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What makes Auburn special?

Auburn exemplifies quiet country living and at the same time provides easy access to metropolitan centers of shopping, dining and culture. By way of route 422, Auburn residents can quickly and efficiently go from our landscape of woods, ravines and fields to downtown Cleveland in half an hour or less. Auburn residents and their children enjoy the benefit of being a part of Kenston Local School District, rated “Excellent” by the Ohio Department of Education and ranked in the top 5% of schools in the state and the nation according to U.S. News and World Report.

Auburn has a long history of agriculture and is home to several family farms and equine centers. Our nurseries, farms and other agricultural businesses produce organic vegetables, flowers, dairy products, meat, honey and maple syrup. Auburn is also home to numerous businesses from smaller family owned enterprises to international manufacturing interests.

Visitors who enjoy the outdoors can spend time hiking, hunting, boating and fishing in 8000 acre LaDue Reservoir wildlife area located in Auburn Township. The wildlife area and its 1400 acre lake are home to bald eagles, white-tail deer, wild turkey, bass, walleye, bluegill and hundreds of other native species.

Two large wind turbines make it easy to find one of the area’s only public ice skating rinks. The Pond is a 4000 square foot facility with a full size ice rink for open skating, hockey and other skate events. The Pond also features a party room and a pro shop. Environmentally friendly wind power helps keep the Pond cool.

A must see for any visitor to Auburn is the Cleveland Art Workshop, a jewel of a furniture and glass blowing studio that is chock full of retro industrial furniture, hand blown glass, custom designed lighting pieces and relics from Cleveland’s industrial past. Founder and artist Jason Wein and his associates recycle and repurpose industrial pieces-parts such as gears, carts, pipes and conduit, turning them into high end pieces that are sold across the country and featured in studios from New York to L.A.

Visitors can wind down their day with a meal at the rustic Auburn Inn just a few steps across the street from Cleveland Art. The historic inn is renowned for its burgers, Friday fish fry and friendly atmosphere. The interior appropriately features details of farm style décor including opened-grain barn siding on the walls and unique details such as metal sap buckets serving as lamp shades.