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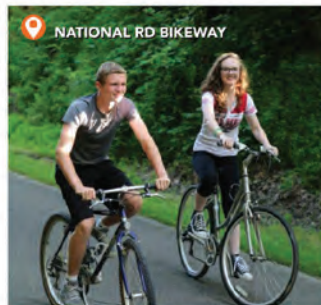



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Years ago, when I had a vision for a publication that would provide free access to health, fitness and recreation information, I never imagined it becoming what Compass Ohio is today. Over the past 10 years, Compass has developed new formats in technology and social media, enabling us to provide numerous additional avenues to distribute information.

The success of Compass Ohio is due in large part to the tremendous support of incredible sponsors who saw value in the publication and joined me on the journey, many of them continuing their partnerships still to this day. Words cannot adequately express my gratitude.

Another aspect of Compass Ohio's success is loyal readers who tell me they look forward to each issue for up-to-date information, as well as a means to tour the country, traveling right along with our writers on their many adventures.

While I hope for even greater success and more adventures for the future of Compass Ohio, I am amazed when I see how far it has come. Cheers to another 10 years!

Douglas M. Fish, M.A.

Editor

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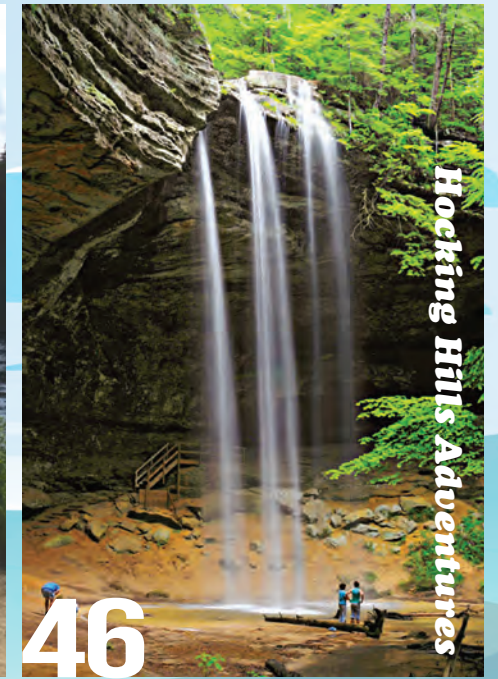
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An Every Day Island Getaway to Put-in-Bay

By Wendy Chambers

Since the early days of steamship travel, Put-in-Bay (South Bass Island) has been the top Lake Erie destination. A year-round community and summer resort, Put-in-Bay is located in Ohio on South Bass Island in the western basin of Lake Erie. Most visitors and islanders refer to South Bass Island simply as Put-in-Bay. Put-in-Bay is a welcoming place that is one of the most visited, family-friendly vacation spots on the Great Lakes. The fun starts with your ferry ride!



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June 11 - 48th Founder's Day - Celebrate the founding of Put-in-Bay by Hispanic merchant Jose DeRivera. Many vendors of all kinds and the highlight of the day is the "shore-cake" from 11 am - 4 pm at DeRivera Park.

June 24-26 - Put-in-Bay Pyrate Festival - The Pyrate King returns for 3 days to find his stolen treasure. From a Bar Crawl for the adults on Friday night to a Saturday and Sunday full of family fun. Includes vendors, costume contests and the annual Kids Fest. Dress as a Pyrate and join in all of the fun! For more info facebook.com/pyratefest.

July 4: Bang on the Bay - Have you ever watched fireworks shot over the water? Then you need to come to the Bay and enjoy the reflective display.

August 20-21 - Oliver Hazard Perry Birthday Celebration - See the USS Brig Niagara and the Pride of Baltimore flagships.

September 10: Art in the Park - Held on this historic weekend, we host regional artists and craft vendors that sell their original works in photography, watercolor, acrylic, pottery, glass and much more. Live demonstrations as well from 10 am - 5 pm at DeRivera Park.

September 17: Big Day at the Bay

Half-Way to St. Patty's Day - Celebrate the half-way mark to St. Patrick's Day. Hooligan's Irish Pub sponsors a drum and bagpipe band. Dress up your golf cart and join in the parade.

Put-in-Bay Music Festival - Celebrate peace through music, great food, fun and games at this family-friendly festival.

New Year's Eve at the Bay - Island businesses celebrate New Year's Eve with Monte Carlo Street games from 6 - 11 pm.

October 1: Island Wine Festival - Enjoy good food and excellent wine. Admission includes souvenir glass, 11 am - 5 pm at the Put-in-Bay Winery.

October 8-9: Oktoberfest - This annual festival celebrates German food, hot spiced wine and cold beer. Saturday from 11 am - 7 pm and Sunday from noon - 5 pm at DeRivera Park.



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E&H ACE Hardware

REVEALS NEW CONCEPT IN HOME IMPROVEMENT SHOPPING

By Candy S. Collins, BS

March 4, 2022, locally owned E&H Ace Hardware opened its flagship store in the heart of Wooster, Ohio. Unlike any other hardware, Ace is bringing the newest concept of retail hardware to life. Three floors of 15,000 square feet offer various hardware, lawn, garden, gift products, and more for your home and business needs.

Christopher Buehler, a fourth-generation family member of the business, describes the store as a flagship store that brings a unique multi-floor experience. But don't let the many levels deter you. You will find they have everything you need or want, and if they happen to be out of something, they will gladly order it for you.

When you open the doors and walk in, you will notice the beautiful patio furniture, the grills, and Traeger smokers, to name a few items. Make your way to the second floor to discover the Benjamin Moore painting studio, household cleaning items, lawn and garden items, hand tools, power tools, automotive and outdoor power equipment. If that isn't enough, make your way to the third floor to find fasteners, hardware, plumbing, electrical, commercial products, screen, and lamp repair.

The new boutique concept called "The Nook," a favorite among shoppers, is perfect for finding that unique gift or souvenir. And just beyond The Nook is an immersive outdoor experience where you can plan your ultimate outdoor oasis.

E&H Ace Hardware is owned and operated by the Buehler family and resides in the old Rubbermaid building. For the history buffs, throughout the three floors, you will notice many elements that pay homage to the building's 135-year history in Wooster.

An expansive elevator will take you to multiple shopping levels. While you are on the third floor, stop and take a moment to have a seat, relax, take in the beauty of the Wooster square, or stop and play a yard game. You will soon discover this is not your ordinary hardware store.

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INDIAN MUD RUN RACE

Embodies Strength, Endurance, and Passion



By Trish Mann

In 2012 the first Indian Mud Run Obstacle Course Race took place in Coshocton, Ohio. After a park levy failed, one family took matters into their own hands and came up with an idea to raise funds for their local park distinct around the idea of an obstacle course, and the Indian Mud Run (IMR) was conceived.

Ten years later, \$150,000 raised to support the Coshocton County Park District, and the IMR is making its mark on the world of Obstacle Course Races (OCR).

Each year on the Saturday after Father's Day, the race takes place at Lake Park, in the Coshocton County Park system. Last year they averaged over 1,000 racers and it is expected to reach 1,500 this year for their 10th anniversary.

M. Logan, a 2019 race participant, says "It's an amusement park of obstacles from the terrain to the rings. Better than OCR world championship and NORAM!! YEAH, I SAID IT!! You can't beat the amazing community that puts it together and the heart that goes into it.... and the oatmeal cookies."

OCRs are a series of challenging obstacles for a team or individual to navigate. They can include running, climbing, swimming, jumping, and crawling through the weather elements, mud, water, and various terrains and obstacles while testing endurance and agility.



Obstacle races have gained in popularity as people from all walks of life rise to the challenge of pushing their bodies and minds beyond any expectation. The race consists of 6.6 miles of natural and man-made obstacles, such as rock-climbing walls, water slides, and floating hanging walls. If that doesn't sound exciting enough, check out some of these: Dragon's Back, Warriors Peak, and FPO Destroyer.

With over 50+ obstacles, there is something to challenge anyone. This race is not just for the solid athletic type. Racers and challenges come in every size and shape.



- **Chief's Challenge: 3 laps of the long course (only 30% finished last year)**
- **Short Course: 5K course**
- **10K course**
- **Team Competition: 6.6 Miles**
- **Kids: 12 and under**



What sets this race apart from other OCR races around the country? IMR is a nonprofit that donates everything to the local park district. Alyssa Haines and her dad, Hubie Cushman, are the two-person crew who puts on one of the country's toughest single series obstacle course races. IMR was recently awarded Best Small Race Series in North America in a Community Choice Award and brings in racers from 38+ states, Europe and Canada to Coshocton, Ohio each year.

But Haines gives a lot of the credit for IMR's success to her dad. Known as "Legend" in the Obstacle Course Racing community, she believes it is who her dad is as a person that sets this race apart.

"My dad's second obstacle course race he ever ran was his own, and it's grown into a destination race that

embodies everything good about the sport and community of obstacle course racing. His nickname in the OCR community is 'Legend' for a reason. He is the most passionate, humble, hardworking human I've ever met, and he is a mastermind of trail and obstacle building. The way he uses natural terrain mixed throughout challenging obstacles is unmatched. His heart and soul are put into this course. Not to mention, he is a gold medal world champion master's obstacle course racer."

"Indian Mud Run is hands down the best competitive obstacle course race in North America. Innovative and difficult obstacles that are just plain fun and a set up for 'mandatory' obstacle completion that encourages competition and completion even if you happen to fail an obstacle," says Megan, a 2021 race participant.



Awards are given in each age group, to the top 3 finishers except for the Short Course, where finishing is your award. There are also Pro Division awards and the Chief's Challenge award.

What is the motivation for entering the race? Haines believes, "The beauty of obstacle course racing is anyone can show up." There are professionals who thrive on the competition, teams of all sizes who come to challenge themselves and have fun with their teammates, and there are people who have never run an obstacle course before IMR. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to race, even if you just walk.

IMR is also proud to be hosting the incredibly inspiring Operation Enduring Warrior (OEW) on the course this year. "OEW is a veteran-funded nonprofit whose mission is to honor, empower and motivate our nation's wounded military and law enforcement veterans through physical, mental, and emotional rehabilitation."

If this isn't enough to inspire you to join in the mud and fun, there is always great music, food trucks, and beer to cap off the day. Another race participant from 2019, Kate, says "Brutal but amazing! I love that the course ran through natural sites, up hills, over creeks, bounding up rocks, under trees.... trail running at its best - and hardest! this was my first time with IMR, but I'm hooked."

Indian Mud Run is built on passion, not profit. There are no investors, nor is there a huge crew. Yet IMR remains a top-level obstacle course race committed to its charity and its racers. Let's see you on the course!



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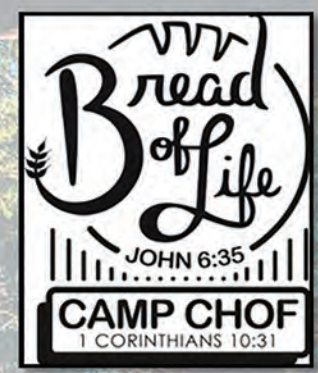
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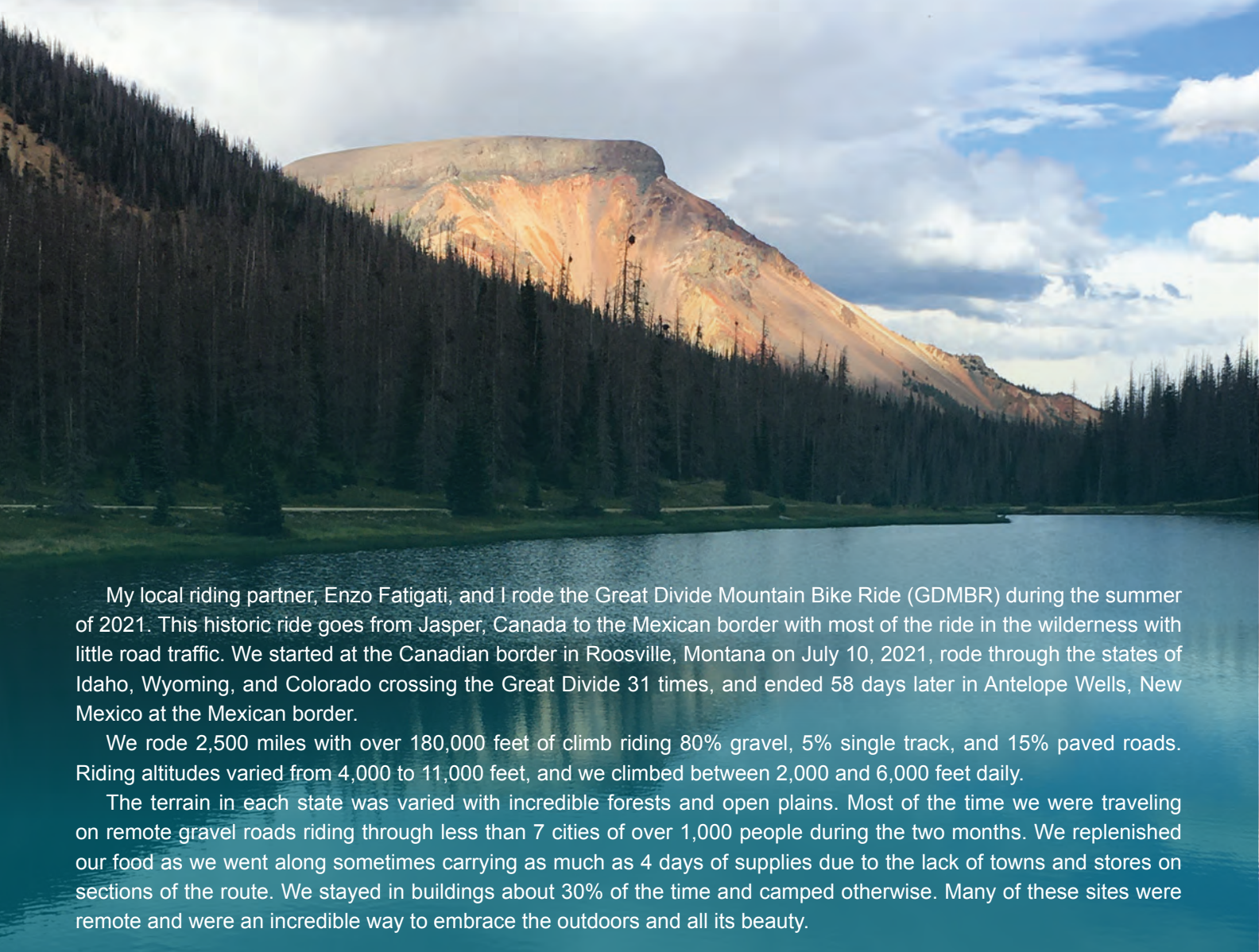


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THE GREAT DIVIDE MOUNTAIN BIKE RIDE

By Knute Hankins



My local riding partner, Enzo Fatigati, and I rode the Great Divide Mountain Bike Ride (GDMBR) during the summer of 2021. This historic ride goes from Jasper, Canada to the Mexican border with most of the ride in the wilderness with little road traffic. We started at the Canadian border in Roosville, Montana on July 10, 2021, rode through the states of Idaho, Wyoming, and Colorado crossing the Great Divide 31 times, and ended 58 days later in Antelope Wells, New Mexico at the Mexican border.

We rode 2,500 miles with over 180,000 feet of climb riding 80% gravel, 5% single track, and 15% paved roads. Riding altitudes varied from 4,000 to 11,000 feet, and we climbed between 2,000 and 6,000 feet daily.

The terrain in each state was varied with incredible forests and open plains. Most of the time we were traveling on remote gravel roads riding through less than 7 cities of over 1,000 people during the two months. We replenished our food as we went along sometimes carrying as much as 4 days of supplies due to the lack of towns and stores on sections of the route. We stayed in buildings about 30% of the time and camped otherwise. Many of these sites were remote and were an incredible way to embrace the outdoors and all its beauty.

The first month was spent riding through Montana, Idaho, and Wyoming. It helped us appreciate the ruggedness and “Old West” feel of the region. Colorado was a very diverse state with the ranches to the north and south, and the commercial feel of the central section. We climbed multiple 10,000-foot summits during this section of the ride. Finally, we rode the challenging terrain of New Mexico with the desert feel of the open mesas while still having challenging climbs and incredible forests.

We made the decision in December, 2020 to challenge the GDMBR. Enzo had done some mountain bike racing in the past while I had only been a road/triathlon bike rider. Neither of us had done any major bike expeditions. Although we ended with different equipment and bikes, we carried about 70 pounds of gear, bike, and food per person.

As we are both in our 60's, we focused on gradually increasing our distances to build our altitude and climbing riding legs while avoiding injury. We grew to love riding the gravel and single-track portions of the ride. We learned quickly gravel means a lot of different types of unimproved roads from smooth roads to big rocks throughout the trail. Almost every day had at least one tough climb followed by a breathtaking downhill.

By the final month of the ride, we would have 50-mile days and 80-mile days as the terrain and weather dictated. We accepted what we couldn't change and enjoyed each

day's ride, no matter the terrain or weather. It was a great state of mind allowing us to enjoy every moment.

The people we encountered were as incredible as the ride itself. Almost daily we would meet strangers on the road or at the campsites who would offer water and food (fresh fruit was awesome). One person drove me to a hotel when I got ill on the trail and another individual drove me 40 miles back over a mountain to a store where I had left my wallet. These are just a couple examples of numerous times people helped us along the way.

Rounding this all out were bike shops that worked us in to avoid a delay in our journey and numerous strangers through an App called WarmShowers and friends who provided six days of lodging and great company.

We also met numerous incredible riders traveling alone and with small groups. We saw married couples on tandems and families on individual bikes. Generally, riders' ages ranged

from mid to late 20's to the 50's. The younger ones seemed to mainly be taking a college or first job break. Older riders were adventuring and/or finishing a bucket list item. These riders reminded us that mental attitude and perseverance were key to completing this ride.

Finally, our families were key to this journey. My wife, Anne, drove our gear to Montana and then met us again in New Mexico. Enzo's wife, Kathy, helped us with hotel and bike shop coordination at some of the towns and daily kept friends informed on Facebook of our adventure. We also had a Garmin InReach which let our families see our progress in real time and kept us connected with texting when the cell phones were offline.

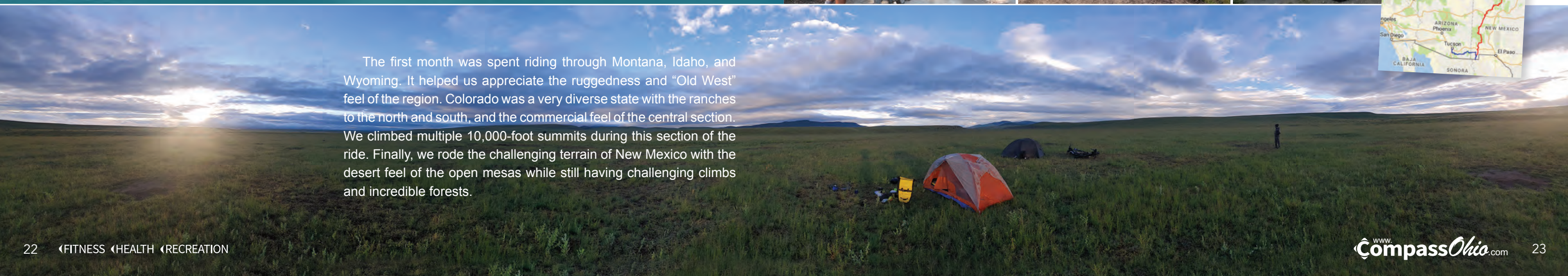
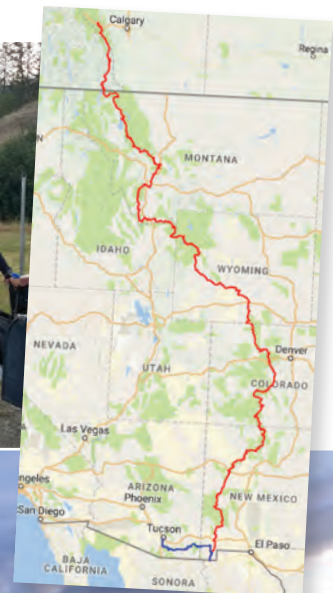
This ride and the people we met left us profoundly humble and inspired. We are available to share much more detail if any reader is interested in doing this incredible ride.



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DISCOVER MONROE COUNTY THIS SUMMER

By Gwynn Stewart, MS

Follow a path less traveled and you will find an area blessed with wilderness, adventure and seclusion in Monroe County. Journey along the Appalachian Byway or the Ohio River Scenic Byway and you will find Monroe. Summer is a great time to visit.

Camp or hike at Piatt Park. From Woodsfield, travel east on State Route 78 to County Road 30 to Trail 2308. Piatt Park is 119 acres with recreation includes hiking through a fantastic cave and gorge area, camping with a picnic shelter, and playground. Piatt Park Trail is a 1.3 mile moderately trafficked loop trail located near Woodsfield, Ohio that features a waterfall and is rated as moderate. The trail is accessible year-round for hiking, walking and nature trips.

The annual **Monroe Powwow** is hosted at the Hannibal Locks and Dam Visitors Center along State Route 7 on July 2-3. Come celebrate Native American history with a day of drums, dancing, and fellowship.

Motorcycle clubs or couples will enjoy a wide variety of routes in Monroe from State Route 7 along the Ohio River Scenic Byway or State Route 78 the Appalachian byway. Or, if you want more twisting and turning take the State Route 26 Wayne National Forest historic covered bridge tour. State Routes 800, 536, 255 or 556 also feature steep hills and valleys and views that are superb. Learn more at www.discovermonroecounty.org/motorcyclerides.



Unique lodging options include Kindelberger Cabin near Beallsville, available for rental by the day or by the week (<https://stonebarnfarm.net/kindelberger-cabin/>). Camping at Sparkman Lake and specialized locales such as Dragonfly, Kickin' Back Cabins or The Orchard Bed and Breakfast, near Sardis. Unplug for a weekend or stay a week, there's plenty to see and do.

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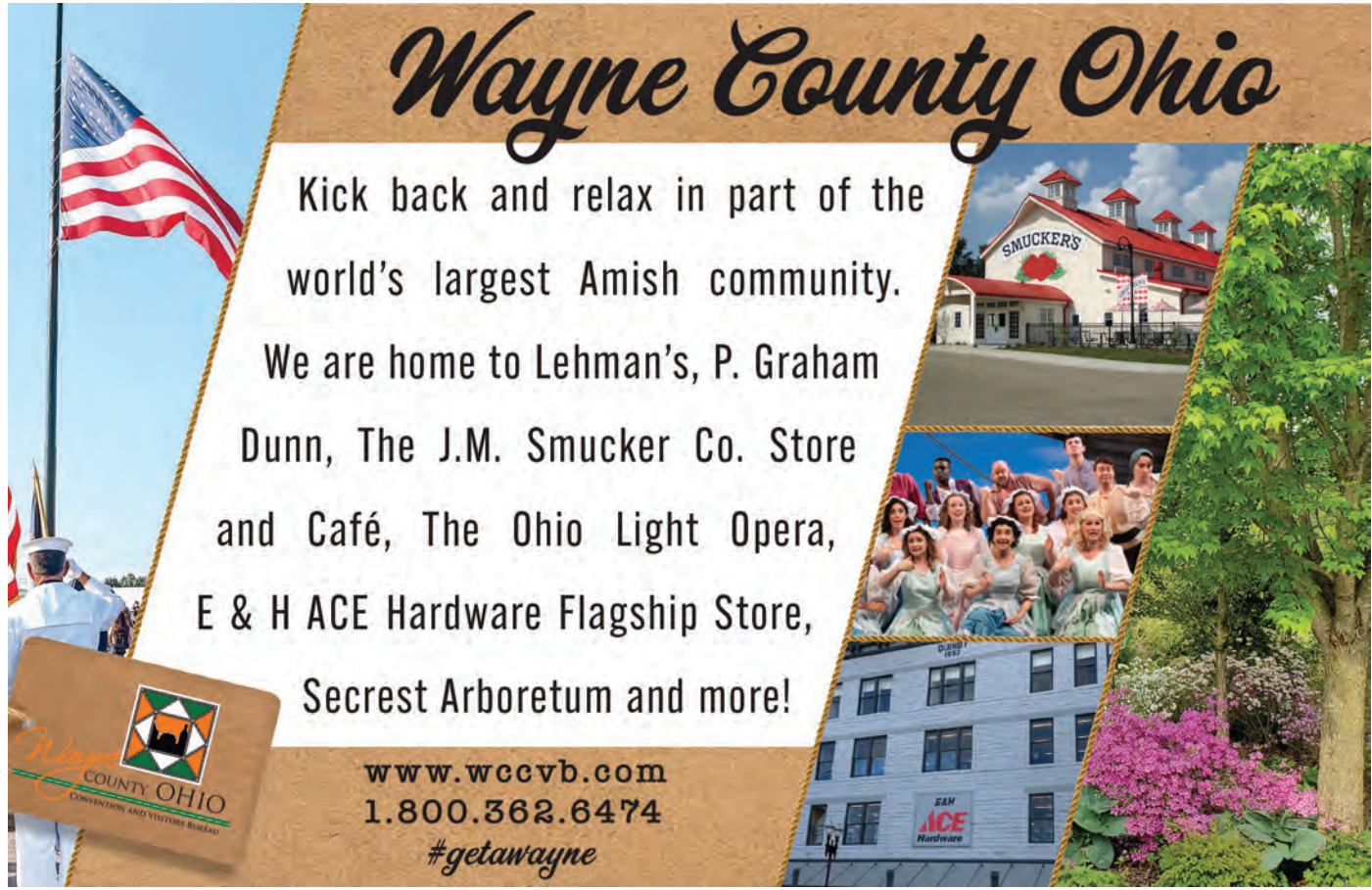
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RIVER EXPEDITIONS OFFERS BREATHTAKING TRIPS DOWN RIVER



By Candy S. Collins, BS

Experience history, nature, culture and adventure like never before with River Expeditions. The recently added New River Gorge National Park and Preserve, known as the Grand Canyon of the East, is known for its steep gorge cliffs creating some of the best whitewater on the east coast. The New River twists through West Virginia, allowing for stunning views.

The Gauley River is recognized as one of the top ranked rivers by paddlers. It drops over 625 feet in 25 miles and features over 100 rapids. The river is split into two sections, Upper Gauley and Lower Gauley, offering their own style in nature. Be sure to try the Gauley River during summer and fall, as they provide a unique experience for each season.

Whitewater rafting brings excitement for all ages and skills. River Expeditions offers a variety of rafting trips suitable for various ages and abilities. If you are nervous because it is your first time or you are pumped up and ready to tackle the rushing waters, the highly trained and certified team will determine which part of the river suits your skill level.

"We love sharing our passion for adventure with each of our guests, ages 6 to 86. In the New River Gorge, there's something for everyone to explore," says Heather Johnson, co-owner.

Family Class Trips is an introduction to whitewater rafting. This is a low-impact level allowing younger children (minimum age 6) and older adults to have an adventure to last a lifetime. The trip features easy to moderate rapids, tranquil pools and breathtaking scenery. The rapids for this trip classify as level I-III.

This is a splendid adventure for a multi-generational family as children ages 6-11 raft FREE with a paying adult. This trip down the scenic river allows your family to create memories they will remember and share over their lifetime.

Adventure Class Trips are more challenging and alternate between pools and drops that create roller coaster-type waves and rapids. This trip is perfect for beginners and experienced rafters (minimum age 12). This trip has rapids classified as level IV.

World Class Trips are the most technical and difficult whitewater runs offered. This trip is recommended for advanced paddlers with previous experience in the Adventure Class. Rapids can rate to a Class V+ getting the heart pumping with adrenaline.

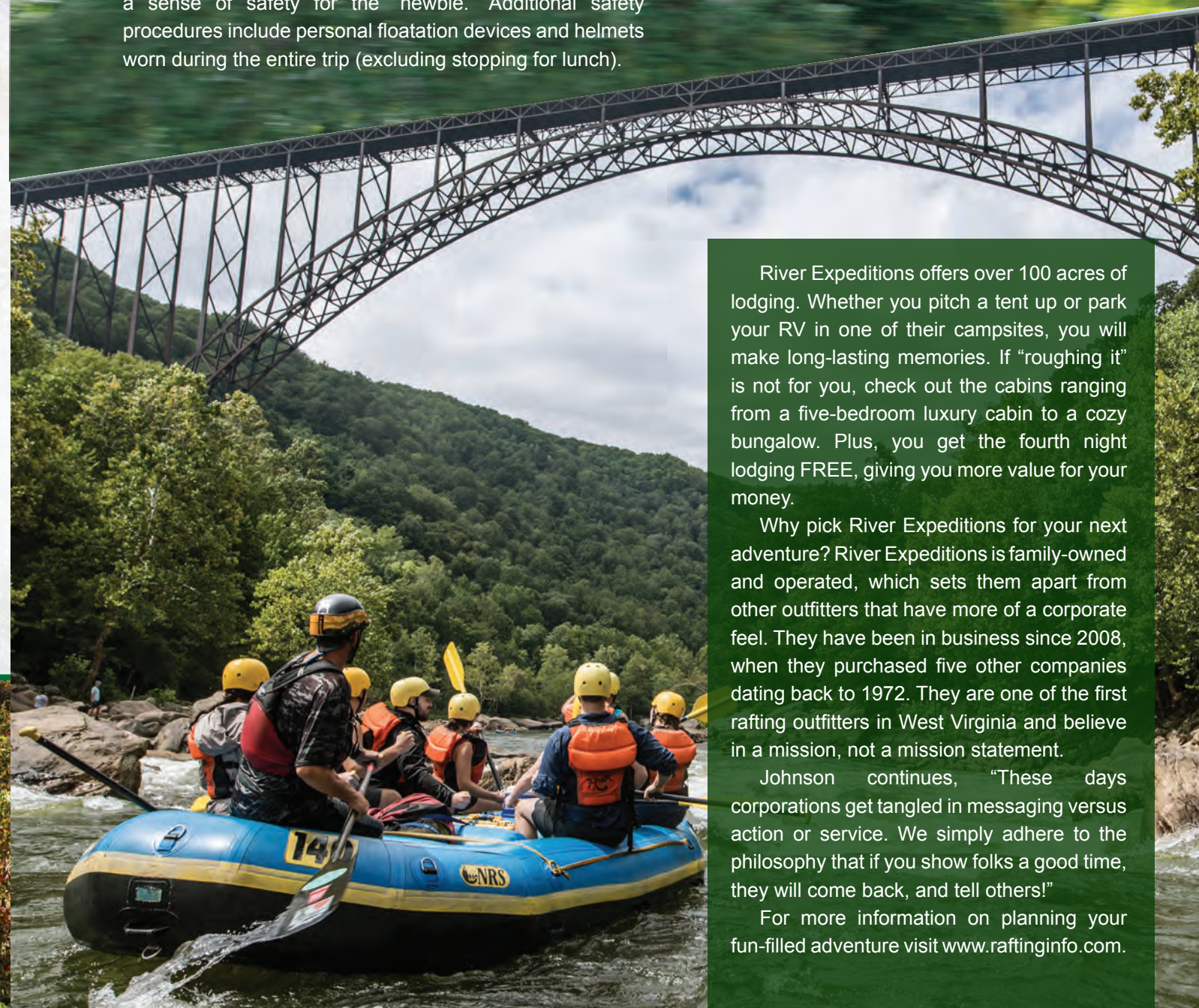
If you are a more experienced paddler and ready for a higher adrenaline rush, then you will want to try your expertise by using one of the smaller rafts for a higher performance and increased maneuverability. The smaller rafts, Wildside or Extreme Wildside, are for those with excellent health and are calm under adverse conditions. This will allow you to take your experience to new levels.



If whitewater rafting isn't for you or you simply want to keep adding to your memories at River Expeditions, check out the Zipline & Canopy Tours. It is "beauty from above." You will feel completely free although safely secured in a harness, as you suspend from a cable zooming over trees while the wind blows through your hair. The Ridges is a 1 to 2 hour guided zipline tour taking you over a network of platforms and sky bridge and soaring through the forest on four different ziplines. The tour ends with a bonus rappel.

River Expeditions also offers ATV tours, mountain biking, horseback riding, hiking, rock climbing, paintballing, bridge walk tours and stand-up paddle boarding.

Safety is the utmost importance of any river adventure. All of the guides are certified in First Aid, CPR and most hold an advanced medical and professional certificate allowing a sense of safety for the "newbie." Additional safety procedures include personal floatation devices and helmets worn during the entire trip (excluding stopping for lunch).



River Expeditions offers over 100 acres of lodging. Whether you pitch a tent up or park your RV in one of their campsites, you will make long-lasting memories. If "roughing it" is not for you, check out the cabins ranging from a five-bedroom luxury cabin to a cozy bungalow. Plus, you get the fourth night lodging FREE, giving you more value for your money.

Why pick River Expeditions for your next adventure? River Expeditions is family-owned and operated, which sets them apart from other outfitters that have more of a corporate feel. They have been in business since 2008, when they purchased five other companies dating back to 1972. They are one of the first rafting outfitters in West Virginia and believe in a mission, not a mission statement.

Johnson continues, "These days corporations get tangled in messaging versus action or service. We simply adhere to the philosophy that if you show folks a good time, they will come back, and tell others!"

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Go with the Flow in WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA

By Phyllis Sigal

From the peaceful streams of Wheeling Creek to downtown's Heritage Port with the Ohio River as its backdrop to the lakes, pools and rolling hills of Oglebay, Wheeling, West Virginia, is a place to go with the flow.



STREAMING A PEACEFUL VIBE

Ray McKee may be a "southpaw," but he'll take his kayak and canoe-loving adventurers north, east, west, as well as south for a pleasant, and energizing, trip along Ohio Valley waterways. McKee, his wife Lisa, his cousin Dan Oliver and Dan's wife Becky, are the owners of Southpaw Outfitters based in the Elm Grove section of Wheeling. All told, they are the owners of 28 kayaks, 2 canoes and 8 inner tubes, all available for hourly and weekend trips.

Wheeling streams have "good water movement," he noted, with no rapids, which makes it safe for kids (age 6 and up) and no need for special equipment such as helmets. Boaters don't have to worry about waters that are too swift or deep. McKee transports customers from his shop to several Big Wheeling Creek public access points, and then they can happily paddle their way back to Southpaw. Or, paddlers can start at Southpaw and travel downstream a few miles to Kroger, where he'll pick them up.

He also transports boaters to Middle Wheeling Creek Dam or the Ohio River for an outing. If you have your own canoe, he'll shuttle you to the put-in spot. Staying at an area hotel? He'll pick you up there and take you back to your lodging after the float. "We get people from all over," McKee noted.

When you work up an appetite on the water, Southpaw Outfitters can provide a bit of sustenance from the recently opened "Southpaw Eat'z" food truck. The food truck also will travel to area events. For information, visit southpaw-outfitters-llc.business.site or call 304-905-2628.



FLOAT, SPLASH, PADDLE AT OGLEBAY

Just a few miles from the interstate, nestled in the rolling hills off West Virginia 88, is Oglebay, a municipal park that has a little bit of everything for every member of the family. Oglebay boasts 258 rooms at Wilson Lodge and 54 cottages. "From single rooms to eight-bedroom estate houses, Oglebay provides all the amenities you need to make you feel right at home," said Wendy Hodorowski, Oglebay Marketing Manager.

While visiting the park, there is no shortage of dining options, including the Ihlenfeld Dining Room in Wilson Lodge that overlooks Schenk Lake; the Glassworks Grill; the Garden Bistro; and the Route 88 BBQ & Brew. "And new this year is the Lakeview Cantina at Oglebay located on The West Spa patio. The alfresco dining option ... features table service with signature cocktails and south of the border favorites including nachos, burritos, chips, salsa, guacamole and of course, tacos," Hodorowski said.

Once you've figured out lodging and dining, it's time to get out there and enjoy the dozens of activities! "Oglebay has numerous outdoor recreational options to make your stay exciting. Spanning 3 acres, Schenk Lake offers pedal boating, aqua cycles, kayaking and fishing. And a short walk across the playground, guests can challenge friends or family with a round of mini-golf or test their skills on the aerial challenge course and rock-climbing wall," said Herb Faulkenberry, Oglebay Vice President of Sales and Marketing.

"Crispin Center offers guests a chance to cool down at the pool and Fountains of Fun Splash & Spray. This exciting attraction features water sprays, fountains, cannons, and a giant Oglebay tree which rains down water," he added.

"Outside, there are Segway tours to explore. The Tennis Center features 10 Har-Tru outdoor tennis courts, and offers Team Tennis, Drop 'N Tennis, round robins and even pickleball," Hodorowski said. Oglebay has 4.5 miles of paved trails that weave throughout the park. The Bissonette Gardens include more than 30 flower beds, dozens of colorful hanging baskets and multiple fountains. "Guests can stroll down the red brick path and enjoy this re-creation of the gardens which existed at the summer home of Earl Oglebay in the early 1900s," she noted.

There are also over 15 miles of unpaved trails to conquer. Many of the original trails traveled by Earl Oglebay in the early 1900s have been restored and groomed into hiking trails for guests.

"If golf is your game, guests can visit the Speidel Golf Club featuring the popular Robert Trent Jones Sr. Course or the ever-challenging Arnold Palmer Course. Oglebay also offers an 18-hole regulation Crispin Course and a 9-hole Par 3 course, complete with a lighted, 30-tee driving range," Faulkenberry said.

Need a little "me time"? The West Spa offers massages therapy, body and facial treatments as well as manicures and pedicures.

Visit oglebay.com for more information on any of these activities, events and experiences.

Wheeling is easily accessible via Interstate 70, about two hours due east from Columbus, Ohio. For a list of area events, visit WheelingCVB.com. The Wheeling Convention and Visitors Bureau has an abundance of pamphlets and materials on places to eat, visit and stay, while in Wheeling. Call 304-233-7709 for a "things to do" packet.

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Where Memories Begin

By Trish Mann

Camping season is in full swing, and there is no better place to plan your next camping adventure than in Connellsville, Pennsylvania. Uniontown KOA is a camper's paradise, located in the picturesque setting between the Youghiogheny River and the Great Allegheny Passage trail. Every site has a stunning view of the river or the trail and provides activities for all ages and abilities. Whether you are looking for a place to park your RV, pitch a tent or take it easy in a spacious cabin, you will discover why Uniontown has become a sought-after family tradition.



There are activities for everyone.

Great Allegheny Passage Trail: Stretching 150 miles from Cumberland, Maryland to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, the trail entices bike riders, walkers, and hikers to explore the converted rail beds. The path travels through the Pennsylvania Highlands shaded valleys, winding rivers, and views of untamed nature. There are trail towns along the way approximately every ten miles. With a consistent surface of limestone and an average grade of less than 1%, it's suitable for all experience levels.

Canoe, Kayak, and Tube the river: The experienced staff at Uniontown Holiday, for a fee, take you upstream where you can explore the area by water on a canoe or kayak. You can also take the lazy way back and float downstream, relaxing in your inner tube.

Fish the river: Popular with anglers, the Youghiogheny River is the perfect place to cast your line and see what you can bring in. You can even fish right from camp. The river is home to many fish species, including large and smallmouth bass, walleye, northern pike, rock bass, yellow perch, and pickerel.

These are just a few fascinating things to see while camping at KOA Uniontown.

Falling Water: Franklin Lloyd Wright, a famous American architect, designed this home in the 1930s and is known for its design incorporating nature and art. The house is built over cascading waterfalls and is now a national historic landmark.

Laurel Caverns: Situated below a 435 geological park, Laurel Caverns is Pennsylvania's largest cave with more than four miles in passages.

Flight 93 National Memorial: September 11, 2001, will remain forever in our hearts, and this monument is to the men and women who lost their lives while saving countless others during a thwarted hijacking by terrorists.

KOA Uniontown makes camping life fun and memorable. Whether you bring the kids, grandparents, or just yourselves, everyone enjoys KOA camping, and Uniontown doesn't skimp on amenities or indulgences which include playgrounds, a heated swimming pool, kids' crafts, golf cart rentals, camp store, snack bar, Wifi as well as bingo, crafts & entertainment weekly.

There is nothing more fun than a theme weekend for those who camp regularly, and this KOA is not to be outdone. Throughout the summer and into fall, the camp goes all out on theme weekends, such as Mardi Gras Weekend, Wine, Cheese, and Jewelry Please, Lua Weekend, Hillbilly Redneck Weekend, Wild Wild Western Weekend, and Ghouls and Gumdrops. And those are just some of the fun-filled weekends.

There is so much to do here but let's face it, what you came for was a crackling fire warming the cool night air and ooey-goey marshmallows roasting over the flames. This campground has got you covered no matter where you choose to lay your head at night.



KOA offers full RV hookups up to 80' in length with designated patio areas and deluxe RV sites with additional outdoor furniture provided. Cabins of various sizes can accommodate 4-10 people and come with a full bath and shower, full and partial kitchens, propane grills, and outdoor patio areas.

Who says tent camping is hard? The deluxe tent camping site has water, electricity, and a tent pad of mulch for comfort. One-night camping is available on a grass pad if biking the GAP trail.

Camping is more than laying down your head at night. It means something different to everyone. For families, it is squeals from the children when they catch their first fish and the memory that will stay with that child for a lifetime. Sometimes it's the laughter of friends telling stories around the campfire, and others find peace in the call of tree frogs from the woods while some campers sleep their best listening to the familiar hoot of The Great Horned Owl.

Whatever brings you out under the stars, make sure to plan a visit to Uniontown KOA Holiday. The memories are here for the taking.

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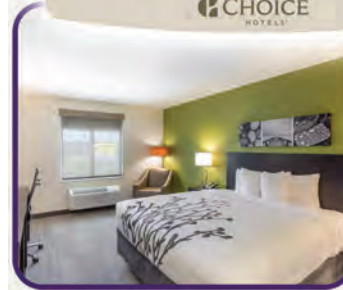
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Hocking Hills Adventures Provides Endless Fun

By Candy S. Collins, BS

Summer is upon us, and it's time to plan for your next action-packed, fun-filled getaway. Hocking Hills Adventures in Hocking Hills, Ohio, has everything you need to satisfy everyone in your family. Grab your tent or book a cabin and let the memories begin on this charming 200-acre property.

The cabins, built by Amish craftsmen, offer exquisite accommodations. There is a cabin sure to satisfy even the pickiest, whether you want all the comforts of home or a more rustic feel with basic amenities.

Primitive campsites are at the Riverside Campground and are the most popular. Many sites have a captivating view of the Hocking River and are spacious. Each site includes a picnic table and a fire ring allowing for many conversations and memories to begin by sitting around an open flame. Electric campsites are available on a pastoral hillside and also include a picnic table and campfire.

The beautiful Hocking River is best enjoyed by canoe or kayak. The river is a winding tributary of the Ohio River with breathtaking views. You can expect to see great rock formations, foliage, and wildlife along your excursion. Excursions last between two to five hours.

On the Natural Rockbridge Trip, you will paddle across the river from the launch site, park your boat on shore and take a very short hike to the Natural Rock Bridge, which is a naturally created rock formation resembling a bridge. It is more than 100 feet long, 10 to 20 feet wide and arches 50 feet across a ravine.

The Crockett's Run River Trip is a gentler course for parents with young children, beginners, or those who may be anxious about canoeing for the first time. This trip is a 5-mile stretch, and the river runs slower at this point.

As you paddle down the river you may want to stop at one of the sandbars or islands and explore a little of nature or enjoy your lunch surrounded by trees and fields.

Looking for a little more adventure? Stop along the river for the night and gaze up to see the magnificent twinkling stars. See it you can spot the milky way, the north star or the little and big dipper. Allow the moon to be your light throughout the night.

Grab a tube and float with ease downstream on the Hocking Hills Tubing Trip. Take a moment and close your eyes and allow the worries of the World to flow downstream and your senses to take over. Listen to the variety of birds chirping, smell the fresh outdoors, feel the sun shining down on your soul and enjoy the scenic views. This adventure is about 5 miles and takes around 2 to 3 hours.

Once you have finished your voyage down the river be sure to stop by the family fun center. Take on each other as you zip around the figure eight go-kart track. It is sure to bring many laughs as you try to race for the finish line.

Grab a putter and try your luck at some miniature golf with their 18-hole course. Watch out for any tunnels or obstacles as it makes it a little more challenging to get the ball in. See who can get a hole in one or have the lowest score to win.

If you are a gamer, then you will want to stop by the classic 80s game room, featuring pinballs, video games, a 16-foot bowler, and pool tables. Check out the splash pad as it is a great way for the kiddos to cool off, or maybe they need to release some extra energy on the bouncy jump pad.



The family fun center is the perfect location to host group outings, family get-togethers, company picnics, birthday parties and more. There is also a large grassy area for your party games, picnic table pavilions and a sand volleyball court. It is a place where laughter and fun will be remembered for years.

Hocking Hills Adventures is the original tourist recreational destination business to be established in Hocking County and has been providing fun for everyone since 1976. They have been operating under the same owners for 40 years. For more planning and pricing, check out their website <https://hockinghillscanoeing.com/>.



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THE HALL OF FAME EXPRESS

By Leo Jennings

SARTA CEO, Kirt Conrad, who made the midsize transit system a world leader in the use of zero emission hydrogen fuel cell technology and regularly creates innovative routes and service models that meet the shifting needs of businesses, workers, retailers, and residents, has now turned his laser-like focus to a new project: launching a streetcar light rail line dubbed the Hall of Fame Express (HOFX) that will seamlessly connect the Pro Football Hall of Fame, the proposed Hall of Fame Village powered by Johnson Controls, the Akron/Canton Airport, downtown Canton, and a variety of other locations in the county.



According to Conrad, the concept for the HOFX was inspired by the Disney Corporation. “Anyone who has ever been to Disney World knows the monorail is much more than a mode of transportation, it’s a highlight of every trip to the Magic Kingdom,” he said. “I believe we can replicate the Disney experience by immersing patrons in the Hall of Fame and related venues and activities from the moment they board the HOFX until they reach their destination.”

To achieve that goal the HOFX’s hydrogen fuel cell-powered rail cars will feature distinctive branding as well as interactive high-definition screens that will enable riders to view selections from the Hall of Fame’s extensive film and video library, play trivia games, converse with Hall of Fame members, and get up-to-the-minute information about exhibits and events as they travel between stops.

Conrad and other proponents of the project including Canton City officials and Visit Canton, the Stark County Convention and Visitors’ Bureau, believe the rail line will deliver a wide range of benefits for the region. “Numerous studies demonstrate the efficient, affordable transportation drives economic development, business growth, and job creation,” Conrad said. “Connecting our most valuable assets via the HOFX will generate business for downtown merchants, relieve congestion and parking problems near the Hall of Fame, provide easy access to the proposed

Hall of Fame Village, and make the area a more desirable location for conventions. That makes building the rail line an investment that will pay dividends for generations of Stark County residents.”

Conrad acknowledges that converting the HOFX from vision to reality presents logistical and financial challenges, but notes that a portion of the proposed rail system already exists. The current section, formerly known as the Sandyville Line, now owned by Akron Metro who purchased the right-of-way from CSX when Conrad was working as the transit agency’s planning director, would be utilized as part of the HOFX. As the project moves forward new track connecting various destinations including the airport, retail centers, businesses, and tourist attractions will be added.

Conrad is also unphased by the project’s price tag which could reach \$50 million. “As we proved by securing more than \$20 million in state and federal grants to fund our fuel cell program, SARTA knows where and how to find the money for game-changing projects. I believe we can cover at least 80% of the HOFX costs with grants from the Federal Transit Administration.”

Given his record of success, it is easy to believe that passengers will be boarding the Hall of Fame Express in the not-too-distant future.

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Whatever you do to relax, it's important to live in an area full of amenities that entice you. When choosing a new career path or looking to relocate, job opportunities as well as entertainment attributes are important wherever you settle. Finding a great job is just as important as having a plethora of amenities to choose from to compliment your quality of life. Now more than ever, accommodating time for both work and play is increasingly important. Finding that balance between the two can help motivate you and increase your performance and quality of work.

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DETROIT'S NATURE IS CALLING YOU

By Renee Monforton



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Downtown Detroit has towering buildings, venues and arenas, but you might be surprised to know that the city is quite committed to keeping its natural habitats clean and safe. Both residents and visitors alike are able to enjoy beautiful nature reserves because the city makes them a priority, rather than an afterthought. Here are two ideas for some fun and healthy outdoor recreation.

Belle Isle is one of the city's most well-known parks with nature trails, an aquarium, a zoo and a conservatory. The Nature Center features about four acres of undisturbed forested wetland perfect for hiking and observing wildlife. Visitors can also rent kayaks through RKC Adventures. With a kayak you'll be able to paddle your way down the river, taking in the wetlands and the overhanging willows above. Be sure to bring a cooler and some snacks for a picnic. There's plenty of space to spread a blanket on the grass and gaze at the Detroit river and Detroit skyline.

The Detroit International RiverWalk is one of Detroit's greatest attractions. It spans several miles, and while the Detroit River is a gorgeous sight, the Riverwalk itself offers some beautiful natural habitats as well. Just near Cullen Plaza is Milliken State Park Wetlands, an area where you can both observe and learn about how wetlands "act as nature's filtration system" (Detroit Riverfront Conservancy). It's a rarity to enjoy 32 acres of greenery in a downtown area. On a sunny day, there is no better place to go for a stroll and take in the beautiful sights of this state park.

For information about other attractions in the Detroit area or assistance to plan a trip, check the website visitdetroit.com.



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Summertime Adventures in the **ALLEGHENY NATIONAL FOREST**

By Linda Devlin

Summertime brings warm days full of fun outdoor activities followed by nights spent stargazing around a campfire in the Allegheny National Forest. The Allegheny National Forest (ANF) is over 513,000 acres of beautiful, lush, green forest, bisected by hiking and biking trails, and the mighty Allegheny Reservoir which offers water recreation for those seeking fishing, swimming, boating, or kayaking. The ANF, the only National Forest in Pennsylvania, is located nearby in northwestern Pennsylvania.

The Allegheny Reservoir is the second largest lake in Pennsylvania. The reservoir has 91 miles of shoreline, and it reaches across the Pennsylvania/New York state line. In Pennsylvania, the reservoir is surrounded by tree lined shores of the ANF; in New York, the Allegany State Park and the Allegany Indian Reservation of the Seneca Nation surround the waters.

For the angler bass, muskie, walleye, crappie, catfish and panfish are plentiful. For those interested in swimming, Kinzua Beach, located along Route 59, offers free parking and an accessible area for swimming. Swimming areas are also available at the reservoir campgrounds located along the shoreline of the reservoir.

The Kinzua Wolf Run Marina is located along the Allegheny Reservoir. For a fun day on the water consider renting one of their canoes, kayaks, or pontoon boats. Spend your day enjoying the sunshine and the beautiful scenery. After a day in the sun, plan to dine at Docksiders Café & Restaurant to enjoy the beauty of the sunset reflecting on the waters of the reservoir from their outside deck. Docksiders is located along PA Route 59, 250 Marina Lane, Clarendon. For information or dining reservations phone 814-726-1650.

If camping or staying in a wooden cabin with a porch swing is what you are seeking, the ANF offers fourteen campgrounds and multiple cabin rentals. A morning or evening stroll often offers the opportunity to view wildlife. The four picturesque campgrounds located along the shoreline of the reservoir are Willow Bay, Red Bridge, Dewdrop and Kiasutha.

Willow Bay is the largest developed recreation area on the forest; the beautiful blue waters of the bay are surrounded by a hardwood forest of leafy green trees. Willow Bay offers 101 family campsites, 38 with electrical

a detailed description, photos, and downloadable maps, go to www.alleghenysitemanagement.com. Reservations, which are highly recommended, can be made at www.recreation.gov.

The Longhouse National Scenic byway links many of the campsite locations around the Allegheny Reservoir. This federally designated byway is approximately 27 miles long and it circles the reservoir. Highlights along the byway include Rimrock, Kinzua Point, and Jakes Rocks. The developed overlooks offer stunning vistas of gigantic rock formations, woods, and water. For a downloadable



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Marilla Bridge



hookups, a picnic area and a pavilion, a large, concrete paved parking lot with room for boat trailers, a courtesy boat dock, and rustic cabin rentals. Each of the campsites contain a picnic table, fire ring or grill, with accommodations for two vehicles, a wheeled camping unit and a tent. Some of the cabins are along the shoreline of the reservoir, others are alongside Willow Creek, a bubbly mountain stream. Firewood and ice are available for sale at the campground for your convenience. Do not bring firewood into the forest, dead and down wood may be used as firewood. Willow Bay also offers kayaks, paddleboards, and canoes for rent.

Other campgrounds, which are non-reservoir, include Tracy Ridge, Minister Creek, Buckaloons, Hearts Content, Twin Lakes, and Loleta. In addition, for those seeking a more primitive experience, Handsome Lake, Hooks Brooks, Hopewell, Pine Grove, and Morrison are available.

All campground, campsite, and cabin rentals are overseen by Allegheny Site Management for the US Forest Service. Campsite fees start at \$20; cabin rental fees vary by the size and location of the cabin. To view

scenic driving tour go to www.visitanf.com/scenic-drives-2.

The northeastern section of the ANF is know as Trail Central. Along with the developed trails in the ANF, which are many, towns like Bradford have created trails which link to the developed recreation on the ANF. Bullis Hollow, a remote backpacking trail, links Marilla Reservoir to Tracy Ridge Campground in the ANF. Indian Pipe Trail connects to the Allegany State Park in New York.

Marilla Bridges Trail is a favorite for those seeking a shorter, easier trail with scenic beauty. Marilla Bridges Trai is a one-mile loop trail which circles the Marilla Reservoir. Hike across the Erik Benjamin Covered Bridge which spans the spillway of the reservoir, enjoy a picnic lunch at the gazebo, and finish the trail crossing over two wooden raised walkways. Marilla Bridges Trail is located along PA Route 346, five miles west of Bradford. Fishing and non-motorized boating are also allowed at the Marilla Reservoir.

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