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Scenic Ohio's mission is to serve as a leading advocate for the development and preservation of Ohio's scenic corridors and landscapes.



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Scenic Ohio is a 501(c)(3) charitable nonprofit organization. It is the only nonprofit in Ohio dedicated to protecting and enhancing the visual quality and scenic character of Ohio's towns and countrysides. Scenic Ohio is the longest standing nonprofit in America that advocates keeping our highway corridors beautiful and safe.

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Scenic Ohio has a unique history as the only organization dedicated to the sustained beautification of Ohio's byways and communities. Founded in 1933 as the Ohio Roadside Council, it has a distinguished heritage as the longest standing nonprofit organization in America dedicated to improving roadway environments and aesthetics. Scenic Ohio works with local and state agencies, communities and individuals to achieve its goals to conserve and protect Ohio's many scenic byways, its historic, prehistoric and ecological resources, and the appearance of its gateways.

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A MOMENTOUS EVENT

Our annual Scenic Ohio Awards are back!

These awards give special recognition to communities, organizations and individuals who work to improve and protect Ohio's visual qualities, distinctive culture, and historical character. This year, we honor Ohio's historic and scenic small cities and villages.

2023 Award Recipients:

- Chagrin Falls
- Coshocton
- Lakeside Chautauqua
- Millersburg
- Yellow Springs

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Photo: Eric Malmquist

CHAGRIN FALLS

A postcard-worthy small town in Ohio situated about 40 minutes outside of Cleveland, Chagrin Falls is one of the best weekend getaways in Ohio. This small Ohio town's most prominent feature is its cascading waterfall in the main square.

Despite its small size, Chagrin Falls has something for everyone, including a robust art scene, shopping, dining, history, and the tranquility of its beautiful natural scenery and walking trails.



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COSHOCTON

Coshocton, a quaint county nestled between the Appalachian foothills, with countryside views and hidden historical charm, is a rider's dream.

Motorcyclists and motorists alike can travel on 105 miles of gravel-free road all throughout Coshocton County and take stops at delicious eateries, preserved bits of history, picturesque gardens and much more.

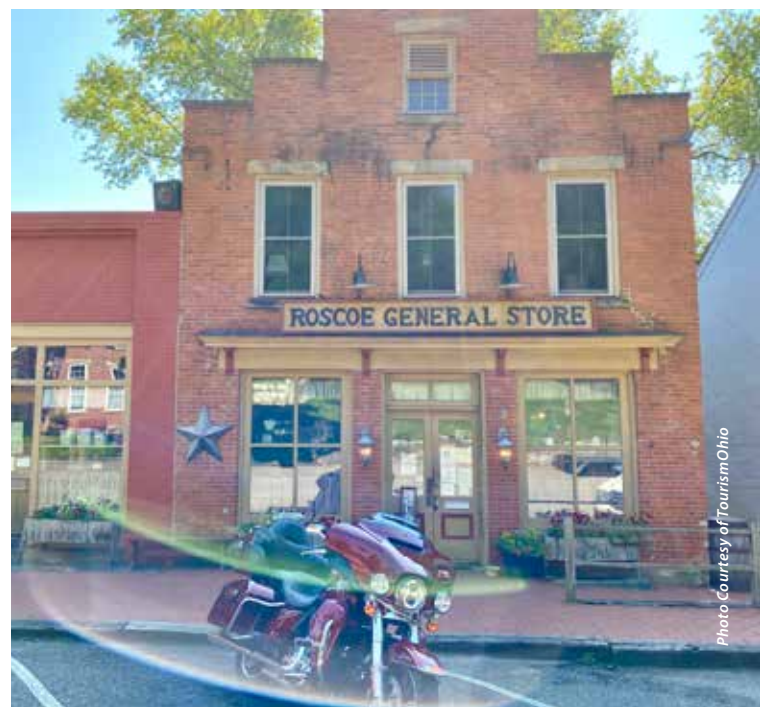




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LAKESIDE CHAUTAUQUA

Since 1873, Lakeside Chautauqua has welcomed families to the Lake Erie shore to take part in an experience dedicated to nurturing mind, body and spirit.

Nestled along the south shore of Lake Erie, its beautiful waterfront community is ideal for a relaxing daytrip, week-long summer getaway, or extended family vacation.

Lakeside Chautauqua is a nonprofit organization and year-round destination open to all for rest, renewal, growth, and reconnection.



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MILLERSBURG

Small, rural, and laid-back—the best words to describe the village of Millersburg, Ohio, a lovely little town with a historic past, natural attractions, and a rich farming heritage.

It's the gateway to the Amish community of the state, with more than 35,000 residents belonging to this community.

Take a tour of its scenic country roads, sample Amish foods, go horseback riding along the slopes of its gentle hills, and disconnect from the hustle and bustle of city life!



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YELLOW SPRINGS

Embrace Ohio's fun and funky side in Yellow Springs, a colorful town outside Dayton known for hippie vibes, hiking trails, and delicious local fare.

Yellow Springs sits along the nearly 80-mile Little Miami Scenic Trail. Travelers can bike to Yellow Springs Brewery, or enjoy the village's 2,000 acres of woodlands at Glen Helen, John Bryan State Park, and Clifton Gorge.

For real small-town Ohio flavor, head to Young's Jersey Dairy, a working farm with corn mazes, goat feeding, and delicious farm-to-cone ice cream.

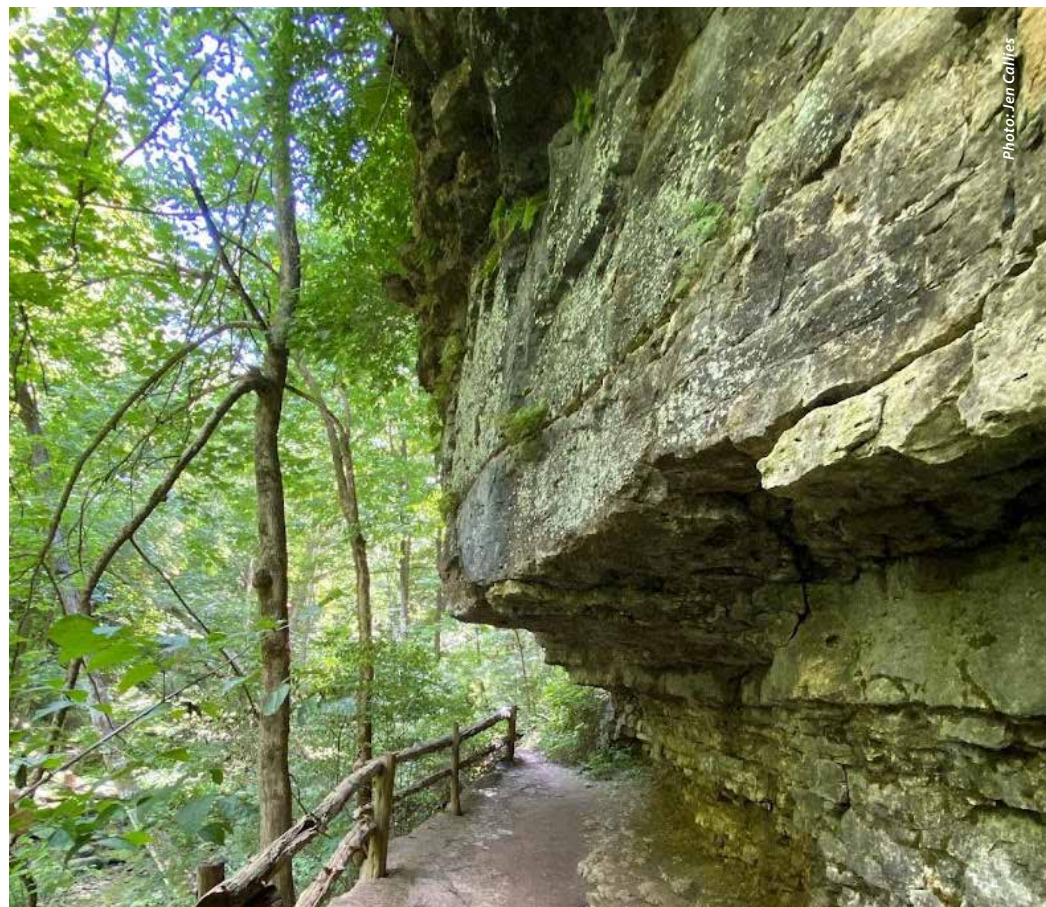


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Scenic Ohio seeks to educate the public and elected officials about their ability to enact stricter laws to enhance and protect the visual quality of the landscape.

Scenic Ohio is an entirely volunteer nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization.

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OUR MISSION AND GOALS

Serve as a leading advocate for the development and preservation of Ohio's scenic corridors and landscapes.

Preserve and expand Scenic Byways. Conserve Ohio's scenic, historic, cultural and ecological resources.

Educate the importance of scenic values in relationship to cultural / historic tourism and the economic growth and well-being of small villages and cities.

Elevate the importance of scenic values in relationship to Ohio's gateways, portals and "views from the road" for millions of travelers in Ohio.

Advance context sensitive design. Work with local jurisdictions, villages, cities, counties and townships to knit transportation improvements with land use, gateways and other local needs.

Reduce proliferation of off-site signage and billboards that degrade property values and create unsafe distractions and public welfare issues along state and federal highway systems.

Advance "Green" solutions like vegetative sound walls and storm water bio-retention to modernize and make highway corridors more sustainable.

Educate ODOT Districts on how to better manage the "greensward" of our highway corridors.

Give back to local jurisdictions in our Home Rule State the ability to control their visual resources by providing amortization legislation.

Work with local jurisdictions and state agencies, including ODOT, Ohio History Connection, Ohio Humanities, TourismOhio, Ohio Department of Commerce, ODNR, garden clubs and historical societies, to preserve and conserve scenic resources.

CURRENT PROGRAMS

Working with ODOT to improve roadways, including promotion of living sound walls and improving vegetative management practices. Continue Scenic Ohio "Green Highways" educational workshops with each of the 12 ODOT District offices.

Working with the Ohio Humanities, Ohio History Connection, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, ODOT, and TourismOhio to advance a unified online Scenic Resource map and improved Ohio tourism website.

Meeting with Ohio Garden Clubs of America to coordinate advocacy of issues of mutual interest.

Recognizing agencies, organizations and individuals who have significantly contributed to preserving, conserving and enhancing the visual resources of Ohio with the annual Scenic Ohio Awards program. Conducting the awards program to maximize public education on the importance of scenic resources.

Continuing to advocate for safe and beautiful highway corridors that minimize distractions that reduce safety to the driving public. This includes distracting lighting, on-premise signs, off-premise signs, billboards and digital billboards.