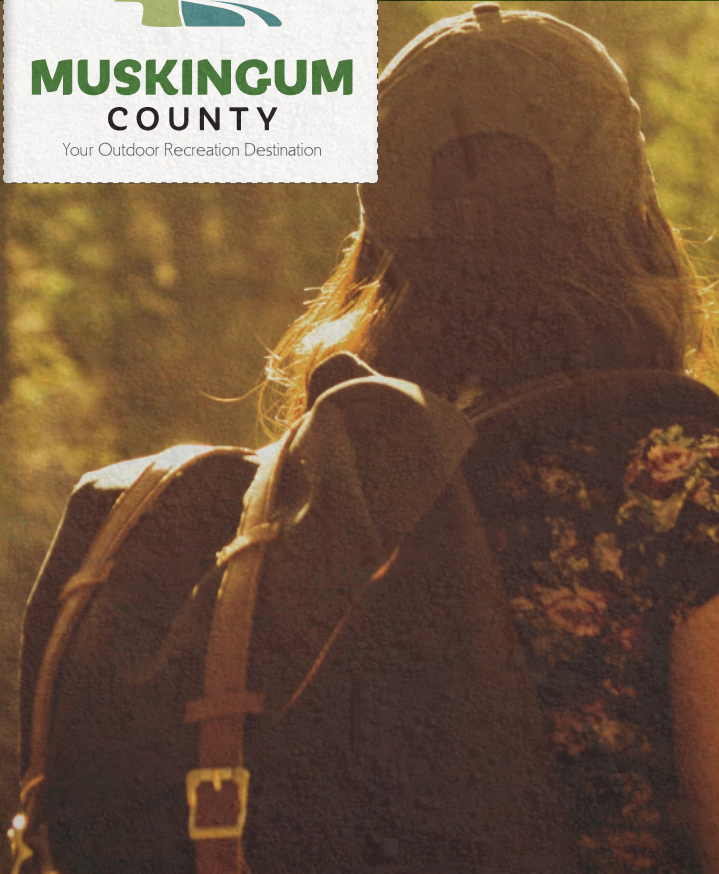


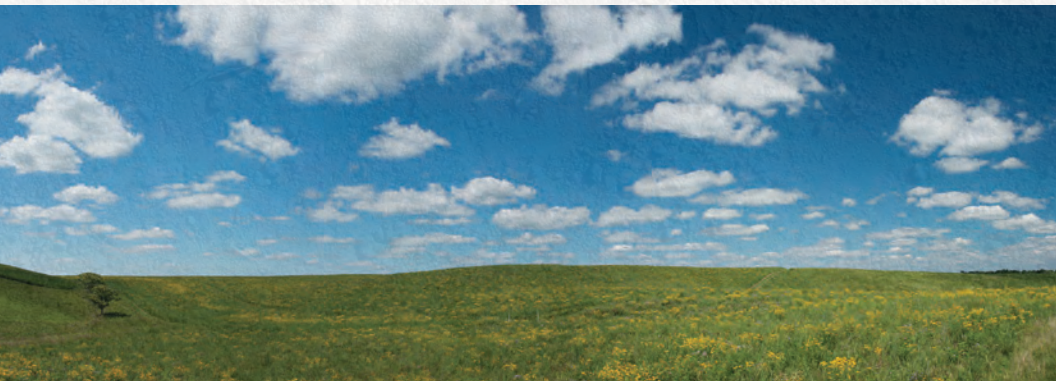


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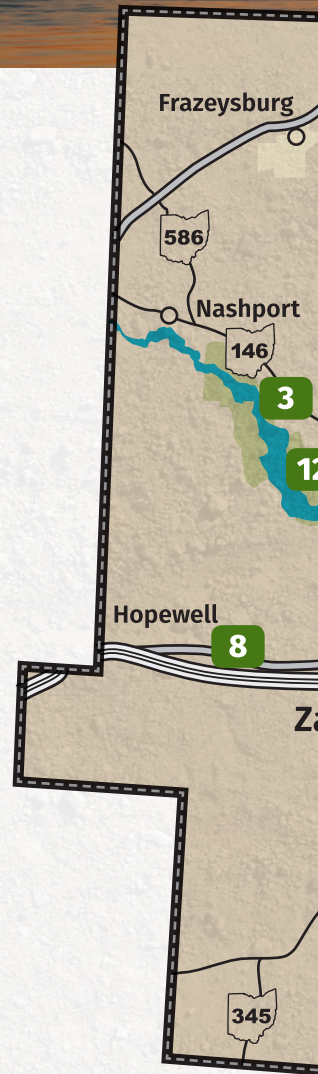
Your Outdoor Recreation Destination

Graced by rolling hills and rich woodlands, Muskingum County is the perfect destination for outdoor recreation. Nature lovers come from far and wide to explore the great outdoors while hiking, biking, boating, or strolling through tranquil gardens nestled in the heart of historic Zanesville. Muskingum County offers the ideal setting for a variety of outdoor activities, from a relaxed morning of birdwatching to an exhilarating mountain bike ride down a single-track trail through the forest. The beauty of nature is transformed with every season presenting new adventures awaiting your discovery.



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Muskingum County is rich in opportunities for sportsmen and outdoor enthusiasts who come from far and wide to enjoy getting out on the trail. Muskingum County is home to several state and city parks and athletic venues that offer recreation for the entire family.

AEP ReCreation Land

State Route 146

740-589-9930

www.aepohio.com/info/recreation

Located along State Route 146 in eastern Muskingum County is one of AEP's best-known reclamation projects. ReCreation Land is a 34,500-acre area in Southeast Ohio that offers a wide assortment of recreational activities to the public including camping, fishing, hunting, bike trails, and horseback riding. AEP reclaimed this land, once strip-mined for its rich coal deposits, and turned it into a vibrant recreation area. Vigorous reclamation efforts involved planting 63 million trees, establishing over 350 lakes and ponds, and creating nearly 380 campsites. Use of the land requires obtaining a free ReCreation Land permit by going to www.aepohio.com/info/recreation



AOA Mountain Bike Trail at the Wilds

Intersection of Zion Ridge Road and SR 146, Cumberland, OH 43732

www.bikeaoa.org (click on the "trails" link)

This trail system features 15 miles of dynamic single track for beginners to advanced riders. Trails are open to the public year-round. Parking is off St. Rt. 146 opposite the Zion Ridge Road Wilds entrance. There are no facilities at the trail head. Visit the website for trail maps and more information including trail conditions.



AOA Mountain Bike Trail at Dillon State Park

SR 146 West, Nashport, OH 43830

www.bikeaoa.org

17 miles of mountain bike trails for three levels of ability. Trails are well marked. Park in the beach parking lot for access to the trails and look for the sign at the trailhead. Located off St. Rt. 146 west of Zanesville. For trail maps and further information visit www.bikeaoa.org and click on the "trails" link.



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Beginner Hills Bike Route

Most of US 40 has bike lanes – mix of long grades, rolling hills and steep but short hills.

Birding Station at Jeffrey Point

14000 International Rd., Cumberland, OH 43732 / 740-638-5030 www.thewilds.org

The Birding Station at Jeffrey Point on State Route 284 is open to the public and free of charge, offering a sweeping vista rich with grasslands that harbor an abundance of ground-nesting songbirds and raptors, as well as lakes often teeming with waterfowl. Located off of OH 284, between Zion Ridge Road and International Road.



Blue Rock State Forest

6665 Cutler Lake Road, Blue Rock, OH 43720 / 740-385-4402

www.forestry.ohiodnr.gov/bluerock

The 4,578-acre Blue Rock State Forest, located 12 miles southeast of Zanesville is accessed primarily via State Route 60 and Cutler Lake Road and is one of Ohio's most beautiful state forests. There are 26 miles of natural surface bridle trails suitable for novice as well as more experienced riders. Riders will enjoy the beauty of the forest as they ride past scenic vistas and through cool hollows. There is also a must see at this site – The Blue Rock fire tower constructed in 1937. It is the last remaining fire tower in the state, and the public may climb it. The view is breathtaking.



Blue Rock State Park

7924 Cutler Lake Road, Blue Rock, OH 43720

Regional office: 740-453-4377 / Camp store: 740-674-4794 www.ohiodnr.gov

Rugged hills and rich green forests provide the scenic backdrop for Blue Rock State Park. Features include campsites, five different hiking trails totaling 3 miles of hiking in the park - perfect for the leisurely stroll, picnic areas with tables and grills, fishing areas and a public beach for swimming. Bridle trails are offered at the park and link to 26 miles of natural surface bridle trails that wind through the Blue Rock State Forest. Winter activities include ice skating, ice fishing and sledding.



Brownsville Out and Back Bike Route

www.ridewithgps.com/routes/26854138

Ride the Route 40 bike lanes – 27.9 miles.

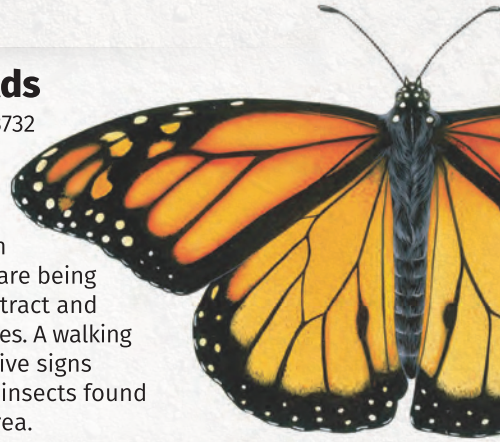
Butterfly Habitat at the Wilds

14000 International Rd., Cumberland, OH 43732

740-638-5030

www.thewilds.org

Just across from The Wilds entrance is the Butterfly Habitat, an important Restoration Ecology project. Over 12 acres of grassland are being enriched with native flowering plants to attract and provide habitat for many species of butterflies. A walking trail leads through the area, with interpretive signs offering information about the plants and insects found there. There is no charge to explore this area.



Collegial Woods

1425 Newark Road, Zanesville, OH 43701

Muskingum Valley Park District / 740-455-8237

www.mvparkdistrict.org

This passive park is located on the northern portion of the Ohio University Zanesville and Zane State College Campus on Newark Road in Zanesville and is maintained by the Muskingum Valley Park District. The park is 63 acres, most of which is criss-crossed by more than two miles of wooded trails. A handicap accessible trail connects to the campus sidewalks creating a two mile loop. Maps and information can be found at the east trail head near the Cora E. Rogge Pavilion.



Dillon Dam US Army Corps of Engineers

4969 Dillon Dam Road, Zanesville, OH / 740-454-2225

www.lrh.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Recreation/Ohio/Dillon-Lake/

The area offers a looped fitness trail with exercise stations, fishing, playground, picnic areas, restrooms, shelter house, observation area of the dam, bicycling and boating at nearby marina. The reservoir was built for flood management purposes and completed in 1961. There is a Visitors Center featuring historical, fish and wildlife and flood management information. Tours of the dam and flood control facilities are available.



Dillon State Park

5265 Dillon Hills Drive, Nashport, OH 43830

Regional office: 740-453-4377 / Camp Store: 740-452-1083 / www.ohiodnr.gov

Located off Ohio 146, west of Zanesville. The wooded hills and scenic valleys of the Dillon area offer a picturesque setting for outdoor adventure. Features include tennis and basketball courts, volleyball area, camping facilities, cottages, miles of hiking trails, 20 miles of wooded bridle trails, 9.6 miles of multi-use trails, mountain bike trails, fishing areas, sportsmen's area, launch ramps, disc golf, picnic facilities complete with tables and grills, and a beach for swimming and wading pool for children at the beach area. Canoe, kayak and paddleboard rentals are available for use on Dillon Lake.



Dresden Boat Ramp / Muskingum River Water Trail access

48 E. Muskingum Avenue, Dresden, OH 43821 / 740-453-4377

www.watercraft.ohiodnr.gov

On river right. Carry-in access is at the level floodplain. Just upstream of the ramp site, you will encounter two bridges. The suspension bridge (pedestrian only) was constructed in 1914 and is listed on the National Historic Register.



Falls Township Park

3105 Dillon Falls Road, Zanesville, OH 43701 / 740-454-9102

A recreation area featuring tennis courts, playground, picnic shelter and paddle access just south of the park.



Frazeysburg, Newark, Zanesville Loop Bike Route

www.ridewithgps.com/routes/5949857

For experienced riders – embrace the hills – 61.1 miles starts in Zanesville.

Friendship Trail

Stormont Street, New Concord, OH 43762 / 740-826-7671

This trail is located on Stormont Street in New Concord next to the New Concord Elementary School and ends at the East Muskingum School Complex on John Glenn Road. The almost 3.5 mile trail has a hilly terrain with concrete sidewalk, grass, mulch and asphalt surfaces and winds through downtown New Concord, the Muskingum University campus, and a wooded area leading to the New Concord Pool and the East Muskingum Schools complex. Dogs permitted if on a leash or can be controlled by owner. All necessary shots must be up to date. Owner responsible for waste clean-up. Trail includes Friendship Lake, which is open to the public during daylight hours. Fishing is permitted for all East Muskingum School District residents with a valid State of Ohio Fishing license.



Gale Garden

904 Adair Avenue, Zanesville, OH 43701 / 740-455-8237

www.mvparkdistrict.org

Gale Garden is a serene setting in the midst of the historic McIntire Terrace subdivision in Zanesville. The one-acre garden includes a varied collection of rare and unique trees, bushes and perennials in a woodland motif, and provides a quiet green space where the public can relax daily from dawn to dusk.

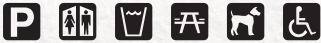


Gorsuch Fitness Trail

2951 Maple Avenue, Zanesville, OH 43701

www.genesisihcs.org/locations/profile/?id=260

The Gorsuch Fitness Trail, located on the grounds of Genesis Hospital in Zanesville, is a community fitness track which offers an urban adventure. The one-mile loop traverses the hospital grounds with views of a meandering stream and woodlands. White tailed deer are a common site along the trail. The trail is open during daylight hours and offers quick and easy access to those looking for a short hike.



Horseback Riding Safari at The Wilds

14000 International Road, Cumberland, OH / 740-638-5030

www.thewilds.org

Enjoy The Wilds from the saddle of a horse! Led by professionally trained guides, this horseback safari consists of a relaxing ride along the beautiful landscapes overlooking rolling hills, grasslands and butterfly habitat. Don't miss this amazing outdoor experience during your visit to The Wilds!



Joe's Run Recreational Trail

1429 Blue Ave., Zanesville, OH 43701 / 740-455-8237

www.mvparkdistrict.org

The Joe's Run Recreational Trail is a .9-mile asphalt trail that meanders through mature woodland and open meadows along Joe's Run creek. Phase two will extend the trail and connect with the Collegial Woods trail on the Ohio University Zanesville campus. The estimated completion date for phase two is August of 2019. In addition to serving as a pedestrian corridor, the trail offers wonderful opportunities for wildlife viewing. White Tailed deer, red tailed hawks and even the occasional bald eagle are common sights for trail users.



Kenny Wolford Community Park

1354 S. Main Street, Dresden, OH 43821 / 740-754-3300

www.ohio.org/destination/local-regional-parks/kenny-wolford-community-park

A beautiful outdoor recreation area in the Village of Dresden featuring baseball fields, sand volleyball and basketball courts.



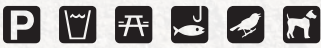
Lock 9 in Philo / Muskingum River Water Trail

Duncan Falls, OH 43734 / 740-453-4377 ext. 100

**Call at least 48 hours prior to the special lockage needs.*

www.parks.ohiodnr.gov

On river right. Paddlers should lock through; there is **no safe portage**. Located near the communities of Philo and Duncan Falls, the Philo Lock was formerly known as the Taylorsville Dam, constructed to harness water power to operate a saw and flour mill.



Lock 10 Canal Park / Muskingum River Water Trail access

St. Rt. 40 Main Street, Zanesville, OH 43701 / 740-453-4377 ext. 100

**Call at least 48 hours prior to the special lockage needs.*

www.parks.ohiodnr.gov

On river left, just downstream of Zane's Landing. Paddlers must enter the lock canal on river left and proceed to the historic lock tender's house to portage. The Y Bridge crosses the river where the Licking River empties into the Muskingum just below the dam. Built between 1837 and 1841, this tandem lock (the only one in the system) has mitered wood gates. The original bypass canal, built in 1816, serves as the earliest civil engineering improvement on the river and was constructed as an attempt to circumvent the Falls at Zanesville. The long, narrow island adjacent to the lock is the location of the original lock tender's house. A former towpath used for the canal is maintained as park land.



Lock 11 Ellis Dam / Muskingum River Water Trail access

1390 Ellis Dam Rd., Zanesville, OH 43701 / 740-453-4377 ext. 100

**Call at least 48 hours prior to the special lockage needs.*

www.parks.ohiodnr.gov

On river right. Follow the signs from State Route 60 (Richvale Road east, Friendly Hills Road north, to Ellis Dam Road). Paddler's portage is at the small dock at the north end of the campground. Enjoy the remoteness and scenery of this area, which includes Powelson Wildlife Area. A partially constructed bike trail parallels the river. A short distance downstream you pass under a bikeway located on an abandoned railroad trestle. Zanesville Yacht Club is about 6.3 miles downstream.



Maple Hill Park

Taylor and Maple Hill Streets, Zanesville, OH 43701 / 740-455-0637

www.coz.org

Features open-area walking space, pickle ball courts and a shelter with picnic tables.



McGraw Edison Recreation Area

6165 Park Lane, Zanesville, OH 43701 / 740-455-8237

www.mvparkdistrict.org

This 80 acre park is located nine miles east of Zanesville in Perry Township and is owned and maintained by the Muskingum Valley Park District. The site is a pleasing mixture of gently rolling grasslands and steeper wooded hillsides. Water features include Little Salt Creek and an unnamed tributary, a wetland and a small pond. Five miles of beginner/intermediate mountain bike trails wind through the outer edges of the park. Trails were developed and are maintained by Appalachia Outdoor Adventures. Some trails extend beyond park boundaries on to private property.



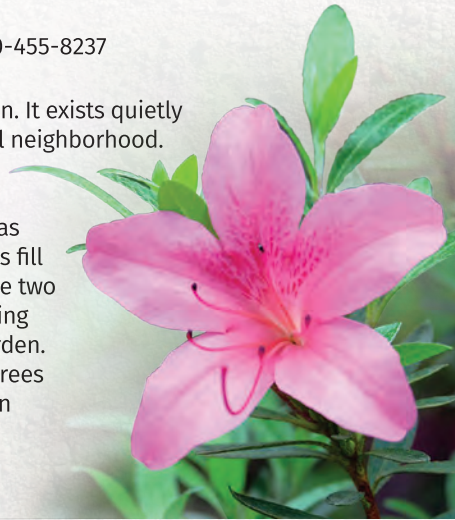
Mission Oaks Gardens

424 Hunter Avenue, Zanesville, OH 43701 / 740-455-8237

www.mvparkdistrict.org

Mission Oaks Gardens is a beautiful urban garden. It exists quietly and undetectable from the street in a residential neighborhood.

More than seven acres of gardens showcase hundreds of rare and unusual plants including a collection of azaleas, rhododendrons, magnolias and conifers. Perennials, annuals and wildflowers fill the gardens year-round. The gardens also feature two waterfalls, a natural bog, perennial garden, walking paths, creek, gazebo and a renowned conifer garden. The conifer garden displays over 300 trees. The trees represent more than 90 species within more than 50 genera.



Muskingum Recreational Trail

48 E. Muskingum Avenue, Dresden, OH 43821 / 740-455-8237

www.mvparkdistrict.org

This six miles of asphalt trail connects the north end of the Village of Dresden to Rock Cut Road in Muskingum Township. The trail follows the Muskingum River much of the way and offers exceptional views of huge rock formations and spots for watching wildlife. Parking is available in the lot adjacent to the Jefferson Township building, at the Rock Cut Road, and at the 1st Street parking lot in Dresden.



Muskingum River State Park

Zanesville, OH 43701 / 740-453-4377

www.parks.ohiodnr.gov/muskingumriver

This area has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places and is recognized as the Muskingum River Navigation Historic District. This area encompasses the 112 mile Muskingum River Water Trail and is the longest navigable river in Ohio. The hand operated locks along the waterway have not inhibited its natural qualities; the river is home to fish, birds, and wildlife. Along the river there are amenities for through-boaters and day-trippers alike. The Muskingum River is navigable from Dresden to Marietta by canoe or kayak. For a motorized boat Riverside Park is the ramp to utilize for the longest water route. Call the park office to check on river conditions and lock conditions prior to departure. There is camping, picnic area, restrooms, parking, docks, drinking water, launch ramps, carry-in access, gas, birding trails, parks, and food available along the water trail.



New Concord Peloton Bike Route

www.groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/ncpeloton/conversations/messages

Experienced riders coming to Zanesville can contact the New Concord Peloton. Many of the rides will originate in Zanesville and be posted on this message board.

New Concord Upper Reservoir Trail

Shadyside Drive, New Concord, OH 43762 / 740-826-7671

www.facebook.com/pages/New-Concord-Village-Reservoir-Dam/148099341883520

This trail is located on Shadyside Drive, in New Concord, just past the S Bridge on the northwest side of US Rt. 40. Travel about 1 mile on Shadyside Drive, gravel road, to reach the Upper Reservoir entrance. The one mile trail is not officially marked with signage but is open to the public and is a very scenic 3 foot wide dirt trail with hills and bridges across swampy areas. Dogs permitted if on a leash. All necessary shots must be up to date. Owner responsible for waste clean-up. Trail includes the Upper Reservoir lake. Fishing is permitted with a valid State of Ohio fishing license and a permit from the New Concord Village Hall for East Muskingum School District residents.



Powelson Wildlife Area

740-589-9930 / www.wildohio.gov

This 2,779-acre wildlife area lies between State Route 60 and the Muskingum River, four miles north of Zanesville. County Road 49, which runs east from State Route 60, provides the best access to the heart of the area. The topography includes gently rolling, reverting old fields and woodland. Less than one percent is open land. The two main ponds on the area have been stocked with largemouth bass, channel catfish, and bluegills. A variety of songbirds, small mammals, reptiles, amphibians, and insects also occur on the area in association with the diverse mixture of habitat types. Managed by Division of Wildlife - ODNR



Putnam Hill Park

Grandview Avenue, Zanesville, OH 43701 / 740-455-0637

www.coz.org

Located off of Pine Street it consists of 18.5 acres and a scenic panoramic view of the City and the world famous Y Bridge can be seen from its lookout area. There are family reunions, weddings, Easter Sunday services, and many more activities held there. A gazebo, barbecue pits, swing sets, a big slide, and basketball courts make it user friendly for all ages. Open-area walking space.



Putnam Landing Park

Muskingum Avenue, Zanesville, OH 43701 / 740-455-0637

www.coz.org

On river right. This park is in the south part of town at the end of the 6th street bridge on Muskingum Avenue. It has approximately 2.8 acres.



Riverside Park

State Route 666, Zanesville, OH 43701 / 740-455-0637

www.coz.org

On river left. This park features soccer fields, sand volleyball, softball fields, tennis and basketball courts, shelter houses for picnics and a dog park. It is also home to Kidzville, a community-built playground and a fitness trail for people with disabilities. A boat ramp is available near the entrance to the park. The Zane's Landing Trail route runs along this park. Located off Ohio 666 northeast of downtown Zanesville.



Rucker Endurance Park

4695 Rucker Road, Mount Perry, OH

www.ruckerendurancepark.com

Outdoor trail running facility built on a family farm in rural Southeastern Ohio featuring beautiful scenery, rolling hills and challenging trails. Offering a series of races throughout the year, not open to the public on other days. Group runs open to public are available on Wednesdays at 6pm April-October.

Tri-Valley Wildlife Area

State Route 666 / 740-589-9930

This 15,181 acre area lies east of the Muskingum River ½ mile from Dresden and 4 ½ miles north of Zanesville. State routes 208, 93 and 66 provide easy access to the many county and township roads that transect the area. The topography includes gently rolling hills to steep hills along the Muskingum River. Archery, hunting, hiking and fishing are all available on this property managed by Division of Wildlife - ODNR



Zane's Landing Park

West End of Market Street, Zanesville, OH 43701 / 740-455-0637

www.coz.org

On river left. Nestled along the banks of the majestic Muskingum River, a 3.2 mile bike and walking trail connects this park with Riverside Park. This park consists of 6.5 acres, and is home to the Lorena Sternwheeler, the Bicentennial Statue, and the Eternal Flame, the only eternal flame in the nation playing tribute to Medal of Honor Veterans. The famous Y Bridge which spans the Muskingum and the Licking rivers can be observed from this site. Many activities take place there including food truck rallies, July 4th Celebration, and concerts.



Zane's Landing Park Recreational Trail

West End of Market Street, Zanesville, OH 43701 / 740-455-0637

www.coz.org

3.2 mile paved recreational trail located at the end of Market Street in downtown Zanesville. The trail follows the Muskingum River and ends at Riverside Park.



Zanesville Bike Routes

www.mapmyride.com/us/zanesville-oh/



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In addition to the fantastic outdoor space offered in Muskingum County there are also unique opportunities for additional adventures from spending the night in a yurt to ziplining over exotic animals or trying your hand at belly boating or tube fishing – you will want to take advantage of all the area has to offer.

Briar Rabbit Shooting Sports

2949 Granger Hill Road, Zanesville, OH / 740-454-3817

www.briarrabbit.com

Ohio's premier shooting facility.



Dillon Sportsman Center

5200 Pleasant Valley Road, Nashport, OH 43830 / 740-452-3529

www.dillonsportsmancenter.com

Range house with full restroom facilities, retail store and classroom. 100 yard rifle range with shelter and lighting with moveable target stands on site. 25 yard pistol range with shelter and lighting and includes stationary and moveable target stands. Skeet and Trap fields with automated clay throwers on regulation fields with lighting for night shoots.

Fishing Safari at The Wilds

1400 International Road, Cumberland, OH / 740-638-5030

www.thewilds.org

Unwind on the water by casting out into one of the tranquil lakes surrounded by rolling hills of grasslands and forests. Several water bodies have been stocked with largemouth bass, redear sunfish, brown bullhead, bluegill and channel catfish. Reservations are required.

Guru Outfitters

3880 Roberts Addition, White Cottage, OH 43791 / 740-221-0170

Fully guided float tube fishing treks on the AEP ReCreation lands.

Ohio Belly Boat Fishing

740-777-2579

www.ohiobellyboatfishing.com

A unique blend of adventure and charm, belly boating combines the thrill of the wilderness with the challenge of reeling in “the big one” while paddling with your feet. Trek to a hidden lake, have a seat in a belly boat and paddle peacefully across the water. This is the only outfitter in Ohio guiding trips to AEP ReCreation Lands and Tri-Valley Wildlife area.



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The Wilds

14000 International Rd., Cumberland, OH 43732 / 740-638-5030

www.thewilds.org

Spanning nearly 10,000 acres, The Wilds is one of the largest and most innovative conservation centers in the world. Home to rare and endangered animals from around the globe along with hundreds of indigenous species, the mission of The Wilds is to lead and inspire by connecting people and wildlife. It is a living laboratory, where every aspect of the natural world presents unique venues for personal experiences. The signature experience is exploring The Wilds on an Open-Air Safari Tour to see and learn about these amazing species living in open-range habitat. These tours run on a shuttle system through the open pasture areas, and this tour offers outstanding opportunities for wildlife viewing and photography. Cabins and yurts are available for overnight accommodations.



Zipline Safari at The Wilds

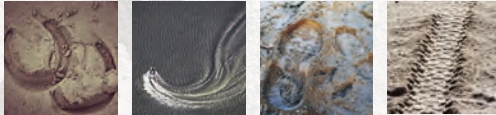
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Enjoy The Wilds from an aerial perspective! Led by professionally trained guides, this 2.5 hour zipline safari tour consists of 10 ziplines and a rappel built on a series of observation platforms overlooking various exotic animal species. You'll zip along a network of cables, through trees, over the animal watering holes, lakes and pastures.



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