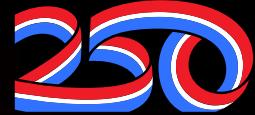


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While there are many reasons to visit Marietta and Washington County that have nothing to do with history, this milestone year offers a rare opportunity to place it front and center. As the nation marks America's 250th anniversary, we chose to honor the stories that helped shape both our community and the country itself. To lead that effort, we turned to Scott Britton - local historian and Executive Director of The Castle Museum - who devoted countless hours to researching and writing the stories found throughout this special edition of our Visitor Guide. We challenged Scott to explore how this area, as the First Settlement in the Northwest Territory, contributed to America's success. We hope you enjoy this special edition and that it inspires you to explore Ohio's First Adventure in person.



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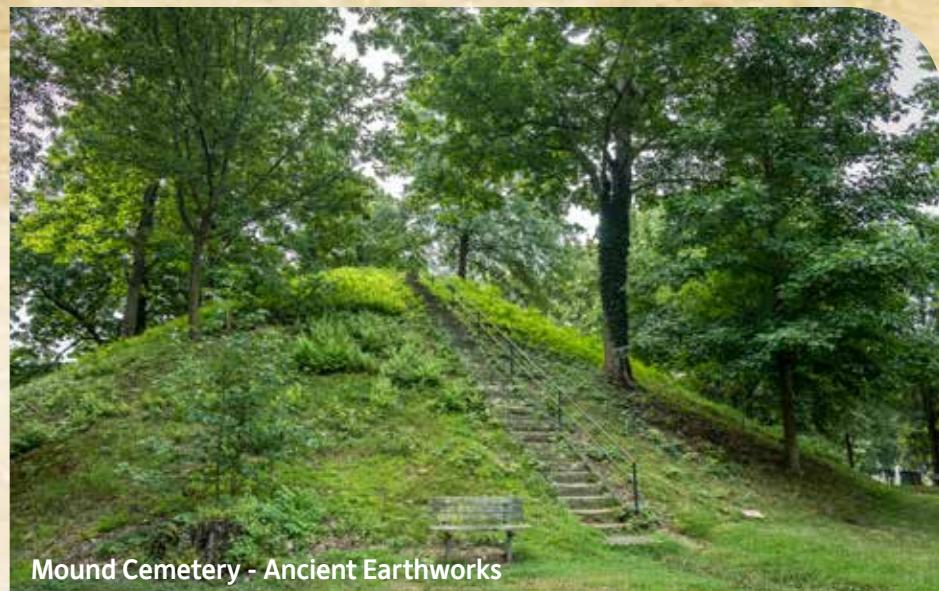
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Across the nation this year, there will be celebrations and commemorations of every kind to mark 250 years of American independence. Here in Washington County, Ohio, we will be conducting a wide array of events not just to honor those who fought and died for our freedoms in the Revolutionary War, but to celebrate the rich legacy of those who shaped our area's history.

It is that word "legacy" that continues to draw visitors to our region and is such a source of pride for our residents. The beauty of our rivers and rural scenery, our impactful local history, our founders and their accomplishments – all of these contribute to an American story that we love to share with others. This year is not just a time to explore the legacy of the Declaration of Independence and our Founding Fathers, but the legacy of the people who came both before and after the Revolution. Marietta and Washington County not only have deep connections to our country's birth, but also amazing connections to historical events and individuals that shaped the generations that followed. We hope you will join us in rediscovering those stories in this special year to celebrate America's 250th birthday.

Our history does not just begin here with the landing of 48 pioneers on the banks of the Ohio River on April 7, 1788. Archaeological excavations have uncovered prehistoric pottery, stone tools, flint projectile points, and other artifacts from Native American cultures that inhabited and hunted in our region for thousands of years before the arrival of Euro-American settlers. Evidence of these first inhabitants can still be seen in the mounds and earthworks constructed by the Adena and Hopewell cultures in our region. Fortunately, Marietta's early pioneers, several of whom were former Revolutionary War veterans, had the foresight to set



Mound Cemetery - Ancient Earthworks

aside and preserve some of these ancient earthworks. This act represented one of the first instances of a government entity doing so in America.

Many of the people who came to our county were drawn here by the Ohio River and its tributaries. Formed by the Allegheny and Monongahela Rivers at Pittsburgh, the Ohio River's name originates from the Iroquois word, "O-Y-O," meaning "the great river". The future site of Marietta would be located at the mouth of one of those major tributaries, the Muskingum River. One of the first colonial Americans to explore the Ohio Country, a Baltimore native named Christopher Gist, explained the origin of the word, Muskingum, in his 1750 journal. He stated "the Delawares say the elks were so plenty [sic] on the river and so tame the Indians could come so near as to see into their eyes, so they called the river "Mooskingung" or "Elk's Eye". Those two rivers continue to play a vital role in our economy, while visitors continue to enjoy all of the recreational activities that these waterways have to offer.

In 1749, 235 French explorers and their Native American guides under Celoron de Blainville traveled down the beautiful Ohio, stopping at the mouth of the Muskingum

River. After conducting a mass, a lead tablet was placed at the site, claiming the Ohio River and of all the lands on both sides of the Muskingum River, up to its source, for France. Early pioneer children would discover that tablet in 1798 and immediately begin cutting off chunks of it. When some adults spotted the youth melting down lead pieces to make bullets, they quickly realized the importance of the foreign script. The tablet would be translated and sent to Massachusetts for scholars to examine and uncover the rest of the story. Despite repeated attempts to bring it back to Marietta, it still remains there today. A marker on Gilman Street in Harmar displays the wording on the origin buried plaque. The marker was donated by the French government in 1938 to commemorate the original plaque and to honor the World War I volunteers of the Marietta College Ambulance Corps that landed in France three weeks before the first American troops arrived. Financed by Marietta native, Beman Dawes, Sr. (founder of the Pure Oil Company), and others, these students drove ambulances to evacuate wounded French and British soldiers from the trenches and carried ammunition and supplies back to the front.

The first Colonial Americans

to set foot on Marietta's shores were part of America's very small standing army. On October 25, 1785, General Josiah Harmar sent part of his command (the First American Regiment) from Fort McIntosh (present-day Beaver, PA) to the location where the French had previously left their lead land claim tablet at the outlet of the Muskingum. Commanded by Major John Doughty, 150 soldiers began construction in November and quickly completed some temporary barracks. They would finally finish a pentagon-shaped fort about four months later on February 8, 1786, about a month before the Ohio Company of Associates would officially meet for the first time to form their land company. Ironically, the fort was built to protect the indigenous population from squatters (illegal settlers) before land treaties could be made with the tribes who inhabited the Ohio Country. Fort Harmar would be the site of a treaty concluded in January 1789 between Northwest Territory Governor General Arthur St. Clair and several Native American tribes.

Fort Harmar, with its strategic location, was the main reason for the selection of the first permanent settlement in the Northwest Territory at Marietta. To understand the origins of that process and those who would settle here, we must explore the stories of the

Revolutionary War. A large number of early settlers either served in the Revolution or were the children and grandchildren of those patriots. As a result, there are few, if any, battles or events of that conflict that don't have a local tie. From the Boston Tea Party to the Battle of Yorktown, Washington Countians are connected to most of the war's greatest events.

One of the earliest seeds of revolution were planted during a little-known event called the "Gaspee Affair". Fed up with constant harassment and extortion by the crew of the British revenue cutter HMS *Gaspee*, the seafaring population of Providence, Rhode Island took action against King George's Royal Navy. On June 9, 1772, the *Gaspee* chased a small boat, the *Hannah*, into the shallow waters of Narragansett Bay, running aground before it could board her for inspection. Seeing their town's nemesis now stranded before them, approximately 80 men, including 6 future members of the Ohio Company, rowed out under cover of darkness to board the ship by force, wounding commanding officer Lieutenant William Duddingston in the process. The first armed insurrections against the Crown would be led by the early Marietta settler, Commodore Abraham Whipple. Whipple would go on to have a remarkable war record, being the first to fire on a British ship at sea

as well as serving as the commander of the first ship (*Katy*) purchased by the colonial government to begin the US Navy. He would also help lead the first joint Navy-Marine expedition on foreign soil when the supply depot in Nassau (Bahamas) was captured, bringing vital cannons, munitions and powder back to New England to join the fight. Namesake of our local town, Whipple went to sea one final time in 1801 aboard a Marietta built three masted sailing brig, the *St. Clair*. His trip down the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers to New Orleans, then to Cuba, and Philadelphia of over 2,000 miles, opened new trade routes for Washington County farmers and merchants.

Many will recall reading the Longfellow poem, *Paul Revere's Ride*. However, the man who first received the vital message to be delivered to patriot leaders John Hancock and Samuel Adams in Lexington, was not Revere, but a rider named William Dawes, Jr. Riding south down the Boston Neck, Dawes made his way past the British checkpoint, riding via Cambridge to get the word out that the British army was on the move. Worried that Dawes might be stopped or captured, Revere was sent in the opposite direction, north across Charleston Harbor, meeting Dawes in Lexington. The two men were joined by a third rider, Dr. Samuel Prescott,



Revolutionary War Reenactors

who would be successful in raising the alarm to the militias in and around Concord. Dawes' great-grandson, Civil War General Rufus Dawes (private home on 4th Street in Marietta) carried forth his legacy. Rufus would famously lead the 6th Wisconsin Infantry of the Iron Brigade in some of the Civil War's greatest battles – Gettysburg, Antietam, and many others. Rufus' oldest son Charles, born in the parlor of The Betsey Mills Club (300 4th Street), would become Vice President under Calvin Coolidge, win the Nobel Peace Prize, and compose the music for the song, "It's All in The Game", covered by Nat King Cole, the Four Tops, and over 300 others.

Many of our area's settlers were among the first to take up arms in the struggle for independence. The first shots of the Revolution occurred on Lexington Green, just across the street from the boyhood home of Captain Josiah Munro. In that engagement, 25 of the militiamen who faced off against the British that morning, including their leader Captain John Parker (Josiah's uncle) were relatives of our Marietta founder. Josiah served on General Lafayette's staff during the war and later as postmaster in Marietta. Munro's grave, along with those of 36 others who fought in the Revolution, can be found in our historic Mound Cemetery and is a popular destination for visitors.

One of the most inspiring founders, particularly for visitors with younger children, is Major Anselm Tupper. The son of General Benjamin Tupper of Chesterfield, Massachusetts, Anselm, aged 11 years and 6 months, joined his father's company following the Lexington Alarm. After initially serving on his father's staff, he would participate in Washington's famous crossing of the Delaware River and subsequent attacks on the Hessians at Trenton and Princeton as well at age 13. At age 14, he fought in the sweltering heat at Monmouth. His actions



Tupper Grave in Mound Cemetery

and capabilities were so impressive that he received an officer's commission at age 16. When the militia was formed in Marietta to protect the community from potential Native American attack, who did some of the great leaders of the late war trust with their own lives and those of their families? A 24-year-old surveyor with eight years of military experience, Anselm Tupper. Tupper also started and taught the first school in the Northwest Territory, held in the northwest blockhouse of the Campus Martius stockade.

Many other early settlers contributed pivotal roles in the American freedom story. The highest-ranking army officer to settle here was Major General Samuel Holden Parsons. Parsons would be President of the court-martial and subsequent execution of Private Thomas Hickey, one of General Washington's most trusted Life Guards, for "mutiny, sedition, and treachery." Historians still debate whether the plot also involved the kidnapping or even the murder of his commander. Later, Parsons selected his brother-in-law, Ser-

geant Ezra Lee, to pilot the Turtle in the first submarine attack in history against the HMS Eagle in New York Harbor. Later in the war, Parsons was a member of the court-martial and execution of British spymaster, Major John André, as part of the Benedict Arnold treason plot. One of the founders of the Rainbow community (named for the bend in the Muskingum River near Lowell), Private Simeon Wright, would make a report from his spy boat detailing General Arnold being evacuated by the British aboard the HMS Vulture, helping to uncover details in that famous event at West Point, New York.

Although rarely discussed in our Revolutionary War stories, there were three serious mutinies in Washington's army that threatened the war's ultimate outcome. Colonel Return Jonathan Meigs, Sr., would put down the mutiny of Connecticut troops in 1780, and would lead the oxen team overland from Pittsburgh to start the settlement of Marietta. Our county's first sheriff, Colonel Ebenezer Sproat, marched troops through a raging blizzard to forcibly end the

Pompton Mutiny of New Jersey troops in January 1781, resulting in the execution of two of its ring-leaders. The third, the Newburgh Conspiracy, involved officers posted in New York about 17 months after the British surrendered at Yorktown. They threatened to disband before the final treaty with Britain was signed because of years of little or no pay, putting all that they had fought for in jeopardy. When Washington personally addressed the potential mutineers to end all thoughts of going home before ultimate victory, the underlying issues still needed to be resolved. The solution was provided in the form of land in exchange for their service. This would lead to the Ohio Company of Associates, with hundreds of officers and soldiers moving here or selling their land to support their families. Rufus, cousin of General Israel Putnam of Bunker Hill fame, would lead the 48 pioneers (including Sproat and Meigs) who landed near the mouth of the Muskingum on April 7, 1788, to begin the first settlement that was not part of the original 13 colonies.

Those who followed the pioneers and patriot leaders to Ohio built on that extraordinary legacy. Six Ohio governors would call this

place home, including Colonel Meigs' son, whose house on Front Street (private residence) has been preserved. John Brough would personally witness Lincoln's Gettysburg Address as governor-elect. C. William O'Neill would also become governor, Speaker of the Ohio House, and Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, leading all three branches of state government. Long-time civil leader, Marietta mayor, and former Ohio governor, Nancy (Putnam) Hollister, is a descendant of General Israel Putnam. She still holds the distinction of being Ohio's only female governor.

Visitors to Marietta's city hall can read the story of Charlotte Scott, a formerly enslaved housekeeper who lived nearby and, upon hearing of Lincoln's death, gave \$5 to a local minister with instructions that it be used to memorialize the late President. It would lead to the creation of the Emancipation Memorial in Washington, DC. On the front lines of the Underground Railroad movement, visitors can explore many sites throughout the county that reveal the routes and stations of that network, as well as the stories of hundreds of soldiers who sacrificed their lives and their



First Congregational Church

futures for the freedom of others. A large Civil War monument, with captured cannons from the Tredegar Iron Works in Richmond, commemorates those fallen heroes in Muskingum Park. Across the street, be sure to check out the lighted towers of the First Congregational Church (aka "The Church of the Pioneers"), which is also celebrating its 230th anniversary this year. These towers are lit for the World War II pilot who nearly broke the sound barrier in his P-47 fighter, Captain Roger Dyer, who lost his life in the conflict and is buried at Normandy.

After completing what would be his final book, *The Pioneers: The Heroic Story of the Settlers Who Brought the American Ideal West*, Pulitzer Prize-winning author and historian David McCullough returned to Marietta in 2019. In a public address, he recounted some of the stories he discovered about our town and county's founders and their important connections to our nation's history. He reminded us how we all best relate to history – through stories that connect our own personal experiences to those of the past. In other speeches McCullough gave throughout his life, he said about history, "It's not about dates...and quotations. All of that you (can) look up in



Meigs House

a book. History is about people. History is human. You have to get to know the people...Put yourself in their shoes and remember that none of them knew how it was going to come out any more than we know how it's going to come out in our time". He also added, "The more you know them, the better you know them, the more



David McCullough

you realize how extraordinary what they did is because they were so human. They had flaws and failings and had moments with gloom and despair just like all of us, and yet they kept going". It is those triumphs, tragedies, and shortcomings in living up to the ideals that they aspired to create in the Declaration of Independence and the Northwest Ordinance of 1787 that draw us into their stories. Like them, we celebrate our successes and strive to be better when we fail to treat others as we should.

As you visit our area, we hope you will remember Mr. McCullough's thoughtful sentiments and experience for yourselves the same sense of history he described. Get to know our residents who still carry on the incredible legacy of Washington Countians from past generations. Discover our local stories and how they can relate to your own life story. And

most of all, let us know how we can help you create lasting memories and new adventures for you and your family.

The stories related throughout the visitor guide, including those before each section of this publication, are just a few of many waiting to be discovered during your trip. We encourage you to check out our trolley tours, historical museums and attractions, and everything else we have to offer. Learn firsthand why Marietta was named Newsweek's #1 Best Historical Small Town in America in 2025 and why we believe that visits to the other towns and beautiful countrysides throughout our county should be on everyone's bucket list for 2026. Whether it's your first time here, your first time back, or you have been here your whole life, welcome home to Marietta and Washington County, Ohio!

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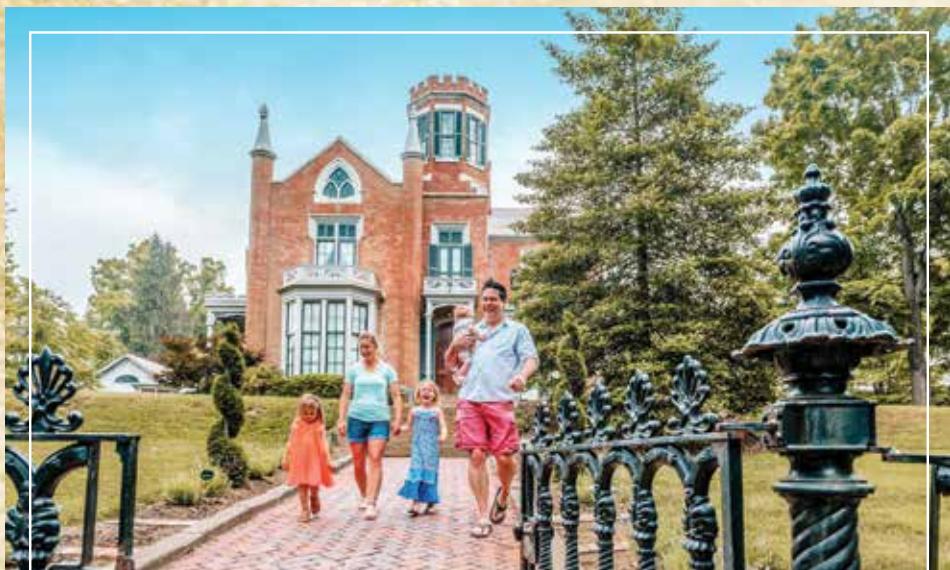
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VALLEY GEM STERNWHEELER

740-373-7862 | valleygemsternwheeler.com
601 Front Street, Marietta, Ohio 45750
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WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

740-373-1788 | wchshistory.org
346 Muskingum Drive, Marietta, Ohio 45750
Washington County Historical Society is a multi-faceted organization. The Henry Fearing House and The Anchorage, both listed on the National Register of Historic Places are available for tours. The Archives holds Washington County records on cemeteries/burial locations, obituaries, and maps, historical photographs and documents on a variety of local history topics. WCHS publishes The Tallow Light, a quarterly journal on local history.

Beverly Area

OLIVER TUCKER MUSEUM/LOWER MUSKINGUM HISTORICAL SOCIETY
740-525-5014 | olivertuckermuseum.com
401 5th Street #732, Beverly, Ohio 45715

The Oliver Tucker Museum is a museum, that is small on the outside, big on the inside. It's filled with local historical items waiting for you to discover and enjoy. Saturday and Sunday 1-4 p.m. or by appointment year-round.

THE WILDS

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

The Wilds is home to rare and endangered animals from around the world. Guided safari tours bring you up close to the animals at this 10,000-acre adventure park. Normal hours of operation are 10 AM. to 4 PM every day from May through September, and on Saturdays and Sundays in October.

Matamoras Area

MATAMORAS AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM

740-895-3040
200 Main Street, New Matamoras, Ohio 45767

A non-profit organization dedicated to recording and preserving the history of the Matamoras area for future generations. By appointment only.

WAYNE NATIONAL FOREST

740-373-9055 | fs.usda.gov/wayne
27750 State Route 7, Marietta, OH 45750

The Marietta unit of the Wayne NF is especially known for its abundant and spectacular overviews of the Ohio River.

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Ohio Valley Opry

Belpre Area

BELPRE HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND FARMERS CASTLE MUSEUM

740-423-7588 | Find us on Facebook!
509 Ridge St, Belpre, Ohio 45714

The Farmers Castle Museum operated by the Belpre Historical Society featuring the Underground Railroad gallery and genealogical research center. Year Round Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays, 1-4 PM. or by appointment.

BELPRE HOLIDAY LIGHTS

Civitan Park, Belpre Ohio

Don't miss the wonder of the Belpre Holiday Lights in Civitan Park where you'll find hand-crafted displays and thousands upon thousands of lights to enjoy from November 25th through January 3rd.

BOARD STATE NATURE PRESERVE

245 Fall Run Rd, Cutler, OH 45724

Board State Nature Preserve contains one of the best examples of a hemlock ravine in Washington County. Falls Run cuts through a massive layer of Permian-age sandstone to form the heart of this preserve which is an eastern hemlock-shrouded stream gorge about 60-80 feet deep highlighted by a picturesque waterfall. This .8 mile trail should be experienced several times a year to see the landscape in every season!

OHIO VALLEY OPRY

OhioValleyOpry.com

1948 Washington Boulevard, Belpre Ohio 45714

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Parkersburg Area

BLENNERHASSET HISTORICAL FOUNDATION (MUSEUM AND ISLAND)

304-420-4800 | blennerhassettsislandstatepark.com
137 Juliana Street, Parkersburg, WV 26101

Features reconstructed Blennerhassett Mansion and Putnam-Houser House, guided tours, concession stand, gift-shop, narrated wagon rides, hiking trails and picnic facilities. Open May-October via sternwheeler. Tuesday-Sunday 10-4:30 p.m.

DISCOVERY WORLD ON MARKET

681-588-5800 | www.dwonmarket.org
900 Market Street, Parkersburg WV 26101

Our mission is to create an environment for children and the community that exercises curiosity, promotes exploration, and develops imagination through hands-on learning experiences. Our vision is Discovery World on Market will be the regional STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) destination that provides children and their families one-of-a-kind hands-on experiences that are accessible to all.

OIL AND GAS MUSEUM

304-485-5446 | Oilandgasmuseum.org

119 3rd Street Parkersburg, WV 26101

This nationally recognized museum presents the intriguing history of the oil and gas industry, including how the accumulation of wealth from oil impacted West Virginia's statehood. Also expanded displays on the Civil War and local industries. Monday - Friday 11AM-5 PM Saturday-Sunday 12-5PM

HOLIDAY IN THE PARK

Parkersburg City Park

304-481-8049

Parkersburg, West Virginia 26102

Drive through a holiday light display at Parkersburg City Park, decorated in celebration of the season with colorful animated and still holiday light displays. Free admission, but donations appreciated.

Farm and flowers

HIDDEN HILLS ORCHARD

740-376-9170 | hiddenhillsorchard.com

5680 State Route 26 Marietta, Ohio 45750

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RIVER CITY FARMERS MARKET

740-516-6253 | therivercityfarmersmarket.com
200 Butler Street, Marietta Ohio 45750

Promoting healthy living by offering local fresh produce, meats, milk and more. We also have baked goods and award winning crafts available. Saturdays year-round 9am-noon.

STACY FAMILY FARM

740-374-2371 | stacyfarm.com
27515 State Route 7, Marietta, Ohio 45750

A locally owned family farm in Reno, providing the MOV with the freshest fruits and vegetables. Visitors can enjoy U-Pick strawberries, blueberries, red, black, and gold raspberries, and pre-picked asparagus while in season. Be sure to stop by for our fall U-Pick pumpkins, sunflowers, corn maze, wagon ride, play area, and more! Follow us on Facebook.

SWEETAPPLE FARM

740-678-7447 | sweetapplefarm.com
149 Sweetapple Road, Vincent, Ohio 45784

Kids of all ages can experience the farm by playing the corn maze games, taking a hayride, experiencing the nursery rhyme garden, and seeing the animals. Public weekends from mid-September through the next to last weekend in October. Wedding weekends July through early September. Grass Fed beef, whole hog sausage, and farm fresh eggs are available year round.

WILDRONT FLOWER CO

740-214-6006 | Wildrootflowerco.com
315 Forshey Road, Marietta, Ohio 45750

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414 Muskingum Drive Marietta, Ohio 45750

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Chef Tommy, Levee House Bistro

Marietta Area

AUSTYN'S

740-374-8188 | austyns.com

130 Front Street Marietta, Ohio 45750

Austyn's Restaurant has won the hearts and appetites of local as well as visiting diners by offering an inviting atmosphere. They offer a "different-than-the-norm" menu, as well as a wide selection of wines, beers and cocktails. At Austyn's the wine and drink menus are as diverse as the food.

BLACK DIAMOND BREWERY AND DISTILLERY

740-371-7118

blackdiamondbreweryanddistillery.com

167 Front Street, Marietta Ohio 45750

Black Diamond Brewery & Distillery in Marietta offers handcrafted small-batch spirits and a full restaurant experience. Enjoy expertly crafted whiskey, vodka, and flagstaff beers alongside delicious meals in a warm, inviting atmosphere. A local favorite for great food, signature cocktails, and Appalachian-inspired craftsmanship.

BUSY BEE RESTAURANT LLC

740-373-3755 | busybeerrestaurant.com

226 Gilman Ave, Marietta, OH 45750

At the Busy Bee, our focus is on local Farm to Fork dining. We utilize fresh local meats, farm fresh eggs, fruit and produce from numerous local farmers. We do our best to provide the highest quality scratch breakfast and lunch in the valley!

DA VINCI'S

304-375-3633 | villadavinci.com

215 Highland Avenue, Williamstown, West Virginia. 26187

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DENNY'S

740-374-6221 | www.dennys.com

700 Pike Street, Marietta, OH 45750

Denny's Marietta serves classic American comfort food all day in a warm, family-friendly diner near I-77 and historic Marietta attractions. Travelers and locals enjoy fast service, hearty breakfasts, and reliable meals anytime. Military and AARP discounts are available, making it a welcoming and affordable stop for every guest.

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740-374-0025 | doughboyzohiovalley.com

4780 St. Rt. 60, Marietta, Ohio 45750

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JEREMIAH'S COFFEE HOUSE

740-374-2639 | jeremiascoffeehouse.com

165 Front Street, Marietta, Ohio 45750

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LAFAYETTE HOTEL

(740) 373-5522 | lafayettehotel.com

101 Front St, Marietta, OH 45750

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740-371-7035 | leveehousebistro.com

127 Ohio Street, Marietta, Ohio 45750

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740-373-4000 | moonpizza.net

170 Front Street, Marietta, Ohio 45750

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SMITTY'S PIZZA

740-374-2280 | smittyspizzaohio.com

500 Front Street, Marietta Ohio 45750

We offer pizza, subs, salads, wings, home-made pies, ice cream cookies, Ben & Jerry Pints and Graeters pints. We also offer eat in, take-out and delivery.

CONE AND SHAKE AT THE OASIS

740-371-7117

[https://coneandshakeattheoasis.square.site](http://coneandshakeattheoasis.square.site)

219 Pike Street, Marietta Ohio 45750

The Cone and Shake at The Oasis on Pike Street offers classic soft-serve treats, hand-spun milkshakes, sundaes, and seasonal favorites. A local go-to for families, it delivers friendly service, delicious lunch and dinner options and desserts that make every visit a sweet stop in Marietta.

THE BUTCHER BLOCK AT THE DIVA SISTERS HOLIDAY SHOP

740-780-4016

[Facebook/thebutcherblockatthedivasisters](http://thebutcherblockatthedivasisters)

2100 Washington Blvd, Belpre, OH

The Butcher Block is Belpre's go-to spot for fresh, high-quality Troyer Amish meats and cheese, delicious deli sandwiches, and homemade baked goods. Enjoy friendly small-town service while you shop a variety of daily specials, hot lunches and take-home favorites. Perfect for quick meals, weekend gatherings, and stocking your kitchen with the best.

WILKY'S MARKET

(740) 371-7087

200 Front Street, Marietta Ohio 45750

Wilky's Market is a fresh, welcoming spot on Front Street offering convenient grab-and-go items, delicious lunches, and a well-rounded selection of everyday essentials. With locally sourced products, quality coffee, gluten-free options, and cozy outdoor seating, it's a comfortable, community-minded stop for both locals and visitors looking for quick meals and thoughtful market goods.

SPAGNA'S

740-376-9245 | Find us on Facebook!

301 Gilman Avenue, Marietta, Ohio 45750

Spagna's is located on the ground floor of the West Side's oldest building. Built in 1848 as the Odd Fellows Hall, at one time, the main dining room was a barber shop. You can still see the old wooden barber poles at the street entrance. The bar in the restaurant is custom made out of old wooden doors. The bar back unit at one time was located in Murphy's Supper Club in the 1930's. Spagna's menu consists of family recipes from Southern Italian cuisine.



STOKED COFFEE

740-568-9955 | stokedcoffee.com
302 Pike Street, Marietta, Ohio 45750

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740-374-8623 | tampicomexicanrestaurant.com
221 Second Street, Marietta, Ohio. 45750

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740-374-8278 | thegalleymarietta.com

203 Second Street, Marietta, Ohio 45750

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740-374-4333 | theoriginalpizzaplace.com

231 Second Street, Marietta, Ohio. 45750

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WARREN'S IGA

740-373-1518 | warrensiga.com

402 Muskingum Drive, Marietta, Ohio 45750

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740-371-5085 | whitscustard.com

335 Second Street, Marietta, Ohio 45750

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WILKY'S SPORTS BAR

740 374-3007 | wilky'sbar.com

10 Tiber Way Marietta, Ohio. 45750

Wilky's Sports Bar is known for their friendly atmosphere with great food, cold drinks, and live entertainment. Enjoy their great menu with daily specials, sports on their thirteen big screens, and fun events. Open daily for lunch, dinner, and late-night vibes. Named "new business of the year" in 2024 by the MOV Chamber of Commerce and "business of the year" in 2025 by the Marietta Chamber of Commerce.

WILKY'S ON THE WATER

740 896 4028 | Wilky'sbar.com

860 Muskingum River Rd, Marietta OH 45750

WRANGLER TAVERN

740-585-2964 | Find us Facebook!
6675 SR 821, Whipple, Ohio 45788

Wrangler Tavern is a family-owned business established in 1984. The Wrangler has an outdoor beer garden that can seat up to 200 people for live music. They strive to serve the best barbecue in town and they have a wide variety of alcoholic beverages. The Wrangler has 3 Predator Pool tables, flat screen tv's, and so much more! Relaxed country settings. Hidden gem outside of Marietta.

Beverly Area

THE CORNERSTONE INN RESTAURANT

740-984-0011 | cornerstone-inn.com

201 5th Street Beverly, Ohio 45715

The concept of the Cornerstone Inn is the design from divine inspiration to recreate the tradition of The Table... where you will be welcomed with a smile, served with joy, and fed with blessed food... all with love from a mother's heart.

LISA'S SWEET STOP

740-984-4877 | lisassweets.com

212 Fifth Street Beverly, Ohio 45715

Lisa's Sweet Stop offers an exceptional quality product with the finest ingredients available in a unique setting not like any in the area. With a large variety of offerings to choose from like gourmet cakes and cupcakes, brownies, and their famous pepperoni rolls, you're sure to find plenty to satisfy your sweet tooth. Their excellent customer service is what will keep you coming back.

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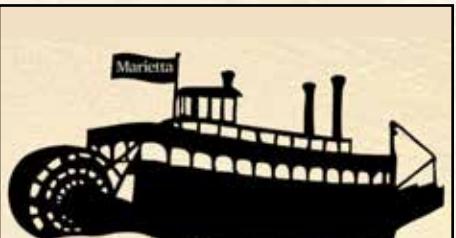



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Retail Therapy

UNCOVER TREASURES IN OHIO'S FIRST ADVENTURE



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Sylvi Caporale, American Flags & Poles

Marietta Area

ALL PRO NUTRITION

740-373-6991 | [Find us on Facebook!](#)

252 Front Street, Marietta, Ohio 45750

All pro offers fruit smoothies, protein shakes, organic coffee, organic juice and more.

AMERICAN FLAGS AND POLES

740-373-4262

276 Front Street, Marietta, Ohio. 45750

American Flags and Poles is a beloved, locally owned retail shop in Marietta. The store opened for business in September of 1995. Owner Sylvi Caporale and her team strive to provide exceptional customer service, the highest quality products, and an overall great experience for everyone who walks through the door. Customers enjoy friendly store dogs, the sound of antique music boxes, and experiencing the shop's passion for supporting the local community here in southern Ohio.

ANTIQUE MALL OF MARIETTA

740-376-0038 | [antiquemallofmarietta.com](#)

135 Second Street, Marietta, Ohio. 45750

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740-373-7777 | [bakerNbaker.com](#)

105 Putnam Street, Marietta, Ohio 45750

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CLUTCH COLLECTIVE

740-525-5510 | [clutchcollectivemov.com](#)

152 Front Street, Marietta Ohio 45750

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DEAD PEOPLE'S STUFF

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740-434-5001 | [FirstCityRecordStore.com](#)

177 Front Street Marietta, Ohio 45750

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JUST A JAR DESIGN PRESS

503-853-6720 | [justajar.com](#)

208 Front Street, Marietta, Ohio 45750

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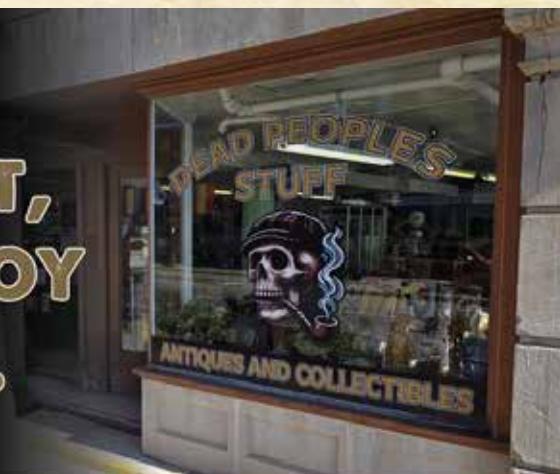
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RIVER CITY SPACES

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106 Front St, Marietta, OH 45750

A lovely downtown boutique on Front Street offering affordable, thoughtfully curated home décor and gifts. River City Spaces features artisan-made accents, seasonal décor, and unique treasures to add warmth and character to any home — ideal for gift-giving or elevating your own space.

SCHAFER LEATHER STORE, LLC

740-373-5101 | schaferleather.com

140 Front Street, Marietta, Ohio 45750

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328 Third Street, Marietta, Ohio 45750

At Third Street Music, you'll find a large variety of instruments, unusual for a small music store. We have guitars, banjos, basses, violins, mandolins, keyboards, ukuleles, school band instruments, and supplies. We have new and used, works of local craftsmen and items from bygone eras. We do restrings, repairs, rentals, lessons, sound systems, estates, and special orders.

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740-371-7171 | [Find us on Facebook!](#)

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Threadz boutique is a unique shop offering ladies clothing, accessories, and gift ideas located in the heart of downtown! Life is beautiful, make every outfit count!

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740-568-9701 | welovpets.com

450 Pike Street, Marietta, Ohio 45750

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224 Putnam Street, Marietta, Ohio, 45750

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Outside the City

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2242 Williams Hwy., #108, Williamstown, West Virginia 26187

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50th Annual Ohio River Sternwheel Festival

JOIN US ON SEPTEMBER 11-13TH



Get ready for the biggest and boldest Ohio River Sternwheel Festival yet as the Marietta riverfront comes alive in celebration of America 250. This iconic summer tradition is turning up the excitement with an electrifying atmosphere, phenomenal live entertainment, and a fireworks spectacular so massive it's set to rival the best shows in the country—all completely free to the public. From the moment the festival begins, visitors will feel the energy, pride, and anticipation building along the Ohio River. While organizers are saving some surprises for the big reveal, one thing is clear: this year's Ohio River Sternwheel Festival will be an unforgettable, can't-miss celebration packed with patriotic spirit and nonstop fun.

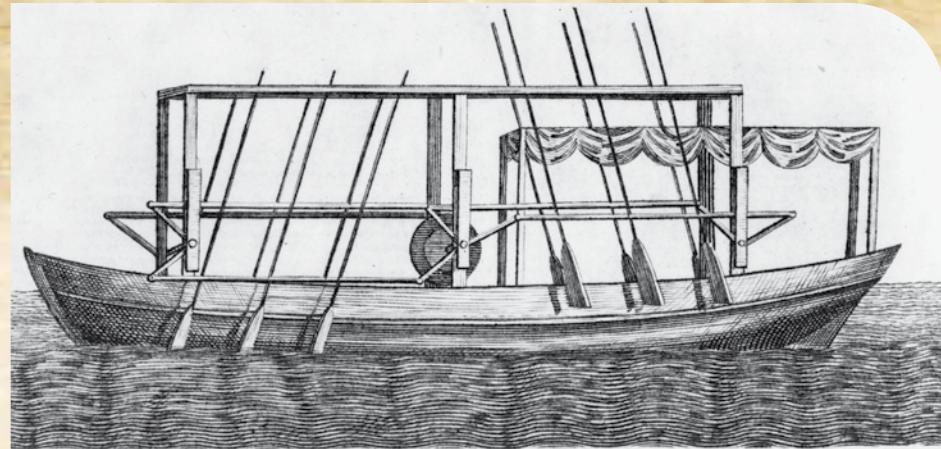


Ohio River Sternwheel Festival Boat Races

It Started Here: Marietta and the Birth of Steamboat Travel

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Ohio River Sternwheel Festival and the 239th anniversary of the first steamboat. Contrary to popular legend, Robert Fulton was not the inventor of the steamboat. Instead, it was John Fitch who was inspired by an incident that occurred at Marietta before the town was even founded. It is altogether fitting that this festival is held with the very island that inspired Fitch as its backdrop.

Fitch and several other men were engaged in a business venture to transport boats loaded with flour and other cargo down the Ohio River from Fort Pitt (Pittsburgh) to New Orleans. On the morning of March 20, 1782, as Fitch's boat approached what is present-day Marietta, his fully loaded boat ran aground on the point of an island (now called Buckley's Island), opposite the mouth of the Muskingum River. Despite all efforts to dislodge it, the boat remained stuck, forcing the crew to unload the cargo and refloat it near sunset. Exhausted,



Plan of Mr. Fitch's Steam Boat.

the boat was tied to a sapling on the island's bank with plans to reload in the morning.

When they awoke at sunrise, the party was attacked by members of the Delaware Nation, allies of the British during the American Revolution. Two of the crew were killed and nine others, including Fitch, were taken prisoner. Eventually released after months of captivity, Fitch returned to Philadelphia and reflected on mechanical methods specifically steam power—that could have dislodged the boat and prevented the tragedy. These ideas led to the construction of his steamboat, *Perseverance*,

which completed a successful trial run on the Delaware River on August 22, 1787, witnessed by delegates of the Continental Congress. Steamboats and sternwheelers would go on to transform America, opening inland waterways, accelerating trade and settlement, and helping unite a young nation—and it all began with events that unfolded right here in Marietta. Although Fulton's steamer *Clermont* would not be built until twenty years later, the rich history of steamboats is still celebrated today with Buckley's Island looming just behind the festival stage.



Annual Celebrations

JOIN THE CELEBRATION IN OHIO'S FIRST ADVENTURE



The first community celebration held in our area—Independence Day—will once again be marked this year with special events here and across the nation. In 1788, less than three months after the settlement of the Northwest Territory was completed at Marietta, Revolutionary War officers and soldiers organized a grand Fourth of July celebration. General James Mitchell Varnum, a former Continental Congressman and close supporter of George Washington, was selected as the day's speaker. He praised the patriotism, sacrifice, and virtue of those who fought for liberty and expressed hope that the soon-to-be-ratified Constitution would ensure that "every class of citizen will be equally protected by the laws." Confident in the nation's future, Varnum anticipated the "approaching greatness of this country" and the success of the new settlement. The day concluded with a community feast, thirteen toasts, music from drums, fifes, and violins, and a grand illumination of Fort Harmar. Today's celebrations continue that enduring legacy—join us as we honor the blessings of liberty earned by generations past.



Rivers, Trails and Ales Festival

BELPRE HOMECOMING FESTIVAL

This year the Belpre Homecoming Festival celebrates 94 years of parades, fireworks, and live entertainment. Held at the Belpre Civitan Park, the festival invites families to take part in food, helicopter rides, and an annual parade. Competitions range from pageants to kids' fishing derbies to antique tractor shows. After the main musical event, fireworks conclude the three day event on Saturday.

BEVERLY/WATERFORD HOMECOMING

The annual Beverly/Waterford Homecoming is a three-day event that has been a tradition for over 80 years!

Festival attendees can expect to find carnival rides, live entertainment from local musicians, antique tractor pulls, kiddie tractor pulls, games of chance, bingo, food booths and friendly smiles! This festival is Americana at its best and a perfect example of a fun night in a small town.

RIVER CITY BLUES FESTIVAL

Blues Jazz & Folk Music Society

740-376-0222 | bjfm.org

PO Box 2122 Marietta, Ohio 45750

Since 1987, the Mid Ohio Valley Blues, Jazz, and Folk Music Society has been hosting the River City Blues Festival.

Held at the historic Lafayette Hotel, the festival features the best in local, regional, and national blues artists and attracts music fans from all over the region.

Come and experience this two-day event in downtown Marietta and get your groove on!

FALL FEST

Attend Fall Fest 2026 and spend the day doing all your family's favorite fall activities! Hitch a wagon ride to the pumpkin patch to pick out your own pumpkin, learn the art of basket weaving or spoon carving, enjoy lunch from one of the concessionaires, watch a live demonstration on how apple cider is made, enjoy live music, browse the craft show, or head to the kids' area and petting zoo! Held at the Washington County Fairgrounds.

HARMAR DAYS FESTIVAL

July 25-27, 2025

Join the Historic Harmar Bridge Company for a weekend-long summer celebration in Harmar Village.

Experience a celebration of community with live bands on stage, food trucks, a beer garden, craft vendors, a kids zone complete with carnival games and inflatables, a Saturday morning car show, and general fun for everyone. Funds raised go to Save Harmar Bridge. www.saveharmarbridge.com

MARIETTA ICE FESTIVAL

The annual Marietta Ice Festival will take place this January with numerous ice sculptures made by Marietta local, Tyson Whistler of Whistler Ice Works. Each of the sculptures are sponsored by a local business or organization and are displayed in downtown Marietta for the event. Experience the skill it takes to complete the ice sculptures by watching a live demonstration on the Armory lawn. Explore downtown shops and restaurants, kids' activities, drink hot chocolate, and more.

OCTOBERFEST

Buell Island is home to a seven plus acre park located in the Village of Lowell, where Lowell Octoberfest takes place every year. The weekend festivities include live entertainment, flea market, beer garden, and a raffle of handmade items. The festival offers a variety of German food, including its crowd-favorite potato salad.

OHIO RIVER STERNWHEEL FESTIVAL

740-373-5178 | sternwheel.org

PO Box 2109 Marietta, Ohio 45750

A 50 year tradition, this weekend festival honors the era when Sternwheel boats transported goods on the Ohio River. Includes sternwheeler races, car show, children's activities, live entertainment all three days and the best fireworks in the land. Free to the public.

RIVERS, TRAILS & ALES

In August, discover why Marietta has become a leading destination for outdoor adventure. The Rivers, Trails and Ales Festival features a weekend of biking and paddling events for all ages and skill levels. Enthusiasts can participate in group rides and paddles, scavenger hunts, demos, and lessons. Cap off a day of outdoor activity with live music and craft ales from an outdoor beer garden and various downtown venues.

WASHINGTON COUNTY FAIRS

Washington County is home to three fairs which celebrate the county's rich agricultural history. The Washington County Fair is held in Marietta and takes place the week of Labor Day. A parade kicks off a week of demolition derbies, horse shows, and rides. Homemade noodles, pie, and lemon shakes are staples at the Waterford Community Fair each August. In Barlow, stroll under the beautiful covered bridge and into Ohio's oldest independent fair.

BEVERLY/WATERFORD SWEET CORN FESTIVAL

The Beverly-Waterford Sweet Corn Festival, held annually at Dodge Park in Beverly offers family fun with live entertainment, delicious sweet corn, and activities for all ages. Celebrate community spirit in this charming riverside village.



2026 Events

CATCH EVERY MOMENT IN OHIO'S FIRST ADVENTURE



Tracking time and the changing seasons has long been a human priority, a tradition that predates the region's first pioneer settlers.

When soldiers of the First American Regiment began building Fort Harmar in 1785, and when pioneers arrived in 1788, they did not realize that Marietta's landscape already contained a built-in calendar formed by ancient earthworks. Around 2,000 years ago, the Adena culture constructed conical burial mounds, including the 35-foot-high Conus Mound in today's Mound Cemetery. Later, the Hopewell culture incorporated Conus into a larger complex of earthen walls, platform mounds, and circular mounds. These structures, working in harmony with natural landforms, were designed in part to track the rising and setting sun during the summer and winter solstices. Each year, hundreds still gather at Sacra Via Park and the Quadranaou platform mound to witness the winter solstice, sharing an experience once observed by the area's earliest inhabitants. Visitors can explore surviving elements of this earthwork calendar—Conus, Quadranaou, and Capitolium mounds—preserved for future generations.



The Castle - Coming Alive Cemetery Tour.

JANUARY

- 17 Ice Festival – 12–6 p.m.
- 17 Music for Main Street: The 90's 8 p.m.
- 20: Cash Mob – 5:30 p.m., meet at Gateway Park
- 22 Dom Flemons – Gathering Place Marietta College 6 p.m.

FEBRUARY

- 6 First Friday – Cupid Shuffle (5–9 p.m.)
- 7 All Ages History Camp (The Castle)
- 19 Third Thursdays - The Castle: Student Research Feature
- 21 Cash Mob – 5:30 p.m. meet at Gateway Park
- 27 Susan Werner – Alma McDonough Auditorium 6 p.m.
- 28 Bar Crawl – Classic TV Theme (6–10 p.m.)

MARCH

- 6 First Friday – Golden Age of Hollywood (5–9 p.m.)
- 7 The Castle's School of Magic & Wizardry
- 17 Food History (The Castle)
- 17 Cash Mob – 5:30 p.m. at Gateway Park
- 20–21 33rd River City Blues Festival
- 21 Spring Shop Hop – 11 a.m.–4 p.m.
- 25 Battle Hymn – An American Special Movie Screening & Red-Carpet Event – Peoples Bank Theatre

APRIL

- 3 First Friday – Happy Birthday Marietta! (5–9 p.m.)
- 4 Spring Tea (The Castle)
- 16 Third Thursdays - The Castle: Community Day & Volunteer Fair
- 21 Cash Mob – 5:30 p.m. at Gateway Park
- 25 Marietta Main Street "Our Town Scavenger Hunt" 2–4 p.m.

MAY

- 1 First Friday – Garden Party (5–9 p.m.)
- 16 Wine & Chocolate Walk – 12–5 p.m.
- 19 Cash Mob – 5:30 p.m. meet at Gateway Park
- 23 Sternwheel Festival 5K Run
- 23–24 Historic Marietta Tour of Homes (The Castle)

JUNE

- 5 First Friday – Parrot Head Party (5–9 p.m.)
- 16 Cash Mob – 5:30 p.m. meet at Gateway Park
- 18 Third Thursdays with The Castle: Summer Solstice Celebration
- 20 Summer Shop Hop – 11 a.m.–4 p.m.
- 27 Cemetery Tours: Mound Cemetery Patriots Tour (The Castle)

JULY

- 3 First Friday – Public Art (5–9 p.m.)
- 4 Beverly 4th of July fireworks 10 p.m.
- 6–10 History Camp: Expansion & Change 1820–1840 (The Castle)
- 13–16 Archaeology Camp (The Castle)
- 18 #mymarietta Music Festival – 12 p.m.–11 p.m.
- 18 Cemetery Tours (The Castle)
- 21 Cash Mob – 5:30 p.m. meet at Gateway Park
- 24–26 Harmar Days Festival
- 27–30 Archaeology Field School (The Castle)

AUGUST

- 5 Princess Ivy's Adventure (The Castle)
- 6–9 Belpre Homecoming – Civitan Park
- 6–9 Rivers, Trails, and Ales Festival – Muskingum Park
- 7 First Friday – Rivers, Trails & Ales (5–9 p.m.)
- 13–16 Waterford Fair
- 18 Cash Mob – 5:30 p.m. meet at Gateway Park
- 20 Third Thursdays with The Castle: A Day in the Life – The Davis Family 1888
- 25 Food History (The Castle)
- 29 Coming Alive Cemetery Tour (The Castle)

SEPTEMBER

- 4 First Friday – Back to School (5–9 p.m.)
- 5–8 Washington County Fair
- 5 Washington County Fair Parade
- 11–13 Ohio River Sternwheel Festival – Ohio River Levee
- 15 Cash Mob – 5:30 p.m. meet at Gateway Park
- 20 5th Annual Food Truck Fall Festival
- 24 Fall Fest (The Castle)
- 30–4 Barlow Fair

OCTOBER

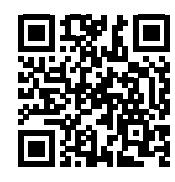
- 2 First Friday – Wicked Walkabout (5–9 p.m.)
- 3–4 Lowell Octoberfest
- 10 Dachshund Derby – 12:00 p.m.
- 10 Cultural Caravan Bus Tour (The Castle)
- 15 Third Thursdays - The Castle: Local History Discussion
- 16 Ghost Tours (The Castle)
- 17 Ghost Tours (The Castle)
- 17: Cemetery Tours: Marietta College Homecoming (The Castle)
- 17 Fall Shop Hop – 11 a.m.–4 p.m.
- 20 Cash Mob – 5:30 p.m. meet at Gateway Park
- 23 Ghost Tours (The Castle)

NOVEMBER

- 6 First Friday – Flannel Fest (5–9 p.m.)
- 6 Recycle the Cheer – 5–7 p.m. Armory Lawn
- 13 Bar Crawl – Friday the 13th Theme (6–10 p.m.)
- 17 Cash Mob – 5:30 p.m. meet at Gateway Park
- 21 Night at the Museum (The Castle)
- 21 Merry-Etta Tree Lighting – Armory Lawn, 6 p.m.
- 28 Small Business Saturday – All Day Downtown
- 28 Merry-Etta Lighted Christmas Parade – 6 p.m., Downtown Marietta
- 29 Beverly Christmas Parade 6 p.m.
- 29 Santa House – 6–8 p.m., East Muskingum Park
- 29 Lighting of the Holiday Tree Walk – 6 p.m., East Muskingum Park

DECEMBER

- 4 First Friday – Moonlight Madness (5–10 p.m.)
- 10 Victorian Christmas Tours (The Castle)
- 12 Santa House – 1–3 p.m., East Muskingum Park
- 12 Loft Tours 6–10 p.m.
- 12 Christmas Tea and Tour (The Castle)
- 15 Cash Mob – 5:30 p.m. meet at Gateway Park
- 17 Victorian Christmas Tours (The Castle)
- 19 Victorian Christmas Tours (The Castle)
- 21 Solstice Watch (The Castle)
- 1–31 Belpre Holiday Lights – Civitan Park



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Explore the Outdoors

OUTDOOR ADVENTURES AWAIT:
DISCOVER OHIO'S FIRST ADVENTURE IN WASHINGTON COUNTY



Many activities we consider outdoor recreation today were once part of daily life for the region's earliest settlers. Camping, staying in log cabins, and riding horseback trails now offer enjoyable ways to experience nature while connecting with our pioneer and patriot ancestors. Hiking trails throughout the county provide opportunities to enjoy scenic landscapes and wildlife in every season, especially in autumn when colorful foliage mirrors scenes witnessed centuries ago. Rivers, lakes, and streams that once supplied food and served as transportation routes can now be enjoyed at a slower pace by kayak, boat, or from the shoreline while fishing. Historic waterways may also be explored aboard the Valley Gem sternwheeler in Marietta or during tours of Blennerhassett Island from Parkersburg. Special Valley Gem tours and the annual Rivers, Trails, & Ales Festival offer rare access to the Muskingum River's hand-operated locks, built between 1837 and 1841. Modern amenities—including golf, biking, motorcycle touring, and water park attractions—round out an outdoor family destination that blends history with adventure.



Marietta Trail Network

BROUGHTON NATURE PARK - MUSKINGUM WATERSHED CONSERVANCY DISTRICT 740-374-9396

639 State Route 821, Marietta Ohio 45750

Discover 800-acres of natural habitat: explore miles of hiking and mountain-bike trails, scenic ponds, and peaceful wooded areas. With disc golf, cross-country courses and picnic shelters, it's a vibrant hub for outdoor education, recreation, and nature connection. The beautiful event center is perfect for your next event or wedding.

BOORD STATE NATURE PRESERVE

1910 Fall Run Road, Cutler, OH 45724

Boord State Nature Preserve is one of the best examples of a hemlock ravine in Washington County. Falls Run cuts through a layer of Permian-age sandstone to form the heart of this preserve which is an eastern hemlock-shrouded stream gorge about 60-80 feet deep highlighted by a picturesque waterfall.

BUCKEYE PARK

740-373-1616 | Mariettaoh.net 113 W Fay Ave, Marietta, OH 45750

The park has softball fields, fishing pond, playground, basketball court, archery range, volleyball nets and shelters. Restrooms on site.

GUNLOCK PARK

740-373-1616 | Mariettaoh.net 842 Pike Street (located behind Lowe's) Marietta, Ohio 45750

Test your skills and meet fellow riders as you ride and jump both dirt and paved pump tracks! Great space for kids and experienced riders.

KROGER WETLANDS

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A 14.5 Acre wetland and walking trail. Info kiosk located in parking lot with information about plant and animal species that can be found and a trail map.

MARIETTA ADVENTURE COMPANY

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MARIETTA AQUATIC CENTER

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Fun for all ages. A state-of-the-art, handicapped-accessible facility featuring a splash pool, lazy river, water slides, lap pool, bath house, concessions and more.

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740-373-1616 | Mariettaoh.net 700 Block Of Third Street To Muskingum River, Marietta, Ohio 45750

A public park dedicated to native and specimen tree species. Trees are arranged in groves. The Arboretum contains over 170 trees representing 85 different species.

MARIETTA BOAT RAMP

740-373-1616 | Mariettaoh.net Indian Acres Park (off of Muskingum Drive) Marietta, Ohio 45750

Enjoy the city's recreational park by the Muskingum River offering a boat ramp, baseball fields, skate park facilities, and bike path.

MARIETTA HARBOR

740-371-7600 | Find us on Facebook 1 Butler Street, Marietta, Ohio 45750

A municipal marina that sits at the confluence of the Ohio and Muskingum Rivers. The Harbor offers concessions, souvenirs, pontoon rentals, restrooms and shower facilities.

MUSKINGUM RIVER WATER TRAIL

ohiodnr.gov

A National Historic Civil Engineering Landmark, this 160-year-old navigation system and its 10 hand-operated locks are considered one of America's great engineering accomplishments.

OHIO RIVER ISLANDS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

304-375-2923 Fws.gov/Refuge/Ohio_river_islands 3982 Waverly Road, Williamstown, WV 26187

The refuge protects habitat for wildlife along 362 miles of the Ohio River and features hiking, wildlife observation, fishing, hunting, and a visitor center.

NORTH COUNTRY NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL

northcountrytrail.org

A national hiking trail stretching from New York to North Dakota, it covers 7 miles of scenic beauty through historical and cultural portions of Marietta.

RIVERTRAIL BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN PATH

740-373-1616 | Mariettaoh.net Walmart to Indian Acres Park

Beginning on the Ohio River Levee, the trail winds through historic downtown connecting many parks and scenic attractions, ending at the Marietta Aquatic Center.

SKATEBOARD PARK, INDIAN ACRES PARK

740-373-1616 | Mariettaoh.net 147 Linwood Ave, Marietta, OH 45750

This 5,000 sq. ft. concrete park features a large bowl with a cradle, "volcano" structure and a small street section. No bicycles allowed on Skate Park please. Open to public

VETO LAKE

St. Rt. 339, Ohio Division of Wildlife District 4, Vincent, Ohio 45784

Picturesque 160-acre lake with 6 miles of shoreline, boat ramp, parking, courtesy dock. 10-HP restriction. Supports largemouth bass, spotted bass, bluegill, redear sunfish, channel catfish, and saugeye populations.

WAYNE NATIONAL FOREST

740-373-9055 | fs.usda.gov/wayne 27750 State Route 7, Marietta, OH 45750

The Marietta unit of the Wayne NF is especially known for its abundant and spectacular overlooks of the Ohio River.

Over 90 miles of trails, including mountain biking, hiking, horseback riding, a 51-foot natural bridge, birdwatching, campsites, river access and much more.



Beverly Island

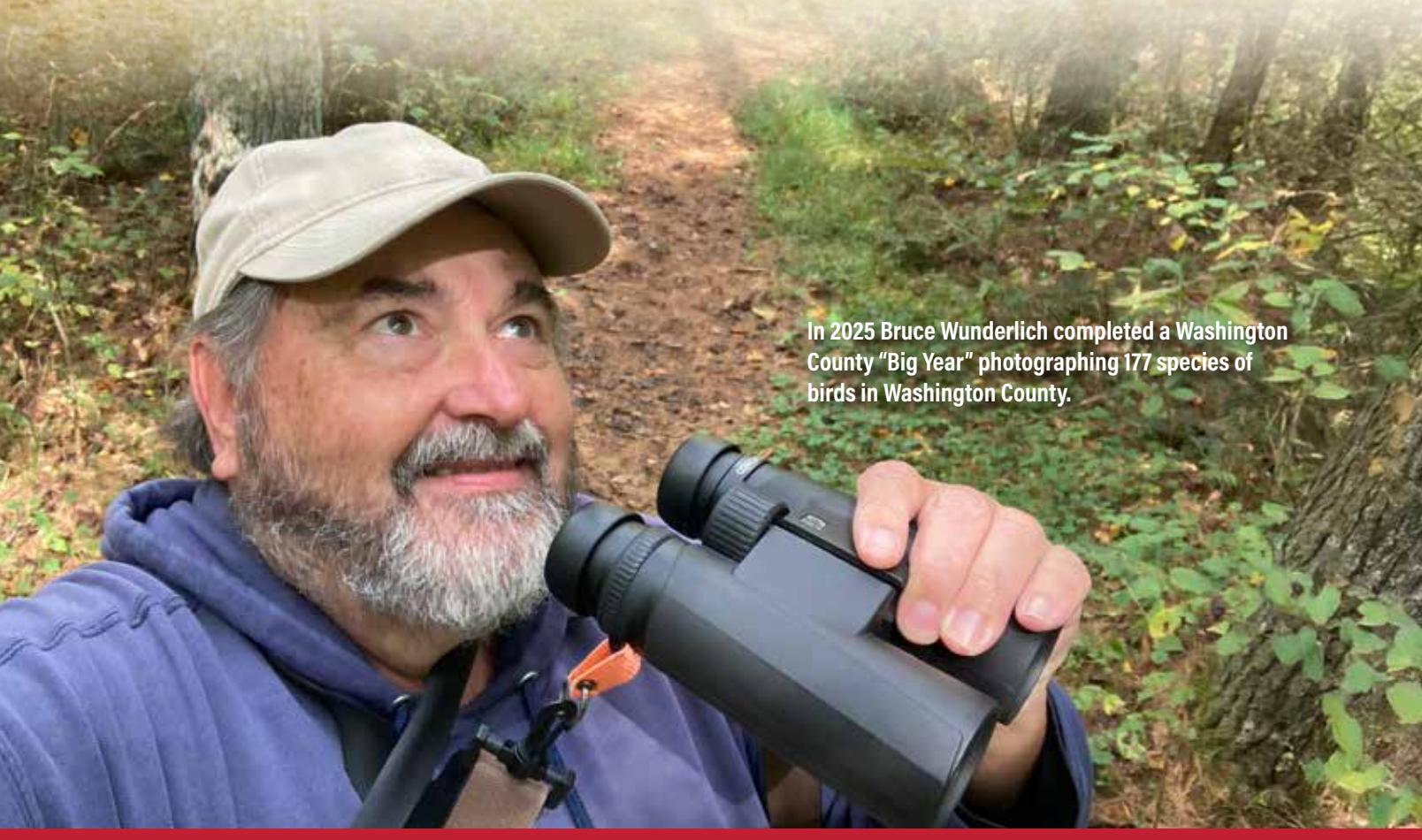
Birding the County

EXPLORE RIVERS, WOODS AND WETLANDS FOR BIRDS



Bird watching in Washington County, Ohio, offers a rewarding way to connect with nature in a landscape that has shaped America's story for more than two centuries. As the nation approaches its 250th anniversary, the rivers, rolling hills, forests, and small towns of this region tell a quieter but equally important story—one of exploration, settlement, and the enduring relationship between people and the land. Located along the Ohio and Muskingum rivers and within the foothills of Appalachia, Washington County remains a place where nature thrives, making it a great destination for birding throughout the year. Spring and fall bring waves of warblers, vireos, and thrushes, summer offers breeding songbirds and raptors, and winter reveals hardy species such as woodpeckers, nuthatches, and finches that keep birding active even on colder days.

From Meriwether Lewis' Journal (Lewis & Clark Corps of Discovery) - Sept. 13, 1803 entry written about his stop at Marietta: "Reached Marietta; stayed the night. Observed many passenger pigeons passing over. Flocks were so large that they obscured the sun."



In 2025 Bruce Wunderlich completed a Washington County "Big Year" photographing 177 species of birds in Washington County.

Washington County is home to some of the best birding hotspots. But incredible sightings aren't confined to just these specific locations.

Wayne National Forest - Newell's Run Mouth

Mouth: located southwest of Newport, Ohio, off State Route 7, is a prime bird-watching spot. The area's diverse habitats, including open water and woodlands, attract a variety of waterbirds, songbirds, and raptors, especially during migration. A total of 183 species have been reported here.

Veto Lake Wildlife Area: This 160-acre public lake, managed by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, is ideal for birdwatching. With calm waters limited to 10-horsepower boat motors and varied habitats, it attracts 167 species, including waterfowl, herons, and songbirds. Located at Lake Road, Belpre, OH.

Wayne National Forest - Leith Run Recreation Area

Recreation Area: The area boasts diverse habitats, including river wetlands and hillside forests, making it an ideal spot for birdwatching. Birdwatchers can enjoy both water-edge and woodland species, with easy access to a "watchable wildlife" area featuring a paved path and boardwalk. Trails like the Scenic River Trail lead to overlooks, supporting over 150 reported bird species. Newport, OH.

Worm-eating warbler



Kroger Wetlands: Explore the 14.5-acre Kroger Wetlands behind Kroger in Marietta. Enjoy a 1-mile walking trail with a footbridge, open year-round from dawn to dusk. The area is home to 146 species.

The Ohio River Islands National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center

Refuge Visitor Center: The refuge along the Ohio River offers great opportunities to see ospreys, eagles, migratory waterfowl, and spring and fall warblers. It has three well-maintained trails: Birds and Butterflies Trail (0.1 miles), Upland Trail (1.2 miles), and Riverview Trail (0.7 miles). A total of 193 species have been reported. Location: 3982 Waverly-Williamstown Road, Williamstown, West Virginia.

Broughton Nature and Wildlife Education Area

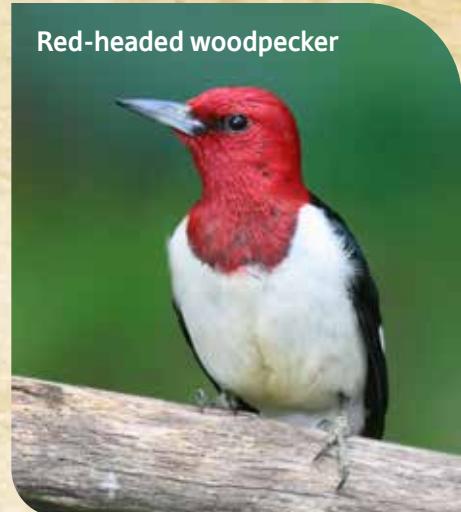
Area: The wildlife area spans over 500 acres and features five miles of marked trails. It is open for wildlife and environmental studies by groups and individuals. This educational space includes two ponds, a natural stream, a waterfall, and undisturbed nature, located about one mile from Marietta. A total of 135 species have been reported. Address: 619 OH 821, Marietta, OH.

Ohio Riverfront Park : (Marietta) stretches along the Ohio River to the mouth of the Muskingum River and features a nearly 4-mile paved walking trail that follows along both rivers. 128 species reported.

Devola Lock and Dam #2: is recognized as a bird-watching hotspot with 127 species recorded. The river corridor, adjacent woodlands, and the tailwater areas below the dam create a mix of habitats that attract waterfowl, raptors, songbirds, and shorebirds. Great eagle watching location especially in winter months. Location: River Road Marietta, OH.

Oak Grove Cemetery: (Marietta), this wooded area with mature trees and shady lanes offers a peaceful atmosphere, making it a great spot for birdwatching. About 121 bird species have been recorded here, thanks to the combination of old trees, gravestones, and minimal disturbance. This location is at the intersection of 8th St. and Wooster St., Marietta, OH.

Red-headed woodpecker



Civitan Park: Belpre is an excellent spot for birdwatching along the river and near a small pond. Known for family recreation, it also supports 118 bird species due to its diverse habitats. Visit at 1500 Blennerhassett Ave., Belpre, OH.

Boord State Nature Preserve: This 127-acre preserve features a deep hemlock-lined gorge along Falls Run, mixed hardwood forests, and red pine plantations. Its varied terrain, including moist ravines and cooler microclimates, provides habitat for 115 bird species, especially during migration. The address is 175 Falls Run Rd., Cutler, OH.

Mound Cemetery: This historic green space in downtown Marietta, established in 1801 around the Conus Mound, primarily serves as a cemetery but also offers mature trees and open grass areas that create a habitat for birds, especially songbirds. It's an easy stop for birdwatchers looking to observe a variety of species—115 in total—without venturing to remote preserves. The location is at 5th and Scammel streets, Marietta, OH.

Wayne National Forest Kinderhook Trail:

This area offers diverse habitats in one outing. For birders wanting to move away from river corridor birding, this site provides a woodland setting that contrasts nicely with lowland and wetland spots. It's especially useful for spotting forest-interior or ridge-top species. The full loop is 5.5 miles, but shorter segments are available. A total of 115 bird species have been reported here. Address: C244, Newport, OH.

Winter Enchantment

CELEBRATE THE SEASON IN OHIO'S FIRST ADVENTURE



Winter in Marietta and Washington County sparkles with a magic that feels straight out of a storybook. As the season settles in, historic streets glow with twinkling lights, towering Christmas trees, and beautifully decorated storefronts that invite you to slow down and soak it all in. From festive tree lightings and cheerful parades to concerts, shopping, and dazzling light displays, the holidays here are filled with warmth, wonder, and small-town charm. Families gather, friends reconnect, and visitors quickly discover why winter is one of the most enchanting times to be here. Whether you're strolling through downtown, enjoying seasonal events, or capturing that perfect holiday photo beneath the lights, Marietta feels alive with celebration. Today's winter traditions are joyful, welcoming, and full of heart-creating memories as magical as the season itself and setting the stage for the stories that came before.



Marietta Tree Lighting

Winter Memories: From Frontier Hardship to Holiday Cheer

There are few things that bring back fonder childhood memories in the Mid-Ohio Valley than walking in the snow on a cold winter night and visiting the local parks and storefronts decorated with sparkling lights, carolers, and Christmas trees. For the early pioneers of Washington County, however, winter reminiscences usually either harkened back to times of adversity, hardship, and perseverance, or they evoked a

sense of thanksgiving for the blessings of family and friends they had in later years. One of our original 48 pioneers (and first teacher in Marietta), Major Anselm Tupper, would undoubtedly have recalled a Christmas night blizzard in 1776. At age 13, having already experienced a year and a half of combat, he boarded a boat that crossed the ice-choked Delaware River with General Washington in order to attack the Hessians at Trenton. Some early settlers had personally endured the horrific privation and suffering at Valley Forge, while others had lost family members and friends

there. Many of the early women and children who came here would have fondly recalled their neighbor across the Ohio River, Isaac Williams (namesake of Williamstown, WV), giving their poor family free bushels of corn in order to survive that first winter here on the western frontier. Today, you will join us to enjoy wintery activities, like viewing the First Friday ice sculptures or seeking that perfect gift for a hard-to-shop-for family member at the various stores throughout the county. We know you will create wonderful, lasting memories here as well.



Major Anselm Tupper



Tyson Whistler - Marietta Ice Festival



Belpre Holiday Lights

Faith and Fellowship

FIND FAITH AND COMMUNITY ON YOUR MARIETTA ADVENTURE



As America prepares to celebrate its 250th birthday, Marietta and Washington County stand as places where the nation's founding ideals were lived early and lived boldly. From the riverbanks that welcomed pioneers to the neighborhoods that grew alongside them, faith has been a source of strength, unity, and purpose for generations. This region's story reflects the broader American promise of religious freedom, where people of many beliefs found room to worship, serve, and build community together. Today, historic sanctuaries and active congregations remain woven into the landscape, inviting visitors to experience a legacy that is both deeply rooted and vibrantly alive. As part of this America 250 Special Edition of the Marietta–Washington County Visitors Guide, the story that follows celebrates how faith helped shape this community and why it continues to inspire those who call it home and those who come to visit.



Father Edward, Basilica of St. Mary of The Assumption

Religion was an important component of the lives of the early pioneer settlement. Holding regular services in the northwest blockhouse of the Campus Martius civilian fortification, the Ohio Company of Associates hired Boston-born minister, Rev. Daniel Story, to tend to the spiritual needs of all of the early Marietta and Washington County settlers. The brother of Boston Tea Party participant, Dr. Elisha Story, and uncle of the future Supreme Court justice Joseph Story (he wrote the majority opinion in the groundbreaking anti-slavery case involving the ship, Amistad), Daniel Story was called upon to serve those of all Protestant denominations in the area. During the Indian War (1791–1794), and at great peril to his life, Rev. Daniel would travel by canoe to Farmer's Castle to preach to the Belpre community once every month. He did the same at Fort Frye. During that time, a devout woman named Mary (Bird) Lake, noticed the children were not included in the services and set about to remedy that. She began what is believed to be the second Sunday School in America, teaching those children the Westminster Catechism in an effort to provide them with religious instruction before becoming adults.

On December 6, 1796, he and 37 other men and women signed a covenant forming the First Religious Society, otherwise known as First Congregational Church of Marietta. That denomination is celebrating their 230th anniversary and counts many of the earliest pioneers among its founders. As more settlers of other denominations arrived, Bible study groups were formed until a sufficient number would break off and form their own church (i.e., Unitarians, Baptists, Presbyterians, etc.). Also of note in our history, a free Virginia-born multiracial man,



First Congregational Church

John Stewart, who had moved to Marietta, was walking down 2nd Street one evening in the early 1800s when he heard the sound of singing and decided to investigate it. When he arrived at its source, the original Methodist Episcopal Church, its parishioners invited him inside. As his faith grew, John would

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Our church building is an old and beautiful red brick church dating back to 1878. This congregation had its beginning in 1983. In 1986, this group of Lutheran Christians purchased the building and did extensive renovations to the facility. The facility is mentioned among other historic sights in the old section of town. Our Sunday morning service is held at 9:30 am. All are welcome.

leave his new hometown in 1815 and became the first Methodist missionary in American history, to the Wyandot Nation near Lake Erie at Sandusky, Ohio.

Today, there are numerous churches and religious organizations throughout the county. The churches listed here are partners of the visitor bureau.

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Accommodations

REST EASY: YOUR FIRST ADVENTURE STARTS HERE



After serving in the French and Indian War with the British Army, a 38-year-old Virginian led a surveying expedition down the Ohio River. On October 26, 1770, the future father of our country—George Washington—camped near the mouth of the Little Muskingum River, east of present-day Marietta. With no inns or bed-and-breakfasts available, Washington and his companions pitched a tent and fished for their supper. His party included Colonel William Crawford, two Native American scouts from the Six Nations of the Iroquois Confederacy, and several others. Washington was among many notable figures who would later pass through what is now Washington County. Today, travelers enjoy far more comfortable lodging options. Visitors can choose from modern hotel chains, historic hotels, bed-and-breakfasts, RV parks, or campgrounds that echo Washington's frontier experience. A plaque dedicated by the Daughters of the American Revolution in 1932 marks the "Washington Campsite" near the intersection of Ohio Route 7 and Sandhill Road in Reno, just east of Interstate 77.



Seven Oaks Cabin

Accommodations

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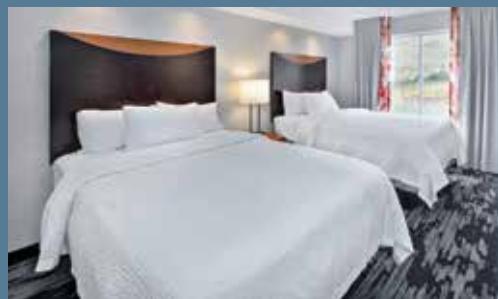
	No. of Rooms	Restaurant	Whirlpool Rooms	Swimming Pool	Fitness Center	Continental Breakfast	Handi-capped	Motorcoach Parking	Meeting Capacity	Pet Friendly
BAYMONT BY WYNDHAM 701 PIKE STREET MARIETTA, OHIO 45750 740-374-9660 WYNDHAMHOTELS.COM	88	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Comfort Suites 202 CHERRY TREE LANE MARIETTA, OHIO 45750 740-376-1600 COMFORTSUITES.COM/OH588	102	No	No	In-door	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	50	Yes
Fairfield Inn & Suites 200 CHERRY TREE LANE MARIETTA, OHIO 45750 740-374-3000 MARRIOTT.CO/PKBF1	104	No	No	In-door	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	10	Yes
Hampton by Hilton 508 PIKE STREET MARIETTA, OHIO 45750 740-373-5353 800-HAMPTON HAMPTONINN.COM	80	No	No	In-door	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	Yes (extra cost)
Holiday Inn Express and Suites 970 PIKE STREET MARIETTA, OHIO 45750 740-760-1515 HIEXPRESS.COM/MARIETTAOH	108	No	No	In-door	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	25	Yes (extra cost)
Lafayette Hotel 101 FRONT STREET MARIETTA, OHIO 45750 740-373-5522 800-331-9336 LAFAYETTEHOTEL.COM	77	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	500	Yes (extra cost)
Microtel Inn & Suites 506 PIKE STREET MARIETTA, OHIO 45750 740-373-7373 800-771-7171 MICROTEL.COM	78	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	80	No
Red Roof Inn 702 PIKE STREET MARIETTA, OHIO 45750 740-336-7866 REDROOF.COM	48	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	-	Yes
SUPER 8 BY WYNDHAM 46 ACME STREET MARIETTA, OHIO 45750 740-374-8888 SUPER8MARIETTAOHIO.COM	61	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
The Hackett Hotel 203 SECOND STREET MARIETTA, OHIO 740-374-8278 THEHACKETTHOTEL.COM	5	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	150	No
Wingate by Wyndham Marietta 700 PIKE STREET MARIETTA, OHIO 45750 740-538-0866 • WYNDHAMHOTELS.COM/HOTELS/32554	120	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	200	Yes
Aldeco Motel 1200 PARK AVENUE NEW MATAMORAS, OHIO 45767 740-865-3426	13	No	No	No	No	No	No	-	No	Yes (extra cost)
Lakeside Motel 18850 STATE ROUTE 60 BEVERLY, OHIO 45715 740-984-2354 LAKESIDEGOLFCOURSE.BIZ	38	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No
STOCKPORT MILL INN & RESTAURANT 1995 BROADWAY STREET STOCKPORT, OHIO 43787 740-559-2822 • STOCKPORTMILL.COM	14	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	100	No

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	RV Sites	Tent Sites	Hookups	Dump Station	Shower / Restrooms	Laundry	Swimming Pool	Grills	Picnic Tables	Playground	Wi Fi
Ashland RV Park 1378 GILMAN AVENUE MARIETTA, OHIO 45750 740-350-8157 ASHLANDRVPARK.COM	61	Yes	Water Electric Sewer	Yes	Yes	Yes	Nearby	No	No	Yes	No
Harris RV Park 25 MERCHANT STREET NEWPORT, OHIO 45768 304-482-5815	36	No	Water Electric Sewer	No	No	Across Street	No	No	No	No	Yes
Marietta RV Park 819 FRONT STREET MARIETTA, OHIO 45750 740-373-8201	24	No	Water Electric Sewer	Yes	No	Near-by	No	No	No	No	Yes
Stockport RV Park 3180 TIEBER ROAD STOCKPORT, OHIO 43787 304-488-3223	21	Yes	Water Electric Sewer	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No
Washington County Fairground 922 FRONT STREET MARIETTA, OHIO 45750 740-373-1347 WASHCOUNTYFAIR.COM	140	Yes	Water Electric Sewer	Yes	Yes	No	Nearby	No	Yes	Yes	No



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Parkview House 400 FRONT STREET MARIETTA, OHIO 45750 740-525-1112 FIND US ON AIRBNB!	4	No	Yes	3	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes
Triple Nickel Getaway LLC 16571 STATE ROUTE 555 BARTLETT, OHIO 45724 740-551-9714 FIND US ON AIRBNB!	2	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Seven Oaks Cabin 16571 STATE ROUTE 555 BARTLETT, OHIO 45724 740-551-9714 FIND US ON AIRBNB!	2	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No
White Tail Crossing 16571 STATE ROUTE 555 BARTLETT, OHIO 45724 740-551-9714 FIND US ON AIRBNB!	2	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
McKenna Lodging MULTIPLE LOCATIONS MCKENNALODGING.COM FIND US ON AIRBNB!		No	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes				Yes

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Marietta Mayor Josh Schlicher
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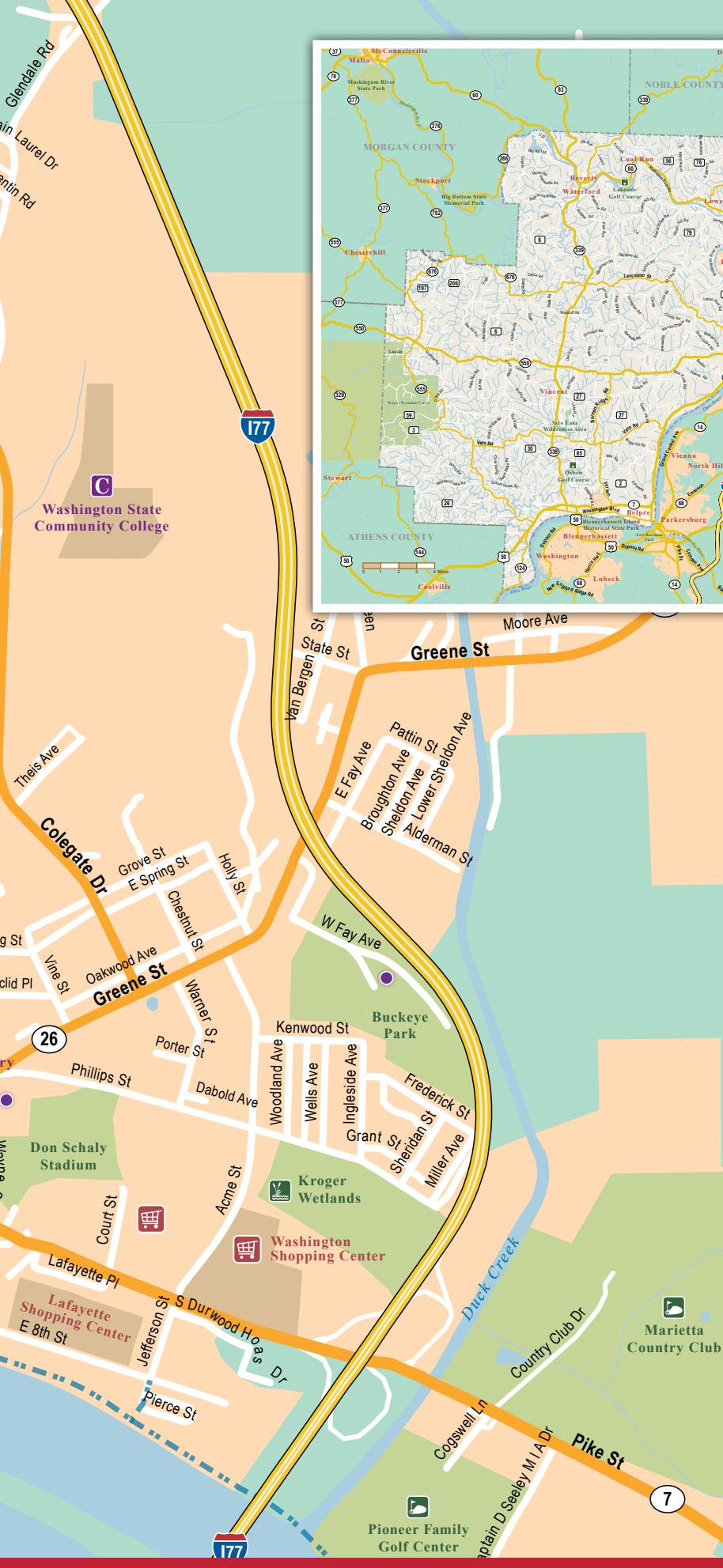
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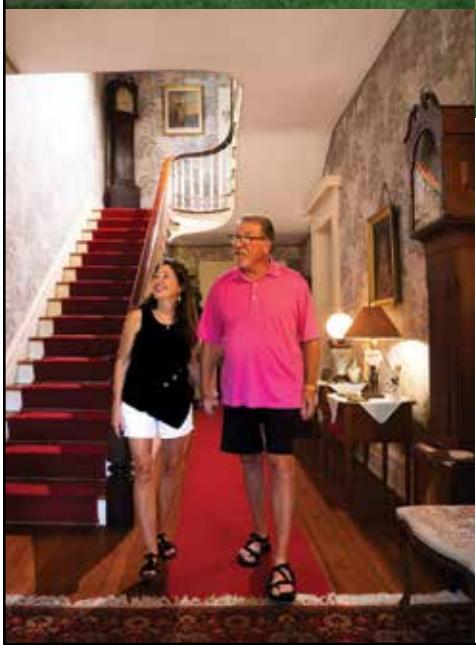


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