



## **Guernsey County Backgrounder**

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### **Attractions/Story Ideas**

- Dig In! Our sin-sational local bakeries & diners await!
- The All-American Road (Route 40)
- A Getaway for the Boys
- Byesville Train Excursions
- Paul Bunyan Show
- Top 10 Fabulous Freebies to see and do in Guernsey County
- The Guernsey County Story
- Summer Siestas & Fiestas
- Glass Pass – Your pass to 11 regional glass attractions
- Dickens Victorian Village

### **Location/Getting Here**

Cambridge/Guernsey County is located in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains in beautiful southeastern Ohio, about 122 miles south of Cleveland; 100 miles southwest of Pittsburgh; 50 miles west of Wheeling, W. Va.; and 80 miles east of Columbus, Ohio.

Interstate Highways 70 (East and West) and 77 (North and South) share five interchanges and one of the nation's largest cloverleaves at Cambridge. U.S. Route 40 (East and West) and 22 (Northeast and Southwest) plus State Route 209 also network the area.

### **Climate**

- January's average high temperature is 38 degrees
- July's average high temperature is 85 degrees
- The month of July receives the most rainfall with 4.25 inches

### **Economy**

Guernsey County's local economy is composed primarily of industrial business parks that include global corporations such as Detroit Diesel, Colgate-Palmolive, and Ridge Tool. In addition, the D.O. Hall Business Center and neighboring Cambridge Municipal Airport are designated as a Foreign Trade Zone.

The county offers a diverse industry base ranging from plastics, aseptic juice packaging to vanadium production. The area's location at the intersection of I-77 and I-70 make it a crossroad for shipping in the Midwest. More than half the U.S. population is within 500 miles of Guernsey County – making it an easy day's drive from more than 10 major cities.

Direct economic impact of tourism in Guernsey County is \$1.9 million annually. Tourism supports 1,822 jobs in the county and more than 2.5 million people visit Guernsey County each year.

**Did You Know?\***

- U.S. Senator and Astronaut John Glenn was born in Cambridge, Ohio.
- Famed TV & movie cowboy star Hopalong Cassidy (William Boyd) was raised in Cambridge, Ohio.
- Ohio's only outdoor passion play, The Living Word Outdoor Drama, is located here with more than 11,000 people visiting each year.
- Guernsey County is located within 45 minutes of 100,000 acres of public land and is ranked in the Top 5 counties for deer and turkey hunting in Ohio.
- Ohio's largest state park, Salt Fork, is located here with more than 20,000 acres to explore. More than 2 million people visit annually.
- Salt Fork State Park also features the largest inland beach in Ohio with 2,500 ft.
- The third largest inland lake in Ohio, Seneca Lake, is located here with 3,550 acres.
- The Cambridge Glass Company produced elegant handmade glassware here from 1902-1958. The beautiful colors and innovative designs are known world-wide and the glassware is highly collectible today.
- The Official Paul Bunyan Show<sup>SM</sup> is the largest forestry show in the state of Ohio and is held in Guernsey County.