



BICENTENNIAL BASH

**delaware
county**
a playground for generations

A quirky mix of sophistication and simplistic Midwest charm, Delaware County, Ohio, unveils itself in many unassuming ways. From the skyline of well-preserved historic buildings and homes, to the surrounding natural beauty of its lakes and parks, there is something for every generation in the family to enjoy.

Founded in 1808 by a Revolutionary War Colonel, Delaware's natives include Rutherford B. Hayes (19th U.S. President), Charles W. Fairbanks (26th U.S. Vice President), Vincent Minnelli (Oscar winning director), Sherwood Rowland (Nobel winning chemist), and Ohio Wesleyan University (one of the most respected private colleges in the country).

The county and city of Delaware will celebrate its 200th anniversary with a bicentennial bash throughout 2008. More than half a dozen special events have been created to pay special tribute to the area's most notable people and places.

A trip to Delaware is a refreshing step back in time. Designated as a **Preserve America Community** by the White House, Delaware offers an outstanding collection of Victorian architecture within its historic districts. A stroll down Sandusky

and Winter Streets offer numerous examples of grand 19th century Gothic Revival, Italianate, and Queen Anne structures. Detailed walking tour brochures are available at the Delaware County CVB office.

For history buffs, the **Hayes Trail** through downtown Delaware guides visitors to a dozen key attractions and locations that played a role in the life of **Rutherford B. Hayes**, the 19th U.S. president and native to the region. The self-guided walking trail weaves the tale of Hayes' formative years, along with where he attended church and school, and even proposed to his Ohio Wesleyan University sweetheart, Lucy Webb Hayes.

Established in 1842, Ohio Wesleyan University has grown to be an accomplished four-year liberal-arts college, particularly known for its science programs. A canopy of trees cover large portions of the campus where many buildings are listed on the *National Register of Historic Places*.

A complete overview of the county's history may be found at the **Delaware County Historical Society Library & Nash House Museum**. Built in the 1870s, the Nash House Museum

is furnished with treasures and artifacts that offer a wealth of information for those researching genealogy and Ohio history.

In addition to **Delaware**, the surrounding communities of **Powell** and **Sunbury** comprise the primary shopping and entertainment clusters for the county.

Just 10 miles from Delaware, Powell offers several streets of specialty shops and restaurants perfect for peaking in and out of all day. Powell's shops are located within homes rather than the traditional downtown storefronts one might expect. Everything from a gourmet cupcake shop to a former church converted into a music café offers an eclectic and fun escape.

The town of Sunbury also offers a quaint experience. A grassy green village square remains the gathering place for the town folk during annual farmer's markets and classic car cruise-ins. The square's gazebo provides a great view of the town's activity, antique shops, and local diners.

BICENTENNIAL EVENTS

Life & Times

A special Civil War encampment and re-enactment weekend will take place May 9-11. Witness just what it was like to live during the Civil War through special educational activities, a battle, formal ball, and ladies tea. Visitors will learn about recruitment, discipline, camp life, the battles fought, and the politicians of the era.

There's No Business Like Show Business

The following week, May 12-18, Delaware native and Oscar-winning director Vincent Minnelli will be recognized for his life and career. Once husband to movie star Judy Garland and father to popular singer Liza Minnelli, he is considered by many to be the father of the modern musical. "Minnelli Days" will feature music, movies and nostalgia to boot.

Charge!

Before Delaware was refined it was part of the westward expansion and played host to the legendary Buffalo Bill Wild West Show. Come July 6, the Morrow County Chapter of the Ohio Horseman's Council will host a lavish Buffalo Bill Wild West re-enactment featuring over 90 horsemen and women including a stagecoach attack, barrel races, roping, and trick riding. In addition, re-enactments of portions of the Battle of Little Big Horn and Teddy Roosevelt's Rough Riders charge of San Juan Hill will take place.

It's a Steeple Chase

Delaware's skyline consists of impressive architectural structures dating back to the 1800s. Its unique blend of historic buildings, homes, and churches continue to line the landscape and define the heart of the community.

Steeple chasers will tour churches large and small, traditional and contemporary, located throughout the county, providing a unique photographic opportunity to capture these amazing and uplifting structures in all their glory.

To learn more about Delaware County and City's 200th Anniversary Celebration visit www.delawareco200.com for a complete list of events.

When You Have More Time

Bun's Restaurant – Located in an 1885 building on Winter Street, Bun's restaurant opened in 1889 by owner "Bun" Hoffman and continues to dish out long-time favorites including meatloaf, pot roast and fudge cake. A large iron arch spans the street and a snazzy electric sign points the way to Bun's entrance. If ever there were a place to snap a picture it's here!

Hamburger Inn – Watch a hearty meal being cooked right before your eyes at the Hamburger Inn's 1932 open counter/kitchen. A beloved breakfast spot by the locals, this cozy diner serves up home-cooking like no other.

Radnor Heritage Museum – Located in the Old Town Hall built in 1891, the museum is open April through October on the first and third Sunday of each month. Pictures and artifacts are displayed depicting the home, work, school, social and religious life in this small rural community from its founding in 1803 through the first half of the 20th century.

To Learn More

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