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 JOHN BRIGHT #2 COVERED BRIDGE

Built in 1861, John Bright #2 covered bridge originally spanned Poplar Creek on Dish Road near Baltimore, Ohio. It is named after pioneer settler John Bright, whose family farm was located near the original site. August Borneman of Lancaster, the leading bridge builder in the area, built the 70-foot span for a cost of $107,50. The bridge features a rare inverted bowstring truss and a unique metal sway bracing system. Sometime later a wooden arch was added. In 1935, John Bright #2 was listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

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The Fairfield County Heritage Association operates the Sherman House Museum and the Georgian Museum. It also hosts historical programs throughout the year that are fun, affordable and open to the public. www.FairfieldHeritage.com
Share Your Adventures With Us

Seeing Fairfield County through the eyes of those who are actually experiencing it is often the best way to let others know about all the exciting and unique things there are to see and do here! Photos on this page and others throughout the Destination Guide are only a small portion of the amazing photos that visitors have shared on their social media pages.

Want to share your adventures? Use the hashtags #VisitFC, #Rt33BrewTrail, #FCBridgeLove, #CBCWineTrail.

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Make Time To...Cross That Bridge

There are approximately 125 historic wooden covered bridges in Ohio. Fairfield County has the most original covered bridges in the state with a total of 17! Use the map below to plan your route and enjoy a relaxing day of sightseeing as you explore each of our bridges. Go to VisitFairfieldCounty.org/category/covered-bridges for detailed information about each bridge.

1. Charles Holliday Bridge
2905 Chautauqua Blvd.
Millersport, OH 43046

2. George Hutchins Bridge
2805 Old Logan Rd. SE
Lancaster, OH 43130

3. Hanaway Bridge (AKA Hannaway)
7410 Clearport Rd. SW
Lancaster, OH 43130

4. Hartman #2 Bridge
5895 Pickerington Rd. NW
Carroll, OH 43112

5. Hizey Bridge
12549 Tollgate Rd.
Pickerington, OH 43147

6. John Bright #2 Bridge
1570 Granville Pike
Lancaster, OH 43130

7. Johnston Bridge (AKA Johnson)
2760 McDonald Rd.
Lancaster, OH 43130

8. John Raab Bridge
5695 Eiland Rd.
Lancaster, OH 43130

9. Mae Hummel Bridge
4065 Sullivan Rd.
Sugar Grove, OH 43155

10. McClairy Bridge
Arbor Valley Dr.
Lancaster, OH 43130

11. Mink Hollow Bridge
2340 Melster Rd. SW
Lancaster, OH 43130

12. R.F. Baker Bridge (AKA Winegardner)
6675 Cinci.-Zanes. Rd. NE
Lancaster, OH 43130

13. Rock Mill Bridge
1429 Rockmill Place NW
Lancaster, OH 43130

14. Shade Bridge
4065 Sullivan Rd.
Sugar Grove, OH 43155

15. Shryer Bridge (AKA Shreyer Bridge)
4730 Basil Western Rd. NW
Baltimore, OH 43105

16. Stemen House Bridge (AKA Estate Bridge)
11892 Woodbridge Lane
Baltimore, OH 43105

17. Zeller-Smith Bridge
100 Lockville Rd.
Pickerington, OH 43117

Share Your Discoveries
We would love to see pictures from your Fairfield County bridge adventures! Use the hashtag #VisitFC and #FCBridgeLove.

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We know there are plenty of great things to see throughout the county. But instead of just seeing something, wouldn’t you rather have an unforgettable experience? Grab your friends and family and engage in some of these terrific hands-on activities.

Let your creative side shine with fun art classes and workshops! AR Workshop® is a boutique DIY studio that offers entertaining activities and hands-on classes where you can create custom, charming home decor from raw materials. Art & Clay on Main is an accessible art studio featuring paint your own pottery, wet clay instruction, canvas painting, and special events. Known for dazzling exhibitions, the Decorative Arts Center of Ohio offers public programs, art classes, and workshops utilizing a variety of mediums. Heat up your creativity with a glass blowing class in the Ohio Glass Museum’s hot glass studio. In addition to providing art classes year-round, Young at Art also features the region’s only Splatter Studio where you can truly get creative and splatter your canvas – and your friends! – with paint.

Looking for something that’s a little more intense? Rule 3 has got you covered! Gather your team, find clues, solve puzzles, accomplish tasks, and beat the clock to exit one of their cool escape rooms! Or sharpen your skills at Lancaster Axes. This axe-throwing lounge offers one of the most fun (and safe) indoor experiences around! Just want a little friendly competition? Grab a coffee and head to The Underground at L-City+ to enjoy a huge variety of fun, free board games.

One of the most impressive experiences you can find in Fairfield County is the Lancaster Festival. This 10-day celebration of the arts, music, and community is held every July. The festival features big name musical acts, workshops, kids’ programs, concerts, dance, cultural activities, Italian street painting, instructional classes, and so much more. Everything kicks off with Lancaster’s favorite party, ArtWalk, and there’s not a dull moment from then on! Immerse yourself in our amazing arts celebration this summer!

Stroll the streets of downtown Lancaster and discover an amazing variety of public artworks! Around almost every corner you can find eclectic murals, imaginative sculptures, stained, leaded, and art glass, and unique architecture as part of the Lancaster Open Air Art Trail.

The FC Public Art Trail offers art in every corner of the county. From murals to sculptures to amazing architecture, we have something that is sure to please the eye. Some of these pieces are also included in the largest outdoor art gallery in the world – the Ohio Art Corridor, which runs along 144 miles in beautiful southeastern Ohio. Be sure to stop in Lancaster and check out the Corridor’s newest addition – the Gay Fad Studios Mural!
Whether you love ethnic food, classic American dishes, doughnuts, craft brews, coffee flights, pizza, ice cream, deli food, sweet reds or dry whites, Fairfield County has some can’t-miss destinations for you!

We have gathered all the locally-owned restaurants, coffee shops, bakery and dessert meccas, breweries, and wineries in two easy resource guides that will help you enjoy the most indulgent flavors of our community. The guides include descriptions, locations, and contact information for locally-owned spots in the Lancaster and Pickerington areas.

Craving something delicious? Find out more here.

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Home to more original covered bridges than any other place in the state, we are Covered Bridge Country! We are also home to some of the finest vineyards and wineries in the state. It just makes sense to put these two great features together.

The Covered Bridge Country Wine Trail is a new trail that crosses our beautiful county, helping you savor exceptional locally produced wines, ciders, and spirits in incredibly gorgeous settings.

1. Buckeye Lake Winery
13750 Rosewood Road, Thornville
Where Napa Valley meets Buckeye Lake
A first-class restaurant and great entertainment combine with premium wines on the shores of Buckeye Lake. Take in the extraordinary views of sunset on the lake.

2. Clearcreek Country Vineyard & Winery
9214 Westfall Road SW, Amanda
Family-operated charm
Small, intimate tasting room welcomes you like family, or savor their sweet grape and fruit wines while relaxing on the comfy front porch. (Seasonal)

3. Mirabelle Farm & Vineyard
800 Winchester Southern Road NW, Ashville
Germany comes to Ohio
Features a friendly and relaxing gathering space where you can sample German-style wines. Take the time to wander through acres of vineyards and fruit trees.

4. Manchester Hill Winery
13160 Tarlton Road, Circleville
Share a bottle off the beaten path
This family owned and operated winery uses old world techniques and modern scientific analysis to craft fine wines and ciders from locally and regionally sourced fruit.
5. Rockside Winery & Vineyards  
2363 Lancaster Newark Road NE, Lancaster  
A little slice of wine country in central Ohio's backyard. From sweet to dry, these rolling vineyards produce a variety of fabulous wines. Enjoy them in the pub-style tasting room or on the lovely patio. Try the tasty brick oven pizzas, small plates, and luscious wine cakes.

6. Slate Run Vineyard  
1900 Winchester Southern Road, Canal Winchester  
Traditional style artisan winegrower  
Local focus is the highlight of this small farm winery; all fruit is Ohio-grown. Their grapes produce traditional, complex characteristics that flavor 17 proprietary wines.
The Route 33 Brew Trail features six diverse breweries and taprooms along the Route 33 corridor between Canal Winchester and Logan. Pick up a Route 33 Brew Trail Passport at any of the breweries and earn a stamp for each visit. Then redeem your completed passport for free swag!

Completed Route 33 Brew Trail passports can be redeemed at the Visit Fairfield County Visitor Center (158 W. Wheeling Street) or at Double Edge Brewing Co. (158 W. Chestnut Street) in downtown Lancaster.

1. **BrewDog DogTap**
   96 Gender Road, Canal Winchester | BrewDog.com/usa
   *On a mission to share their passion for great craft beer*
   BrewDog’s DogTap brewery has made its mark in the region—a first in the United States for the popular Scottish craft-beer maker. Visit the taproom, take a tour, grab a bite in the restaurant, or simply relax in the dog-friendly atmosphere.

2. **Brewery 33 Hocking Hills**
   12684 College Prospects Drive, Logan | Brewery33.com
   *Boasting German heritage with an Appalachian style*
   Head down south for your visit to Hocking Hills in Logan. This “Br3W3ry” specializes in fruit-flavored cocktail beers and ciders. Enjoy the cozy taproom, outdoor patio, firepit, and live entertainment.

3. **Combustion Brewery & Taproom**
   80 W. Church Street, Pickerington | CombustionBrewing.com
   *Producing fresh, balanced, quality craft beer*
   Combustion Brewery & Taproom is a family-friendly taproom popular for its fresh craft beer. There’s ALWAYS something going on in this industrial space. Come out and enjoy live music, kids’ games, trivia nights, fun special events, tasty small plates, and food truck fare.
4. Double Edge Brewery
158 W. Chestnut Street, Lancaster | Double-Edge.beer
*In the heart of historic downtown Lancaster*
Don’t miss great events like beer pairings, live music, or rock-and-roll bingo at Double Edge Brewing. Enjoy a wide variety of tastes from a rotating cast of delicious food trucks. Be sure to take a tour of the brewery while you’re here!

5. Outerbelt Brewing
3560 Dolson Court, Carroll | OuterbeltBrewing.com
*It’s beer that moves you*
Independently owned and operated brewery featuring a spacious, industrial taproom with a great covered patio. Enjoy contemporary beers and delicious food in this huge, repurposed warehouse. Come to Outerbelt to enjoy new experiences, new friends, and new beer.

6. Rockmill Brewery
5705 Lithopolis Road NW, Lancaster | RockmillBrewery.com
*Offering Belgian-inspired farmhouse ales*
Sip one of their popular brews while you relax by the pond at Rockmill Brewery, located on a beautiful old horse farm. Wander the picturesque grounds with the whole family and enjoy Belgium-inspired beers in the taproom or outdoors.

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**Make it a Brewcation Getaway!**

Take your time and really enjoy the Route 33 Brew Trail with this terrific package! Get a Brew Trail Passport, a cool window cling, an overnight stay at the Holiday Inn Express, and an Express Start Breakfast™ for only $99 + tax.

Get your Brewcation started now! Call 740-654-4445, hit extension “0” and ask for the special Brewcation rate when you make your reservation!
Explore our Trails

Fairfield County has developed more than 20 themed trails that help you explore our county in exciting and unique ways!

**Green Thumb Trail**
Are you one of those people who have every horizontal surface in your home covered with plants? Do you eagerly start your veggie seeds in the heart of winter? Maybe you can’t wait to hit all the garden centers and purchase beautiful flowers and hanging baskets to decorate your yard? No matter what form your green thumb takes, this trail is for you!

**FC Public Art Trail**
Fairfield County is the perfect destination for those who appreciate the arts. Just look around - you’ll find art in every corner of the county. From murals to sculptures to amazing architecture, we have something that is sure to please the eye.

**Java Trail**
The folks in Fairfield County are devoted to good coffee. Follow this trail to find out why. There’s something for everyone here, with plenty of different drinks to taste along the trail. Whether it’s a no-nonsense, straight-up black coffee or a latte, cold brew, or pour-over, you’re sure to find what you crave.

**Trail of Scarecrows**
Every October, Fairfield County is the place to be for all kinds of fall fun. Get out and explore the Trail of Scarecrows! There will be hundreds of scarecrows scattered throughout 14 communities in Fairfield County.

Scan this code for information on our complete list of trails.
Isn't everyone looking for a great way to escape the craziness of life? Oh, boy, have we got you covered on this! Have you ever visited Central Ohio’s Playground? Well, now is the perfect time to Escape to Buckeye Lake!

This terrific destination touches three central Ohio counties – Fairfield, Perry, and Licking. Buckeye Lake has three important features: lake, land, and leisure. Whatever you prefer, you'll find it here! And now you can get adventurous and try a new activity that combines all three features. With 3XP Tours, you can ride a bike along the shore, kayak across the lake, and then enjoy a stop for refreshments with your friends and family.

Buckeye Lake is all about outdoor fun! One of the most popular ways to enjoy the lake is by boat. You can rent everything from kayaks to paddle boards to fishing gear right here on the lake. Or take a guided pontoon boat tour and soak up the stunning scenery along Buckeye Lake. Jump on the Queen of the Lake paddleboat for a tour that celebrates the lake’s history and beauty. More adventurous folks can try water skiing, jet skiing, and tubing.

Rent a bike (or bring your own!) and check out the brand-new biking and walking path across the dam. This beautiful well-maintained trail allows you to get up close and enjoy the natural beauty of the lake shores. Take bird watching to a new level with dozens of species thriving in and around the Buckeye Lake State Park. Or simply relax and enjoy the beauty of nature.

Be sure to check out some of the cool bars, live music, waterfront dining along the lake shore, and eclectic shops scattered throughout the area. Have a craft brew at Buckeye Lake Brewery, warm up with a delicious cup from Millersport Coffee, or raise a glass at Buckeye Lake Winery to toast the sunset as it shimmers on the water. Everyone will be ready to enjoy some delicious hand dipped ice cream from Dips on the Lake or Weldon's Ice Cream Factory at the end of a fun day!

Be sure to take advantage of the great variety of short-term rentals that will allow you to make Buckeye Lake your new favorite vacation destination!
Looking for a one-stop spot to find answers to all your Buckeye Lake questions? Visit EscapeToBuckeyeLake.com, then download the app so you can map the perfect getaway. Escape to Buckeye Lake and experience the lake lifestyle right in the heart of Ohio!
Explore Together

Mount Pleasant

With more than 8,000 acres of beautiful public green space, Fairfield County offers plenty of opportunities for birdwatching, hiking, picnicking, playing, or simply relaxing. The county’s network of parks and nature preserves has a little something for everyone.

We are home to miles of biking, walking, and hiking trails. Grab your family and friends to bike some of the excellent, well-maintained trails in Amanda, Buckeye Lake, Lancaster, Lithopolis, and Pickerington. Enjoy a scenic stroll beside beautiful bodies of water, gorgeous patches of wildflowers, and amazing historical structures while you enjoy the sights and sounds of nature on walking paths throughout the county.

Make your way to the top of Mount Pleasant, a 250-foot summit with a breathtaking view of Lancaster. Or hike along sandstone cliffs, rushing streams, and hilltops in dozens of parks and preserves around the county.

Dive into a pristine quarry for a scuba experience you’ll never forget - or fly above the waves with Ohio’s only Jet Pack Water Adventures! Soar through the scenic landscape with Valley Zipline Tours on 11 of the most exciting ziplines in the state. Climb aboard a Havens Aviation helicopter to get a birds-eye view of covered bridges, Buckeye Lake, and other Fairfield County landmarks!
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Learn more about how you can play in our parks! www.lancasterparks.com | 740-687-6651
Visit Fairfield County for a variety of locally owned boutique stores, antiques, clothing, and one-of-a-kind gifts. Whether you are simply browsing or you are ready to shop ‘til you drop, we have something for you!

Amanda
Try the Amanda Furniture Antique Craft Mall for a huge inventory of new and used furniture, antique and vintage collectibles, and great selection of seasonal items. Check out their cool auction house!

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Millersport
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Dine inside or outside on one of the many outdoor patios offered by the twelve unique eateries that can satisfy any gastronomic whim from tacos to steaks, vegan to barbeque, all topped off with scrumptious pastries, ice cream, coffee, smoothies, and gluten free delicacies. We promise you won’t go away hungry!

Want to take a locally grown or made item home to enjoy? Be sure to visit our year-round indoor farmers market, Keller Market House! Ready to savor more than just food, drink, and architecture? Check out our locally owned and operated shops that offer one-of-a-kind gifts, boutique clothing, vintage items, and home decor. Immerse yourself in some of our amazing experiences. Whether you're painting pottery at Art & Clay, blowing glass at the Ohio Glass Museum, fueling your creativity at the Decorative Arts Center of Ohio, trying out the splatter studio at Young at Art, or perfecting your aim at Lancaster Axes, we know you'll find the perfect experience to enhance your visit.

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Watch as our local food scene keeps growing!
Let's find your perfect home!

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OHIO GLASS MUSEUM
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Fairfield County is ready to share its rich heritage with you! We have landmarks, local history museums, covered bridges, and historical sites scattered throughout the county.

The Fairfield County Heritage Association shares two Lancaster landmarks with visitors. The Georgian Museum is a showpiece of early 1800s architecture, furnishings, and décor, featuring unique collections of everything from silver and china to antique miniatures and dollhouses. Examine the lives and legacy of one of Lancaster’s famous families at the Sherman House Museum. The birthplace of General William T. Sherman and Senator John Sherman presents family treasures as well as a replica of Gen. Sherman’s field tent.

Explore some of the county’s most gorgeous architecture with a walk through the Square 13 Historic District. Discover the region’s close ties to the glass industry with a stop at the Ohio Glass Museum, featuring a variety of exhibits enhanced by glass blowing demonstrations in their hot glass studio. Showcasing award-winning art exhibitions and rooms decorated in the style of the 1830s, the Decorative Arts Center of Ohio seamlessly blends heritage and creative expression. Be sure to stop by one of the most remarkable historical structures in the region, Rock Mill, an impressive fully restored six-story grist mill resting next to a picturesque covered bridge.

Make your way to the northern part of the county for even more history! Start at the Pickerington-Violet Township Historical Museum for child-friendly “Touch & Learn” exhibits and displays of fascinating artifacts. Uncover aspects of Ohio’s transportation history with a stop at Lockville Canal Park and the Zeller-Smith Bridge in Sycamore Creek Park.

If you are ready to explore your own unique connections to the past, head to The Baltimore Community Museum for vibrant and interactive exhibits featuring historical artifacts, documents, and photographs. A visit to the AMA Motorcycle Hall of Fame Museum will help you feel the passion and understand the technology that makes motorcycles some of the most powerful, efficient, and thrilling vehicles on the road today.
Bring the whole family for tons of fun in Fairfield County!

Spend the day in Pickerington with plenty of fun at Rule 3, where you can enjoy bowling, arcade games, volleyball, escape rooms, a full-service restaurant, and a sports bar. Or head over to Get Air for trampolines, knockerball, foam pits, dodgeball, and plenty of fun activities. Tackle the ninja course at Sycamore Creek Park. Be sure to reward yourself with some delicious Judge’s Choice Rollup ice cream or scrumptious baked goods at Porters Coffee House & Bakery!

Lancaster has a wide variety of great family destinations. AHA! A Hands-On Adventure Children’s Museum offers 8,000 square feet of hands-on displays and activities. Check out their Nature Playscape, which uses natural materials to immerse young children in the environment and provide a challenging and stimulating setting away from technology.

Kids of all ages will enjoy getting up close to a variety of military vehicles at the Historical Aircraft Squadron. Then head over to the Smoke Stack Hobby Shop to pick up a model of your favorite vehicle. Southeastern Ohio’s only full-service hobby shop offers models, R/C vehicles of all types, trains, and everything else you need to pursue your hobbies.

For a fun time in the fresh air, head over to Rising Park. Youngsters can fish in the lake or play on the playground, and the whole family will appreciate the breathtaking view after hiking up Mount Pleasant. Or bring everyone to the playground at Hunter Park, the region’s only all-accessible, multi-generational playground – 10,600 square feet of fun for everyone!

Need a little pick-me-up during all these fun activities? Head to The Well for healthful, tasty weekday breakfasts, lunches, smoothies, and snacks – with an amazing indoor play space for the littles. Stop by Nancy’s Scoops for hand-dipped ice cream and frozen treats. Or satisfy your sweet tooth with a trip to Donut World, recently voted the county’s best bakery!

End your summer day at the Skyview Drive-In. This is a fun, old-fashioned way to take in a double feature. Enjoy the great concession stand and high-def picture and sound system in the coolest atmosphere around.
**Events**

There are so many fun festivals and special events taking place around the county! Here you will find a few popular ones that visitors always enjoy.

**Buckeye Lake Winterfest (January)**
facebook.com/ BuckeyeLakeWinterfest
This annual celebration is full of music and food, art, fireworks, children’s activities, a Polar Plunge, and more lively events at locations around the lake.

**Friday Night Bandstand (May-August)**
LancasterParks.com
Every Friday evening, bring a lawn chair to Zane Square and enjoy live bands that cross the musical spectrum, with free concerts courtesy of Lancaster Parks and Recreation.

**Picktown Palooza (July)**
PicktownPalooza.org
This 3-day celebration offers carnival rides, food vendors, a national entertainment line-up, Freedom 5k and kids’ fun run, a car & bike show, and plenty of fun.

**Lancaster Festival (July)**
LancasterFestival.org
Explore a wide variety of art and artists, concerts, and entertaining public programs in venues throughout the community during this 10-day celebration.

**Lancaster Brewfest (August)**
LancasterBrewfest.com
Sample an assortment of Ohio’s best fresh craft beer, and enjoy live music, trivia, and other fun activities.

**Tour de Buckeye Lake (August)**
BikeBuckeyeLake.org
Join your friends for this cool bike ride around the lake. Choose a 37, 26.5, or 8-mile route. The tour begins and ends at Millersport Sweet Corn Festival grounds.

**Corvette Gathering (September)**
740-681-1234
Join us on the streets of downtown Lancaster as we host the largest Corvette show in Ohio, with music, food, silent auction, door prizes, and more.

**Millersport Sweet Corn Festival (September)**
SweetCornFest.com
This celebration of the harvest season features rides, concerts, parades, tractor pulls, a 5K, games, and daily prize drawings.

**Lithopolis Honeyfest (September)**
LithopolisHoneyfest.com
Along with honey extractions, hive inspections, and honeybee information, there’s live entertainment, arts & crafts vendors, kids' activities, and delicious treats.

**Covered Bridge Festival (September)**
VisitFairfieldCounty.org
Come to Alley Park for family-friendly activities, live music, handcrafted vendors, and guided tours of our beautiful bridges.

**Oktoberfest (September)**
Pickertan Village.com
Held in the lot at Combustion Brewery & Taproom, this family-friendly event offers live music, games & outdoor activities, cool costumes, and craft beer.

**Days of Knights (October)**
TheDaysOfKnights.com
Explore the Middle Ages in this timeline living history encampment. Passionate reenactors share their historically accurate knowledge and artifacts.

**Fairfield County Fair (October)**
FairfieldCountyFair.org
Ohio’s "last and best" county fair is your final chance to enjoy tasty fair food, jump on some rides, and be thoroughly entertained.

**Freedom's Never Free (November)**
FreedomsNeverFree.com
This celebration honors our veterans, military, and first responders with a traveling memorial wall, USO dance, inspirational speeches, and more.

**Glass Town Countdown NYE Party (December)**
VisitFairfieldCounty.org/Glass-Town-Countdown
Join us in downtown Lancaster for food & drinks, fun activities, and a street party before the giant glass globe is lit and lifted high above Zane Square to ring in the New Year!

For more event information go to VisitFairfieldCounty.org or scan the QR code.
Where to Stay

By now, you have probably found a multitude of reasons to visit Fairfield County! Why not turn your visit into a relaxing overnight getaway?

Book a comfortable, clean, contemporary room in one of our nationally recognized hotel chains. Find a delightful bed & breakfast in the country or a luxury cabin that suits your extended family. Perhaps you prefer a modern short-term rental on the lake shore...or a charming cottage in one of our walkable historic districts. Or maybe you just want a scenic, safe campground for your friends and family. No matter how you prefer to spend your nights in Fairfield County, we have just what you need.

Be sure to let us know if we can help make your visit more special!
Come sample the area’s widest selection of whiskey in a great atmosphere from the renovated historic Ale House in the heart of Lancaster.

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