

Southeast Attractions

Appeal to All Ages

If you're looking for unique outdoor adventures, there may be no better place than the Appalachian foothills of southeastern Ohio. With vast wilderness areas and scenic waterways, there are plenty of things to see and do - whether it's in the woods, on the water, or around the farm.

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the Hocking Hills region is among Ohio's most popular attractions. Hike through the woods and discover Old Man's Cave, Ash Cave, and Cedar Falls. Rappel down the face of a massive rock formation. Take a relaxing canoe trip down the Hocking River. The Hocking Hills area is an outdoor lover's paradise.

For a trip back to yesteryear, hop on board one of southeast Ohio's riverboats. In downtown Zanesville,

board the Lorena Sternwheeler for an excursion on the Historic Muskingum River Water Trail. This pleasure boat has been entertaining passengers for over 60 years while passing through scenic woodlands. The Lorena offers dinner, lunch, and twilight cruises, and is available for charters and parties.

Climb aboard the Valley Gem Sternwheeler for a gentle ride on the magnificent Ohio River. The Gem leaves from downtown Marietta for a 90-minute sightseeing cruise daily during the summer, and on Saturdays in September. Ask about their special dinner cruises and other special dates.

Bob Evans, of Bob Evans Restaurant fame, lived in southeastern Ohio near Rio Grande for nearly 20 years. His large farmhouse, known as the Homestead, is now on the National Register of Historic Places. Today it serves as a museum and historical center. Visitors to the Homestead are treated to tours of historical cabins, an ancient Indian burial mound, a Revolutionary War cemetery, and much more. The Bob Evans Farm Festival, held each October in celebration of the harvest season, is filled with entertainment, food, and activities for all ages.

Just north of Barnesville, Ohio you'll find one of the most unique farms in the state at the Dickenson Cattle Company. One of the largest Longhorn cattle ranches in the country offers 75-minute interpretive tours of their operation, including up-close viewing of BueLingo, Texas Longhorn, and African Watusi cattle herds. Help feed the cattle, and then visit the Head to Tail store featuring a variety of beef and snack products.

Call or visit the websites of the local Convention & Visitors Bureaus for more information about these popular attractions, as well as many others in southeastern Ohio.