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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Resources are the essence of a destination's tourism appeal. They represent the supply side of the basic supply-demand equation that needs matched with market demand to develop successful destinations. A resource inventory offers a clear understanding of how individual resources of a region fit together to create tourism experiences.

A resource inventory of attractions, access and services within range of the Portage River was conducted during the summer of 2001. This is an honest appraisal of tourism opportunities that is a subjective view based on the experiences of a traveler. This inventory should be viewed as a starting point for developing a plan to expand visitor spending while also preserving the resources most sought-after by the visiting public. It's the beginning of a process that should involve local stakeholders shaping a vision for tourism development based on community goals and objectives.

It's easier and more effective to begin a tourism development process at this fledgling stage than it is to change attitudes about preservation and shifting markets in mature tourism destinations.

The Portage River area has few principal resources with the pulling power to motivate visitor travel decisions. Cooperation among communities and their individual attractions create a "bigger" experiences for niche markets, carefully chosen to create the largest economic impact to local communities.

Lack of public access and navigational water is a realistic limitation on tourism development and promotion. Also, communities still concentrate most promotion attempts within political boundaries. The

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strong sense of pride felt in most of the communities could be powerful if shifted to a regional pride.

Historical resources are underfunded and under interpreted, lacking the quality that is expected from the tourism market. The area's natural resources (with the exception of a few) are largely recreational for residents.

Festivals and events are numerous; however, caution must be used to increase visitation of these events while also retaining the uniqueness and charm that makes them so attractive.

Tourism support facilities are scarce, with overnight accommodations largely concentrated at the mouth of the river. Few cohesive marketing efforts are visible to the existing tourism market, so these communities are viewed as individuals rather than a region.

Further analysis of the resource inventory is needed, as is a tourism market analysis to identify those niche markets which carry greatest potential. Public participation will be key to moving this project further, and it should be implemented at this stage.

Project Summary

The Portage River Wildlife and Recreation Committee was commissioned by the Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Government to explore possibilities of expanding the economic impact of the Portage River through its tourism activities. The first step in developing a regional plan is to assess an area's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats.

The Ohio Sea Grant Extension office and the Ottawa County Visitors Bureau joined forces and received funding from the Lake Erie Protection Fund, distributed by the Ohio Lake Erie Office. The goal was to conduct a resource inventory of the Portage River and its surrounding communities in order to determine existing land use, public access points and needed services.

Kathy Boyle, an intern from Bowling Green State University, began touring the riverfront and interviewing business owners, residents and government officials along the way. More than 300 individual sites were inventory and assessed using a “mystery” shopper technique.

The results are enclosed. It will be used by members of the Portage River Basin Committee, as well as others interested in developing this project, to develop a heritage tourism product while also protecting and enhancing its sensitive natural areas and historical sense of place.

Nature travel is estimated to be increasing at an annual rate between 10 and 30 percent (Reingold 1993). The four most popular outdoor activities are walking, visiting a beach or waterside, family gatherings and sightseeing. Secondary to these, but still attracting at least 20 million participants each year, are hiking, camping, visiting nature centers and historic sites, wildlife viewing, studying nature near water, freshwater fishing, motorboating, swimming, and picnicking. The sharpest rise has been in birdwatching. Since 1982-83, bird watching has increased 301%, from 21.2 million participants to 84.9 million (USDA, Univ. of Tennessee, 2000)

Tourism Trends

Heritage tourism encompasses not only nature-based tourism, but also a region's historical and cultural resources as well. Heritage tourism offers the greatest possibilities for growth for the Portage River basin, as every community along the river has stories to tell. Historical and cultural resources are necessary to maximize economic potential of nature-based and heritage tourism. Nature tourists clearly wish for other experiences on their trip in addition to those related to nature, culture or adventure (HLA Consultants and ARA Consulting Group, 1994).

Heritage tourism is defined as "traveling to experience the places and activities that authentically represent the people and stories of a region." (National Heritage Tourism Research Forum, 1997). Nearly half of all U.S. adult travelers included a cultural, arts, heritage or historic activity while on a trip of 50 miles or more, one-way, during the past year (TIA, 1995). Nature/heritage tourists travel year-round, and are less dependent on weekend-only travel.

What are Visitors Seeking?

(Source: *Geotourism*, Travel Industry Association of America and *National Geographic Traveler*, 2003)

Destination & Trip Preferences	All Travelers (154 million adults)	Frequent Travelers (49 million adults)
Travel to destinations where I can experience the outdoors but still have comfortable accommodations	68%	71%
Trips where I can walk around in historic/charming towns and locations	67%	72%
Trips to family-friendly destinations	67%	68%
Trips to small towns, rural areas and countrysides	60%	61%
Trips to destinations with authentic historic or archaeological buildings and sites	53%	56%
Trips with primary purpose to see, tour and learn about a place	52%	56%
Trips to destinations offering many forms of entertainment, nightlife, dining and shows	47%	49%
Trips to large cities	43%	48%
Outdoor adventure travel involving personal challenge and/or risk	25%	29%

Pennsylvania adopted a heritage tourism program approximately five years ago, and the state supports this endeavor with a multi-million investment in product development and promotion. Their effort has reaped economic benefits, as heritage travelers to Pennsylvania grew 23% in 1997 while the total domestic leisure market grew only 8%. Also, spending by heritage travelers rose 15%, while spending by total travelers grew by only 6% (D.K. Shifflet, 1997).

Local Tourism Trends and Activity

Tourism in Ohio, and in the northwest Ohio region, is at a pivotal point. Tourism in the state has experienced a 21% drop in overnight visitor market share the past six years, largely because of lack of advertising support and changing tourism demands.

In the Image Study of Ohio 2000, Ohio's weaknesses in the minds of the marketplace were unique scenery, noted for history, good for viewing wildlife/birds, great for exploring nature, good for hiking/backpacking, excellent hunting, great canoeing, and interesting local people and traditions. These are the very features that are most sought after by future visitors.

Tourism in the Portage River area is heavily concentrated at the mouth of the river. The Ottawa County Visitors Bureau reports that 53% of its callers seek information about the Lake Erie Islands, 22% want sportfishing information, 11% are visiting Cedar Point but interested in extending their stay, and 8% are requesting wildlife viewing information.

This is a mature tourism market, having been a destination for more than 150 years. However, little adaptation has been made to existing products to adapt to new touring demands and market needs. Financial

resources are scarce, creating few opportunities for improving existing services, products and marketing reach. This has created stagnation in revenue and decreased market share.

Tourism is big business, accounting for more than \$348 million in Ottawa County alone. Developing an additional product that provides the features most desired by visitors could increase the economic impact of the existing tourism base by extending lengths of stays, as well as attracting new travelers. It could also serve as a model or motivator for other communities.

The entire Lake Erie shoreline is currently undergoing its own critical evaluation and planning process. Lake Erie Coastal Ohio is creating an overall marketing plan and development strategy for reaching the resource-based tourism market. Supported statewide, this project may move the region into more progressive and proactive thinking and development.

Other Portage River communities have marketed in isolation (if at all), with the exception of a few brochure to coordinate activity. A common trend is to copycat other marketing tools without a clear focus on market differentiation. However, many of these communities have a strong sense of community pride and desire for increasing the tourism trade and quality of their inherent resources.

This enthusiasm can lead to success, as a destination's long-term tourism potential is driven more by the creativity and willpower of its residents and leaders, than it is by its manmade attractions. The caution is to proceed with a market-driven plan to ensure success.

The Tourism Resource Audit is a systematic two-stage process of an inventory and evaluation. However, this inventory is not meant to be merely a basic checklist of attractions and services, but also a listing of resources in terms of their type, capacity, operation, market and accessibility. This stage is never really completed; it is an ongoing process that will need constant input and revision.

An evaluation of resources is the second stage, requiring a hard, unbiased look at experiences in need of further attention. What resources have quality, uniqueness and appeal? Just copying what others have done will not mean success and could even be counterproductive if the quality is not exceptionally better than the original. However, almost all destinations have qualities about them that can be used to establish a “sense of place” and a reason for visiting.

With the resource inventory well underway, the next phase of developing a sustainable tourism strategy for the Portage River area is to conduct a tourism market analysis. It is vital to match the produce (the resources) to the demand.

Public participation (and thus ownership and support) is key at this point. Without public/private support, little can or will be done to create a marked difference in visitor spending. The following are recommendations for proceeding:

1. Expand or establish a Portage River Tourism Committee
 - Need greater private sector involvement
 - Need greater participation from existing members by establishing specific work tasks and goals

- Ideally, should consist of up to 12 active members from a cross-section of geographic and tourism business interest.

2. Conduct a Tourism Market Analysis

- Review existing secondary data
- Conduct primary research in market area (who is current user, where do they come from, what do they want to do, what services/facilities are they requesting, what influenced their visit, how long did they stay, who did not visit?):

3. Produce site-specific web site for Portage River Tourism project

- Shows immediate action by providing tourism activities already available
- Serves as clearinghouse for product development
- Allows public input into process

4. Establish policy statements

- Using present mission statement of committee, expand to include values/policies that will prevail when focusing on resource-driven tourism
- Minimizes future conflicts by clarifying intent

5. Develop strategy for public input in development of tourism management/marketing plan

6. Develop tourism management/marketing plan

- Develop plan of action for improving existing products
- Explore opportunities for expanding into new markets
- Establish long-term priorities with goals, objectives and actions
- Identify key portals (quality experiences) to serve as gateways and motivators for regional travel

RECREATION ALONG THE PORTAGE RIVER

Recreation opportunities in the Portage River Basin include bowling, swimming, billiards, picnicking, walking, hiking, fishing, hunting, biking, canoeing, camping, and scuba diving. Though there are many recreation opportunities, the area is underutilized. Much focus seems to be placed on consumptive activities such as fishing and hunting. There is an opportunity for non-consumptive recreation such as hiking, biking, birding, and scuba diving. Visitors want to partake in recreation-related activities, but they also want other experiences during their trip. Historical and cultural resources in the area are necessary and must be adequately staffed, preserved and interpreted for the region to reach maximum economic benefits.

Fishing

One of the most popular recreational uses of the Portage River is fishing. The Portage River Basin is home to at least 53 species of fish. According to a 1995 EPA study of the Portage River, the following species of fish were found in the mainstem — Brown Bullhead, Carp, Channel Catfish, FW Drum, Greenside Darter, Large Mouth Bass, Small Mouth Bass, Stoneroller Minnow, Rock Bass, and White Crappie. Local sources indicate the best place to fish along the Portage River is near Hyde Run and the Brush Wellman Plant between Elmore and Oak Harbor. However, sediment collection in this area by the EPA revealed highly elevated levels of PAHs, PCBs, and heavy metals. Concentrations of PCBs were found in fish tissue samples collected from the Hyde Run area that pose a moderate health risk for human consumption.

Public access is limited, with most shoreline fishing occurring off private property or hidden areas known only to locals.

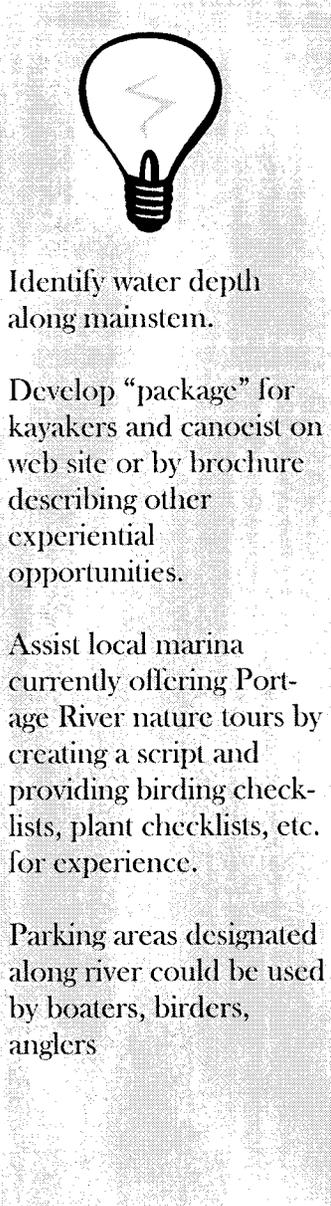


Identify areas for public access and monitor catch rates through volunteer corps. Post findings with all regional visitors bureaus.

Identify and prioritize potential access properties and pursue acquisition through conservancy efforts.

Boating

"This is rural farming geography. Other than some small markets to pick up some food, there are no accommodations. If one wanted to make this into an over night trip, it would be hard to find land that wouldn't require trespassing. This is strictly a day-trip." . . . visitor comment posted on www.Peddleing.net



"The Portage River drains a rather small watershed, and as a result it flashes up and down very quickly. It can be runnable in the morning, and too low in the afternoon. However, if you can catch it when it's up it's still worth doing - if only for the one (sometimes two) big surf waves just north of the Ohio Turnpike. The run starts in Woodville, Ohio; at either Trailmarker Park or Faye's Whippy-Dip, both in Woodville. Take-out at the city park in Elmore. Don't continue beyond Elmore. Two reasons - one, no rapids of significance. Two, there are dams at various points along the way." . . . advice given on www.americanwhitewater.org

Boating is limited to the deeper waters near Port Clinton. The river's unpredictable water levels make canoeing and kayaking possibilities sporadic. There are no canoe/kayak rentals available.

In recent years, several attempts have been made to provide guided nature trips aboard flat-bottom boats near the Port Clinton area. These opportunities have not been promoted enough to be profitable. Quality and interpretive accuracy is a concern and should be monitored.

	Roadside Parking	Parking Lot Pulloff	Boat Ramp	Rest-rooms	Guided Tours, Rentals	Docks
North River Road/south River Road Bridge in New Rochester	X					
Wayne Road bridge in Pemberville	X					
Bradner Road Bridge east of Pemberville	X					
Fort Findlay Road/Route 23 Bridge northeast of Pemberville	X					
TrailMarker Park in Woodville		X		X		
DAM – 1 mile upstream of Route 51 bridge in Elmore						
Harry Witty Memorial Park, Elmore	X					
DAM – 1 mile downstream of Route 51 bridge in Elmore						
Route 590 bridge west of Oak Harbor	X					
Portage River Access Area off Route 163 between Lacarne and Port Clinton		X	X	X		
Waterworks Park off Jefferson Street, Port Clinton		X				
Little Portage River Access, Port Clinton		X	X	X		
Portage River Wildlife Area Ramp		X	X	X		
MARINAS						X
Lakefront Marina, 1805 W. Lakeshore Dr., Port Clinton						X
Coastal Marine, 537 W. Lakeshore Dr., Port Clinton						X
Brand's Marina , 451 Lakeshore Dr. Port Clinton						X
Clinton Reef Marina , 545 W. Lakeshore Dr Port Clinton						X
Drawbridge Marina, 247 W. Lakeshore Dr						X
Westdock Dockage, 925 W. Lakeshore Dr, Port Clinton						X
Port Clinton Yacht Charters, 3190 W. Lakeshore Dr., Port Clinton					X	



If nature-based tourism is a priority, new parks should embrace natural environments, and less recreational areas added. Don't mix family attractions with attempts to attract nature traveler.

Incorporate wildlife watching opportunities with Buffer Zone program to provide access while maintaining essential pristine natural corridors.



Pursue completion of North Coast Inland Trail to connect Portage River to larger network of trails.

Communicate linkage to Buckeye Trail and encourage businesses to provide "welcome" signs, special deals for hikers, etc.

Buckeye Trail

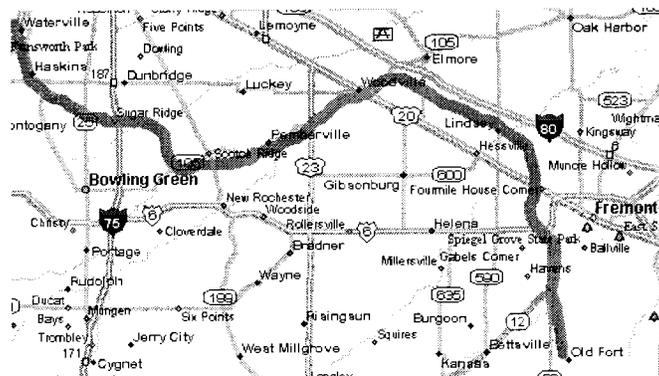


Parks

In the communities inventoried there are over 30 state and local parks providing a variety of recreational activities. Most, however, provide recreational experiences geared more toward residents. Few areas embrace the natural environment, which can be an attraction itself. The most visitor-friendly parks found in the area are William Henry Harrison Park in Pemberville, White Star Park in Gibsonburg, Walter Ory Park in Elmore, and Veteran's Memorial Park in Genoa. Nearby, Magee Marsh Wildlife Area and Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge rank as the nation's top birding locations. Opportunities for nature tourism exist along the Portage River only if pristine environments are accessible for visitors.

Hiking

Hiking already exists at William Henry Harrison Park in Pemberville, Pemberville Walking Trail, White Star Park in Gibsonburg, North Coast Inland Trail Elmore Section, Veteran's Memorial Park in Genoa, Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge in Oak Harbor, and Magee Marsh Wildlife Area in Oak Harbor. A portion of the Buckeye Trail System also runs through Pemberville. Although there are already trails, these are short experiences.



Map is intended for general information and location only. Please obtain a detailed section map before hiking.

Biking

Biking is an area of recreation that is underutilized in the area. There is a bike shop in Pemberville that sells and repairs bikes and accessories.

Birding

River corridors are excellent migration pathways for birds. They provide areas to rest and feed, and some species will remain to breed during the summer. Many birds pass through the Portage River area during spring and fall migration, so could those that seek them.

Birding as an eco-tourism product could be developed in the area. Possible existing sites along the Portage River for wildlife viewing include the Pemberville Walking Trail, William Henry Harrison Park - Pemberville, Trail-marker Park - Woodville, Schedel Arboretum - Elmore, North Coast Inland Trail Bridge - Elmore, River Bend Park - Elmore, and the Portage River Fishing Access - Port Clinton. The Ohio Division of Wildlife recently acquired a piece of property west of Pemberville on SR 105 which will be called Lover's Portage River Access. This piece of property once developed may also provide a spot for wildlife viewing..



Consider a bike lane along Route 105 or Portage River South Road.



Develop a checklist of birds commonly sighted in Portage River area.

Monitor sightings through volunteer corps and communicate with visitors bureaus in region.

Scuba Diving



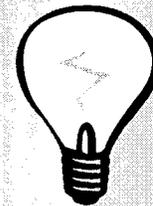
Link inland diving opportunities to those on Lake Erie. "Package" diving experiences through brochure, newsletter or web site. Work through area dive organizations to create a product.

A sport that is rising in popularity is scuba diving.

Gibsonburg and Port Clinton are currently the leading areas in the Portage River Basin for scuba diving. Gibsonburg has scuba diving facilities at White Star Park offering quarry diving for licensed divers and also instructors can bring groups in for training. Port Clinton has the New Wave Dive Shop offering scuba lessons, sales, service, dive travel, and dive charters in Lake Erie. Other areas along the Portage that could be developed for scuba diving would be the quarry at Genoa's Veteran's Memorial Park. The quarry at this park is already open for public swimming, and scuba diving would be a natural add-on. Luckey also has a quarry although it is not publicly owned. If this quarry could be acquired by the village or county it could be turned into something like White Star Park. Scuba diving could also be promoted along the Portage River near Port Clinton where the river is deeper.

Support Services

There were only a handful of businesses in the area inventoried that offered support services for outdoor recreation. The three main businesses were New Wave Dive Shop, Northland Sporting Supply, and the Pemberville Bike Shop. There is a need and opportunity for businesses in the area to carry supplies for hikers, bikers, birders, and scuba divers. This is a niche area that local businesses could promote. Other support services needed include restaurants. Each community has at least one unique restaurant. Unique restaurants included the Forks Restaurant - Pemberville, Country Inn Home Cooking - Luckey, A Taste of Home - Gibsonburg, the Village Inn - Elmore, Ray & Jet's - Genoa, JAK's Place - Oak Harbor, and Underwood's - Port Clinton. These restaurants are unique because of their homey atmosphere and taste of local flavor.



Pursue opportunities to expand existing shops or introduce new outfitter shop carrying high quality outdoor recreational gear.

Historical & Cultural Resources



Each town in the river basin area has unique historical and cultural resources. Pemberville has a restored Opera House which is open to the public, a restored train depot depicting train and local history, and the Pember-Furry House containing local artifacts and history. Luckey's original town hall is still standing on the corner of SR 582 and Main St. Woodville has the Woodville Historical Museum run by the Woodville Historical Society, and there is also an original mile marker from the Maumee Western Reserve Turnpike in front of Pills N' Packages Pharmacy downtown. Gibsonburg has been planning and is about to begin renovation of its downtown historic district. In Elmore the Mattie Heckman Log House was built in the 1870s and depicts pioneer life in the Firelands area. Also in Elmore is the Elmore Depot built in the 1870s and still on its original site. The Schedel Arboretum and Gardens in Elmore is open for garden tours daily and home tours by appointment. Genoa has the only known brick privy on the National Register of Historic Places. Also on the National Register of Historic Places in Genoa is the Genoa Town Hall and Opera House which has been fully restored. Oaks Harbor has a unique a history, unfortunately there are not many tangible sites left to visit. There are remnants of the old interurban railroad bridge visible from the end of Church Street and a local grassroots organization is pursuing renovation. Port Clinton has the Ottawa County Historical Museum with exhibits on the area's community, civil, and military history. Historic buildings in Port Clinton include the Ottawa County Courthouse, Island House Hotel, and the Port Clinton Lighthouse.

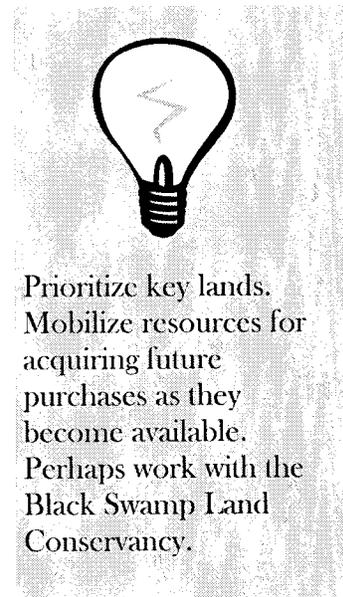
Unique Shopping Experiences

Another activity visitors are interested in doing while participating in other activities is shopping. There are many unique shopping opportunities available in the Portage River area. Pemberville has Becker's General Store which is just like an old general store. In Elmore, the Elmore 5 & 10 provides great antiquing and also has an old fashioned candy counter. Packer Creek Pottery is located in Genoa. Famous people like Barbara Bush, Julie Andrews, and Katie Holmes have commissioned pieces from Packer Creek Pottery. Oak Harbor has the Oak Harbor Hardware Store. This building has only been used as a hardware store since it was built. Many of the old fixtures remain including the original hardwood floors. Port Clinton has many unique shops one of them is the Wide World Shop with gifts from all over the world.

Preservation Needs

The 1995 EPA study suggested removing the low-head dam downstream from Elmore to improve stream habitat and facilitate the free passage of fish including seasonal migrants from Lake Erie. Other areas to consider preserving include:

- Mouth of the Little Portage River
- Corrigan's property - wetlands and heron rookery on property
- Elmore rapids for walleye production and natural viewing area
- 100-foot wooded buffer with grassland strip along river.



PORTAGE RIVER

The Portage River is not large — just a mere 60 miles long — but it played a vital role in the development of Northwest Ohio. Most of the ditches, streams and even parts of its tributaries are manmade, created by early residents to drain the Great Black Swamp, a massive region filled with marshes and swampland that deterred settlement of this corner of the state.

Stretching from the hinterlands to Lake Erie, the Portage River empties into the lake in Port Clinton. Changes to the drainage system caused the Portage River to change the location of its mouth at least twice. Maps recorded in 1754 show the mouth was near the present site of Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge. Before that, the river emptied into Lake Erie near West Harbor, between Catawba and Danbury Townships.

Native Americans were first to use the river for transportation and sustenance. In 1782, a merchant trader wrote to a merchant in Detroit, “It is expected there will be two French traders at or near Little Island or the ‘Portash River.’”

The name was no doubt given because Indians and early explorers, traders and settlers were forced to “portage,” or carry their vessels, because of the intermittent shallow waters and rapids of this river.

Despite its shallow depth, the river is relatively clean, reaching 76 percent of Ohio EPA standards. Environmental issues of most concern relate to nonpoint pollution, land use, and sewage discharge.

“If you’ve ever traveled through northwest Ohio you’ve probably been struck by how flat the land is here, and how intensely farmed the place is. Night and day, around the clock, never seeming to relax when the growing season is upon us. This is some of the richest, most productive farm land in the country.

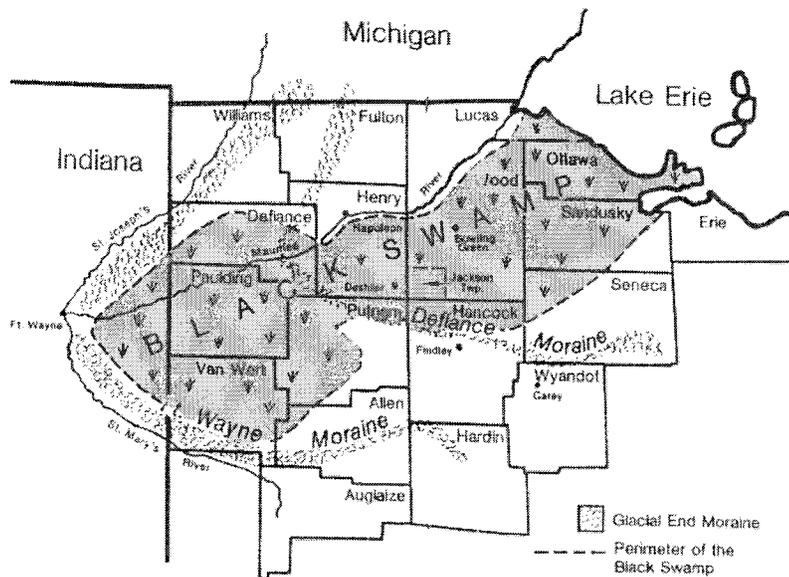
What’s astonishing is that not long ago this place was an abysmal, human forsaken swamp. So heavily forested with giant oak, elm, hickory, sycamore, cottonwood, ash and maple that you couldn’t see the light of day here during the summer months. Under water in all except the driest months of the year, and even then water filled your footsteps as you walked. Infested with mosquitoes, gnats, horsellics, crawling with snakes, moccasins, water rats, and prowled by ravaging wolves and wildcats.

No wonder the first white people who saw the place called it the “great black swamp”. The only wonder is how they ever got up enough nerve to settle here, and then transform the place so radically into this fertile, vast expanse. It was a heroic conquest. One that few know about, yet, should know about because it makes all this flatness take on some much needed meaning and character.”

From “*The Story of the Great Black Swamp*”
written by Joseph J. Arpad and produced by
WBGU-TV, Bowling Green State University.

THE GREAT BLACK SWAMP





The Great Black Swamp of Northwest Ohio encompassed 300,000 acres of wetlands and included swamps and marshes that provided the ideal habitat for wildlife. After the threat of Indian attacks diminished, settlers began arriving in full force. The swamp created hardship for early travelers and only hardy souls settled along its perimeters.

“The people here treated the Great Black Swamp as though it were the enemy and they annihilated it. The swamp in turn took a part of the soul of everyone who touched it.”

Joseph J. Arpad,
“The Great Black Swamp”

The Black Swamp was eventually drained and left behind a fertile, rich clay surface. Each of the communities along the Portage River was influenced or played a role in the clearing and settlement of the Great Black Swamp.

Pemberville and Oak Harbor both had logging industries clearing trees from the land. Woodville bordered the first major road through the Great Black Swamp – the Western Reserve & Maumee Turnpike. The first railroad connecting Cleveland and Toledo made its way through Elmore, making it the central hub for mail and supplies in early Ottawa County.

In 1859, the Ohio General Assembly passed legislation that required Northwest Ohio citizens to help drain the swamp. Soon, the Great Black Swamp was drained and “progress” began. One of the first steps was creating a transportation system for hauling the huge amounts of timber. Called corduroy roads, these roads layered logs. As one log sunk into the mud, another was laid upon it.

Timothy Sherman was the first to settle in Genoa in 1835. The first industry was a lumbering business started up by Sherman and other early settlers. Soon after the completion of the Toledo & Cleveland Railroad that passed through the village, sawmills and asheries were built. Genoa was a fueling station for the first wood-burning locomotives. The limestone industry influenced early Genoa beginning in 1855. The hub of social activity in Genoa was the Town Hall and Opera House built in 1886.

GENOA

The limestone industry continues to be influential in Genoa today. One of the old quarries has been turned into part of Veterans Memorial Park and is open for swimming. Genoa has preserved its history through

Key to Inventory Tables

Lodging & Campgrounds

Gift Shops, Antique Shops, Farm Markets

Wildlife Areas, Gardens, Outdoor Supply Stores, Recreational

Restaurants

Historic Sites, Attractions



Genoa Ice Cream Parlor, 601 Washington, Genoa

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
		Restaurant		Picnic benches, unpaved parking	Identification signage

Marco's Pizza, 22061 Route 51, Genoa 419.855.8355

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Dan Catillo		Carry-out restaurant		Paved parking	

Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, 204 Main St., Genoa 419.855.8501

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish	Historical Cultural	Grotto	Historical Cultural	Paved parking	Additional signage, benches

Chuck's Unicorn Florist, 22592 Woodville Rd., Genoa 800.332.8371

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Tim		Florist, gift baskets, reproduction tin signs in old home			

Ray and Jet's, 608 Main St., Genoa 419.855.8496

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
		Restaurant		Restrooms, paved parking, good atmosphere	

Genoa Civic Theatre, 509 1/2 Main St., Genoa 419.855.3103

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS

Soul Café, 514 Main St., Genoa 419.855.4227

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
John and Denise Alt		Restaurant, teen gathering place		Sponsored by area churches, open to area teens two Fridays a month, live entertainment.	

Brick Privy, behind Camper School, Genoa 419.855.3486

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Karen Kruse	Historical	Historic brick privy	Historical	Paved biking trail, paved parking	Interpretation and signage, better lighting might eliminate vandalism issue, convert to relief station for biking trail when developed

Country Manor Crafts, 21061 Route 163, Genoa

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Katherine Shader		Shops and craft classes		Restrooms, signage, brochure	Existing signage weathered and not inviting

Ernesto's, 20825 Route 51 W., Genoa 419.855.9063

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Ernie Sanchez		Authentic Mexican Restaurant		Restrooms, paved parking, handicap accessible	

Genoa National Register Historic District, downtown

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
	Historical	National Register Listing	Historical		Additional restoration needed, public restrooms, additional signage designed to accent historic designation

Genoa Jewelers, 611 Main St., Genoa 419.855.8411

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Frank and Patti Komics		Jewelry store			Brochure

Genoa Town Hall, 509 Main St., Genoa 419.855.3486

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Karen Kruse	Historical	National Register Listing	Historical	Restrooms, theater, paved parking	Directional signage, interpretive tools, brochure describing history

Granny's Attic, 101 E. 17th St., Genoa 419.855.3322

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Lisa Johnson Cowell		Flea market type crafts and gift items		Paved parking	Signage needs improved

McDonalds, 22201 Route 51, Genoa 419.855.8116

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Dale and Judy Becker		Restaurant		Restrooms, telephone, paved parking	

Packer Creek Pottery, 103 8th St., Genoa 419.855.3858

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Kells and Jan Pugh	Cultural	Art Gallery/Studio	Cultural, Art	Restrooms, paved parking, web site	

Samsen Furniture, 2222 S. Woodville Rd., Genoa 419.855.8316

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Robert Samsen		Furniture		Restrooms, drinking water, paved parking, handicap accessible	

Subway, 22049 W. Route 51, Genoa 419.855.3844

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Bryan Hall		Restaurant		Restrooms, paved parking, handicap accessible	

TT Top Café, 638 Main St., Genoa 419.855.4325

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Sharon and Jerry Nesf		Restaurant		Looks like a Route 66 vintage café with old sign, smalltown café with charm,	Improve exterior to match inviting interior

Taco Bell, 22210 Route 51, Genoa 419.855.9916

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Dave Schilling		Restaurant		Restrooms, paved parking	

Veterans Memorial Park, 605 Washington St., Genoa 419.855.7791, ext. 26

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
	Recreational	Restaurant	Recreational	In-line skating, swimming, tennis, basketball, nature trail, playground, picnic area	Mapping and interpretive improvements

GRAY- TOWN AND ROCKY RIDGE

Graytown and Rocky Ridge were settled mostly because of the lime industry. These two communities are very small and do not have much development. Graytown has one carryout restaurant and a nice sports complex for area Little League games. Rocky Ridge has no community parks or businesses located there.



Country Keg and Store, 1790 N. Walker, Graytown 419.862.2939

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Dan and Dean Tabbert		Restaurant		Restrooms, paved parking, signage	

Hansen Sport Complex, Graytown Road, Graytown 419.862.3774

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Dan Harder	Recreational	Recreational	Recreational	Picnic area, rest-rooms, drinking water	

Old Barn Christmas Tree Farm, 2566 North State Route 590, Graytown 419.898.6016

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Becky Studer	Agriculture	Farm Market	Agriculture	Open November and December, cut-your-own, balled and bur-lap	

LUCKEY

Located in the midst of what was once the Great Black Swamp, Luckey is a small farming community outside of Pemberville. Settlers to this area were at least five miles through wooded swampland from any other settlement. Children attended school sometime in nearby Bowling Green, or at country schools established periodically.

“In those days, pigeons flew in clouds so thick as to darken the sun. Deer came to the house for salt with the cattle. Game was abundant but nothing was slaughtered for pleasure,” comments about the 1830s life of Corporal James J. Hopper, an early settler.

Luckey also had a quarry at one point in time. In 1942, a Luckey magnesium processing plant processed lead for World War II efforts. There is one restaurant and one bar in Luckey. There is also an antique shop and a craft and gift shop. The Luckey Fall Festival is held annually in September. This brings in visitors from the area for crafts, entertainment, food and much more. One possible area for development is the old quarry. If this could be acquired by the village or county, it could be turned into a park. White Star Park in Gibsonburg would be an excellent model for this.



Country Inn Home Cooking, 240 Main St., Luckey 419.833.6020					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
		Restaurant			
Slow Ride Saloon, 229 Main St., Luckey 419.833.8203					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
		Lounge, restaurant			
Gateway to the Past, 223 Main St., Luckey 419.833.9108					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Luckey Town Hall, Route 582, Luckey 419.833.8721					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Village of Luckey	Historical	Historic Building	Historical		Sign describing history
Veterans' Memorial Park, Park Dr., Luckey					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Village of Luckey	Recreational	Park	Recreational	Benches, playground, paved parking, rest-rooms	Could use directional signage and grills
Park, Adams Street, Luckey					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Village of Luckey	Recreational	Park	Recreational	Benches, restrooms, drinking water, grills, playground, ball-fields, soccer field, basketball	
Country Treasures, 234 Main St., Luckey 419.833.2901					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Susan Gross		Antiques and gift items		Craft items with small selection of antiques	

ELMORE

“Imagine you’re speeding along the Ohio Turnpike in Northwest Ohio, going too fast and all tensed up, because you’re used to being tensed up, not because you have to be (you’ve lost perspective”, and all of a sudden you realize that you really need a break – and I don’t mean a fifteen minute restroom-and-a-hamburger stop at a littered, crowded service area. I mean a visit to a quiet, restorative oasis, where you can gradually unwind and even take time out to think about your life. Such an oasis is at hand . . .”

Ken Robb, “*Ohio Master Gardener.*” speaking of Schedel Gardens

By 1823, a settlement began to develop along the Portage River near where Elmore resides today. By the 1840s, the Toledo & Cleveland Railroad ran through Elmore daily. The village became the mail hub for Ottawa County. Business boomed, and many people began to settle there.

In the 1850s, Elmore exceeded the size of Port Clinton. The Elmore Manufacturing Company – producing bicycles – began operations in 1890. This entrepreneurial company soon wanted to expand; however, Elmore town fathers saw no future in bicycles and declined. The company moved to Clyde, and not long after began manufacturing the Elmore Car. At one time, nearly all taxis in Washington, D.C. Elmore. In 1910, the company was sold to General Motors.

A fire in the early 1890s nearly destroyed downtown Elmore. The buildings in the downtown area were rebuilt at that time.

Elmore today has some light industry, but is mostly a bedroom community for those working in other areas. The citizens in Elmore have great pride in their village, evident when visiting. The village is very clean and is always bustling with people. Elmore is a very welcoming place for visitors and citizens alike. A visitor could easily spend a day in Elmore visiting the Schedel Gardens, having lunch or dinner at the Village Inn or a picnic at Harry Witty Park by the river, and shopping at the Elmore 5 & 10 plus Bench’s Greenhouse.

Future plans for the village include the development of the Elmore Historical Society Barn. The barn is located in Walter Ory Park near the Depot and Log Cabin. When completed, the barn will have displays depicting life in Elmore in different time periods. One of the downtown buildings is currently being renovated and will house an antique shop. The village is constantly seeking new ways to develop its tourism product while preserving its historical and natural resources.

Bench's Greenhouse, 18063 W. State Route 105, Elmore 419.862.3596 www.benchgreenhouse.com					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Done Bench, Sr.	Agriculture	Greenhouse and nursery	Agriculture	Gift shop, handicap accessible, unpaved parking, web site	Public restrooms
Elmore Depot, Rice Street, Elmore 419.862.2775					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Village of Elmore	Historical	Historic depot	Historical Transportation	Paved parking. Open by appointment	Needs further restoration and interpretation. Guides or self-guided interpretive signage, directional signage
Mattie Heckman Log House, Rice Street, Elmore 419.862.2775					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Village of Elmore	Historical	Historic log cabin	Historical	Paved parking Open by appointment	Needs further restoration and interpretation. Guides or self-guided interpretive signage. Needs directional signs.
Elmore 5&10, 346 Rice St., Elmore 419.862.3058					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Rick Claar		Antique Shop in historic building, old-fashioned candy counter	Historic	Handicap accessible, markets to tour groups, excellent selection	Coordinate efforts with nearby antique stores
Elmore Recreation & Lounge, Rice Street, Elmore 419.862.1920					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Jennifer Lofkom	Recreation	Restaurant/lounge, bowling		Bowling, restaurant	Exterior not inviting to visitors
Harry Witty Park, Harris Street, Elmore					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
	Recreational Scenic	Gazebo, picnic area with grills, benches, gazebo	Scenic		Improved signage needed
The Grapevine, 409 Rice St., Elmore 419.862.5151					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Melody Harr		Floral/gift shop		Paved parking, signage	Better handicap accessibility Larger selection of gift items

Klickman's Great Pumpkin Patch, 3988 County Road 92, Elmore 419.862.3503 www.klickmanfarms.com

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Marilyn Klickman	Agriculture	Farm market, October festival	Agriculture	Attracts 30-somethings with young children, only open in October, signage, brochure, web site, unpaved walking trail	

Klickman's Strawberry Farm, 16985 W. Portage River Rd. S., Elmore 419.862.2859 www.klickmanfarms.com

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Kelli Klickman	Agriculture	Farm Market, U-pick	Agriculture	Food service, unpaved parking handicap accessible, brochure, web site	Needs to update directional signage

Memorial Park, Rice and Clinton streets, Elmore

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Village of Elmore	Natural Historical	Riverfront park	Recreational Natural	River access, benches	Improved parking and vehicular access

Once Upon A Tyme, 354 Rice St., Elmore 419.665.2177

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Mike Pendleton		Antique Store			Should coop with other nearby antique stores

Pisanello's Pizzeria, 351 Rice St., Elmore 419.862.3250

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
		Restaurant		Off-street parking	

River Bend Park, Rice Street, Elmore

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Village of Elmore	Recreational	Recreational Park	Recreational	Playground, picnic area, portable restrooms, grills, unpaved parking, ball-fields, soccer area	Improved parking, lighting, restrooms and picnic facilities

Schedel Arboretum, 19255 W. Portage River Rd., Elmore 419.862.3182 www.schedel-gardens.org

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Dr. Reg Noble	Scenic Natural	Arboretum and gardens	Natural Scenic	Paved and unpaved trails, restrooms, gift shop, self-guided map, brochures, web site	Improved directional signage needed

Sugar Creek Golf Course, 950 W. Elmore Eastern Rd., Elmore 419.862.2551

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Sandy and George Rodawalt	Recreational	18-hole, par 71 golf course	Recreational	Banquet room, lounge, art rental, club rentals, driving range, pro shop, snack bar and restaurant	Improved signage

Tank's Meats, 3355 Route 51, Elmore 419.862.3312

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Al and Marcia Mastutz	Cultural	Butcher, Meat Shop	Cultural	Paved parking, handicap access, signage	Improved signage

Veteran's Park, Rice and Fremont Streets, Elmore

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Village of Elmore		Parkland			

Village Inn Restaurant, 352 Rice St., Elmore 419.862.2407

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Heather Socie	Historical	Restaurant in historic setting	Historical	Restrooms, food service, American food with interesting specials, signage, brochure, friendly folks, smalltown atmosphere	Not very big, so groups would find it difficult to navigate.

Walter Ory Park, Rice Street, Elmore

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Village of Elmore	Recreational	Recreational Park with historic sites	Recreational	Playground, picnic area, restrooms, drinking water, paved parking	Site of log cabin and depot

Well Park, Huron and State streets, Elmore

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Village of Elmore	Recreational	Recreational Park	Recreational	Picnic area, soccer fields, basketball, ball diamonds, paved parking, shelter, playground, rest-rooms	

Schedel Arboretum, 19255 W. Portage River Rd., Elmore 419.862.3182 www.schedel-gardens.org

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Tank's Meats, 3355 Route 51, Elmore 419.862.3312

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Al and Marcia Mastutz	Cultural	Butcher, Meat Shop	Cultural	Paved parking, handicap access, signage	Improved signage

Veteran's Park, Rice and Fremont Streets, Elmore

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Village of Elmore		Parkland			

Village Inn Restaurant, 352 Rice St., Elmore 419.862.2407

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
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Village of Elmore	Recreational	Recreational Park with historic sites	Recreational	Playground, picnic area, restrooms, drinking water, paved parking	Site of log cabin and depot

Well Park, Huron and State streets, Elmore

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Village of Elmore	Recreational	Recreational Park	Recreational	Picnic area, soccer fields, basketball, ball diamonds, paved parking, shelter, playground, rest-rooms	

PORT CLINTON

Port Clinton was first settled with the hope of building a canal from Lake Erie to the Ohio River. The land was eventually found unsuitable for construction of canal. Port Clinton is said to get its name from the late New York Governor Dewitt Clinton, who was called the father of the Erie Canal. Settlement of the area was sparse until after the War of 1812 and the clearing of the Great Black Swamp in the 1830's. During the Battle of Lake Erie, General William Henry Harrison's troops camped at the mouth of the Portage River in Port Clinton.

The Portage River provided a safe harbor for boaters and fisherman and recreation for the early citizens. Fishing was the major industry in Port Clinton with fisheries lining the banks of the river making it the Walleye Capital of the world. Originally the Portage River emptied into the lake at Fulton Street. When the Port Clinton Pier was built in 1896, the mouth of the river channeled into the lake at Jefferson Street.

World class walleye fishing and Port Clinton are still synonymous today. Only one commercial fishery is left today in Port Clinton along the Portage River. The river is now lined with marinas and charter services catering to visitors. The Jet Express ferryboat to Put-in-Bay is located along the bank of the river also. Tourism has a major impact on the local economy and is the largest industry in Ottawa County. The downtown area has many specialty shops and restaurants catering to tourists. Some of the buildings in downtown Port Clinton have been restored; however, many are still in need of restoration.

Port Clinton is already a highly developed area. There is a definite need for more transient dockage, launch ramps, and recreational facilities south of the mouth of the Portage River. There are only two public access points to the river – the Portage River Fishing Access, and the Portage River Walk in Downtown Port Clinton. Neither of these areas give visitors the chance to fully enjoy the river. A park along the river with nature trails and interpretation, public dockage, launch ramps, picnic facilities, and fishing access would allow residents and visitors alike to experience the Portage River fully.



Sand Road Lakefront Lodging, 2203 Sand Rd., Port Clinton 419.732.3949

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Jim and Bev Bymes		Lodging		Five rooms, lakefront swimming, boat dockage	

Sleep Inn, Route 53, Port Clinton 419.732.7707

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Joyce Cole		Lodging		71 rooms	

Hi-Se Cottage, 1363 W. Lakeshore Dr., Port Clinton 419.734.1090

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
John Swiergosz		Lodging		One cottage available year-round	

Camp Perry Clubhouse, 1000 Lawrence Road, Port Clinton 419.635.4114

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Debbie Wilson		Meeting Site		Conference facility, rustic lodging	

Comfort Inn, 1723 E. Perry St., Port Clinton 419.732.2929

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Tencha Portales		Lodging		54 rooms	

Island House Inn and Restaurant, 102 Madison St., Port Clinton 419.734.2166

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Dave and Pam Waleri	Historical	Restaurant/Lodging	Historical	38 rooms, open year-round, historic building	

Marshall Inn & Cottage, 204 Monroe St., Port Clinton 419.734.2707

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Victoria King-Heinsen		Lodging		Three rooms, open year-round	

Bee Haven Farms, 5084 Weyhe Rd., Port Clinton 419.797.4207

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Bob Schraidt	Agriculture	Farm Market	Agriculture	Peaches, open July thru September daily 11 a.m. till sold out	

Lakeland Motel and Charter Service, 121 E. Perry St., Port Clinton 419.734.2101

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Debbie Clemons		Lodging		41 rooms, boat dockage	

Kirchner's Cottage, 5831 Poplar St., Port Clinton 419.797.4703

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Melvin Kirchner		Lodging		Three cottages	

Fairfield Inn, 3760 E. State Rd., Port Clinton 419.732.2434

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Joyce Cole		Lodging		64 rooms, open year-round	

Fisherman's Inn, 2659 E. Harbor Rd., Port Clinton 419.732.3655

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Mike Pusateri		Lodging		Five rooms	

Edgewater Motel and Cottages, 1235 W. Lakeshore Dr., Port Clinton 419.734.1024

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Della Dubbert		Lodging		Six cottages	

OurGuest Inn & Suites, 2039 E. Harbor Rd., Port Clinton 419.734.3000

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Ron Miller		Lodging		26 rooms	

Lake House B&B, 702 E. Perry St., Port Clinton 419.734.5447

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
		Lodging		Seven Rooms	

Limerock Orchards and Roadside Market, 1266 Northeast Catawba Rd., Port Clinton 419.797.2452

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Tom Anslow	Agriculture	Farm Market	Agriculture	Open June thru October	

Char-Nel Shores Resort, 2327 E. Sand Rd., Port Clinton 419.734.3356

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
		Lodging		10 rooms	

OurGuest Inn and Suites, downtown Port Clinton, 419.734.3000

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Ron Miller		Lodging		59 rooms	

Five Bells Inn, 2766 E. Sand Rd., Port Clinton 419.734.1555

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
		Lodging		7 rooms	

Brand's Marina, 451 W. Lakeshore Dr., Port Clinton 419.734.4212

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Darrell Brand	Recreational	Marina	Recreational	30 guest docks	

Brand's Westdock Marina, 925 W. Lakeshore Dr., Port Clinton 419.734.9755

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Darrell Brand	Recreational	Marina	Recreational	75 guest docks	

Erie Islands Resort and Marina, 4495 W. Darr Hopfinger Rd., Port Clinton 800.999.ERIE

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
		Lodging		40 rooms, boat dock-age	

White Caps Motel and Marina, 2186 W. Lakeshore Dr., Port Clinton 419.734.3816

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Bill Angel		Lodging		21 rooms, boat dock-age	

River Retreat Campground & Marina, 3830 W. Harbor Rd., Port Clinton 419.635.2472

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
		Lodging		Campground and marina	

Dragonfly B&B, 1568 E. Lockwood Rd., Port Clinton 419.734.6370

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
		Lodging		4 rooms	

Days Inn, 2149 E. Gill Rd., Port Clinton 419.734.4945

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Joyce Cole		Lodging		38 rooms	

Country Hearth Inn, 1811 E. Harbor Rd., Port Clinton 419.732.2111

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
		Lodging		66 rooms	

Och's Cottage, 2613 Sand Rd., Port Clinton 419.797.2429

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
		Lodging		1 cottage	

Sunset Shore Campground, 1745 W. Lakeshore Dr., Port Clinton 419.734.5186

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
		Lodging		Campground	

Shore-Nuf Charters, 247 W. Lakeshore Dr., Port Clinton 419.732.2958

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
		Fishing Charter		Fishing Charter	

Port Clinton Golf Club, 4650 W. Harbor Rd., Port Clinton 419.635.9993

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Willie Knorn	Recreational	Golf Course	Recreational		

Performing Arts Center, Port Clinton 419.734.5044

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
	Cultural Art	Performances	Art		

Jack Bradley Realty (Condo rentals), 800 Clinton Reef Dr., Port Clinton 419.732.2636

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
		Lodging		Condo rentals	

JR's Hallmark, 1625 E. Perry St., Port Clinton 419.732.3361

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
		Gift Shop			

Gallery on the Lake, Madison Street, Port Clinton 419.734.3318

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
		Gift Shop	Art	Carries reproductions and gift items	

The Checkered Cat, 127 Madison St., Port Clinton 419.732.1442

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
		Gift shop			

Wide World Shop, 104 W. Perry St., Port Clinton 419.732.2360

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
	Recreational	Gift Shop			

Bergman Orchards, 600 SE Catawba Rd., Port Clinton 419.734.6280

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
John Bergman	Cultural Agritourism	Farm Market	Agriculture		

Brand's Dry Dock Marina, 315 W. Lakeshore Dr., Port Clinton 419.734.9753

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Darrell Brand	Recreational	Marina			

Fisherman's Wharf, 83 N. Madison St., Port Clinton 419.734.9002

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
	Recreational	Fishing Charters, bait shop		Fishing charter, fishing supplies	

Arby's, 61 SE Catawba Rd., Port Clinton 419.734.6697

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Mark or Karen Giaco		Restaurant			

Bell Mell Pizza, 307 Fulton, Port Clinton 419.732.7337

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
		Restaurant			

Fireplace Lounge, 222 Madison St., Port Clinton 419.734.9051

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
		Lounge			

Golden Crown Restaurant, 1175 W. Lakeshore Dr., Port Clinton 419.734.1557

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
		Restaurant			

Granny's Home Cook'n, 1819 E. State Road, Port Clinton 419.734.6554

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
		Restaurant			

Tackle Box Carryout, 1480 W. Lakeshore Dr., Port Clinton 419.734.2700

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
		Carryout			

Waterworks Park, Perry Street, Port Clinton 419.734.5522

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
City of Port Clinton	Natural	Park, waterfront	Natural, Scenic	Waterfront, pier, tennis, skating.	

Smuggler's Restaurant, 300 W. Lakeshore Dr., Port Clinton 419.734.5702

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
		Restaurant			

Port Clinton Lighthouse, Brand's Marina, Port Clinton

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Darrell Brand	Historical	Historic Lighthouse	Historical		

Great Lakes Popcorn Company, 115 Madison St., Port Clinton 419.732.3080

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
		Gift Shop			

Brown's Dairy Plaza, 425 Fremont Rd., Port Clinton 419.734.4995

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
		Ice cream parlor			

City Bakery, 315 Lincoln Dr., Port Clinton 419.732.3031

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
		Food service			

Coffee Express, 128 W. Second St., Port Clinton 419.734.2089

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
		Restaurant			

Scenic Rock Ledge Inn and Cabins, 2772 E. Sand Rd., Port Clinton 419.734.3265					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
		Lodging		12 rooms	
Jolly Rogers Seafood House, 1737 E. Perry St., Port Clinton 419.732.3382					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
		Restaurant			
A Nite's Inn, 1704 E. Perry St., Port Clinton 419.734.4446					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
		Lodging		38 rooms	
Tall Timbers, 340 S. Christy Chapel Rd., Port Clinton 419.732.3938					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
		Campground		Tent and RV sites	
KFC, 1804 E. Perry St., Port Clinton 419.734.3354					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
		Restaurant			
Sleepy Hollow Camping, 2817 E. Harbor Rd., Port Clinton 419.734.3556					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
		Camping		40 transient sites, tent and rv, cottages	
Family Camping Center, 2318 E. Harbor Rd., Port Clinton 419.734.5586					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
		Campground		15 transient sites, cabin rents, tent and RV	
Beachfront Motel, 252 W. Lakeshore Dr., Port Clinton 419.732.6684					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
		Lodging		18 rooms	

Best Western, 1734 E. Perry St., Port Clinton 419.734.2274					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
		Lodging		41 rooms	
Best Budget Inn & Suites, 1735 E. Perry St., Port Clinton 419.734.5633					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
		Lodging		60 rooms	
Midway Motel, 4245 W. Lakeshore Dr., Port Clinton 419.635.7005					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
		Lodging			
Harbor Lanes, Inc., 311 Buckeye Blvd., Port Clinton 419.734.5773					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
	Recreational	Bowling	Recreational		
Fisherman's Trading Post, 255 SE Catawba Rd., Port Clinton 419.732.2076					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
		Bait shop			
Deal's Antiques, 170 S. Christy Chapel Rd., Port Clinton 419.734.2887					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
		Antique shop			
Cheesehaven, 2920 E. Harbor Rd., Port Clinton 419.734.2611					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
		Shop			
Catawba Willows Golf Course, 2590 E. Sand Rd., Port Clinton 419.734.6569					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
	Recreational	Golf Course	Recreational		

Camp Perry Military Site, Route 2, Port Clinton 419.635.4114					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
	Historic	Training Facility	Historical		
USA Family Sport Center, 226 Madison St., Port Clinton 419.732.0017					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
	Recreational				
Rosemary's Fine art, 120 Adams St., Port Clinton 419.732.7778					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Rosemary Schramm	Art	Gallery	Art		
T-Squared Gifts, 131 Madison St., Port Clinton 419.732.1978					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
		Gift Shop			
Mary's Blossom Shoppe, 125 Madison St., Port Clinton 419.734.4442					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Mary		Gift Shop			
JAMz, 121 Madison St., Port Clinton 419.732.7526					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
		shop			
Harbor Light Nautical Gifts, 119 Madison St., Port Clinton 419.734.7644					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
		Gift Shop			
Daniel's Fine Jewelry, 109 E. Second St., Port Clinton 419.734.4367					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
		Jewelry shop			

Breaker's Billiard Club, 40 N. Madison St., Port Clinton 419.734.3223					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
	Recreational	Billiard parlor	Recreational		
Bristley Jewelers, 130 Madison St., Port Clinton 419.732.3831					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
		Jeweler			
ANJ Bait and tackle, 6787 W. Lakeshore Dr., Port Clinton 419.635.4436					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
		Bait Shop			
Angel Bay Marina, 1170 W. Richey Rd., Port Clinton 419.734.3803					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
	Recreational	Fishing charters, marina lodging	Recreational		
Coastal Marine, 537 W. Lakeshore Dr., Port Clinton 419.732.2150					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
		Marina			
Ala Carte Café II, 203 W. Lakeshore Dr., Port Clinton 419.734.4130					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
		restaurant			
Ala Carte Café, 225 Madison St., Port Clinton 419.734.9939					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
		Restaurant			
Anthony's, 102 Madison St., Port Clinton 419.734.5632					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
		Restaurant			

Whistling Bridge, Route 163, Port Clinton					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
	Historical	Historic Site	Historical		
Odd Fellows Building, Madison Street, Port Clinton					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
	Historical	Historic Building	Historical		
Kline & Corrigan Building, Madison and Second streets, Port Clinton					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
	Historical	Historic Building	Historical		
Harrison-Perry Monument at WaterWorks Park, Port Clinton					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
	Historical	Historic Marker	Historical		
Indian Mill Stone, Second Street, Port Clinton					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
	Historical	Historical Marker	Historical		
J. Heilberg Building, Madison Street, Port Clinton					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
	Historical	Historic Building	Historical		
First Brick Building in Port Clinton					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
	Historical	Historical	Historical		
Green's Pharmacy, Madison Street, Port Clinton					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
		Shop			

Gypsum Mill Stone, Adams Park, Port Clinton					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
	Historical	Historic stone	Historical		
Cannon's from War of 1812, Water Works Park, Port Clinton					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
	Historical	Historical site	Historical		
A Walking Tour of Port Clinton, c/o Ottawa County Visitors Bureau 800.441.1271					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Molly Marker	Historical	Walking tour brochure	Historical		
Adams Street Park, Port Clinton					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
	Recreational	Park	Recreational		
Ottawa County Historical Society Museum, 126 W. Third St., Port Clinton					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
	Historical	Museum	Historical		
Ottawa County Courthouse, 315 Madison St., Port Clinton					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
	Historical	Historic Building	Historical		
Ruby's Cottages and Rentals, 2851 Sand Rd., Port Clinton					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Ruby Rucker		Lodging		Cottages	
Beachfront Rentals, 252 W. Lakeshore Dr., Port Clinton 419.732.6684					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
		Watercraft rentals			

Lakeview Park, Perry Street, Port Clinton					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
City of Port Clinton	Recreational	Park	Recreational, Scenic	Playground, picnic	
Little Portage Wildlife Area, Darr-Hopfinger Road, Port Clinton					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
	Recreational	Launch Ramp	Recreational		
Jet Express, 3 N. Monroe St., Port Clinton 419.732.2800					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Todd Blumensaadt	Recreational	Ferryboat to Islands	Recreational		
Nick's Roadhouse, 124 Buckeye Blvd., Port Clinton 419.732.3069					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
		Restaurant			
Mayhew's Restaurant, 128 W. Perry St., Port Clinton 419.732.3259					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
		Restaurant			
Mendoza's Restaurant, 101 E. Perry St., Port Clinton 419.734.1693					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
		Restaurant			
Marco's Pizza, 128 E. Perry St., Port Clinton 419.734.6531					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
		Restaurant			
McDonald's, 1700 E. Perry St., Port Clinton 419.734.3702					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
		Restaurant			

Pizza Brothers, 117 Madison St., Port Clinton 419.732.3137					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
		Restaurant			
Pizza Hut, 101 Madison St., Port Clinton 419.734.6600					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
		Restaurant			
Subway, 74 N. Jefferson St., Port Clinton 419.734.3544					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
		Restaurant			
Be-Bop Diner, 4243 W. Lakeshore Dr., Port Clinton 419.635.1028					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
		Restaurant			
Burger King, 1715 E. Perry St., Port Clinton 419.734.6040					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Nick Isaac		Restaurant			
China King Kitchen, 103 Madison St., Port Clinton 419.734.5061					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
		Restaurant			
The Garden, 226 E. Perry St., Port Clinton 419.732.2151					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Jay BouSliman		Restaurant			
East of Chicago Pizza, 1634 E. Perry St., Port Clinton 419.732.2000					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
		Restaurant			

Conrad's Porterhouse, 102 Madison St., Port Clinton 419.734.2053					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
		Restaurant			
Gretel's Creamery, 128 1/2 Perry St., Port Clinton 419.734.6588					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
		Restaurant			
Phil's Inn Restaurant, 1708 E. Perry St., Port Clinton, OH 419.734.9023					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
		Restaurant			
Be-Bop Diner, 4243 W. Lakeshore Dr., Port Clinton 419.635.1028					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
		Restaurant			
Ponderosa, 2940 E. Harbor Rd., Port Clinton 419.732.2324					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
		Restaurant			
Traveler's, 17 N. Monroe St., Port Clinton 419.734.5173					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
		Restaurant			
Subway, 106 SE Catawba Rd., Port Clinton 419.734.7494					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
		Restaurant			
Underwood's, 116 E. Second St., Port Clinton 419.734.3118					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
		Restaurant			

Z's Tin Goose Saloon, 111 Madison St., Port Clinton 419.734.6673

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
		Restaurant			

Wendy's, 210 E. Perry St., Port Clinton 419.734.6095

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
		Restaurant			

Port Clinton Yacht Charters, 3190 W> Lakeshore Dr., Port Clinton 419.734.6207

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
	Recreational	River tours, charters	Recreational	River tours, charters	

GIBSONBURG

Gibsonburg was incorporated in 1880. William H. Gibson of Tiffin purchased the land where Gibsonburg now stands and plotted a village. Oil was discovered in 1887 and caused an economic boom in the area. Limestone quarrying was also big business in Gibsonburg with three plants.

Two early businesses still anchor Gibsonburg's attraction base today – Vch & Sons Furniture and The Ideal Bakery. Vch & Sons Furniture began in 1882 and remained in the Vch family till 1988.

The Ideal Bakery served visitors beginning in 1922 from the first floor of the Hotel Widley. It is also still in operation in its original location with its original family in ownership.

Another Gibsonburg highlight is White Star Park. This 693-acre park includes a 15-acre quarry for scuba diving.

Gibsonburg has a very active business association with over 40 members. They are currently revitalizing the downtown district. Sketches of the proposed restoration have already been drawn. The village is also currently constructing a walking trail that will circle the quarry at Williams Park.

“...charge that sparks between people of the land and the traveler. A bond is established with smiling eyes and welcoming hearts, and the traveler's woes are washed away and he is ready to journey onwards at least for another day unknown.”

Matthew Muller, traveler from Virginia, writing about his visit to The Ideal Bakery in his travel journal at www.matthewmuller.com.



Haslinger Orchards, 7404 Route 6, Gibsonburg 419.288.2567					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Cathy Haslinger	Agriculture	Year-round farm market	Agriculture	Fruits, vegetables, nuts, candy, honey, dried fruit, maple syrup	
The Ideal Bakery, 101 W. Madison St., Gibsonburg 419.637-2639					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
John Schell	Cultural Historical	Authentic historic bakery/diner	Cultural Historical	Food Service	Brochure highlighting the bakery's history and location.
Gibsonburg Village Hall, 120 N. Main St., Gibsonburg 419.637.7166					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Village of Gibsonburg	Historical				
Veh & Son Furniture, Main and Madison, Gibsonburg					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
	Historical	Furniture Store			
Apple Dumplings, 940 S. Main St., Gibsonburg 419.637.7436					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Shirley Fisher		Restaurant, ice cream stand		Near White Star Park, benches, restrooms, unpaved parking, caters to locals and quarry visitors	
Oogie's Country Pizza, 143 W. Madison St., Gibsonburg 419.637.7535					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Louis Morelock		Restaurant, pizza with dine-in and carryout		Restrooms, handicap accessible	
Eagle Lake Camping Resort, 507 Main St., Gibsonburg 877.977.7667 www.eaglelakecampingresort.com					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Sue Smith or Jill Osborne	Recreational	Campground	Recreational	Provides brochure, web site, information center, seasonal and transient campsites, canoeing, paddle-boating, kayak launches	Continue promote location near Scuba sites in region. Coordinate scuba meetings and off-site instructions

The Meeting Place, 111 W. Madison St., Gibsonburg 419.637.7833					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Carol Bender		Restaurant			
Pisanello's Pizza, 109 S. Main St., Gibsonburg 419.637.2107					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Charles Gerwin		Restaurant, dine-in and carryout		Restrooms, handicap accessible, adequate signage	
District Four Schoolhouse, State Routes 300 and 200, Gibsonburg					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
	Historical	Historic schoolhouse, now a private residence	Historical	Private Residence	
Central Park, W. Yeasting Street, Gibsonburg					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Village of Gibsonburg	Recreational	Recreational park, baseball fields	Recreational	Portable restrooms, picnic area, playground, drinking water, unpaved parking	Permanent restrooms, directional signage and improved parking
Bluebird Trail, Route 300, Gibsonburg					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Village of Gibsonburg	Natural	Trail on village property	Natural		
Rhoda's Kids Wonderland, 6835 Route 600, Gibsonburg 419.637.7305					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Rhoda Keppler		Craft and Gift Shop		Restrooms, unpaved parking, shop in basement, doll clothes and hand-made gifts	Improved directional signage and parking Friendly staff, but difficult to get around
"Historic Marker", Route 20 and 300 419.332.7861 (Sandusky Cnt. History Society)					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Sandusky County Historical Society	Historic	Ohio Historical Society Marker re milestone of Maumee & Western Reserve Turnpike	Natural	Overgrown with weeds, gravel parking area	Converting to roadside stop with assistance of local farm markets and historical societies

Veh and Son Furniture, 132 W. Madison St., Gibsonburg 419.637.7292

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Mathew Kohler		Furniture store, prints and art. two buildings		Advertise in the Toledo area and draw in many visitors, restrooms	

Gibsonburg Variety, 138 W. Madison St., Gibsonburg 419.637.7600

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Paul Helle		Old-fashioned variety shop		Mostly caters to locals	

Williams Park, East Stone Street, Gibsonburg

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Village of Gibsonburg	Recreational	Recreational Park	Recreational	Playground, shelters, picnic areas with grills, portable restrooms, drinking water, paved parking, basketball, baseball	

White Star Park, South of Gibsonburg on Route 300 419.334.4495

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Steve Gruner	Natural Recreational	Swimming, diving, fishing, camping	Recreational Natural	Playground, shelters, picnic area with grills, restrooms, camp sites, food services	Handwashing facilities Linkage to other diving sites

A Taste of Home, 121 W. Madison St., Gibsonburg 419.637.7097

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Mary Methner		Restaurant, home of the "Gibsonburger" Shop with gifts and crafts		Restrooms, handicap accessible, signage, web site	Brochure

Collins Cemetery, Route 20, Gibsonburg 419.849.2492

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
	Historical	Cemetery of early 1800s and Civil War veterans	Historical	Off-street pull-off	

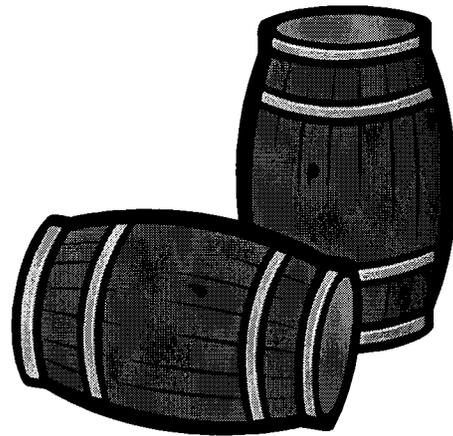
As early as 1835, the settlement of Hartford was established amid the tall oak forests bordering the Portage River. This river leads to Lake Erie and was used by French traders and Indians to carry goods for trade. Portage means “the Carrying River.” The village was located on the eastern fringe of The Great Black Swamp, so the Portage River was a major transportation route for goods and people.

OAK HARBOR

Early settlers established sawmills along the river, including one at Hartford. Soon chains of oak logs traveled the Portage River. Logically, the name of this important sawmill port became Oak Harbor. The abundance of wood gave rise to woodworkers. Hoops, carriages, barrel staves and barrel headings soon became an important means of commerce. Cords of wood were sent to Cleveland, Sandusky and the Lake Erie Islands fuel woodburning steamboats. Oak traveled down the Portage River, thru the Welland Canal and across the ocean to Scotland for shipbuilding. Oak Harbor was linked to the world by the Portage River. By 1850, the village boasted 38 dwellings, 187 people, a school and two churches.

Excursion boats also stopped. The FERRIS and HAYES traveled between Oak Harbor the Lake Erie Islands.

When the forests disappeared, the land was drained and agriculture became the mainstay



Floro's Camping, 3585 Route 2, Oak Harbor					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Ken Floro		Campground		50 transient sites	
Camp Sabroske, 4405 N. Toussaint Rd., Oak Harbor 419.898.6741					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
		Campground			
Oak Harbor Hotel, 200 W. Water St., Oak Harbor 419.898.4841					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
		Lodging			
Crane Creek State Park, 13531 Route 2, Oak Harbor 419.797.4530					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Scott Doty	Scenic, Recreational	Beach	Recreational, Scenic	Beach, restrooms	
Flat Iron Park, Water Street, Oak Harbor					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
	Recreational	Park	Recreational	Gazebo, monument	
Veteran's Memorial Park, Finkey Rd., Oak Harbor					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Village of Oak Harbor	Recreational	Park	Recreational	Picnic, playground, tennis, basketball, drinking water, sledding hill, skateboard ramps	
Toussaint Wildlife Area, Route 19, Oak Harbor 419.424.5000					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
OH Division of Wildlife	Natural	Wildlife Area	Natural	Restrooms, handicap accessible	

Magee Marsh Wildlife Area, 13229 Route 2, Oak Harbor 419.898.0960

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Mary Warren	Natural	Wildlife Area	Natural	Boardwalk visitors center, restrooms, top birding area reputation, on-site staff	

Oak Harbor Hotel, 200 W. Water St., Oak Harbor 419.898.4841

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
		Lodging			

Oak Harbor Golf Club, 10433 Route 17, Oak Harbor 800.252.1493

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Chuck Benes	Recreational	Golf Course	Recreational		

20th Century Lanes, 1284 Route 19, Oak Harbor 419.898.8701

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
	Recreational	Bowling	Recreational		

Pisanello's Pizza, 102 W. Water St., Oak Harbor 419.898.2001

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
		Restaurant			

Witt Orchards, 3584 Route 2, Oak Harbor 419.898.8115

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Robert Witt	Agriculture	Farm Market	Agriculture	Unpaved parking, farm market, handicap accessible, signage	

Moore Orchards, 10544 W. Moore Rd., Oak Harbor 419.898.0898

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Jim Moore	Agriculture	Farm Market	Agriculture	Open March thru July, pickles, cider, honey, jams, fruits, vegetables	

Black Swamp Bird Observatory, PO Box 228, Oak Harbor 419.898.4674

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Julie Shieldcastle	Natural	Conservancy office	Natural	Public library, Exhibits, restrooms	Expanded hours

Roose Cemetery, off Portage River Rd. South, Oak Harbor 419.898.4126

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
	Historical	Cemetery	Historical	Interesting "tree" monuments	

Indian Burial Grounds, Oak Harbor Golf Club

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Chuck Benes	Historical	Site of burial grounds	Historical	Currently golf course	

Lakeshore Railroad Bridge Pilings, in river south of FirstStar Bank, Oak Harbor

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
	Historical	Historic remnant	Transportation Historical		

King's Row, Water Street, Oak Harbor

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
	Historical	Historic area	Architecture	East of downtown, interesting architecture	

Kozy Corners, 501 Oak St., Oak Harbor 419.898.2593

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Sandy and Carl Konieczny		Restaurant		Restrooms, paved parking	

Site of Old Town Docks, across the street from Gordon Lumber, Oak Harbor					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
	Historical	Historic Site	Historical		
Keyhole Building, 162 Water St., Oak Harbor 419.898.4301					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
	Historical	Historic Building	Historical	Private offices	
Union Cemetery, Route 163					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
	Historical	Cemetery	Historical	From 1830s	
Jak's Place, 148 W. Water St., Oak Harbor 419.898.1011					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Kathy Grof		Restaurant		Sports eatery with small gift shop	
Happy Hour Inn, 124 W. Water St., Oak Harbor 419.898.9911					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
		Restaurant/lounge			
Drown's Dairy, 114 E. Water St., Oak Harbor 419.898.6569					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Jeff and Carie Drown		Restaurant		Ice cream stand	
Mill Street Brews, 169 Mill St., Oak Harbor 419.898.1527					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Donna Key		Restaurant			Difficult signage to see

McDonald's, 122 E. Water St., Oak Harbor 419.898.4724					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Tom Humbar		Restaurant			
Oak's Café and Oaks Little Venetian, 114 W. Water St., Oak Harbor 419.898.0408					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
		Restaurant			
Subway, 264 W. Water St., Oak Harbor 419.898.3200					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
		Restaurant			
Taco Bell Express (inside Sunoco), 323 W. Water St., Oak Harbor 419.898.7707					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
		Restaurant			
Skip and Chuck's Place, 131 W. Water St., Oak Harbor 419.898.5050					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
		Restaurant			
Chet's Place, Route 165 East, Oak Harbor 419.898.1104					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
		Restaurant			
Floro's Restaurant, 3585 Route 2, Oak Harbor 419.898.6220					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Kent Floro		Restaurant			

Pizza Brothers, 164 W. Water St., Oak Harbor 419.898.1218					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Rodney Ziegler		Restaurant			
Anchor Inn, 8956 Route 163, Oak Harbor 419.898.9981					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Ken Carico		Restaurant			
Davis Besse Power Plant, 5501 N. Route 2, Oak Harbor 419.321.8488					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
First Energy Corp.		Nuclear Power Plant		Visitors area is available with information regarding nuclear energy and nature. For groups, call ahead for tour. One-hour presentation and briefing. Takes about two hours.	
Ottawa County Fairgrounds, 7870 Route 163, Oak Harbor					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
		Fairgrounds		Event venue	
Northland Sporting Supplies, 715 N. Locust St., Oak Harbor 419.898.9953					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Jeanne Gloor		Shop		Recreation related items	
Nancy's Home Base, 200 W. Water St., Oak Harbor 419.898.1048					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Nancy Renz		Gift Shop			

Curiosity Shoppe, 160 W. Water St., Oak Harbor 419.898.1916					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Gwen Piercefield		Craft item shop		Needlework, craft and cross stitch supplies	
Dor-Way Antiques and Crafts, 12. W. Water St., Oak Harbor					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Wayne and Doris Wolf		Antique Shop		Antiques	
Lene's Web, 11313 Elmore East Rd., Oak Harbor 419.898.4699					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Marlene Webb		Antique Shop		Located in barn with restrooms	
Modernette Gift and Music Shoppe, 152 W. Water St., Oak Harbor 419.898.5835					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Donna Hetrick		Shop		Gift items	Not very inviting to guests
Oak Harbor Hardware Co., 175 W. Water St., Oak Harbor 419.898.4218					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Chuck Habitzel		Shop		Old-fashioned hardware store	
River Ridge Creations, 224 W. Water St., Oak Harbor 419.898.7909					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Kathy Steinmill		Gift Shop		Crafts and gift shop	
Village Mercantile, 165 W. Water St., Oak Harbor 419.898.3006					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Donna Key		Gift Shop		Old-fashioned candy counter	

Wistinghausen Florist, 114 Townline, Oak Harbor 419.898.4221

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
David and Robert Wistinghausen		Florist and green-house			

Country Collections, 2139 S. Portage South Rd., Oak Harbor 419.898.5800

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Ruthie Mylander		Gift Shop			

WOODVILLE

The village of Woodville was first cleared in the 1820s by adventurous souls venturing into the Great Black Swamp. The village was built alongside the proposed Western Reserve and Maumee Turnpike, the first major road through the area. The road was so bad there were taverns every mile because oftentimes that was as far as one could get in a day's time. Many people opted to settle in Woodville by the river instead of traveling further west.

German immigrants and settlers from the east arrived throughout the 1830s to the 1870s. Oil was discovered in 1892, a prosperous well that lasted until 1905.

In 1840, the first wagonload of lime was hauled from Woodville to Toledo. By 1872, the first lime plant was built in Woodville. Since then, the dolomite limestone industry has been a major influence on the community, giving the village its nickname of "Limestone Center of the World."

Woodville today is predominately a bedroom community like many other small towns in the area. They have a few nice antique and gift shops and Trailmarker Park. There are not many older commercial buildings left in Woodville. The ones that are left are

in need of restoration. Woodville does have a historical museum with regular hours and hours by appointment. The volunteers at the museum are very friendly and knowledgeable about the area.



Hidden Hills Golf Club, 4886 County Road 16, Woodville 419.849.3693

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Mickey Pierce	Recreational	18-hole public course, Par 72	Recreational	Open April through October	

John Cousino Flowers, Gifts & Antiques, 135 E. Main St., Woodville 419.849.3839

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
John Cousino	Cultural	Antique shop, craft shop, paved parking, handicap accessible	Cultural Historical	Signage	Brochure directing visitors to this 2-store complex

McDonalds, 924 W. Main St., Woodville 419.849.2323

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Dale Becker		Restaurant		Restrooms, telephone, paved parking, food service	

Woodville Historical Museum, 107 E. Main St., Woodville 419.849.3920

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Kermit Hoesman	Historical	Museum. Has large fossil exhibit from dolomite quarries	Historical	Open seasonally, Tuesday through Friday, 2 to 4 p.m., caters primarily to seniors and school-groups, brochure and signage available	Map listing historical places within the village that could be distributed by the museum to visitors to extend length of stays and spending in the area.

Woodville Cemetery, Lime Street, Woodville

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
	Cultural Historical	Older gravestones feature "logs" and trees, celebrating Woodville	Cultural Historical		If open to the suggestion, a guided tour or self-guided index to the most interesting and elaborate markers would be fascinating

Busdiecker Park, State Route 20, Woodville 419.849.3031					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Brian Brien	Recreational	Paved walking trail, benches	Recreational	Signage	Brochure highlighting gift items and history distributed through various tourism venues is recommended.
Delux Inn, State Routes 20 and 105, Woodville 419.849.3971					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Mr. Hamesh		12-room motel.		12-rooms, rental by day or week. paved parking	Brochure to guide visitors and improvements to landscaping would enhance experience
Tri-County Bowling Lanes, 512 Lime St., Woodville 419.849.3400					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Steve Burner	Recreational	Bowling	Recreational	Paved parking, food service, signage, open bowling Friday only 5:30 p.m. to midnight	Hours do not present opportunity for visitors to open bowl.
Veteran's Park, Corner of Walnut and First streets, Woodville 419.849.3031					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Brian Brien	Recreational	Benches, playground facilities, cannon, statue of "Spirit of the American Doughboy"	Recreational, Natural	Largely recreational, signage	Signage improvements
Trail Marker Park, Woodville 419.849.3031					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Brian Brien	Natural, Cultural, Agriculture	Public access with small boat launch, community swimming pool, tennis courts, playground, shelters, picnic area with grills, restrooms, drinking water, paved parking, soccer, basketball	Recreational, Natural, Scenic	Access to Portage River,	Parking needs improved. Playground equipment is aging. Opportunity to promote launch facilities for kayak/canoe run to Elmore

Subway, 205 E. Main St., Woodville 419.849.2371

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Carl Zilch		Restaurant		Restrooms, handicap accessible, paved parking	

Country Cupboard, 121 E. Main St., Woodville 419.849.3224

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Diane Fork		Nice country craft store with high quality items	Ethnic/Culture	signage	Brochure highlighting store and increased distribution would increase traffic

Faye's Whippy Dip, 310 E. Main St., Woodville 419.849.3665

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Kelly O'Connor		Restaurant with ice cream stand attached		Picnic benches, restrooms, paved parking, signage	

Beck's Pizza, 1115 W. Main St., Woodville 419.849.9800

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Terry Beck		Restaurant			

Jojo's Nite Club, 115 E. Main St., Woodville 419.849.3257

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Bob Rentz					

Reflections of the Past, 105 W. Main St., Woodville 419.849.3412

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Charles Long		Furniture and gift items			Brochure would enhance visitors

Pills N' Packages, 100 E. Main St., Woodville 419.849.2781

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Michael Warren		Pharmacy with gift items		Gift shop, paved parking	

Millstone in front of Pills N' Packages Pharmacy

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
	Historical Cultural	Millstone	Historical Cultural	Street parking	Larger sign identifying millstone Include on town map of historic sites that could be distributed by museum

Granny's Kitchen, 1105 W. Main St., Woodville 419.849.2203

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
		Restaurant			

Little Shop on the Portage, 330 W. Main St., Woodville 419.849.3742

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Mary Asmus		Craft and gift shop		Signage, unpaved parking, handicap access	Replace outside signage with signage more reflective of the character of the shop and the village.

General William Henry Harrison camped along the Portage River near what is now-known as the William Henry Harrison Park. In January, 1813, Harrison received word of General Winchester's defeat at River Raisin by British troops. Stationed on the west banks of the Maumee River, Harrison had one piece of artillery and 900 men. He knew the British and their Indian allies were 1600 to 2000 men strong, so Harrison "retired 18 miles to the Portage River" to re-group and await help.

His troops arrived at present-day Pemberville on Jan. 22. A winter thaw and constant rain delayed help from arriving and made life miserable for those along the Portage. To keep dry, soldiers piled fallen trees and brush before pitching tents. After reinforcements arrived from Virginia and Pennsylvania, Harrison and his expanded troops left the Portage River on Feb. 1, crossing the Great Black Swamp till they reached the Maumee rapids. Harrison went on to build Fort Meigs, held off British forces, eventually re-captured British-held Detroit, and became a U.S. President.

As the threat of Indian warfare diminished, surveyors began dividing the land. This area was largely unbroken wilderness, with the exception of "Harrison's Trail," the military path cleared for Harrison's troops while crossing the swampland.

Settlement along the Portage River occurred in 1833. Corn, potatoes and other vegetables were planted. A log schoolhouse was built. A sawmill began producing timber and lumber. In 1835, a gristmill opened where settlers ground their own grist, plus paid tolls to use the gristmill.

Officially surveyed in 1854, Pemberville, was named after James Pember, who built the first frame house in this town along "The Forks."

PEMBERVILLE

"Beeker's General Store. . . Our map described it as a "time capsule" and it truly was as we stocked up on penny candy and browsed the shelves for other interesting trinkets from the past."

Hiker on the Buckeye Trail



Pemberville Walking Trail, Village of Pemberville					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Village of Pemberville	Recreational, Scenic	Walking Trail, unpaved, multi-use, unpaved parking	Natural, Scenic	Signage	Kiosk describing site's significance and/or a map. Parking area is in middle of the trail. Parking should be available at either end to promote increased accessibility and use.
The Forks Restaurant, 216 E. Front St., Pemberville 419.287.3239					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Larry Moore	Cultural, Historical	Historic Building, Restaurant, Restrooms, Handicap Access	Ethnic/Culture, History	Signage, good selection of American food, reasonably priced, history of building printed on front page of menu	Brochure describing history of building as a hotel
Edgewood Inn & Restaurant, US 6 and SR 199, Pemberville 419.287.4775					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Kaleren Martinez	Cultural	Hotel, restaurant, restrooms, telephone, unpaved parking, handicap access, American menu with small Mexican selection	Ethnic/culture	Signage	Needs additional lighting, brochure, interior is dimly lit, signage needed as to whether or not to seat yourself, motel and restaurant caters primarily to locals
Riverbank Antique Market, 140 E. Front St., Pemberville 419.287.3373					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Todd Sheets		Antique shop, handicap access		Nice antiques, easy to access, set up well	
Pember Haus Restaurant, 135 E. Front St., Pemberville 419.287.4835					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
	Cultural	Restaurant, restrooms	Ethnic/Culture		
Huffman's Produce, 4645 E. Route 6, Pemberville 419.287.3388					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Paul Huffman	Cultural	Fruits, vegetables, garden mums	Cultural Agriculture	Open July thru October, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.	Consider cooperative venture with other agricultural markets and sites.

Pemberville Bike Shop, 119 Front St., Pemberville 419.287.4061

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Joe DeLong	Recreational	Bike shop, handicap access, bike sales, repairs and accessories		Signage	Web site would provide information for future visitors and encourage visitation, a brochure highlighting services and sales as well as nearby biking routes, perhaps rentals could be incorporated upon increased demand and development of trails

Walking Tour of Historic Pemberville,

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS

Pember-Furry House, 135 Front St., Pemberville 419.287.1114

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Dale Fahle	Historical	Restored historic building, open by appointment only. Local history artifacts, plus schoolhouse, smokehouse, outhouse and blacksmith shop with viewing area for demonstrations.	History	Primarily caters to seniors, schoolchildren, has tour guides, signage, free tours	Needs handicap accessibility improvements, benches, kiosk and self-guided brochure, interpretation plan. Open by appointment only does not meet tourism need.

Pemberville Depot, 215 Hickory St., Pemberville 419.287.4114

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Dale Fahle	Historical	Historic building, historic railroad site, picnic benches, well-restored depot with collection of historic rail and Pemberville artifacts	History, Transportation	Primarily caters to seniors and school-groups, has brochure and signage	Promote to wide network of railroad fans, perhaps in coordination with other railroad sites within 60 miles, improved directional signage and handicap facilities are needed, brochures could be improved and distributed better, marketing plan needed

Pemberville Opera House, Village of Pemberville 419.287.3832

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
	Historical, Cultural	Historic Building, recently restored, handicap accessible	History Culture	Caters primarily to nearby seniors and boomers, signage	Web site to promote events and history with links to area tourism offices, brochure highlighting history and restoration efforts, sign welcoming visitors to tour and standardized hours. Interpretation of Opera House's role in being center of town political and social life in early Pemberville needs shared.

Beeker's General Store, 226 E. Front St., Pemberville 419.287.3274

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Todd Sheets	Cultural	Offering goods arranged similar to old-fashioned general store, antiques	Ethnic/Culture, History	Caters to boomers, handicap accessible, signage	Brochure highlighting gift items and history distributed through various tourism venues is recommended.

Downtown Decorations, 222 1/2 E. Front St., Pemberville 419.287.4305

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Todd Sheets	Cultural	Craft and Gift Shop carrying dried floral arrangements and other store displays.	Ethnic/Culture	Signage, handicap accessible, irregular business hours	Improved directional signage as signage is not very visible. You have to go to Beeker's General Store to get someone to open the store up for you. Cross-promote this store with Beeker's.

Keiser's Farm Market, 736 W. Front St., Pemberville 419.287.4397

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Judy Keiser	Cultural Agriculture	Farm market and greenhouse	Cultural, Agriculture	Unpaved parking and handicap access, signage, caters primarily to locals	Parking does not have designated spots which could be confusing with more than five or six vehicles

Memorial Park, Memorial Drive, Village of Pemberville

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Village of Pemberville	Natural	Playground, shelter, picnic areas, rest-rooms, drinking water, grills, paved parking	Recreational, Natural	Ballfields, swimming nearby, caters primarily to those 20 to 40 with children who are interested in organized recreation, not necessarily tourists..	Needs improved directional signage and possibly a handout listing recreational options available

North Branch Nursery and Garden Center , 3359 Kesson Rd., Pemberville 419.287.4679 www.northbranchnursery.com

CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Patti Roberts	Natural, Cultural Agriculture	Very nice greenhouse with gift shop, more than 250 varieties of trees and shrubs. Holiday festivities include open house, hay rides to tree fields. Santa. Offers cut your own.	Natural Agriculture	Handicap accessible, web site available, signage	Brochure or handout promoting this business to tourism suppliers such as motels, restaurants, local visitors bureaus. Perhaps coordinate efforts with other nurseries and greenhouses in region.

Pemberville Library, Front St., Pemberville 419.287.4212 http://library.norweld.lib.oh.us/Pemberville					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Jane Kohlenberg	Cultural, History	Small local history section	History	Restrooms, drinking water, paved parking, handicap accessible, web site, signage	
Pemberville Pharmacy, 143 E. Front St., Pemberville 419.287.3238					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Joe Baumgardner	Cultural	Small gift shop in store	Ethnic/Culture	Signage, handicap accessible	
SGO Glass Art Studio, 222 E. Front St., Pemberville 800.977.0282					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Tom Reiter	Cultural	Art gallery/studio, stained glass custom-made or available in store	Cultural, Agriculture	Paved parking, handicap access	Improve signage, as entrance is in rear of building, incorporate web site. Those with an architectural interest could be intrigued.
William Henry Harrison Park, 17101 Pemberville Rd., Pemberville 800.321.1897 http://wcnet.org~wcpoll					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Wood County Parks District	Natural, Recreational, Scenic	Hiking trail, unpaved walking trail, shelter, picnic area with grills, drinking water, paved parking, handicap access, river access, river trail, woodlands trail, meadow trail, marker for Harrison's encampment	Natural, Scenic, Historical	Nearby canoeing, has signage	Improved trail map and brochure Interpret Harrison's encampment and role this played in founding of US
Alexander's Christmas Trees, 4412 E. US 6, Pemberville 419.287.4098					
CONTACT INFO	INTRINSIC QUALITIES	SITE FACILITIES	INTERPRETIVE SIGNIFICANCE	EXISTING TOURISM QUALITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Mark Alexander	Cultural Agriculture	Cut-your-own site open November and December	Cultural Agriculture	Open dawn to dusk, November to December	Notify nearby visitors bureaus of availability. Connect with other holiday-oriented gift shops for seasonal brochure and/or press release promoting smalltown holiday experience.

Ohio State Route 51 Bridge Over the Portage River
Elmore

Genoa Town Hall
Main and Sixth Streets

Main Street Historic District
Bounded by Eighth, Washington, Fifth and West Streets,
Genoa

Old School Privy
310 Main St., Genoa

Georg Cronenwett House
606 W. Main St., Woodville

Christopher C. Layman Law Office
212 W. First St., Woodville

Catawba Island Wine Company
3845 Wine Cellar Rd., Port Clinton

Gill-Luchsinger-Bahnsen House and Barn
426 E. Fourth St., Port Clinton

Betsy Mo-John Cabin
About 4 miles east of Port Clinton off Route 53
Port Clinton

Ottawa County Courthouse
W. Fourth and Madison Streets
Port Clinton

Port Clinton City Hall
Adams Street, Port Clinton

St. Thomas Episcopal Church
214 E. Second St., Port Clinton

Carroll Township Hall
Toussaint E. Road and Behlman Rd.
Oak Harbor

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