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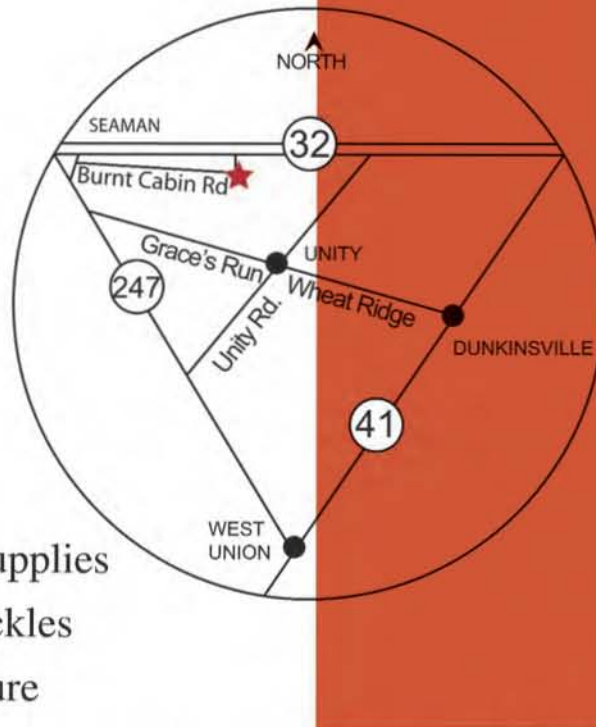
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Being one of the world's premiere sites for jet engine testing, we are a small city with the infra-structure to accurately measure thrust from our smallest engines producing 2000 lbs. of thrust to the world record holder the GE90 at 127,900 lbs. of thrust. PTO also conducts acoustic, fuel efficiency, and emissions tests, to better protect the air quality and environment. Our test sites are considered the "gold standard" for all other GE jet engine test facilities. The accuracy of any GE engine test anywhere in the world is measured against this facility, right here in Peebles, Ohio.

Beyond the physical campus our employees travel the globe and help many of our partners and customers with their testing needs.



Growing With Jet Technology

PTO was originally acquired for rocket testing in 1955. In the 1960's the focus changed to high-bypass turbo fan engine testing. Because of our remote location PTO played a key role in the development of these engines. This technological marvel was powerful enough to carry enormous Army transport planes anywhere on the planet—and later helped revolutionize commercial aviation as well.

Since then, the PTO Team has been involved in the development and certification phase testing that are on the cutting edge of aviation. The production phase involves assurance testing of new engines to guarantee they meet strict requirements before shipment to GE customers. And finally, field return testing is performed to validate maintenance and upgrades to engines already in service.



WE ARE IMAGINATION AT WORK!

Technology Meets Nature

Because of the terrain, abundant water, plus our weapons ban and restrictions on entry, PTO has developed into the largest privately owned natural area in the state totaling over 7,000 acres. This environment allows for a number of wildlife species to flourish. This is evident in recent years when biologists visiting the site have identified over 500 species of plants, 37 species of reptiles, 25 species of mammals, and over 100 species of birds, many of which are state listed as rare or endangered.

GE PTO takes great pride in ensuring the protection of our pristine environment as the facility continues to thrive. In addition to the forested land GE-PTO maintains four acres of man-made wetlands, several acres of natural wetlands and two streams. One stream running through the facility is considered one of the most pristine habitats in the state.

The local schools, universities and scientists often come to this area to study the wildlife in this unspoiled habitat.



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The Peebles facility has very specific goals regarding future Green House Gas (GHG) emissions reductions, which follow a closely monitored set of metrics. In GE's recent ecomagination report, the company made a public commitment to maintain emissions at 2004 levels and reduce them further by one percent by 2012. GE holds all of its businesses to this company-wide goal, including the Aviation business – the organizational home of the Peebles facility.

Today's engines are ever more fuel efficient, carrying passengers and cargo to the far corners of the globe with less fuel burn than ever before. PTO continues to play a strong role in the certification and acceptance testing of these engines.



Welcome to Adams County



A log cabin standing in the woods of Adams County.

In 1790 Gen. Nathaniel Massie and a group of hardy frontiersmen landed at a site near three islands on the Ohio River. It was the first settlement in the Virginia Military District, which in 1797 became Ohio's third oldest county and was named after the newly elected second president, John Adams.

Home to the great Native American earthworks known as Serpent Mound, Adams County has abundant wildlife, great bird viewing, colorful spring wildflowers, six state nature preserves and the 14,000-acre Edge Of Appalachia Preserve.

The Quilt Barn Trail started here in Adams County, creating a "Clothesline of Quilts" that can be viewed along our rural byways.

The Wheat Ridge Amish Community has shops, bakeries, furniture, and the sights and sounds of horses and buggies.

A number of excellent lodging facilities, cabins, campgrounds, dining, specialty and antique shops, historic sites, local events and attractions await our visitors.

Adams County is a special place where you'll discover a patchwork of history and nature around the bend of every country road.

Sincerely,

Tom Cross

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Mineral Springs Lake Farm Resort

By Tom Cross

Circle on your map a little gem called Mineral Springs Lake. It's more than 100 acres of fishing, water sports, family recreation and camping that you don't want to miss.

Mineral Springs, as the name suggested, is fed by over a dozen underground springs. A beautiful lake that is complemented by a backdrop of mountains that bloom with redbuds and dogwoods come spring. The shoreline is a mix of bays, points and timbered coves that fishermen find ideal for wetting a line.

When Mineral Springs Lake Farm Resort owner Billy Smalley impounded these hollows in the early 1970s, he left pockets of standing timber, which greatly

improved the aquatic habitat, and subsequent fish population that followed. Over the years, the lake has been stocked with largemouth, smallmouth, perch, rock bass, bluegill and catfish. Harmless freshwater jellyfish, about the size of a penny, inhabit the lake too and can readily be observed during the summer in the lake's clear water.

At 103 acres, it is the largest body of water in Adams County. The lake averages 27 feet deep with a maximum depth approaching 60 feet. Though water clarity varies with the seasons, visibility is nearly 60 feet in August. To preserve the unique purity and clarity of the lake only electric motors are permitted.

The camping here is as relaxing as rocking on grandma's front-porch swing. Peacefulness and quiet inhabit the campground for a refreshing stay. Mineral Springs can

boast more than 300-plus campsites with full hookups, and most have a view of the water. The camp store is stocked with everything campers will need for a weekend or a month-long stay.

Hiking, picnicking, a shelter house, showers and ATV trails are on the 500 acres that surround the lake. For hunters, only 20 minutes away is Brush Creek State Forest, Shawnee State Forest and Tranquility Wildlife area. For nature lovers, nearby Davis Memorial State Nature Preserve and Shoemaker Preserve offer wilderness hiking and spring wildflowers, and if you're a history buff, explore the remote settlement of Mineral Springs.

Whether you're a fisherperson, hiker or hunter, or are looking for a seasonal getaway, check out Mineral Springs Lake Farm Resort at www.mineralspringslakefarmresort.com.



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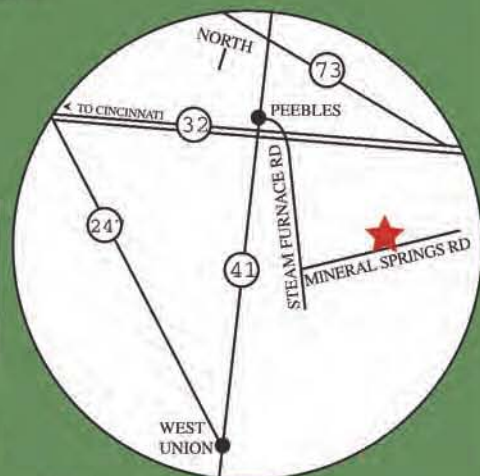
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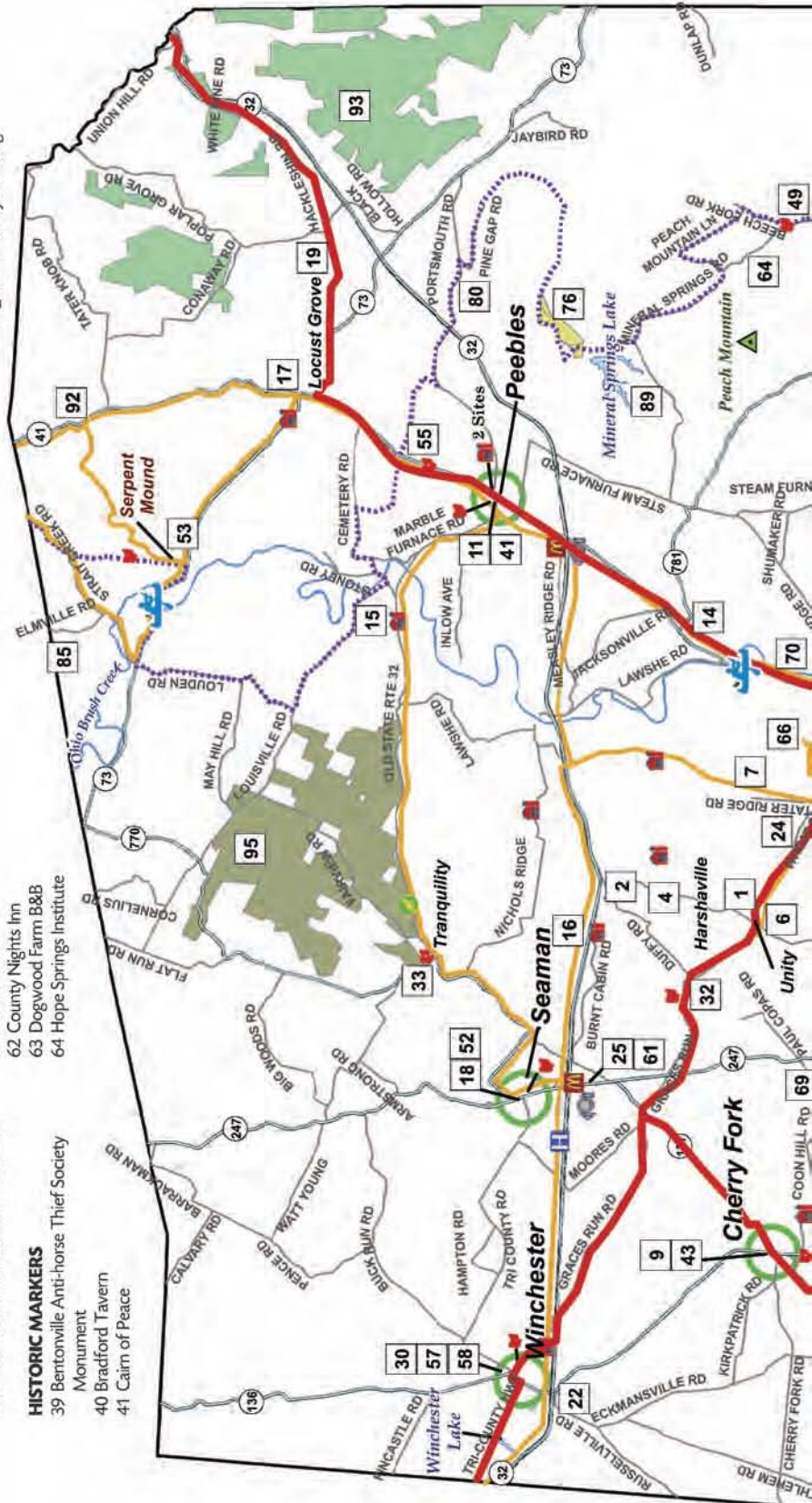
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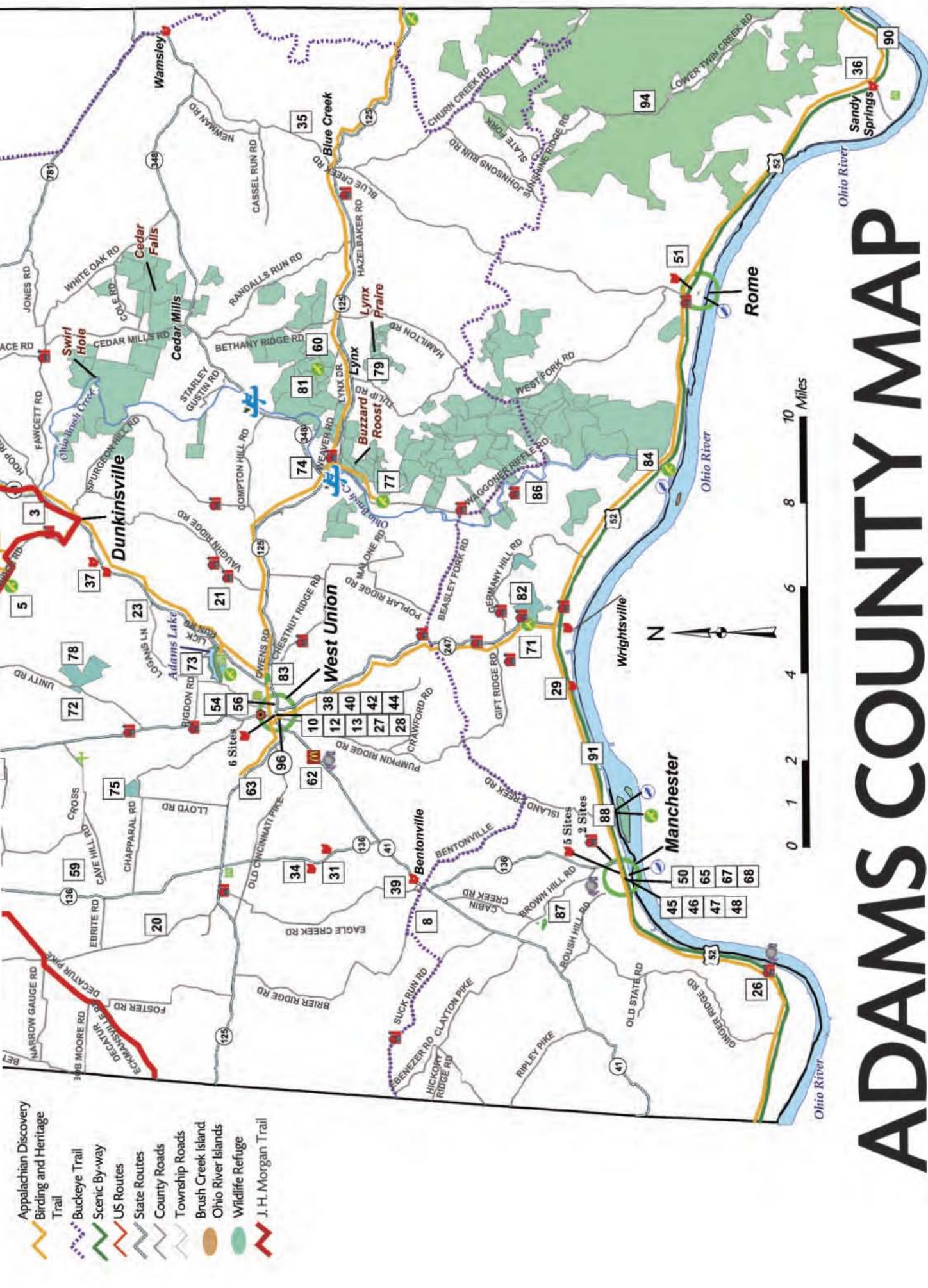
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ADAMS COUNTY MAP



CALENDAR

2012 Calendar of Events

March

3 – Adams County Amish Bird Symposium from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. on Wheat Ridge Road. *Contact the Adams County Travel & Visitors Bureau at (937) 544-5639.*

17 – Cabin Fever Arts Festival at Southern State Community College South Campus Appalachian Gateway Center, Sponsored by the Appalachian Artisans Guild. *Contact (937) 603-3128.*

April

5-7 – Spring Fling at Carriage Lane Antiques. 180 Werline Lane, West Union. *Contact Anita*

Vogler at (937) 549-4530.

21 – Adams County History Bus Tour.

Contact Lynne Newman at (937) 587-3358.

20-22 – Annual Wildflower Pilgrimage of Southern Ohio. Choose among dozens of field trips to botanical hotspots in southern Ohio in Highland, Adams, Pike and Ross County. *Contact the Arc of Appalachia Preserve System at (937) 365-0101 or www.highlandssanctuary.org.*

7 – Children's Easter Egg Hunt at Wilson Children Home in West Union. *Contact Sharon Rivers at (937) 544-2511.*

28 – Bentonville Anti-Horse Thief Society

Banquet at 7 p.m. in Bentonville. *Contact Verna Naylor at (937) 549-3360.*

29 – Page One-Room School House event at the corner of Page School Road off Vaughn Ridge Road, 2-4 p.m. *Contact Mary Fulton at (937) 587-2043.*

May

4 – Wheat Ridge Amish School Benefit Auction & Supper. Supper 4 p.m., auction 5 p.m. Located at Ridge Way Lumber on Wheat Ridge Road. *For more information, contact (937) 544-7566.*



5 Events You Don't Want to Miss

MARCH 3: Amish Bird Symposium



The Adams County Amish Bird Symposium is held the first Saturday in March in the heart of Amish Country. Nationally renowned naturalists, authors, professors and ornithologists are among the featured speakers. The day activities include seminars, demonstrations, field trips and an Amish lunch.

OCT. 12-14: Wheat Ridge Olde Thyme Herb Fair and Harvest Celebration



The Wheat Ridge Olde Thyme Herb Fair and Harvest Celebration during the second weekend in October brings the tradition of herbs, crafts and natural products to the Wheat Ridge Amish Community. Natural earth creations, artisans, craftspeople and herbal products are featured at the three-day festival set in the pastoral hills of Adams County.

OCT. 14: 10th Annual Jack Roush Day



If you're a muscle car fan you don't want to miss the 10th Annual Jack Roush Day in Manchester. Racing legend Jack Roush, of Roush Racing, returns to his hometown for a day of festivities and a car show that features hundreds of classic cars. During the day, Jack Roush autographs everything from fenders to car hoods and Ford engines.

OCT. 20: Civil War Day

The small hamlet of Tranquility will again



relive the Civil War era during the Adams County Civil War Day at the historically renovated John T. Wilson home during the third Saturday in October. The day includes encampments, re-enactors from the 70th Ohio Volunteer Infantry (OVI), a Civil War museum, Civil War era music, living histories, local historians, wagon rides and storytellers.

DEC. 21: Lighting of the Serpent

The Winter Solstice is celebrated at Serpent Mound during the Lighting of the Serpent. At dusk more than 900 candles surrounding the serpent effigy are lit by volunteers resulting in a luminous candle lit outline of the great Serpent Mound.

For more information about these and other great events contact the Adams County Travel & Visitors Bureau at (877) 232-6764 or online at www.adamscountytravel.org

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The Wheat Ridge Olde Thyme Herb Fair and Harvest Festival is a three-day affair in October.

May (cont).

4-6 – Flora-Quest at Shawnee State Park and Forest & The Edge of Appalachia Preserve in Adams County. To learn more go to www.flora-quest.com.

5 – Explore the outdoors at Adams Lake State Park. Call Bill Wickerham at (937) 798-4018.

5-6 – Free fishing weekend.

5-6 – Adams County Trade Days & Equine Extravaganza at the Adams County Fairgrounds

in West Union. For information, contact Connie McDonald at (937) 217-1522.

11-13 – Country Garden Mother's Day Event at GoodSeed Farm, 8 a.m.- 6 p.m. at GoodSeed Farm in Peebles. For information, contact (937) 587-7021 or www.goodseedfarm.com.

12 – Ohio Brush Creek Sweep on Ohio Brush Creek. Interested participants need to contact Bill Wickerham at the Adams Co. Soil & Water at (937) 798-4018.

June


7-9 – West Union Summer Fest. Contact Roy Stricklett at (937) 544-2512.

16 – Ohio River Sweep. Locations – Rome Boat Ramp, Brush Creek Boat Ramp, Manchester Island Boat Ramp, Manchester Riverfront Boat Ramp. For information, contact Sam Perrin at Adams-Brown Recycling at (937) 378-3431.

24 – Page One-Room School House event at the corner of Page School Road off Vaughn Ridge Road, 2-4 p.m. Contact Mary Fulton at (937) 587-2043.

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30-July 1 – 39th Annual Country Run for Fun-Ramblin' Relics Car Show at Adams County Fairgrounds in West Union, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Contact Kenneth McCann at (937) 544-5266.

July

4 – Fourth of July Celebration and Lion's Club Parade in West Union, 9 a.m. lineup time. Parade starts at 10 a.m. next to Olde Wayside Inn. Contact Jud Paul at (937) 544-1464 or Mel Pfistner at (937) 549-3331.

15-21 – 121st Annual Adams County Fair at the Adams County Fairgrounds, West Union. For more information, call Connie McDonald at (937) 217-1522 or visit www.adamscountyfairground.com.

27-28 – Indian Artifact Show at the Riverbarn in Manchester, noon-10 p.m. Friday and 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Saturday. Contact Steve Lewis at (937) 549-4093 or Mike Evans at (937) 549-1877.

28 – Adams County Genealogy Society Reunion from noon-4 p.m. at the Heritage Center in West Union. For more information, contact the



Crowning the Festival Queen is one of the highlights of the Seaman Fall Festival (Sept. 19-22).

Adams County Genealogy Society at (937) 544-8522, Thursdays and Saturdays.

29 – Page One-Room School House event at the corner of Page School Road off Vaughn Ridge Road, 2-4 p.m. Contact Mary Fulton (937) 587-2043.

August

3-4 – Kinfolk Landing Days at Manchester. Celebrate the founding of one of Ohio's oldest villages. Contact Jane Wilson at (937) 549-4074.



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Take a horse-drawn ride at the John T. Wilson Home for Adams County Civil War Day on Oct. 20.

August (cont.)

18 – 16th Annual Marine Corps League 5K Race and Walk. Contact Danny Blanton at (937) 217-3516.

18 – Fourth Annual Cowboy Copas concert at the Red Barn Convention Center in Winchester, 6 p.m. Tickets \$15. Contact Lynne Newman at (937) 587-3358.

26 – Page One-Room School House event at the corner of Page School Road off Vaughn Ridge Road, 2-4 p.m. Contact Mary Fulton at (937) 587-2043.

30-Sept. 1 – Fall Harvest Celebration at Carriage Lane Antiques, 180 Werline Lane, West Union. Contact Anita Vogler at (937) 549-4530.

31-Sept. 1-2 – Winchester Caramel Festival. Contact Leona Inskeep at (937) 695-0950.

September

1 – 15th Annual Amish School Benefit Cookout at Miller Bakery & Furniture on Wheat Ridge Road. Contact Miller's at (937) 544-8524.

6 – Adams County Junior Fair Beef Barbecue from 5-7:30 p.m. at the Adams County Fairgrounds in West Union. Contact Connie McDonald at (937) 217-1522.

7-9 – Bentonville Harvest Festival at Bentonville. Contact Sue Naylor at (937) 549-3360.

13-16 – 44th Annual Peebles Old Timers Days. For information, contact Marie Palmer at (937) 587-3749.

19-22 – Seaman Fall Festival. Contact Doris Bailey at (937) 386-2083.

28 – Wheat Ridge Amish School Benefit Auction & Supper. Supper 4 p.m., auction 5 p.m. at Ridge Way Lumber on Wheat Ridge. Contact (937) 544-7566.

29 – Bratton Township food and festivities at Bratton Township Hall in Loudon, 5 p.m. Contact Mary Fulton at (937) 587-2043.

30 – Page One-Room School House event at the corner of Page School Road off Vaughn Ridge Road, 2-4 p.m. Contact Mary Fulton at (937) 587-2043.

October

6 – 35th Annual Miller's Anniversary Customer Appreciation Day at Miller Bakery & Furniture on Wheat Ridge Road. Contact Miller's (937) 544-8524.

6-7 – 11th Annual Old Fashion Draft Horse, Mule and Pony Field Days at Glen-Dale Park, 2915 Fawcett Road, six miles south of Peebles. Contact Dale Grooms at (937) 544-3123.

6-7 – Caraway's Fall Pumpkin Days at Caraway Farms at 8450 Blue Creek Road in Blue Creek. Contact Angela at (937) 544-7292.

12-14 – Wheat Ridge Olde Thyme Herb Fair and Harvest Celebration on Tater Ridge Road. Contact Kim Erwin at (937) 544-8252.



Caraway's Fall Pumpkin Days will be held at Caraway Farms Oct. 6-7.

13 – Ladies Nite Out at Granny's Place with crafts, vendors, special sales and longer hours. 2586 Burnt Cabin Road, Seaman. Contact Darlene Tadlock at (937) 386-1890.

14 – 10th annual Jack Roush Day from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. at the Riverbarn in Manchester on U.S. 52. Contact Buster Ruark at (937) 549-3628.

20 – Adams County Civil War Day at the historical John T. Wilson Home in Tranquility. Relive the Civil War era with reactors and learn about historical events of the time. Contact the Adams County Travel & Visitors Bureau at (937) 544-5639 or www.johntwilsonhomestead.com.

20 – Horse-drawn hayride day at Goodseed Farm in Peebles from noon-4 p.m. Contact Goodseed Farm at (937) 587-7021 or steve@goodseedfarm.com.

28 – Page One-Room School House event at the corner of Page School Road off Vaughn Ridge Road, 2-4 p.m. Contact Mary Fulton at (937) 587-2043.

November

12 – Veterans Day Parade, 11 a.m. in West Union. Contact Sam Kimmerly at (937) 386-0293 or Wallace Boden at (937) 217-1976.

15-17 – Christmas Open House at Carriage Lane Antiques, 180 Werline Lane, West Union. Contact Anita Vogler at (937) 549-4530.

23 – Miller's Christmas Tree Farm 20th Anniversary. Open daily from 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., until Dec. 24. Located west of West Union at 1600 Eckmansville Road. Contact Miller's at (937) 544-2220.

26 – Adams County Christmas at the Adams Co. Courthouse starting at 5:30 p.m., welcoming ceremony 6:30 p.m. Contact Marie Palmer at (937) 587-3749 or Sally Cunningham at (937) 587-3078.

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The Page One-Room School House will host one of its yearly events Dec. 8-9.

December

1 – Peebles Christmas Celebration lighting of the Christmas tree and other events starts at 6 p.m. Contact Sharon Malcom at (937) 587-2417.

1 – Old Fashioned Christmas at the American Legion Post in Peebles. Contact Mary Dunlap at (937) 798-1376.

8-9 – Page One-Room School House event at the corner of Page School Road off Vaughn Ridge Road, 2-4 p.m. Contact Mary Fulton at (937) 587-2043.

14 – Manchester Hometown Christmas at the Manchester community building from 6-9 p.m. Contact Heidi Huron at (937) 549-2516.

22 – Adams County Audubon Christmas Bird Count. Contact the Cincinnati Museum Center's Edge of Appalachia Preserve at (937) 544-2880.

Other local events

Sept. 7-9 – 11th annual Rarden Whitetail Deer Festival. For info, call (937) 587-3444.

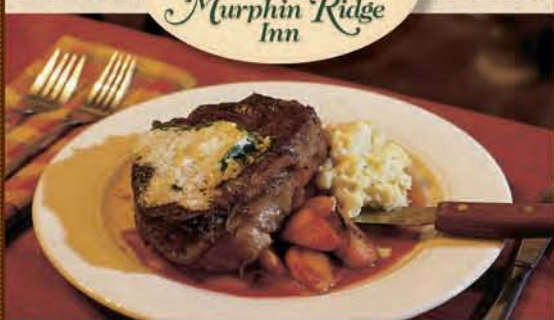
Oct. 12-14 – Appalachian Mountain Artisans Festival. For info, call (937) 695-5545.

– For additional updated events please visit www.adamscountytravel.org.

– For Serpent Mound events please see the Serpent Mound page (page 35) in this guide.

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Established in 1989, this member-driven organization encourages improvement, conservation and development of the physical and economic environments of the county. The Chamber of Commerce acts as a community business advocate, and the staff continually searches for sources that can benefit its members.

Remaining strong even in the challenging economic times, the Chamber benefits its members by increasing their exposure and keeping their names in front of the public. Member businesses are first referrals for industry calls. Its goal is for every

business in the county is to be successful and prosperous, assisting with networks and offering training and guidance resources. By encouraging members to be active in Chamber events and networking opportunities, a strong collaborative of professionals grow from which to collect information and build client referrals.

According to a study done by The Shapiro Group of Atlanta, Ga.: "When consumers know that a small business is a member of the chamber of commerce, they are 44 percent more likely to think favorably of it and 63 percent more likely to purchase goods or services from the company in the future."

The Chamber plays an active role on the board of Leadership Adams,

a community service and leadership development organization. This county leadership program develops and prepares emerging leaders to focus on the common issues of its communities and to collectively improve the quality of life for all who live and work in Adams County. The Chamber of Commerce also sponsors the Adams Brown Counties Safety Council, providing free educational training to businesses, which leads to discounts and bonuses available through the Bureau of Workman's Compensation. Currently more than 30 companies from the two counties participate with the Safety Council, and membership continues to grow.

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The mission of the Adams County Chamber of Commerce is to enrich and support the business community by:

- Providing strategic leadership, tools and resources for business success
- Supporting planned, sustainable development and continuing economic growth
- Advocating and promoting the interest of business

Way organization back into the county, replenishing much-needed funds to the community non-profit organizations.

"Shop Local" is the community theme to "support our neighbors." While not everything may be available locally, the

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The Chamber welcomes inquiries and questions. The office phone number is (937) 544-5454. Office hours are 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday through

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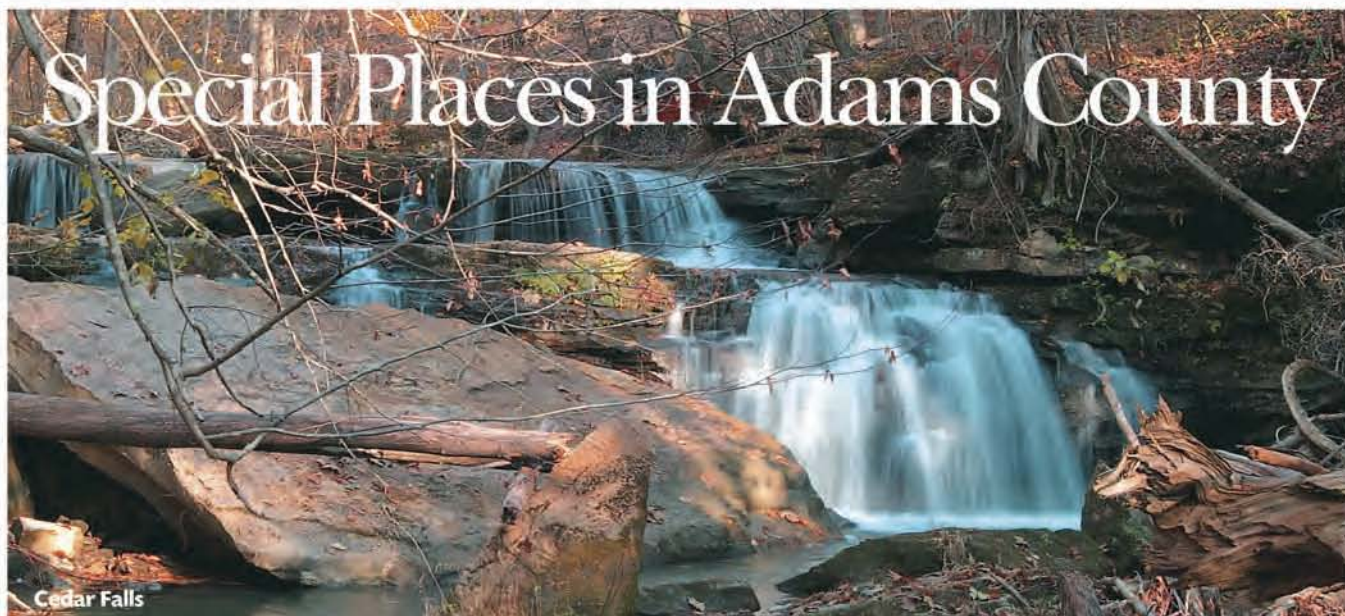
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WHERE TO GO



Adams County is largely a rural community, its slower pace plainly evident. Absent are amusement parks, crowded beaches and shopping malls. What visitors will find are tranquil places, scenic views, country roads, history, an Amish community and nature in abundance.

Below is just a sampling of some of the special places that define Adams County.

Edge of Appalachia Preserve: A private preserve of more than 14,000 acres of forest, prairies, waterfalls, gorges and mountains, containing more than 100 rare species of plants and animals. Administered jointly by the Nature Conservancy and Cincinnati Museum Center, the preserve contains and protects such local landmarks as Buzzardroost Rock, Cedar Falls, Red Rock, The Swirl Hole and Lynx Prairie.

State Nature Preserves: Because of Adams County's unique geography and plant communities, the Ohio Division of Natural Areas & Preserves has designated six state nature preserves within the county, each distinctively different. Most have trails with signs pointing out the unique plant life and features that make each preserve special.

Adams Lake: The only state park in Adams County, Adams Lake is 47 acres and can boast early spring trout fishing and good bass fishing. The park has a playground, restrooms, a three-quarter-mile blacktop walking path, boat ramp, picnic areas and a large shelter house.

Adams Lake is a popular spot for local outdoor activities.

Shawnee State Forest: Shawnee State Forest is Ohio's largest state forest at more than 63,000 acres. It can also lay claim to having the state's only designated Wilderness Area. Shawnee is some of the most mountainous, forested and remote country in Ohio. Also known as the Little Smokies, spring wildflowers and fall foliage draw visitors from all over the state.



The Wheat Ridge Amish Community.

The Wheat Ridge Amish Community: The Amish community in Adams County has grown from its humble roots in 1976 to a community of more than 96 households. Visitors will find a variety of shops, bakeries, furniture stores, goods and services. Amish buggies and horses, children on scooters, babies being pulled in wagons, and clothes drying in the fresh air, are some of the sights visitors will observe while in Wheat Ridge.

Original Quilt Barn Trail: Adams County started the original quilt barn trail in 2001 with 21 quilt squares that

formed a "Clothesline of Quilts" driving tour throughout the county. The idea has caught on as presently there are now more than 40 quilt squares on barns throughout Adams County, and that original idea has spread across the U.S. and Canada.

Serpent Mound: As one of the greatest Native American earthworks, Serpent Mound is known around the world. Designed within the mound are summer and winter solstice alignments. Many mysteries and unanswered questions remain about the mound's origin and builders.

The Ohio River Scenic Byway: The stretch of U.S. 52 through southern Adams County along the Ohio River is among the most scenic routes in Ohio. This rural highway winds past mountains and small communities with little or no industry along its way. No wonder it was designated a State Scenic Byway.

Ohio Brush Creek: Simply one of the most beautiful and scenic streams in southern Ohio, Brush Creek is a shining example of a high quality stream. As inviting to float in as it is to fish in. There are six public access points along the stream. Floating or fishing, Ohio Brush Creek is a great way to spend a summer day.

Harshaville & Kirker Covered Bridges: Of Adams County covered bridges, only two remain. Harshaville is still in use and is located on Graces Run Road. Kirker Covered Bridge, no longer in use, is located on State Route 136.



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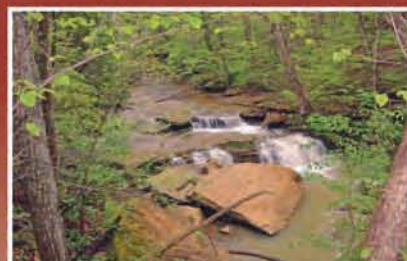
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The Birthplace of the American Quilt Trail



The American Quilt Trail encompasses more than 120 communities across 30 states and Canada. Adams County has more than 40 quilt barns.

By Suzi Parron

There are so many “must see” attractions within the richness that is Adams County. But certainly no visit would be complete without a drive along the quilt trail known as the Adams County Quilt Sampler. Scattered through the scenic countryside are barns adorned with painted quilts — some applied directly to the barn surface, others painted on wood and mounted. Some patterns are simple blocks of color, much like cloth quilts that are made of plain scraps. Others are bold and brilliantly designed — a feast for the eyes.

These painted quilt barns, or barn



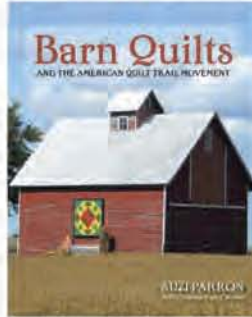


quilts as they are sometimes known, are more than just attractive additions to the byways of Adams County. They are part of the American Quilt Trail, a network of more than 120 such quilt museums that can be found in 30 states and in Canada. Barn quilts comprise the single largest public arts movement in our nation's history. And it all began in Adams County.

Stop to see the Snail's Trail pattern at the farm where the quilt trail model originated. Here, Donna Sue Groves was inspired to honor her mother, Maxine, an accomplished quilter, by having a painted quilt added to the barn near the front of their property. Imagine the small, gray barn, unadorned, having served its useful life, only to be reborn as the home of a beautiful quilt square.

Donna Sue Groves conceived the quilt trail concept, but rather than beginning with her own barn, she worked with the community to create the 20-block sampler that has now expanded to 40 or so quilt barns in Adams County. Just

"Barn Quilts and the American Quilt Trail Movement"



Author Suzi Parron has collaborated with Donna Sue Groves to record the richness that is the Quilt Trail. Learn more about its beginnings in Adams County and the ways in which the concept has been embraced and adapted by more than 120 communities in 30 states and two Canadian provinces. Follow Suzi on her journey from Adams County to dozens of farms across the country, where she discovers the personal stories behind the barn quilts. Each quilt block has a story – often inspiring and heartwarming and at times bittersweet. With more than 80 full-color photographs, "Barn Quilts and the American Quilt Trail Movement" captures both the beauty of the Quilt Trail and the spirit that continues to drive its expansion.

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a bit up the road from the Groves farm, you will easily find the spot where the first barn quilt was unveiled in 2001 – appropriately enough, an Ohio Star pattern. The quilt squares are indeed stars among the many sights within Adams County, and their place in our nation's cultural history is truly remarkable.

For a nearly complete listing of

Adams County Quilt Barns, go to www.adamscountytravel.org or check the map with this guide (pages 6-7).

To learn more about the quilt trail, visit www.barnquiltinfo.com.

Suzi Parron with Donna Sue Groves authored the book "Barn Quilts and the American Quilt Trail Movement," due in bookstores February.

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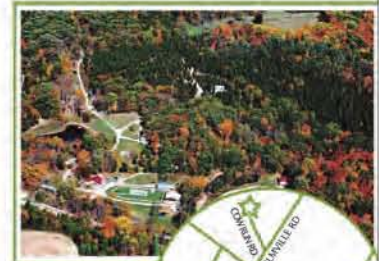
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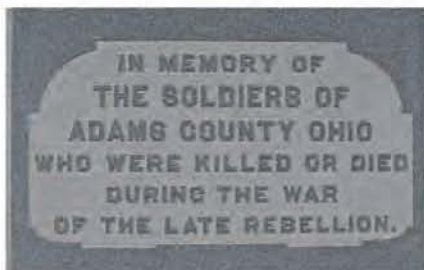


More than 2,200 Adams County residents fought in the Civil War, a large portion in the 70th Ohio Volunteer Infantry.

By Tom Cross, Vonna Cole and Tom Stern

Adams County played a significant role in the Civil War having sent more than 2,200 of its men and boys to the battlefields during the 1860s. Adams County sent more men per capita than any other Ohio county. From a population of 20,060 in 1860, more than 10 percent of the population volunteered to fight. A large part of those volunteers made up the 70th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Seven companies in the 70th were made up entirely of men from Adams County.

Young and old, Adams County men fought in the battle of Shiloh, Perryville, Stones River, Chickamauga, Chattanooga and Vicksburg and served in General Sherman's armies during his march through Atlanta.



Adams County had men in 12 different Ohio Volunteer Infantry, the 7th Ohio Cavalry, Battery F of the First Ohio Light Artillery, the 1st and 2nd Regiment of Heavy Artillery and the 2nd Independent Battery Ohio Light Artillery. In 1862, Adams County sent a company of "Squirrel Hunters" to Cincinnati to protect it from Confederate attack.

There are 1,354 known Civil War veterans buried in Adams County of which

six are Confederate soldiers. Of the 283 cemeteries in Adams County, 115 contain soldiers of the Civil War. In Manchester cemetery, 238 Civil War veterans lie at rest. In Winchester, 88 Civil War veterans are buried. Sandy Springs cemetery contains 74 veterans, and at Tranquility cemetery, 65 Civil War veterans have been laid to rest. At West Union Cemetery, John L. Baldridge, the last surviving Civil War veteran in Adams County, is buried. Baldridge served with the 129th OVI.

Adams County did not escape the war. In July 1863, General John H. Morgan swept through Adams County in what is known as **Morgan's Raid** with 3,000 Confederate cavalymen passing through **Winchester**, where they occupied homes, ransacked businesses and seized horses and firearms. During the turmoil of the raid, a captured Union officer named Hines



Reenacting Morgan's Raid through Winchester, which saw 3,000 Confederate calvarymen sweep through Adams County.

managed to escape by hiding under the floorboards of a local residence. Another 500 cavalrymen, under the command of Colonel Dick Morgan, came up through **Eckmansville**, where they killed a man. The next morning, Union cavalrymen under General Hobson were fed and shown great hospitably as they pursued Morgan's raiders.

After Morgan left Winchester, his raiders followed **Graces Run Road** across the **Harshaville Covered Bridge**, which Morgan did not burn and is still in use today. They then followed **Wheat Ridge** to the small village of **Dunkinsville**, where they inflicted considerable damage. From Dunkinsville, Morgan's Raiders turned north through **Jack Town** and to **Locust Grove**, stopping first at **Wickerham Inn** on the evening of July 15, 1863, where the Confederate soldiers





HISTORY



spent the night before continuing their rampage through southern Ohio.

At the old Adams County Fairgrounds in West Union, **Camp Hamer**, a Civil War training camp was established. In 1861, the 70th OVI was organized and trained at the fairgrounds. The old, stone courthouse in West Union was converted into a hospital to serve the camp. Those who trained at that camp saw battle at Shiloh, Vicksburg and Atlanta and served under General Sherman.

At the home of John T. Wilson, the seeds were sown for the formation of Company E of the Ohio 70th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Wilson, an outspoken abolitionist, was part of the Underground Railroad in Adams County, using his stately mansion in **Tranquility** to usher slaves toward freedom. Wilson, at age 50, gathered the initial 62 men of Company E and joined with company A, B, C, E, G and H as part of the 70th OVI under the command of Colonel Joseph Cockerill. In 1862, on April 6 and 7, Wilson led the men of Company E into battle at Shiloh.

Wilson was wealthy by the standards of the day and donated a considerable sum of his fortune over to worthy causes. In his later years, Wilson financed the building of the **Wilson Children's Home** in West Union. In his will, Wilson left money for the construction of a monument to the men of Adams County who paid the ultimate sacrifice during the Civil War, having lost his only son to the war. The monument was dedicated to the people of Adams County during a ceremony on June 10, 1893 in which Col. John Cockerill, the son of the late Col. Joseph Cockerill, organizer of the 70th OVI, unveiled the tall monument in

Adams County Civil War Sites

Winchester – Ohio Historical Marker. Morgan's Raid swept through the village on July 15, 1863. Look for signs retracing General Morgan's historic route through Adams County.



Harshville Covered Bridge (above) – Located on Graces Run Road at Harshville, Morgan's Raiders crossed the bridge in 1863 (bridge is to undergo historical renovation in summer 2012).

Wickerham Inn (below) – Ohio Historical Marker. Morgan's Raiders encamped here on the night of July 15, 1863. Located 1 1/2 miles south of Locust Grove on State Route 41. A private



residence not open to the public.

Camp Hamer – Ohio Historical Marker. Civil War training camp. Located at the corner of West and South Street in West Union.

Wilson's Children's Home – Civil War Monument. Located at 300 N. Wilson Drive, West Union.

Prominence – The John T. Wilson home is a nationally registered and historic

landmark and was a stop on the Underground Railroad. A private residence undergoing historical renovation. Located at 92 Old State Route 32, Peebles.

front of the Wilson Children's Home. The inscription upon the monument reads "In Memory of the Soldiers of Adams County Ohio who were Killed or Died during the War of the Late Rebellion."

The historic John T. Wilson home in Tranquility is currently undergoing historical renovation by Ralph and

Patricia Alexander and is host to **Adams County Civil War Day**, to be held October 20. The home, known as "**Prominence**," is a nationally registered and historic landmark.

For information about "Prominence" or Adams County Civil War Day, visit www.johntwilsonhomestead.com



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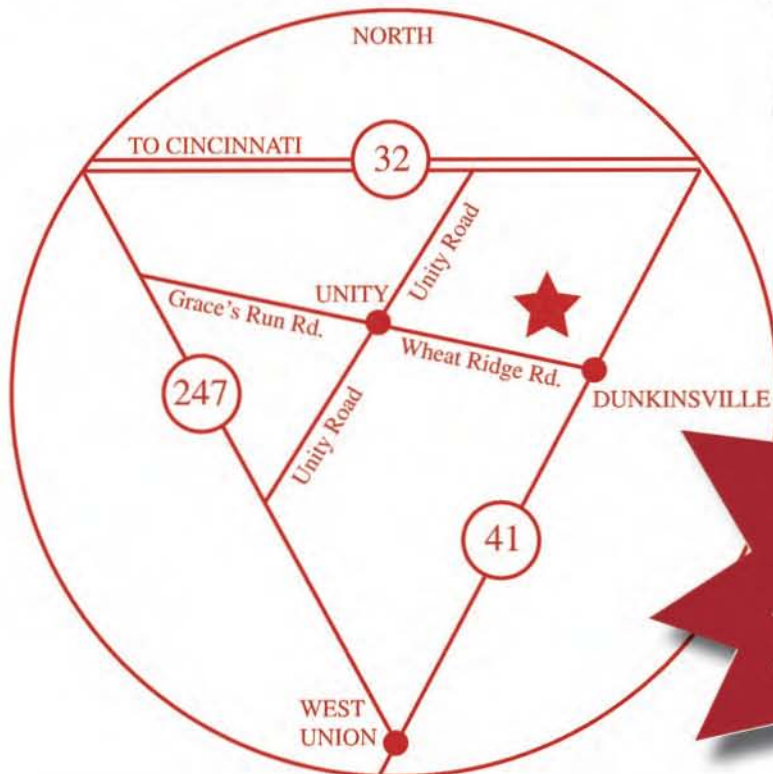
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With five public canoe launches, Ohio Brush Creek (above) has excellent bass fishing. And the Ohio River (below) offers good fishing for all species.

For the sportsperson, Adams County has many opportunities — from fishing for smallmouth bass to hunting trophy whitetails. Adams County is renowned for its quality deer hunting, attracting hunters from all over the nation to the rural farm county that is home to some of the world's biggest whitetails.

Here is a list of public fishing and hunting opportunities and areas in Adams County:

Fishing

The **Ohio River** in Adams County offers good fishing for all river species. Fishing for hybrid stripers, white bass, black bass and catfish is good throughout the summer. Public boat ramps are located at Manchester, Brush Creek and Rome.

Ohio Brush Creek has an excellent spring white-bass run in late April. Smallmouth fishing is good on Brush Creek from late April through July.

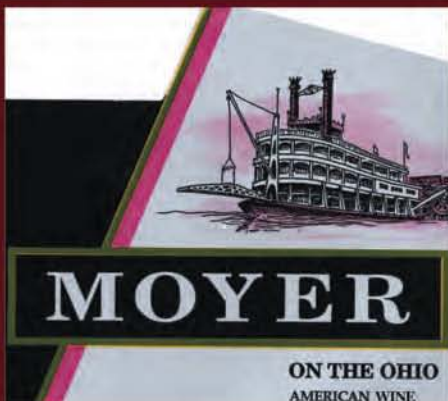


Anglers will also find good numbers of channel and flathead catfish, rock bass, bluegill and sunfish. Brush Creek has five public canoe launches: Serpent Mound, Jacksonville, Twin Bridges, Waggoner Riffle and Beasley Fork Bridge.

Adams Lake is a 47-acre lake and one of the first lakes in Ohio to be stocked with trout each spring. Adams Lake also has catfish, bluegills and good-sized largemouth bass. A boat ramp is located across from park headquarters and is limited to electric motors only.

Winchester Lake is approximately a 30-acre body of water just west of Winchester on Tri-County Road. It contains crappie, bass, bluegill and catfish. A ramp is available for small boat launching. The lake is limited to electric motors only.

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Jacksonville Canoe Access: South of Peebles on St. Rt. 41 (10-mile float trip to Twin Bridges access)

Serpent Mound Canoe Access: On State Route 73 at Serpent Mound (15-mile float trip to Jacktown access).

Twin Bridges Bridge Canoe Access: East of West Union on State Route 348 (three-mile float trip to Waggoner Riffle access).

Waggoner Riffle Canoe Access: East of West Union at State Route 125 Bridge (three-mile float trip to Beasley Fork access).

For a complete listing and map of Ohio Brush Creek canoe access sites, visit the Ohio Division of Watercraft website: <http://ohiodnr.com/watercraft/streams/ohbrush/tabid/2449/Default.aspx>

Hunting

The Tranquility Wildlife Area offers more than 4,250 acres of public hunting. Open weedy fields and crops add a diverse variety of habitats that has created fertile ground for both deer and turkey.

Shawnee State Forest is Ohio's largest state forest at 63,250 acres. It is mountainous and heavily wooded with oaks, hickories, pine, maple, poplar and ash. It offers good hunting for deer, turkey, squirrel and grouse. Other places of interest would be the 8,000-acre Shawnee Wilderness Area and the adjoining 8,000-acre Back Country Management Area. The combined 16,000 acres form the largest block of back-country hunting in Ohio.

Brush Creek State Forest in northeastern Adams County is more than 12,000 acres. The forest is scattered into several tracts comprised of oaks, hickory, maple, ash and pine.

The **Edge of Appalachia Preserve** allows public hunting on 2,300 acres of preserve property by permit only. Permits are free and valid for both the archery and deer gun season. For more information, call (937) 544-2880.

Hunting information packets with maps are available from the Adams County Travel & Visitors Bureau office. Call (877) 232-6764.

Public Boat Ramps on the Ohio River



Call (937) 549-3380 during the season for camping information. Call (440) 784-1684 during off-season.

Island Creek Marina & Campground:

One mile east of Manchester on U.S. 52. Boat launching, camping, gas, marina, restrooms and ice. Attendant on duty to assist with launching if needed. Fee charged for launching and camping. Call (937) 549-1430 for more information.

Manchester Village Boat Ramp at Kinfolk Landing: In Manchester. Offers public boat launching and parking. Free.

Rome Village Boat Ramp: 13 miles east of Manchester in the village of Rome. Public boat launching but limited parking. Free.

Brush Creek Boat Ramp and Campground:

Nine miles east of Manchester on U.S. 52. Boat launching, camping, restrooms, ice and bait. Attendant on duty to assist with launching if needed. Fee charged for launching and camping.

Hunting Outfitters and Supplies



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Adams County Department Store: West Union, (937) 544-2913

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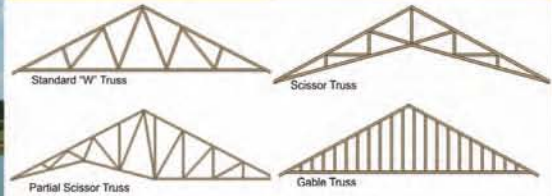
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Buzzardroost Rock Trail (above, below) is the most popular hike in Adams County because of its spectacular view of the Ohio Brush Creek valley.

Adams County's Five Best Hikes

Fall, winter, spring or summer, the hiking trails are open year round with each visit as different as the seasons. The following trails are the five most popular hikes in Adams County. Three of the hikes are on the 14,000-acre Edge of Appalachia Preserve. The Davis and Whipple hikes are located on state nature preserves. Most hikes are easy to moderate with views so spectacular that you'll want to have a camera, because what you see you'll want to take home and keep.

1. Buzzardroost Rock Trail

This trail is 1.5 miles one way to Buzzardroost Rock. Take Weaver Road east of Ohio Brush Creek Bridge off State Route 125, .9 miles to trailhead parking area on south side of road. Trail proceeds across State Route 125; be alert for traffic when crossing road. Buzzardroost is the most popular hike in Adams County and for good reason. A strenuous hike

of three miles to the "Roost" and back rewards hikers with a spectacular view of the Ohio Brush Creek valley. Spring wildflowers, fall colors, and during winter, the surrounding landscape lays bare all its geological features for everyone to see, including the nearby Tiffin cliffs.

2. Davis Memorial State Nature Preserve

This preserve, located on Davis Memorial Road, contains two half-mile loop trails, the Sullivantia and the Agave Ridge Trail, both of which connect to the Buckeye Trail. Good year-round hiking. The trails vary from easy to moderate. Hikers will see a display of spring wildflowers, unique geological formations and great fall colors.

3. Lynx Prairie Trail

This is a 1.5-mile loop trail. At Lynx, turn south on Tulip Road, go .3 miles to East Liberty Church and proceed to cemetery. Park on side of cemetery lane and



proceed to southeast corner of cemetery for trailhead. The Lynx Prairie is a national landmark best viewed in late summer when the prairie is blooming. It's an easy hike that features more than 200 species of plants and prairie flowers.

4. Wilderness Trail

This is a 2.5-mile loop trail. At Lynx, take



Lynx Road to Shivener Road, turn north and proceed to parking area and trailhead at end of road. A moderate hike through the Edge of Appalachia Preserve will reveal an unbroken forest with limestone cliffs, white cedar and more than 50 rare plants and flowers. Great spring wildflowers and fall foliage are just some of the sights hikers will observe on their way through the "Wilderness."

5. Shoemaker Preserve Trail

This 1 1/2-mile trail concludes with a loop. Hikers visiting Shoemaker will observe geological formations, dolomite cliffs, a variety of spring wildflowers and a large natural arch. One of Adams County's most scenic trails, it follows Cedar Fork, a tributary of Scioto Brush Creek, and is considered a moderate hike. Take Portsmouth Road east off State Route 32, turn on Pine Gap Road, trailhead is on right.

Please keep in mind that all trails are located in semi-wilderness areas and hikers will likely encounter sinkholes, cliffs, drop



Shoemaker Preserve Trail features geological formations, dolomite cliffs and a large natural arch.

offs, steep climbs and generally rough terrain. Please remember to keep children close when on the trails. Hike at your own risk.

For a complete list of hikes in Adams

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Events bring Amish, 'English' neighbors together



The Wheat Ridge Amish School Benefit Auction (above) features hand-crafted quilts (below) and furniture and a home-cooked Amish supper.

For more than 10 years the Wheat Ridge Amish School Benefit Auction and Supper has served to raise money for the four parochial schools now serving the Wheat Ridge Amish community in Adams County. The schools, similar to the one-room schoolhouses of days past, emphasize an education strong in the three "R's" — reading, writing and arithmetic.

Unlike schools attended by the "English," as the Amish refer to non-Amish people, Amish schools in Adams County are not supported by local taxes but instead are funded by the Amish community through tuition fees or stipends that each Amish household pays depending on the number of family members that occupy each residence.

The Amish schools are also supported by local fundraising events held throughout the year on Wheat Ridge.

On the Saturday before Labor Day, Miller's Bakery and Furniture at 960



Wheat Ridge Road, West Union, will host its annual Amish School Benefit Cookout, now in its 15th year. Patrons will be treated to hamburgers, hot dogs, homemade pie and ice cream, soft drinks and coffee, with proceeds going to the local Amish schools.

Another festive event is the Amish School Benefit Auction and Supper, held twice a year on the first Friday in May and the last Friday in September, open to the public. Handmade Amish quilts, furniture, food,

Amish School Benefit Auctions

When: May 4 and Sept. 28

Where: Wheat Ridge Community Building, 3735 Wheat Ridge Road, West Union, OH 45693

Supper: 4 p.m.

Auction begins: 5 p.m.

Information: Ridgeway Lumber, (937) 544-7566

baked goods and services are just a sample of the large selection of items available to the highest bidder. Attendees will be able to bid on locally made Amish buggies, barbecued chicken dinners, plants and flowers, Amish-made home decorations and carpenter services. Local families will also put up for bid a home-cooked meal for anywhere from five to 10 guests, all in an effort to raise money for the schools.

Quilts can go for anywhere from \$500



Amish Business Directory

The Wheat Ridge Amish community offers many shops and services, including furniture, dry goods stores, bakeries, builders and craftsmen. All Amish businesses are closed Sundays.

Brush Creek Meats Deer Processing: Deer season only, 1423 Wheat Ridge Road, West Union, (937) 544-2592.

Hillcrest Fencing: 2260 Bailey Road, Peebles, (937) 386-9990.

Hillside Birds Nest, Fabric & Books: Monday-Saturday, 35 Port Road, West Union, (937) 544-9983.

Hilltop Cabinet: 1553 Tater Ridge Road, West Union, (937) 387-1908.

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Keim Family Market: 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays, 2621 Burnt Cabin Road, Seaman, (937) 386-9995.

Miller's Furniture: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 960 Wheat Ridge Road, West Union, (937) 544-8524.

Miller's Bakery & Gifts: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 954 Wheat Ridge Road, West Union, (937) 544-4520.

Miller's Bulk Foods: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 930 Wheat Ridge Road, West Union, (937) 544-8449.

Miller's Small Engine Repair & Sales: 620 Wheat Ridge Road, West Union, (937) 544-7831.

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Raber's Shoes & Saddlery: 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Fridays, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays, closed Thursdays, 5212 Unity Road, Peebles, (937) 386-9927.

Schlabach Construction: 1999 Wheat Ridge Road, West Union, (937) 544-3694.

Stutzman's Woodworking: 5338 Unity Road, Peebles, (937) 386-1288.

Wheat Ridge Home & Energy: 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, 2965 Wheat Ridge Road, West Union, (937) 544-0898.

to \$1,500; furniture and other donated Amish products are put up for a lively bidding session that is both energetic and entertaining to watch. In addition to

raising money for schools, the auction also serves as a community social event where the "English" and Amish gather to meet and renew old friendships and

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Vintage record players (above) and sewing machines (right) are just two of the unique antiques found in the numerous Adams County shops.



Shopping for Antiques

As It Was In The Beginning Antiques features furniture, collectibles, glassware and linens, plus custom rug weaving is available.

Open 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Thursday through Saturday; other times by chance or appointment. 4192 Unity Road, West Union. (937) 544-2867.

Barn Sale Antiques specializes in grinding wheels, antique machinery, furniture, country collectibles, potbelly stoves and much more.

Open most days. 817 Tater Ridge Road, West Union. (937) 544-8252.

Carriage Lane Antiques offers antiques, collectibles, glassware, home decor, unique country, festive seasonal accents, a huge selection of A.I. Root Candle & accessories, plus crafts and gifts.

Open 11 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday or by chance or appointment. 180 Werline Lane, West Union. (937) 549-4530.

Cherry Fork Trading Post is a hard shop to find, but it's one-of-a-kind in terms of unusual items.

"One definition of antique came about through legislation. In 1930 the United States government ruled objects had to be 100 years old to be classified as an antique."

— Carol Ward, proprietor of As It Was In The Beginning Antiques

Open usually on weekends. Located in downtown Cherry Fork on State Route 136.

Granny's Place features wallpaper, locally made furniture, quilt squares, primitives and antiques items, Adams County memorabilia and local crafts.

Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday through Saturday, evenings by appointment. 2586 Burnt Cabin Road, Seaman. (937) 386-1890.

Main Street Antique Mall has a little bit of everything, from antique furniture to primitives.

Open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday. 31 N. Main St., Peebles. (937) 587-3786.

The Panhandler is a country store with

a wide variety of primitives, antiques and handcrafted items, many by local crafters.

Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. 632A Panhandle Ave. (State Route 125), West Union. (937) 544-3491.

Peebles Flower Shop & Antiques specializes in depression-era glassware and country items but offers everything from small antiques and antique furniture to cut flowers and planters.

Open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday. 25905 State Route 41, Peebles. (937) 587-3044.

The Olde Homestead has homemade items for sale plus antiques, primitives, candles, curtains, wallpaper and more. Located in the heart of Adams County Amish County on Wheat Ridge Road.

Open 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. 3011 Wheat Ridge Road, West Union.

Rooster Nest B&B and Antiques features a variety of antique furniture and hard-to-find items.

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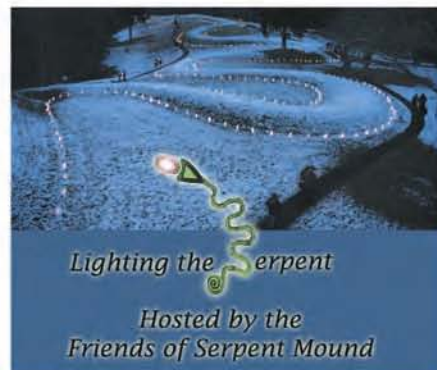
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LEFT: Serpent Mound museum. ABOVE: More than 900 candles are lit outlining the serpent effigy to celebrate Winter Solstice each year.

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INFORMATION

Hours: Grounds open every day from sunrise to sunset.

Location: 3850 State Route 73, Peebles.

Parking: \$7 per car.

Phone: (937) 587-2796

Website: www.arcofappalachia.org

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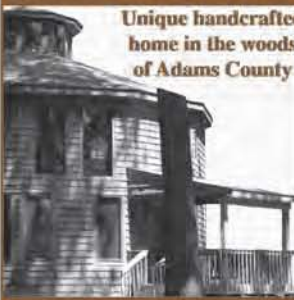
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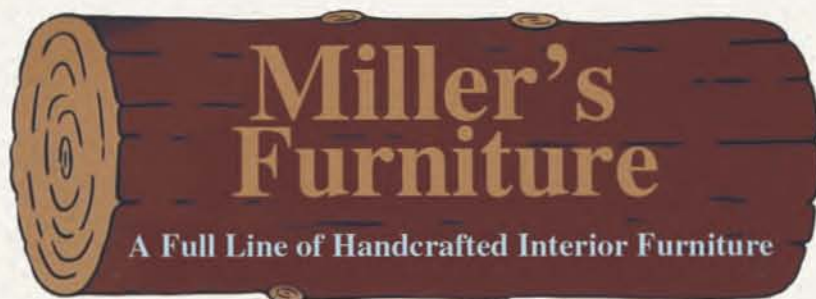
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