

Best Free Things to Enjoy While You Are in Zanesville-Muskingum County!

Stroll the gardens of **Mission Oaks** – enjoy this beautiful intercity woodland garden with majestic mature white oaks, a conifer garden, lovely gazebo, over 2,000 plants, 4 rain gardens, 2 waterfalls, a pond and a bog all on ten acres. Open to the public from dawn til dusk.

Enjoy the serenity of **Gale Gardens** –this one acre garden includes a varied collection of rare and unique trees and provides a quiet greenspace. Open to the public from dawn til dusk.

Collegial Woods offers 63 acres most of which is a wooded ravine crisscrossed by more than 2 miles of walking trails and offers views of several small wetlands. Open to the public from dawn til dusk.

Muskingum Recreation Trail is approximately 6 miles of asphalt trail that follows the Muskingum River and offers exceptional views of huge rock formations and myriad wildlife such as bald eagles, turkey, beaver and more connecting the north end of the Village of Dresden to Rock Cut Road in Muskingum Township.

McGraw Edison Recreational Area is 80 acres of gently rolling grasslands and steeper wooded hillsides with water features, a wetland and a small pond. There are 5 miles of beginner/intermediate mountain bike trails on this property as well.

Kidzville playground is a great area for children of all ages to enjoy. New build in 2017 with swings, slides, water mist, picnic area and close to the Muskingum River – located in Riverside Park.

Zane's Landing Park is home of the Eternal Flame, Zanesville's Bicentennial Monument, starting point of a 3 mile recreational trail and home to the Lorena Sternwheeler. This park is located right along the banks of the Muskingum River.

Dillon State Park offers beautiful wooded hills and scenic valleys. Tennis courts, basketball courts, volleyball area, hiking, biking, fishing, horse trails, disc golf, beach for swimming, picnic areas and a wading pool for children.

Blue Rock State Park offers rugged hills and rich green forests for hiking trails, picnicking, fishing and a public beach for swimming.

Butterfly Habitat located across from the entrance to the Wilds. Over 12 acres of grassland are enriched with native flowering plants to attract and provide habitat for many species of butterfly. A walking trail leads through prairie, wetland and woodland habitats.

The Birding Station at Jeffrey Point near the Wilds offers a sweeping vista rich with grasslands that harbor an abundance of ground-nesting songbirds and raptors as well as lakes often teeming with waterfowl.

Art gazing at **Masonic Temple** of anyone of the area's **Art Galleries**. Zanesville is home to a growing Artist Colony, a community of living and working artists whose studios are open to the public – hours and days open vary per studio.

First Friday Art Walk is held every first Friday of the month. Downtown studios are open from 5 PM- 8 PM and offer the opportunity to meet and greet with the artists, enjoy refreshments and live entertainment. Maps available by calling 800.743.2303

The **Zanesville Museum of Art** has an encyclopedic collection of nearly 7,000 paintings, sculptures, prints, drawings, and decorative arts that span thousands of years. African, American, Asian, and European art are all on display. There are also 700 pieces of stunning pottery from Weller, Roseville and Rookwood and other Ohio firms on display. Thursday evenings from 5:00 – 7:30 is free admission.

Discover area history on the **Historic Putnam Tour**. This walk, drive or bike tour encompasses one of the earliest European settlements in the State of Ohio. The entire district is on the National Register of Historic Places.

Learn about our towns beautiful architecture on the **Downtown Zanesville Walking Tour**

Tour **Conn's Potato Chip Factory**. A fabulous tour of locally made Conn's Chips – reservations are a must. (Group of 15 or more – call for specifics.)

Play soccer, volleyball, softball, tennis or basketball, have a picnic or enjoy a fitness trail for people with disabilities at **Riverside Park**.

Play baseball, sand volleyball or basketball at **Kenny Wolford Community Park** in Dresden.

Play pickle ball or picnic at **Maple Hill Park**.

Get the best view of the famous Y Bride, play basketball, slide down a long slide embedded in the hillside or play in the play area at **Putnam Hill Park**.

Stroll or ride a bike 3.2 miles along the Muskingum River on **Zanesville's Recreational Trail** from Zane's Landing Park to Riverside Park.

Fish for largemouth, smallmouth and spotted black bass, saugeye and various species of catfish in **The Muskingum River**.

Hunt on the **AEP Recreation Land, Blue Rock State Forest, Dillon Wildlife Area, Powelson Wildlife Area,** or the **Tri-Valley Wildlife Area**.

Take a tour of **Johnson's Mill/Salt Creek Covered Bridge, New Concord's S Bridge, Dresden's Suspension Bridge, Warren Riveted Pony Truss Bride** in Norwich, and the famous **Y Bridge** in Zanesville.

Visit the every changing art displays in the Carnegie Wing of **John McIntire Library**.

Visit the **Ohio Bicentennial Monument** featuring people and events from Ohio's past that have changed Ohio, the nation and the world.

View the various traveling exhibits in the **Ohio University Zanesville's Campus Library**.

See the **World's Largest Basket** in Dresden. The basket was dedicated in 1990 and is listed in the Guinness Book of World Records.

View **Vasehenge**, Weller Pottery inspired vases standing seven feet in height on display on the west side of the Y Bridge placed in a circle to mimic the famous "Stonehenge".

Visit the **Village of Roseville Municipal Building** featuring a mural which depicts the industry of the surrounding area painted in 1952 by local artist Leslie Cope.

Enjoy **Zanesville Memorial Concert Band** performances at Zane's Landing Park on various Sundays throughout the summer months.

Witness a Civil War Battle/Encampment at Riverside Park during the annual **Civil War Reenactment/Encampment** held annually in July.

View beautiful works of art by local artists during the **Y Bridge Arts Festival** held the first weekend in August each year.

Learn about life on a farm during the annual **Farm City Day** event. Petting Zoo, hayrides, hands-on fun for the family.

Take in the beauty of the season during the annual "**A Storybook Christmas**," view beautifully decorated storefronts, a nightly light display set to music at the courthouse, a beautiful lighted trail at Zane's Landing Park, and Miracle on Main & Holiday Tour in Downtown Zanesville

Window Shopping is always a fun pastime and there are plenty of specialty boutique stores, pottery shops and antique malls to browse and enjoy the merchandise.

Get up close and personal with over 83 alpacas on 180 acres of rolling hills. **The Alpacas of Spring Acres** is the largest Suri alpaca farm in Southeast Ohio. Feel the softest, finest, and most beautiful fleece that is also light weight.

Get on Your Bike and Ride through Muskingum County's scenic motorcycle routes. Containing some of the most scenic and rural routes in Southeastern Ohio you won't want to miss the opportunity to explore on your motorcycle. Call for a free map of these routes.

Second Saturday at the Masonic Temple in downtown Zanesville offers a great day set aside for the art galleries to be open to the public.

Yan Sun Art Museum showcases the work of artist Yan Sun as well as offering exhibitions, lectures and special events. Open by appointment and most First Friday Art Walks.

The National Road National Scenic Byway – this All American Road is a great destination and fun way to explore the history of the area. Get your map today and enjoy the key sites all the Muskingum County portion of the National Road.

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