

## WELCOME TO GREENVILLE & DARKE COUNTY, OHIO!



Darke County borders the Ohio-Indiana state line and is the 9<sup>th</sup> largest county in Ohio by land area. Agriculture is a large part of the economy and Darke County is always #1 or #2 in Ohio in agricultural production. The largest employers in the county are Whirlpool in Greenville and Midmark in Versailles. There are 7 school districts within the county and the school in Bradford, which is on the Darke-Miami county line, is a Miami County school. Union City straddles the Ohio-Indiana state line and has 2 separate governments and school systems. Greenville was the sight of the 1795 Treaty of Greenville, which redefined the boundary between the United States and Indian lands and led to further settlement of Ohio.

Greenville Farm Power of the Past holds its annual reunion on the Great Darke County Fairgrounds on the southern edge of Greenville. The mailing address is 800 Sweitzer Street, which is also State Route 49. The Great Darke County Fair is legendary and draws tens of thousands to its August event each year. The first fair was held in 1853 on the grounds of the current Garst Museum. The second grounds location was near the current Brethren Retirement Community. The fair was moved to its current location in 1870. The annual fair was cancelled in 1862 and 1863 because of the Civil War, then again in 1949 because of the polio epidemic.

Greenville Farm Power of the Past rents areas of the 185 acre fairgrounds from July 6 through July 13. The following information is useful for anyone who wants to camp at our show. We will be following the same camping rules in 2020 as before:

- Campsites have water and electrical connections. Some include a sewage connection.
- Pump-out service is available.
- No advance reservations are necessary.
- Exhibitors pay \$25.00 for the week. Non-exhibitors pay \$25.00 per night. *(2020 show rates)*
- Campers will be spotted, with no "u" shapes or "4 square." There should be 15' on either side of the camper, and 10' back to back.
- Campfires are allowed as long as they are above the ground and contained. Any changes in campfire rules because of grounds conditions will be posted and announced at the show.
- Dogs in the campground area will need to be registered in the show office according to regulations by the Darke County Health Department. The information we need is similar to that of getting a dog license, including the date of the dog's last vaccinations. We have to make this information available to the Darke County Fairboard *only* if there is an issue with a dog's behavior such as biting or attacking someone. There is no registration fee for this. The form will be available in the show office or can be downloaded from our website, [www.greenvillefarmpower.org](http://www.greenvillefarmpower.org). *Darke County Health Department 937-548-4916*
- Larry Parrett is the Greenville Farm Power of the Past Director in charge of camping and can be reached at 937-654-1317.
- *Since we do not get possession of the Darke County Fairgrounds until the morning of July 6, any camper placed before then is under the jurisdiction of the Darke County Fairboard and subject to their camping rules and rates. Their current rate is \$25.00 per night. There is self-registration for this under the Grandstand or close to the main camping areas. Darke County Agricultural Society (Fairboard) 937-548-5044*

Security is provided by the Darke County Sheriff's Patrol

Holiday Inn Express and Quality Inn are located on Russ Road, which is usually a 10-15 minute drive from the Great Darke County Fairgrounds.

Banquet facilities are available at Romer's Catering at 118 East Main Street, just off the Fountain Circle. This is about midway between the fairgrounds and the host hotels.

A few area highlights - - - -



**Every KitchenAid** stand mixer in the world is made at the Greenville, Ohio factory located at 1701 KitchenAid Way. Tours can be scheduled by calling 800-91-0959 or 937-547-2876. The KitchenAid Experience retail store is located in downtown Greenville at 432 South Broadway. It is time to shop! The retail store phone number is 888-886-8318 or 937-316-4777.

**Garst Museum** is located at 205 North Broadway, just a little north of the Maid-Rite. The National Annie Oakley Center is just one of the many exhibit venues inside the 35,000 square feet of exhibit space. The Treaty of Greenville is commemorated in the “Crossroads of Destiny” exhibit which highlights the story of General Anthony Wayne, Tecumseh, and Little Turtle. The famous explorers, Lewis and Clark, met for the first time in Greenville. Annie Oakley’s Brock Cemetery gravesite is about a 20 minute drive north on US Route 127 to 11775 Greenville-St. Mary’s Road. 937-548-5250 [www.garstmuseum.org](http://www.garstmuseum.org)



**The Maid-Rite Sandwich Shoppe** is a local landmark with a celebrated history. The loose-meat sandwich is like no other and the creamy milkshakes are hard to beat. You can walk in, carry-out, or drive-thru. It is located at 125 North Broadway and the phone is 937-548-9340.



**Emergencies** happen, and it is good to know that **Wayne Health Care** is located across the street from the fairgrounds. During our show, we also have a rescue squad from Greenville Township stationed on the fairgrounds. However, they are still on call and will leave us if necessary.

**Bear’s Mill** was built in 1849 and the water powered mill is still in use today. It was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1977. There are business hours and tours are available. It is located at 6450 Arcanum-Bear’s Mill Road, just a few miles out of Greenville. 937-548-5112 [www.bearsmill.com](http://www.bearsmill.com)



If you are looking for some peace and quiet, **Shawnee Prairie Nature Preserve** may be the perfect place. Located just a few miles west of the fairgrounds at 4267 State Route 502, there are 118 acres of prairie, forest, and wetlands habitats. Features include walking trails, a nature center, an 18<sup>th</sup> century log house, and a blacksmith shop. 937-548-0165 [www.darkecountyparks.org](http://www.darkecountyparks.org)

**Popular destinations** not pictured include Eldora Speedway north of Rossburg, Bradford Railroad Museum, the bronze sculptures in Versailles, and the Altar of Peace in Greenville City Park.

**DOWNTOWN Greenville** features unique shops and places to tickle your taste buds. The Darke County Visitors Bureau Guide is full of information about Greenville and Darke County. The Visitors Bureau is located next to the KitchenAid Experience Retail Store. The website is [www.VisitDarkeCounty.org](http://www.VisitDarkeCounty.org) and the phone number is 800-504-2995. The guide is available on their website.