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Discover
Monroe County



A Path Less Traveled

Monroe County and its surrounding region offer many opportunities to explore the backwoods charm of rural Appalachia.

The Treehouses at Owl Hollow

Piatt Park Gorge and Caves

The Monroe Theatre

Of the BEATEN PATH

Monroe County is an area blessed with remote wilderness and full of adventure and seclusion. It is situated on the Ohio river in the foothills of the Appalachian mountains. Monroe County offers many opportunities to explore the backwoods charm of rural Appalachia. From the waterfalls that flow through the recesses caves of Piatt Park to the grand view of Kiedaisch Point, Monroe County is a path less traveled, blessed with vast natural beauty. The county is home to the Monroe Lake Wildlife Area, a 1,325-acre state wildlife area that currently features fishing and hunting. It is also home to over 25,000 acres of Wayne National Forest. Featuring Lamping Homestead , Ring Mill and Knowlton Covered Bridge that is currently being reconstructed.

Monroe County is also in the middle of a cultural rebirth. In 2019, The Historic Monroe Theatre reopened. The theater originally opened in 1939, providing entertainment to residents until its closure in 1977. With the help of the Monroe Arts Council, members of which helped to renovate the historic theater, it reopened its doors to the public in 2019 after being closed for more than 40 years. The theatre now serves as an arts venue with a variety of acts and shows.



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MONROE COUNTIES



Newest

LODGING EXPERIENCE



At The Treehouses at Owl Hollow, we believe that your stay should be comfortable and stress-free. That's why we offer a range of amenities and services to ensure that your stay is as enjoyable as possible. From our cozy treehouses to our beautiful surroundings, we have everything you need to relax and unwind. Our amenities and services include:- Complimentary Wi-Fi- AC/Heating and Electric Fireplace - Kitchenette w/ Induction Range, Microwave and small Refrigerator - Smart TV's w/Netflix - Decks - Covered Seating Area - Swing - Hammock - Fire Pit - BBQ Grill - Walking Trails. We also offer bicycle rentals and guided hiking excursions and seasonal experiences.

The Treehouses at Owl Hollow is a unique treehouse retreat nestled in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains. The treehouses offer a luxury lodging experience on the headwaters of Sunfish Creek. It is surrounded by stunning scenery and have comfortable amenities. Explore the great outdoors during the day and relax in your private treehouse at night.





The Royal Roost Treehouse at Owl Hollow is an unique and luxurious lodging experience. It is situated in a stand of walnut trees on the edge of Owl Creek. This secluded treehouse has an loft with a queen bed and a bunk area with two twin beds. There is a convenience kitchen with an induction range, microwave, refrigerator and Keurig. There is AC/heat and two fans. The treehouse has Wifi and two smart TV's with included Netflix.

Rates starting at \$169

The Owl's Perch Treehouse at Owl Hollow is a cozy couples treehouse. This treehouse has a queen bed. There is a convenience kitchen with an induction range, microwave, refrigerator and Keurig. There is AC/heat and a fan. The treehouse has Wifi and a smart TV with included Netflix.

Rates starting at \$149

Under Construction



"We are a service oriented family run lodging business. Our hospitality background is deeply rooted in years of experience in private club and lodging environments. "



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EXPLORING



PIATT PARK

GORGE
and CAVE AREA

Monroe County Park District

Piatt Park Gorge is a secluded gem full of old growth Appalachian hardwoods and majestic hemlocks. There is a fantastic gorge/cave area that you can scramble through and a handful of beautiful waterfalls.



Piatt Park's unique landscape and natural rock formations were caused by a combination of tectonic plate movement, weathering, and natural erosion over a very long time. 300 million years ago, the entire region was covered in warm, shallow water. For many millions of years, currents deposited loose sand on the ocean floor, and when the water drained, the sand combined with silica or iron oxide to form sandstone. The rock formed in three layers: hard top and bottom layers, with a softer middle layer. Then, movement of the tectonic plates that underlie the Appalachian Mountains caused the landscape to gain form.

About 10,000 years ago, glaciers moving north of the area poured their water over eastern Ohio, carving tunnels and gorges in the soft middle layer of sandstone and creating the recess caves. Erosion is still taking place today as water moves through the park every spring.



[https://www.discovermonroecounty.org/
piatt-park](https://www.discovermonroecounty.org/piatt-park)

The HISTORIC MONROE THEATRE



Reopened in 2019, the theatre now serves as an arts venue with a variety of shows and music.

Built in 1939, The Monroe Theatre rapidly made a name for itself welcoming national acts from Hollywood, Nashville's Grand Ole Opry, and The Wheeling Jamboree. The Monroe has a rich history of fame from 1940 through the 1970's. Unfortunately, It closed its doors for what seemed would be forever in 1977. during its dormant years, the building was used as an auction house, and an antique store. throughout the 42 years it remained silent, the original fixture remained within the theatre. In 2016, Monroe Arts Council acquired the building in hopes of restoring it to its former stature. A group of dedicated volunteers began the long process of scrubbing and repair. Even as renovations continue, The Monroe reopened its doors in June of 2018 featuring a local Bluegrass band as entertainment for the Annual Alumni Weekend. It was then that the group saw the potential it held. Eager visitors came to enjoy the show in the very nostalgic structure. Donations flooded to committee after words, showing the community appreciation of the project.

In 2019 the schedule grew as more bands and acts were booked and locals came to enjoy the shows. Word spread fast, and audience numbers began to grow. The need was here to have such a venue in the community. our first full year of entertainment was a smash hit. Then in March of 2020 it seemed the world stopped turning as Covid shut everything down across the globe. After a few brainstorming sessions and phone calls, it was decided that the Monroe would NOT close, but turn to streaming. We invited individual entertainers to play on stage to an empty auditorium, as we streamed the show into followers home via Facebook. Again, our following grew immensely. We never stopped bringing the entertainment, and it worked! The

Monroe not only stayed open, but in doing so, was able to secure over \$300,000 in grant funds to help with renovations. As time went on, fans slowly returned to the theatre for live shows. In 2021, we hit the stage with a fierce schedule absolutely packed with a variety of shows. For the first time in 53 years, The Monroe Welcomed it's first National Act to the calendar, booking Nashville recording artist Jimmy Fortune, then it was Phil Dirt and The Dozers, Ronnie McDowell, Dion Pride, and so on.

As we rapidly approach 2022, The Monroe brought back its Country Music Jamboree, which ran for decades before its closing. The Jamboree is back bigger than ever, and the Best Family Variety Show in The Ohio Valley. Many bands and entertainers long to stand and perform on this stage because of its history. A new State of the Art Concession area and Box Office. We are really striving to keep taking giant leaps here at the Monroe to stay on the cutting edge with other area theatres. We have all kinds and types of shows, movies, and so much more.

The Historic Monroe Theatre is definitely a MUST SEE venue. Very Retro and Nostalgic, A visit to The Monroe is like a step back in time. We invite you to come experience The Historic Monroe Theatre, and you too can take a walk down memory lane. We hope to see you soon!!



Glamping

DRAGONFLY LAKE



The Glamping Cabins at Dragonfly Lake are modern off-grid cabins, hanging on the edge of the lake. They are located on a secluded and private 20 acres in the foothills of the Appalachian mountains.



The Beaver Lodge



The Treehouse
Glamping Cabin

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These cabins have been featured on Airbnb and have quickly become one of the regions top outdoor experiences.





RAVEN ROCKS

Raven Rocks is a cave/gorge area that is a local gem that is on private land that has recently been placed under a conservation easement with Captina Conservancy.



For generations, Raven Rocks has been a favorite place for hikes and outings. “The Raven Rock,” as old-timers called the largest and most accessible of its dramatic ravines and rock formations, have been the chief attraction. That seems to have been true at least as far back as the year 760 A.D., when, according to Kent State University archaeologists, Indians began a 200-year period of regular use of The Raven Rock for what appear to have been ceremonial purposes.

Who visited the ravines, and for what purposes for the next thousand years, we can only guess. But we do know that for many, many years, as Elsa Harper has described in her book, *An Enchanted Childhood at Raven Rocks*, which focuses on the early years of the 20th century, Raven Rocks was a favorite place for people from miles around to gather on Sunday afternoons. It was their custom to go to church prepared with picnic lunches, and head for the ravines when the services were over. In good weather the parking area above The Raven Rock was busy with their horses and buggies.