

BARNESVILLE 43713

Barnesville Pumpkin Festival 740-425-2593 P. O. Box 5 Classic car show, parade, queen contest, fiddle contest, giant pumpkin weigh-in, entertainment and more. Always held the last full weekend in September: Thurs. – Sun., on the streets downtown. www.barnesvillepumpkinfestival.com

Belmont County Victorian Mansion 740-425-2926 or 740-484-4716 532 N. Chestnut St. Award winning and built in the 1800's is this 26-room mansion of elegance. Superbly carved oak fretwork, butternut and hand-carved wood mantels are just a few of the finely crafted features inside. Open May–Sept., Wed.–Sun., 1–4:00 or by appointment all year. Guided tours. Admission; group rates. Website: www.barnesvilleohio.com/belmontcountymuseum

Dickinson Cattle Co., Inc. 740-758-5050 35000 Muskrat Rd. I-70 Exit 202 South 1 mile, west 1 mile on Muskrat Rd. Largest herd of registered quality Texas Longhorn Cattle east of San Francisco. Cattle, steaks, smoked longhorn and a wide selection of longhorn related products available at the Longhorns Head to Tail Store. April–Oct. tours available for groups of 10 or more by appointment. Fax 740-758-5114. www.longhorntours.com.

First Presbyterian Church 740-425-3144 Chestnut & Church Streets. This 1902 “Chinese Gothic” native red sandstone church contains magnificent stained glass windows imported from Willet Studio in Pittsburgh, PA. The sanctuary is open for regular Sunday morning worship, weddings and tours by appointment.

Ohio Genealogical Society Belmont County Chapter, Hutton Memorial Library 740-425-1651 P. O. Box 285 /308 E. Main St. Regular meetings at 7-p.m., second Sunday of each month except December.

Stillwater Meeting House 740-425-2013 or 740-425-2776 Sandy Ridge Rd. (off Rt. 147, east of town) The plain federal style brick building seats 1,500. Built in 1878 to house the Ohio Yearly Meeting of Conservative Friends. The building contains a Quaker Heritage Museum. Open by appointment. Donation.

Watt Center for History & The Arts 740-425-1497 Rt. 800 S., left at first light onto Church St. to Mulberry St. intersects with Watt Ave., turn left. The original office building of the Watt Car and Wheel Company. Exhibits including coal history, business, industry and agriculture. Donations appreciated. Open May–Sept. by appointment.

BELLAIRE 43906

National Imperial Glass Museum 740-671-3971 3200 Belmont St. (St. Rt. 7 to 26th St. exit. North on Belmont St. to 32nd), Dedicated to preserving the history of the Imperial Glass Corp, paying tribute to its employees, educating the public and providing research opportunities, NIGM is a “must visit” for glass enthusiasts. Imperial was one of the largest handcrafted glass companies in America and was located at Imperial Plaza on Belmont St. See Imperial (Candlewick, Cape Cod, carnival, milk glass, slag & more). April thru Oct. Thurs-Sat 11-3 or by app't for groups. Admission. Gift Shop. Handicapped accessible. www.imperialglass.org email: info@imperialglass.org

Bellaire Toy & Plastic Brick Museum – 740-671-8890 4597 Noble St. Largest private collection of Lego toys and the imaginative world they can create on 3 floors. Collection of more than 4 million bricks creating 3 dimensional mosaics that have turned a simple child's toy into works of art. Call for hours. www.brickmuseum.net

Great Stone Viaduct www.greatstoneviaduct.org 740-676-2743

BELMONT 43718

Barkcamp State Park 740-484-4064 65330 Barkcamp Park Rd. (I-70 Exit 208 to Rt. 149 south). 1,232 acres of rolling hills and woodlands. Year-round camping available with a shower house and electric to all sites (discounted rates in winter). Picnic areas, hiking and bridle trails, swimming, three shelter houses on a reservation system, fishing plus special handicapped access area. Naturalist program available. Mail Pouch Barn – see listing of Historic Sites.

Drovers' Trail – see listing of Ohio Byways.

Jamboree In The Hills 800-624-5456 (I-70 between Exits 208 & 213) “Superbowl of country music festivals” held outdoors. Bring your lawn chair. Held in mid-July. On stage entertainment includes big names in country music. Admission. Camping nearby. www.jamboreeinthehills.com

Lodging

Days Inn & Suites 740-782-1025 66774 Belmont-Morristown Rd. (I-70 Exit 208, just north on Rt. 149). Begin your day with free hot and hearty Daybreak breakfast offering a variety of hot items, and stay productive with free Wi-Fi. Enjoy a workout in our fitness center, and for those who must work, a business center is also available. Handy extras like guest laundry facilities and ample free parking—including large-vehicle. Each guest room features a spacious work area with ergonomic chair, microwave, refrigerator and flat-screen HDTV, and handicapped-accessible rooms are also available. Kids 17 and under stay free with an adult.

Sleep Inn & Suites 740-782-1298 41371 Reco Rd., Belmont, All guest rooms at this smoke-free hotel come with a 39-inch flat-screen TV, clock radio, hair dryer, microwave, refrigerator, iron and ironing board. Some rooms feature a desk, sofa sleeper, table and chairs. Dine at the on-site Quiznos restaurant. There are two meeting rooms, with the hotel able to accommodate 50 people for banquets and 75 for conferences. Other amenities include free breakfast and free coffee, Wi-Fi, guest laundry services, Fitness Center, use of fax and copier machines.

West Pike Inn 740-782-1715 43505 National Dr., Belmont (I-70 between Exits 208 & 213 off Rt. 40) across from Jamboree In the Hills. 16 rooms with a/c, satellite tv, wireless internet, refrigerator/freezers, microwaves. Weekly rates available. Pet friendly. Credit cards accepted. Family owned and operated. Shaded campsites, full hookups, indoor shower house. E-mail: westpikeinn@gmail.com

BETHESDA 43719

Epworth Park Route 26. Over 120 years ago, the beauty of a stand of oak trees inspired a group of Methodists to establish a religious campground. Take a walking tour of the beautiful park, lake and about 60 Victorian-style cottages. Chautauqua Homecoming Days and Bethesda Festival always the 2nd full weekend of July on Sat. & Sun. www.epworthpark.org

BLAINE 43909

Blaine Bridge Located on historic National Road in Blaine, off I-70 between Exits 220 & 225. This restored 1828 bridge has been designated Ohio's Bicentennial Bridge. It is the oldest bridge in Ohio, the longest and last “S” 3-arch stone bridge on the entire National Road.

BRIDGEPORT “Gateway to the West” 43912

Historic Kirkwood where the Bridgeport roots were planted. It was Joseph Kirkwood (1784–1856) who established a settlement on the west side of the Ohio River. He was returning to the land his father, Capt. Robert Kirkwood, had received in 1789. Kirkwood House is on the National Register and it is hoped the entire community will be placed on the list.

Lodging

Hillside Motel 740-635-9111 54481 National Rd. (I-70 between Exits 220 & 225). Come visit this small but unique country motel with a lodge-like setting. Great for getaways or longer visits. American owned and operated. Rates start at \$55 per night, weekly and monthly rates also available. Room complete with HBO, high speed wireless internet, refrigerator and microwave. Gift shop, free long distance calling anywhere within continental United States. Camper hook-ups available. Minutes from all area attractions. See us on hillside-motel.com

COLERAIN 43916

Concord Quaker Meeting House 740-635-2255 Twp. Rd. 456/ Negus Rd. Built 1813, remodeled 1863 and 1898. Three bricks thick walls, orig. wooden pegged benches. On Ohio & Nat'l Historical Registers. Josiah Fox, Father of US Navy (ships listed on copper grave cover) where he is buried in adjoining cemetery.

FLUSHING 43977

Underground Railroad Museum 740-968-2080 or 740-968-6113 121 High St. Features an extensive collection of publications, books, memorabilia and other articles. The exhibits portray what is known about slavery and the underground railroad in Ohio, and presents an understanding of the culture in the 1800's. Open by appointment. Donations appreciated. curator@ugrrf.org rozz820@frontier.com www.ugrrf.org

Zion Christian Retreat and Nature Center 740-968-0955 www.zionchristianretreat.org 73999 Reservoir Hill Rd., Flushing, OH 43977 Zion now has “Noah's Landing”, a swimming beach, water trampoline, kayaks, stand up paddle boards, pavilion rental, cabins, boats and a picnic shelter.

MARTINS FERRY 43935

Historic Churches Walking Tour - 8 churches of various religions can be found along 4th & 5th Streets, Walnut, Locust and Clay. www.peaseparks.com/ferrychurches

Sedgwick House Museum 627 Hanover St. (Rt. 7, Hanover St. exit) Contains materials pertaining to the area in and surrounding Martins Ferry. The town had its inception in 1787 when the ground upon which the city is located was purchased by Captain Absalom Martin, one of the surveyors of the Seven Ranges of the Northwest Territory. Absalom started operating a ferry in 1789. Thus the name Martins Ferry. In 1835, his son, Ebenezer, platted and laid out the town. Open by appointment. 740-633-3430, 740-859-3013 . Admission.

Walnut Grove Cemetery (Rt. 7 north, Hanover St. exit, north on Fourth St.) Dating from 1795, the cemetery is Martins Ferry's oldest pioneer landmark. It is the resting place of the Zane and Martin families. The Betty Zane Statue is a reminder of the heroine of the last battle of Fort Henry.

MORRISTOWN 43759

National Register of Historic Places. The village of Morristown was platted in 1802 and is considered one of the best preserved examples of a National Pike Town. Its historic homes and buildings date from the early to mid 1800s and feature some of the more common architectural styles found along the National Road, the nation's first federally-funded highway. To learn more, log onto www.morristownohio.org or write: Morristown Historic Preservation Association, P. O. Box 102, Morristown, OH 43759.

Lodging

Arrowhead Motel 740-782-1091 40251 National Rd. (I-70 Exit 208) 14 units, a/c, satellite tv, microwave and refrigerator, picnic areas, tent camping, non-smoking rooms, Free wi-fi. Credit cards accepted. Family owned. Workers welcome!.

POWHATAN POINT 43942

Lake Shawn 800-856-6098 50460 SR 148 (6 miles west of Powhatan Pt.) Sport fishing on 108 private acres with 30 acres of spring fed lakes. Boats provided, fishing is catch-release only. Weekend getaways and corporate retreats available. www.lakeshawn.com

ST. CLAIRSVILLE 43950

Adventure Creek LLC 740-310-7277 46426 Crabapple Rd. Challenge course/ziplines. Guided tours, all levels. Come play and test yourself. May-Oct. e-mail: adventurecreek@gmail.com www.ropetrekking.com

Belmont County Sheriff's Residence Museum – 740-298-7020 101 E. Main St., this 1880's former Sheriff's Residence is a museum to the county. Once housing each sheriff and his family, it is now home to artifacts and pictures telling the history of the many communities throughout Belmont County. Like us on Facebook at Belmont County Sheriff's Residence Museum. Belmont County Tourism Council 740-695-4359

Great Western Schoolhouse National Rd. (I-70 Exit 213, west on Rt. 40) The “little red schoolhouse” was constructed in 1870 and used until 1952. Old-fashioned desks with ink wells, McGuffey Readers, and more will take you back in time. When the flag is up, you are welcome, or by appointment. (Call B. C. Tourism 740-695-4359 or 800-356-5082.) Admission.

James E. Carnes Center 740-699-2888 45300 Roscoe Rd. I-70 Exit 213 onto Rt. 40 head west. Pass Ohio University Eastern campus. On the left is Cty Rd. 84, turn south here. Follow and crossover the interstate (bear left) to Roscoe Road and turn left. The Carnes Ctr. will be on the right side. Available for wedding receptions, trade shows, reunions and more. 6000 sq. ft. atrium. Total building is 21,000 sq. ft.

National Road Bikeway 740-695-0156 for more information I-70 Exit 215 travel east on Rt. 40 to St. Clairsville. Turn left at 2nd light onto N. Marietta St. Turn right at stop sign onto Newell Ave. Turn left at stop sign onto N. Market St. Follow N. Market St. to ballfields. From ballfields to the gazebo is 1.3 miles passing through the former railroad tunnel en route. From the gazebo to Reservoir Rd. is 1.2 miles. The bike trail was a railroad line used by the Wheeling and Lake Erie Railroad, now asphalt.

Ohio Auto Club/AAA 740-695-4030 51560 National Rd. East off of I-70 between Exit 218 and 220.

Ohio University Eastern Campus historic sites include the covered bridge located to the east of the university and the Great Western School. Dysart Woods (see Misc. listing) is also an OU property.

Powerline Park for ATV & Motorcycle Rally (see Belmont County Calendar of Events for dates).

St. Clair Lanes 740-695-3641 or 800-662-3641 51681 National Rd. (near area hotels). Home to the area's largest competitive handicap 5-person team bowling tournament with over \$100,000 paid in prize money. Open bowling is always available. Open late every day!

Lodging

America's Best Value Inn 740-695-5038 or 800-835-9628 51260 National Rd. (I-70 Exit 218, I-470 Exit 1) Completely Renovated, 104 room, a/c, phones, cable tv: HBO, ESPN, TNN. Jacuzzi king, kitchenettes, outdoor pool, truck parking, pets allowed. Handicap rooms available. All are first floor, park by your door. Continental breakfast extended, laundry facilities, refrigerator and microwave in every room and free high speed internet. Bus tour, senior, corporate, and govern-

ment discounts. Fax: 740-695-3014 www.bvohio.com

Candlewood Suites 740-695-9200 or 800-439-4745 67989 Mall Ring Road, (I-70 Exit 218) Each suite features an over-sized desk, free high-speed Internet access and a speakerphone with free local calls. The facility offers a business center with copy, fax and print services. Health and Fitness Center with Treadmill, elliptical, Free weights, exercise ball, yoga mats also available, along with an outdoor heated pool. Call for more information.

Comfort Inn 740-296-5549 52509 National Rd. East (I-70 Exit 220 to Rt. 40) 55 rooms, microwave, coffeemaker, desk, laundry on site. Free breakfast, free high speed wireless, free weekday newspaper and free local calls. Fax: 740-296-5632

Days Inn West 740-695-0100 or 800-551-0106 52601 Holiday Dr. (I-70, Exit 220) 137 rooms, 5 jacuzzi suites, extended continental breakfast, guest laundry, lounge, outdoor pool. We offer three banquet rooms for 45 people each or the ballroom for up to 150 persons. Credit cards accepted. Fax: 740-695-4135

Econo Lodge 740-526-0127 51659 National Rd. East (I-70 Exit 218 to Rt. 40 East, I-470 Exit 1) 62 rooms, jacuzzi/spa room, indoor pool.

Fairfield Inn & Suites 740-699-4980 or 800-228-2800 67731 Mall Rd. (I-70 Exit 218 to Mall Road) 67 rooms, suites with micro & refrigerator, indoor pool & jacuzzi, fitness center. Free local calls, laundry facilities, complimentary continental breakfast. Adjacent to Ohio Valley Mall. fax: 740-699-4980

Hampton Inn 740-695-3961 or 800-HAMPTON 51130 National Rd. (I-70 Exit 218 to Rt. 40) 116 rooms including 2 jacuzzi kings. “On the House” hot breakfast. In-room coffeemakers, hairdryers, iron & ironing board, voicemail, data port, high speed wireless internet, HBO. Indoor pool, fitness room, meeting room for up to 25, guest laundry. Undo's Italian Restaurant & Sports Bar (3rd floor) and overlooking the Ohio Valley Mall. Fax: 740-695-0739 www.hampton-inn.com/hi/stclairsville.

Holiday Inn Express 740-699-0010 800-HOLIDAY 51654 National Rd. (I-70 Exit 218 to Rt. 40) 65 rooms and suites, micro and refrigerator in all rooms, deluxe king suites w/jacuzzis, cable tv, free cont. hot breakfast, free local calls, irons, ironing boards, hairdryers, heated indoor pool, free wireless high speed internet and workout room. Fax: 740-699-0662

Microtel Inn & Suites (by Wyndham) 800-337-0050 or 740-338-4500. 51128 National Rd. East (I-70 Exit 218 to Rt. 40) 85 rooms, handicapped accessible. Coffee makers, microwave, refrigerator and desk. 24-hr. Fitness Center and meeting room for 30. Complimentary hot breakfast. Free wireless internet. Laundry. Weekly managers reception. Fax: 740-338-4501 www.microtelinn.com

Red Roof Inn 740-695-4057 or 800-THE ROOF 68301 Red Roof Lane (I-70 Exit 218) 108 rooms, Deluxe business kings, universal access and smoke-free rooms available. Free USA Today and coffee. HBO, HBO2, HBO Signature. Shopping and restaurants conveniently located across the street. All major credit cards accepted. Fax: 740-695-6956

Super 8 Motel 740-695-1994 or 800-800-8000 68400 Matthews Dr. (I-70 Exit 218, beside Denny's Restaurant) 62 rooms, a/c, free local calls, cable tv, free coffee, handicap rooms. Credit cards accepted. Fax: 740-695-1994

Twin Pines Motel 740-695-3720 46079 National Rd. (I-70 Exit 213 to Rt. 40 east) 21 rooms, a/c, phones, color cable tv, free WiFi, outdoor pool, tanning salon on premises. All major credit cards accepted. Fax: 740-695-8343

SHADYSIDE 43947

Frye Glass 740-671-9389 53761 Wegee Rd. 4.3 miles west of Shadyside on Cty Rd. 48. Beautiful handblown glass made while you watch. Call before visiting. www.fryeglass.com

MISCELLANEOUS LOCATIONS

Belmont County Quilt Barns – 13 are completed. Call BCTC 740-695-4359 or 800-356-5082 for detailed information and a map.

VanDynes Motel & Restaurant 740-676-4777 56721 Ferry Landing Rd. (off Rt. 7 south of Shadyside) 7 rooms, a/c, phones, cable tv, restaurant. No pets. No credit cards or checks.

Dysart Woods (I-70 Exit 208 to Rt. 149 south to Belmont, then Rt. 147 south to Dysart—approx. 9 miles from I-70 exit) The largest known (51 acres) of unglaciated, primeval oak forest in Southeastern Ohio. The virgin forest, with specimens 300-400 years old, is a National Natural Landmark and botanical research laboratory of Ohio University and the Eastern Campus. Follow the foot paths (no restrooms).

Piedmont Lake 740-658-3735 at the marina. I-70 Exit 202 to Rt. 800 North, at Marina Rd. One mile northeast of Smyrna in the northwest corner of Belmont County. Marina near the tri-county corner. The 2,270 acre lake, with a shoreline of 38 miles, is administered by the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District.

HISTORICAL SITES

The Shaeffer/Campbell Covered Bridge stands east of the Ohio University Eastern Campus, I-70 Exit 213, overlooking a pond. It was originally built in 1891 in Fairfield County. Rescued from destruction in the late 1960's, it was reconstructed on the present site in 1975.

Ohio Bicentennial Barn in Belmont County is one of the 88 painted in each of Ohio's counties. Scott Hagan of Jerusalem, Ohio painted all 88 barns. This one is located off I-70 Exit 208, go south on Rt. 149. The white barn is on private property on the left side of Rt. 149, prior to the entrance to Barkcamp State Park.

Mail Pouch Barn in Barkcamp State Park, painted by deceased barn painter Harley Warrick of Belmont, Ohio. This is one of many barns on which Harley left his mark. Harley estimated he traveled 50,000+ miles a year as a Mail Pouch painter before he retired. He was featured in People Magazine, Smithsonian and the Wall Street Journal. Warrick painted by eye, starting at the center with the “e” in chew.

OHIO BYWAYS

Belmont County is the only county in the state with a total of three official Ohio Byways: the Drovers' Trail along Ohio 147 and 800, Historic National Road, and the Ohio River Scenic Byway along Ohio 7.

Drovers' Trail is an old cattleman's trail where livestock were herded to commercial boats on the Ohio River located just south of the National Rd. in eastern Ohio's hill country. Extending from Exit 202 on I-70 Hendrysburg in Belmont Cty, south along St. Rt. 147 to the Ohio River city of Bellaire, Drovers' Trail links the National Rd. and Ohio River Scenic Byways. www.ohiobyways.com

Historic National Road has been designated an All-American Road by the Federal Highway Administration, which administers the National Scenic Byways Program.

Ohio River Scenic Byway covers 3 states and is steeped in history both natural and cultural, every captivating stop along the 967 mile Ohio River Scenic Byway has a story to tell. Visit <http://www.OhioRiverScenicByway.com>