

## A River Runs Through Us

Welcome to Munroe Falls, a small Summit County city located in the heart of Ohio's scenic Cuyahoga Valley. Our tiny 2.74 square mile footprint is bisected by the waters of the Cuyahoga River, named for an Indian word meaning "crooked river." Home to 5300+ residents, Munroe Falls combines the simplicity of small town living with easy accessibility to centers of commerce and shopping.

We are conveniently located 10 miles north of Akron, and only 10 miles south of the Ohio Turnpike. Largely residential, our community offers first rate services, modern police and fire departments, and a proud involvement in the Stow-Munroe Falls public school system, rated as excellent by the Ohio state board of education.

With a temperate climate, we experience normal Midwest winters and warm, breezy summers. Located slightly south of the Lake Erie snowbelt area, we usually shovel far less of the white stuff than our neighbors to the north.

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The City has announced a new emergency notification program that will send a text message to your email account or mobile phone to inform you of an emergency. There is no cost for this service&mdash;to the City or its citizens. Visit [www.Nixle.com](http://www.Nixle.com) to sign up.

Read the [City press release](#) for more detailed information.

For over a year, Munroe Falls has waged a battle opposing a permit to allow gas and oil drilling on the banks of the Cuyahoga. But the drilling company and ODNR insist that drilling should go forward, despite Ohio EPA warnings that our local water supply is extremely vulnerable to surface water contamination. Read the entire story [here](#), and get involved by contacting your local representatives. If you value our local water supply, it's time to get involved.

• Munroe Falls has signed an electric aggregation agreement that can save you money on your electric bills. Click [here](#) to download a .pdf document that answers commonly asked questions about the program. You may also read the same document online in the Latest News section, [here](#).

• Check out the Local Assets page to see the many activities and opportunities in north central Ohio, all of which are a short drive away.

• View the new Stow Munroe Falls Economic Development video .

• Download a copy of the current City Wide News , the Munroe Falls newsletter.

• We welcome visitors to play this short video presentation showing the beauty of the Cuyahoga River Valley. (Flash player and high speed connection required.)

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#### Vital Statistics

Munroe Falls is located at latitude 41.14 and longitude -81.44 at an elevation of 1,030 feet. Located in Ohio's Summit County in the United States, it is in the Eastern time zone (GMT -5) and observes daylight savings time.

Munroe Falls has a population of 5,314 with 2,035 housing units; a land area of 2.74 sq. miles; a water area of 0.09 sq. miles; and a population density of 1,939.83 people per sq. mile (Census 2000).

The city shares a school system with neighboring Stow, Ohio; the system is comprised of six elementary schools, one intermediate, one middle, and one high school.

## History

In 1817 a log dam was built in the Cuyahoga River to power a saw and grist mill. This power source attracted small industries to what was then referred to as the town of Florence. In 1836 the Munroe Brothers of Boston purchased 200 acres of land in Florence, started the Munroe Falls Manufacturing Company, and renamed Florence, Munroe Falls.

Completed in 1841, the Pennsylvania and Ohio Canal created great prosperity for the region. The grist mill was converted to manufacture paper, and was purchased by the Cleveland Paper Company in 1866. The mill property is currently owned by Sonoco products, a valued member of the community to this day.

In 2006, in an effort to improve flow and aeration of the Cuyahoga River, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) removed the dam that created the city's namesake falls, accompanied by landscaping and beautification of the river banks. A lighted observation deck now marks the former dam site, and a small amphitheater has been added to the hillside, constructed of large hewn stones salvaged from the dam.

The new observation point and amphitheater.