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Scenic Ridge Fruit Farm 2031 State Route 89 Jeromesville, Ohio 44840

SCENIC RIDGE FRUIT FARM was purchased by the Bauman family in 1998. Marion Bauman who recently passed away in 2021 operated the orchard until 2017 when his grandson Brandon (4th generation) took over. Brandon is still currently managing and operating the orchard. Scenic Ridge consists of 85 acres and grows apples, peaches, blackberries, cherries, and concord grapes. In 2019, the barn which served as the main building for operating caught fire and burnt down. A new building was built that same year and operations continued as normal in 2020.

For the Farm Tour, Scenic Ridge Fruit Farm will offer hayrides, apple picking, facepainting, a bounce house, and more. The retail store will be open all day where you can purchase a variety of fruits, cider, canned goods, drinks, and more! Food will also be offered such as hotdogs, sloppy joes, and nachos! Be sure not to miss out on this stop on the farm tour and come out and enjoy the orchard.



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Avian Acres

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ASHLAND COUNTRY PARK DISTRICT is made up of several unique and exciting parks that span over 2,500 acres and include over 30 miles of hiking trails. Each park has its own



natural features that make it distinct among Ashland County including an old-growth forest, a native grassland, restored wetlands, and spring-fed ponds. There are also picnic pavilions, playgrounds, fishing ponds, bird-observation decks, a handicap accessible fishing pier, river access for canoeing, and even a vintage cider press stored in a historic barn . . . all of which make these parks truly spectacular.



This year we are featuring Avian Acres on the Ashland County Farm Tour! Avian acres consists of roughly 320 acres and was donated to the park district in 2020. This generous donation was made by the Taylor family on behalf of Louaine Leisching, the previous landowner, who owned the land for the past 50 years. The barn on the property is the oldest documented barn in Ashland County, and was built in the early 1820s shortly after the land was granted to the original owners in a deed signed by President James Monroe. The barn includes hand-cut stone at its base, and hand-hewn beams that were enlarged and raised in the 1880s. There are 100 acres that are still in crop production. A local farmer is in her first year of regenerative farming on these fields. The remaining acreage is comprised of beautiful mature hardwood forest, low laying hardwood forests, 3 acres of established wildflowers, 10 acres of pollinator and native grasses that were seeded this spring and a large wetlands home of a active beaver colony and many different species of waterfowl. Also in the park is a 1.5 acre stocked pond with fishing dock.

During the Farm Tour, hot dogs, hamburgers, chips and drinks will be available along with wagon rides of the park (one will have a ramp for people with mobility issues), kids activities and guided hikes (1 and 3 pm each day). Hike guides include Jake Peer with Peer Family Forestry Consulting, Abby Prieur with Pheasants Forever, Tim Lesle, and Ryan Morr with the US Fish and Wildlife Service. The bank barn will also have parts open for people to view.

