

# Tea Kaufman Homestead

2091 County Road 292, Bellevue, OH 44811



The Tea Kaufman Homestead Park is located west of Bellevue along the North Coast Inland Trail. It is named after John and Sarah Ann (Tea) Kaufman, two early settlers to the area. The history of the house began in 1849 when it was originally constructed as the York Center Hotel. York Township is named after York Center. It was located at an important crossroads along the Maumee Western Reserve Turnpike, and the town also had a school, livery, and blacksmith. The Kaufman family purchased the hotel and farmland in the 1860s and turned it into a private residence, but the location remained important in the community as the place where local elections were held. The Kaufman family farmed the property until the 1970s.

In 2012 the SCPD acquired a small portion of the original property. This 14-acre area has a mowed loop trail that goes through a small prairie. The Kaufman house and barns located on Route 20 were auctioned off separately in an estate sale in 2012. Today, the Tea Kaufman Homestead is a great place to park and access the North Coast Inland Trail or to take a short walk to stretch your legs and enjoy nature.