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COUNTY, OHIO



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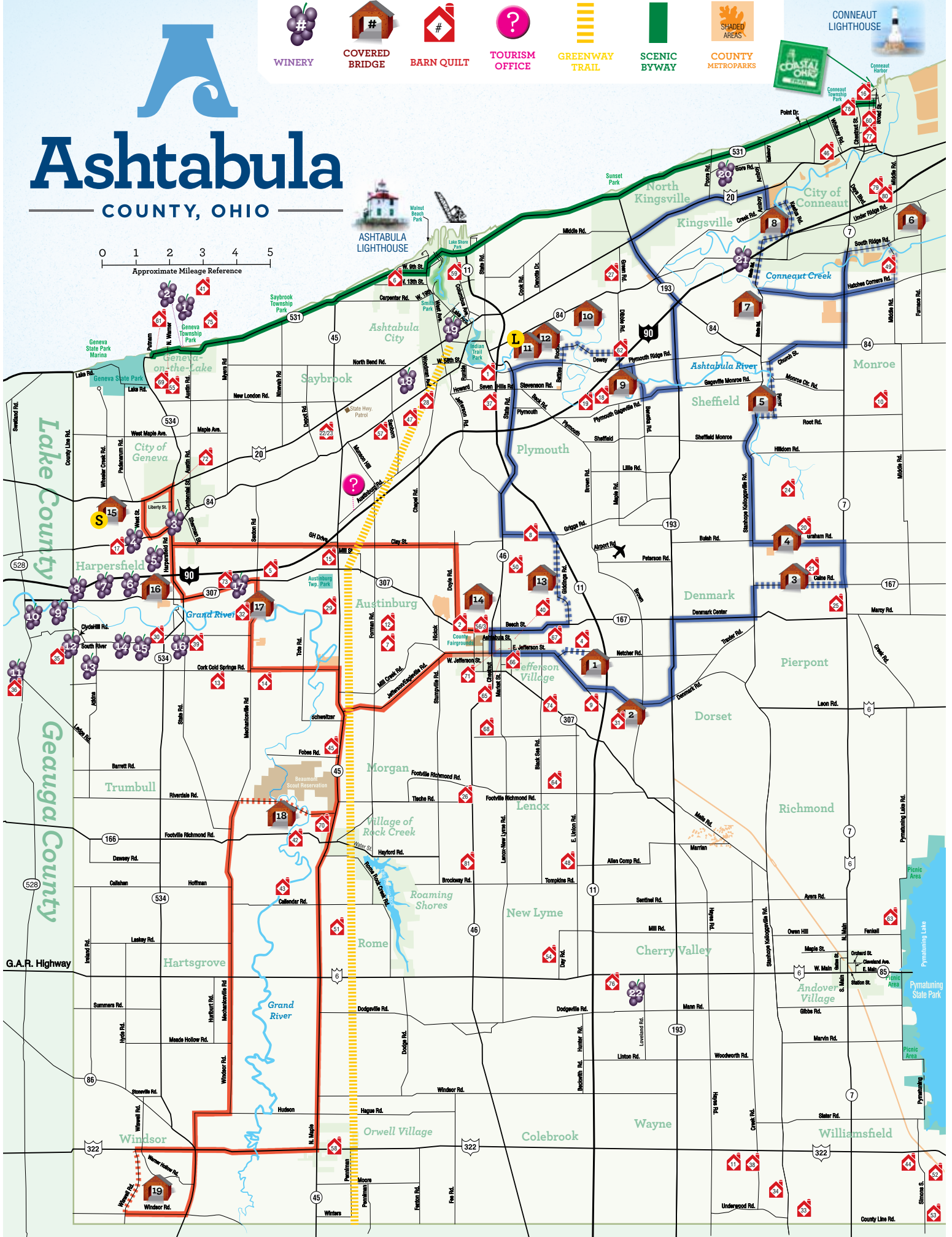
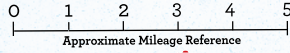


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COUNTY METROPARKS

CONNEAUT LIGHTHOUSE





NORTH & EASTERN COVERED BRIDGES TOUR

13 covered bridges — spans 69 miles



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1. Netcher Covered Road Bridge

1544 Netcher Rd, Jefferson

CLEARANCE 14' 6" (2.7 MI. FROM CENTER OF JEFFERSON)

The bridge over Mill Creek and was opened to traffic in 1999. It features a timber arch with inverted Haupt trusses. The "Neo Victorian" designed structure is 110' Long, 22' Wide, and 14' 6" High.



2. South Denmark Road Covered Bridge

2670 South Denmark Rd, Jefferson

CLEARANCE 9'0" (2.7 MI. FROM NETCHER RD BRIDGE)

Built in 1890 this Town Lattice bridge spans Mill Creek. The 81-foot-long structure was bypassed in 1975.



3. Caine Road Bridge

4699 Caine Rd, Pierpont Township

CLEARANCE 11'0" (6.7 MI. FROM S DENMARK RD BRIDGE)

This first Pratt Truss bridge in Ohio was built in 1986 in honor of the County's 175th anniversary. The 124-foot-long bridge traverses the west branch of the Ashtabula River.



4. Graham Road Bridge

4646 Graham Rd, Pierpont Township

BYPASS (5.9 MI. FROM CAINE RD BRIDGE)

Built from remnants of a bridge washed downstream in the 1913 flood, the bridge now sits in a small park on the south side of the road.



5. Root Road Bridge

4680 Root Rd, Conneaut

CLEARANCE 8'4" (3.9 MI. FROM GRAHAM RD BRIDGE)

A 114-foot-long Town Lattice built in 1868, Root Rd Bridge was raised 18" during the rehabilitation in 1982-83. New laminated girders and a center concrete pier were also added.



6. Middle Road Covered Bridge

910 Middle Rd, Conneaut

CLEARANCE 13'6" (8.3 MI. FROM ROOT RD BRIDGE)

This 136-foot-long Howe Truss bridge was built in 1868 over Conneaut Creek, which is a favorite Steelhead Stream. It was rehabilitated in 1984 with the help of 7 volunteers.



7. Conneaut Creek Covered Bridge

5899 State Rd, Conneaut

CLEARANCE 16'2" (5.1 MILES FROM MIDDLE RD BRIDGE)

Containing 97,000' of southern pine and oak, the State Road Bridge was erected in 1983 across Conneaut Creek. This 152-foot-long Town Lattice was the first covered bridge designed and built by County Engineer, John W. Smolen, Jr. A 4' opening spans the length.



8. Creek Road Covered Bridge

371 Creek Rd, Conneaut

CLEARANCE 11'4" (3.4 MI. FROM STATE RD BRIDGE)

The construction date of this 125-foot-long Town Lattice is unknown. It sits 25' above Conneaut Creek and was renovated in 1994.



9. Benetka Road Bridge

4500 Benetka Rd, Sheffield Township

CLEARANCE 11'0" (11.5 MI. FROM CREEK RD BRIDGE)

A 138-foot-long Town Lattice with arch bridge, Benetka was built about 1900, spanning the Ashtabula River. It was renovated in 1985 when a laminated arch 9 in. wide, 38 in. thick, spanning the length of the bridge, was added.



10. Olins Bridge

1880 Dewey Rd, Plymouth Township

CLEARANCE 12'0" (2.5 MI. FROM BENETKA RD BRIDGE)

Olins' have owned property next to the bridge since it was built in 1873. The 115-foot-long Town Lattice structure over the Ashtabula River was renovated in 1985.



11. Smolen-Gulf Bridge

7001 State Rd, Ashtabula

CLEARANCE 14'6" (2.6 MI. FROM OLINS BRIDGE)

The **LONGEST** covered bridge in the U.S. is of Pratt Truss construction. Engineering and structural design was done by John W. Smolen, Jr. (former county engineer) and architectural design was done by Timothy J. Martin (current county engineer). The bridge was dedicated on Aug. 26, 2008. It is 613' long and stands 93' above the Ashtabula River. With a clear width of 30', it will support full legal-load traffic and has a life expectancy of 100 years.



12. NEW! Riverview Bridge

Indian Trails Park, 4761 State Road, Ashtabula

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This bridge is 150' long and 14' wide, making it one of the county's larger bridges, yet it carries only pedestrian traffic. It mirrors the Pratt arch design of its big brother, Smolen-Gulf, which rises above the pedestrian structure. Both cross the Ashtabula River at Indian Trails Park. Riverview, dedicated in 2016, provides exercise trails and a place to enjoy the beautiful river scenery.



13. Giddings Road Covered Bridge

1400 Giddings Rd, Jefferson 44047

CLEARANCE 15'6" (8 MI. FROM SMOLEN-GULF BRIDGE)

Pratt Truss construction was used for this 107-foot-long bridge built in 1995 with funding from an ODOT Timber Grant. It crosses Mill Creek in Jefferson Township. At this point the tour returns to Jefferson (3.5 miles back) via Jones Road, Rt. 167 and Rt. 46.



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14. Doyle Road Bridge

1300 Doyle Rd, Jefferson 44047

CLEARANCE 13' 6" (1.8 MI. FROM JEFFERSON)

A 94-foot-long Town Lattice bridge built in 1868, Doyle spans Mill Creek, a tributary of the Grand River. This bridge was renovated in 1987 when a laminated arch was added.



15. West Liberty Covered Bridge

94 West Liberty St, Geneva

CLEARANCE 15' (10.6 MI. FROM DOYLE RD BRIDGE)

The **SHORTEST** covered bridge in the U.S., Liberty spans only 18'. The structure is supported by a single Kingpost and its roof is a Scissor Truss which gives the bridge a light, open feeling. Timber for this bridge was harvested from county land owners. The bridge was modularly constructed by students of Ashtabula County Joint Vocational School (now A-Tech).



16. Harpersfield Covered Bridge

1122 Harpersfield Rd, Geneva

CLEARANCE 10' 9" (3 MI. FROM LIBERTY ST. BRIDGE)

This two-span Howe Truss bridge is 228' long and is the second longest covered bridge in Ohio. The bridge was built in 1868 and is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. A 1913 Flood altered the river's channel, requiring a steel bridge to link the covered bridge to the north approach. A walkway was added in 1992.



17. Mechanicsville Covered Bridge

1153 Mechanicsville Rd, Geneva

CLEARANCE 10' (4.6 MI. FROM HARPERSFIELD BRIDGE)

Longest single-span covered bridge in Ashtabula, this 156' long Howe Truss with Arch was built in 1867. The arch is 15 layers of 2x8 lumber and is encased by large beams which form the X's of the Howe Truss. Believed to be the oldest of the County's bridges, it was renovated in 2003.



18. Riverdale Road Covered Bridge

3349 Riverdale Rd, Rock Creek

CLEARANCE 9' 6" (9.2 M FROM MECHANICSVILLE BRIDGE)

This 114-foot-long Town Lattice bridge sits high above the Grand River. Center steel bracing was added in 1945, and in 1981, the floor was rebuilt and glue laminated girders added to the interior. This creates a bridge-within-a-bridge and narrows the passageway. The road at the east end of the bridge washed out in 1987 and a new concrete abutment was built.



19. Windsor Mills Bridge

7696 Warner Hollow Rd, Windsor

CLEARANCE 11' 3" (14.5 MILES FROM RIVERDALE BRIDGE)

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, Windsor Mills Bridge is 120' long and spans Phelps Creek, a tributary of the Grand River. Built in 1867 the Town Lattice bridge rests on cut-stone abutments. One is sandstone that was quarried nearby and the other is creek stone. The field stone center pier was replaced with concrete made to look like cut stone when it was renovated in 2002-03.

