

Bed Bugs



Bed bugs have been prominently featured in the news lately. In a joint statement available at <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/bedbugs/>, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) state that the United States is one of many countries now experiencing an alarming resurgence in the population of bed bugs. Though the exact cause is not known, experts suspect the resurgence is associated with increased resistance of bed bugs to available pesticides, greater international and domestic travel, lack of knowledge regarding control of bed bugs due to their prolonged absence, and the continuing decline or elimination of effective vector/pest control programs at state and local public health agencies. The web site provides information about preventing, identifying and treating bed bug infestations.



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Autumn Activities

Crisp days, cool nights, pumpkins and colorful foliage. Who doesn't love autumn in Ohio?



Conkles Hollow State Nature Preserve at Hocking Hills State Park

The Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources has a Fall Foliage Homepage <http://www.dnr.state.oh.us/tabid/9584/Default.aspx> to guide you to the best sites to view the changing leaves. There is an interactive map for foliage conditions with links to area web sites. Weekly foliage reports include events at Ohio state parks. With links to statewide activities, reservations for park lodging and campsites, and an Ohio tree index for

identifying trees, this is a one-stop site for fall recreation fun for weekend or day trips. Don't forget that in addition to state parks, Ohio is home to the Cuyahoga Valley National Park www.nps.gov/cuva/

Ohio's only national forest, Wayne National Forest in southeastern Ohio, offers many recreational opportunities. It is administered by the Forest Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture www.fs.usda.gov (search by state or name). Brochures on recreational activities can be downloaded free. Maps for hiking and backpacking, ATV and bridle trails as well as topographic maps can be ordered for a nominal fee.



Brandywine Falls, Cuyahoga Valley National Park

American Community Survey

At the end of September, the U.S. Census Bureau released the results of the 2009 American Community Survey (ACS). This release provides data about the nation's socioeconomic, housing and demographic characteristics. In December, the Census Bureau will release the first set of ACS statistics for all geographic areas, regardless of size, using data collected between 2005 and 2009. The ACS website is <http://www.census.gov/acs/www/>

Focusing on the population's characteristics, the ACS complements, but is different from, the 2010 Census population data. As a complete count of the population, the 2010 Census data are critical for people who need to know how

many people live in the United States and where they live. The ACS data, on the other hand, are based on a sample survey of the nation and describe how we live by providing estimates of key social, economic and housing characteristics.

The first set of 2010 Census data, including the nation's population and congressional apportionment figures for the states, will be released by the end of 2010, as required by law.

Social Media

Some agencies are keeping Ohioans informed via social media. Learn which ones and how to participate from a link at the Ohio homepage www.ohio.gov. Twitter and Facebook are the most common with a smattering of other media. A link to each agency's web site is included.

