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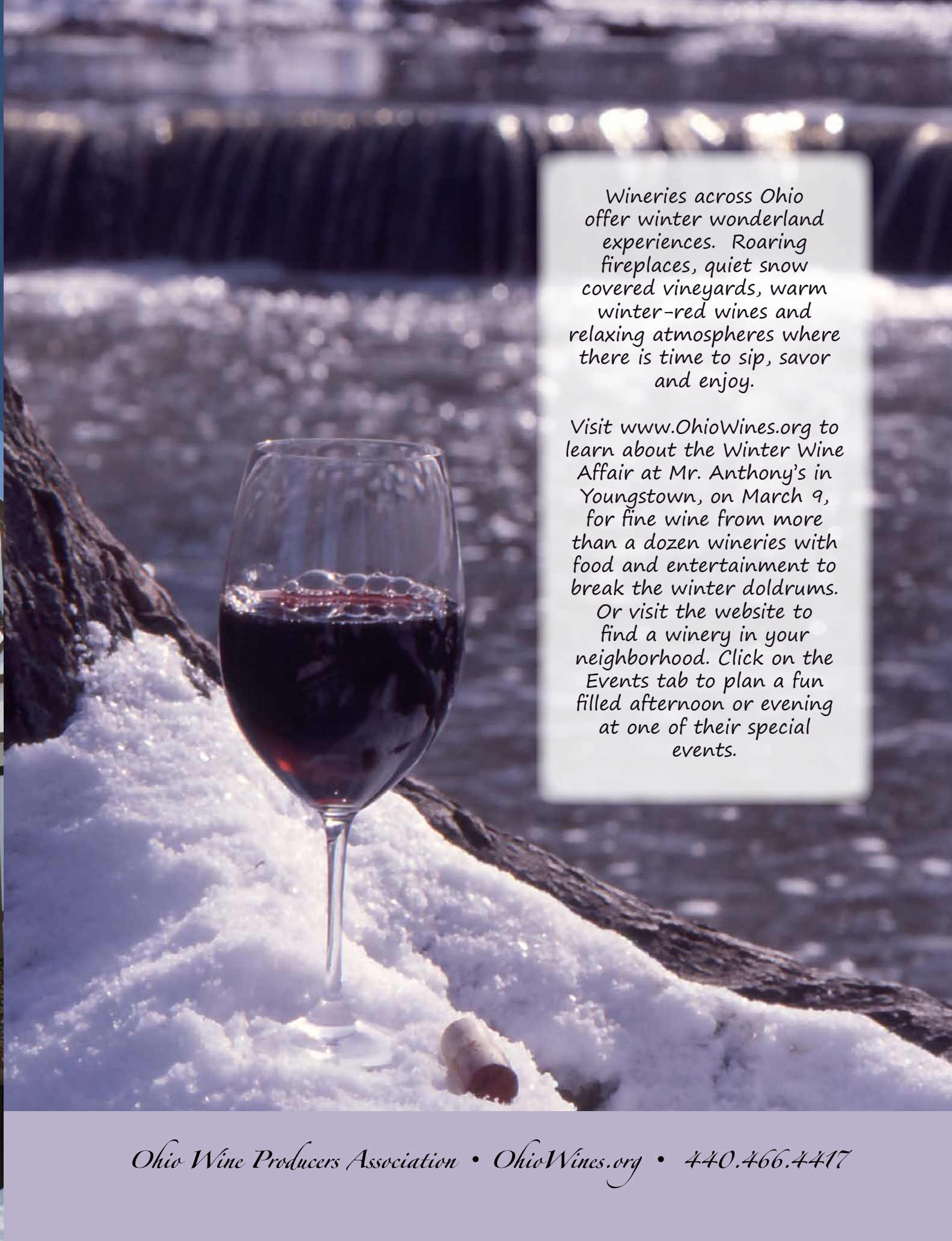
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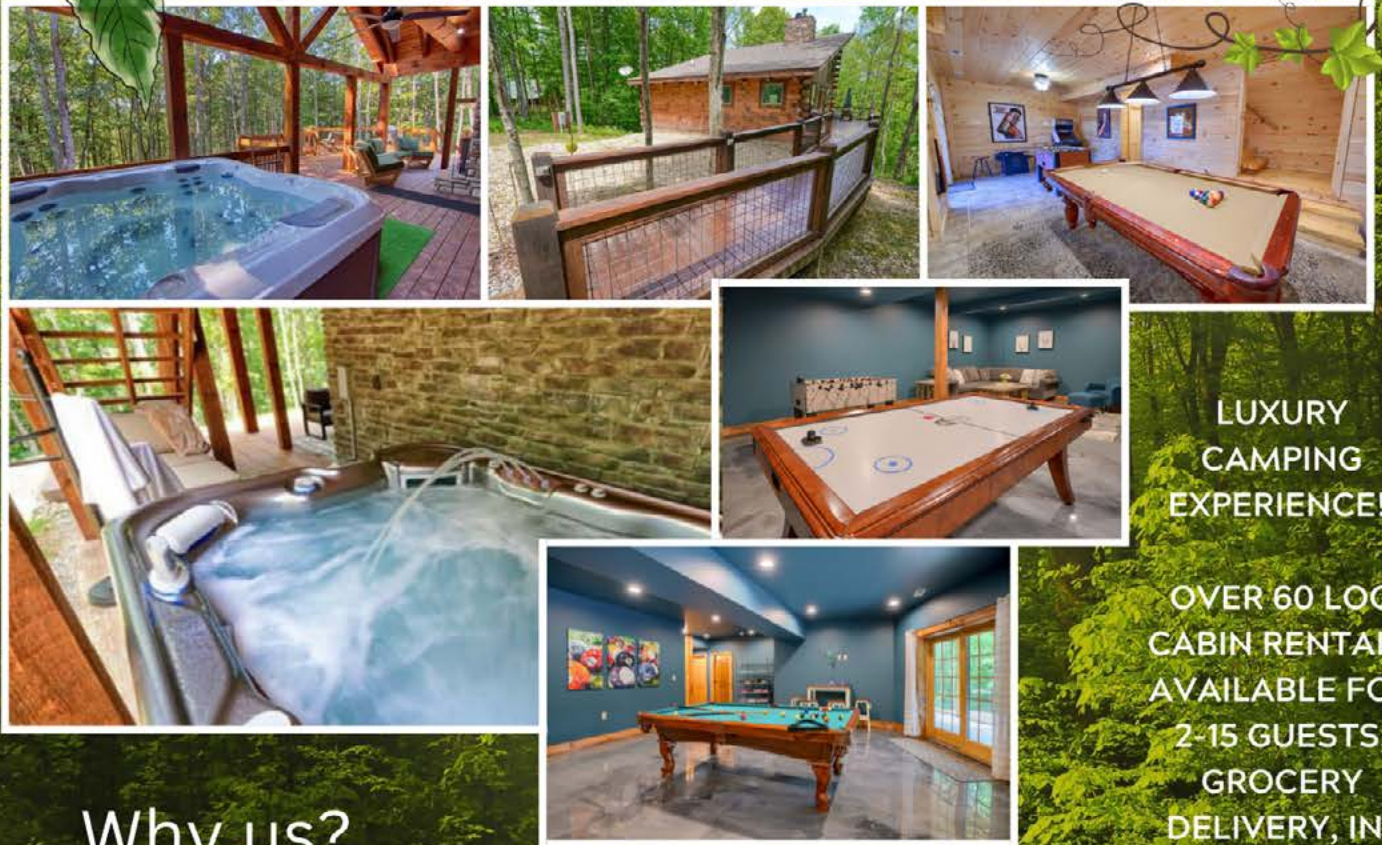
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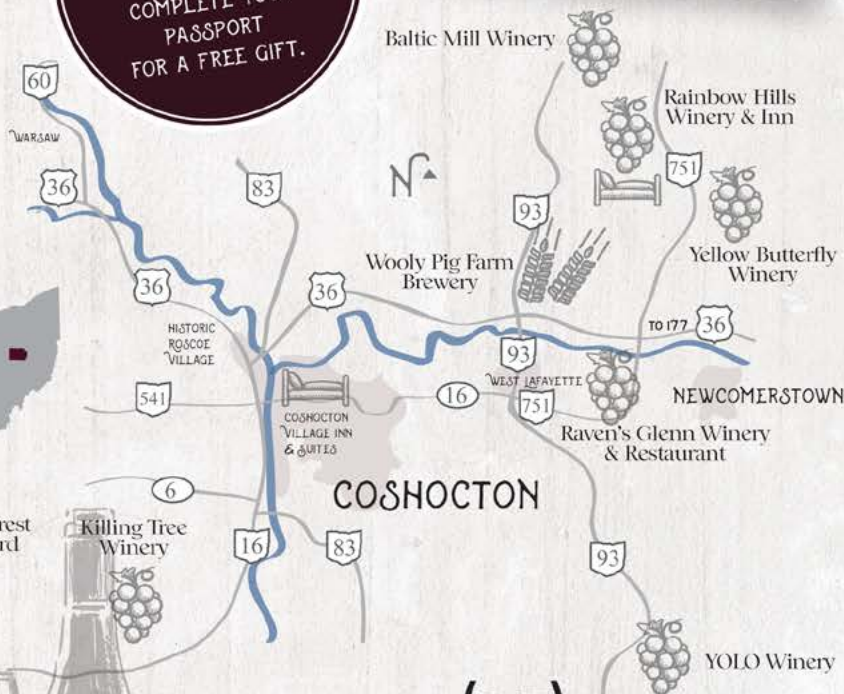
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A Message from The Editor



Brrrrrr! It's cold outside. The average temperature in Ohio in January is 30 degrees. Now if you're a winter sports enthusiast, you can't wait to get outside and play in the snow. Some might prefer staying warm, wrapped in a warm throw with a glass of wine near a roaring fire. Luckily, we have adventures for both.

This issue contains information about some new locations that might get you to venture out in the cold for a new experience. Canaan Valley Resort State Park in the Allegheny Mountains of Davis, West Virginia, offers the usual outdoor snow skiing, snowboarding, snow tubing and ice skating, but they also offer numerous indoor activities so everyone in the family has fun.

Potter and Tioga Counties in northern Pennsylvania have over 450 miles of groomed snowmobile trails and Ski Sawmill Family Resort has a tubing slide with a 70-foot drop for a breathtaking adventure. Most facilities offer rental equipment for outdoor fun.

If you prefer to be indoors, you will enjoy touring the numerous wineries, breweries and distilleries in the area to find some new favorites. There are tours available where you can travel in a heated vehicle and don't even have to drive. You can leave from an area hotel, be shuttled to the various destinations you choose, enjoy wine tastings and food pairings, and return back to the hotel for a good night's sleep at the end of the evening.

The Three Rivers Wine Trail in Coshocton, Ohio, encompasses eight distinctively different venues in the area each known for specialty drinks and food. Shores & Islands Ohio Cheers Trail encompasses several wineries and distilleries between Cleveland and Toledo.

Whether you choose being cold outside or warm inside, there are numerous destinations for winter fun and adventure nearby.

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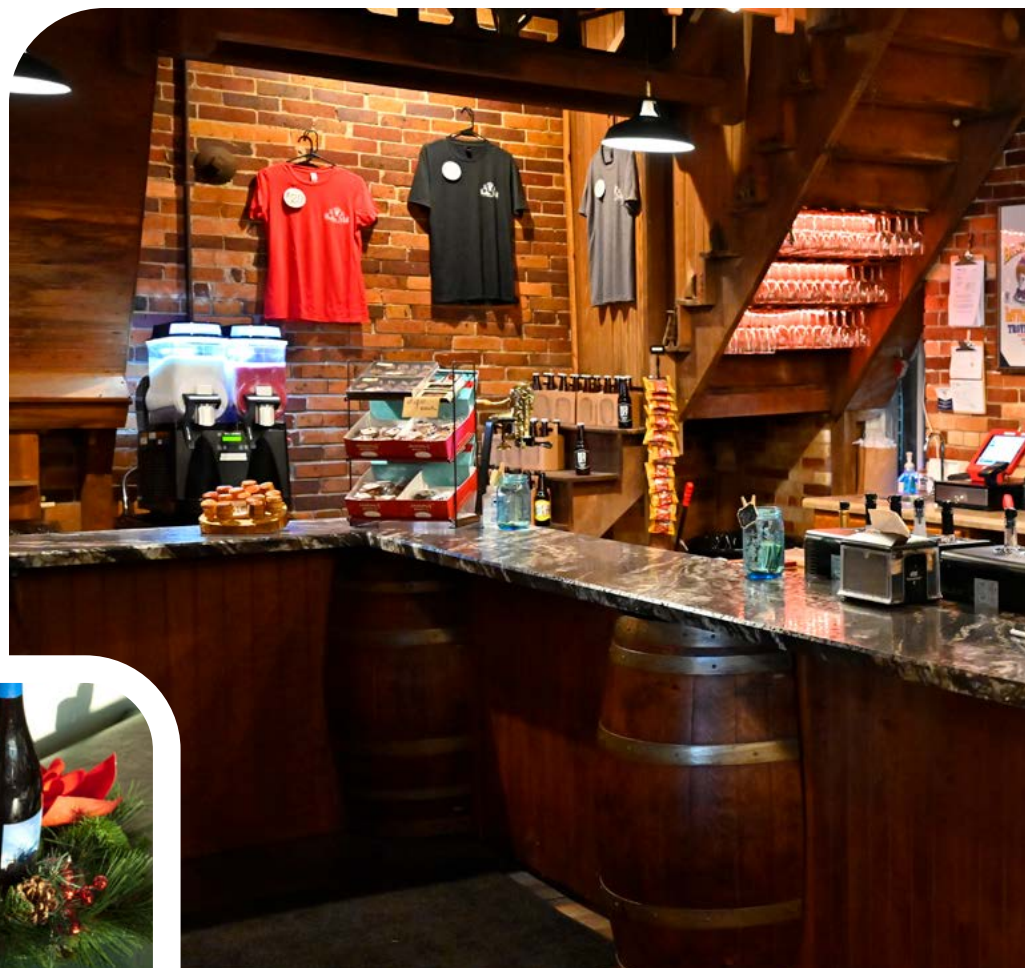
A Winter Tour Through Ohio's Amish Country Wineries

By Trish Mann

Amidst the serene snow-clad expanse of Ohio's Amish Country, a cluster of wineries and breweries invites visitors to experience a blend of rich history, artisan craftsmanship, and winter charm. From award-winning wines to handcrafted brews, each product bears the legacy of the passionate families behind them. Embark on an expedition through this land where time-honored traditions fuse seamlessly with innovation, and every frosty sip tells a story of dedication.

Guggisberg's Doughty Glen Winery is a dream come true for Eric and Julia Guggisberg. In 2013, they turned their vision into reality by launching this new business, quickly gaining recognition as an award-winning establishment. Beyond its exceptional wines, the winery offers a unique setting, lodging, and on-site horseback riding. It is a versatile destination for romantic getaways, group gatherings, weddings, retreats, and relaxation seekers. Regardless of the season, the winery's captivating ambiance, including a cozy fireplace, provides a picturesque backdrop for enjoying their exquisite wines.

Breitenbach Winery stands tall in the heart of Ohio's Amish Country. The winery's evolution is evident from



a humble tasting room to a winter destination. Founded by Duke Bixler in 1980, it offers over 40 varieties of meticulously crafted wines, producing more than 150,000 gallons annually. And if it isn't chilly enough for you, try a bottle of their Vidal Blanc Ice Wine, often described as nectar from the gods.

In the heart of West Lafayette, Ohio, Ravens Glenn proudly stands as the crown jewel of wineries in the region. Their exceptional, award-winning wines are crafted on-premises. Enjoy a glass at the bar or dinner with friends as you enjoy the waning moments of a winter's day.

Ken and Judy Eschbacher have captured their passion for wine in each bottle at Silver Moon Winery. Established in 2004, Silver Moon Winery has over



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40 styles of wines ranging from sweet to bold and extends to over 300 stores across Ohio. The outstanding choices promise to keep you warm on a chilly winter day.

Swiss Heritage Winery pairs perfectly with cheese. And it's no surprise when you realize the winery was a natural progression for Broad Run Cheesehouse to expand into the wine business. After seven decades of operating a cheesehouse, Hans and Nancy Schindler

opened Swiss Heritage Winery in 2002 as part of Broad Run Corner—at the gateway to Amish Country. Today, second and third-generation winemakers, Chad and Carson Schindler, oversee the wine production, producing 20-plus wines, ranging from red, white, and blush to sweet fruit.

Amidst the winter landscape, Ugly Bunny is a local gem. Its firm commitment to sourcing local ingredients is evident in the expert craftsmanship of its wines and

beer, all made on the premises. Offering live, local music and active community involvement make this winery a cherished part of the community. Enjoy a leisurely day sipping wine and watching the snowfall across the vineyard at the Ugly Bunny. And don't be surprised if their fur baby visits you.

Dan and Judy Garver's dream took shape in the historic bricks of Baltic Mill. After a decade of honing his winemaking skills, they established the Baltic Mill Winery. Nestled in the mill's exposed brick walls and historic machinery, a rustic charm beckons visitors in from the cold to savor their exquisitely crafted sweet and dry wines.

For those who prefer a locally crafted good beer, The Millersburg Brewing Company is where the frost meets the froth. Established in 2012, they focus on creating classic brews for today's taste while supporting local and Ohio craft beer. The Tap Room boasts 20 brews, live music, karaoke, and a welcoming ambiance. The Millersburg Brewing Company is just the place to spend a long winter evening among friends.

In winter, Ohio's Amish Country offers more than scenic beauty. It's a land where every snowflake carries a story, every glass is a testament to tradition, and every winery and brewery bears the heart of the community. Dive deep into this winter wonderland, and let the stories behind each label warm your heart. Cheers to frosty vineyards, roaring fires, and the timeless tales of Amish Country winemaking and brewing!

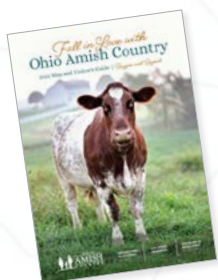
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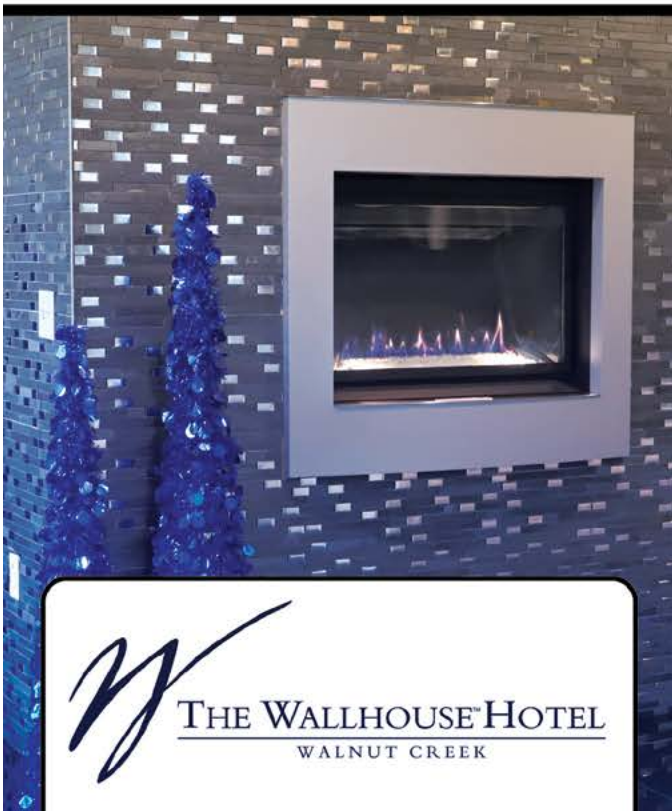
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The Beauty of the NEW RIVER GORGE Shines in Winter's Glow

By Candy S. Collins, BS

The New River Gorge in West Virginia (WV), known for its fierceness, slows down during winter. It meanders lazily, occasionally interrupted by frozen patches that twinkle under the winter sun. Surrounding this river, the snow drapes across the branches, bending gracefully under the weight, creating arches of white against the stark winter sky. The iconic New River Gorge Bridge stands tall against the pale winter sky.

While the picturesque landscape is enough to leave any visitor in awe, the gorge is not just a sight but a playground for winter enthusiasts. Put on your warm layers and head out for some fun.

The park offers over 25 trails, with options for all skill levels. The Canyon Rim Visitor's Center, where you will find photographs and exhibits that bring the gorge's rich past to life, will be closed for upgrades and renovations from January 1 to March 1, 2024, but the deck and overlooks outside will still be accessible. Outside, the Center's deck offers a breathtaking panorama of the iconic bridge and valley below. For a closer view, the Canyon Rim Boardwalk leads to observation decks, perfect for savoring the frosty beauty of the season.

Other favorite spots are The Fayetteville Trail and the Bridge Trail. Both offer stunning views of frozen creeks, snow-covered hills, and wildlife.

Less than an hour from the New River Gorge in Ghent, WV, is Winterplace Ski Resort. The resort offers 9 lifts, 27 trails, night skiing, and snow tubing. Spanning over 90 acres, the skiable terrain caters to all skill levels. It's an ideal spot for novices to start their skiing journey and for seasoned skiers to hone their skills or enjoy moments with loved ones.

Heaven Holler, formerly known as Highland Run, offers a unique trail accessible by its dedicated Chairlift 1. This dynamic park caters to every age and skill, from beginners to pros.

For those who don't ski, the snow tube park provides the ideal slope, reminiscent of childhood dreams, complete with thrilling bumps and dips. The best part is the Super Carpet Lifts (think of a conveyor belt you walk onto) taking you back to the top of the hill. Snow tubes are provided, but you bring the laughs.

As the evening draws near, the need for warmth calls. The region is full of cabins and lodges that promise comfort. Sitting by a roaring fireplace, sipping on a glass of wine to warm you up, and reminiscing about the day's adventures become the highlight of the evening.

The New River Gorge in the winter celebrates nature's stillness and beauty, punctuated by moments of thrill and adventure. For more information on lodging, events, trails, and more, visit <https://newrivergorgecvb.com/> and begin your next winter getaway.



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Stem Stein? Coshocton Will Fill Your Glass

By Mindy Brems

The Three Rivers Wine Trail in Coshocton County, Ohio, is a great place to visit for a day trip or a weekend getaway. The Appalachian Foothills of Coshocton County serves as the backdrop for this eclectic trail of eight unique locations serving carefully crafted wines and beer. No matter the season, the scenery is beautiful and the winemakers and brewers are onsite and ready to greet guests with a friendly smile. The trail is family friendly, and many locations welcome leashed pets on their outdoor patios.

The trail is self-driven, giving tasters the opportunity to relax at each venue. Free Three Rivers Wine Trail Passports are available along the way and, when complete, may be redeemed at the Coshocton Visitors Bureau for an exclusive Three Rivers Wine Trail gift. No purchase is required, but all eight locations must stamp or sign the passport to receive the gift. The trail's locations are easily accessible from I-77 and OH-36, and are less than a two-hour drive from Columbus, Cleveland and Pittsburgh.

Several packages are available throughout the year for a perfect getaway. They include the *Three Rivers Wine Trail Package* and the *Raven's Glenn Wine Tasting Package*.

Beginning in March, 2024, *Sip & Stay Thursday* returns. Let Cork and Tap Excursions do the driving while enjoying the trail. Included is a double occupancy room at Coshocton Village Inn and Suites with full breakfast, along with transportation, visits and vouchers to four selected locations, and a dinner voucher. This package is only available on Thursdays from March through October, 2024, and sells out quickly. Reservations can be extended at a special rate for those who want to make it a multi-day trip to explore the other Three Rivers Wine Trail locations or other popular Coshocton attractions, such as Historic Roscoe Village and the Historic Downtown District shops and restaurants.

Reservations for *Sip & Stay Thursday* or other packages may be made by calling Coshocton Village Inn and Suites at 740-622-9455.

Hours of operation for Three Rivers Wine Trail locations can vary, so check the Three Rivers Wine Trail Ohio Facebook and Instagram pages for the most up-to-date information. An online map and more details may be found at ThreeRiversWineTrailOhio.com.

Wineries on the trail offer a variety of experiences; each is independently owned and operated so hours and programming will vary.



Baltic Mill Winery is housed in a converted century-old flour mill. Wine and small plates are served in this cozy and quiet setting, with acoustic music on Saturdays starting with their annual Valentine's Dinner on February 17.

Killing Tree Winery is surrounded by area farms and forests and is the perfect place to relax. They make a wide variety of wines and slushies and have a full-service kitchen that boasts wagyu beef burgers, wood fired pizza and shareables. Live entertainment and craft-and-sip workshops occur throughout the year.

Rainbow Hills Winery, Brewery, and Pizzeria serves delicious pizza and subs along with beer and wine made on site. The stone fireplace in the tasting room is so inviting!

Raven's Glenn Winery & Restaurant serves Mulled Wine and Boozy Hot Chocolate during the cold winter months. Guests can enjoy a fireside meal in the dining room, which overlooks the Tuscarawas River.

Stone Crest Vineyard features award-winning wines in a picturesque setting. The cozy tasting room is the perfect spot to sample a selection of traditional and fruit wines made onsite. Guests can enjoy tastings or buy wine by the bottle. Special dinners and events are held throughout the year.



Wooly Pig Farm Brewery features a welcoming tap room, outdoor covered patio with wood stoves and an outdoor fire pit. Bavarian-style beers are brewed onsite and never disappoint. Limited edition beers are released throughout the year, including the winter favorite Maple Sap Cream Ale.

Yellow Butterfly Winery is housed in an expertly-restored 125-year-old barn that overlooks one of the area's most beautiful valleys. Sip and enjoy the view, which may include the herd of Alpaca that live there.

YOLO Winery is another regional favorite, but is closed January through March, so make plans to visit them come Spring, when guests enjoy live music, food trucks and slushies each weekend.

Visit once and see why guests return season after season to the Three Rivers Wine Trail. Make the Three Rivers Wine Trail in Coshocton, Ohio, part of your future travel plans! Call the Coshocton Visitors Bureau today at 740-622-4877 to receive your free Three Rivers Wine Trail Passports and Coshocton visitor information packet.



JOURNEY THROUGH WINERIES, BREWERIES, — AND — DISTILLERIES IN WAYNE COUNTY

By Candy S. Collins, BS

A winter's chill blankets Wayne County, Ohio, a distinctive warmth fills the air. This isn't solely from the embrace of heaters or the glow of fireplaces but from a community brought together by a shared appreciation of local flavors. Locals and visitors alike journey through the county's wineries, breweries, and distilleries.

The journey starts at Silver Run Winery, with landscapes delicately frosted and interiors filled with the rich aroma of fermented grapes. Managed by a dedicated husband-wife team, Silver Run is a testament to the richness of the county. Visitors are not merely guests; they are part of a story, immersed in local history and traditions, experiencing a place where every drop of wine reflects home.

Not far away, Bent Ladder Cider & Wine is known for its rustic charm and flavorful drinks, including various wines and eight distinct ciders from special apples and grapes. In 2021, they launched the Heritage Series to highlight the natural flavors of their apples. The warm spiced cider, snowy orchard views, and take-home options make every visit memorable.

In the heart of Wooster, JAFB Brewery is a sanctuary for beer lovers, offering 14 rotating beers on tap

inspired by diverse brewing traditions. The laughter and clinking of glasses resonate through the brick walls, capturing the vibrant winter spirit.

Situated in the historic icehouse in downtown Wooster, the Minglewood Distilling Company echoes the legacy of its namesake, The Minglewood Coal and Ice Company. A father-and-son duo has transformed this space into a modern distillery, reviving Wayne County's Rye Whisky tradition and crafting quality spirits.

A visit to Lincoln Way Vineyards reveals a unique winter charm, creating wines that capture the essence of the season. With every sip and burst of laughter, the motto "Find Your Wine Time" comes to life, infusing the air with a spirited winter vibe.

Amongst the rolling hills, Troutman Vineyards & Winery welcomes guests to find solace in the tranquility of winter. The combination of crisp air and exquisite wines creates a sensory symphony enhanced by the warmth of the fireplace.

Finding your winter spirit In Wayne County is more than an invitation. It's a flavorful journey marked by warmth and community. For more information, visit www.wccb.com.



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A Winter Wonderland in Northern Pennsylvania

By Trish Mann

Nestled in Northern Pennsylvania and bordering New York state, Potter and Tioga counties are not just another set of scenic landscapes. Beyond the pristine Pine Creek Gorge, often called the "Grand Canyon of Pennsylvania," the area boasts abundant activities. Enthusiasts can journey through rich trails, revel in awe-inspiring views, or engage in many winter sports.

Cross-country skiing enthusiasts can explore up to 29 groomed trails. Among them is the Vista Loop in Susquehannock State Forest and the numerous trails in Tioga State Forest, including Bee Tree, Sand Run, and Pine Creek Rail Trail. Whether you bring your skis or need to rent them from local outfitters, resources like the PA Cross Country Skiers Association are just a click away to enhance your skiing experience.

Additionally, Potter and Tioga have over 450 miles of groomed trails for those who love the thrill of snowmobiling. Located near Coudersport on Rt 6, this region is one of Pennsylvania's premier destinations for snowmobile riding. And if you visit during warmer months, quad trails are ready for exploration.

Families looking for a blend of skiing and relaxation can head to Ski Sawmill Family Resort. With 12 slopes, a tubing slide, and a terrain park, the resort promises fun-filled winter days. The tubing slide, especially, offers an exhilarating 70-foot drop. Sawmill's Tube Slide features three runs, one lift, and a robust snowmaking system to ensure a great ride.

However, winter in Potter and Tioga isn't just about skiing or snowmobiling. Enjoy a day of ice skating, sled riding, and ice fishing - the latter being highly popular, with gear available at the Tackle Shack in Wellsboro.

While visiting, take a break from the adrenaline and visit the Oregon Hill Winery. Family-owned since 1983, they have been crafting Pennsylvania Mountain Wines to perfection. Their award-winning wines, from oaky reds to sweet fruit ones, are bound to leave an impression. With multiple locations in the region, including a scenic drive through the picturesque mountains to the village of Oregon Hill, wine enthusiasts are in for a treat.

Potter and Tioga counties present more than breathtaking views from diverse recreational activities and attractions like Oregon Hill Winery. There's something for every traveler, be it thrill-seekers or those in pursuit of tranquility, and when winter blankets the region, it becomes a wonderland where memories are made. When considering your next winter escape, remember the gems that Potter-Tioga offers. For further details, explore www.visitpottertioga.com



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DISCOVER YOUR WINTER SPIRIT IN HOCKING HILLS

— By Trish Mann

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Hocking Hills, a pristine slice of Ohio, is more than its stunning state parks, caves, and waterfalls. It is a hidden gem for those who seek to find their spirit, particularly through a compelling journey of wines, brews, and spirits.

A must-stop in the area is a visit to the Hocking Hills Winery which will quickly warm your soul. Along with numerous accolades and a delightful partnership with Hocking Hills Brewery, the winery ensures diverse offerings year-round. Valley View Winery, a 25-year-old gem, combines pastoral beauty with top-notch wines and stone-fired pizzas.

Experience global wines at Allegría Wine Express with hour-long sessions that dive into the intricacies of wine varieties, pairing suggestions, and wine narratives. Meanwhile, Manchester Hill Winery, established in 2011, stands tall with national recognition for its wines, melding traditional techniques with modern science. Shade Winery offers picturesque views for those seeking tranquility with taste, although reservations are required. And Rockside Winery celebrates global flavors using estate-grown and sourced grapes.

Hocking Hills is also brewing up the beers. Dive into the brew culture with Hocking Hills Brewery. After running a successful winery, they took on the craft beer business and opened to enthusiastic praise for their extensive craft offerings. Brewery 33 Hocking Hills LLC offers an inviting space for families, even the four-legged members, ensuring fun and froth. Little Fish Brewing Co. and Double Edge Brewery Co. pride themselves on unique offerings, local culture, and community spirit.



Photo provided by Hocking Hills Moonshine

For those inclined towards more intense spirits, Hocking Hills Moonshine's tour isn't just a lesson in distillation but a journey through history and heritage. Whereas, Motherwell Distilling Co., despite its novelty, boasts a range of distinctive spirits from classic Bourbons to the intriguing Lubricator.

Hocking Hills promises a journey for the soul. Whether you're a wine lover, a beer enthusiast, or someone seeking the warmth of distilled spirits, Hocking Hills invites you to rediscover and rejuvenate your soul this winter and all year long. Please visit their respective websites for events and hours. More information on the region is available at explorehockinghills.com.



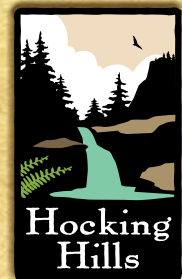
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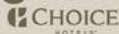
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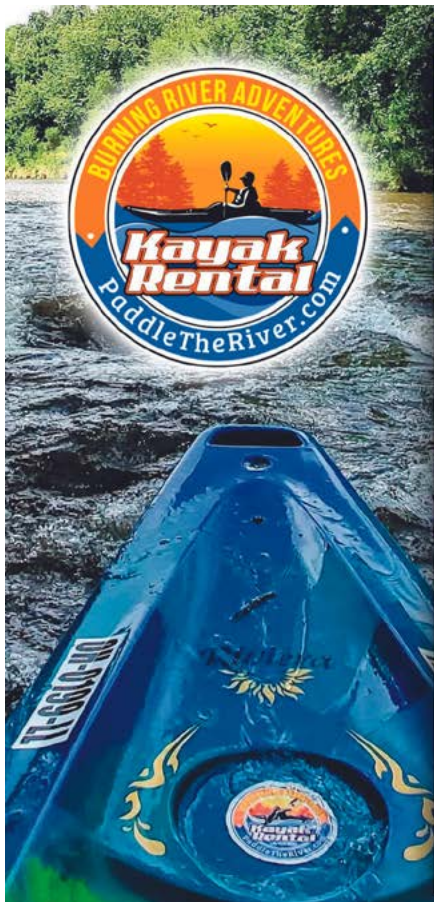
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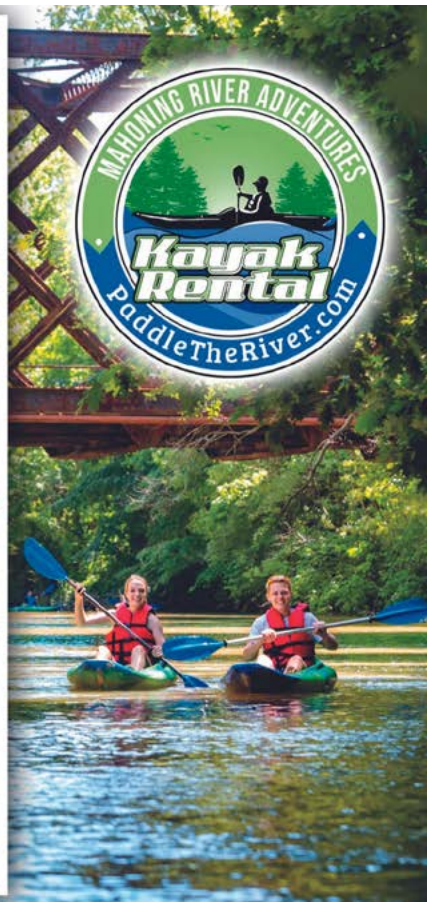
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THE SUMMIT BREW PATH

By Ty Johnson

Thirsty? The Summit Brew Path will quench your thirst! Launching on February 10, 2024, the 8th Annual Summit Brew Path will take you to over 20 different unique and local breweries throughout Summit County. Whether you prefer a sour or a hazy IPA taste, you can find a wide variety of brews all along the Path.

Pick up your passport at your first stop, and from there your journey begins. Make a purchase at a brewery to receive that location's specific stamp. Each brewery has a custom-made, unique stamp to show that you finished that stop.

The fun is not over when you complete your passport. Mail in your completion form to the Akron/Summit Convention & Visitors Bureau to be invited to our Brew Path Bash. The deadline to finish the Path is November 27, 2024, and all entry forms from the passport must be postmarked no later than December 6, 2024.

The Brew Path Bash showcases all your favorite stops along the Path. With games, live music, and food this event will have you brewing with excitement.



Completing all stops on the passport means you are eligible for a \$1,000 prize. If you can't make it to all the stops, don't worry. You are still eligible for a \$250 prize as long as you have all but four locations stamped. Be sure to submit your RSVP by December 16, 2024, to hang with other craft beer enthusiasts and see if you could be going home with some cash.

What are you waiting for? Invite your family and friends to take on the challenge. Explore and try something new while participating in the 8th Annual Summit Brew Path. For a list of participating breweries and to learn more about the Brew Path, visit summitbrewpath.com.

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Plan your "Spirit" Filled Adventures at Oglebay Resort

By Trish Mann

Nestled amidst the rolling hills of Wheeling, West Virginia, Oglebay Resort stands as a beacon of relaxation and adventure.

As snow adorns the landscape during winter months, this resort becomes an unrivaled escape, offering activities like skiing, ice skating, and exploring the many scenic trails. Cozy accommodations ensure visitors are wrapped in comfort, making Oglebay the ideal base to explore the diverse offerings of West Virginia.

Not far from the resort, the Moss Farms Winery awaits, established in 2012. It's more than just a winery; it's a testament to agricultural heritage. Rooted in the Ohio River Valley, this family farm, acquired by Hiram Porter Moss in 1882, offers exquisite wines that echo the region's rich history.



Brew Keepers is the place to be if your preference leans more toward craft beers. The team focuses on creating a diverse selection of brews using simple ingredients and letting the unique flavors of their craft beers tell the story. This fast-growing local brewery has a collaboration with Tacet Coffee Cart. Using roasted Guatemalan Huehuetenango coffee beans combined with Brew Keepers's award-winning coffee stout recipe, you will taste an exceptionally complex drink with milk chocolate and pecan notes.

The best way to visit the area is with Elite Excursions, which offers a spirited adventure into the heart of West Virginia. The tours highlight the state's growing reputation for craft brewing and distilling as they guide visitors through the Eastern Panhandle's iconic beauty. With passionately distilled Bourbons, Ryes, Whiskeys, and more, tastings are immersive experiences, often led by the distillers. Each excursion is a journey through flavor and history, from the serene Berkeley Springs to the bustling Jefferson County and well into Eastern Virginia.

Another gem awaits in Wheeling, Country Roads Distillery. Emerging from Moss Farms Winery, this establishment captures the Appalachian spirit in each bottle. With flavors spanning from the classic "Original Unflavored" to the exotic "Pineapple Coconut" and the playful "Root Beer Float," there's a taste for every palate. Their label invites you with a touch of nostalgia, suggesting a connection of country roads across regions and memories.

West Virginia knows how to celebrate its brews and spirits, and Oglebay Institute's wine and beer events are social landmarks. Attendees don't just sip wines or brews—they explore art, appreciate historic properties, and mingle. With events like "The Art of Wine" or "Art & Ale: Irish Beers & Celtic Music," these gatherings blend flavors, culture, and camaraderie, creating unforgettable memories.

What is a great beverage without some delicious food? Later Alligator is a popular restaurant located in Wheeling's Historic Centre Market with a history spanning over a decade. While a passion for food drives many restaurant owners, Later Alligator's unique story comes from a lifelong love of design and renovation. A beautifully landscaped courtyard beckons guests outside in warmer weather, but winter spirit is found inside the meticulously



Eat or we both starve cocktails - Later Alligator

renovated 1869 Saloon. This interior also showcases one of the largest private collections of Wheeling Steel memorabilia. Complementing the unique setting is a menu brimming with delicious offerings that cater even to fussy palettes, including decadent crepes.

But the area is not just for rest and relaxation. It is also an outdoor winter enthusiast destination. West Virginia's snowy peaks beckon young and old. Its topographical location makes it a prime skiing and snowboarding destination in the southeast. Trails snaking through the scenic landscape offer both thrill and beauty. With natural snow-making and impressive runs, the state presents a winter sports experience for beginners and experienced alike.

After your adventures around the region, it's time to return to Oglebay Resort—where it feels like coming home. The resort amplifies its offerings in winter. Those eager to hone their skiing or snowboarding skills will find comprehensive lessons during the week and on Saturdays. These sessions, including equipment rentals and attractive discounts on lift tickets, ensure that everyone, regardless of skill level, can enjoy the snowy slopes.

Beyond the active pursuits, Oglebay offers moments of serenity. Imagine sipping hot cocoa by a roaring fire, the snow outside painting a pristine picture, and the warmth of the resort enveloping you in comfort. Or, explore illuminated pathways where every snowflake sparkles like a diamond under the lights. This winter wonderland experience at Oglebay is intimate and grand, wrapping up your West Virginia journey with elegance and warmth.

With its rich traditions, flavorful brews, and thrilling activities, West Virginia offers a unique and memorable experience. At the heart of this adventure, Oglebay Resort stands as the perfect anchor, ensuring that every moment in this beautiful state is cherished and remembered. Whether you're a thrill-seeker, a connoisseur of flavors, or someone seeking solace in nature's lap, West Virginia welcomes you with open arms and promises memories for a lifetime.



Moss Farms Winery Sassy Cat



Moss Farms Winery bottles



By Sadie Stringer

Now that the weather is cooler there's no better time to explore some of the wonderful wineries, breweries and distilleries Clermont County has to offer.

Outside of downtown Cincinnati is Mt. Carmel Brewing Company, the first micro-brewery in the city. From humble beginnings to a 30-barrel brewhouse Mt. Carmel continues to lead and innovate the craft brewing frontlines and since 2020 Mt. Carmel has been voted the "Best of the East." Hop on over if you love a hoppy brew; their current tap list features IPAs, Pale Ales, Pilsners, and more with IBUs in the 30s or higher. Cheer on the Bearcats on Saturdays while wearing your Mt. Carmel gear and receive a dollar off brews.

In Milford you don't have to travel far to hit up two fun and delicious hallmarks of Clermont's beverage scene. Just a crosswalk away from each other are Cincinnati Distilling and Little Miami Brewing Company. Cincinnati Distilling considers themselves "delightfully unpredictable" in their craft, following traditional distilling processes but with a twist. Their High Rye Bourbon marries together two favorite whiskey styles creating a balance between spice, heat, and caramel sweetness. Be on the lookout for their Cask Edition Bourbons; after the 2-year aging process these

bourbons are left to age in varying barrels that once contained either hot sauce, beer, or wines imparting the bourbon with those signature flavors.

After your tastings at the distillery, cross Mill Street and enjoy gorgeous views of the Little Miami River at its namesake brewery. Their family friendly taproom is the perfect spot to cheer on the Bengals while sitting by their firepit and sipping on some of their delicious creations like their Darth Cookie brown ale or maybe their Endless Summer sour.

A little farther from Cincinnati, tucked along the Ohio River Valley, is a winery that truly sings. Harmony Hill is a crowd favorite winery in Clermont County. Featuring one of ten wine caves in the country this winery strives to harmonize itself



with its beautiful surroundings. The acreage features plentiful vineyards and a nationally registered wildlife habitat for guests to wander through as they sip on some cleverly named wines like their 2018 "Concerto" or their 2021 "Nocturn." Harmony Hill is also a part of Clermont's tail trail so bring the pups with you when your visit.

Regardless of your beverage of choice, Clermont County has the perfect spot for you.





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A Toast to Wineries & Breweries in *Streetsboro, Ohio*

By **Candy S. Collins, BS**

Streetsboro, Ohio, and its neighboring towns, Ravenna and Kent, are top spots for those who love wine and beer. Visitors find a mix of traditional and innovative brewing and winemaking, guaranteeing delightful experiences.

Starting with West Main St Winery, Brewery & Cider House in Ravenna, they offer handcrafted wines, beers, and ciders made in-house using only the finest ingredients worldwide. Not limited to drinks, guests can order from local eateries or create their own pizzas for on-site preparation. A free virtual jukebox lets patrons select music from millions of choices from their smartphones, though this feature is unavailable during live music performances.

In Kent's "Mill District," North Water Brewing Co. is a hub for innovative beer flavors and community connection. Crafted by local brewers passionate about quality, their artisanal ales and lagers cater to newcomers and seasoned beer lovers. Beyond just brews, it's a space to share stories, savor local foods, enjoy regional music, and appreciate local art.

Located in Kent's West River area, Bell Tower Brewing Co. is a historic gathering spot and the city's first brewpub. It offers handcrafted beers and cocktails that pair perfectly with a diverse menu catering to all dietary needs. The venue, an iconic space with nearly two centuries of history, invites guests to relax and share stories. Reimagined from a historical building, the decor retains relics from its storied past, creating a unique ambiance for memorable gatherings and celebrations.

Madcap Brew Co., located in Kent, started from a passion for brewing distinctive beers with playful names. In a repurposed 1940s machine shop, Madcap Brew Co. combines vintage elements like original cranes and brick walls with a modern vibe across 15,000 square feet. They aim to brew exceptional beer that unites people, infuse punk rock with pinball, and promote a family-friendly environment.

Streetsboro is the ideal location for your next winter getaway. With a selection of budget-friendly hotels, it offers comfort without breaking the bank. Strategically located, Streetsboro puts you within a short drive of premier wineries, breweries, and attractions. Shop at an assortment of specialty, antique, and outlet stores, then dine at a variety of delightful restaurants.

For a heartwarming guide to the coziest spots, explore Streetsboro Visitors & Convention Bureau at www.StreetsboroVCB.com.



Where Traditions Meet Tastes and Winter Adventures

By Candy S. Collins, BS

In the scenic Allegheny National Forest, a variety of taste experiences await. Here, traditions meet innovations, offering a mix of crafted spirits, flavorful wines, and winter activities. Allegheny is the ideal place for heartwarming adventures.

Each bottle from Wilds Sonshine Factory (WSF) in Kane, PA, is a tribute to the region's natural beauty and heritage. Committed to the "Seed-to-Still" philosophy, WSF strives to create unique spirits using local grain. Every sip echoes the genuine spirit of the locale.

If wine is more your speed, Flickerwood Wine Cellars merges family traditions with a high standard of customer commitment. Boasting over 20 wine varieties, they truly offer a wine that ROCKS. Plus, come February, anticipate the release of their unique "Love Wine," sprinkled with edible glitter, perfect for romantic occasions.

Don't miss out on their Valentine's Day offerings, like the delightful dinner on February 9 (\$22 per person plus tax and gratuity). To reserve your Valentine's Dinner Date spot, call 814-837-7566 and choose from 5 or 7 pm. Or sign up for the interactive

game night, "How Well Do You Really Know Your Significant Other," on February 16. The cost is \$10 per couple.

Bradford Brew Station, a brew brewery and restaurant, tips its hat to the local oil heritage. The excitement of striking black gold, this establishment is a hit among locals and visitors. Enjoy a selection of 14 craft brews and soak in the oil industry artifacts. Witness the brewing magic right from your dinner seat.

CJ Spirits, the pioneering craft distillery in northwestern PA, offers spirits crafted with fresh local ingredients and "Allegheny Mountain" spring water. They proudly feature the unique Leek Vodka, a one-of-a-kind in the USA.

Allegheny National Forest is full of winter activities. From hiking, cross-country skiing, bonfires, music, and more, there is something for everyone to get in the winter spirit. For a complete list of event details, times, locations, and costs, visit the Allegheny National Forest Visitors Bureau at visitanf.com/events.

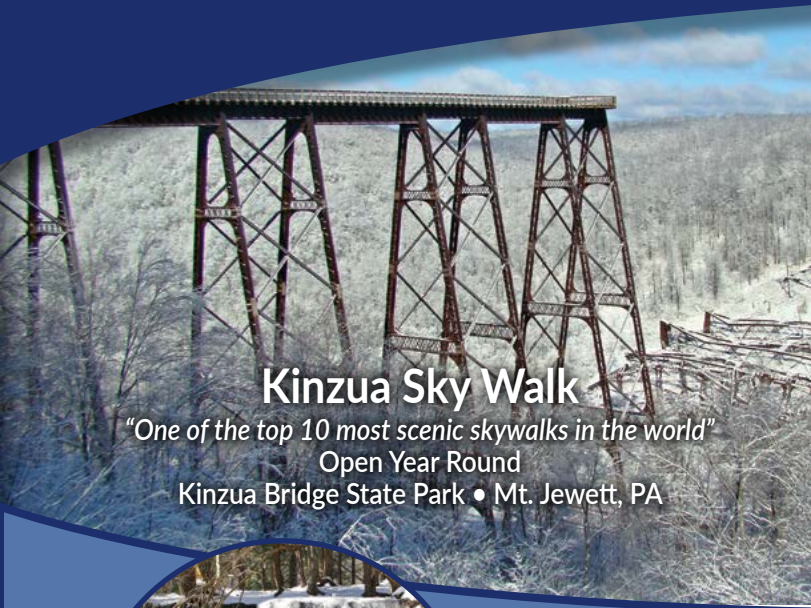
This season, immerse yourself in the Allegheny experience and forge memories that will last a lifetime. Whether sipping a handcrafted spirit, toasting with a glass of flittering wine, or embracing the winter festivities, there is no place quite like Allegheny National Forest to warm the heart and soul.



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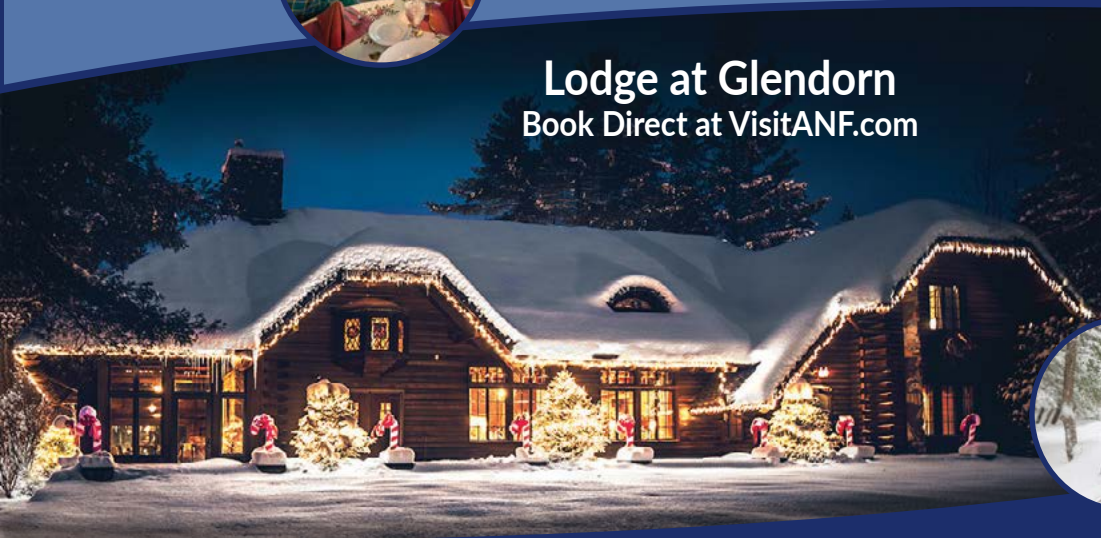
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A Perfect Winter Adventure at The Peak

{ By Hannah Ziccardi }

Escape the winter blues and plan your perfect adventure to Peek'n Peak Resort. For all the skiing and snowboarding enthusiasts, this is your haven. But even if you're just seeking a cozy mountain retreat, The Peak has got you covered. With beautifully groomed slopes, luxurious accommodations, and a variety of activities, your perfect winter escape awaits.

Peek'n Peak Resort is nestled amongst the foothills of Clymer, New York, within the Lake Erie Region's snowbelt. With its perfect location, The Peak is subject to an average of 200" of snow throughout the winter, allowing for long and plentiful seasons on the slopes. Since its opening in 1964, The Peak has cemented itself as a premier destination for experienced snow sports enthusiasts, as well as new riders who are taking their very first runs down the slopes. Guests who visit Peek'n Peak continue to build traditions and make memories with their friends and families that will be carried on and off the hill.

With a whopping 27 slopes and trails to explore, skiers and snowboarders of all skill levels are guaranteed a thrill. From the beginner-friendly bunny hill to a heart-pounding ride down one of the black diamonds, there's an adventure out here for you. Explore any of The Peak's five terrain parks located throughout the resort, including the 180 Park, for a confidence-building experience. For an extra boost of excitement, head to the 360 and 520 Parks, where intermediate jumps, rails, and boxes await.

Don't worry if you're new to skiing; our professional instructors are here to help you master the slopes. At our Snow Sports School, guests can choose between a private or group lesson and are guided along an easy five-step learning program that builds confidence on the



snow or enhances your existing skills. Our private lessons offer one-on-one time with one of our skilled instructors. This is great for semi-private lessons with your friends and family. The longstanding Peek'n Kids lessons program is also available for younger sliders to get comfortable on the trails.

If you're not quite ready to hit the slopes, head over to the Tubing Hill for some winter excitement. Grab a tube, and hop onto the "Magic Carpet," which carries you and your tube to the top of the hill. Choose one of the seven tubing lanes, and get ready for an exhilarating ride down. As the sun sets, the hill transforms for Lunar Lights Tubing. This mesmerizing atmosphere features an ever-changing light show produced by thousands of LED and projection lights. The lights pulse, fade and change in coordination with an immersive sound system.

Hungry while exploring Peek'n Peak? We've got you covered with a variety of dining options! Start your day with a delicious breakfast at Courtyard Café. For quick and satisfying meals, check out The Main Lodge, The Sugar Shack, or The Retreat. And if you're a sports fan, don't miss The Sports Bar connected to The Sugar Shack for all your games.

After a long and busy day on the slopes, reserve a table at Bistro 210 and indulge in delicious cuisine. Named after the 210 inches of average annual snowfall, Bistro 210 celebrates the heart, soul, and nostalgia of the first 50 years at Peek'n Peak Resort. The restaurant offers a large selection of domestic and imported beers, creatively hand-crafted dishes, plus a beautifully unique geode-topped bar. The cozy ambiance allows you to kick back and relax while catching live music on weekends.

Looking to unwind after a long day on the slopes? Book a soothing treatment at Serenity Spa, which offers a variety of massages and body treatments that will leave you feeling relaxed and refreshed. Additionally, the spa is conveniently located next to the Pool Complex. Continue your relaxation and take a dip in the pool and Indoor/Outdoor Hot Tub.

The Peak offers a variety of overnight packages suited for different lifestyles, including ski packages, event packages, spa packages, and more. Take the opportunity to spend a night in the charming Inn at The Peak or enjoy the amenities of a home-away-from-home at one of the many luxurious slope-side Condos.

Whether you are seeking the adrenaline rush of skiing and snowboarding or experiencing the serenity of a mountain getaway, Peek'n Peak offers it all. Don't let the winter blues hold you back, and start planning your winter adventure today!





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Now is the perfect time to check out the **Shores & Islands Ohio Cheers Trail**. Cabin fever will surely have you wanting to get out of the house, but winter weather will have you looking for indoor activities. Why not try a taste of regional flavor? You can do so by visiting local breweries, cideries, wineries, and distilleries throughout this coastal region between Cleveland and Toledo. But how do you manage finding them all, let alone visiting them all? Enter the Shores & Islands Cheers Trail - an easy way to locate local craft beverage makers and a fun way to taste your way through the region.

The Cheers Trail makes it easy to find brews, ciders, and sips made with local ingredients. Available as a free, mobile exclusive, instantly-delivered experience through text and email, the Cheers Trail takes you across 22 of the best libations-makers Ohio has to offer. Using your mobile passport, check-in when visiting participating businesses and earn points toward exciting prizes that can be redeemed at Shores & Islands Ohio Welcome Centers, which are located in Sandusky and Port Clinton. Prizes can be earned for making qualifying purchases at five or more locations and you'll earn points if you sip back, relax, and spend quality time at these brew-tiful locations.



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and enjoy wines made using Midwest grapes, including ones grown on Isle St. George in Lake Erie. Then to Sandusky's **Everwild Spirits**, a craft bourbon distillery producing whiskeys and craft cocktails that represent the local land and grains native to Ohio.

Berlin Heights offers the very unique **Redhead Ciderhouse** at Burnham Orchards. Redhead Ciderhouse is an estate cidery who grows, presses, and ferments on site. Hard ciders can be sampled in the tasting room or purchased to-go from the orchard's market. Don't forget to visit the island locations during the warmer months, as the Cheers Trail is a



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These are just a few locations the Cheers Trail will lead you to on your journey of experiencing some of the best local flavors, culture, and history.

Don't want to drive? **Firelands Adventure Tours** offers two different 4-hour winery tours throughout the region in a climate-controlled, comfortable 16-passenger bus. Tours begin and end at Jackson Street Pier in downtown Sandusky and each include three winery stops, either east or west of Sandusky. These tours are VIP, all-inclusive wine-tasting events, that include wines paired with delicious snacks, interesting discussions with wine makers and winery staff, an informative tour of the production facilities, and gratuities for one all-inclusive price.

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Your adventure will take you across northern Ohio from Avon Lake to Helena, and to Catawba where you will find **Twin Oast Brewery**, offering craft-made beers and food mixing traditional German offerings with a modern American sentiment, also known as one of Ohio's premiere fruit-based sour beer brewers. **Gideon Owen Wine Company** is a 150-year-old winery in Catawba. You may remember them as Mon Ami, but they have undergone a complete overhaul to both their indoor and outdoor spaces, menu, and more. It's now a perfect blend of historic charm with an 1872 wine cellar, modern patio with fire pits, fine dining, and a wine bar.

Traveling the Cheers Trail is a fun and enjoyable experience, from games for the kids to winter-friendly outdoor spaces with igloos, glass houses, and heated patios, the Cheers Trail is for the whole family. Everywhere you visit will offer something for everyone, including giant pretzels, cheese trays, coffee, beautiful views, live music, and so much more! As you travel to each location check out all the other things the region has to offer and remember...

Next, to Marblehead's **Rocky Point Winery**, just a few minutes from the iconic Marblehead Lighthouse. It's a great place to relax

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When winter blankets Sandusky County, Ohio, in its quiet embrace, Chateau Winery and Vineyards in Helena comes alive with a unique charm that beckons visitors to embrace the season. While summer often steals the spotlight for winery visits, Chateau Winery and Vineyards shows that winter holds its own special allure.

Owners Bill and Michele Hollister both have a love for wine. "Growing up in an Italian family meant wine was a staple at every meal or event". said Michele. Her grandfather had a passion for wine as well, as he had a few rows of grapes that he grew and produced into wine. When they purchased the winery several years ago, they knew its rustic charm and welcoming atmosphere would make it a year-round destination, but it's in winter that the winery truly shines.

Inside the cozy tasting room, the inviting aroma of mulled wine and the crackling fireplace create a warm sanctuary from the cold. The friendly staff are always ready to guide visitors through the winery's premium wine selection, catering to various tastes. Sipping on an award-winning wine while watching snowfall outside is a truly enchanting experience.

Chateau Winery and Vineyards has live music and other fun events as well as tastings, adding to the allure of a winter visit. Whether it's holiday-themed celebrations or wine and cheese pairings, there's always something exciting happening.

So, when the snowflakes fall and the temperatures drop, consider escaping the holiday rush for a peaceful and enchanting winter retreat to Sandusky County and Chateau Winery and Vineyards in Helena, Ohio. Whether you're a wine connoisseur or simply seeking a cozy escape, this charming winery promises a unique winter experience. Make it an overnight trip and stay at one of the hotel suites in nearby Fremont. Don't miss the chance to discover the winter magic that awaits at Chateau Winery and Vineyards. sanduskycounty.org/stay

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YOUR ULTIMATE WINTER EXPERIENCE AT MASSANUTTEN RESORT

By Candy S. Collins, BS

As we find ourselves deep into winter, the days have already shortened, and the cold grasp of winter is palpable. Nestled in the heart of Virginia's Shenandoah Valley, Massanutten Resort stands as a premier destination for those in search of the ultimate winter experience. The dream of snow-covered slopes and cozy fireside evenings is a reality here. This season's exciting additions include the grand unveiling of the Peak Express (a high-speed detachable lift) and a Double Black Diamond (experts only) trail with automated/semi-automated snowmakers and LED trail lighting.

The thrill of skiing or snowboarding isn't just about the downhill rush; the journey to the top is equally essential. That journey is currently enhanced at Massanutten Resort with the introduction of the Peak Express. This new detachable high-speed Doppelmayr 4-person chairlift ensures visitors reach their desired elevations efficiently and comfortably.

Peak Express minimizes lift lines and maximizes your time on the slopes. Whether you are an avid skier or just beginning your journey, this new addition will enhance your mountaintop

experience, giving you more time to soak in the breathtaking vistas and carve your way down the mountain.

Massanutten Resort has unveiled a brand-new double black diamond ski slope for experts who enjoy a challenge. Known to offer some of the steepest and most challenging terrains, a double black diamond slope isn't for the faint-hearted. It demands skill, confidence, and love for adrenaline-pumping descents.

While the resort is celebrated for its slopes catering to beginners and intermediate skiers, this new addition is a nod to expert skiers and snowboarders

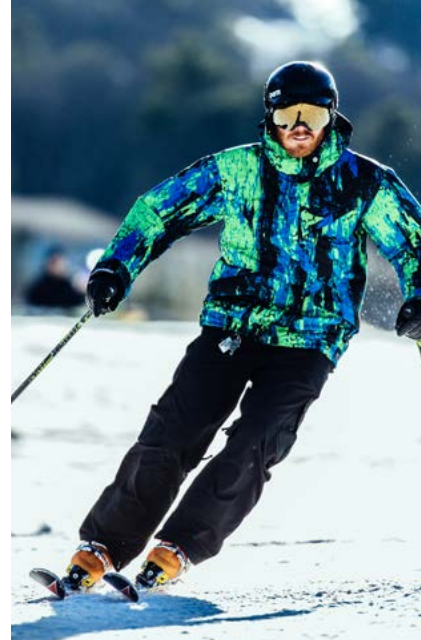
looking to push their limits. Make sure your edges are sharp, and your spirits are high when you tackle this one.

Beyond the slopes, Massanutten Resort offers an array of accommodations that cater to every preference. From selecting premier packages to spacious condos with panoramic mountain views, guests can find their perfect setting. Each unit is designed with comfort in mind, equipped with modern amenities, and situated within easy reach of the resort's wide range of activities.

For those looking to unwind after an exhilarating day on the slopes, the resort boasts a world-class spa. Indulge in various treatments, from deep tissue massages to rejuvenating facials, all designed to soothe and refresh.

Culinary enthusiasts are in for a treat with various dining options available. From gourmet meals at upscale restaurants to hearty comfort food at casual eateries, there's something to satisfy every palate. Many dining spots offer stunning views of the snowy landscape, making every meal a memorable experience.

Massanutten Resort proudly hosts the inaugural Heart & Soul Winter Fest weekend from January 4 through January 8, 2024. This weekend extravaganza caters to everyone, from the seasoned outdoor enthusiast to those who prefer to dress stylishly and savor a cocktail by the fire. They welcome all generations, so gather your parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and kids; activities are set to delight every age.



Engage in fun interactive games and stand a chance to win fabulous prizes, all hosted by the hilarious Comedian Micha "Bam-Bam" White. The Live at the Lodge parties throughout the weekend showcase Virginia's finest talent, including DJ Rayvon, The Legacy Band, and The Heavy Hitter DJ, Lonnie B. It's a weekend celebrating the diversity of outdoor adventure.

Massanutten Resort is not just about the thrill of winter sports; it's about creating memories that last a lifetime. With its luxurious accommodations, top-tier amenities, and a diverse range of activities, a winter getaway here promises to be both adventurous and relaxing. There's so much more to explore at this premier four-season resort, such as snow tubing, ice skating, Perfect Break swing suites, Light Up The Park!, and the award-winning indoor WaterPark. To learn more, visit www.massresort.com.



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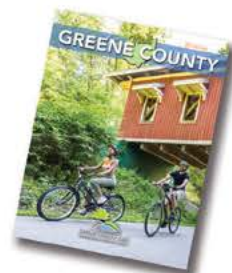
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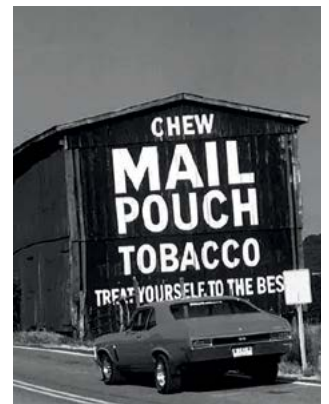


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Beyond Structures, Rooted in People and Memories

By Trish Mann

Noble County is a testament to history, resilience, and progress in the heart of Ohio. As the Noble County Historical Society celebrates its 60th anniversary this year, there's an air of reflection, echoing stories of yesteryears brought to life by unveiling new historical markers.

The Old Jail Museum is at the forefront, located at Caldwell's town square. Dating back to 1882, this Victorian brick and sandstone structure paints a picture of an era when the jailer and the incarcerated lived together. Operating as a jail until 1998, today it offers a glimpse into the county's law enforcement history. Beside the Old Jail, the Noble County Courthouse, built in 1934, commands attention. It boasts murals by George K. Marquis, each capturing moments emphasizing the county's dedication to cherishing its heritage.

Yet, beyond these landmarks, Belle Valley is a reminder of Noble County's diverse heritage. Overlooking Main Street is the Exaltation of the Holy Cross Church, an embodiment of hope and faith for Eastern European immigrants from Ukraine, Latvia, and Slovenia in the early 20th century. Its architectural highlights include a dome inspired by the Carpathian

Mountains and a unique Orthodox cross, epitomizing Eastern Orthodox Christianity's spirit.

The church's cornerstone, inscribed in Slovak and Russian, along with the nearby cemetery, act as silent chronicles of the Eastern European immigrants who made Belle Valley their home in 1875. Their search for freedom and opportunity is etched in every stone, every epitaph.

The Ohio Historical Markers program, led by the Ohio History Connection's Community Engagement Department, is pivotal in these preservation efforts. Since the 1950s, they have introduced 1,750 markers, encapsulating Ohio's diverse history. And as the state archives, the Ohio History Connection safeguards records that piece together Ohio's rich past.

As we approach the 60th anniversary of the Noble County Historical Society, their mission remains clear: to immerse, educate, and inspire by safeguarding local history. But Noble County's heritage isn't solely about physical landmarks; it's about its people. From those who upheld the law to immigrants seeking a fresh start, as we honor the past, we acknowledge every story, every memory, and every echo from those who walked before us and helped to shape Noble County's history and future.

Dive deeper into the restoration endeavors of Belle Valley's historic church on Compass Ohio, and to experience these wonders firsthand, consider a visit, details of which can be found at www.visitnoblecountyohio.com.

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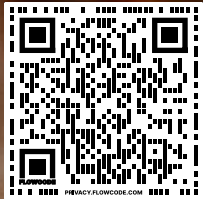


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Looking to explore new wineries and craft breweries? Plan a weekend in the Youngstown area and you might discover some new favorite varietals and craft beers. Five beautiful wineries with delicious wine and food options are waiting to be discovered. When the warmer months arrive, several offer scenic outdoor spaces with water views. Five craft breweries offer fun atmospheres with a number of rotating craft beers on tap.

Mastropietro Winery features a Tuscan-style tasting room featuring their 10 wines, 3 of which are estate-grown. Live music happens most weekends. Halliday's Winery sits on the banks of Lake Milton. They even have docks nearby where you can dock your boat and easily walk to the winery to enjoy their wines, food and beautiful sunsets.

Drive through the vineyards as you approach The Vineyards at Pine Lake and head to the tasting room to enjoy award winning wine and

delicious food prepared by their on-site chef. L'uva Bella Winery is a California-style winery featuring a wine tasting bar, private rooms, a lounge and lovely handcrafted stone patio. Their Bistro features a full menu and offers a wood-fired pizza oven imported from Italy.

New in downtown Youngstown is DOPE Cider House & Winery. Offering handcrafted hard cider, seltzer and wine. This facility is part of the Penguin City Brewing complex. Penguin City has completely renovated an old industrial steel warehouse into a 10,000 s.f. taproom and a 10,000 s.f. 20BBL brewhouse. They frequently host special events and have music and food trucks on hand.

Other craft breweries include Paladin Brewing with 20 high-quality brews on tap, and Noble Creature Wild Ales & Lagers located in a former church with 14 rotating beers on tap. Biker BrewHouse is the first and only craft brewery located inside a Harley

Davidson dealership. They offer 16 beers on tap and have recently expanded to include great outdoor patio space. Lake Milton Brewery & Winery is a quaint, 3BBL nanobrewery with 12 rotating beers on tap and a pickleball court outside. They've recently started making wine, and offer 5 reds and 4 whites.

No matter what your preference – wine or beer – the Youngstown area offers plenty of great options. Please visit www.youngstownlive.com for more information. Download our Wineries & Breweries brochure, as well as our Travel Guide.



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Find Your Winter Spirit in Medina County

Whether you're looking for flavor-packed micro-brewed beers, subtle light-bodied wines, or perhaps something a little stronger, Medina County has got you covered. It's time to hit the trail, a spirit trail that is, in one of three regions of Medina County.



Northern Medina County

From stouts to pilsners and IPAs, you'll find even more tasty craft beers at Hoppy Dude Brews, Hinckley, Ohio. Then visit Ignite Brewing Company's newest taproom in Brunswick, with a spacious patio and expertly crafted bites.

Sample the unique offerings at Jilbert Winery & Brewery, Valley City, Ohio, offering a variety of wines, beers, and appetizers. Amy's Arbors, located in downtown Valley City, has a rotating selection of wines and bourbons.

Ready to try some Ohio made spirits? Travel to West Branch Malts to sample and purchase distinctive whiskeys and vodkas - like a seasonal favorite: Spiced Apple Whiskey.

Central Medina Country

Stop by Lager Heads Brewing, where you'll enjoy award winning craft beers and pizza near the historic Medina Square. Visit Planted Flag Brewing, Medina, OH, to check out the unique brews, ciders, spirits, and cocktails, and don't forget the delicious food!

Connoisseurs seeking an experience on the Canal Country Wine Trail should try Das Weinhaus, Litchfield, OH, where you can tour the winery and sample their food. The High & Low Winery, Medina, OH features tasting rooms, cozy fireplaces, and a full-service bistro.

Just down the road, you'll find BKO Distillery, the makers of Voudoux Vodka. Call to schedule a distillery tour or sample the spirits in their tasting room.

Southern Medina Country

Be sure to check out Blue Heron Brewery, Medina, OH to test any of 16 different draft beers on tap. And if you're visiting between November and March, reserve one of their outdoor heated igloos. Or, wet your whistle on locally brewed creations at Wadsworth Brewing Company.

Stop by White Timbers to enjoy the views of the vineyard and spectacular sunsets as you enjoy their wine selection. You might also try Filia Cellars, Wadsworth, Ohio. Their selection of wines runs from Ohio-grown Moscato to estate-grown grenache.

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Canaan Valley

IS THE ULTIMATE WINTER GETAWAY

— By Candy S. Collins, BS

"Your Ultimate Winter Destination" isn't just a tagline; it's a promise made by the Canaan Valley Resort State Park. Located amid West Virginia's scenic Allegheny Mountains, this resort is where nature's splendor meets modern luxury. As snowflakes gently settle on the towering spruces and pines, the valley transforms into a mesmerizing landscape of pristine white.

This visual spectacle isn't merely for distant admiration. Winter sports enthusiasts gravitate to the resort's 47 distinct trails, each crafted meticulously to offer skiing and snowboarding options for everyone, regardless of age or experience. Whether you're an expert ready to carve your path or a beginner set to embark on that first exhilarating slide, Canaan Valley delivers a thrilling and delightful experience.

Though skiing might be the star attraction, there are other winter thrillers offered at Canaan Valley Resort State Park. Snowboarding, snow tubing, and ice skating provide additional excitement for those craving diversity in their winter activities. For guests eager to immerse themselves in the valley's natural beauty, guided snowshoe tours

offer an intimate exploration of the region's diverse plants and wildlife.

But the resort isn't solely about outdoor escapades. Inside, it promises warmth, comfort, and entertainment. Keep the kids—and even your inner child—engrossed with the latest in arcade and video games, air hockey, and more. Hungry from the gaming action? Quenchers Pub & Bearpaw Cafeteria located near the ski area, and Snack Shack, at the tube park, are available for a quick bite.

The Hickory Park Dining Room, Laurel Lounge and Seasons Café offer various flavors in the lodge. A state-of-the-art conference and event space cater to professionals. Fitness enthusiasts aren't left out either; a fully-equipped fitness center awaits your workout routines.

After an adventurous day, you'll find unmatched warmth and comfort in Canaan Valley Resort State Park's accommodations. Every spacious room and plush suite rejuvenates guests during their stay.

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FOR RACE SERIES

By Candy S. Collins, BS

The sporting scene in Canton, Ohio, is about to be transformed thanks to a partnership between Run to You Racing and the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Together, they are launching the Pro Football Hall of Fame Race Series. This initiative is as much about promoting community health and wellness as it is about the thrill of competition.

The series encompasses four distance events spanning across the spring and

summer. Each event offers a different race, ensuring variety and inclusivity for all participants. It starts with the Training Camp 10k on April 21 and continues with the Father's Day 5k on June 16.

The grand finale will be in Canton, starting with the 6k race on August 24, followed by the much-anticipated Hall of Fame Half Marathon, which will take place on August 25. The sense of accomplishment and collective spirit

flows into a grand celebration party. An event where everyone participates, regardless of their finish time or how many races they run/walk.

What sets this series apart is its broad appeal. While seasoned athletes find challenges to conquer, novices are equally involved. With separate divisions for running and walking, the series emphasizes inclusivity, inviting participants of all ages and fitness levels.

"You don't have to be an Olympian to participate," stated Jim Chaney, Run to You Racing Executive Director. "These events are designed for seasoned runners and those taking their first steps as walkers."

Whether racing virtually or experiencing it in person, every runner receives recognition and rewards. Run to You Racing is renowned for offering medals and distinctive swag items and providing eligibility for overall and age group prizes. Those who commit to finishing all four races earn a Race Series jacket and benefit from a cumulative marathon based on their performance across the series. The Race Series jackets are given out at the grand finale party.

The initiative, which balances family values, fitness aspirations, and football's enduring legacy, resonates with everyone. Whether someone is a professional runner, an enthusiast taking their first step into fitness, or someone in between, the series promises camaraderie and pride.

Registration is in full swing for those ready to begin this exciting Pro Football Hall of Fame Race Series. As a bonus, the first 100 registrants will receive an exclusive reward. All details and the registration process are available at www.HallofFameRun.com.

About Run to You Racing--Run to You Racing is a full-service event management company. They organize theme-based Run/Walk events throughout Northeast Ohio. Each event they produce is unique, featuring distinctive presentations, runner premiums, and designated beneficiaries.

Since its establishment in 2006, its mission has been to inspire people nationwide to get out and run/walk. They have gained a national following and draw runners from all 50 states and sometimes even various countries.

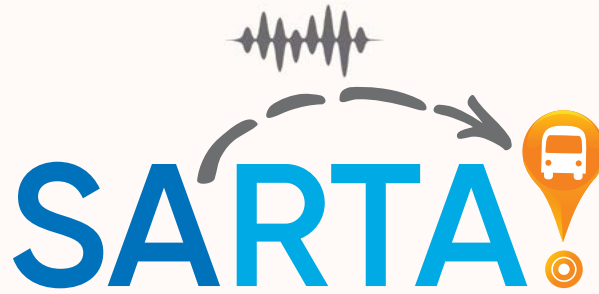
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Clearing the Air for Future Generations

By Leo Jennings

Along with being home to Stark Area Regional Transit Authority (SARTA), that has been providing safe, affordable, convenient public transit service for 25 years, the wealth of outdoor activities available to residents year-round helps make Stark County one of the best locations to live, work, and raise a family. The fact is whatever you like to do, hike, bike, run, canoe, kayak, swim, bird watch, golf, skate, ski, or simply stop and smell the roses, you can do it here.

In addition to enjoying all that the great outdoors has to offer, there is something else you can do here thanks to SARTA's enthusiastic embrace of, and investment in, alternative energy and sustainability: breathe easier. That's because the system's full throttle drive to replace its smoke-belching diesel buses with low or zero-emission vehicles powered by compressed natural gas (CNG), batteries, and, most especially, hydrogen fuel cells (HFC) has removed thousands of tons of harmful pollutants from the air above Stark County and Northeast Ohio since it began more than ten years ago.

While that in and of itself was a remarkable achievement, SARTA CEO Kirt Conrad wasn't satisfied. After assembling and operating one of the largest fleets of HFC-powered transit vehicles in the Western Hemisphere,

he was convinced that hydrogen, Earth's most abundant element, could and should play an essential role in helping a wide array of industries reduce harmful emissions, increase energy efficiency, and meet their sustainability goals.

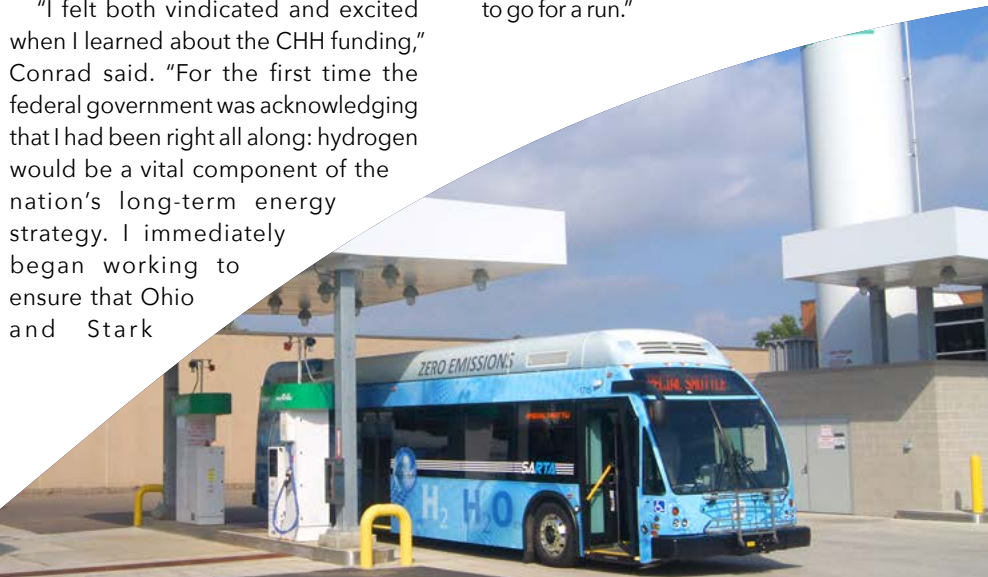
Using SARTA's successful experience as a hook, Conrad began traveling the nation and the world touting the benefits of HFCs. For years, his was a relatively lonely voice drowned out by advocates for the other technologies that were dominating the zero-emission conversation. That changed radically in February of 2022 when the Biden Administration announced that \$8 billion in funding for the development of four "clean hydrogen hubs" was included in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (ILJA).

"I felt both vindicated and excited when I learned about the CHH funding," Conrad said. "For the first time the federal government was acknowledging that I had been right all along: hydrogen would be a vital component of the nation's long-term energy strategy. I immediately began working to ensure that Ohio and Stark

County could reap the economic and environmental benefits of the nation's massive investment in H2 technology."

That work included forming the Ohio Clean Hydrogen Hub Alliance (OH2), the coalition of more than 100 companies, interest groups, universities, and community leaders that led the effort to convince the Department of Energy (DOE) to locate a hub in the state. Eventually, OH2 joined the Appalachian Regional Hydrogen Hub (ARCH2), the multi-state entity that competed for and secured funding from the DOE. You can read more about OH2 and ARCH2 at oh2hub.info.

"The CHH concept will greatly magnify the environmental benefits SARTA's HFC fleet has already generated and clear the air for generations to come," said Conrad. "Just thinking of the future makes me want to go for a run."



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