

Distinctly DARKE COUNTY

2026-2027 VISITORS GUIDE



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Welcome to Darke County, Ohio! We are delighted to have you here in our beautiful section of the Buckeye State. Whether you're here for a quick getaway, a family vacation or decided to make this your home, Darke County has something special for you.

As you explore our charming small towns, you'll discover a rich history and a vibrant community spirit. Be sure to visit our local attractions, such as the Garst Museum, the Bradford Ohio Railroad Museum and Historic Bear's Mill among others, which host fascinating exhibits that highlight our area's heritage. Take a stroll through the picturesque downtowns filled with unique shops, delightful eateries and friendly faces.

Nature lovers will find plenty of opportunities to enjoy the great outdoors. Our parks and recreational areas offer peaceful walks, fishing and picnicking, all amidst the beautiful scenery that Darke County has to offer. And don't forget to check out our local farmers' markets for fresh produce and handmade goods that showcase the talent and creativity of our residents.

Throughout the year, Darke County hosts numerous events and festivals that bring our community together and celebrate our local culture. From Poultry Days to the Great Darke County Fair to the Hometown Horse Parade and everything in between, there's always something happening that we encourage you to partake in.

We hope you feel at home during your stay, and we encourage you to connect with our friendly locals who are always eager to share their love for this area. If you have any questions or need assistance, the Darke County Visitors Bureau is here to help!

Thank you for choosing to visit Darke County. We hope you enjoy your time here and create lasting memories!

*Greg Billing, Executive Director
Darke County Visitors Bureau*



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Distinctly DARKE COUNTY

A TASTE OF TRADITION AND CHARM

Tucked away in west-central Ohio, Darke County is rich in taste, tradition, and small-town charm—a place where every meal comes with a side of hospitality.

From legendary sandwich shops and cozy coffeehouses to countryside wineries and farm-fresh dining, this hidden gem serves up something special for everyone.

Start your journey at the **Maid-Rite Sandwich Shoppe**, home of the iconic loose-meat sandwich—and one of Ohio's quirkiest photo ops, the famous “gum wall.” Just down the street, **Montage Café** tempts visitors with an artful mix of sandwiches, soups, and deli salads, all made with local flavor. Satisfy your sweet tooth at **Beans Buttercream Bakery & Eatery**, known for its decadent desserts and custom sweets, or head to **Crème de la Crème**, where every scoop feels like a hometown favorite.

Wine lovers will find themselves right at home in Versailles. At **Versailles Winery**, locally grown grapes become award-winning wines

served in a warm, rustic setting. For something a bit more playful, **A.R. Winery** offers creative blends, wood-fired pizzas, and a welcoming backyard vibe. Nearby, **21 Barrels** pairs its small-batch wines and hard ciders with live music and relaxed countryside charm.

Beyond Greenville's city limits, the flavors of Darke County stretch deep into the countryside. **Brumbaugh Fruit Farm** in Arcanum celebrates every season with crisp apples, cider slushies, and homemade bakery treats that taste like fall in every bite. At **Silas Creative Kitchen** inside Hotel Versailles, farm-to-table dining meets refined style, while the **Do Good Restaurant and Ministry** in Osgood serves up comfort food with a powerful message of hope and generosity.

Darke County's history is as rich as its soil—and its stories are lovingly preserved. At the **Garst Museum and National Annie Oakley Center**, visitors can explore the legacy of the famed sharpshooter, the Treaty of Greenville, and the county's role in America's westward expansion. Step back in time at **Bear's Mill**,

an 1849 working gristmill still grinding grain along the banks of Greenville Creek—complete with a gift shop brimming with local artistry.

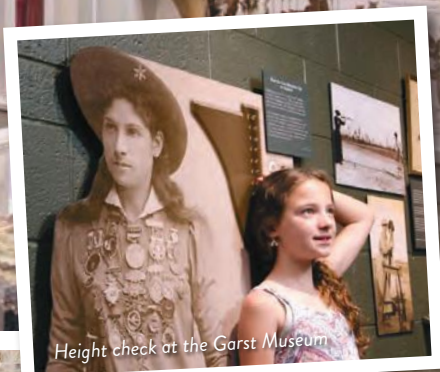
But Darke County doesn't just preserve history—it races into it. No trip is complete without a visit to **Eldora Speedway**, one of the nation's premier dirt tracks. Founded by legendary promoter Earl Baltes, Eldora draws race fans from across the country for high-octane events like the World 100 and Kings Royal. Whether you're a lifelong motorsports enthusiast or simply chasing a thrill, it's an experience you'll never forget.

Throughout the year, Darke County hums with festivals, live music, and family-friendly fun. From the **Great Darke County Fair**—one of Ohio's largest and most beloved fairs—to small-town parades and holiday gatherings, every season brings new reasons to celebrate.

Here in Darke County, every moment, every flavor, and every experience is Distinctly Darke County.



Military display at the Garst Museum



Height check at the Garst Museum



Breakfast at Silas Creative Kitchen



Texas BBQ Beef Brisket at Do Good Restaurant



Gum wall photo op at Maid-Rite Sandwich Shoppe



Sweet treat at Creme de la Creme



Petting zoo at Brumbaugh Fruit & Fun Farm



Picking apples at Brumbaugh Fruit & Fun Farm



Discover the UNEXPECTED

WHERE HIDDEN GEMS MEET LOCAL LEGENDS—EXPLORE
THE PLACES THAT MAKE DARKE COUNTY UNFORGETTABLE.

Bradford Ohio Railroad Museum

200 North Miami Ave., Bradford
937.552.2196 | BradfordRRMuseum.org

The railroad was a significant part of Bradford's economy, employing many who manned the trains, worked in the switching yards and the roundhouse where steam locomotives were kept. The museum allows visitors to explore nearly 130 years of Bradford railroad history, including the restored BF Tower, which is on the National Register of Historic Places. Explore three levels of local railroad history as depicted through photos, interactive displays and railroad memorabilia. Open Saturdays and the first and third Sundays from March through December.

Brumbaugh Fruit & Fun Farm

6420 Hollansburg-Arcanum Rd., Arcanum
937.692.8084 | BrumbaughFruitFarm.com

Entertainment for the entire family can be found at "Darke County's Agricultural Playground"! Activities include hayrides, Kinda Kooky Korn maze and pumpkin patch, Monster Mountain, Storybook Forest, Grandpa's Fun Acre, petting zoo, playground for the kids, Kids' Korral and the Ole' Fishin' Hole. No visit is complete without a trip to the Farmer's Daughter Bakery and Brumbaugh's Market. Families, groups and school groups are welcome to explore this family-owned and operated farm.

Do Good Restaurant & Ministry

25 West Main St., Osgood
419.582.GOOD (4663) | DoGoodRM.com

The Do Good's story is as good as its food. Touched by the Holy Spirit to start a restaurant in Osgood, the Do Good has thrived in the town of 280 residents. A quality and varied menu offers something for everyone. But the best part of Do Good comes after the meal. Tips collected during a month are donated to a family in need. Donations neared \$3 million as of October, 2025. Do Good also offers sewn blankets, bonnets and caps for babies, story hours and more. Behind the restaurant are a splash pad during summer months and a Memorial Arch.

Eldora Speedway

13929 St. Rt. 118, New Weston
937.338.3815 | EldoraSpeedway.com

Carved out of a cornfield by legendary racing promoter Earl Baltes, Eldora Speedway first dropped the green flag in 1954. Owned and operated by NASCAR legend Tony Stewart since 2005, the half-mile, high-banked dirt oval is home to the World 100, Dirt Late Model Dream and Kings Royal. The nation's most widely recognized dirt drivers, race cars and sanctioning groups (including World of Outlaws and USAC) race at Eldora! The 'Big E' is located 18 miles north of Greenville. Seasonal: April - October.

Garst Museum and The National Annie Oakley Center

205 N. Broadway, Greenville
937.548.5250 | GarstMuseum.org

AnnieOakleyCenterFoundation.com
The Garst Museum offers more than 35,000 square feet of exhibit space within six building wings. Featured is the National Annie Oakley Center and the foremost collection dedicated to the life of world famous sharp-shooter. The museum's major exhibits include The National Annie Oakley Center, the Treaty of Greene Ville and "Mad" Anthony Wayne, Tecumseh and Native Americans, Lowell Thomas, an extensive military collection, period American furnishings, county history and agricultural artifacts. The museum also offers a staffed genealogy research library and a unique gift store. Groups welcome. Closed Sundays and Mondays.



Bradford Ohio Railroad Museum



The thrill of the race at Eldora Speedway



Life-size bronze painter—Sculptural Village of Versailles

Small Town SURPRISES

UNCOVER THE PLACES THAT MAKE DARKE COUNTY TRULY SPECIAL

Downtown Greenville

937.548.4998 | MainStreetGreenville.org

This distinct historic district offers a vibrant shopping atmosphere featuring businesses specializing in handmade crafts, collectibles, jewelry, specialty clocks, embroidery, fine clothing and shoes, coffees and chocolates, musical instruments and antiques. Unique eateries offer full meals or grab-and-go treats. Take advantage of DORA (Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area) and enjoy an adult beverage while you stroll downtown. Groups welcome.

Historic Bear's Mill

6450 Arcanum-Bears Mill Rd., Greenville

937.548.5112 | BearsMill.org

Built in 1849, this water powered flour mill is an authentic example of a stone grinding mill of its time. Placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1977, it is still in use today to grind a variety of local grains. Self-guided tours may be taken. Guided tours are available by appointment. The Mill Store and Gallery offers original art, unique accessories and jewelry, local handmade pottery, Bear's Mill stone-ground flours and private labeled food products to pamper. Groups welcome. Closed on Mondays.

Hotel Versailles

22 North Center St., Versailles

937.526.3020 | HotelVersaillesOhio.com

Rich in tradition and history, Hotel Versailles offers innovation, inspiration and invention with 30 modern rooms, including six suites, enhanced amenities, fitness room, courtyard and patio. The restaurant and lounge, Silas, offers an eclectic mix of cuisines, wines and cocktails using fresh, locally sourced ingredients. The 1819 Room at Hotel Versailles—with its own courtyard overlooking the village's historic square—offers a memorable venue for weddings, family gatherings and corporate meetings with a capacity for 200 guests. This charming but modern boutique hotel is located in the heart of the village of Versailles on the town square.

Maid-Rite Sandwich Shoppe

125 N. Broadway St., Greenville

937.548.9340 | MaidRite-Greenville.com

The famous loose-meat hamburger sandwich remains a Greenville and Darke County tradition ever since its debut in 1934. The crowd-pleasing classic is served on a sweet bun with onions, pickles and mustard ... complementing the beef's secret seasoning recipe. Add a classic hand-spun milkshake or malt, chips and a Coca-Cola product to complete the experience. And don't forget to bring gum. No trip to Maid-Rite is complete without sticking a piece of chewed gum to the exterior brick walls! It's a tradition as popular as the sandwich itself.

Sculptural Village of Versailles

800.504.2995

On permanent display in the quaint village of Versailles are twelve bronze, life-size sculptures plus a unique historical arch and brick wall. The sculptures depict family values, activities, careers, history and French heritage of the area.

Whiskey, Wine & Ale Trail

Multiple locations

WhiskeyWineandAleTrail.com

The Darke County Whiskey, Wine & Ale Trail is a tribute to the American Spirit and to individuals who appreciate its taste and heritage. It is a touring destination unlike any other, consisting of 9 stops in Darke, Mercer, Miami and Preble counties. The stops include a wonderful collection of wineries, breweries and distilleries. Each locale offers its own distinctive experience and authentic character with locally grown and produced spirits to sip, savor, and enjoy, time and time again. Pick up a Whiskey, Wine & Ale Trail passport at any of the 9 locations to start your adventure! Please drink responsibly.



Loose-meat sandwich at Maid-Rite Sandwich Shoppe



Downtown Greenville



Metal Bear Sculpture at Historic Bear's Mill



The mill store at Historic Bear's Mill





Step into



HISTORY

Meet famous sharpshooter Annie Oakley at the Garst Museum. Learn about the county's southern history at the Arcanum Wayne Trail Historical Society. Hear about the Great Versailles Fire of 1901 at the Versailles Historical Society Museum. Take a tour of Bradford's rich railroad history at the Bradford Ohio Railroad Museum. Roar into history and view racing memorabilia at Sham's D&R Racing Museum. Darke County is where history comes alive!

Arcanum Wayne Trail Historical Society

123 West George St., Arcanum | awths.org

Established in 2004, the Arcanum Wayne Trail Historical Society is dedicated to preserving history from southern Darke County. The multi-room museum in Arcanum features memorabilia, heirlooms, signage, articles and more. The museum also features an extensive research library by appointment.

Bradford Ohio Railroad Museum

200 N. Miami Ave., Bradford | 937.552.2196 | BradfordRRMuseum.org

Founded in 2002, the Bradford Ohio Railroad Museum celebrates the heritage and impact the railroad had on the community and individuals who worked in the industry. Featuring three levels of displays, the museum features a dining car experience, telegraph & map room, Hobo exhibit, model train and more. The BF Tower down the street from the museum is also available to tour.

Garst Museum & The National Annie Oakley Center

205 North Broadway St., Greenville | 937.548.5250

GarstMuseum.org | AnnieOakleyCenterFoundation.com

The Garst Museum houses more than 300,000 artifacts in 35,000 square feet covering six major and two minor venues. Major exhibits include The National Annie Oakley Center, Treaty of Greenville, Lowell Thomas, Early Main Street Experience and more. The museum also features an extensive genealogy and historical research center. Complete your trip with a visit to the gift shop!

Sham's D&R Racing Museum

205 S. Division St., Union City

The two-story museum celebrates the rich racing history found in the area including memorabilia from nearby Eldora Speedway and Winchester Speedway. View a sprint car from USAC driver Brady Bacon and other items from drivers like Bob and Dick Pratt, Tom Bigelow, Dick Debolt and from racing promoters like Earl Baltes. Helmets, trophies, photographs, signage and more take visitors on a trip back in time. Look for the sprint car attached to the side of the building!

Versailles Historical Society

552 S. West St., Versailles | 937.526.4222

Facebook: [Versailles Historical Society Museum](https://www.facebook.com/VersaillesHistoricalSocietyMuseum)

Founded in 2009, the museum offers 20 rooms of displays and exhibits dating back to the late 1800s. Items on display include print articles, photos, furniture, clothing and heirlooms. The Military Room is a must see with artifacts ranging from the Civil War to present day. Additional rooms include a school room exhibit, early railroad exhibit, the 1901 Great Versailles Fire exhibit, general store exhibit as well as history on surrounding towns and villages.



2 LOCATIONS:

200 N Miami Avenue
Bradford, Ohio 45308

501 East Main
Bradford, Ohio 45308



Hours: Saturdays 10am-3pm

Open: March thru December

www.bradfordrrmuseum.org
bradfordohiorrmuseum@gmail.com

Discover Our History

the **GARST** museum

THE NATIONAL ANNIE OAKLEY CENTER

Featuring:

- **Crossroads of Destiny**– the Fort and Treaty of Greene Ville, Anthony Wayne, Tecumseh, and Little Turtle
- **Lowell Thomas**–Pioneer American Broadcaster
- **The National Annie Oakley Center**
...and much more!

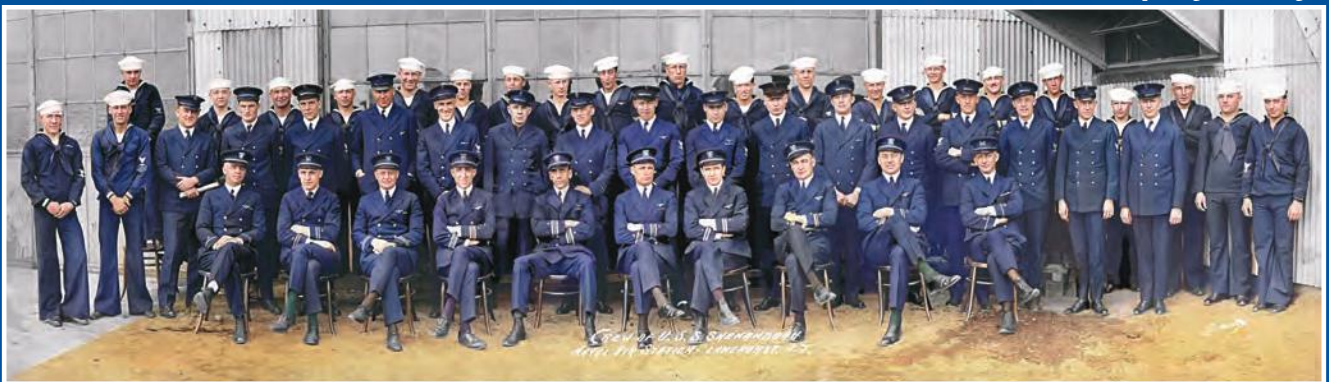


MUSEUM HOURS: Tuesday–Saturday 10am–4pm | Closed on Sundays, Mondays, holidays, and the month of January

205 North Broadway | Greenville, OH 45331 | 937.548.5250 | GarstMuseum.org

THE NOBLE COUNTY MUSEUM

Come see the USS Shenandoah Display Today!



CREW OF THE USS SHENANDOAH

Front Row: Chief Machinist Shine S. Halliburton, Lt. Roland G. Mayer, Lt. John B. Lawrence, Lcdr. Lewis Hancock, Jr., Lcdr. Zachary Lansdowne, Lcdr. Charles Rosendahl, Lt. A. Reginald Houghton, Lt. (jg) Edgar W. Sheppard, Lt. (jg) Charles Bauch, Chief Radio Gunner Ray Cole.

Second Row: Chief Petty Officers: Guy Burnett, T. Dickerson, Bill Russell, Walter Johnson, Charles Broome, Jimmy Cullinan, Lou Allely, Fred Tobin, Frank Peckham, Art Carlson, Everette Allen, James Collier, Frank Masters, John McCarthy, George Schnitzer, Mark Donovan.

Back Row: White Hats: Haucap, Wilford Roy, Celestino Mazzuco, Kenneth Flynn, L.W. Owen, Julius Malak, Rollins, August Quernheim, Ralph Jones, Charles Solar, Bart O'Sullivan, Bill Spartley, Raph Joffray, Pearson, C.A. Heckbert, Henry Boswell, Richardson Wilson, First Class Radioman Hill, Joe Shevlowitz, Cook Waldren, Jackson, First Class Quartermaster Videll.

Lcdr. Zachary Lansdowne, Commander of the USS Shenandoah a native of Ohio

*This photo
& more on
display at the
Noble County
Museum!*

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Annie Oakley TRAIL GUIDE

Darke County is home to our famous Ohioan, Annie Oakley. Born Phoebe Ann Mosey in 1860, she performed with the Buffalo Bill Wild West show for 17 years along with husband Frank Butler. Her young life dealt with poverty and abuse, but she rose to stardom as a sharpshooter performing for royalty in Europe. She was shooting when girls and women did not do this. She worked for equal pay for women in the entertainment industry, advocated the shooting sports for women, and fought legal battles to guard her reputation, while being a very Victorian lady.

Visit Garst Museum and The National Annie Oakley Center in Greenville to learn about her life and see the largest collection of her artifacts. While in Greenville, stop by 225/227 East 3rd Street, the house where she died (a marker is outside this private home). Continue on the trail to see artist Tim Wells' mural on the upper wall of the Sure Shot Tap House facing Martin Street. Also stop by Annie Oakley Park at the three-way intersection of Martin, Broadway and Washington streets. See the Annie Oakley statue that overlooks downtown Greenville.

Drive north on SR 127 and stop to enjoy the painted barn mural of Annie or "Little Sure Shot," a name given to her by Chief Sitting Bull. It's a private residence and barn but can be viewed prominently from the road.

Continue north on SR 127 and see the marker along the roadside outside North Star where her childhood home stood. While she didn't live there long, it is significant as she paid off the mortgage on the home for her mother.

Follow the map a couple of miles farther north and east to Yorkshire to see her parents and siblings gravesite. Continue on towards Willowdell to seek out the marker on Spencer Road showing her birthplace.

On the way back, stop to see her gravesite in Brock Cemetery where her remains were buried the same day as Frank Butler, who died 18 days after Annie.



Map courtesy of Garst Museum and The National Annie Oakley Center with information provided by the Annie Oakley Center Foundation, Greenville, Ohio.

Welcome to Darke County and Greenville—the Annie Oakley Capital of the World.



GARST MUSEUM & THE NATIONAL ANNIE OAKLEY CENTER



**HOUSE WHERE SHE PASSED
(225/227 E. 3RD ST.)**



MURAL ON SURE SHOT TAP HOUSE



ANNIE OAKLEY PARK



BARN MURAL



CHILDHOOD HOME



PARENTS & SIBLINGS GRAVESITE



BIRTHPLACE MARKER



**ANNIE OAKLEY & FRANK BUTLER
GRAVESITES**

Picture PERFECT



Stop by and grab a **FLAT ANNIE OAKLEY** at the Darke County Visitors Bureau or the Garst Museum. Take a selfie at the stops on the trail and TAG YOUR ADVENTURES! #AnnieOakleyTrail





The Barrel Den at Sure Shot



Outdoor patio at Sure Shot



Bullseye Game Lounge at Sure Shot



Small Town FINDS

DELIGHTFULLY SMALL TOWNS. SURPRISINGLY BIG PERSONALITY. DISCOVER A PLACE WHERE EVERY STOP DELIVERS UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCES AND LASTING MEMORIES.

Greenville

Greenville, the county seat, provides a fantastic central location for your trip. Greenville is located in the middle of the county making for easy travels to all four corners and places in between. Visit the legendary Maid-Rite Sandwich Shoppe (don't forget to bring gum!) for a classic loose meat sandwich.

Stroll downtown Broadway for a fabulous group of shops and businesses. Browse several boutiques—including Better You Boutique and Happily Ever Co.—for that perfect fit and find.

Enjoy a satisfying appetizer or amazing meal at our downtown eateries ranging from the charming Double M Diner to the more casual Montage Café. And don't forget dessert at

Beanz Buttercream Bakery, one of the best sweet shops around! Indulge in a drink (responsibly, of course!) at Sure Shot Tap House, a unique self-pour service featuring 40-plus taps!

Visit unique shops for a special find at Refined: Purveyors of Fine Gifts, The Hive, Bread of Life, Granny's Corner Frame Shop and more! Re-discover your inner child with fun finds at Topsy Turvy Toys. Make a special keepsake with crafts at Me & PJ. Find something for everyone with a wide selection of keepsakes at Readmore's Hallmark Shop.

Downtown Greenville has something for everyone. Venture outside of the county seat to visit these great finds!

Ansonia

Make tracks to The Whistle Stop Bar and Grill, one of the county's favorite eats.

Arcanum

A charming brick-street downtown offers tasty small-town eats. Stroll over to view the Opera House (from the outside) and make a stop just outside of town at Brumbaugh's Fruit Farm for a delicious slushie when in season! Cap it off with a trip to A.R. Winery!

Bradford

Celebrate this town's railroad history by visiting the Y-Yard Park, complete with a caboose! Just down the path find the BF Tower and additional signage on the village's history. Afterward, drop by 21 Barrels Hard Cider and Wine for a refreshing beverage!



Caramel apples at Downing Fruit Farm

New Madison

Head to the southwest corner of Darke County to visit New Madison. Enjoy lunch at Schechty's Sports Bar & Grill or the Snack Shop. Head a few minutes outside of town to Downing Fruit Farm for its excellent selection.

New Weston

Established in 1920, Harry Birt's General Store in New Weston satisfies your sweet tooth with a wide variety of candy. What started with three kinds—chocolate drops, oranges slices and white peppermints—has turned into a multi-ton event during the Christmas season.

Union City

Craving sweets? Union City offers Ghyslain Chocolates. Named for its artistic chef, Ghyslain Maurais, this chocolate boutique offers some of the finest candies around from a chef certified in French pastry, chocolate décor, candy making, blown/pulled sugar and bread making.

Versailles

BMI Event Center. Hotel Versailles and Silas Creative Kitchen. Sculpture Trail. A charming downtown. And nearby is the Versailles Winery. Just a few of the many reasons Versailles earned the distinction of Ohio Magazine's Best Hometowns for 2022-23!

Wayne Lakes

This village sits around 18 lakes and features a small beach (fee required). Non-residents can purchase a daily fishing license to enjoy a relaxing day at the lake! Just outside of Wayne Lakes sits the Fort Jefferson Memorial. A tribute to the fortification built by the United States Army in 1793 which served as a supply post for General "Mad" Anthony Wayne during the Northwest Indian Wars.



Chef Ghyslain Maurais, Ghyslain Chocolates



DARKE COUNTY WHISKEY WINE & ALE TRAIL

Sip and SAVOR

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JOIN US ON THE TRAIL!



- 1 A.R. Winery/
Briar Brown Brewing**
 3564 Gordon-Landis Rd. | Arcanum
 937.417.0565 | ARWinery.com
- 2 Hayner Distilling Co.
at Hotel Versailles**
 22 North Center St. | Versailles
 937.526.3020 | HotelVersaillesOhio.com
 937.553.3673 | HaynerDistilling.com
- 3 Indian Creek Distillery**
 7095 Staley Rd. | New Carlisle
 937.846.1443 | IndianCreekDistillery.com
- 4 Moeller Brew Barn**
 8016 Marion Dr. | Maria Stein
 419.925.3005 | MoellerBrewBarn.com
- 5 Old Mason Winery & Vineyard**
 4199 S. Iddings Rd. | West Milton
 937.698.1122 | OldMason.com
- 6 Olde Schoolhouse
Vineyard & Winery**
 152 S.R. 726 | Eaton
 937.472.WINE (9463) | OSHWinery.com
- 7 Sure Shot Tap House**
 117 E. 5th St. | Greenville
 937.459.5117 | SureShotTapHouse.com
- 8 Versailles Winery**
 6572 S.R. 47 | Versailles
 937.526.3232 | WineryatVersailles.com
 Reservations Recommended
- 9 Twenty One Barrels
Cidery & Winery**
 9717 Horatio Harris Creek Rd. | Bradford
 937.467.4498 | 21Barrels.com



A.R. WINERY/ BRIAR BROWN BREWING

Nestled between Dayton and Greenville just outside of Arcanum, you'll step back in time when you visit A.R. Winery/Briar Brown Brewing. Join us on the farm to enjoy vintage signs and a hand-painted mural while sampling award-winning wines or a craft beer on tap. Before you go, don't forget to play fetch with Fuel, the logo namesake of the winery!



HAYNER DISTILLING CO. AT HOTEL VERSAILLES

It's the perfect pairing ... Hayner's 95 Proof Bourbon produced exclusively for Hotel Versailles. It's a partnership to savor. Hayner's story began in 1866 with a sweet taste and a smooth finish until production was halted during Prohibition. The next chapter started in 2018 and continues today. The 30-room boutique hotel serves as the perfect atmosphere with a charming bar and a beautiful patio situated in historic downtown Versailles.



INDIAN CREEK DISTILLERY

Tour the oldest distillery in Ohio, owned by sixth generation descendants of the 200-year-old family farm. Visit the tasting room and learn the history of the Staley Mill Farm, featuring historic photos and artifacts dating back to the early 1800s. Sample a unique early American frontier whiskey that is distilled in the same copper pot stills from two centuries ago. Unique to its heritage and rich in the flavors of history, Staley Rye Whiskey is the Spirit of America in a bottle!



A.R. WINERY
ARCANUM, OHIO



BRIAR BROWN BREWING COMPANY

Join us on the farm for a wood-fired brick-oven pizza while sipping on your favorite wine or craft brew!



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Arcanum, OH 45304
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arwinery.com



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SATURDAYS AT 2 AND 4PM**

7095 Staley Rd.
New Carlisle, Ohio
937.846.1443
INDIANCREEKDISTILLERY.COM



MOELLER BREW BARN

When you see big barns dotting the countryside in the Land of the Cross-Tipped Churches, you'll know you're close. Moeller Brew Barn was built because we believe everyone should have a choice to enjoy FRESH. LOCAL. CRAFT. BEER. With 24 taps selections of barn-made beer and seltzers you're sure to find something to sip on.



OLD MASON WINERY & VINEYARD

In business since April 2013, Old Mason Winery & Vineyard is family owned and operated. Our passion for wine began as a hobby that grew over time and resulted in our own winery and vineyard. Join us in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere in our brick tasting room or on the covered patio overlooking the vineyard while you sip on one of our handcrafted, award-winning wines. Not sure what to choose? Try a wine flight and discover your favorite flavor.



OLDE SCHOOLHOUSE WINERY

In the Fall of 2014, two couples purchased an old brick school house built in 1890 just north of Eaton, and transformed it into a winery and vineyard. The old building has a new life and is home to Preble County's first and only winery. Take a tour and experience our beautiful up-scale tasting room featuring internationally award-winning wines made on site. Relax and enjoy the outdoor patio with live music on the weekends while you sip on your favorite wine.



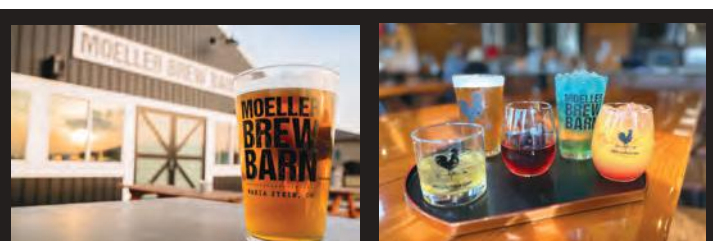
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Personalized Attention!*



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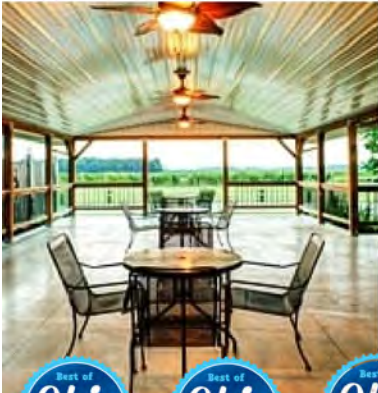
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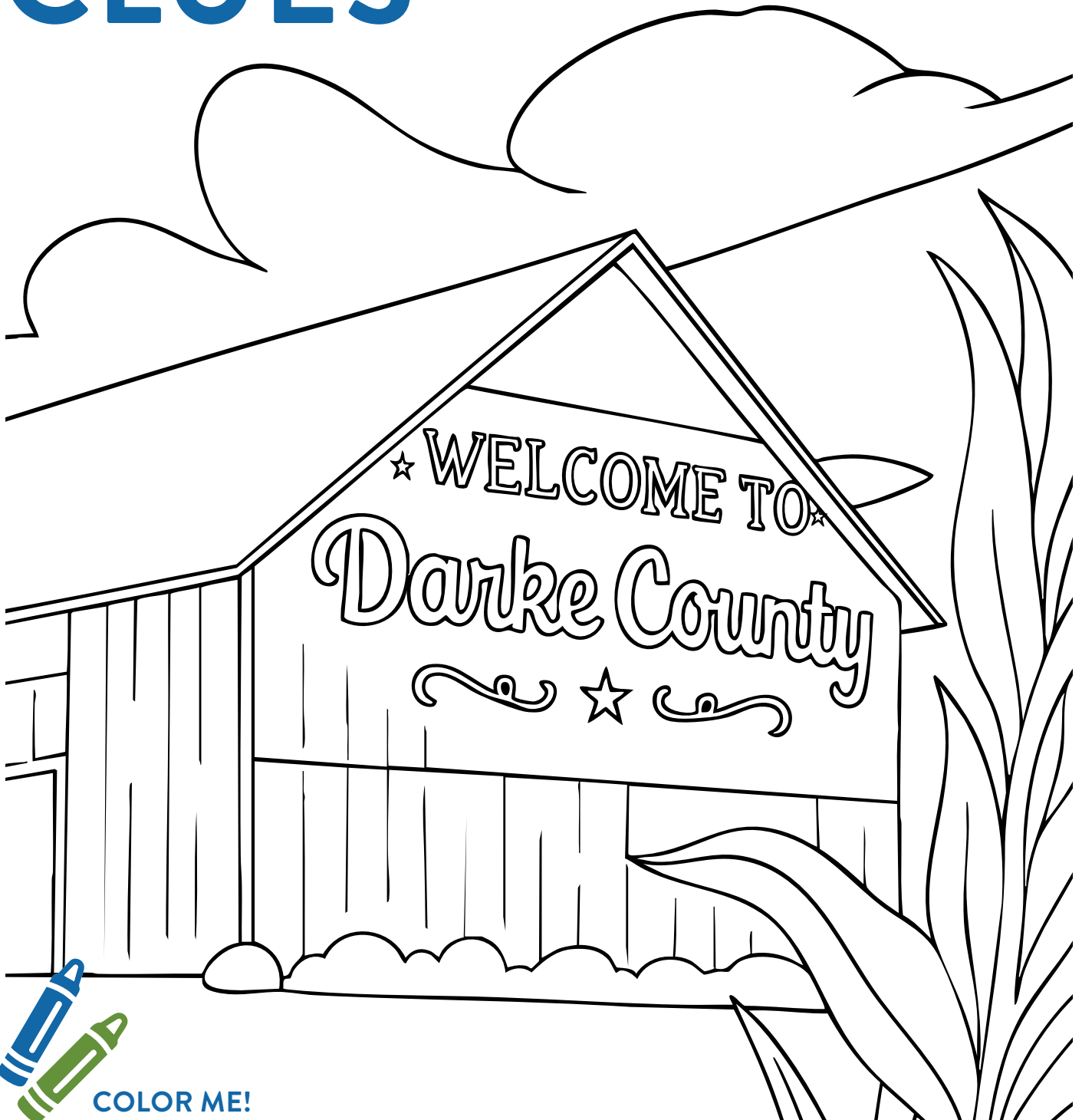




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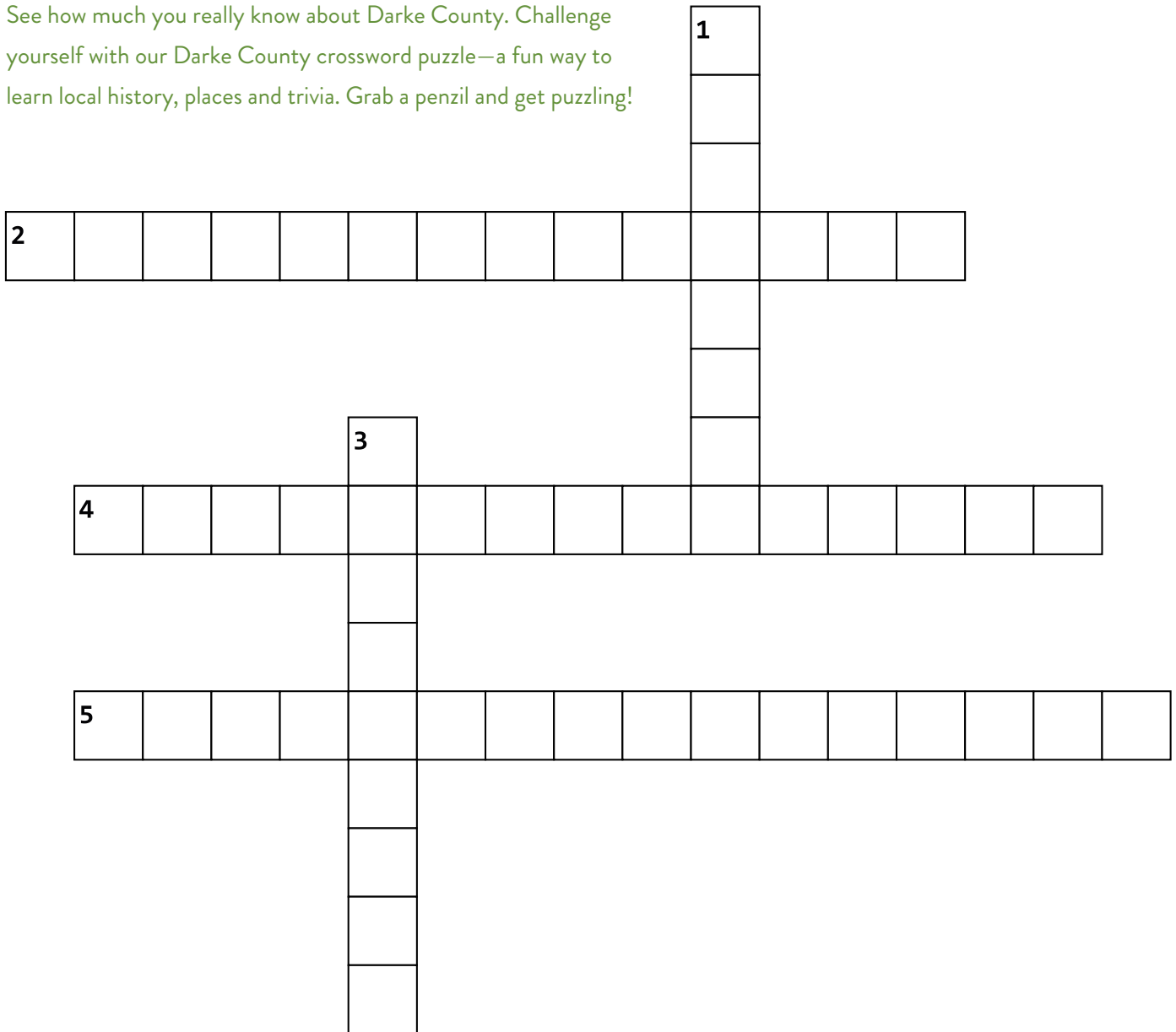
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ACROSS

2. Widely considered as the Greatest Dirt Track in the World. (pg 45)
4. What is the Fourth place you can visit on the Annie Oakley Trail Guide? (pg 12-13)
5. Greenville's representative on the Whiskey, Wine & Ale Trail with self-pour taps and the Bulls-eye Game Lounge. (pg 16-17)

DOWN

1. A one-of-a-kind sandwich shop in Greenville. (back cover)
3. A historic landmark; one of the few operating water-powered grist mills in the state. (pg 60)



Bronze statues in the sculptural Village of Versailles



Hotel Versailles

Girls Weekend GETAWAY

Saturday

■ Start your day in downtown Greenville with a delicious breakfast at **Beanz Buttercream Bakery** or pick up a treat to go like a mouth-watering cinnamon roll. Head down Broadway to **A&B Coffee** or **The Coffee Pot** for your specialty drink to kick off a great day!

■ **Historic Bear's Mill**, located just east of Greenville, is a step back in time. Tour this timber-frame building that houses one of the last working grist mills in Ohio. Walk the paths along the creek for scenic views of the waterfall and covered bridge. Finish a great start to your day at the Bear's Mill gift shop featuring hand-crafted pottery, flours, coffee, teas, jewelry and more.

■ Enjoy lunch at a downtown Greenville eatery like **Montage Café**, then stroll historic downtown to explore boutiques, shops, and sweet-treat stops.

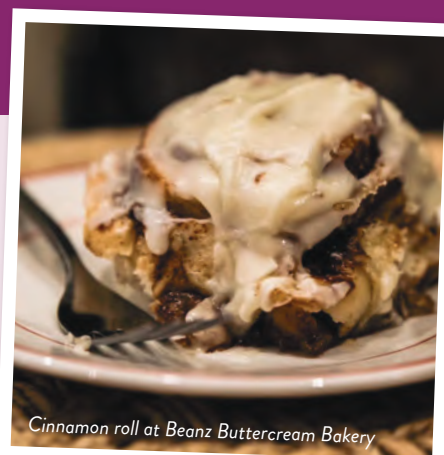
■ Unwind back at your hotel—including **Sure Stay by Best Western**, **Hotel Versailles**, **Holiday Inn Express & Suites** and **Quality Inn**—before heading out for evening refreshments. Visit **Sure Shot Tap House** in downtown Greenville for a wide variety of craft beers, wines, cocktails and mixed drinks at this unique self-pour establishment. It's one of 9 fantastic stops on our **Whiskey, Wine and Ale Trail**.

Sunday

■ Begin with a delicious breakfast at **Hotel Versailles** in this historic village of the same name.

■ Remain in Versailles to take in the small-town charm and its collection of downtown shops. And the **Sculpture Trail** provides perfect selfies!

■ Head back to the Greenville area and enjoy the sounds and sights of nature by walking the trails at **Shawnee Prairie Preserve**, Darke County's largest park.



Cinnamon roll at Beanz Buttercream Bakery



Enjoy lunch at Montage Café



Boutique shops in downtown Greenville



Shawnee Prairie Preserve Nature Center



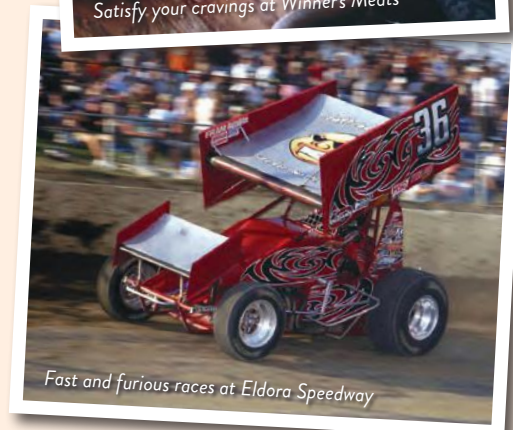
Guys Weekend GETAWAY

Saturday

- Start your weekend with a home-style breakfast at the **Whistle Stop** in Ansonia, a Darke County favorite.
- Start collecting your stamps on the **Whiskey, Wine & Ale Trail** passport! The Trail offers 9 marvelous stops, including the **Moeller Brew Barn** to the north. While in the area, stop by Winner's Meats in Osgood to pick up some delicious cuts of meats, burgers, brats or ready-to-eat options to satisfy any cravings!
- From there you're just a short drive to the ultimate Guys' Weekend destination—the world-famous **Eldora Speedway**! The high-adrenaline action at Eldora's half-mile dirt track—started by legendary promoter Earl Baltes and now owned by three-time NASCAR champion Tony Stewart—hosts crown jewel events like the Dirt Late Model Dream, Kings Royal and World 100. During these weekends the crowds of 30,000 nearly doubles Darke County's population!
- After the races head back to one of our finest hotels to rest up! Greenville offers comfort at **Sure Stay by Best Western**, **Holiday Inn Express & Suites** and the **Quality Inn** and Versailles' **Hotel Versailles**.

Sunday

- Refuel with breakfast at your hotel, or venture out for some mouth-watering options including the **Double M Diner**, **Jack's Cabin** or **Kathy's Restaurant** in Greenville.
- Hit the links at one of Darke County's five golf courses. **Stillwater Valley Golf Club** and **Turtle Creek Golf Course** (formerly Greenville Country Club) are scenic 18-hole locations offering driving ranges, practice tees, practice sand traps, custom clubs, pro shop and restaurant. Another great option is **Beechwood Golf Course**. Darke County's only 27-hole golf course offers driving ranges, practice tees, practice sand trap, pro shop, custom clubs and repairs, restaurant and a clubhouse. **White Springs Golf Club's** nine-hole course offers a classic layout with a practice green, pro shop and bar and grill. **Union City Country Club**, a public course, offers a nine-hole experience with a pro shop and clubhouse with a restaurant and bar.
- Before ending your visit stop by **Maid-Rite Sandwich Shoppe** in Greenville for your nostalgic burger that many come from miles around to enjoy. Don't forget bubble gum for the iconic gum wall!





Stroll through the grounds at the Versailles Winery



Hike the paths to the covered bridge at Bear's Mill

Romantic Weekend GETAWAY

Saturday

- Your stay starts at the charming **Hotel Versailles** or the modern **Holiday Inn Express and Suites**.
- Spend the day to experience a portion of our **Whiskey, Wine and Ale Trail**. Darke County features a variety of wineries and breweries, each offering their own distinctive experience and authentic character. Grab a romantic lunch at the **Versailles Winery** (reservations recommended) and stroll the grounds. Visit **A.R. Winery & Briar Brown Brewing Co.** near Arcanum and take in the quiet farm life this vineyard has to offer. For your final destination be sure to stop by **Twenty-One Barrels** near Bradford. Enjoy their many different flavors of wines and cider in a relaxing atmosphere.
- For a fun night out, check the schedule for the **Darke County Center for the Arts** or for the **BMI Event Center**. Both offer opportunities for a special evening of music and entertainment.

Sunday

- Spend a relaxing morning pedaling the **Tecumseh Bike Trail** to **Bear's Mill**. While there enjoy the scenery along short walking paths and covered bridge or visit **Shawnee Prairie Preserve** for additional outdoor adventure including trails and statue of Shawnee Chief Tecumseh!
- Visit **Greenville's city park** and say hello to the town's famous peacocks, then stroll across the iconic swinging bridge for a pleasant afternoon at the park!



Visit A.R. Winery & Briar Brown Brewing Co.



Catch a show at the Darke County Center for the Arts



Peacocks in Greenville City Park



Delicious treats at Bean's Buttercream Bakery & Eatery



Maid-Rite Sandwich Shoppe

Family Weekend GETAWAY

Saturday

■ Kick-start your day with a delicious breakfast at **Bean's Buttercream Bakery** in downtown Greenville. A variety of cookies, brownies and sweets provide a perfect afternoon snack.

■ From there it's a short walk to award-winning **Garst Museum**. The museum features 300,000 artifacts and permanent exhibitions of national significance including Annie Oakley, the Treaty of Greene Ville and Ohio Native Americans. As a bonus visit the **grave of Annie Oakley and Frank Butler**, her husband, located at Brock Cemetery.

■ Another short walk from the Garst Museum and you've arrived at **Maid-Rite Sandwich Shoppe**. Try the famous loose-hamburger sandwich, a staple for Darke County! Bring bubble gum to leave your mark on the iconic gum wall!

■ Visit **Shawnee Prairie Preserve** to stretch your legs and enjoy nature! Trails, a nature center and statue of legendary Shawnee chief Tecumseh await your visit!

■ Grab a pizza at one of Darke County's great options including **Teaford's Pizza and Subs**, **Tolly's Gastropub**, **Sharp's Tavern**, **Picnic's Pizza & Grille** and more!

Sunday

■ Check out our events list to visit during one of our many fantastic festivals. Darke County's best festivals include **Poultry Days**, **Gathering at Garst**, **Annie Oakley Festival** and the **Bradford Pumpkin Show**, among others.

■ Visit in August for **the GREAT Darke County Fair!** Rides, fair food, harness racing, a demolition derby and more make us one of the best fairs in the state!

■ If you're visiting in the fall, make **Brumbaugh's Fruit & Fun Farm** a must stop. Apple slushies, donuts, hayrides, a zipline and additional fun await!



So much to discover at the Garst Museum



Fun at The GREAT Darke County Fair



Teaford's Pizza and Subs

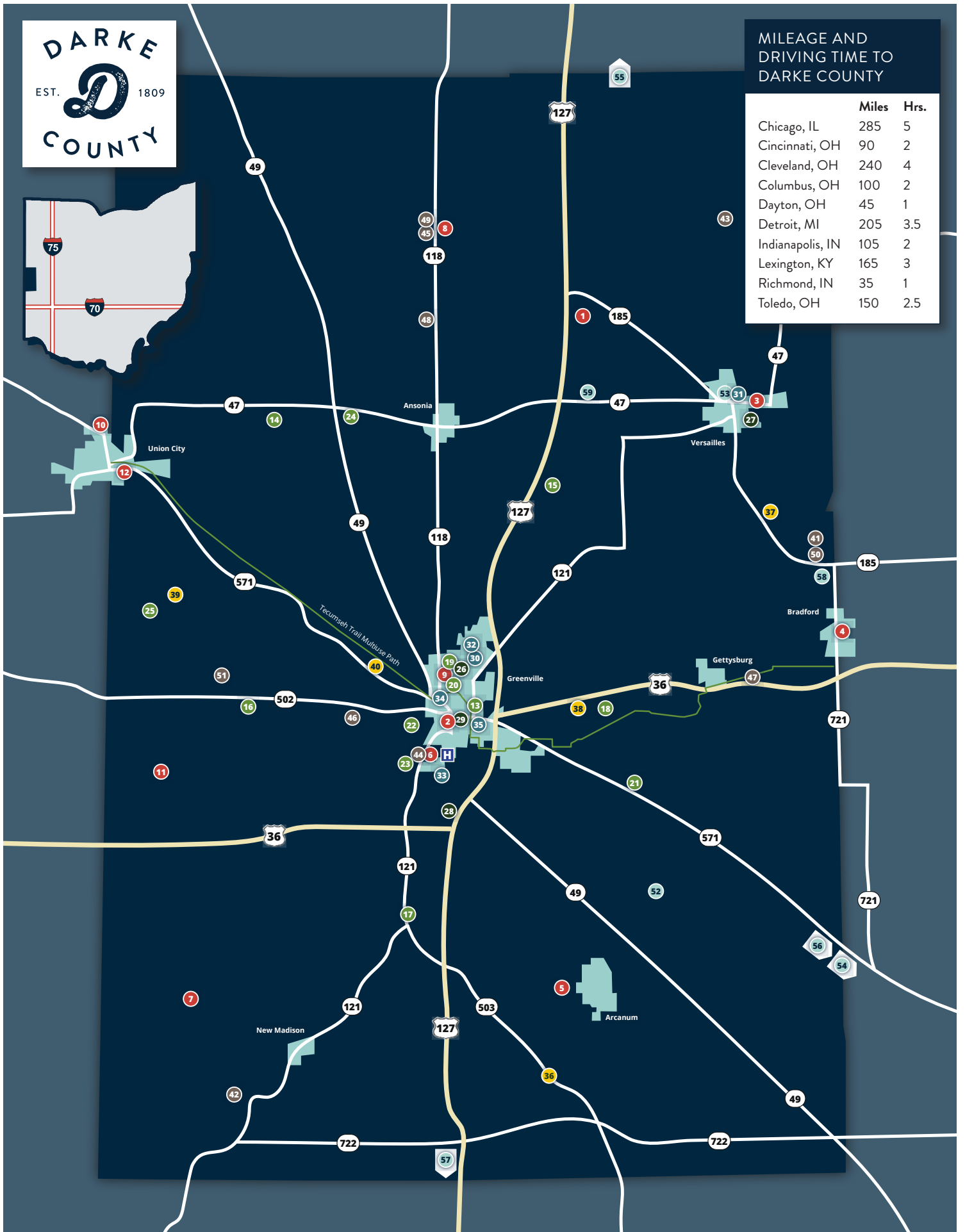


Brumbaugh's Fruit & Fun Farm



MILEAGE AND DRIVING TIME TO DARKE COUNTY

	Miles	Hrs.
Chicago, IL	285	5
Cincinnati, OH	90	2
Cleveland, OH	240	4
Columbus, OH	100	2
Dayton, OH	45	1
Detroit, MI	205	3.5
Indianapolis, IN	105	2
Lexington, KY	165	3
Richmond, IN	35	1
Toledo, OH	150	2.5



◀ Darke County Map

ATTRACTIONS:

- 1 Annie Oakley Grave
- 2 Annie Oakley Park
- 3 BMI Event Center
- 4 Bradford Ohio Railroad Museum
- 5 Brumbaugh Fruit & Fun Farm
- 6 GREAT! Darke County Fair
- 7 Downing Fruit Farm
- 8 Eldora Speedway
- 9 Garst Museum
- 10 Ghyslain Chocolatier
- 11 Longtown Site
- 12 Shams D&R Racing Museum

COUNTY PARKS:

- 13 Alice Bish Park & Bish Discovery Center
- 14 Coppess Nature Sanctuary
- 15 Donna May Campbell Preserve
- 16 Eidson Woods Preserve
- 17 Fort Jefferson
- 18 Historic Bear's Mill
- 19 Holzapfel Preserve
- 20 Prairie Ridge Meadow & Tecumseh Point
- 21 Routzong Preserve
- 22 Shawnee Prairie Preserve
- 23 Turkeyfoot Preserve
- 24 Winterrowd Wetlands
- 25 Worth Family Nature Preserve

OTHER PARKS:

- 26 Greenville City Park
- 27 Heritage Park (Versailles)
- 28 Scentral Dog Park (Greenville)
- 29 YOLO Park (Greenville)

HOTELS:

- 30 Holiday Inn Express & Suites
- 31 Hotel Versailles
- 32 Quality Inn
- 33 Stardust Motel
- 34 Towne House Motel
- 35 Sure Stay by Best Western

GOLF COURSES:

- 36 Beechwood Golf Course
- 37 Stillwater Valley Golf Club
- 38 Turtle Creek Golf Course
- 39 Union City Country Club
- 40 White Springs Golf Course

CAMPGROUNDS:

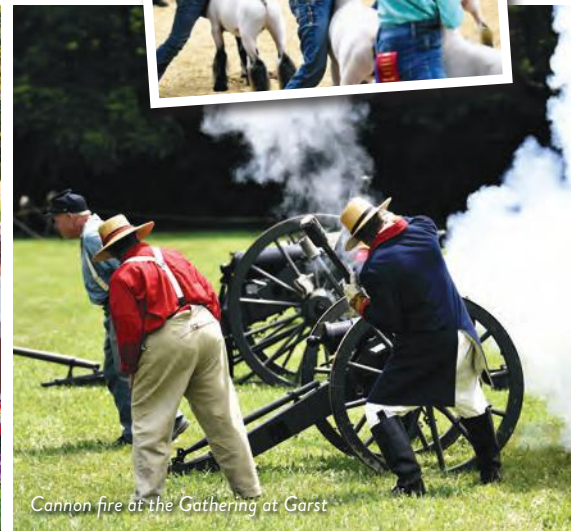
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- 42 Arrowhead Campground
- 43 Cottonwood Lakes Campground
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- 45 Eldora Village
- 46 Fireside Resort Campground
- 47 Lazy R Campground
- 48 Rossburg Acres
- 49 Speedy Camping & Parking
- 50 Stillwater Beach Campground
- 51 Wildcat Woods Campground

WHISKEY, WINE & ALE TRAIL:

- 52 A.R. Winery
- 53 Hotel Versailles featuring Hayner Distilling
- 54 Indian Creek Distillery (Miami Co.)
- 55 Moeller Brew Barn (Mercer Co.)
- 56 Old Mason Winery & Vineyard (Miami Co.)
- 57 Olde Schoolhouse Winery (Preble Co.)
- 58 Twenty-One Barrels Cider & Winery
- 59 Versailles Winery



Visiting Annie Oakley's gravesite



Cannon fire at the Gathering at Garst



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Summer concert series at YOLO Urban Park

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Live entertainment at the Coffee Pot



Lunch at Sure Shot Tap House



First Fridays Chocolate Walk at Montage Cafe



Patriotic stroll down Broadway



Family day in downtown Greenville



Shopping at the Cozy Nest



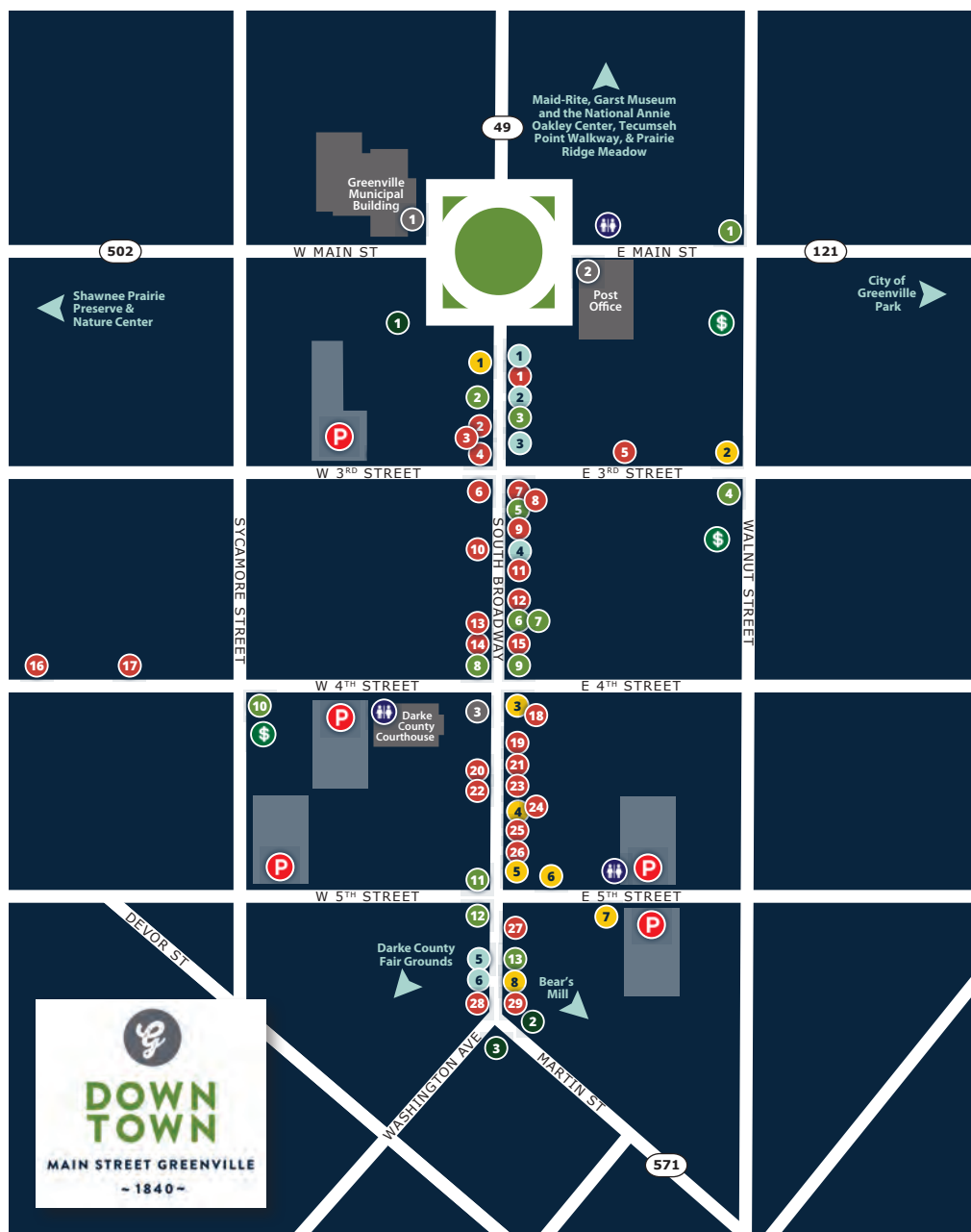
Parade down Broadway



Face painting during downtown Greenville's First Fridays



Art on display in downtown Greenville



Downtown Greenville Map ▲

SHOPPING:

- 1 Mini Mall of All
- 2 Crème de la Crème
- 3 Parker's Imaginarium
- 4 Bach To Rock Music
- 5 Final Bow
- 6 Rustic Roots
- 7 Better You Boutique
- 8 The Cozy Nest
- 9 Me and PJ
- 10 Wieland Jewelers
- 11 Expressions of Tyme
- 12 Granny's Corner Frame Shop
- 13 Shelly's Antiques and Decor
- 14 Topsy Turvy Toys
- 15 The Annex
- 16 Darke Pipes Emporium
- 17 Greenville Pawn & Jewelry
- 18 Cavalier Clothing

19 The Hive

- 20 Readmore's Hallmark
- 21 Creative Bee Quilting
- 22 The Yarn Remedy
- 23 The Bootery
- 24 Happily Ever After Co.
- 25 Refined-Purveyors of Fine Goods
- 26 Bread of Life Christian Bookstore
- 27 Michael's Fine Clocks & Jewelry
- 28 Bloomin' on Broadway
- 29 Beyond Grateful 3-D Printing

WHERE TO EAT:

- 1 Danny's Place
- 2 Beanz Buttercream Bakery
- 3 The A&B Coffee & Cake Co.
- 4 Montage Cafe
- 5 The Coffee Pot

6 The Double M Diner

- 7 Sure Shot Tap House
- 8 The Don's Pizza

SERVICE:

- 1 Mercer Savings Bank
- 2 Commercial Printing
- 3 Darke County Foundation
- 4 Park National Bank
- 5 Barb Rethlake Dance Studio
- 6 Welcome Ctr. / Visitors Bureau
- 7 Welcome Ctr. / Main Street Greenville
- 8 Greenville National Bank
- 9 Park National Bank
- 10 Greenville National Bank
- 11 Wayne Theatre
- 12 Unwrapped Pack & Ship
- 13 Boy & Girls Club of Greenville

HEALTH & BEAUTY:

- 1 Merle Norman Cosmetics
- 2 Roots Hair Salon
- 3 Broadway Barber Shop
- 4 Divinity Spa & Salon
- 5 Hair Shack
- 6 Studio 1 Hair Design

PARKS:

- 1 Rotary Park
- 2 YOLO Urban Park
- 3 Annie Oakley Park

GOVERNMENT:

- 1 Greenville Municipal Building
- 2 Post Office
- 3 Darke County Courthouse



the
GARST
museum
DARKE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

ARE YOU GAME?

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HOW TO PLAY:

Plan your visit to Greenville.
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*Game Board photos in order:
Historic Bear's Mill; Anthony Wayne Peace Council
House; Peacocks at City Park; Swinging Bridge;
Downtown Mural; bike paths; downtown Greenville;
Maid-Rite Sandwich Shoppe; Shawnee Prairie Preserve;
Garst Museum & National Annie Oakley Center*

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Book your STAY

Darke County has so much to offer—you'll want to stay the night! From charming B&B's to comfortable hotels, motels, and camping under the stars, you'll find your perfect home away from home.



BED & BREAKFASTS

	Rooms	Complimentary Breakfast	Restaurants On-Site	Swimming Pool	Fitness Room	Handicapped Accessible	Pets Allowed	Information
Wayman's Corner Bed & Breakfast 633 Central Ave., Greenville 937.316.6074 WaymansCorner.com	4	•						This renovated 1925 Foursquare features all the modern conveniences with private baths and outdoor porches.

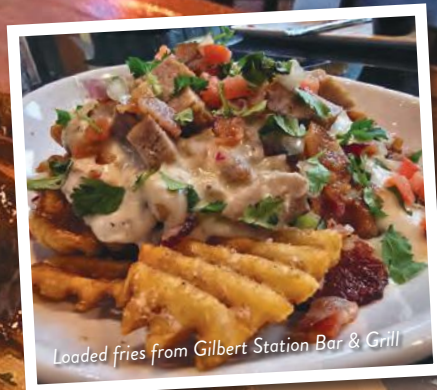
HOTELS, MOTELS & RENTALS

Sure Stay by Best Western 851 Martin St., Greenville 937.548.3613 BestWestern.com	65	•	•		•	•	•	This hotel offers a restaurant, fitness center, business center and 1,600 sq. ft. of conference/ event space.
Camp Combs Cottage 1200 Main Dr., Wayne Lakes 765.993.4180 Listed on AirBnB.com	2							This cozy fish camp features a remote controlled fireplace, fire-pit, fishing dock, canoe, row boat and connects to a village swimming area on Lake Algonquin.
Charming Studio Apartment 333 West Fourth St., Greenville Listed on AirBnB.com	1							This 2nd floor studio apartment in a beautiful home built in the early 1900's is within walking distance of downtown Greenville.
Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites 1195 E. Russ Rd., Greenville 937.548.1328 Hiexpress.com	65	•		•	•	•		This hotel offers an elevator to handicap-accessible rooms on all three floors, indoor pool, fitness room and a small meeting room.
Hotel Versailles 22 North Center St., Versailles 937.526.3020 HotelVersaillesOhio.com	30		•		•	•		This modern boutique hotel features enhanced amenities, a fitness room, courtyard, patio, restaurant and an event room with a capacity for 200 guests.
Quality Inn 1190 E. Russ Rd., Greenville 800.228.5150 or 937.316.5252 ChoiceHotels.com	56	•		•	•	•		This newly-renovated hotel is convenient to area attractions including Eldora Speedway, as well as restaurants and shops.
Stardust Motel 5436 St. Rt. 49 S., Greenville 937.548.5199	16							This motel offers 16 rooms with convenience to the Darke County Fairgrounds.
St. Clair Manor 224 E. Third St., Greenville 937.621.3079 or 937.623.3241 StClairManor.com	5							Built in 1896, this Victorian home offers whole house rental on the weekends, perfect for events. Corporate/long-term rentals are also available by the month.
Towne House Motel 209 East Main St., Greenville 937.548.4171	20							This motel offers 20 rooms featuring long-term and weekly rates.



CAMPGROUNDS

	Sites	Hook-ups	Shower/ Restrooms	Laundry	Pool or Lake	Pavilion/Activities Game Room	Dump Station	
Adventure Lakes & Camping 8600 Versailles Southeastern Rd., Bradford 937.448.2504 Open year round	100	8			•	•		This farm features 140 acres of rolling hills and fields, as well as 20 acres of lakes.
Arrowhead Campground 1361 Thomas Rd., New Madison 937.996.6203 Arrowhead-Campground.com Open April 15 to October 31	130	120	•	•	•	•	•	This campground offers many family-friendly activities like fishing ponds, pool, game room, basketball courts, boat rentals, playgrounds and planned activities. Also sell propane.
Cottonwood Lakes Campground 8549 Althoff Rd., Yorkshire 419.582.2610 Open April 15 to October 15	120	120	•		•	•	•	This location offers fishing lakes, swimming lakes, playground and game room.
Eldora Village 13929 St. Rt. 118, New Weston 937.338.3815 EldoraSpeedway.com Open major event weekends	2000+		•					Reserved camping by fee for major events. All camping lots are free on non-major event weekends.
Darke County Fairgrounds 800 Sweitzer St., Greenville 937.548.5044 DarkeCountyFair.com Open year round	200+	200	•				•	The fairgrounds is a 180-acre largely, wooded facility with a self registration system.
Fireside Resort Campground 6236 Shade Rd., Greenville 937.621.3979 FiresideResort.net Open April 17 to October 11	74	74	•		•	•	•	This 20-acre campground features two playgrounds, basketball court, shelter houses, fishing pond, walking trails, jump pad, Bonfire Lounge restaurant, and planned activities. Cabin and camper rentals available.
Lazy R Campground 8714 U.S. Rt. 36, Bradford 937.447.8943 LazyRCampgrounds.com Open April 15 to October 31	200	200	•	•	•	•	•	This campground offers fishing pond, pool, playground, volleyball and basketball courts, shelter house, wagon rides and planned activities.
Rossburg Acres 4300 Rossburg-Lightsville Rd., Rossburg 937.338.3115 RossburgAcres.com Open May 1 to October 31	100	100	•		•	•	•	This campground offers fishing ponds, beach area, playgrounds & large outdoor screen for family movies.
Speedy Camping & Parking 13876 St. Rt. 118, New Weston 937.338.3311 Open major event weekends	980		•					This campground is only open during the four major races at Eldora Speedway.
Stillwater Beach Campground 8408 Versailles-Southeastern Rd., Bradford 937.448.2382 StillwaterRVPark.com Open April 9 to October 9	150	100	•	•	•	•	•	This campground offers fishing ponds, beach area, playgrounds and a clubhouse.
Wildcat Woods Campground 1355 Wildcat Rd., Greenville 937.548.7921 https://www.wildcatwoods.com Open April 15 to October 31	60	60	•	•	•	•	•	This campground offers fishing ponds, beach area, paddle boats and shelter house.



Loaded fries from Gilbert Station Bar & Grill



Burger from Gilbert Station Bar & Grill

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📍 Arcanum

Cruizers Cafe

10 N. Main St., Arcanum | 937.662.0056
Breakfast & Lunch

Huston's Restaurant

9 E. Water St., Arcanum | 937.692.8576
Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Miller's Tavern

15 N. High St., Arcanum | 937.692.5359
Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Petey's Pizza

2494 US Rt. 127, Arcanum | 937.692.8384
Dinner

Picnic's Pizza & Grill

3 E. Woodside Dr., Arcanum
937.662.0167
Lunch & Dinner

Toni & John's Route 571 Diner

8975 St. Rt. 571, Arcanum | 937.569.0112
Lunch & Dinner, Breakfast on weekends
& Sunday

📍 Bradford

Cafe 721

133 N. Miami Ave., Bradford | 937.541.3439
Dinner

Clark's Pizza House & Restaurant

127 N. Miami Ave., Bradford | 937.448.6577
Dinner

Papaw's Fleapit

118 E. Main St., Bradford | 937.448.3016
Lunch & Dinner



Chicken Cordon Bleu from Do Good Restaurant & Ministry



Chicken Stir Fry from Jack's Cabin



Salad from Beanz Buttercream Bakery

Burkettsville

Gilbert Station Bar & Grill

13 W. Main St., Burkettsville | 419.375.4880
Lunch & Dinner

Wagon Wheel Nite Club

9 W. Main St., Burkettsville | 419.375.4820
Lunch & Dinner

Greenville

A & B Coffee & Cake Co.

501 S. Broadway, Greenville | 937.621.2675
Breakfast

Asian Buffet

521 Wagner Ave., Greenville | 937.316.6111
Lunch & Dinner

Beans Buttercream Bakery

180 E. Third St., Greenville | 937.459.5008
Breakfast, Lunch & baked goods

Bismarck Donuts

678 Wagner Ave., Greenville | 937.888.8882
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Blue Lantern Tea

106 N. Broadway, Greenville | 937.423.2862
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Bob Evans Restaurant

1366 Wagner Ave. Greenville | 937.547.9193
Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Coffee Pot (The)

537 S. Broadway, Suite 101, Greenville
937.459.5498 | Breakfast & Lunch

Coles' Front Street Inn Restaurant

812 Front St., Greenville | 937.548.8727
Breakfast & Lunch

Crème de la Crème

322 S. Broadway, Greenville | 937.621.2166
Ice Cream & Desserts

Dairy Barn (The) (seasonal)

1271 Sweitzer St., Greenville | 937.548.3555
Lunch & Dinner

Dairy King

805 Martin St., Greenville | 937.459.5021
Lunch & Dinner

Dairy Queen

1510 Wagner Ave., Greenville | 937.459.4548
Lunch & Dinner

Danny's Place

308 S. Broadway, Greenville | 937.548.2127
Dinner

Don's Pizza (The)

617 S. Broadway, Greenville | 937.547.1113
Dinner

Double M Diner

537 S. Broadway, Suite 104, Greenville
937.547.3031 | Breakfast & Lunch

El Carreton Mexican Grill

401 Wagner Ave., Greenville | 937.316.6183
Lunch & Dinner



Juicy burger from Papaw's Fleapit



Mouthwatering entree from Sloop's



Sub from Teaford's Pizza & Subs



📍 Greenville (cont.)

Hot Head Burritos

1324 Wagner Ave., Greenville | 937.548.1060
Lunch & Dinner

Jack's Cabin

851 Martin St., Greenville | 937.548.1763
Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Jim's Drive-In (seasonal)

100 Martz St., Greenville | 937.548.5078
Lunch & Dinner—Take-out only

JT's Brew & Grill

1475 Wagner Ave., Greenville | 937.548.1400
Lunch & Dinner

Kathy's Restaurant

416 Martin St., Greenville | 937.547.1651
Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

La Carreta

925 Sweitzer St., Greenville | 937.459.4708
Lunch & Dinner

Las Marias Mexican Grill

1160 E. Russ Rd., Greenville | 937.316.8484
Lunch & Dinner

Maid-Rite Sandwich Shoppe

125 N. Broadway, Greenville | 937.548.9340
Lunch & Dinner

Montage Cafe

527 S. Broadway, Greenville | 937.548.1950
Lunch & Catering

Segoku Japanese Cuisine

1487 Wagner Ave., Greenville | 937.564.4142
Lunch & Dinner

Sloopy's

1240 E. Russ Rd., Greenville | 937.548.0019
Lunch & Dinner

Sure Shot Tap House

117 E. Fifth St., Greenville | 937.549.5117
Dinner

Teaford's Pizza & Subs

101 Pine St., Greenville | 937.547.9383
Dinner—Take out only

Thirsty Turtle Lounge

6545 US Rt. 36, Greenville | 937.548.2700
Lunch & Dinner

Tolly's Gastropub

644 Wagner Ave., Greenville | 937.459.5225
Lunch & Dinner

Vint's Family Restaurant

1226 Sweitzer St., Greenville | 937.548.1803
Lunch & Dinner

Win Nutrition

684 Wagner Ave., Greenville | 419.953.5640
Nutrition Shakes & Drinks

Wooden Spoon (The)

9690 US Rt. 127, Greenville | 937.548.9770
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📍 Osgood

Do Good Restaurant & Ministry

25 W. Main St., Osgood | 419.582.4663
Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

📍 Palestine

Sharp's Tavern

101 S. Main St., Palestine | 937.548.7454
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228 N. Columbia St., Union City
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📍 Versailles

Alice's Dairy Bar (seasonal)

892 E. Main St., Versailles | 937.526.9950
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Creekside Drive & Go

176 N. Center St., Versailles | 937.526.4038
Lunch & Dinner

El Herradero Mexican

40 E. Main St., Versailles | 937.827.0014
Lunch & Dinner

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Dinner

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Lunch & Dinner

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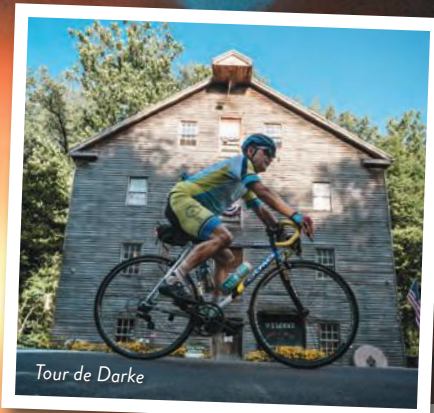
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When the first settlers explored the western Ohio frontier, they encountered dense forests and vast swamps. Over time, those trees became the homes and barns of a growing community, and many of the swamps were transformed into the rich farmland we take pride in today. While Darke County no longer looks exactly as it did centuries ago, it still boasts some of the most beautiful wild spaces around and they're yours to explore through our outstanding system of parks, pathways, and preserves.

The largest preserve in the Darke County Parks system is **Shawnee Prairie Preserve**, home to the county's only nature center and located just outside Greenville. With wooded trails, sweeping prairie views, and a nature center featuring educational displays and animal ambassadors, Shawnee Prairie is a favorite destination for families eager to connect with our natural heritage. The Nature Center is open every day except Sunday and is free to visit.

Another treasured landmark in Darke County is **historic Bear's Mill**. One of the few operating water-powered mills in Ohio, Bear's Mill offers a rare link to the region's early days. The four-story mill, located on the eastern outskirts of Greenville, sits alongside a peaceful stretch of creek-side woodlands, providing both scenic beauty and a step back in time. Built in 1849, the mill celebrated its 175th anniversary in 2024 and was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1975. Visitors are invited to stop in for a tour, witness the raw power of water turning the mill's one-of-a-kind Buhr Stones, or browse the first-floor gift shop featuring freshly ground meal and flour, along with other local goods.

Looking to get moving? Enjoy a run or bike ride along the 14-mile **Tecumseh Trail**, which continues to expand and will one day connect villages across our beautiful county. Prefer the water? Launch a canoe and paddle along scenic Greenville Creek. Bike and boat rentals are available by reservation at the Darke County Parks' **Bish Discovery Center**.

Throughout the year, Darke County Parks brings the community together through a variety of beloved annual events, including the summer's **Bash at Bish** or the **Gathering at Garst**, and the **Evening on the Prairie** each autumn. Unique Fitness-in-Nature events like the **Raptor Run 5K** and **Tour de Darke** encourage participants of all ages to stay active while walking, running, or biking through the county. The year gently winds down with one of our most peaceful traditions, **Walkin' in a Winter Wonderland Luminary Walks**, held the first weekend in December, when candlelight softly illuminates the trails and invites visitors to slow down, reflect, and enjoy the quiet beauty of the season. In addition to these celebrations, the Park District offers a wide range of nature programs, such as guided hikes, educational programs and more designed to immerse visitors in the natural beauty of Darke County all year long.

Darke County is the perfect place to reconnect with nature. Our parks are waiting. We'll see you on the trails!



18th century log house at Shawnee Prairie Preserve



Bash at Bish



Maple Sugaring on the Prairie at Shawnee Prairie Preserve



Paddling along scenic Greenville Creek



Petting zoo



Raptor enclosure at Shawnee Prairie Preserve



School field trip to Historic Bear's Mill



Family outing paddling Greenville Creek



Off-road bike riding at Bosh at Bish



Evening on the Prairie at Shawnee Prairie Preserve

Darke County PARKS

Alice Bish Park

This 7.5 acre park is accessible from Ohio and Fourth Streets, and mirrors the course of Greenville Creek with sightings of wildflowers, waterfowl, songbirds and colorful leaves. The park hosts the Bish Discovery Center, where visitors can learn about sustainable living, renewable energy and how to have a positive impact on the environment. The center is also the District's hub for outdoor recreation. A paved canoe and kayak launch provides access to Greenville Creek and the Tecumseh Trail runs through this park. Bike, canoe and kayak rentals are available via reservation.

Copess Nature Sanctuary

Located between Ansonia and Union City, this 32-acre area is typical Darke County woodland with a mix of hickory, oak, beech and maple.

Donna May Campbell Preserve

Located along the head-waters of the Stillwater River, this preserve is a fine example of riparian habitat. This 4 acre park is home to beaver, raccoon, fox, deer, woodpecker and many other types of wildlife.

Eidson Woods Preserve

Eidson Woods Preserve consists of 55 acres of maturing woodland and 15 acres of intermediate succession savanna. Providing an excellent range of habitats and species, this preserve gives visitors a look at what a maturing woodlands in Darke County can offer.

Historic Bear's Mill

This 35 acre park offers woodlands, dams and levees along a peaceful stretch of Greenville Creek. On the National Register of Historic Places, it hosts one of the few operating water-powered gristmills in Ohio. Visitors can hike the woodland trails, tour the mill, and

don't forget to stop at the Mill Store. Public paddling access is available at this park.

Peace Council House

Located across from Garst Museum in Greenville, this building honors the Native American tribes who signed the Treaty of Greene Ville with General Anthony Wayne. Open on select dates.

Prairie Ridge Meadow/ Tecumseh Point

Containing more than 100 species of grasses and flowering plants native to Darke County, this site has both natural and historic significance. Enjoy a scenic view of Greenville Creek as you stroll across the Poeppelman covered bridge, a section of the techies trail bike path.

Routzong Preserve

This beech-maple forest is an area of interest during every season. More than 1.5 miles of trails are here to explore in these 55 acres located off State Route 571 East.

Shawnee Prairie Preserve

Located west of Greenville, this 118-acre preserve is the largest Darke County park. Enjoy a leisurely walk through trails showcasing the three habitats of this park: woodlands, wetlands and prairies. Also found at Shawnee Prairie is the Nature Center, park offices, sugar shack, a natural play area for children, and an 18th century Log House and blacksmith shop (both open on select dates).

Tecumseh Trail Multiuse Path

Enjoy over 14 miles of Darke County Parks multiuse trail system leading you through pristine Darke County countryside. As you bike, run, walk, or ride along the path, you can hope to encounter a wide variety of wild flowers, colorful songbirds, historic bridges and pristine creek corridors. Access available at select parking locations. Map available to plan your trip.

Turkeyfoot Preserve

This Preserve boasts 60 acres of reestablished prairie and managed wetlands accessible from State Route 121 South of Greenville. This significant birding area hosts a wide variety of grassland species, including Turkeyfoot grass for which the park is named.

Winterrowd Wetlands

Located west of Ansonia on State Route 47, this diverse 60-acre preserve provides a glimpse of Ohio as it was prior to settlement. The combination of quality habitats makes this area a premiere birding location.

Worth Family Nature Preserve

This 35-acre preserve features diverse flora and fauna, with trails winding through floodplain and hardwood forests, upland meadows, thickets, and along a peaceful stretch of scenic Greenville Creek.

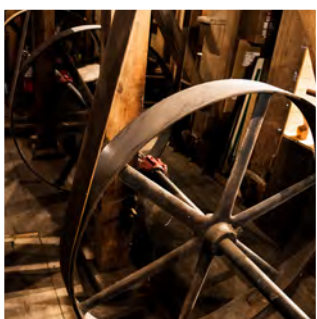
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CHECK OUT THIS YEAR'S
BIGGEST EVENTS!



Annie Oakley Festival



Monster Trucks at the Darke County Fairgrounds

Year Round

Special Events—Arcanum Preservation Society

102 W. South St., Arcanum
Facebook: ArcanumPreservationSociety

Special Events—Arcanum Wayne Trail Historical Society

123 West George St., Arcanum
AWTHS.org

First Fridays—Downtown Greenville

S. Broadway, Greenville
MainStreetGreenville.org

Lectures, Classes & Special Events—Darke County Parks

4267 St. Rt. 502, Greenville
DarkeCountyParks.org

Special Events—Versailles Area Historical Society

552 S. West St., Versailles
Facebook: VersaillesAreaHistoricalSociety

January

Taste of Wine & Jazz

527 S. Broadway, Downtown Greenville
DarkeCountyArts.org

March

Irish Wave

527 S. Broadway, Downtown Greenville
DarkeCountyArts.org

Maple Sugarin' on the Prairie

4267 St. Rt. 502, Greenville
DarkeCountyParks.org

Friends of Bear's Mill Soup 'n Bowl

6450 Arcanum Bears Mill Rd., Greenville
BearsMill.org

April

Darke County Wine Festival

800 Sweitzer St., Greenville
937.548.1009

Darke County Home & Sport Expo

800 Sweitzer St., Greenville
Facebook: DarkeCountySheriffsHomeShow

May

Dining By Rail

200 North Miami Ave., Bradford
BradfordMuseum.org

Food Truck Rally & Craft Show

800 Sweitzer St., Greenville
DarkeCountyFair.com

Mothers on Main

Downtown Versailles
Facebook: Visit Versailles

Spring Open House at Bear's Mill

6450 Arcanum Bears Mill Rd., Greenville
BearsMill.org

June

Bash at the Bish

404 N. Ohio St., Greenville
DarkeCountyParks.org

Dirt Late Model Dream

13929 St. Rt. 118, New Weston
EldoraSpeedway.com

Food Truck Rally & Craft Show

800 Sweitzer St., Greenville
DarkeCountyFair.com

Ohio Dreamfest

J&M Ranch, 6129 Reed Rd., Ansonia
TheJMRanchEnterprise.com

Rolling 50's Classics Car Show

800 Sweitzer St., Greenville
DarkeCountyFair.com

Ultimate Frisbee Tournament

Heritage Park, Versailles
VersaillesPoultryDays.com

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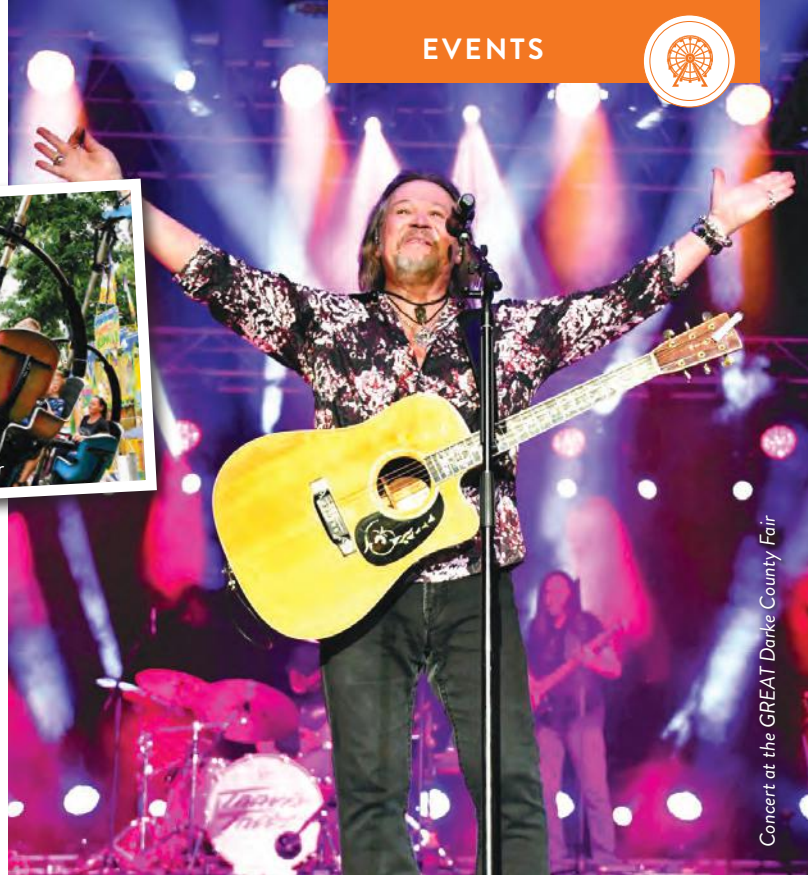
July

Annie Oakley Festival

800 Sweitzer St., Greenville
AnnieOakleyFestival.org

Backyards & Bonfires

J&M Ranch, 6129 Reed Rd., Ansonia
TheJMRanchEnterprise.com



BBQ & Blues

Greenville
DarkeCountyArts.org

Farm Power of the Past

800 Sweitzer St., Greenville
GreenvilleFarmPower.org

Fourth of July Celebration

Ansonia
Facebook: Ansonia 4th of July Celebration

Fourth of July Celebration

New Madison
Facebook: New Madison 4th of July

Fourth of July Picnic & Children's Parade

Arcanum
Facebook: ArcanumPreservationSociety

Gathering at Garst

205 N. Broadway, Greenville
GatheringatGarst.com

Kings Royal

13929 St. Rt. 118, New Weston
EldoraSpeedway.com

North Star Community Picnic

Community Center, North Star
Facebook: North Star Community Center

Ringer Classic Horseshoe Tournament

Greenville City Park

August

Artisan Stroll

Downtown Greenville
MainStreetGreenville.org

Brick Street Block Party

Downtown Arcanum
Facebook: Brick Street Block Party

Great! Darke County Fair

800 Sweitzer St., Greenville
DarkeCountyFair.com

Tour de Darke

4267 St. Rt. 502, Greenville
DarkeCountyParks.org

Versailles FareFest

21 W. Main St., Versailles
Facebook: Visit Versailles

World's Longest Yard Sale

State Route 127, Darke County
127YardSale.com

September

Autumn Farm Fest

6420 Hollansburg-Arcanum Rd., Arcanum
BrumbaughFruitFarm.com

Fall Fest & Corn Maze

6129 Reed Rd., Ansonia
TheJMRanchEnterprise.com

Four-Crown Nationals

13929 St. Rt. 118, New Weston
EldoraSpeedway.com

Harvest of Quilts

800 Sweitzer St., Greenville
Facebook: TowneSquaresQuiltClub

Harvest Extravaganza

5207 Weavers Fort Jefferson Rd., Greenville
Facebook: TheHarvestExtravaganza

Illumination Festival

800 Sweitzer St., Greenville
IlluminationFestival.org

Railroad Heritage Festival

200 North Miami Ave., Bradford
BradfordMuseum.org

Raptor Run 5K

4267 St. Rt. 502, Greenville
DarkeCountyParks.org

Rollin' 50's Classics Car Show

S. Broadway, Downtown Greenville

Solid Rock Apostolic Celebration

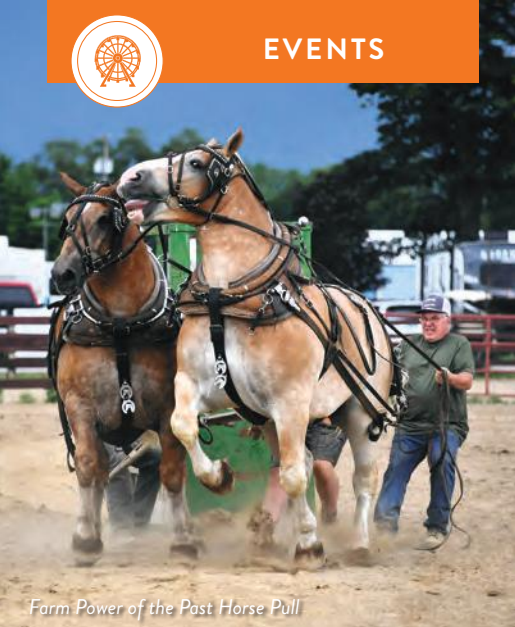
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DarkeCountyFair.com

Versailles MusicFest

Heritage Park, Versailles
Facebook: VHSAlumniEvents

World 100

13929 St. Rt. 118, New Weston
EldoraSpeedway.com



Farm Power of the Past Horse Pull



Living History Encampment at Gathering at Garst



Holiday Lighted Horse & Vehicle Parade

October

Bear's Mill Fall Open House

6450 Arcanum Bears Mill Rd., Greenville
BearsMill.org

Beggars Night

Downtown Greenville
MainStreetGreenville.org

Bradford Pumpkin Show

115 N. Miami Ave., Bradford
BradfordPumpkinShow.org

An Evening on the Prairie

4267 St. Rt. 502, Greenville
DarkeCountyParks.org

Fall Into Christmas Food Truck Rally & Craft Show

800 Sweitzer St., Greenville
DarkeCountyFair.com

Ghost Walk

Downtown Greenville
DarkeCountyArts.org

Haunted Corn Maze

J&M Ranch, 6129 Reed Rd., Ansonia
TheJMRanchEnterprise.com

A Night on the Towne

Versailles
Facebook: VisitVersailles

November

Candlelight Dinner on the Prairie

4267 St. Rt. 502, Greenville
DarkeCountyParks.org

Christmas Preview at Bear's Mill

6450 Arcanum Bears Mill Rd., Greenville
BearsMill.org

Holiday Lighted Horse & Vehicle Parade

Downtown Greenville
MainStreetGreenville.org

Versailles Hometown Christmas

Versailles
Facebook: VersaillesHometownChristmas

December

Ansonia Lighted Christmas Parade

Ansonia
Facebook: Ansoniachristmasparade

Arcanum Wayne Trail Historical Society Bazaar

122 W. George St., Arcanum
AWTHS.org

Bear's Mill Candlelight Walk

6450 Arcanum Bears Mill Rd., Greenville
BearsMill.org

Bear's Mill Open House

6450 Arcanum Bears Mill Rd., Greenville
BearsMill.org

Christmas in the Village

New Madison
Facebook: GreatestFireworks

Versailles Area Historical Society Open House

552 South West St., Versailles
Facebook: VersaillesAreaHistoricalSociety

North Pole Express

200 North Miami Ave., Bradford
BradfordMuseum.org

Walkin' in a Winter Wonderland

4267 St. Rt. 502, Greenville
DarkeCountyParks.org

Winter Wonderland at Chenoweth Trails

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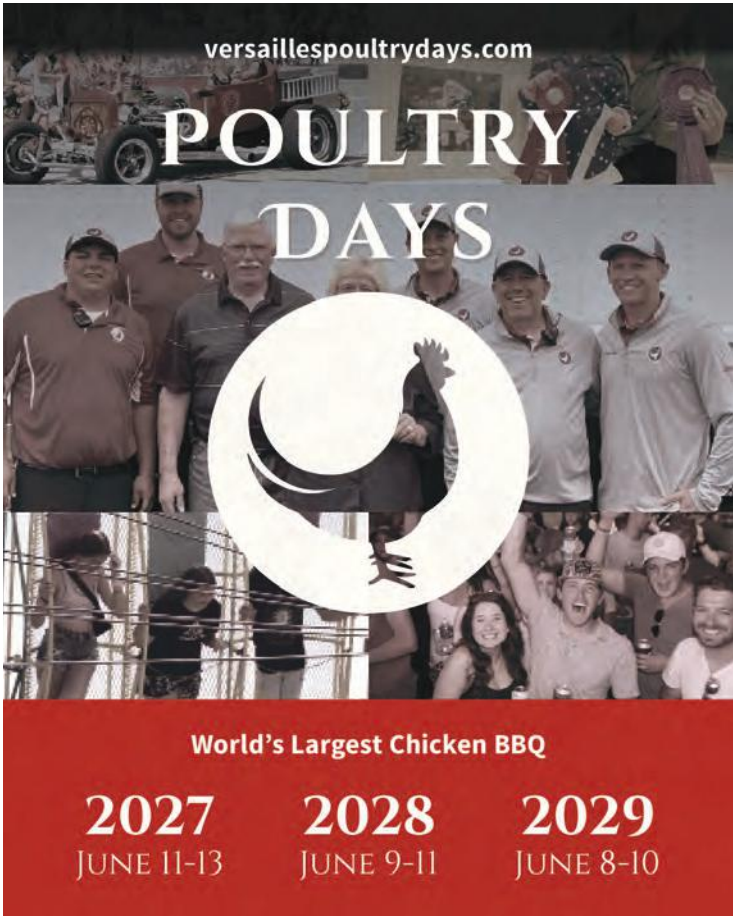
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DISCOVER THE HISTORY, THE PEOPLE, AND THE PLACES THAT PUT US ON THE MAP.

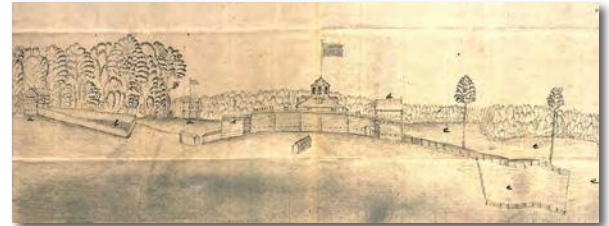
Darke County FRONTIER

FORT JEFFERSON

In 1791, Fort Jefferson was built by the army of General Arthur St. Clair during the campaign against the Northwest Indian tribes. It was named after Thomas Jefferson, then Secretary of State, who later became President. From 1791 to 1793, it was the military post deepest in enemy territory, until General Anthony Wayne's army built Fort Greene Ville in the fall of 1793.



Arthur St. Clair



For two years Native American Indians laid siege on Fort Jefferson attacking soldiers, hunting parties and scouts, and effectively cutting off communications and supplies. After St. Clair's defeat at the battle on the Wabash, wounded soldiers were left at Fort Jefferson to either recover or die. The fort was abandoned and burned in 1796.



South perspective of Fort Jefferson in 1792 (above)

- a. Blockhouses
- b. Bullock Pen
- c. Garden
- d. Forage Magazine
- e. East Prairie

Fort Jefferson Monument (left)

A monument erected in 1907 marks the site of Fort Jefferson, located about 10 minutes from Greenville.

FORT GREENE VILLE

During the 1790s, General "Mad" Anthony Wayne established a number of military forts along the Northwestern frontier as westward expansion continued. In 1793, Fort Greene Ville was built in what would soon become western Ohio. Wayne named the military post after the late Nathaniel Greene, a good friend whom he served alongside in the American Revolution.



General "Mad" Anthony Wayne



Model of Fort Greene Ville on display at the Garst Museum (above) and an illustration of the fort used on a postcard (left)

At the time, it was the largest wooden fort in North America, covering 50+ acres with 10 foot high walls. It included eight blockhouses built about 250 yards away from the main fort to provide an initial line of defense. Two years later, the location would be memorialized by the signing of the Treaty of Greenville on August 3, 1795, which ended the Northwest Indian War and laid the groundwork for Ohio to become a state in 1803. The fort was abandoned by 1796, and the city of Greenville was born as we know it today.

Learn more about Fort Greene Ville at the Garst Museum and National Annie Oakley Center in downtown Greenville.

"In full confidence that the fame of this place will at one day furnish a page in the history of America, I have called it Greene Ville."

Anthony Wayne – November 17, 1793

THE CITY OF GREENVILLE was named after General Nathanael Greene, who was considered one of George Washington's most trusted and effective generals during the Revolutionary War.

DARKE COUNTY was named after William Darke, a frontier general who fought in three major American wars (French and Indian War, American Revolutionary War, Northwest Indian War). Darke helped shape early U.S. military efforts in the Ohio Valley and the early expansion westward.

Darke County NOTABLE PEOPLE

- Samuel Boyd & family
- Earl Baltes
- Karl Boyer
- Fred Coppock
- Douglas E. Dickey
- Joseph Lowery Johnson

- Kathryn Magnolia Johnson
- James "Jim" Buchy
- Zachary Lansdowne
- Matt Light
- Lohmann Brothers
- Rick Macchi

- Clayton Murphy
- Paul Leroy Norris
- Annie Oakley
- Ira Petersime
- Henry St. Clair
- Lowell Thomas

Darke County has been home to many notable people who have made a significant impact on our past and present, including pioneers, military, entrepreneurs, inventors, philanthropists, athletes, artists, and more. Scan to learn more about these individuals.



ANNIE OAKLEY

August 13, 1860 – November 3, 1926

Born in Yorkshire

Born Phoebe Ann Mosey and known as "Little Sure Shot," Annie Oakley was a world famous American sharpshooter, folk heroine, and star in Buffalo Bill's Wild West show. Her life is chronicled at the Garst Museum and National Annie Oakley Center in Greenville.



ZACHARY LANSDOWNE

December 1, 1888 – September 3, 1925

Born in Greenville

Lieutenant Commander Zachary Lansdowne was a Naval pilot of the USS Shenandoah (ZR-1), America's first lighter-than-air craft. He took command on February 11, 1924, and made the first flight of a rigid airship across North America later that year in October. He was killed when the airship crashed at Ava, Ohio on September 3, 1925.

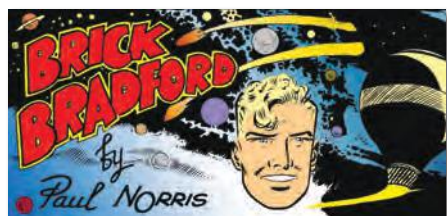


PAUL LEROY NORRIS

April 26, 1914 – November 5, 2007

Born in Greenville

Norris was an American comic book artist best known as co-creator of the DC Comics superhero Aquaman, and for a 35-year run as artist and writer of the newspaper comic strip Brick Bradford.



EARL BALTES

April 27, 1921 – March 23, 2015

Born in Versailles

Darke County is home to Eldora Speedway, the "World's Greatest Dirt Track®". Founded by legendary racing pioneer Earl Baltes in 1954, Eldora was carved from a cornfield in a natural amphitheater north of Rossburg. After making it a premiere race track for both racers and fans, Baltes sold the iconic high-banked track to NASCAR, IndyCar and USAC champion Tony Stewart in 2004. Eldora Speedway has become a leader in motorsports growth and stability and hosts the biggest events in short-track racing including the Dirt Late Model Dream®, Kings Royal® and World 100®.



MATT LIGHT

Born June 23, 1978 in Greenville

Former NFL player and three-time Super Bowl champion, Matt Light was offensive tackle for the New England Patriots and was inducted into the Patriots Hall of Fame. Matt and his wife Susie founded The Light Foundation to help youth develop the skills, values, and mindset to create a meaningful and productive future. In 2009, they developed Chenoweth Trails, a 500-acre facility located near Greenville, which has become a key resource for youth programs, non-profit groups and other organizations.



CLAYTON MURPHY

Born February 26, 1995 in New Madison

Murphy is a professional runner and two-time Olympian. He won gold in the 800-meter run at the 2015 Pan American Games, bronze in the 800-meter run at the 2016 Olympic Games and placed 9th in the 800-meter at the 2020 Olympics.



Darke County PLACES

ANNIE OAKLEY'S GRAVESITE

Among the peaceful surroundings of Brock Cemetery, Annie Oakley's final resting place is a quiet, reverent tribute to one of America's most legendary sharpshooters. Visitors pay their respects by leaving behind items of tribute including bullets, coins, plastic toy horses and other mementos. Her grave, alongside her husband Frank Butler, is well-maintained and surrounded by the rural charm of the Ohio countryside, making it a meaningful stop for history lovers, admirers of Annie Oakley, and anyone interested in America's frontier heritage.



DARKE COUNTY PARKS

DarkeCountyParks.org

The Darke County Park District offers 15 parks with over 1,000 acres to explore including the Shawnee Prairie Preserve Nature Center, Bish Discovery Center, Historic Bear's Mill, and the Tecumseh Trail Multi-Use Pathway. The Park District is a valuable community resource that offers countless programs, activities and special events throughout the year.



SHAWNEE PROPHET'S TOWN

In 1805, Tecumseh and his brother Tenskawatawa (also known as Open Door or the Shawnee Prophet) established a village at the current site of the Shawnee Prairie Nature Center. Their mission was to achieve Native American unity and return to the traditional Indian ways of life. Pressured by William Henry Harrison and tension from settlers, the Prophet and his followers left the village in 1808.



THE GREAT DARKE COUNTY FAIR

[800 Sweitzer St, Greenville | DarkeCountyFair.com](http://800SweitzerSt,Greenville|DarkeCountyFair.com)

The Great Darke County Fair has been a treasured part of the community since it was established in 1853. It was originally held in the "Garst Woods" near the current location of the Garst Museum. In 1858, it was moved to the Oakwood neighborhood in Greenville, where the first harness races were held. In 1870 it moved to its present location. The fair has been held every year, except in 1862 and 1863 due to the Civil War, in 1949 due to the Polio epidemic, and in 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic.



GARST MUSEUM AND THE NATIONAL ANNIE OAKLEY CENTER

[205 North Broadway St., Greenville | GarstMuseum.org](http://205NorthBroadwaySt.,Greenville|GarstMuseum.org)

Dedicated to preserving the history of Darke County, the museum houses over 300,000 artifacts on display in 35,000 sq. ft. of exhibit space. Major exhibits include The National Annie Oakley Center, Treaty of Greenville, Lowell Thomas, and Ohio Native Americans. The museum also offers a genealogy research library and gift store. The original Garst House, which earlier served as an inn, was donated in 1946 by the Garst family.



HISTORIC BEAR'S MILL

[6450 Arcanum-Bears Mill Rd., Greenville | BearsMill.org](http://6450Arcanum-BearsMillRd.,Greenville|BearsMill.org)

Built in 1849 and placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1977, Bear's Mill hosts one of the few operating water-powered gristmills in Ohio. The land was originally deeded to American Revolutionary War Patriot Major George Adams. Today, the mill sits on 35-acres of parkland along the Greenville Creek. Visitors can hike the woodland trails, tour the mill, and shop at the Mill Store.



TECUMSEH TRAIL MULTI-USE PATHWAY/ ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S FUNERAL TRAIN

The present day Tecumseh Trail Multi-Use Pathway is the rail route that was used for President Abraham Lincoln's funeral train in 1865. The train carrying Lincoln's body stopped in Bradford and Greenville, and passed through Gettysburg, Weaver's Station, New Madison, and Wiley's Station. Today, the 14-mile trail system is enjoyed by outdoor enthusiasts.



Darke County MURALS

OHIO IS CELEBRATING OUR COMMUNITIES THROUGH PUBLIC ART. EXPLORE THE DARKE COUNTY MURALS FEATURED ON THE OFFICIAL **MURALS ACROSS OHIO TRAIL**.

UNION CITY

John William Lambert Automobile

Pamela Bliss | 211 East Elm St.

The mural depicts the first gasoline-powered engine in America that was built by John William Lambert in Ohio City, Ohio. Lambert would build the Union City Automobile Company, also depicted in the mural along with a Lambert Emblem.



Greetings from Greenville

Artist Unknown

620 South Broadway

The mural recreates a 1952 postcard from McClurg's Book Store in Greenville, created by Curt Teich and Company. The postcard was enlarged by Timothy Wells and printed by Joe Wintrow. Reproductions are available at the Hive Collective in Greenville.



GREENVILLE

For more information about the murals listed below and additional murals throughout Greenville, visit greenvilleohiomurals.com.

America 250 Darke County

Darke County citizens | 119 Martin St.

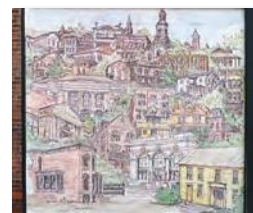
Created by Darke County residents in honor of America's 250th anniversary, this mural shows the history of Greenville, Darke County, and the United States. The mural was inspired by the center quilt square, created by Fort Greeneville Daughters of the American Revolution (D.A.R.) members Virginia Kagey and Deb Nisonger which represented Ohio in the National D.A.R. 250th quilt.



Historic Buildings of Greenville

Jeffrey Feltman | 501 S Broadway

This mural, inspired by a 1981 collage by Jeffrey Feltman, depicts Greenville landmarks—some gone, some repurposed, and many still standing.



VERSAILLES

The Swift Gilly

Nick Stull | 14 N. Center St.

The Swift Gilly mural was inspired by artist Michele Schneible, a graduate of Versailles High School and Bowling Green University. Schneible created the initial sketch and it was completed by Nick Stull with local support. The mural features a giant rooster at its center, symbolizing poultry production. The four corners depict industry, education, transportation, and agriculture. Notable elements include the Snyder Hotel, the High School built in 1876, a church, and symbols of transportation.



Annie Oakley

Timothy Wells | 117 East 5th St.

Created by Timothy Wells and installed by Joe Wintrow, the 20' x 15' mural on Sure Shot Tap House features three colorful images of Annie Oakley overlooking YOLO Park. Funded by Andrew Riffle, this mural honors Oakley, a Darke County native and celebrated sharpshooter of Buffalo Bill's Wild West.



Be the Change You Want to See in the World

Corynna Strawser, Jennifer Overholser, Stephanie Schieltz-Lowder, Joe Wintrow | 180 E 3rd St.

At Beanz Buttercream Bakery, this mural features Corynna Strawser's bird design. Painted and vinyl, it overlays newsprint about Beanz' opening, honoring Corynna, the bakery's namesake and beloved "Bean."



Greenville City Park

Don Mong | 211 OH-49

Inspired by Don Mong's watercolor, this mural captures Greenville City Park's stockades, lagoon, and bridge—built in the 1940s, restored in 2021, and preserved despite the May 2024 tornado.



The Endless Pint

Nick Stull | 39 E Main St.

The Endless Pint mural was inspired by the Bicentennial Flag created to celebrate the 200th anniversary of Versailles. The fleur-de-lis and the red, white and blue colors represent the village's French Heritage. The two chickens are a long-standing village symbol with ties to France, Belgium and Germany.



The Sweet Shop

Nick Stull | 40 E Main St.

This mural welcomes visitors with a postcard design featuring scenes from around Versailles and the village motto—People, Pride, and Progress—layered over a 1905 image of historic downtown Versailles, complete with hitching rails on Main Street.



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Anna Bier Gallery

Memorial Hall, 215 W. 4th St., Greenville

Facebook: [AnnaBierGallery](#)

Named after a local artist and art teacher, this gallery has fulfilled Ms. Bier's wish for a place in Greenville where people of all colors, all creeds and all walks of life can work for development of artistic skills and higher cultural standards for our community. Call for hours and exhibits.

Darke County Art Trail

Various locations | 937.547.0908

[DarkeCountyArts.org/art-trail](#)

More than a dozen stops highlight this colorful and historical trail through Darke County. Among them: Visit bold and bright murals in Bradford, Greenville, Versailles and Union City. Stand among historic figures with statues of Annie Oakley, Little Turtle and Tecumseh. View quilting craftsmanship on display at Wayne HealthCare. And add your touch to the most unique stop by sticking a piece of gum to the Gum Wall at Maid-Rite Sandwich Shoppe!

Darke County Center for the Arts

126 W. 4th St., Greenville

937.547.0908 | [DarkeCountyArts.org](#)

This arts council promotes all forms of art within the county, and strives to expand opportunities for cultural enrichment by attracting high-quality performing artists. DCCA is also committed to the preservation of the Henry St. Clair Memorial Hall as an important cultural center.



Darke County Civic Theater

427 Memorial Drive-lower, Greenville

937.815.1582 | DarkeCountyCivicTheater.org

The nonprofit organization, established in 1995, performs six shows during its season. The schedule features two melodramas, two murder mysteries and two full-length stage productions. Shows are performed at various locations including St. Memorial Hall, Montage Cafe and area festivals. The Darke County Civic Theater strives to provide exciting entertainment to the community while providing opportunities for those interested to learn about theatre and production.

Greenville Art Guild

GreenvilleArtGuild.org

Greenville Art Guild represents the visual arts for Greenville. The organization is designed to nurture creativity and elevate artistic expression in the local community and offers a range of engaging programs and events to enrich artistic skills and foster a profound appreciation for the arts. Join them on an inspiring journey celebrating the transformative power of creativity.

Historic Bear's Mill

6450 Arcanum-Bear's Mill Rd., Greenville

937.548.5112 | BearsMill.org

Art, history and culture are combined at Historic Bear's Mill with stimulating results. The Clark Gallery at Bear's Mill, honoring former owners Terry & Julie Clark, showcases an ever-expanding group of artists whom exemplify the rich heritage of their craft in a variety of mediums. Closed on Mondays.

Sculptural Village of Versailles

Located throughout the Village of Versailles

Discover the Sculptural Village of Ohio located in Versailles. Twelve life-size bronzed sculptures blend delightfully into this charming community. Most of the art is lit for viewing at night, and all but one piece is publicly accessible. Text the Darke County Visitors Bureau at (937) 548-5158 for a brochure and map.

Versailles Performing Arts Center

280 Marker Rd., Versailles

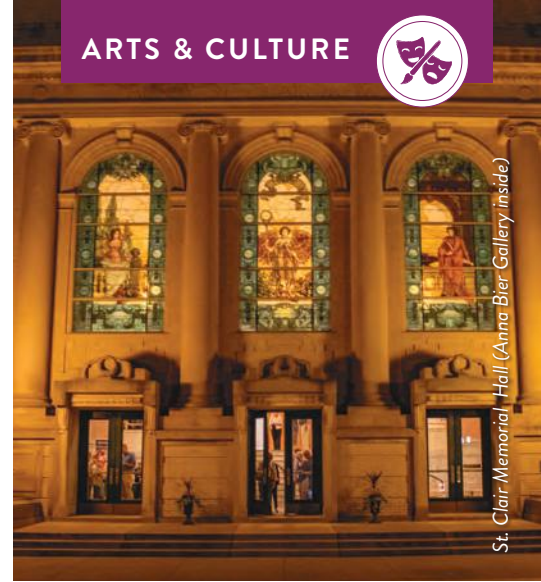
937.526.4427

This space with seating for 450 is equipped for state-of-the-art sound and lighting with a fully rigged stage for performances and events. It contains a small orchestra pit for musical accompaniment and a second-level control room that can synchronize the electronic equipment.

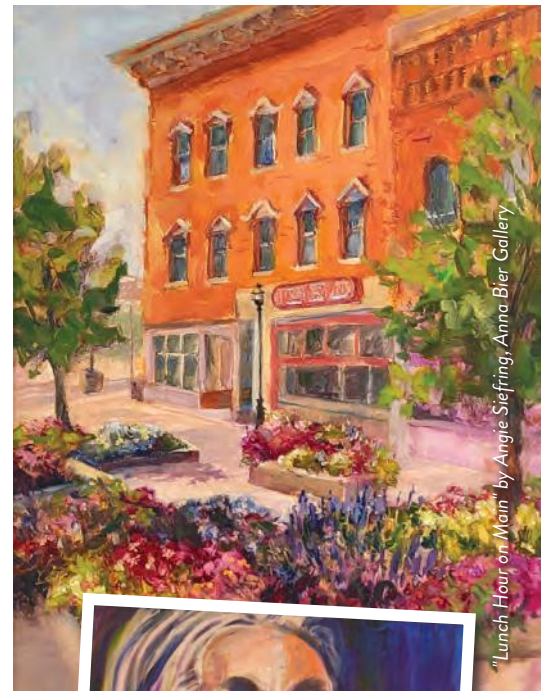
Towne & Country Players

TownandCountryPlayers.org

Towne & Country Players (T&CP) was first formed in 1972 under the name of the Versailles Community Chorus. The group has performed more than 50 musicals, comedies, and dramas, along with special community and dinner theater presentations. Most members are from the Versailles area, but welcome anyone interested in helping T&CP promote the theatre arts in Darke County.



St. Clair Memorial Hall (Anna Bier Gallery inside)



"Lunch Hour on Main" by Angie Siefing, Anna Bier Gallery



"Jane Goodall" by Pam Fraizer, Anna Bier Gallery



United States Army Field Band Jazz Ambassadors, Darke County Center for the Arts



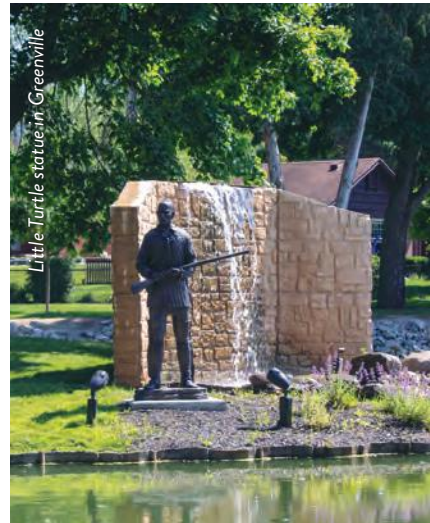
Adding gum to the art wall at Maid-Rite Sandwich Shoppe



Vandalist mural in Union City



St. Clair Memorial Hall



Little Turtle statue in Greenville

Darke County ART TRAIL

Come face-to-face with world-famous sharpshooter Annie Oakley.

Sit back and relax on a park bench next to impressionist Claude Monet as he finishes a masterpiece.

Picture yourself in downtown Greenville with a majestic mural selfie.

Contribute to the legendary art wall at Maid-Rite Sandwich Shoppe ... don't forget your gum!

You can do all these fun things—and much, much more—on the Darke County Art Trail.

The Darke County Center for the Arts spearheaded the Trail in collaboration with the Darke County Parks, Darke County Visitors Bureau and Wayne HealthCare. The Trail has also received support from the Darke County Endowment for the Arts, Ohio Arts Council and Ohio Facilities Construction Commission.

The variety of stops canvassing Darke County provide an excellent day excursion or weekend outing. The stops are a tribute to Darke County's rich history and a celebration of its culture. It's for that reason two original stops include Darke County's favorite daughter, Annie Oakley, the famous sharp-shooter that toured with Buffalo Bill's Wild West shows. Visit the statue

of Annie Oakley as she overlooks downtown Greenville. See a larger-than-life version on a barn wall on U.S. 127, not far from her final resting place in Brock Cemetery.

With its beautiful country landscape we think Darke County is picturesque. It's becoming even more so with splashes of color and creativity across the county. In addition to the previously mentioned murals, more are planned. Visitors to Greenville receive a bright and cheerful 'Greetings from Greenville' with a mural of a historic Curt Teich postcard sold at McClurg's Book Store in the 1950s depicting many of the things that make Greenville great.

Look to the east and you'll see an artistic impression of Annie Oakley gracing the upper level of the Sure Shot Tap House.



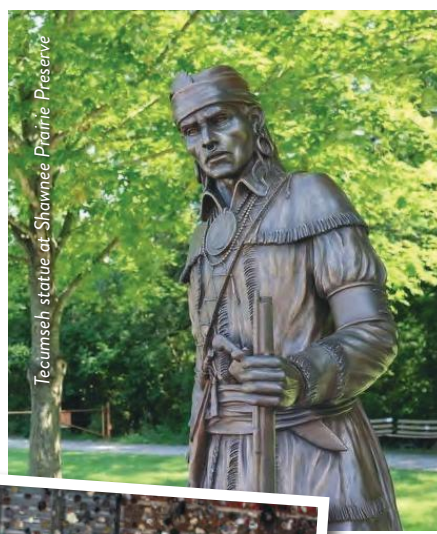
Jim Buchy bench in Greenville



Greenville Public Library



Annie Oakley mural on Sure Shot Top House



Tecumseh statue at Shawnee Prairie Preserve



Annie Oakley barn mural



Gum wall at Maid-Rite Sandwich Shoppe

Travel to Versailles and you'll find a large mural proudly proclaiming its heritage as the Poultry Capital of the World. The charming town's own version of 'Welcome to Versailles' celebrates the village's People, Pride and Progress slogan. A third mural pays homage to its French roots.

Union City offers its tribute to past, present and future in a student-created mural that graces the village's viaduct. Stay in Union City to visit the mural dedicated to John Lambert, creator of the first friction-driven, gasoline engine in the United States.

Near North Star and see the "Welcome to Darke County" barn mural that greets visitors as they drive south on State Route 127.

Across from the Garst Museum, sit next to former Ohio House of Representative member Jim Buchy on the "Buchy Bench" that overlooks the Buchy Mile on the Tecumseh Trail.

There's so much to see in Darke County ... and the Art Trail continues to grow!

Debuting in June of 2022, the Darke County Art Trail originated with 10 stops in Ansonia, Greenville, Union City and Versailles. Those stops include:

- 1** Annie Oakley Barn Mural
Ansonia
- 2** Annie Oakley Statue
Greenville
- 3** Greenville Public Library ★
Greenville
- 4** Little Turtle Statue
Greenville
- 5** Maid-Rite Gum Wall
Greenville
- 6** St. Clair Memorial Hall & Anna Bier Gallery ★
Greenville
- 7** Tecumseh Statue
Shawnee Prairie Preserve
Greenville
- 8** Union City Mural
Union City
- 9** Versailles Sculpture Trail ★
Versailles
- 10** Wayne HealthCare ★
Greenville

★ Multiple artworks at this site.

For updates follow us at VisitDarkeCounty.org or DarkeCountyArts.org/art-trail



Vibrant COMMUNITIES

Ansonia—The Village of Ansonia is a small, rural community located in northern Darke County at the intersection of State Routes 47 and 118.

Arcanum—Located in the southwest corner of Darke County, Arcanum is about 35 miles northwest of Dayton, Ohio and 15 miles east from the Indiana border.

Bradford—The Village of Bradford is situated in both Miami and Darke Counties. The village dates back to 1857, when the first train reached the end of the railhead at the Miami/Darke County line.

Burkettsville—Burkettsville was founded after the construction of a railroad line through northern Darke County in 1883. It was one of the last communities to be established in northern Darke / southern Mercer Counties.

Castine—This village is located on the Darke/Preble County line between Greenville and Eaton.

Gettysburg—Gettysburg was founded by natives of Adams County, Pennsylvania in the late 1820s. When the settlement was platted in 1842, the community was named for the county seat of Adams County.

Gordon—Gordon was platted in 1849 and named for one of its first settlers. It was located at the intersection of the Dayton and Union and Ohio Electric railroads.

Greenville—Greenville is the historic location of Fort Greene Ville, a pioneer fort built under General Anthony Wayne's

command. At over 55 acres, this was the largest wooden fortification ever built. It was here that the Treaty of Greenville was signed on August 3, 1795, bringing peace to the area and opening up the Northwest Territory for settlement. Greenville is the only city in Darke County and is the county seat.

Hollansburg—The Village of Hollansburg is situated on the Ohio / Indiana border.

Ithaca—John Colville platted the village of Ithaca in 1832 and gave it the name of "Twinsborough." Its location on an established highway and along the Ohio Electric Railway caused the community to grow rapidly.

New Madison—New Madison was platted by Zadock Smith in 1817 for purposes of land speculation.

New Weston—New Weston was founded in the 1880s during the construction of a railroad line through Allen Township. It was one of the last communities to be founded in Darke County.

North Star—North Star was platted in 1852 along the road between Greenville and Celina, approximately midway between the two cities. Its name was derived from its location on the edge of the Great Black Swamp, as it was the northernmost point in Darke County that was not wetland.

Osgood—Osgood was founded in the 1880s. While its earliest settlers were primarily Protestants, a Roman Catholic parish was erected in the village in 1906. Today, St. Nicholas' Catholic Church has been recognized as a historic site.

Palestine—Palestine was platted by Samuel Loring in 1833.

Pittsburg—Pittsburg was founded under the name of "Arnettsville" in the 19th century.

Rosburg—Rosburg was platted by John G. Ross in 1868. The village was very small until a period of growth began circa 1883, when a railroad line was built through Rosburg.

Union City—The village of Union City sprawls across the state line and into Indiana. The community shares some public services, civic organizations and a chamber of commerce, as well as similar goals of growth and quality of life for its people.

Versailles—Founded in 1819, the village is named after the city of Versailles in France. This community is known for its dedication and hard work to community and its labor force, school system, and way of life. Manufacturing, meat, pasta, eggs, retail and trucking, as well as a variety of service industries provide its citizens with diverse occupational opportunities.

Wayne Lakes—Although most of west central Ohio is a flat landscape intersected with shallow river valleys, Wayne Lakes is located among a series of southwest trending gravel hills over a thick base of limestone. In the early days of the county, this spot of land was known as the Hills of Judea - named by a famous traveler because the area's beauty reminded him of the Hills of Judea of biblical fame.

Yorkshire—The smallest village in Darke County, Yorkshire was incorporated in 1901.



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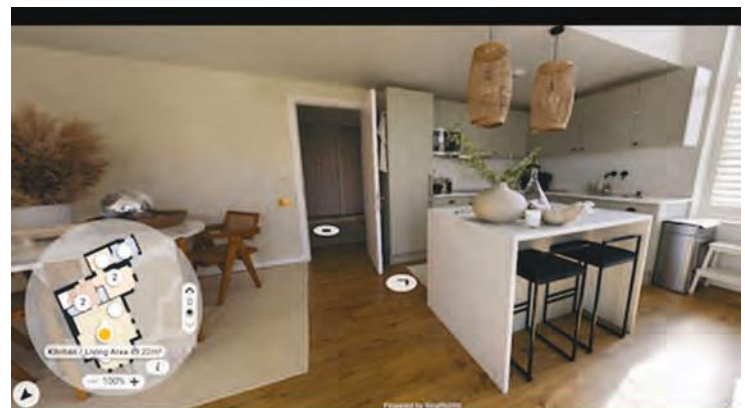
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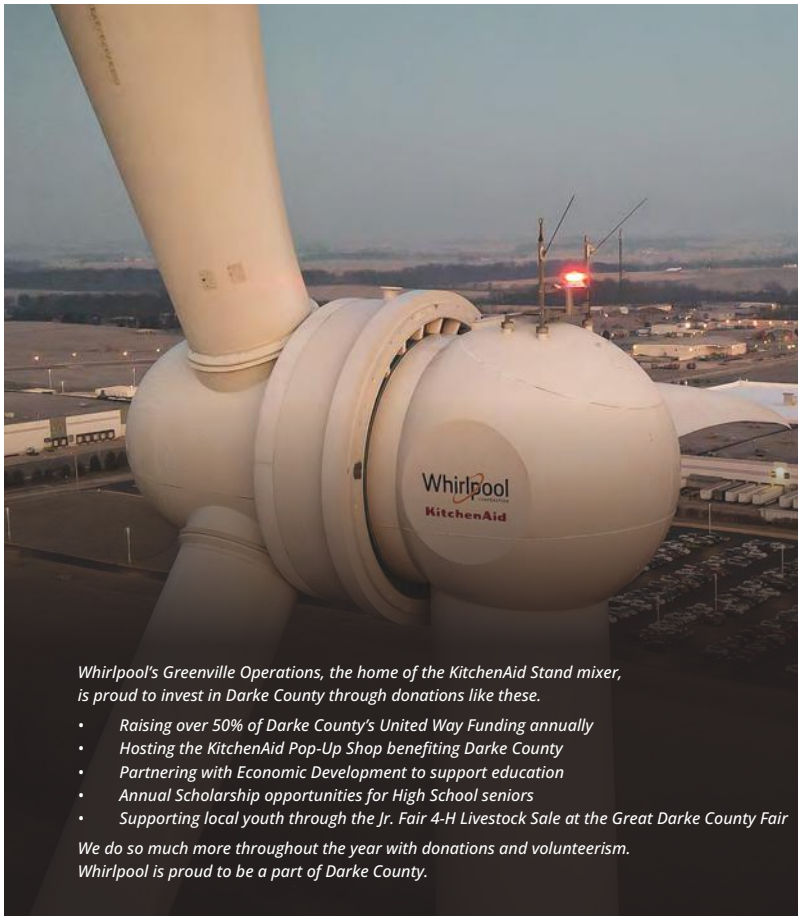
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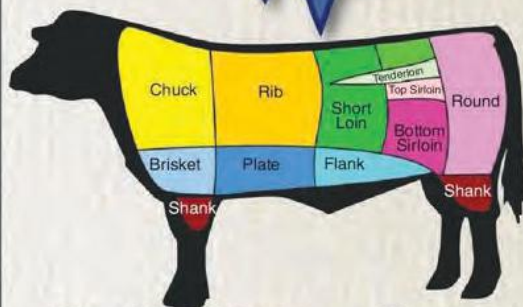
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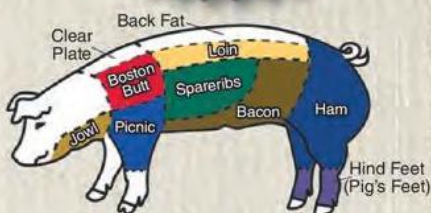
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51,751

Darke County Population



366,642

Acres of Farmground
(as of 2022 census)



1,200+

Acres of Preserved Green Space
Across 15 Darke County Parks



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125,000+

Visitors Drawn Annually to the
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Little Sure Shot

Birthplace and Resting
Place of Annie Oakley



\$55,233

Median Household Income

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Opportunities

42% Darke County
Lifestyle

42% Cost of
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AFFORDABLE COST OF LIVING

The cost of living in Darke County is 23% lower than the national average, according to BestPlaces.net. The median home price is around \$184,000, compared to the U.S. median of over \$440,000 as of 2025. Utilities, groceries, and healthcare are also significantly cheaper than in most metropolitan areas. For renters, average monthly rents are under \$700 for a two-bedroom home.

SAFE, FAMILY-FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES

Darke County boasts a violent crime rate that is 68% lower than the national average. Cities like Greenville, the county seat, and Versailles have low crime rates and active police-community engagement. The Greenville City School District and Versailles Exempted Village Schools both have a graduation rate of over 95%, outperforming state averages.

STRONG SENSE OF COMMUNITY

With a population of just over 51,000, Darke County thrives on small-town togetherness. Events like the Great Darke County Fair draw more than 125,000 visitors annually—three times the county's population. Volunteerism is high, with dozens of civic groups, 4-H clubs, and veteran organizations active year-round.

RICH HISTORY & LOCAL PRIDE

Home to Annie Oakley, Darke County preserves its history with pride. The Garst Museum in Greenville offers exhibits on Oakley, the Treaty of Greenville, and regional military history. The museum is also a key partner in the America 250 celebrations ahead of the U.S. sesquicentennial in 2026.

NATURAL BEAUTY & OUTDOOR LIVING

The county features more than 1,200 acres of preserved green space, including Shawnee Prairie Preserve, with 2.4 miles of trails and interactive environmental education. The area is great for walking, biking, fishing, and wildlife watching. Local parks and nature centers offer year-round activities, from maple syrup workshops to guided night hikes.

REMOTE WORK & BUSINESS FRIENDLY

Darke County's broadband expansion projects have significantly improved connectivity. As of 2024, more than 88 percent of residents have access to high-speed internet, making remote work viable. Local business support programs through the Darke County Economic Development office and offer incentives for entrepreneurs and small businesses, contributing to an unemployment rate lower than both state and national averages.

PROXIMITY WITHOUT THE PRESSURE

You're within a 60-minute drive to Dayton, and under two hours to Cincinnati and Indianapolis. That gives you access to major airports, medical centers, and entertainment without the gridlock, stress, or price tag of city living.

FINAL THOUGHT

With a low cost of living, high safety, solid schools, and a community that still shows up for each other, Darke County is more than a quiet place to live—it's a smart move. Backed by numbers and neighborly values, this corner of Ohio is exactly where many people want to be.

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