



History

Williams County, Ohio is an incredible area filled with fertile fields, wooded hills, clear streams, and plenty of wildlife. Established in 1846, The County was named after Josiah Williams, a pioneer and trader. Today, Williams County is made up of around 6,000 friendly residents who are very proud of their breathtaking land and majestic limestone bluffs.



For more information: www.williamscooh.gov



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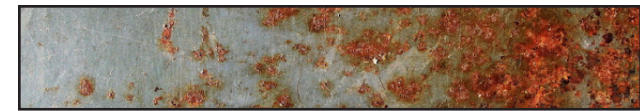
Escape to Williams County...



... Enjoy nature at it's best while making memories that will last a lifetime...



Attractions...



The Bridges of Williams County

The covered bridges of Williams County are a big part of its heritage.

• The Morton Mill Bridge



Located five miles East of Smithville on Highway 6, the Morton Mill Bridge boasts the title of the highest covered bridge above water, rising 75 ft. above the water and stretching 100 ft long. It is built of very thick beams of oak and leads to the Morton Mill where farmers used to bring corn and wheat to be ground in the 1800's and 1900's.

• The Ensley Bridge

The Ensley Bridge is the oldest in the county, built in 1855 and located on Highway 42 West of Springtown. Legend has it, the Companies of the Confederate and Union Soldiers during the Civil War fought there and several soldiers were killed. The locals say that you can

hear their ghosts rustling through the grass and trees at dusk. A reenactment of the "Battle of Ensley Bridge" is conducted throughout the summer.



• The Swan Bridge

The Swan Bridge is the newest of the four bridges, built in 1921 and located on the Barterville Highway South of Masontown. Its name is derived from the shape of the main span of the bridge, which is arched slightly and made of light timber, making it look like a swan neck to some. Once, a mill was located near the bridge and part of the building has been restore and is now open to the public.



• The Nactor Bridge

The shortest bridge in the county is the Nactor Bridge, West of Smithville. It is speculated that it was built to provide access to a mill located near by.



• Rickwill Caverns

A great place for fishing, camping, and cavern exploration. The Rickwill Restaurant, whose specialty is called the "Cave Burger," is located just inside the opening of the caverns. A small fee is asked for entrance to the caverns.



• Old Times Festival

A weeklong fair in October featuring various sporting events, crafts, games, shows, and special tours of the covered bridges.



• Marston-Kilbowitz Mansion

The centerpiece of the visitors' complex has become the Maston-Kilbowitz Mansion, once the home of Jebadiah Marston, one of the founders of the town. Also at the visitors' complex are other historic buildings as well as many artifacts. The complex is located on 14 acres of land on the edge of Pleasant Valley.

