



Official Visitors Guide



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Welcome to Gallia County, Ohio!



Welcome to Gallia County, Ohio!

We are honored to have you as our guest and wish for you to have the most pleasurable experiences while visiting our area. We are sure that you will soon feel the sense of pride we share in belonging to this community and hope you will take advantage of the many attractions, events and other opportunities during your stay.

Quaint neighborhoods with tailored manicured lawns and gardens, a city park and arbors of mature trees weave colorful patterns into the landscape contributing to the charm and beauty of Gallia County. Community organizations such as Gallipolis in Bloom are designed to improve the quality of life in our community by promoting beautification programs through the use of flowers, plants, trees and other environmental and lifestyle enhancements. Gallipolis in Bloom has received many awards over the past twelve years through the America in Bloom competition.

Our visitor guide offers a handy pocket-guide to our most popular and historic hot-spots with references to facility services and contact information to make sure the information you need is at your fingertips. Our professional staff partners with various organizations who are prepared to respond to your unique needs and to enrich your experience.

Great things are happening in Gallia County, Ohio so be sure to check out our website at www.VisitGallia.com to keep up-to-date on the latest information!

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Accommodations

MOTELS

College Hill Motel

10987 State Route 588
Rio Grande, Ohio 45674
740-245-5326

Travel Lodge

260 Jackson Pike
Gallipolis, Ohio 45631
740-446-7071

Hampton Inn

444 State Route 7 S
Gallipolis, Ohio 45631
740-446-8000 or 800-426-7866
<http://gallipolis.hamptoninn.com>

Quality Inn

577 State Route 7 N
Gallipolis, Ohio 45631
740-446-0900 or 888-465-4329
www.qualityinn.com

Regency Inn

151 Upper River Road
Gallipolis, Ohio 45631
740-446-0241

Riverside Motel

1066 First Avenue
Gallipolis, Ohio 45631
740-446-2702

Super 8 Motel

321 Upper River Road
Gallipolis, Ohio 45631
740-446-8080 or 800-800-8000
www.super8.com

William Ann Motel

918 Second Avenue
Gallipolis, Ohio 45631
740-446-3373
www.freewebs.com/williamannmotel

Nearby ATM Locations

Ohio Valley Bank

437 Fourth Ave

OVB on the Square

360 Second Ave

Courtside Bar & Grill

308 Second Ave

Piggly Wiggly

236 Second Ave

Walmart

2145 Eastern Ave

Ohio Valley Bank

3035 State Rte 160

Holzer Medical Center

100 Jackson Pike

www.ovbc.com



OHIO VALLEY BANK.

Accommodations

BED & BREAKFASTS

Briarthorne Farm

4219 Hannan Trace Road
Patriot, Ohio 45658
740-256-1505

CABINS AND COTTAGES

Country Cottage

1787 State Route 850
Bidwell, Ohio 45614
740-464-6925

Hidden Hollow Cabin

German Hollow Rd.
Patriot, OH 45658
740-379-9388

Hidden Valley Cottage

1787 State Route 850
Bidwell, Ohio 45614
740-464-6925

Cozy Hunter's Cottage

1212 Sugar Creek Road
Crown City, Ohio 45623
740-256-6150

Four Oaks Retreat

724 German Hollow Road
Patriot, Ohio 45658
740-379-2989

Pap's Place and Nit's Cottage

15771 State Route 7 South
Crown City, Ohio 45623
740-853-0222

Raccoon Creek Side Cottage

292 Main Street
Vinton, Ohio 45686
740-388-8327

Raccoon Falls Guest Cottage

1094 Lincoln Pike
Gallipolis, Ohio 45631
740-446-7417
www.raccoonfalls.com

Runaway Retreat

Smokey Row Road
Patriot, Ohio 45658
740-853-0416

The Hammock House

7710 Bull Run Road
Vinton, Ohio 45686
740-612-9643

VACATION RENTALS

Our Little Americana Charm

1233 Watson Road, Apt. 1
Bidwell, Ohio 45614
740-446-1271

Our Checkered Past

558 Third Avenue
Gallipolis, Ohio 45631
740-446-1271

Our Little Green with Envy

1233 Watson Road
Bidwell, Ohio 45614
740-446-1271

Our Little House on the Corner

1263 Watson Road
Bidwell, Ohio 45614
740-446-1271

Our Little French Connection

556 Third Avenue
Gallipolis, Ohio 45631
740-446-1271

Our Little Mellow Yellow

1233 Watson Road, Apt. 4
Bidwell, Ohio 45614
740-446-1271

Our Little Orange Peel

1233 Watson Road, Apt. 3
Bidwell, Ohio 45614
740-446-1271

The Creek House

7710 Bull Run Road
Vinton, Ohio 45686
740-612-9643

The Little Brick House

State Route 588
Rio Grande, Ohio 45674
740-645-7992

Whispering Valley

1669 State Route 233
Patriot, Ohio 45658
614-717-5128

CAMPING

Bob Evans Farm

State Route 588
Rio Grande, Ohio 45674
740-645-9762

Gallia County Jr. Fairgrounds

189 Jackson Pike
Gallipolis, Ohio 45631
740-446-4120
www.galliacountyfair.org

Restaurants

Bladen Landing

15083 State Route 7S.
Gallipolis, Ohio 45631
740-256-6100

Bob Evans Restaurant at the Farm

10854 State Route 588
Rio Grande, Ohio 45674
710-245-5324

Bob Evans Restaurant

315 Upper River Road
Gallipolis, Ohio 45631
740-446-6369

China One Buffet

1540 Eastern Avenue
Gallipolis, Ohio 45631
740-446-6888

Courtside Bar & Grill

308 Second Avenue
Gallipolis, Ohio 45631
740-441-9371

Daylight Donuts

104 Pine Street
Gallipolis, Ohio 45631
740-208-5244

Drinx

30 Pleasant Valley Road
Rio Grande, Ohio 45674
740-245-5369

El Toril

1510 Eastern Avenue
Gallipolis, Ohio 45631
740-441-1375

Flour Girls Baking Company

447 Second Avenue
Gallipolis, Ohio 45631
740-612-5450

Fuji Express

59 Ohio River Plaza
Gallipolis, Ohio 45631
740-835-5152

Giovanni's Pizza

130 OH-325, Suite 1
Rio Grande, Ohio 45674
740-245-5322

Kali's Pizza

21 East College Street
Rio Grande Ohio 45674
740-245-1002

Loco Taco

1102 Jackson Pike
Gallipolis, Ohio 45631
740-245-4482

Lorobi's (downtown)

248 Second Avenue
Gallipolis, Ohio 45631
740-446-0300

Lorobi's Pizza

Silver Bridge Plaza
Gallipolis, Ohio 45631
740-446-7744

McClure's Family Restaurant

820 Jackson Pike
Gallipolis, Ohio 45631
740-446-3837

Poppy's Coffee, Tea and Remedies

46 Court Street
Gallipolis, Ohio 45631
740-446-9050

Remo's Italian Hot Dogs

241 Second Avenue
Gallipolis, Ohio 45631
740-709-1679

Riverfront Nutrition

334 Second Avenue
Gallipolis, Ohio 45631
740-208-5519

Shake Shoppe (downtown)

901 Second Avenue
Gallipolis, Ohio 45631
740-446-2682

Shake Shoppe

383 Jackson Pike
Gallipolis, Ohio 45631
740-446-1611

Tuscany Cuccini

1308 Eastern Avenue
Gallipolis, Ohio 45631
740-446-7800

Twinkleberries Coffee & Bake Shop

23 E. College Street
Rio Grande, Ohio 45674
740-301-3033

Zack & Scotty's

300 Second Avenue, Unit E1
Gallipolis, Ohio 45631
740-925-4110



At the Bob Evans Farm

The Bob Evans Farm in southeastern Ohio was home to Bob Evans, Founder of Bob Evans Farms Inc., his wife Jewell and their six children for nearly 20 years. It's where Bob invited countless guests to visit and sample his sausage made by a farmer on the farm.

Guests may visit the Bob Evans Farm Festival, an annual celebration of the harvest season which attracts thousands with its entertainment, traditional arts and crafts, farm contests, food, children's activities, and demonstrations. This three-day Farm Festival always begins the second Friday of October.

The Event Barn is a great site for scheduling a meeting, party or reception for up to 100 people with delicious Bob Evans catering available. Reservations can be made by calling the Farm office at (740) 245-5324.

Take a step back in time while touring the historic Village of Adamsville that commemorates life in this area at it was during the early to mid-19th century. Open for visitors May through October.

The original Bob Evans Restaurant on the Farm offers quality home-style food and friendly service. From classic breakfast favorites like sausage, omelets, and hotcakes, to tasty dinner classics such as slow-roasted turkey, Bob Evans has something for everyone.

To learn more about the farm and the Bob Evans Farm Festival, visit www.bobevans.com/farmfestival.





Gallipolis River Recreation Festival

The Annual River Recreation Festival is held in the historic Gallipolis City Park, on the banks of the majestic Ohio River. The festival is a two-day event capped off by magnificent fireworks display over the river. The festival includes live entertainment, a variety of artisan vendors and concessions as well as inflatables for children of all ages.

The festival is free of charge to attend, and attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and sit under the natural canopy of trees in the park and take in the stage entertainment that includes gospel and contemporary Christian groups as well as national headlining acts. Also, on stage you will find the Talent Show and Baby Tot Sparkler Contest as well as the annual Opening Ceremonies.

Other events taking places during River Rec are the annual duck race where some lucky winner will receive half of the amount of money raised in a split the pot type event as well as the online auction where participants have the opportunity to win prizes such as a year's room and board at the University of Rio Grande and local themed items from area businesses.

Another exciting part of the festival is Kid's Day which features a variety of free events for children including painting projects, tie-dye stations, sports competitions and more. Parents are encouraged to bring their children to enjoy a free day of family fun throughout the park.

For more information, contact Executive Director of the Gallia County Chamber of Commerce, P.O Box 465, Gallipolis, Ohio 45631, or call (740) 446-0596. You can also email chamber@galliacounty.org or head to the website gallipolisriverrec.com for more information.



Gallipolis in Lights

Group Holiday Escapes



About us

Official Lighting Ceremony takes place on Wednesday evening before Thanksgiving in the Gallipolis City Park, 300 Block of Second Avenue.

Special activities, entertainment and treats.

Display is free of charge and stays open until December 31st.

Keep up-to-date on the group's Facebook page for scheduling purposes: www.facebook.com/GallipolisInLights

- 1,600 lighted balls hung in the City Park trees
- Outdoor audio system to allow for holiday tunes to ring throughout the park for visitors to enjoy
- Over 200 decorated Christmas Trees
- Santa's House
- Live Nativity presented by local groups. See schedule on the GIL Facebook page.



**Book your tour through us to receive discounts on lodging, dining and shopping opportunities!
1-800-765-6482**

HOURS OF OPERATION

Open Thursday – Saturday noon to 6pm. Closed January and February



Merry Family Winery

Wine Country in Gallia County includes a vineyard based on following a family dream.

Henry David Thoreau once said “Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined,” and 20 years ago, that is exactly what Tim and Lisa Merry decided to do! In 2000, the couple planted their first vineyards and literally began “growing” Gallia County’s first winery which opened for business in 2006.

Merry Family Winery offers a large variety of handcrafted wines from local, and Ohio grown apples, grapes and other fruits all handcrafted on premises. The winery also added the Old Mill Craft Brewery in 2012, offering handcrafted Lagers, Ales, Stouts, Pilsners as well as seasonal brews made with some of their locally grown hops.

In that same nano brewery, the couple also brew up old fashioned homemade root beer based on the recipe of Tim’s great grandmother, carrying on that family dream built on generations of care and refinement.

“Making beer, wines and brandies has been a Merry Family hobby for many generations,” Tim and Lisa said. “It was that same family history, heritage and tradition that was the inspiration for the winery and brewery.”

For more information about Merry Family Winery or Old Mill Craft Beer, visit their website www.merryfamilywinery.com. Find them on Facebook or call 740-245-9463 or visit them at 2376 State Route 850, Bidwell, Ohio 45614.



GALLia County, Ohio

Early to bed, early to rise,
fish all day, make up lies!



Gallipolis is situated on the banks of the majestic Ohio River and we believe that old-fashioned southern hospitality and small town charm, plus trophy fish, are just the recipe for a perfect tournament. With the recent addition of the Riverfront Amphitheatre, new boat ramp access improvements, better accessibility and vehicle parking opportunities, Gallipolis will be a picture-perfect location for your next tournament!

Let Gallipolis host your next tournament! Our full service bureau provides all the resources you'll need for a memorable and fun experience! Gallia County has been host to many fishing circuits over the years such as:

- American Bass Anglers
- Gallipolis Bass Busters
- OBF High School Fishing Tournament
- Cabela's King Kat
- American Bass Anglers South Division
- Ohio Bass Federation Nation
- Bass Team Xtreme
- The Bass Federation
- Ohio Catfish Challenge
- Ohio River Challenge

Travel distances to Gallia County, Ohio

Charleston, WV58 miles
Cincinnati, OH.....149 miles
Cleveland, OH.....236 miles
Columbus, OH106 miles
Dayton, OH 137 miles
Detroit, MI301 miles
Huntington, WV.....39 miles
Indianapolis, IN.....255 miles
Pittsburgh, PA..... 220 miles

Where to stay

Briarthorne B&B: 14.2 miles from riverfront 740-379-1505

College Hill Motel: 11.1 miles from riverfront 740-245-5326

Country Cottage: 8.3 miles from riverfront 740-464-6925

Cozy Hunters Cabin: 17.1 miles from riverfront 740-256-6150

Four Oaks Retreat: Airbnb.com 740-379-2989

Hampton Inn: 3.5 miles from riverfront 740-446-8000

Hidden Hollow Cabin: 14.9 miles from riverfront 740-379-9388

Hidden Valley Cottage: 8.3 miles from riverfront 740-464-6925

Our Little Americana Charm: 7.9 miles from riverfront 740-446-1271

Our Little Checkered Past: .05 mile from riverfront 740-446-1271

Our Little French Connection: .05 mile from riverfront 740-446-1271

Our Little Green with Envy: 7.9 miles from riverfront 740-446-1271

Our Little House on the Corner: 7.9 miles from riverfront 740-446-1271

Our Little Mellow Yellow: 7.9 miles from riverfront 740-446-1271

Our Little Orange-A-Peel: 7.9 miles from riverfront 740-446-1271

Pap's Place & Nit's Cottage: 17 miles from riverfront 740-853-0222

Quality Inn: 4 miles from riverfront 740-446-0900

Raccoon Creek Side Cottage: 16.3 miles from riverfront 740-388-8327

Raccoon Falls Guest Cottage: 5.4 miles from riverfront 740-446-7417

Regency Inn: 2.7 miles from riverfront 740-446-0241

Riverside Motel: 1.1 miles from riverfront 740-446-2702

Runaway Retreat: 9.1 miles from riverfront 740-853-0416

Super 8 Motel: 3.6 miles from riverfront 740-446-8080

The Little Brick House: 11.3 miles from riverfront 740-645-7992

Travel Lodge: 8 miles from riverfront 740-446-7071

Whispering Pines Valley: 16.6 miles from riverfront 614-717-5128

William Ann Motel: 1 mile from riverfront 740-446-3373



Why us?

Groups of 50 or less will receive:

- Discounted room rates (Host hotel options: Hampton Inn or Super 8)
- Conference room for pre-registration meeting
- Gas cards to include a discounted rate
- Non-alcoholic beverages at weigh-in
- Discounts to downtown restaurants and shops

Groups of 50 or more will receive:

- Discounted room rates (Host Hotel options: Hampton Inn or Super 8)
- Conference room for pre-registration meeting
- Gas cards to include a discounted rate
- Non-alcoholic beverages at weigh-in
- Discounts to downtown restaurants and shops
- One comp room for tournament director

Groups of 100 or more will receive:

- Discounted room rates (Host Hotel options: Hampton Inn or Super 8)
- Conference room for pre-registration meeting
- Gas cards to include a discounted rate
- Non-alcoholic beverages at weigh-in
- Discounts to downtown restaurants and shops
- Comp rooms for tournament director (up to 2 rooms)
- Private reception for fishermen and their families
- Prize money (please call for more information)

Other Information:

The Ohio River has 3 species of bass: large, small and spotted

Electric is available at the Gallipolis ramp

Courtesy docks are available

32 miles of water (Ohio River and Kanawha River)

Locks and Dam Information:

Robert C. Byrd Locks and Dam:
RR1, Gallipolis Ferry,
West Virginia
(304) 576-2272
Water depth: 14.57 feet

Racine Locks and Dam:
Letart, West Virginia
(304) 882-2118
Water depth: 14.34 feet

Winfield Locks and Dam:
Winfield, West Virginia
(304) 586-2501
Water depth: 12.2

Ohio River Information:

The Ohio River which streams westward from Pittsburgh, PA to Cairo, Illinois, is the largest tributary, by volume, of the Mississippi River in the United States. The 981-mile river flows through or along the border of 6 states and its drainage basin include parts of 15 states.

Gallia County Convention & Visitors Bureau GROUP TOUR SERVICES

- Itinerary Planning
- Step-on Guide
- Welcome Packets

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Lora Snow | Courtesy Photo

The Ariel Opera House

The historic Ariel Opera House was built in 1895 by the Ariel Oddfellows Lodge. Designed by Packard and Yost, the State architects of the time, the Ariel boasted the latest in gas-electric lighting and the elegant appointments and astounding natural acoustics were known far and wide. Originally, aside from performances, the Ariel was intended as the secular gathering place for the community, hosting political debates, town meetings, style shows, etc.

Today the beautifully restored Ariel-Ann Carson Dater Performing Arts Centre is the permanent home to The Ohio Valley Symphony, the only professional orchestra in the southeastern Ohio River Valley Region. The OVS is comprised of musicians from seven states and Canada and features world renowned soloists and conductors during its concert season.

Today the Ariel Opera House carries on the historic tradition of a place for the community by serving as a mini-convention center hosting a variety of commercial and entertainment events. 25,000 square feet of space, available for rental, includes the main auditorium with 465 seats,

stage and dressing rooms, a 2nd floor Banquet Room seating 100 with adjoining Parlors and Ballroom, 3rd floor Ariel Chamber Theatre seating 130 and the state of the art Paul R. Simón Ariel Board Room.

The Ariel serves youth and adults alike by facilitating in-person and remote music lessons taught by professional musicians, and the OVS provides after school as well as in-school string classes in various elementary schools in the area. Visit the Ariel Academy at arieloperahouse.org for a virtual link to OVS musicians, soloists and conductors offering online lessons.

The Ariel's main stage hosts professional performances, high school plays and concerts, business seminars, style shows, and other commercial events. The Ariel Chamber Theatre hosts numerous recitals, show-cases, workshops, book signings, and lectures.

The Ariel Opera House is the perfect place for your show, wedding, reception, dance, commercial event, meeting, lecture or workshop! The Ariel is an ADA accessible facility.

The Ohio Valley Symphony



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Adult	- \$120	\$25
Senior	- \$110	\$23
Student	- \$60	\$13
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your event!



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A mini-convention center hosting a variety of commercial and entertainment events, the space includes the 465-seat main auditorium, 2nd floor Banquet Hall and Ballroom, and the 3rd floor Ariel Chamber Theatre and the Paul R. Simón Board Room.

The Ariel is the perfect place for your show, wedding, reception, commercial event, meeting, lecture or gathering of people. Visit our website at arieloperahouse.org for rental information for your special event!



Ariel-Ann Carson Dater Performing Arts Centre
426 Second Avenue, Gallipolis OH 45631

740-446-ARTS

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Gallipolis: The Old French City

History

The history of Gallipolis dates back to the 18th century and encompasses events in both France and America. In America with the Revolution behind them, Congress was eager to settle land west of the new states. As a result, land companies formed to buy acreage or at least gain rights to the land. A group of Frenchmen were easily convinced by an unscrupulous salesman, William Playfair, to buy land in the Ohio Valley. Their journey led them to Gallipolis, one of the first settlements in the Northwest Territory.

False deeds

The French embarked from Le Havre de Grace in February, 1790 aboard five ships – The Recovery, the Patriot, the Scarborough, the Liberty and the Lady Washington. It was a long and hard journey, the Recovery sank at sea; however, no lives were lost. In May 1790, they landed in Alexandria, Virginia and quickly discovered the deeds they held to the expected paradise were worthless. When President George Washington became aware of their plight, he sent Major John Burnham and thirty-six woodsmen from New England to construct eighty log cabins and four blockhouses, to be placed on each corner of the site along the Ohio River.

A city named

They arrived at a crude settlement, carved from the wilderness on October 17, 1790. The area became Gallipolis, meaning “City of the Gauls.” The site was called “La Place” by the French and is known today as the City Park.

Aid from Congress

Five years passed before Congress came to the aid of these settlers, granting them free land in the French Grant, located in Scioto County. Only a few families chose to go there, and those who remained in Gallipolis were forced to buy their land a second time from the actual owners, the Ohio Company.

Gallipolis: The Old French City

Gallia County created

It was not long before migrations of Virginians, New Englanders, Welsh and Germans began to increase the population of the area around Gallipolis. Just after Ohio became the 17th State in 1803, one of the first acts of its legislature was the creation of eight new counties. Thus, "Gallia," from the ancient name for France, in honor of the county's first settlers, was founded. By the mid-1800's most of the original "French 500," as they are presently known, and many of their descendants, had either died or moved from Gallia County. Gallipolis today still bears vestiges of the French, and remains a proud reminder of the county's heritage.

Prominent citizens

Gallipolis is known nationally for several of its citizens, including O.O. McIntyre, syndicated columnist and author of "New York Day by Day," famous restaurateur and sausage maker, Bob Evans, and Dr. Charles E. Holzer, Sr. who established the first hospital in 1909. Six Congressmen have come from Gallia County: Emma "Grandma" Gatewood, Samuel F. Vinton, Col. John L. Vance, Henry S. Neal, the Rev. J.W. McCormick, Robert M. Switzer and Frank A. Cremeans and State Representatives Dr. Clyde M. Evans and Ryan Smith, and Miss Ohio USA Megan (Wise) McCallister.



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Monday - Friday: 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. Weekends and Holidays: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.	Monday-Saturday: 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.
	Sunday: Noon - 6 p.m.

OH-70288996

First Friday

Enjoy a night out in downtown Gallipolis with live music, food, local artisans, and more! First Friday began in 2017 and has become a summer tradition for Gallia County. Our community loves supporting its local businesses and that is what First Friday is all about. There is fun for all ages and is a great opportunity to see a showcase of Gallia!

Our House Tavern Museum

For more than 200 years, the Our House Tavern has played an important role in Gallia County. Beginning in 1819 as a place for travelers to rest, it is now maintained as a museum by enthusiastic volunteers known as “docents” and managed by its board, the “Friends of the Our House.” The museum offers tours of the house and grounds to individuals and groups, as well as continuing research on the French descendants who passed through Gallipolis. Our House also works to offer various programs for those interested in Gallipolis’ French history. Visit at facebook.com/Ourhousemuseumoh or call 740-446-0586 to book your tour.



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321 Upper River Road Gallipolis
740-446-8080

Twisted Vine Family Vineyard

Twisted Vine Family Vineyard, located at 1375 Carter Road in Patriot, is definitely a family affair.

What began as a gesture of love with the planting of a few grapevines has led us here, to a family vineyard built upon four generations of land stewardship. Nestled in the rolling hills of Southern Ohio, our family began to produce hand-crafted wines from our farm's vineyard, orchard and berries in 2008. Each member of our family, from oldest to youngest, contributed to maintaining the vineyard and producing wine.

Our hand-crafted wines are produced on site in small batches with attention to detail. We produce a variety of wines from both grapes and fruit. Wine varieties that are available include Merlot, Reisling and a sweet Concord among many others. We are proud to serve locally made cheeses and bread on our cheese trays, as well as sweet treats for dessert. We offer tastings, flight boards, glasses or wine by the bottle.

Our outdoor seating area provides views of the vineyard while allowing for either intimate or group gatherings. Our vision is to provide a welcoming and enjoyable atmosphere where everyone can enjoy a glass of wine and



HOURS OF OPERATION

Thursday 4-8 p.m.; Friday
1-9 p.m.; Saturday 1-9 p.m.

friendship. We invite you to sit back, relax and make some wonderful memories. The winery also offers a variety of musical entertainment and food throughout the summer season, please follow our Facebook page for a complete listing of upcoming scheduled events.

Find Twisted Vine on Facebook at www.facebook.com/TwistedVineFamilyVineyard.



Gallia's premier boutique & art
entertainment destination

BoardRoom46

In 2022, Boardroom46 is booming with painting workshops again! Boardroom46 is your local urban escape where you and your friends can get creative, celebrate special occasions, or just simply mix up your weekend routine to paint a wall-worthy sign while having so much fun. Boardroom46 offers family friendly workshops, 21+ workshops, Drop in & Paint as well as private party events. Their team of designers create unique and inspired sign designs for every trend and taste. Choose one of their 200+ designs and personalize it with your own special names, dates, monograms, colors – make it yours! Friendly trained instructors will guide you step-by-step to ensure you leave with a sign you love! Need something completely customized? They offer private design services for your unique ideas. Call them at 740.794.1046 for details.

Head on over to Boardroom46.com to schedule your workshop today! Stop by the boutique Tuesday – Thursday 10a-5pm and Friday-Saturday 10am-8pm to see beautiful gift options for you, or a friend. If you are interested in a custom gift, give them a call at 740.794.1046.

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**Raised Around Rio Farmers Market on
North College Avenue.**

Raised Around Rio Farmers Market

Raised Around Rio is the village farmers, craft and artisan market of Rio Grande.

The season begins the first Wednesday in May and continues every following Wednesday until October. Market hours are 4-7 p.m.

The market is located on North College Avenue near Ohio Valley Bank with its homemade goods, fresh produce and artisan items. This includes breads, jams, jellies, cheese, cupcakes, coffee, soaps, lotions, jewelry, in season produce, craft items and more.

“Raised Around Rio is important because of community involvement,” Jennifer Littlejohn, event organizer, said. “We have a lot of local talent and local artisans that need to show off their talent. We help them because we’re an artisan market and not just a farmer’s market. There are a lot of people who don’t want to travel to Charleston, Huntington or even Athens to get produce or goods. We’re here local and we’re here for local people and visitors.”

The market has hosted just under 50 vendors. For information and to receive updates on business hours and health safety guidelines, visit Raised Around Rio's Facebook page.



Locations:

~ 1/4 mile north of
Pomeroy-Mason Bridge
Mason, WV
304-773-5323

~ 2400 Eastern Avenue
Gallipolis, OH
740-446-1711
www.bobsmarket.com

OH 702891 B6



Pictured at the 2019 Gallia County Emancipation Celebration are Bill Jackson and Dr. William Anderson enjoying the history booth.

Emancipation Proclamation Celebration

The Emancipation Proclamation has been celebrated and observed in Gallia County, Ohio continuously since 1863.

The Gallia County Emancipation Day Celebration is reported to be the longest continuous running celebration of the Emancipation Proclamation in the United States. It is held on the third weekend in September each year, with famous orators, reenactors, politicians, singers, bands, children's games and other presentations. The festivities will begin on Saturday at the Gallia County Jr. Fairgrounds for family-friendly events for the weekend. There will not be any Friday evening activities.

Meeting Facilities

	Theater Seating	Classroom Seating	Banquet/ Reception Seating	On-site Catering	Outside Catering Accepted	Handicap Accessible
Ariel-Ann Carson Dater Performing Arts Centre	•	•	•		•	•
Bossard Memorial Library		•	•		•	•
Courtside Bar & Grill		•	•	•		•
French Art Colony		•	•		•	•
University of Rio Grande	•	•	•	•		•
Rio Ridge Venue	•	•	•		•	•
OVB on the Square	•	•	•		•	•
Green Valley Gathering Place		•	•		•	•
Holzer Leadership & Innovation Institute		•	•		•	•



Gallipolis In Bloom

Gallipolis in Bloom is a 501 (c)3 civic organization that promotes improving our community through flower beautification, bettering the quality of our environment, connecting people of all ages, and encouraging community spirit. Since its founding in 2006, Gallipolis in Bloom has strived to create an encouraging spirit of cooperation between residents, businesses, government, civic organizations, and visitors alike. Gallipolis in Bloom has won numerous national awards in the America in Bloom program, including Floral Display, Heritage, Overall Impression, Community Volunteer Recognition, and the 2017 Small Cities Championship in the Circle of Champions Division.

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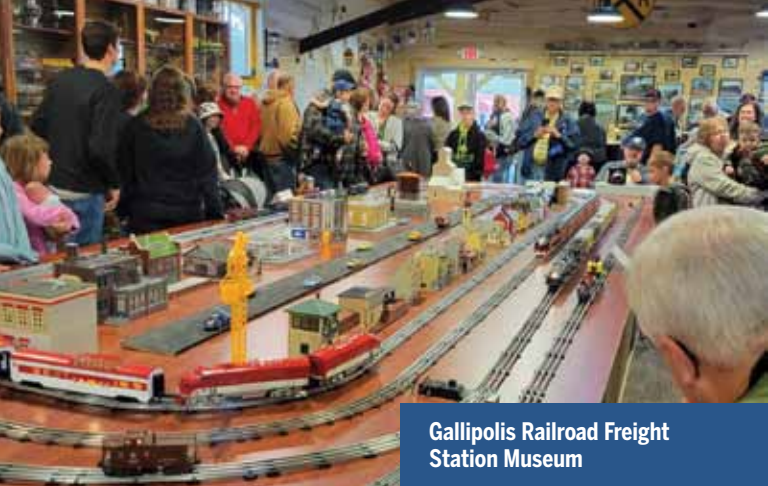
supporting the growth of new business through landscaping, environmental projects, education and conservation is the goal of Gallipolis in Bloom. Members give their time and efforts by planting over 80 containers and 125 baskets throughout the city, sponsoring a free plant exchange, and a free organic community garden each year.

We continue to strive to make Gallipolis the best place to live, work and play.



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Village of Adamsville - The original Adamsville settlement was located on the banks of Raccoon Creek and are now located at Bob Evan Farm. Adam Rickabaugh (1761-1836), a veteran of the Revolutionary War from Virginia, brought his family to this valley around 1804. The Village of Adamsville was awarded an Ohio Historical Marker in October 2014. The five log structures representing the village include a schoolhouse, a Freedom Seekers: Ohio & The Underground Railroad display, a Pioneer Home, an Appalachian Crafts display and mercantile. Call 740-245-5304. www.bobevans.com

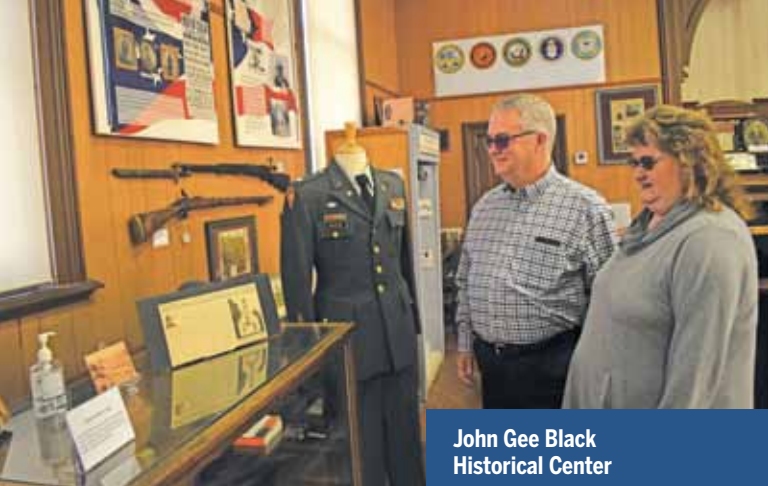
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A snap of the fingers confirms that bell clear acoustic quality inside the **Ariel-Ann Carson Dater Performing Arts Centre**. The Ariel is home to The Ohio Valley Symphony, the only professional orchestra in the southeast Ohio area. This restored 1895 opera house is host to professional and amateur performances and presentations year round with a five concert Ohio Valley Symphony series each year. Lectures, business meetings and more round out the Ariel calendar. Visit www.arieloperahouse.org or call 740-446-ARTS.

Artisan Shoppe, Studio & Gallery is a state of the art facility in Gallipolis. Find high quality, handmade products from local artisans, choose from a variety of classes to take or utilize the open art studio, and enjoy monthly galleries. www.theartisanshoppe.org

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**John Gee Black
Historical Center**

Attractions

new designs, new event types to the schedule, and new items to the boutique. Visit www.BoardRoom46.com to reserve a spot in an upcoming workshop or to schedule a private event.

Cliffside Golf Course offers 18 challenging holes, with four set of tees, which tests all skill levels and provides an exceptional golfing experience. Founded in 1988, Cliffside was designed by golf course architect Jack Kidwell. Call 740-446-GOLF.

French Art Colony is a regional multi-arts center dedicated to supporting arts education and cultural enrichment in our communities. Housed in an 1855 Greek Revival home, "Riverby," the Art Colony offers extensive youth arts programming designed to spark the imagination of pre-K youth through teenagers and beyond. Visit the FAC's website at www.frenchartcolony.org for the most up-to-date information on gallery exhibits, classes and performances or call 740-446-3834.

Gallia County Historical Society's purpose is to bring to the community the resources that have been so painstakingly

gathered as to reflect the history of Gallipolis and the surrounding Gallia County. The group hopes to be able with the help of others, to gather history of the families that came from the east coast, the early settlers, to this territory to make it their home. The group's genealogical purpose is to gather those histories and help researchers connect with their ancestors. Call 740-446-7200.

The purpose of the **Gallia County Genealogical Society, OGS Chapter, Inc.** is to promote interest in genealogical study and research and to take an active part in collecting and preserving records of interest to Gallia County, making them available for genealogical research. The society hosts several book signings for local authors and has various items for sale pertaining to genealogical research and Gallia County. www.galliagenealogy.org or call 740-446-4242.

Gallipolis Railroad Freight Station Museum is the latest incarnation of the Gallipolis Hocking Valley Railroad Freight Station, built in 1901. The station remained a bustling freight depot for the area

Under the pavilion at the
French Art Colony.



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through the ownership of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway as well as the Baltimore and Ohio and the Chessie System. The station was closed by CSX in late 1981. In the years that followed, ownership passed to the O.O. McIntyre Park District and the City of Gallipolis. In 2015, a group of concerned residents organized by Dallas (Jim) Love became involved in efforts to save the deteriorating 26'x80' station. By 2016, the Gallipolis Railroad Freight Station Museum, LLC was formed. By laws were written, officers and directors were elected. A 501c3 status was gained by the IRS. During late summer of 2016, the city deeded the station to the museum board. The museum opened in 2022. Visit gallipolisrailroad.org

John Gee Black Historical Center is a cultural and educational center to insure the preservation of tradition, culture, crafts, music and art of the African Americans in Southeastern Ohio. Call 740-578-9692 or visit [www.john-](http://www.john-geeblackhistory.com)

geeblackhistory.com.

The **Lambert Lands Memorial** is dedicated to 30 ex-slaves freed by slave holder Charles Lambert Jr. of Bedford County, Virginia, in his last will and testament. In 1843, the group migrated northward, crossed the Ohio River and settled on 365.5 acres in Morgan Township in Gallia County, Ohio. Gallia County had more than one major route for slaves to escape from the southern plantations in their quest for freedom. Call 740-446-7200.

The Nolan family's **Laurel Valley Creamery** got its start in 2005 when Nick and Celeste Nolan purchased farmland belonging to Nick's grandparents in an attempt to carry on their family farming traditions. Their goal now is to create a successful cheese business and also help people renew their relationship with food production. Go to www.laurelvalleycreamery.com or call 740-339-2001.

Located in the midst of one of



Our House Tavern

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the largest Welsh-American settlements in North America, the **Madog Center for Welsh Studies** has established a Resource Center which helps to support its mission. In this endeavor, the center is unique in the United States and Canada. The center fosters an understanding and appreciation for Welsh heritage and contemporary Welsh culture. Call 740-245-7186.

Merry Family Winery is located in rural Gallia County. Enjoy picturesque views of the countryside while enjoying our locally made handcrafted wines. Family owned and operated winery/vineyard. Charming, casual atmosphere. Closed the months of January and February. Visit www.merryfamilywinery.com or call 740-245-9463.

Mound Hill Cemetery, also known as Fortification Hill, overlooks Gallipolis, West Virginia and the Ohio River. The cemetery dates back to 1880 and has at least two of the founding French 500 buried there. The plaque on the gates in the cemetery lists the names of thirty Revolutionary

soldiers who were buried in Gallia County. The cemetery includes many gravestones of interest. Call 740-441-6022.

The **Ohio Tattoo Museum** is located at 1928 Jackson Pike, Bidwell, Ohio and offers visitors a unique collection of flash art and coveted tattoo related antiquities spanning from the early days of electric tattooing to present. For more information, or to inquire about hours of operation and special events, call 740-441-8190, or ohiotattoomuseum.com

Our House Tavern was established in 1819 by Henry Cushing and his sister Elizabeth Cushing Foster. It was run as a tavern and inn to travelers. The tavern also served as a gathering place for the local people so that they might get the latest news and discuss current events with the travelers. Today, it is a place to see living history. Points of interest within the museum are General Lafayette's jacket that was left behind during his visit in 1825, the Summer Kitchen, the Tavern Room and artifacts in the attic. Call 740-446-0586.

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Pine Street Cemetery was established around 1790. The most interesting monuments are those of the original French 500 settlers and Congressman Vinton for whom, in 1850, Ohio's Vinton County was named. Some of the early gravestones remaining in the cemetery today are inscribed with dates of deaths as early as 1815. Many older headstones feature epitaphs with warnings to the living or a message about the departed. The early stonecutters used icons to convey strong and enduring messages. These sedate symbols of expression took far less space than words. Call 740-441-6022.

Pine Street Colored Cemetery holds the gravestones of several local citizens who contributed to this community's development. Included are Willis Battles, a carpenter; Daniel Webster, a restaurateur; Lemeul Holmes, a cooper; George Mason, a shoemaker; Leah Steward, the first black person to arrive in Gallia County and Robert Mitchell, who led the way to an early desegregation of the Gallipolis Public Schools. Because of Mitchell's efforts, Lincoln School on Third Avenue was integrated in 1918. It was the

first desegregation in the state of Ohio. Call 740-441-6022.

Situated in the foothills of Southeastern Ohio, **Raccoon Creek County Park** is bordered on the north by Raccoon Creek, the stream formerly called "Etha Petha," the Shawnee word for raccoon. To the south lie hills and upland fields adjacent to the historic Popular Knob. The park showcases 700 acres of both natural areas and recreation facilities that afford visitors many and varied leisure experiences year round. Call 740-446-4612.

Twisted Vine Family Vineyard, located in Patriot, produces a variety of wines from both grapes and fruit. Wine varieties that are available include Merlot, Reisling, and a sweet Concord among many others. Serves locally made cheeses and bread on cheese trays, as well as sweet treats for dessert. Offering tastings, flight boards, glasses or wine by the bottle. Visit www.twistedvinefamilyvineyard.com or call 740-256-1923.

Wet and Wild Ohio is an inflatable water park that offers a sandy beach to relax on while the kids play.



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A short drive from Gallipolis takes you across the Ohio River into downtown Point Pleasant and Mason County, W.Va.

The Mothman arrived in Point Pleasant in November 1966 in classic style, scaring couples in parked cars and making his home in what is known as the TNT area. He was described as 7 feet tall with a barrel chest and a piercing cry. His most memorable features were his 10-foot bat-like wings and his huge, red, glowing eyes. Sightings continued for more than a year, building an impressive roster of over 100 fear-struck locals who claimed to have encountered him. Researcher John Keel heard the stories and came to Point Pleasant to see what was happening. He compiled what he found in a 1975 book. “The Mothman Prophecies.” In 2001, Richard Gere starred in a Hollywood movie by the same name. Have your picture taken with the Mothman statue located within walking distance of the River Museum.

In Meigs County, visit the Fur Peace Ranch. Conceived in 1989 by Jorma and Vanessa Kaukonen, the guitar camp is a 119-acre parcel of property that lies in the rolling foothills of Appalachia. Call it a school, an instructional facility, or just a really positive place to better explore the potential of your favorite instrument. Visit www.furpeaceranch.com



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The Gallipolis Railroad
Freight Station Museum.

Gallipolis Railroad Freight Station Museum

It's been a long time coming but the Gallipolis Railroad Freight Station Museum's restoration efforts are steaming forward.

The Gallipolis Hocking Valley Railroad Freight Station, 918 Third Avenue, was built in 1901. The station remained a bustling freight depot for the area through the ownership of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway as well as the Baltimore and Ohio and the Chessie System. The station was closed by CSX in late 1981.

In addition to updating access to heating, power and water, the museum added a former Ringling Brothers' and Barnum and Bailey's circus passenger car to its growing collection of railway vehicles in February 2019.

The circus passenger car joins a caboose and a fireless steam locomotive at the museum. The first was acquired June 2017 from Wheelersburg and the second from Point Pleasant, W.Va., in August, 2019. The locomotive had no firebox and was filled with steam to be utilized for a few hours in areas that could not have open flames. It was built in the 1940s while the caboose was built in 1969. More information can be found at gallipolisrailroad.org.

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Vigil: 5:30 p.m.
8:00 a.m. & 7:00 a.m.



John Gee Black Historical Center


A small, unassuming brick church sits alone among a parking lot at 48 Pine Street in Gallipolis and is passed by hundreds of vehicles a day. Inside though is the uniform of a Gallia Tuskegee Airman, shackles once used to hold human's captive among books and other artifacts dedicated to telling the tale of Gallia's African American history.

The John Gee Black Historical Center is a cultural and educational center to insure the preservation of tradition, culture, crafts, music, and art of the African Americans in Southeastern Ohio.

In 1818, the first African American Church in Gallia was established across the road from the current center location and called the Bethel Church. Once the original building had become dilapidated, area builder and landowner John Gee donated land across the street for a new church's construction that was completed in 1868. The church was named the John Gee African American Methodist Episcopal Chapel after Gee died. Reportedly, church members were also part of the Underground Railroad and assisted fugitive slaves on their road to freedom.

"This is an opportunity for people in our area," said Bobette Braxton of Gallipolis. "For me, here at John Gee, it's really important just for the history of Gallipolis alone."

Visit www.johngeebblackhistory.com



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Quilt squares on the meeting barn at Bob Evan's Farm in Rio Grande.

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The Gallia County Convention and Visitors Bureau free summer program the **Passport Challenge** is perfect for the whole family to explore and learn about Gallia County with the chance to win prizes. The purpose of this program is to encourage participants to explore Gallia County by visiting locations listed on our passport brochures. Please visit our website www.visitgallia.com, to learn more.

The **Self-Guided Walking Tour** provides visitors the opportunity to explore the downtown Galipolis area at their own leisurely pace, the historic homes, buildings, museums and the City Park. Complete with a detailed map, the brochure identifies the location and a brief history of each venue. Take a relaxing fall foliage drive along scenic country roads nestled in the foothills of southeastern Ohio. This colorful driving tour takes you through the small towns and rolling countryside of Gallia County. On your way, discover the county's unique history and culture while traveling the back roads and byways. Please visit our website www.visitgallia.com, to learn more.

The **Quilt Barn Trail Project** is a product of a community-based committee of quilters, visual

arts, property owners, civic and social organizations and businesses, working with the Gallia County Convention and Visitors Bureau (GCCVB) and the French Art Colony. The goal is to highlight the heritage of Appalachia and develop a new tourism product. The GCCVB has created a Gallia County Quilt Barn Trail brochure that highlights all the squares along with addresses and photos to help guide the way. For a copy of the brochure contact our office at 740-446-6882 or info@visitgallia.com.

Thomas Arts Trail: Gallia County is home to many unique arts organizations. We invite you to explore and discover the talents of Southeast Ohio and tap into your inner artist with the Thomas Arts Trail. Featuring, the French Art Colony, University of Rio Grande Greer Museum, The Artisan Shoppe & Studio + Gallery, Raised Around Rio Farmer and Artisan Market, Ariel Opera House and Boardroom46. Visit our events calendar for upcoming galleries, performances and classes at www.visitgallia.com

Serpent Bones Trail: Southeast Ohio boasts many delightful touring roads for motorcycle, car, or bicycle, but none quite as peaceful and with as much natural beauty as the winding roads around and through

Following the trails of Gallia County

Vinton & Gallia Counties, surrounding counties, and areas adjacent to the Hocking Hills. Step out of time and space into hours or days of peaceful, semi-deserted, natural beauty and history. Go nowhere, then keep going. Breathe easier when you arrive. All routes are paved, almost exclusively two lanes. www.serpentbones.com

The O.O. McIntyre Park District operates several outdoor trails across Gallia including **Raccoon Creek County Park**. Located at 518 Dan Jones Road, the park features trails sprawled across 700 acres of natural and recreational land. Several trails start along Dan Jones Road past the main entrance to the park and explore some of the land's more natural side. **Natural Gorge**

Trail and **Deer Hollow Trail** both can be accessed from individual parking areas along Dan Jones Road. Both trails are under two miles. The trail Raccoon Creek County Park is most known for is the two-mile long **Fitness Trail** that encompasses the cleared area of the park. To learn more, call the park district office at 740-446-4612.

The **Gallia County Hike and Bike Trail**, open to those on foot and on bicycles, is set on an old railroad track going from Haskins Park in Gallipolis to beyond Bidwell. The main portion of the trail, which has free parking at both ends, runs between Bob McCormick Road and Haskins Park and features a smooth and level paved surface almost four miles long.

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The most wild and yet likely the most unused trails in Gallia County are the two trails located in **Wayne National Forest**.

At 15 miles, the **Symmes Creek** and **Morgan Sisters trails** do join together in the middle and can be accessed from Symmes Creek Road and Pumpkintown Road, respectively.

Each of these trails are open to the public year round, and can be enjoyed without any registration or reservation. Go to visitgallia.com or call the Gallia County Convention and Visitors Bureau at 740-446-6882 for more information.



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