



## County Media Profile

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### ABOUT THE AREA

Located in northeastern Ohio, midway between Cleveland and Pittsburgh, Chicago and New York, you'll find that Trumbull County is in the middle of it all.

Here you can roam with the buffalo, see President McKinley come alive and watch classic Packard Cars cruise by. Experience the thrill of an African safari, play golf at more than 25 courses and cast a line for walleye, bass or catfish as you spot eagles in the sky. Drive the back roads of Amish country, pedal the Western Reserve Greenway and shop 'til you drop. And at the end of the day, enjoy a meal at any of our locally-owned restaurants, diners and eclectic eateries.



These and many more adventures await you right here in northeastern Ohio. So, come, explore and experience Trumbull County, Ohio!

### STORY IDEAS



#### **Where the buffalo roam.**

Board an African safari truck at Wagon Trails Animal Park in Vienna, Ohio and experience the thrill of riding in a safari while feeding over 350 animals from around the world.

#### **Jaws has invaded Trumbull County, Ohio!**

Check out the Equarium, a three-tank aquarium located inside the center of the Eastwood Mall in Niles, Ohio. A first of its kind in the country located in a shopping complex, this aquarium features a 4,500 gallon shark tank surrounded by two 2,500 gallon tanks filled with a variety of salt water fish and live coral.

### **Get up close and personal with raptors.**

Heather Merritt, director of Birds in Flight Sanctuary and local raptor and waterfowl rehabilitator, will introduce you face-to-face to hawks, falcons and owls that have been grounded by illness or injury.



### **You won't find these eggs in a Dr. Seuss book!**

The only store of its kind in the Eastern part of the United States, Alcraft Egg Artistry in Brookfield, Ohio, is dedicated exclusively to the art of decorating Faberge-style eggs. Learn how to design and decorate your own egg, purchase one already done from the showcase collection or have one custom-designed.

### **How does your garden grow?**

The Floriculture Garden, which is located on the grounds of the Trumbull County Agriculture and Family Education Center in Cortland, Ohio, and is maintained by the Trumbull County Master Gardeners features 12 theme plats, a children's garden and new this year, a nature trail that joins in to Turkey Run Trail at Mosquito Lake State Park.



### **“Packard Firsts”**

The growth and industry of Warren, Ohio, was influenced in part by the Packard Family. History of the family, the Packard Motor Car and other Packard enterprises can be found at the National Packard Museum including a number of “Packard Firsts” such as the first car to use the H-pattern gear shift, the first to utilize a steering wheel and the first to have air conditioning.

### **Life at a slower pace.**

Take a back roads tour of Amish country in rural northwest Trumbull County where the tidy farms and whitewashed houses of the Amish dot the countryside. Here a quieter, simpler way of life replaces the hustle and bustle of city life.



### **The road to freedom.**

According to historians, Trumbull County had more escape routes on the Underground Railroad than any other county in Ohio – 153 miles. The Warren-Ashtabula Turnpike, which is known today as State Route 45 (Mahoning Avenue) was the most direct route north to Canada.

## **ATTRACTIONS**

Trumbull County is home to a wide array of places to explore and experience including historic sites, urban landmarks and a variety of points of interest.

### **Points of interest**

- Alcraft Egg Artistry
- Antique Tractor Club of Trumbull County
- End of the Commons General Store
- The Equarium
- “First Flight” Lunar Module
- Mahoning Valley Scrappers
- Master Gardeners’ Education & Research Garden
- Ridgeview Farm
- Sharon Speedway
- Sunburst Alpacas
- Wagon Trails Animal Park

### **Historic sites**

- Connecticut Land Title Office
- Cortland Opera House
- Fairview Cemetery
- First Presbyterian Church
- Kinsman House
- Mahoning Avenue National Historic District
- Mesopotamia National Historic District
- Monument Park & Trumbull County Veterans’ Memorial
- The Old Mahoning Pioneer Cemetery
- Newton Falls Covered Bridge
- Perkins Mansion
- Trumbull County Courthouse
- Harriet Taylor Upton House

### **Museums**

- John Stark Edwards House Museum
- The National McKinley Birthplace Memorial
- National Packard Museum
- Sutliff Museum
- Underground Railroad Exhibit
- Viets House Historical Museum
- Ward-Thomas House Museum

### **Outdoor Recreation Areas**

There are nearly 44,000 acres dedicated to outdoor recreation space within Trumbull County borders – not including over 25 golf courses – making it the sixth largest outdoor recreational area in the state of Ohio.



Our state, county and local recreational sites offers amenities including hiking and nature trails; canoeing and kayaking; boating, fishing and picnic facilities; bike and equestrian trails; hunting; camping; athletic fields; and playgrounds.

Mosquito Lake located here in Trumbull County is 7,850 acres and is the state's second largest inland lake.

## **ANNUAL EVENTS**

Hundreds and hundreds of events take place throughout the year in Trumbull County. Most notable are the Trumbull County Fair; National Packard Museum annual Vintage Motorcycle Show along with its annual Car Show in July; the Warren Italian-American Festival; the Grecian Festival; Summer Sizzle; the World of Wildlife Bicycle Ride; the annual Farm Foliage Tour; Ghost Walk; and many, many more.

A complete list of events can be obtained by visiting our website at [www.ExploreTrumbullCounty.com](http://www.ExploreTrumbullCounty.com).



## **LOCATIONS / GETTING HERE**

Trumbull County is accessible from the Ohio and Pennsylvania Turnpikes, Interstates 80 and 76 as well as State Routes 5, 11, 45, 46, 82, 193 and 422 and is a little over an hour's drive from Cleveland, Pittsburgh and Akron-Canton Airports.

## **CULTURAL HISTORY / DIVERSITY**

Rich in history and ethnic culture that shaped this area, both are still apparent today.

As early as 1796, settlers from the Connecticut area moved to the region. Today much of northeastern Ohio is reminiscent of New England, especially in architecture.

As early as 1823, local citizens were helping fugitive slaves escape to the north. With 30 different anti-slavery societies totaling close to 1,500 members, Trumbull County played a significant role in the Underground Railroad movement.



As the area grew into a manufacturing and transportation center in the 1800s, thousands of immigrants relocated here from Europe. Today a variety of ethnic cuisine ranging from Italian to Greek, to Hungarian, German and French can still be easily found and enjoyed throughout the area. So bring your appetite.

## **CLIMATE**

Trumbull County enjoys all four seasons – from wet springs to warm summers to colorful falls and cold, snowy winters.

The average rainfall is 36 inches while the average snowfall is 56 inches. In January the daily high is 32 degrees, in April it reaches 58 degrees. During July, temperatures can near 85 degrees while October is a comfortable 61 degrees.

## **ECONOMY**

Although our local area has taken some severe hits due to the poor economy, tourism is the one industry that continues to contribute to the local economy. It generates millions of dollars in direct and indirect sales throughout the local community. It contributes millions of dollars in state and local taxes and has helped to sustain over 6,000 Trumbull County jobs thus generating millions of dollars in local wages.

The Trumbull County Tourism Bureau participated in a Tourism Economic Impact Study with the state of Ohio in 2008. Listed below are the results pertinent to Trumbull County:

- Visitors spent \$292.5 million in Trumbull County in 2007
- Tourism generated \$447.5 million in total sales for area businesses
- Tourism contributed \$57.1 million in taxes and fees for Trumbull County, including \$28.6 million in combined sales and local taxes
- Tourism in Trumbull County sustained more than 6,800 jobs generating \$116.5 million in wages
- Retailers, food and beverage establishments and recreation and entertainment facilities benefited the most from direct sales with sales in these sectors topping \$90.9 million, \$80 million and \$36.9 million respectively
- Business services, manufacturing, and finance, insurance and real estate benefited most from indirect sales exceeding \$20 million, \$17.9 million and \$14.7 million respectively
- Northeastern Ohio, including Trumbull County, generated \$14.2 billion in sales which equates to 36% of the state of Ohio's overall tourism sales

## **LODGING**

Everything from national chain properties and independent hotels to our unique bed and breakfasts and local campgrounds can be found in Trumbull County along with a variety of amenities and affordable rates. Total available rooms exceeds 1,500.

## **DID YOU KNOW THAT...?**

- Trumbull County is the only perfectly square county in Ohio. It is 25 miles long and 25 miles wide and consists of 24 townships and one village that are each five miles square.
- The Packard Electric Company was founded in Warren in 1890 and the first Packard Automobile was manufactured here in 1899.
- Warren was the first city in the U.S. to light its streets with incandescent bulbs. The year was 1911.
- Harry Stevens, who was America's inventor of the hot dog, baseball scorecard and drinking straw, was born in Niles.
- Niles native and 25<sup>th</sup> President of the United States, William F. McKinley, was the first candidate to use buttons, badges and the telephone to campaign for office.
- One of the oldest dirt race tracks in the country, Sharon Speedway, is owned by the Blaney family including NASCAR driver Dave Blaney.
- The famous fictional Chinese detective Charlie Chan was created by novelist and playwright Earl Derr Biggers whose hometown was Warren.
- Film director Chris Columbus whose credits include "Home Alone" and "Harry Potter" movies is from Champion.
- The first man to step on the moon, Neil Armstrong, took off in an airplane for the first time in his life in Warren. He was six years old.
- Attorney Clarence Darrow, a public defender in the John Scopes "monkey trial" and later portrayed by Henry Fonda in the movie "Inherit the Wind" was born in Kinsman.
- Suffragette Harriett Taylor Upton's house on Mahoning Avenue in Warren served as the headquarters for the National American Suffrage Association from 1903 until 1905 when the center was moved to the west wing of the Courthouse. It was later moved to New York City in 1909.
- The village of Yankee Lake was formed in 1934 solely to allow local residents to dance on Sundays in the famed ballroom.
- Harry Burt, the creator of the Good Humor Bar, was born in Cortland.
- The Newton Falls Covered Bridge, which was built in 1831, is the oldest covered bridge still in service in Ohio.
- Mosquito Lake is the second largest inland lake in Ohio.