

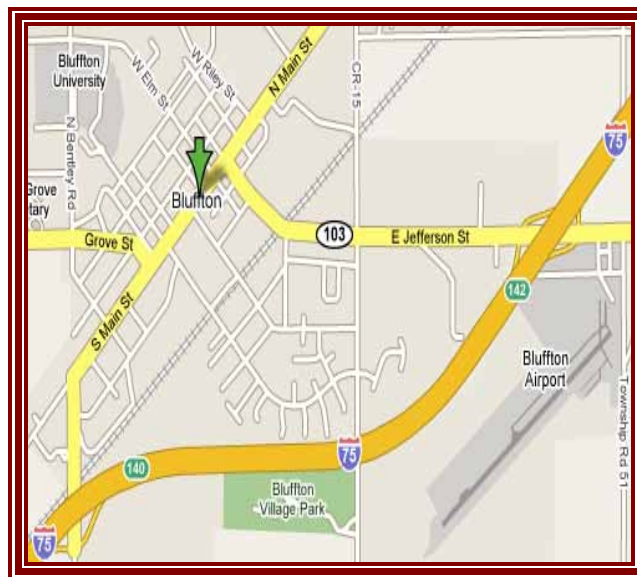


Consider us: . . .

Bluffton's Unique Boutiques

Friendly Places To
Shop, Visit, Relax & Spend Some Time
Something for everyone in the family
and with virtually unlimited parking.

On I-75 between exits 140 [S Bentley Rd.] & 142 [SR 103/ Navajo Rd.]. Go west to Main Street [Old North Dixie Highway]. Downtown Bluffton lies between the two exits. Parking is on Main and ½ block off Main on the East side.



The Village of Bluffton

The Village of Bluffton is a confluence of a University Town, a residential retreat, a clean downtown, and a proud business climate. This has created our inviting downtown business area, our entertainment and relaxation choices, with “quality of life” written all over them.

Whether you are drawn to Bluffton for “that special Quilt”, “that Plush Critter”, to add a decorator touch to your home, to add to your scrap-booking supplies, or to fill that empty corner of a room, there is much more to do, and take in, while in Bluffton. This is a partial list of locations and activities for you to enjoy. So, come, bring others, or come back and join us when you have the time.

Shops

Our “Unique Boutiques” are shops with character. These are not our only stores, as we have everything you need: medical services, financial services, appliance stores, hardware stores, grocery stores, a meat market, auto repair, and others that are part of daily life.

Forever In Stitches, LLC



120 N. Main St., 419.358.0656:

Known as “Your full service quilt shop™” and “The Destination Quilt Shop™”. It has over 3,000 square feet of quilting: thousands of bolts displayed with their fat quarters, notions, supplies, books, patterns, long-arm quilting services, Janome sewing machines, magazines, classes, and a “Clearance Cove”. There is a kids’ Activity Corner as well as well lighted reading and relaxation areas. Come on in and we’ll help you coordinate fabrics, discuss quilting desires, or just talk about our passion for quilting.

Greg’s Pharmacy



126 N. Main St., 419.358.5946:

Greg’s goes beyond being a drug store with your personal pharmacist. They also have a premium film and digital photo processing lab in-house with one hour service. It is a well organized, well lit, welcome place for those other things of quality: Precious Moments™, Webkinz™, extensive scrapbooking supplies & classes, collections, cosmetics, cards, gifts, snacks, natural vitamins & supplements, and, of course, prescription and OTC pharmaceuticals.

Groves Bears, Dolls & More



204 N. Main St., 419.358.8559:

A shop of enchantment. It is uniquely known as the “Bear Store” in both here and in surrounding states. This is a destination in its own right as it is Ohio’s Largest Teddy Bear Store. This is a temporary home to over 6,500 bears on display, as well as a huge selection of many other critters in plush surroundings. Choose from Steiff, Merrythought, Cooperstown, Hermann, NABCO, Boyds, Gund, Russ, artist pieces, dolls, and so much more!

Black Lab Trading Company



121 N. Main St., 419.358.1155:

A must see for lab lovers! But this is not a dog store. It is a one of a kind store best described as “an old fashioned department store” with a bit of everything for everybody, featuring a large selection of primitive and country home décor, children’s clothing, furniture, primitives, Watkins, Groovy Girls Dolls™, lotions, and specialties of all kinds. .

The Little Red Barn



113 N. Main St., 419.358.5066:

A warm and comfortable florist with cut, live, and silk flowers and plants along with balloons, tapestries, candles, home decorating items, and many other gifts.

Town & Country Flowers



121 S. Main St., 419.358.4040:

Featuring designer home decorating items including flowers, and seasonal items. A great place to get ideas.

Deer Creek Shoppes



124 N. Main St., 419.358.7467:

A unique store where antiques and collectibles are combined with local artisan’s wares. Over 30 independent collectors display their wares at any one time, presenting a continually changing array of collections.

Ten Thousand Villages



111 S. Main St. 419.358.4201:

This is a “one-of-a-kind” place! Uncompromising quality arts, crafts & gifts from around the world. They require that their artisans are paid a fair wage, have good working conditions, and produce ecologically-friendly products. The goods range from ancient artisan products to products created from modern needs. This is a shop you will never forget and it will spark learning that will stay with you.

The Food Store, 103 S. Main: The food store that defies being labeled! This is a an organic and natural food store that attracts customers from a wide radius and is recommended by many doctors. Their specialty is for restricted, sensitive, and special diet products.

Apple Lane Antiques, 9175 Dixie Highway [S. Main]: This is a quaint country shop where you can deal one-on-one with the dealer for antiques, primitives, cottage furniture and folk art.

Book Reviews, Et Cetera, 115 N. Main St., 419.358.6999: Used books of all types.

Springfield Fireworks-n-Pottery, 490 SR 103, 419.358.3490: Not quite as specialized as you may think: also souvenirs, gifts, south-west collectibles, boots, shoes, moccasins, garden decorations, fudge, Hershey’s ice cream, Indian items....

Places to Eat

Common Grounds, 101 S Main: An uncommon coffeehouse and café where you can always pick up a homemade soup, sandwich, Panini, salads, beverages, pastries, breakfasts, Dietsch Brothers’ ice cream, and, of course, a specialty [or plain] coffee.

Tu Pueblo, 142 N. Main St.: Excellent Mexican-style lunch and dinner. True-to-heritage taste without the “picante”, spicy heat. .

Bluffton Dari Freeze, 595 S. Main at I-75 exit 140: Great for whippy-dips or frosties along with grill items in endless variation. An extensive diabetic menu is also available. This is a gathering place.

Luke’s Bar & Grill, 133 N. Main St., Pizza, salads, sandwiches, hamburgers, steaks beer, full bar [no wine], and more.

Jeanne’s Kitchen, 112 Vine St. Excellent Mediterranean cuisine with a menu that constantly rotates.

China Wok, 555 N. Main St., Great Chinese food. Lunch specials and a lunch buffet as well as off-the-menu. Food is mild in preparation. Spicy by request.

Fast Food Heaven, just off I-75 at exit 142 [SR 103]: You can drive from one fast-food restaurant to the next, satisfying everyone’s unique likes in one big arc! Arby’s, Burger King, Subway, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Taco Bell, McDonalds.

Things to Do

Shannon Theatre, 119 S. Main St., 419.358.1141: Why take out a loan to see a first run movie? \$3 tickets! Snack bar special of \$4 for a large buttered popcorn and two large drinks! “Big Screen” & digital theater sound! www.ShannonTheatre.com.

Bluffton University, 1 University Drive: A truly beautiful educational setting. There are many points and activities of interest, including: the nature preserve, swinging bridge, Yoder Recital Hall, The Lion and Lamb Peace Arts Center, Founders Hall, Sauder Visual Arts Center, plays, musicals, lectures, concerts, readings, recitals, exhibits, artist series, galleries, and sports events. Check their current event at www.bluffton.edu/arts/.

Community Pool, 2050 Snider: The pool is open Memorial Day to Labor Day with a water slide...great fun for the family.

Bluffton Family Recreation Center, 215 Snider, 419.358.4150: Recreation and sports opportunities for all ages. Pre-schoolers, youth, teens, adults and seniors will find fun and fitness.

Bike Path: a wonderful ride through the area. **Bluffton Golf Club**, 8575 Dixie Highway: 18 hole, par 72, driving range, pro shop, and snack bar.

Southgate Lanes, 9700 Dixie Highway: Bowling for the family. They have bumpers available on all lanes for kids. Open mid-August through mid-May.

Park & Soccer Field, on {Hancock} County Line Road just south of I-75.

Bluffton Mural by Oscar Velasquez on Groves Bears' south side.

Places to Stay

The Lamplight Inn, 321 South Main: A B&B built in the 1890's and beautifully maintained and furnished with antiques. You need to make reservations for each of the two rooms! 419-358-0358

Twin Lakes Park, 3506 Township Road 34: Exit SR 235 South off I-75; Great for those who travel with their RV, camp, or want to stay in log cabins.

Comfort Inn, 117 Commerce: A clean modern hotel with indoor pool facilities.

The Knights Inn, I-75 at exit #142: A clean, modern, inexpensive national chain.

Annual Events

Bluffton College May Day & Four-Mile Run First Saturday in May. Refer to www.Bluffton.edu to see the many events hosted throughout the year.

Bluffton Sportsmen's Club Trout Fishing Derby First Sunday in May.

Farmer's Market, Saturday mornings starting at 9:00 a.m. to noon. May through October.

Bluffton Arts and Crafts Festival third Saturday in May

Festival of Wheels Friday before Fathers Day (June).

Swiss Day Program Fourth Sunday in June.

Freedom Fest Saturday before July 4th. Fireworks, games, pie baking contest, duck races, food...Great Fun.

Fall Festival The last Saturday in September: The Swiss Community Historical Society [Homestead], Mennonite Memorial Home, Maple Crest, & Downtown Businesses collaborate and celebrate with crafts, wagon rides, demonstrations, quilt show, music & merriment.

Blaze of Lights Saturday after Thanksgiving to January 1.

Community Messiah at Bluffton College performance in December rehearsals start earlier.

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