discover why the Mohican area is an amazing four-season adventure destination. Whether hiking, biking, snowmobiling or by horseback, the Mohican trails are full of scenic views and year-round beauty.

Visit downtown historic Loudonville during Winterfest and stop in the unique specialty shops or take a day trip to Amish Country and tour an Amish home and farm. Visit area museums or take in a movie in Loudonville's historic Ohio Theatre. Listen to live entertainment at one of

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Whether you choose to stay a week or a weekend, Mohican Country is home to many family-owned and award-winning accommodations. From rustic to royal, there are cabins, cottages, treehouses, a state park lodge and even a castle ready to welcome you. For more information visit [www.DiscoverMohican.com](http://www.DiscoverMohican.com) or follow us on Facebook or Instagram at Discover Mohican.

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Summit County is packed with unforgettable experiences—just a short trip away! Enjoy biking, hiking and water sports throughout Summit Metro Parks and Cuyahoga Valley National Park. Visit Brandywine Falls, one of Ohio's largest waterfalls at over 60 feet! Take a ride on the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad for a unique journey through the area.

The Akron Zoo has more than 2,000 exotic animals. Greater Akron is home to Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens, the former home of Goodyear Tire & Rubber co-founder F.A. Seiberling and the largest historical estate in Ohio.

History takes flight at MAPS Air Museum, a center of aviation history for Northeast Ohio. Enjoy the

Akron Art Museum, Akron Children's Museum and baseball at Canal Park, home of the Akron RubberDucks. Explore Greater Akron's history with a visit to the brand-new Akron History Center and celebrate its 200th birthday.

Come Savor the Scenic in Summit and learn more at [visitakron-summit.org](http://visitakron-summit.org).

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# Kidding Around – Guernsey County, Ohio

Whether you're a kid or just a kid at heart, Cambridge/Guernsey County offers the perfect escape for everyone. At The Wilds, an animal park operated by The Columbus Zoo, you can step into the African savanna right in southeastern Ohio! Enjoy an open-air safari where giraffes, zebras, camels and more roam freely. After your adventure, savor a meal with a stunning view at the rooftop Terrace Grill. Specialty tours like horseback, zipline and fishing safaris add even more excitement. The Wilds is open daily from May to October, with select winter tours available from November to April. Tour hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

can learn about the local ecosystem and wildlife in an engaging way. Kids will love the interactive exhibits and slide. The Welcome Center is open Thursday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., May through September. Newly opened in 2024, the Deerassic Park Family Campground offers 49 spacious RV sites for a true outdoor experience.

At Salt Fork State Park, there's something for everyone. Kids and adults alike will enjoy the Storybook Trail, Family Bigfoot Adventures and the new Eco-Discovery Center. These experiences create lasting memories as you explore Ohio's beautiful woodlands and meadows.

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Muskingum County

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## The First Hour Flies By Marietta – Ohio's First Adventure

Looking for a getaway that blends rich history, outdoor adventure, and top-tier dining? Marietta, Ohio, offers more than you ever imagined in a small town.

Founded in 1788, Marietta is Ohio's oldest city and the first American settlement in the Northwest Territory. Nestled at the confluence of the Ohio and Muskingum rivers, it has welcomed travelers for over 2,000 years. Today, visitors are drawn to its natural beauty, historic charm, and vibrant culture.

Every trip to Marietta is unique. Step back in time at museums and historic sites, cruise the river on a sternwheeler, or hike the Appalachian foothills. The Historic Marietta Trolley Tours offer a guided journey through the city's storied past, while the Valley Gem Sternwheeler provides

scenic river cruises with dining and entertainment.

Marietta is also home to lively festivals. Music lovers flock to the River City Blues Festival in March and the Ohio River Sternwheel Festival in September. The city's music scene thrives at venues like the historic Peoples Bank Theater and the Ohio Valley Opry, which showcases top country talent.

When it's time to eat, Marietta's diverse restaurants highlight fresh, locally sourced ingredients. Whether enjoying brunch with riverfront views or sipping craft cocktails, there's something for every taste.

With so much to see and do, one visit is never enough.

Start planning your trip at [www.MariettaOhio.org](http://www.MariettaOhio.org) and request a free visitor guide. We can't wait to welcome you! €

## Discover Hidden Gems

### Visit Zanesville – Muskingum County, Ohio

Nestled in the heart of Ohio, Muskingum County is a destination rich in history, culture, and unforgettable experiences. Once known as the "Pottery Capital of the World," Zanesville boasts a legacy of craftsmanship, from handcrafted Longaberger Baskets to world-renowned ceramics. Explore this artistry at local galleries and museums that celebrate our creative heritage.

Step back in time at the John & Annie Glenn Museum, where the story of America's first astronaut to orbit Earth comes to life. Discover the county's significant role in the Underground Railroad, with historic sites that highlight the area's deep ties to freedom and resilience.

For those who crave adventure,

The Wilds offers an African safari experience right here in Ohio, with breathtaking landscapes and exotic wildlife roaming across nearly 10,000 acres. After a day of exploration, unwind at local wineries and craft breweries, where unique flavors and warm hospitality create the perfect setting to relax. And, of course, no visit is complete without a stop at the legendary Tom's Ice Cream Bowl, serving up timeless treats since 1948.

Whether you're drawn to our rich history, outdoor beauty, or vibrant food scene, Muskingum County offers something for every traveler. Plan your visit today and experience the charm, heritage, and adventure that make our region unforgettable.

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The event will feature hot air balloons and glows, live music, food trucks, a beer garden, vendors, and a kid's adventure area. The highlight will be pyro musical fireworks displays featuring both an arial and ground show. Attendees will judge the displays and help declare the winner!

- Available starting April 1, 2025. Go to [RossfordBFF.com](http://RossfordBFF.com) to sign up for advance notice and get all the details.

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County, Ohio, we have something for everyone. Enjoy festivals and events centered around the preserved downtown areas throughout our communities. Each month these events feature activities the whole family will enjoy.

Our small towns and quaint villages offer a glimpse back to a simpler time, and for those who crave adventure, you can hike, bike, and explore to your heart's desire! Hike through the natural habitats of our Miami County Parks and take in the views of the waterfall at Charleston Falls Preserve.

Transport yourself to another time when you stay at one of our beautiful bed and breakfasts. But if modern conveniences are your fancy, consider one of more than a dozen updated hotels with comfy beds, indoor pools, and of course, Wi-Fi.

Museums, event venues, and historical parks are just a few of the little things that create this extraordinary place. With so many things to do, Miami County is a stop worth making. This is not just a place to live. It's home. Your time spent here is not just good. It's Home. Grown. Great. €

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serenity. After a day outdoors, step back in time with a tour of the 19th century mansion at Adena Mansion & Gardens. Here life's slower pace offers a refreshing perspective.

Evenings come alive with the thrill of the "Tecumseh!" Outdoor Drama, while the vibrant downtown scene invites you to savor local flavors at charming restaurants. Whether seeking outdoor adventure, history discovery or culinary delights, Chillicothe promises a rejuvenating getaway to unwind, recharge, and rediscover. €

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Nestled in the heart of Ohio, Marion is the perfect blend of history, culture, and natural beauty. This charming city is steeped in rich heritage, with notable residents such as President Warren G. Harding. Visitors can explore the Harding Home and Museum to gain insight into the life and times of America's 29th president.

Marion boasts a vibrant Downtown with a public art trail and live performance venue, the Marion Palace Theatre, that hosts an array of performances year-round. Enjoy Downtown's locally owned boutiques

nestled between unique eateries and drinkeries. For those who love the outdoors, the Marion Tallgrass Trail offers stunning views, captivating wildlife, and a perfect venue for hiking and biking.

With its welcoming hospitality, Marion invites travelers to encounter the warmth of small-town Ohio. Whether you're planning a weekend getaway or a longer stay, Marion presents countless opportunities for adventure and memorable experiences that capture the heart of Midwestern charm. €

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## Exploring Indiana's Attractions

Indiana is home to a variety of landscapes, rich history, and unique cultural attractions. Three areas that stand out for visitors are Terre Haute, Madison County, and Steuben County. Each offers its own charm and an abundance of things to see and do.

Located in west-central Indiana, Terre Haute is a vibrant city with a deep cultural heritage and lots of outdoor fun. Terre Haute is home

to the Swope Art Museum, which showcases a blend of American and regional art. The Candles Holocaust Museum is another poignant stop, educating visitors on the atrocities of the Holocaust and honoring its victims. With two stellar public golf courses, three disc golf courses, a community pool, and new splash pads, there are also endless opportunities for outdoor fun.

Northeast of Indianapolis, Madison County is best known for its charming small-town feel, scenic countryside, and historical landmarks. One of the county's highlights is Anderson, which hosts the Mounds State Park. This National Historic Landmark features ancient earthworks built by indigenous peoples over 2,000 years ago. Madison County also offers plenty of opportunities for

outdoor activities, including disc golf, golf, cycling and relaxing on the banks of the White River. The Mid-America Raceway in Anderson is a popular destination for motorsports enthusiasts. Additionally, visitors can explore the Anderson Speedway for thrilling racing events.

Further north, Steuben County offers a perfect blend of outdoor recreation, natural beauty and race

excitement. A family favorite is the Trine State Recreation Area, a vast space perfect for hiking, camping, and picnicking. Its trails wind through forests and along lakeshores, providing peaceful retreats for nature lovers. Additionally, Pokagon State Park is an ideal spot for a weekend getaway, offering cabins, a toboggan run in winter, and abundant wildlife. And Angola Motorsport Speedway made recent renovations to ensure your visit is family friendly.

Visiting Terre Haute, and Madison Steuben Counties offers a blend of outdoor adventure, history, and cultural exploration, making these Indiana gems ideal for any traveler.




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Pokagon State Park features nine hiking trails, an interpretive nature center, guided horseback trail rides and the beautiful Potawatomi Inn that overlooks Lake James. The Indiana Rail Experience offers a variety of themed train rides including "Donuts and Dads," "Indiana Ice Cream Train" and "Wine and Chocolate Train."

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### See You In Terre Haute!

Whether you're an outdoor enthusiast, a sports fan, a history buff or a culture connoisseur, Terre Haute promises an unforgettable adventure at the heart of the Crossroads of America.

Immerse yourself in the natural splendor along the picturesque banks of the Wabash River or explore parks

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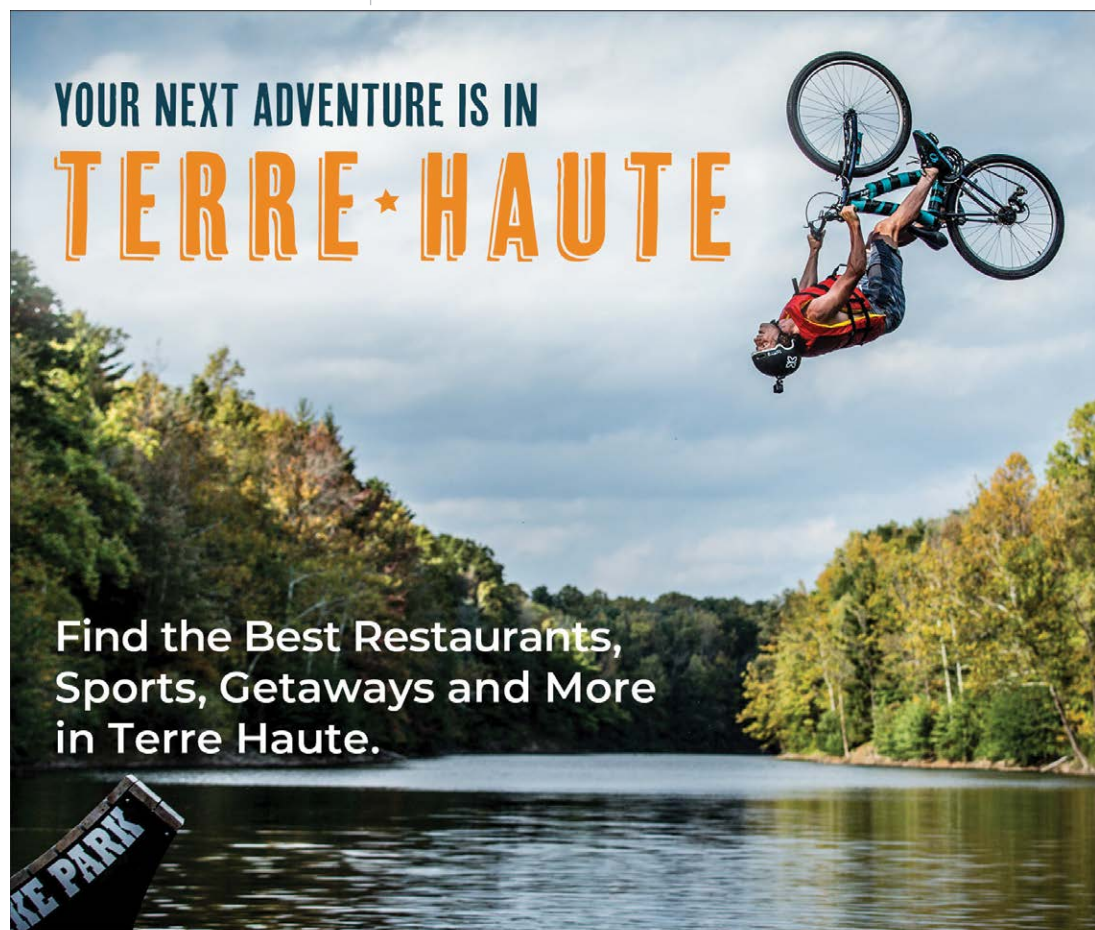
Terre Haute's sports legacy shines with renowned venues like the LaVern Gibson Championship Cross Country course and Griffin Bike Park. Catch a thrilling game with Terre Haute's own prospect league baseball team, The Rex or dive into the city's basketball heritage at the recently opened Larry Bird Museum.

Downtown Terre Haute has a vibrant energy, boasting outdoor sculptures, colorful murals, enticing eateries and a burgeoning brewery district. Dive into the city's rich

narrative, from historic landmarks to legendary figures like John Dillinger and Saint Mother Theodore Guerin.

Terre Haute plays host to an array of festivals and concerts showcasing local talent and national acts. Whether it's catching live music at The Mill or exploring art exhibitions at the Swope Art Museum, there's always something captivating happening in Terre Haute.

Pack your bags and embark on an adventure filled with natural beauty, sports excitement, historical treasures and cultural delights. Come discover the warmth of Midwestern Hoosier hospitality in Terre Haute. We can't wait to See You In Terre Haute! €



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and 1,140 acres of lake, it is perfect for boating, skiing, and fishing.

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With a population nearing 8,000, Pikeville hosts prestigious institutions like the University of Pikeville and Pikeville Medical Center, as well as being a banking center and entertainment destination, featuring the Appalachian Wireless Arena.

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The three incorporated towns (Clifton, Collinwood and Waynesboro) have unique character differences distinguishing themselves from the others. Fortunately, the Wayne County Chamber of Commerce is dedicated to promoting all three communities and the county as a whole. For more information about our area, please go to [www.natchezvalley.com](http://www.natchezvalley.com) €

## Experience Maury County in Middle Tennessee

As you travel through Middle Tennessee, you will discover the southern charm of Maury County. The area is known for its antebellum homes and the ancestral home of our eleventh President James K. Polk. History awaits you. There is so much more to experience in Maury County. In Columbia's historic square, you will find Pie Sensations, a bakery that creates delicious pies that they are known for, along with whoopee pies, fudge and cookies. Also on the square is Puckett's Grocery and Restaurant – famous for its southern down-home cooking. Live entertainment is offered to make your dining experience even more enjoyable at eateries like Square Market Café and Southern Tre!

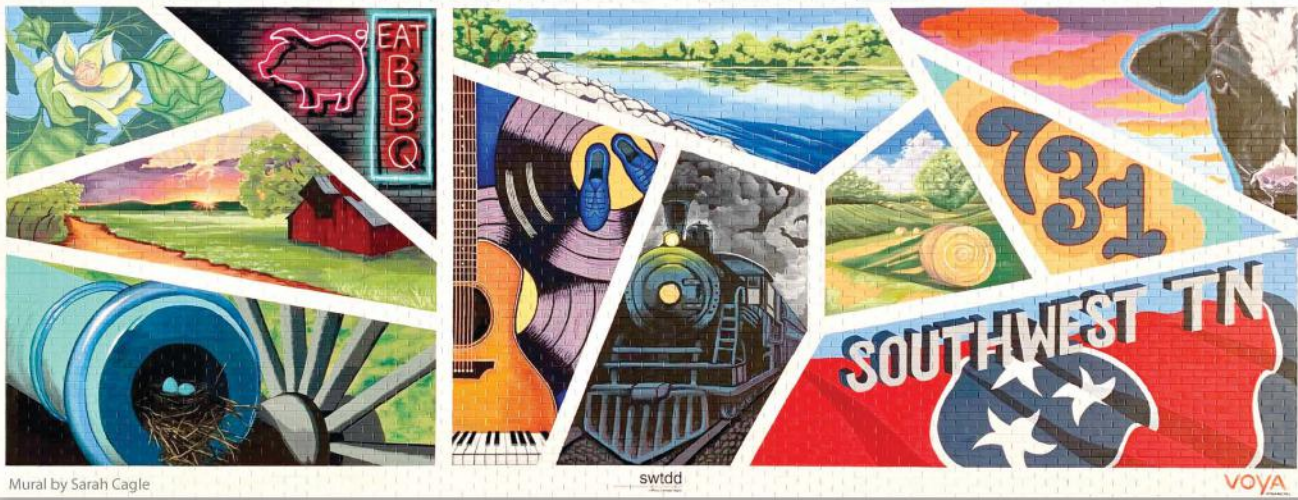
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importance of the strawberry industry to Portland's heritage. Portland has become more industrialized over the past few decades, but we still have several local strawberry farmers who bring strawberries to sell at the Festival and have pick-your-own farms available in the area. We can't

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