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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.

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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NEWS

SPRING 2023

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

Event Co-Sponsors:



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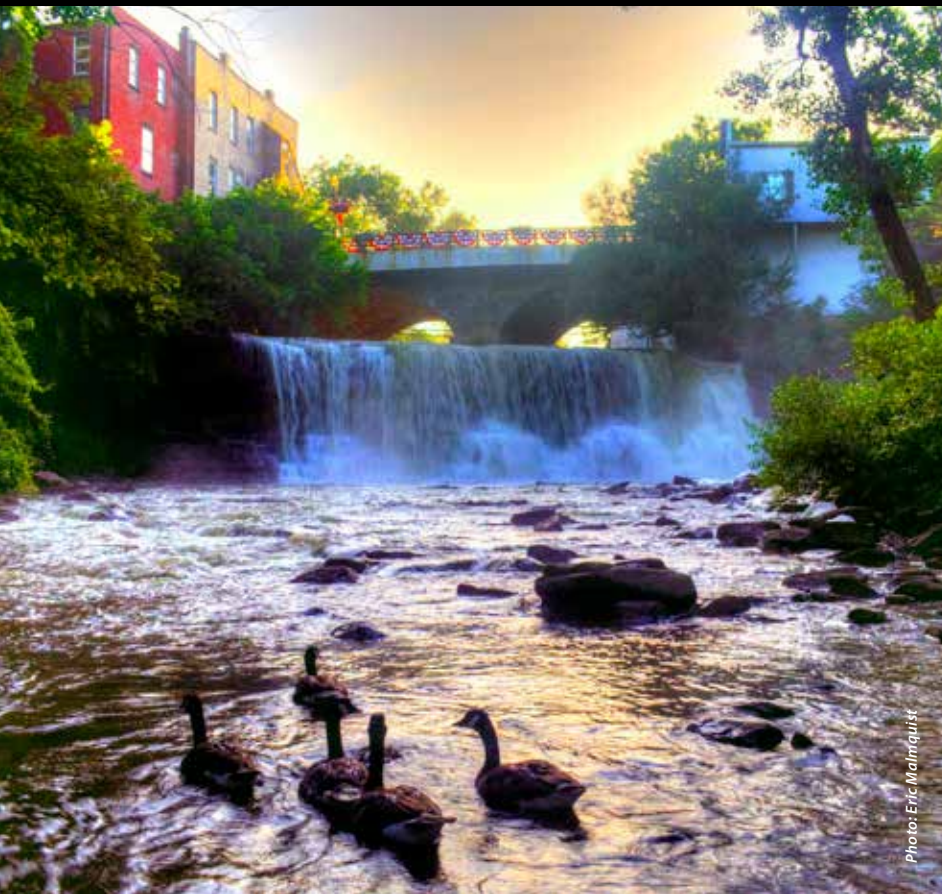


Photo: Eric Malmquist

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.



Photo: Eric Malmquist



Photo: Drone Ohio



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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.



Photo: Ernest Mettendorf



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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 America.

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Roadside Council, Scenic Ohio
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 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
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JOIN US and help protect
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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.