Perched atop the remnants of glacial beaches and covered with vines planted over generations, the Lake Erie and Grand River Valley growing regions are second to none. Rolling hills lined with Viniferas and French/American hybrids give this unique growing region the feel of Napa Valley.

Ohio’s newest scenic byway, the Lake Erie Coastal Ohio Trail, offers breathtaking views. Enjoy our Great Lake’s dark blue water and white-capped waves as they roll toward the sandstone breakwalls of the Ashtabula shoreline. This journey begins in Conneaut and runs through Ashtabula Harbor and Geneva on-the-Lake along our 26 miles of shore. With two lighthouses, four public beaches and “Ohio’s First Summer Resort,” this is a spectacular drive.
Covered Bridge Driving Tours

NORTH & EASTERN TOUR
13 COVERED BRIDGES - SPANS 69 MILES

1. NETCHER
1544 Netcher Rd, Jefferson
CLEARANCE 14’ 6” (2.7 MI. FROM CENTER OF JEFFERSON)
The bridge spans 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
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
4699 Caine Rd, Pierpont Township
CLEARANCE 11” (6.7 MI. FROM S DENMARK RD BRIDGE)
This first Pratt Truss bridge in Ohio was built in 1866 in honor of the County’s 175th anniversary. The 124-foot-long bridge traverses the west branch of the Ashtabula River.

4. GRAHAM
4645 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
4680 Root Rd, Conneaut
CLEARANCE 8’ 4” (3.9 MI. FROM GRAHAM RD BRIDGE)
A 114-foot-long Town Lattice was built in 1885. 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
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. STATE
5899 State Rd, Conneaut
Clearance 16 ’2” (5.1 miles from Middle Rd Bridge)
Containing 97,000’ of southern pine and oak, the State Rd 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
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
4500 Benetka Rd, Sheffield Township
CLEARANCE 11’ 0” (11.5 MI. FROM CREEK BRIDGE)
A 138-foot-long Town Lattice with arch bridge, Benetka was built about 1900. It was renovated in 1965 when a laminated arch 9 in. wide, 38 in. thick, spanning the length of the bridge, was added.

10. OLIN
1880 Dewey Rd, Plymouth Township
CLEARANCE 12’ 0” (2.5 MI. FROM BENETKA RD BRIDGE)
Olin’s have owned property next to the bridge since it was built in 1873. The 115-feet-long Town Lattice structure over the Ashtabula River was renovated in 1985.

11. SMOLEN-GULF
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). Dedicated in 2008, it is 613’ long and stands 93’ above the River. With a clear width of 35’, it will support full legal-load traffic and has a life expectancy of 100 years.

12. RIVERVIEW
Indian Trails Park, 4761 State Road, Ashtabula
This bridge is 150’ long and 14’ wide, making it one of the larger bridges, yet it carries only pedestrian traffic. It mirrors the Pratt arch design of its big brother, Smolen-Gulf, which rises above. 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
1400 Giddings Rd, Jefferson
CLEARANCE 15’ 8” (8 MI. FROM SMOLEN-GULF BRIDGE)
Pratt Truss construction was used for this 107-foot-long bridge built in 1995. 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.

SOUTH & WESTERN TOUR
6 COVERED BRIDGES SPANS 68 MILES

14. DOYLE
1300 Doyle Rd, Jefferson
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 1981 when a laminated arch was added.

15. WEST LIBERTY
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
1123 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 bridge in Ohio. Built in 1866, it is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. A 1913 flood altered the river, requiring a steel bridge to link the covered bridge to the north approach. A walkway was added in 1992.

17. MECHANICSVILLE
1153 Mechanicville 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
3349 Riverdale Rd, Rock Creek
CLEARANCE 9’ 6” (9.2 MI 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 Rd at the east end of the bridge washed out in 1987 and a new concrete abutment was built.

19. WINDSOR MILLS
7896 Warner Hollow Rd, Windsor
CLEARANCE 11’ 3” (14.5 MILES FROM RIVERDALE BRIDGE)
Windsor Mills is 120’ long and spans Phelps Creek, a tributary of the Grand River. Built in 1867 the Town Lattice bridge rests on abutments of sandstone (quarried nearby) and creek stone. The field stone center pier was replaced with stone-look concrete when it was renovated in 2002–03.

Dotted lines on the Covered Bridge Tours indicate gravel roads.
The Greenway Trail is part of the “Rails to Trails” program, which transforms old railroad beds into recreational pathways and spans 27 miles through Ashtabula. This scenic trail runs south through Saybrook, Austinburg, Rock Creek, Rome, Orwell, and continues on with Trumbull County’s rail system.

There are seven parking lots that provide easy access to the 10 ft wide asphalt trail, perfect for a day of walking, jogging, biking, and roller blading. Need trailer access? Lampson Road staging area has the room to make loading and unloading a breeze; St Rt 307 and Mill St stop in Austinburg is where you will find a restroom and convenience store to stock up on drinks and snacks for the rest of your journey.

In the winter, the Greenway Trail does not shut down. Averaging 120” of snow each year, Ashtabula County’s trail is perfect for snowmobilers, cross country skiers, and snow-shoers. The trail is kept groomed year round to accommodate all types of outdoor activities. Enjoy the brisk air and the snow covered scenery on your next outdoor winter adventure.
| 1. | Blakeslee Log Cabin Barn | 2315 N. Ridge East, Ashtabula | 41. | Johnson Residence |
| 2. | LOG CABIN VARIATION | 2090 Rockefeller Rd, Jefferson | 42. | MARINER’S COMPASS |
| 3. | Agricultural Heritage | 2523 Adams Rd, Kingsville | 43. | 5045 Church St, Conneaut |
| 4. | Quartet FARM BUREAU, 4H, FFA, OSU EXT | 2271 Lampson Rd, Austinburg | 44. | Hamilton Dairy Farm |
| 5. | Covered Bridge Gardens | 1510 Middle Rd, Conneaut | 45. | WAGON WHEEL (CARPENTER’S WHEEL) |
| 6. | CORN & BEANS | 1025 Buffalo St, Conneaut | 46. | 2060 Lenox-New Lyme Rd, Jefferson |
| 7. | 8050 Depot Rd, Saybrook | 1001 Middle Rd, Conneaut | 47. | 4940 North Broadway, GOTL |
| 8. | Covered Bridge | 1876 State Route 46 South, Jefferson | 48. | 70 Residence |
| 9. | BRIDGES AND CABINS | 1817 State Route 46 South, Jefferson | 49. | CENTENNIAL |
| 10. | Covered Bridge Gardens | 1817 State Route 46 South, Jefferson | 50. | 3101 Lawton Ave, Rock Creek |
| 11. | Covered Bridge Gardens | 1817 State Route 46 South, Jefferson | 51. | 4840 North Broadway, GOTL |
| 12. | Covered Bridge Gardens | 1817 State Route 46 South, Jefferson | 52. | 70 Residence |
| 13. | Covered Bridge Gardens | 1817 State Route 46 South, Jefferson | 53. | 3101 Lawton Ave, Rock Creek |
| 14. | Covered Bridge Gardens | 1817 State Route 46 South, Jefferson | 54. | 4840 North Broadway, GOTL |
| 15. | Covered Bridge Gardens | 1817 State Route 46 South, Jefferson | 55. | 70 Residence |
| 16. | Covered Bridge Gardens | 1817 State Route 46 South, Jefferson | 56. | 3101 Lawton Ave, Rock Creek |
| 17. | Covered Bridge Gardens | 1817 State Route 46 South, Jefferson | 57. | 4840 North Broadway, GOTL |
| 18. | Covered Bridge Gardens | 1817 State Route 46 South, Jefferson | 58. | 70 Residence |
| 19. | Covered Bridge Gardens | 1817 State Route 46 South, Jefferson | 59. | 3101 Lawton Ave, Rock Creek |
| 20. | Covered Bridge Gardens | 1817 State Route 46 South, Jefferson | 60. | 4840 North Broadway, GOTL |
| 21. | Covered Bridge Gardens | 1817 State Route 46 South, Jefferson | 61. | 70 Residence |
| 22. | Covered Bridge Gardens | 1817 State Route 46 South, Jefferson | 62. | 3101 Lawton Ave, Rock Creek |
| 23. | Covered Bridge Gardens | 1817 State Route 46 South, Jefferson | 63. | 4840 North Broadway, GOTL |
| 24. | Covered Bridge Gardens | 1817 State Route 46 South, Jefferson | 64. | 70 Residence |
| 25. | Covered Bridge Gardens | 1817 State Route 46 South, Jefferson | 65. | 3101 Lawton Ave, Rock Creek |
| 26. | Covered Bridge Gardens | 1817 State Route 46 South, Jefferson | 66. | 4840 North Broadway, GOTL |
| 27. | Covered Bridge Gardens | 1817 State Route 46 South, Jefferson | 67. | 70 Residence |
| 28. | Covered Bridge Gardens | 1817 State Route 46 South, Jefferson | 68. | 3101 Lawton Ave, Rock Creek |
| 29. | Covered Bridge Gardens | 1817 State Route 46 South, Jefferson | 69. | 4840 North Broadway, GOTL |
| 30. | Covered Bridge Gardens | 1817 State Route 46 South, Jefferson | 70. | 70 Residence |