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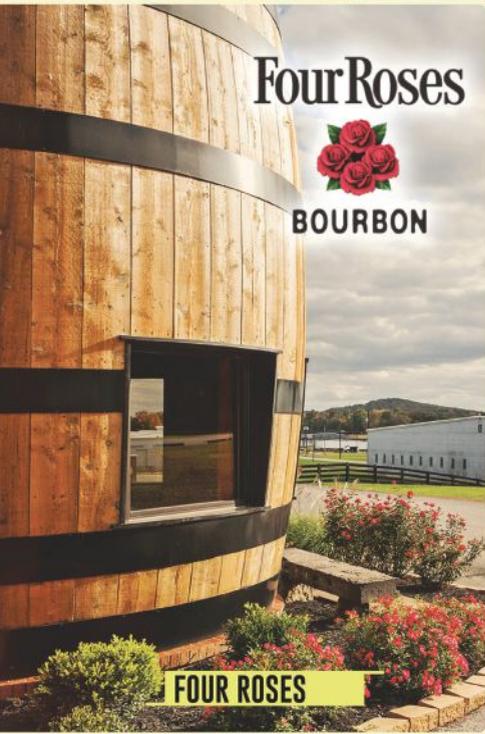


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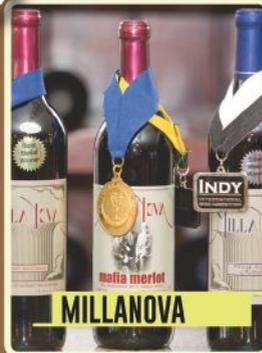


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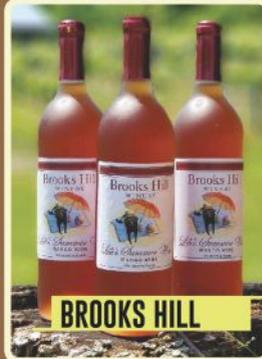
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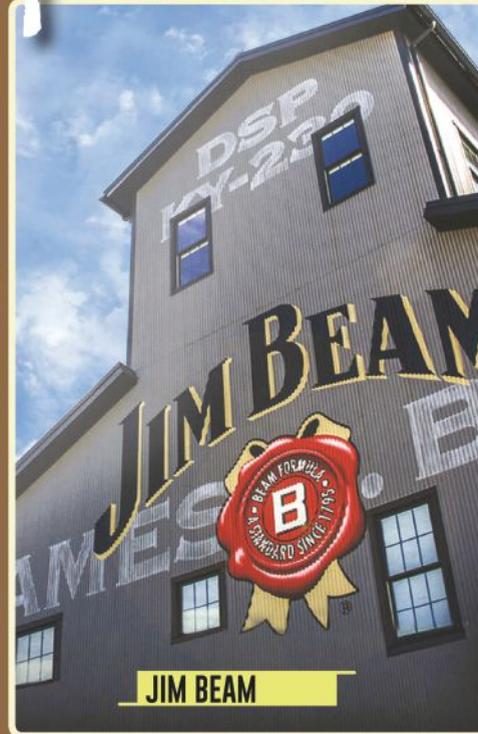
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Welcome to the Bluegrass State!

Over this past year, people across the globe have learned the importance of never taking anything for granted. We've missed out on memories and time with loved ones, all for the greater good. Now, we find ourselves inspired to seek out new adventures to fuel our love for travel and to make up for the time we've missed. Those opportunities await right here in the Bluegrass State.

Travelers and Kentuckians alike find themselves inspired by the commonwealth's diverse offerings. From our deep-rooted culture and history to our flavorful culinary stops to our world-famous bourbon and horse country, every experience is sure to leave you wanting more. Each region of Kentucky is distinct, offering guests small-town charm, breathtaking views or adventurous outdoor terrain. But one thing that remains consistent throughout is the spirit of our people and our hospitality.

Whether you enjoy the crisp fall air and colorful scenery, winter traditions, spring racing and Mint Juleps or summer fun, our doors are always open and you're sure to leave with memories you will treasure for years to come.

On behalf of the commonwealth, I invite you to experience the uniqueness of Kentucky. Our tourism industry is full of passionate Kentuckians ready to ensure you have a safe, fun and spirited trip here in the Bluegrass.

Andy Beshear, Governor



ON THE COVER: Taylor Made Farm, Nicholasville

Plan Your Trip

to the Bluegrass State

Find vacation inspiration, videos, planning tools and more on our website, social channels and newsletters.

Discover More Online

Now is the time and **KentuckyTourism.com** is the place to plan your next great getaway. Combined with this guide, it provides a wealth of travel content and tools to make trip-planning a breeze. Here's just a taste of what you'll find!



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From watching young foals in the stables to champions training for their next race, we go behind the scenes to offer a fascinating look at the Horse Capital of the World. Other series take a closer look at bourbon, food, outdoor adventures and more.

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Looking for great live music or a walk back in time? Hoping to tour a bourbon distillery or stroll a pastoral horse farm? We've got endless travel inspiration, suggested trips, featured events and more – all arranged by the topics that interest you most.

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Find Regional Itineraries

You'll find natural beauty and outdoor adventure in every part of the state, along with vibrant music, art, culture, food and more. Explore the Bluegrass State's diverse regions and find suggested itineraries along the way.

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Want to follow all the fun others are having in Kentucky, or perhaps share your own awesome tips and pics? Become part of our #TravelKY family on the channels above!

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Getting Here

Getting in, out and around Kentucky is easy. You'll find three primary and regional airports conveniently located throughout the state, as well as several major interstates. Public transportation can be found in our major cities. Whether you're here for business or pleasure, transportation services abound.

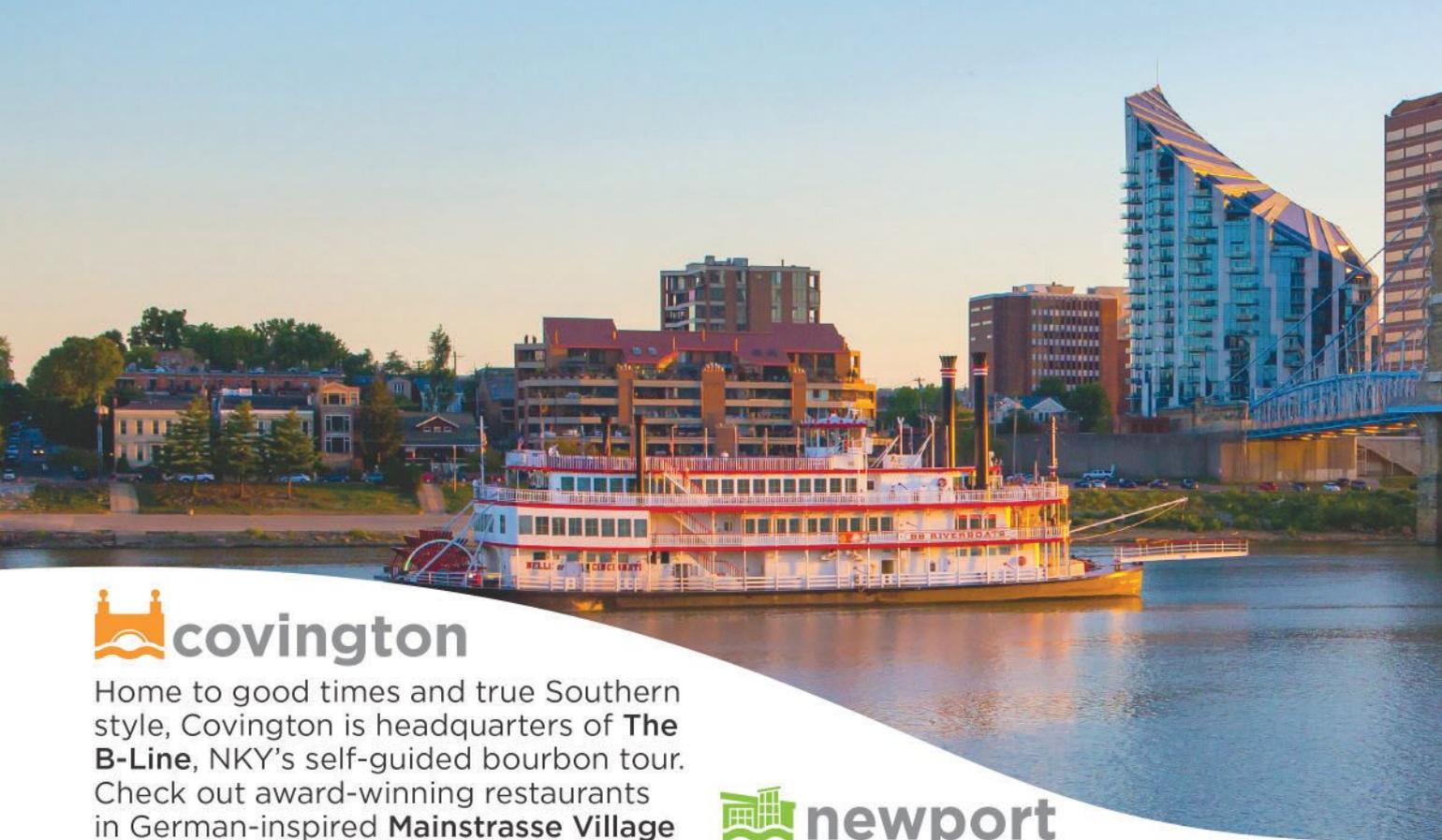
Welcome Centers

Kentucky's eight Welcome Centers offer travelers a hospitable respite from the open road. Stop in for maps, directions, attraction brochures and local event information, or find nearby lodging and restaurants.



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I-64 West
Mile Marker 173
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BB Riverboats, Covington



covington

Home to good times and true Southern style, Covington is headquarters of **The B-Line**, NKY's self-guided bourbon tour. Check out award-winning restaurants in German-inspired **Mainstrasse Village** and don't miss a performance at the new **Covington Plaza** amphitheater, set beneath the iconic **Roebling Bridge** with the Cincinnati skyline as the backdrop. Enjoy the best local flavors, riverside atmosphere, and fun experiences for everyone in your group.

newport

Don't miss the underwater panorama at **Newport Aquarium** and check out the newly transformed **Newport on the Levee** and **Bridgeview Box Park**! Enjoy NKY's German roots at **Hofbräuhaus Newport** then experience the Ohio River in style aboard a **BB Riverboats** cruise. Take a tour at **New Riff Distilling** then sample local fare in Bellevue before catching a concert at **PromoWest Pavilion at Ovation**.





 **florence**

Catch a **Florence Y'all**s baseball game, polish your skills at **World of Golf**, then get some air at **DEFY Florence**! If you're looking for more horsepower, catch a live race at **Turfway Park** then race around the track at **Full Throttle Indoor Karting**. Or maybe a history lesson and bison viewing at **Big Bone Lick State Historic Site** is more your speed. The family fun doesn't end there—you're only minutes away from **Ark Encounter** and **Creation Museum**, where state-of-the-art exhibits bring the stories of the Bible to life, botanical gardens awaken the senses, and zip lines thrill all ages.


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Bourbon, horses and music ringing out from the mountains to the valleys. Adventure above and below ground, with art from folk to fiber. A culinary scene that feeds the soul and an epic story that both reaches back in time and journeys into the future. This is our Kentucky.

Hear what makes the Bluegrass State so special to these native sons and daughters – in their own words – then come find your Kentucky here.

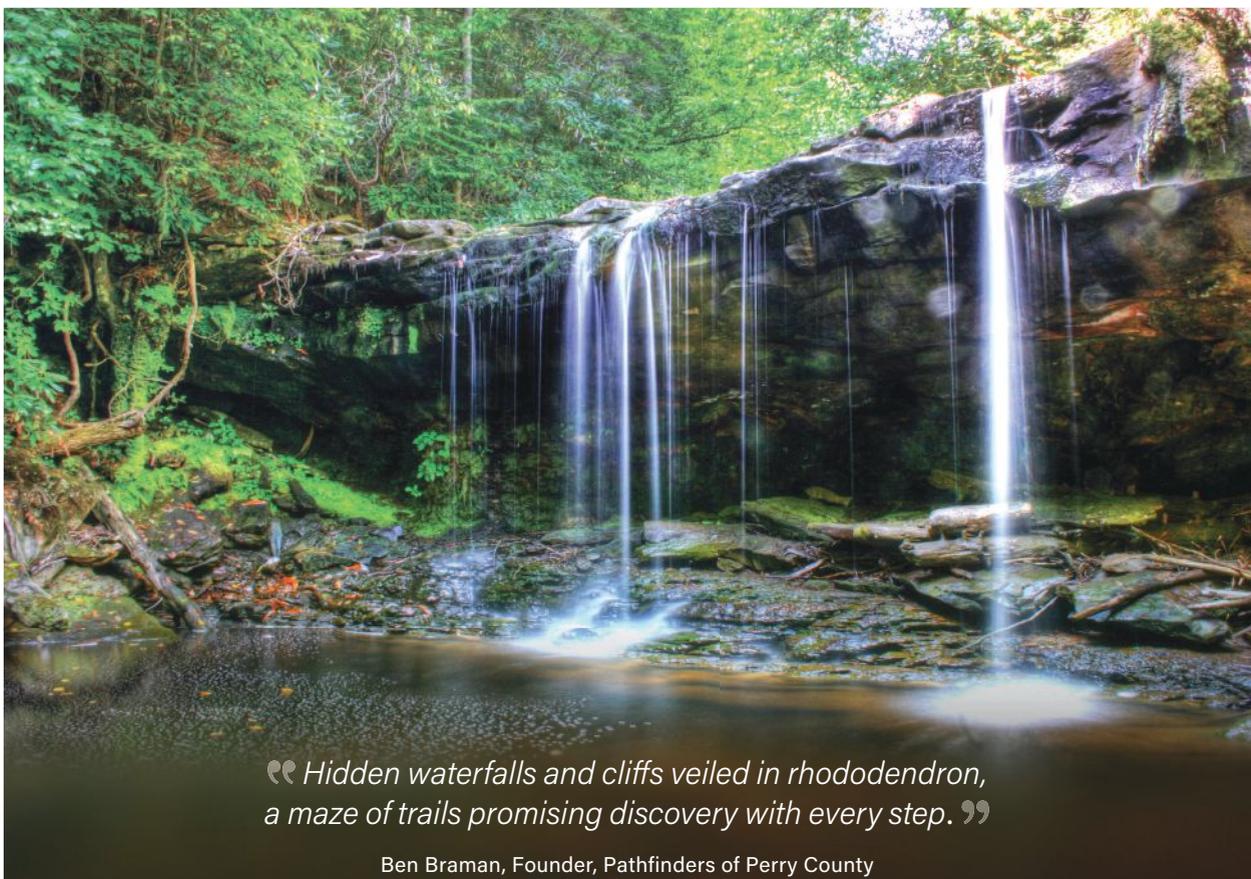
“ Sweet bourbon aromas circling each sip, majestic barrel warehouses dotting the landscape, gracious Bluegrass suppers paired to perfection. ”

Peggy Noe Stevens, Master Taster, 2019 KY Bourbon Hall of Fame Inductee



“ Kentucky’s Bluegrass is where thoroughbreds and quarter horses, sport and carriage horses, paints and ponies inhabit landscapes and inspire imaginations. ”

John Stephen Hockensmith, Equestrian Photographer



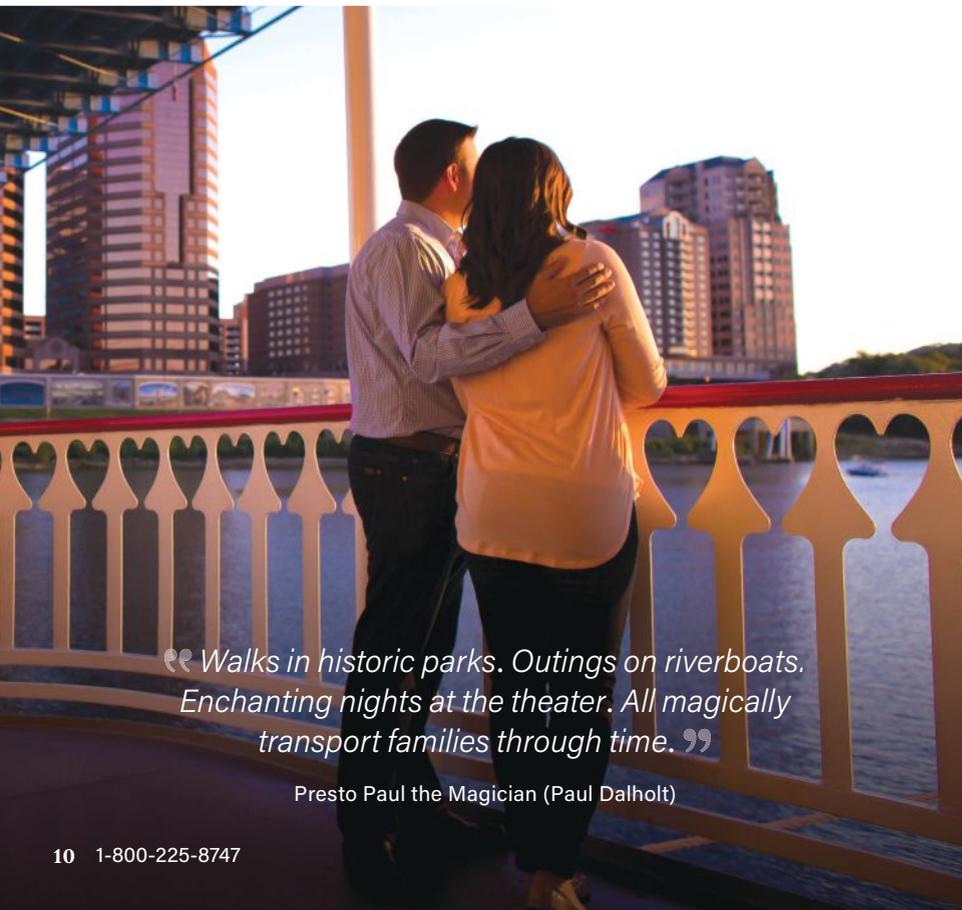
“ Hidden waterfalls and cliffs veiled in rhododendron, a maze of trails promising discovery with every step. ”

Ben Braman, Founder, Pathfinders of Perry County



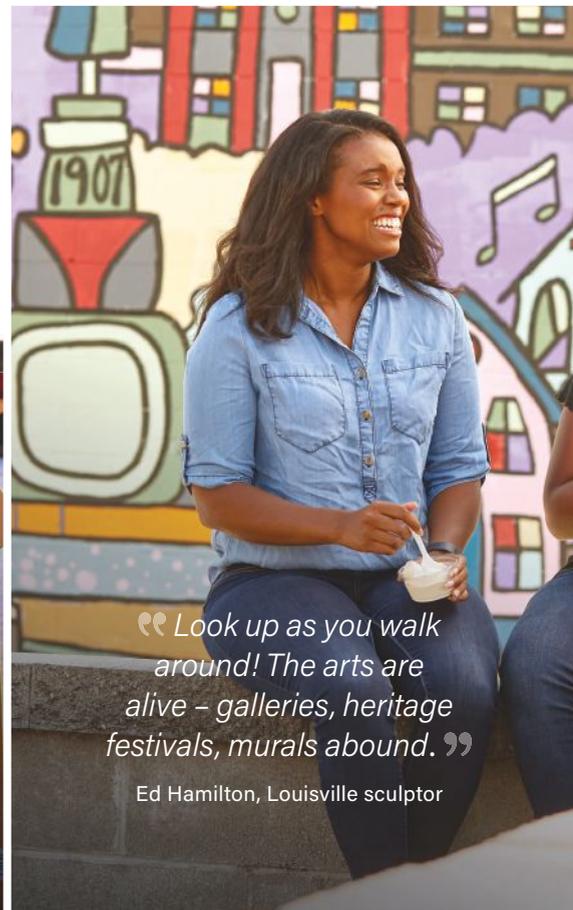
“ Birthplace of storytelling ... bluegrass and country ... strings and harmonies. It'll always be home. ”

Carly Pearce, Big Machine Records Recording Artist



“ Walks in historic parks. Outings on riverboats. Enchanting nights at the theater. All magically transport families through time. ”

Presto Paul the Magician (Paul Dalholt)



“ Look up as you walk around! The arts are alive – galleries, heritage festivals, murals abound. ”

Ed Hamilton, Louisville sculptor



“Lately a howling wilderness, now become a fruitful field ... which I esteemed a second paradise.”

“Daniel Boone” Kevin Hardesty, Kentucky Chautauqua



“Kentucky is special in so many ways, but the spoils of our farms put us ahead of the rest.”

Samantha Fore, Tuk Tuk Sri Lankan Bites

YOUR *Bluegrass* MUST-DO LIST

Where can you witness a rare “moonbow,” scratch behind the ears of a canine government official and see the natural spring from which a U.S. president drew his water?

The answer is easy, and the experiences will both surprise and delight. Sharpen your pencil and start checking these iconic Kentucky adventures off your Bluegrass bucket list.



Tour the World's Longest at Mammoth Cave
 See the Giant's Coffin and cross the River Styx.
 There are lots of secrets to unearth in the world's
 longest cave system. ▶ **Mammoth Cave**

Do the Derby at Churchill Downs
 Thundering hooves, show-stopping hats, celebrity
 spotting – and 60,000 pounds of ice for mint juleps. It is
 the greatest two minutes in sports! ▶ **Louisville**



Dome Town Treetop Camping, Stanton

See Abraham Lincoln's Birthplace

Step up to the symbolic birth cabin of our 16th president which, in 1809, welcomed the infant who would become the Great Emancipator. ▶ **Hodgenville**



Catch a "moonbow" at Cumberland Falls

You know it's a big deal when Aristotle took note of this celestial phenom millenniums ago. See a moonbow here – and only here regularly in the western hemisphere – on a monthly basis.

▶ **Corbin**

Pet the mayor of Rabbit Hash

Wait! What? You'll find the current mayor of this Northern Kentucky town, a French Bulldog named Wilbur, holding court at Rabbit Hash General Store, in operation since 1831.

▶ **Rabbit Hash**

Sleep in the treetops at Dome Town

Sleep in a bubble high in the trees in Red River Gorge, where three geodesic treehouses are connected by suspension bridges woven through the leafy canopy.

▶ **Stanton**

Follow legends along the Country Music Highway

You've heard the names and sung their songs. Now follow legends like Chris Stapleton, Loretta Lynn, The Judds, Dwight Yoakam, Ricky Skaggs, Patty Loveless and more where their music was inspired along US 23. ▶ **Eastern Kentucky**

See nearly 30 breeds at Kentucky Horse Park

It's all things equine at this educational theme park: working barns, live demos, museums, trail rides, kids' activities, camping – all on a gorgeous horse farm. ▶ **Lexington**

Explore an outdoor oasis at Red River Gorge

Hike Sky Bridge Trail overlooking the Red River, enjoy paddle sports on Kentucky's only Wild and Scenic River, and drift along peacefully underground through an abandoned flooded mine. The world-class climbing routes here draw fans from across the world! ▶ **Slade**

Dip your own bottle at Maker's Mark

You've tasted that smooth, small-batch bourbon. You've yearned to be the one to give that bottle its artistic flourish with the distillery's signature red wax. Guess what? You can.

▶ **Loretto**

Feel the rumble of Trains on Main

Witness 30 or so freight trains rolling down the middle of La Grange’s Main Street on the daily, moseying along at 10 mph. ▶ **La Grange**

Sleep ON the water at Lake Cumberland

Houseboat to a hidden cove in the “Houseboat Capital of the World” with 1,200 miles of sparkling shoreline, splashing waterfalls and glorious views.

▶ **South-Central Kentucky**

Discover artisan centers in Berea and Paducah

Bring home one-of-a-kind artwork from Kentucky’s most arts-centric communities. The former is the Folk Arts & Crafts Capital of Kentucky, the latter a UNESCO Creative City of Craft and Folk Arts.

▶ **Berea, Paducah**

Touch a shark at Newport Aquarium

Visit a shipwreck and watch penguins waddle and frolic. Then, if you dare, walk across the world’s first Shark Bridge – suspended over sharks swimming in the waters. Challenge accepted? ▶ **Newport**

Drive America’s sports car at NCM Motorsports Park & National Corvette Museum

Slip behind the wheel of America’s sports car and rev that engine. See the sinkhole that swallowed up eight of these luxe cars. ▶ **Bowling Green**

Explore the wild at Land Between the Lakes

Spot bison, elk and other wildlife ambling about on a wildlife safari that meanders several miles through a native grassland habitat. ▶ **Golden Pond**

Taste the original KFC recipe created at Harland Sanders Café and Museum

Discover those 11 secret herbs and spices at the place where that mustachioed gent garbed in white blended them to make culinary history. ▶ **Corbin**

Step into the past at Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill

Visit the 19th century home of the Kentucky Shakers, now a place of discovery with tours, music, a nature preserve, hands-on activities and workshops. ▶ **Harrodsburg**



Newport Aquarium, Newport



Discover where it all began at the **Bluegrass Music Hall of Fame & Museum**

Hear the timbre of the banjo and the warm, punchy tones of the mandolin. And somewhere the father of it all, Bill Monroe, smiles. ▶ **Owensboro**

Fill a basket at **Haney's Appledale Farm**

Chomp into a sun-kissed apple picked fresh from the orchard at this 450-acre family farm that dates to the late 1800s when it was a tiny roadside fruit stand.

▶ **Nancy**

Get wild at **Sloughs Wildlife Management Area**

Pack binoculars and set your sights for buffleheads, gadwalls, hooded mergansers and other wildlife and birds at this refuge recognized by the National Audubon Society. ▶ **Henderson**

See "Devil" Anse Hatfield's pistol at **Big Sandy Heritage Center**

See "Devil" Anse Hatfield's Deringer-style pistol and Asa Harmon McCoy's rope bed at one of the world's largest collections of authentic Hatfield and McCoy artifacts.

▶ **Pikeville**



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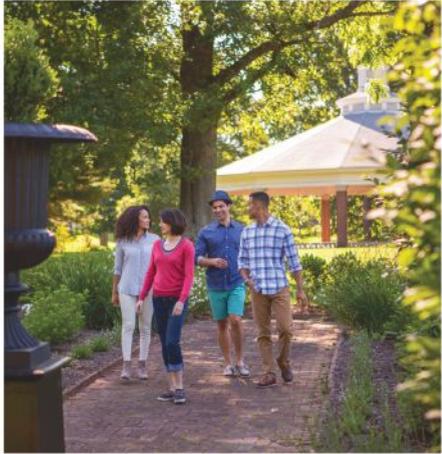
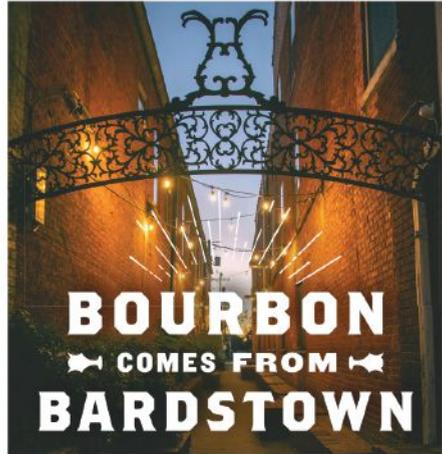


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A Modern Twist

Here, all roads lead to bourbon.

As soon as you enter Northern Kentucky, you're at the gateway to the famed **Kentucky Bourbon Trail**® and its younger sibling, the **Kentucky Bourbon Trail Craft Tour**®. Both cross the state and there's never a wrong turn; simply follow your love of America's only native spirit.

In Newport, hop on the **B-Line** at New Riff Distilling and then head south into the heart of Bourbon Country, touring and sipping at bars, restaurants and distilleries along the way. Enjoy tipples and tastes at top bars and restaurants along Louisville's **Urban Bourbon Trail**. ▶



In Bardstown, “Bourbon Capital of the World,” enter nirvana at the **Heaven Hill Bourbon Experience**: a newly expanded visitor center with themed tasting rooms encircling the iconic behemoth of a bourbon barrel. Guests can enjoy interactive exhibits and bottle their own bourbon inside, while a rooftop bar overlooks the rolling countryside dotted by towering barrel-aging warehouses.

Seven generations after Joseph Washington Dant professed his love of bourbon, his family honors his legacy at

New Haven’s **Log Still Distillery**. The 300-acre campus includes a tasting center, farm-to-table restaurant, lake, amphitheater and rustic-meets-refined **Homestead Bed and Breakfast** at Dant Crossing.

So yes, Kentucky IS bourbon.

From Bardstown’s oldest fully operating distillery at Barton 1792 to one of the state’s soon-to-be newest: Somerset’s **Horse Soldier Bourbon**, founded by retired members of the



Jim Beam American Stillhouse, Clermont

U.S. Army Special Forces. And from the “modern frontier of whiskey” at Shelbyville’s **Bulleit Distilling Co.**, to the immersive artisanal **Evan Williams Bourbon Experience** on Louisville’s historic **Whiskey Row** and the state’s first African American-owned distillery at **Brough Brothers**, bourbon remains an ever-expanding chapter in Kentucky’s story.

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DISTILLING With a Twist

Rest on its bourbon laurels? Not Kentucky!

Shop for gin in the historic Boiler Room at Frankfort’s European-inspired **Castle & Key Distillery** or **Limestone Branch** in Lebanon, where each small-batch bottle is blended with 19 fresh botanicals like lemon verbena and honeysuckle.

Famous for signature Straight Bourbon Whiskey, Frankfort’s **Buffalo Trace** also makes small-batch artisanal Wheatley Vodka that is distilled 10 times, triple filtered and bottled at 82 proof.

Kentucky limestone gets credit for smooth bourbon, fast horses and sweet bluegrass. It also helps make Pure Blue Vodka, a handcrafted spirit made at Lexington’s **Barrel House Distillery**.

Heirloom Bloody Butcher corn goes into **Jeptha Creed’s** vodka, along with flavor infusers like fresh apples and honey from the family farm in Shelbyville.

Second Sight Spirits in Ludlow brings a Las Vegas theatricality to the distillery’s rums made for “crystal clear clairvoyance.” Some say the Harvest Rum made at Danville’s **Wilderness Trail Distillery** is sweet as sorghum.

Louisville’s **Copper & Kings** is all about brandy made in copper pots and nudged to perfection with rock ‘n roll. And Pawpaw Sizemore’s Kentucky Salted Caramel Whiskey? Please and thank you to the **Neeley Family Distillery** in Sparta.





WIN, PLACE AND

All the Shows

Kentucky loves its horses. Loves showing them off, too.

Prestigious, pulse-racing and prizeworthy, the **World's Championship Horse Show** at the Kentucky State Fair in Louisville gathers the best Saddlebreds, Hackney Ponies and Road Horses for exciting competitions.

Shining the spotlight on the "peacock of the horse world" is the **Shelbyville Horse Show**. Come to the American Saddlebred Capital of the World to see these high-stepping beauties known for their grace and athleticism. Headlining the **Mercer County Fair & Horse Show** – the oldest continuous horse show in the nation, since 1828 – is a top-rated outdoor Saddlebred event. ▶

Shelbyville Horse Show, Shelbyville



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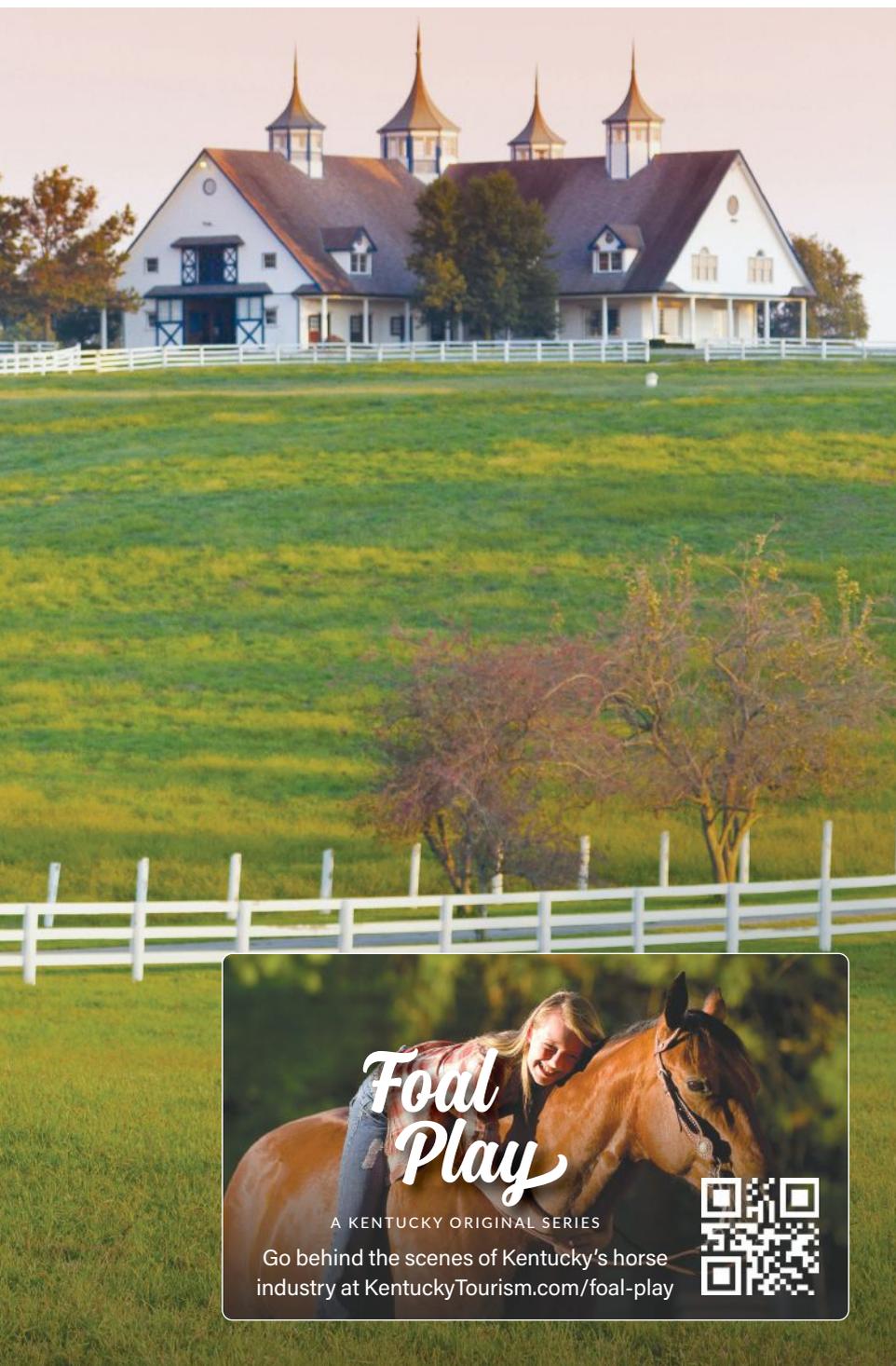


Manchester Farm, Lexington

See why **Windy Meadows Equestrian Event Center** in La Grange – celebrating horses of all breeds – was the perfect setting for several Hallmark movies and the inspiration for owner Ellie Troutman’s children’s book, *The Tails of Windy Meadows*.

Lexington’s **Thoroughbred Heritage Horse Farm Tours** shares the best of Bluegrass Horse Country: **Calumet’s** history of producing racing’s greatest Thoroughbreds, **Keeneland’s** beauty, plus film locations from “Secretariat” and “Seabiscuit.”

The star of “Seabiscuit” – Popcorn Deelites – cavorts at **Old Friends Thoroughbred Retirement Farm** in Georgetown, where former champs live the good life. (See Kentucky Derby and Preakness winner, Silver Charm, frolicking with more than 200 rescued and retired horses.) Prospect’s new **Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation Sanctuary Farm at Chestnut Hall** is a forever home for 10 retired racehorses.



KEEPING Track

And ... they're off!

Thoroughbreds pounding around the track, fans in their Sunday best, that iconic bugle call that gives you chills – **Churchill Downs** in Louisville is most famous for the Kentucky Derby, but the action isn't over after those famous two minutes. Thoroughbred racing happens in the spring and fall, too.

There's also nothing like a spring or fall day at Lexington's National Historic Landmark **Keeneland Race Track**, with splendid scenery, spectacular live racing, food truck tailgating on "The Hill" and bluegrass music.

Europe comes to Franklin at **Kentucky Downs Race Course** with its Euro-style turf that meanders outside the traditional oval.

As the world's second-oldest harness racing track and site of the Kentucky Futurity – one of three jewels in the Triple Crown of Harness Racing for Trotters – Lexington's **Red Mile Harness Track** hosts live racing and 900 parimutuel gaming terminals.

Folks once arrived by ferryboat to place their bets (and horses came by train to run the races) at Henderson's **Ellis Park**, opened in 1922. A century later, racing and gaming still take place at a park that maintains the charm and simplicity of yesteryear.

At **Kentucky Horse Park** in Lexington, follow history back to ancient times at the **International Museum of the Horse**, a Smithsonian affiliate. Get interactive with "The Horse America Made" at the **American Saddlebred Museum**, then enter a Bedouin setting at Al-Marrah Horse Galleries to see how the Arabian breed changed the world.

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ENDLESS ADVENTURES

Play Your Way

It's like Mother Nature is throwing down a dare.

Come on, scale these sandstone cliffs and crags at **Red River Gorge Geological Area**. Freefall into an ancient ecosystem shaped by sheer cliffs, deep gorges and mysterious caves at **Kentucky River Palisades** and its **Boone Creek Outdoors Zipline Canopy Tours**. Traverse the world's longest underground swinging bridge at **Hidden River Cave**.

Got adrenaline? Kentucky knows how to burn it. ▶





Green River

Hurtle 240 feet toward the Kentucky River from Lawrenceburg's **Young's High Bridge**, a piece of very strong elastic tethering you to safety. Jounce over miles of rugged terrain with **Rush Off-Road** in Rush. Saddle up and ride in the backcountry at **Whispering Woods Riding Stables** in Georgetown.

Explore the world beneath your feet with a dirt trail hike to a subterranean river, a walk made amazing by the extravagance of stalactites and stalagmites, or a paddle along the

Green and Nolin rivers – which make up the state's first National Water Trail – at **Mammoth Cave National Park**. Brave **Off-Trail Cave Adventure Tour** at **Hidden River Cave** in Horse Cave. Pack a camera and prepare to be awed by Park City's **Diamond Caverns**, an illuminated show cave ready for its close-up.

Treat your feet to a variety of terrain while feasting your eyes on scenic beauty with Kentucky's 24 certified

ENJOYING the Wildlife

If you expect to encounter wildlife aplenty in this former frontier land, you'd be correct.

Enter Western Kentucky wilderness at La Center's **Ballard Wildlife Management Area** or Corydon's **Sloughs Wildlife Management Area** for some of the best birding in the state. See birds flying, nesting, watering – everything from warblers to bald eagles to snow geese.

Hold a bunny. Feed a baby camel. Board a tram for a spin around Horse Cave's **Dutch Country Safari Park**, an Amish-owned drive-through exotic animal park and petting zoo. Learn about the places that stock Kentucky's fishing waters through exhibits at Jamestown's **Wolf Creek National Fish Hatchery** and Morehead's **Minor E. Clark Fish Hatchery**.

The new **Boone's Ridge Wildlife Center**, coming next year, named for explorer Daniel Boone, unfurls across 12,000 acres of former coal-mining land with bird observatories, a zoo, petting area, miles of trails, a theater, museums, restaurant, artisan exhibits and gift shop.

The hunt is on at **Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area**, its vast acreage teeming with white-tailed deer, wild turkey, squirrels and other species. Hunters head to **Green River Lake** for turkey and squirrel.

"Golf with a shotgun?" It's sporting clays at **Elk Creek Hunt Club's** world-class facilities.

Trail Towns. Stretching from Dawson Springs in the west to Elkhorn City in the east, they're where the great outdoors meet city amenities.

Tackle the **Kentucky Adventure Tour**, a twisty 900-plus-mile loop in southeastern Kentucky built for motorcycles and 4x4s. Ride over logging roads at **Black Mountain Off Road Adventure Area** in Evarts. Commune with nature on **Lake Cumberland**, aboard a houseboat, at a fishing hole or 'round the campfire.

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Plenty of Places to Park

Kentucky State Parks are all about choices! Lake or mountain view? Beach or pool? Restaurant or campfire dinner? Fishing, golfing, hiking, biking, boating or horseback riding?

Your options are plentiful. Same goes with lodging.

Scenic camping spots range from primitive to full-service to equestrian sites with hitching posts, bathhouses and play areas. Many resort lodge guestrooms and suites are blessed with private balconies or patios.

Cabins and cottages are cozy and pet friendly. Villas have screened-in porches and gas fireplaces. And for those wishing to ease into "roughing it," Dale Hollow Lake State Resort Park has camping cabins with bunks and air conditioning.



Cumberland Falls State Resort Park, Daniel Boone National Forest

Did You Know?

Kentucky State Parks are full of surprises!

- ④ One park has its own wild caves! **Carter Caves State Resort Park** in Olive Hill has several, including one used during the War of 1812 as a source of gunpowder.
- ④ One of the world's rarest flowers, Short's goldenrod, grows at **Blue Licks Battlefield State Resort Park** in Carlisle.
- ④ Before beginning their legendary expedition, explorers Lewis & Clark met at **Big Bone Lick State Resort Park**, the Birthplace of American Vertebrate Paleontology.
- ④ The original home of Abraham Lincoln's mom stands within **Lincoln Homestead State Park** in Springfield.



VACATION FUN IS

All in the Family

Think of Kentucky as a big kid. One who likes to play, all day. Like at the **Louisville Zoo**, where you can see sloths, romp at the splash park or ride a vintage carousel. And that's just in one place! Rides and slides, blooms and zooms, sweets and treats? Nearby **Kentucky Kingdom** and **Hurricane Bay** are all about thrills and chills for talls and smalls. ▶

Smothers Park, Owensboro



What do Moby Dick, Sea Dragon and Wild Mouse have in common? They're all rotating, swinging and spinning rides at **Beech Bend** in Bowling Green. Slay each then ride the waves or whoosh down the waterslides at **Splash Lagoon Water Park**. Thirsting for more? Race down the Speed Slide at **Somersplash Waterpark** in Somerset or swoosh around the Bowl Slide before splashing into the pool.

Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park near Mammoth Cave is everything fun in one: it has **Karst Beach** with an inflatable sports park, pools, splashpad, mini-golf, camping and yummy treats. You'll spot T-Rex even before reaching Cave City's **Dinosaur World**, where more than 150 life-size dinosaur replicas vogue in this lushly planted habitat.

Dozens of different species of snakes, lizards, alligators and turtles slink, slither and slide about Slade's **Kentucky Reptile Zoo**. At **Newport Aquarium**, touch a sea star's prickly skin and trade barbs with a Sarcastic Fringehead, a fish with the best name ever.

Elsewhere, start your engines on the world's largest go-kart track at Shepherdsville's **Kart Kountry** and pan for gems at the **Little Big Gem Mine & Rock Shop** in La Grange.

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Dinosaur World, Cave City

FAMILY Favorites

Space: the final frontier.

Your mission? Explore new worlds at Prestonsburg's **East Kentucky Science Center & Planetarium**, beamed up from a 40-foot star dome.

In Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area, uncover the marvels of celestial skies at **Golden Pond Planetarium and Observatory**, in the theater or via computerized telescope.

Back on Earth, don a hardhat and head to 19th century coal-mining country at the **Owensboro Museum of Science and History**. From underground to in the water, check out Paducah's state-of-the-art simulator at **River Discovery Center**, where young pilots can captain a boat.

Speaking of high-powered simulators, it's pedal to the metal in that sporty little number parked in the lobby of Bowling Green's **National Corvette Museum**, also home of KidZone, where little ones can design, build and test their own Corvette.

The Ark Encounter in Williamstown features a life-size replica of biblical proportions. Pair it with nearby Petersburg's **Creation Museum** with its techy exhibits, planetarium, zoo and ziplines for one epic outing.



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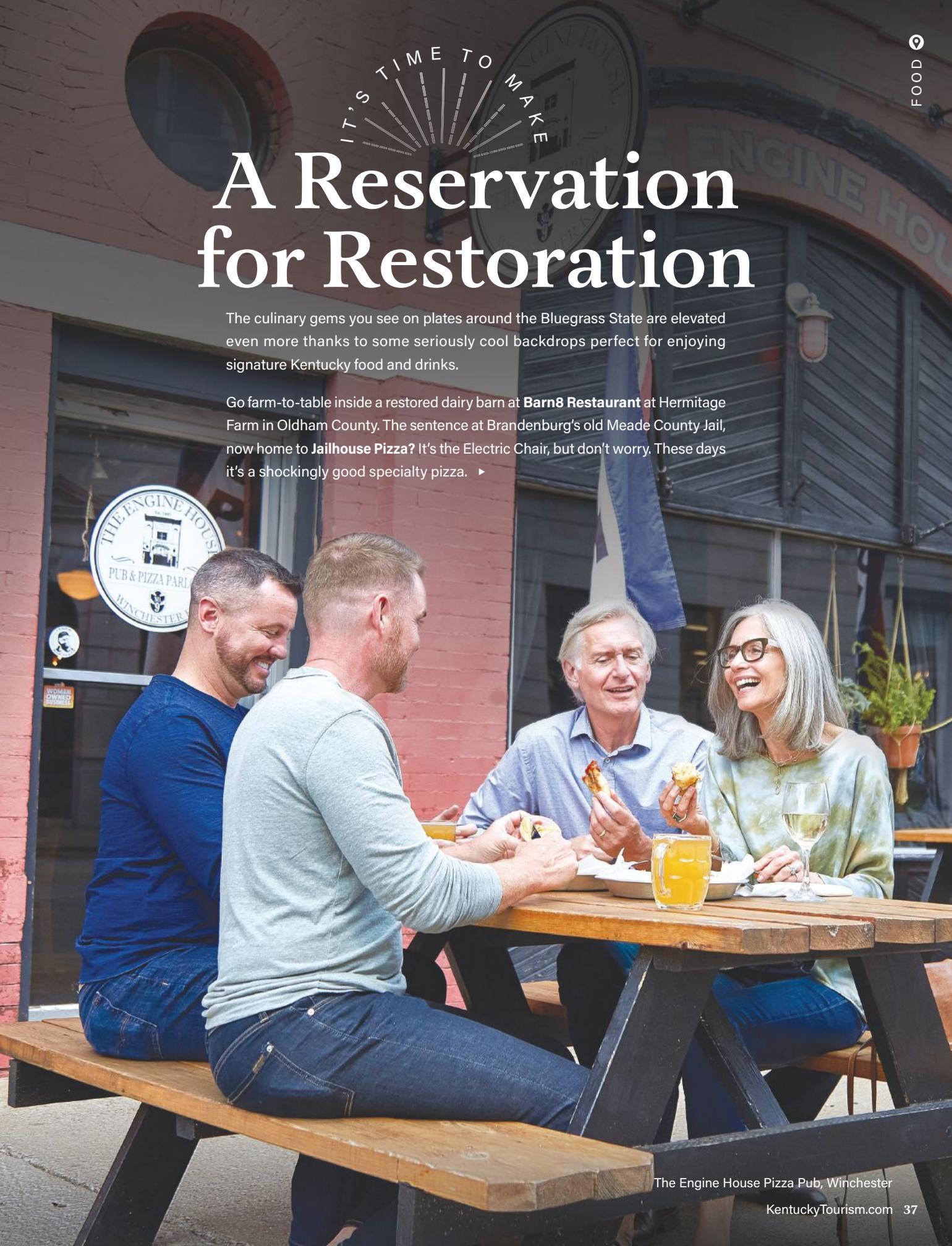


IT'S TIME TO MAKE

A Reservation for Restoration

The culinary gems you see on plates around the Bluegrass State are elevated even more thanks to some seriously cool backdrops perfect for enjoying signature Kentucky food and drinks.

Go farm-to-table inside a restored dairy barn at **Barn8 Restaurant** at Hermitage Farm in Oldham County. The sentence at Brandenburg's old Meade County Jail, now home to **Jailhouse Pizza**? It's the Electric Chair, but don't worry. These days it's a shockingly good specialty pizza. ▶





Benham Schoolhouse Inn, Benham

Throw down the Big Daddy Burger at Harrodsburg's **Olde Bus Station**, a former Greyhound depot. Lexington has converted an entire bus terminal into **Greyline Station**, a year-round marketplace featuring a public market and local restaurants like **Laura Lou Patisserie** and **The Social Vegan**.

Munch on artisan cheese and charcuterie where shoppers once browsed for dresses and lamps at **Coppin's Restaurant & Bar** in Covington, formerly a high-end department store.

Channel the fire brigade over a hot ham hoagie at **The Engine House Pizza Pub** inside Winchester's original fire station. Do what the name says – **Sip & Spin Coffee & Records** – at a favorite Greenville spot inside Muhlenberg County's third-oldest commercial building.

The spirit may move you with pizza and pasta at **Joe Bologna's Restaurant and Pizzeria** in Lexington, a former synagogue aglow with dozens of original stained-glass windows.



TASTEFUL

Celebrations

Enjoy Kentucky's finger-licking food traditions: secret-spiced fried chicken, barbecue, beer cheese and goetta.

Go-whatta? A niche nosh, this German breakfast sausage made of pork, beef and steel-cut oats with fresh onions and spices is celebrated at **Glier's GoettaFest** each summer in Newport. In Winchester, the **Beer Cheese Festival** in June marks another Kentucky original with live music, arts and crafts, and children's activities.

Barbecue and burgoo? Famous for mutton barbecue, Kentucky salutes its smoked meat stylings at Owensboro's **International Bar-B-Q Festival** in May and Paducah's **Barbecue on the River** in September. Anywhere else, it'd be called a stew. In Kentucky, it's burgoo – an original concoction feted during Lawrenceburg's **Anderson County Burgoo Festival** in September.

Colonel Sanders lookalikes. The World's Largest Stainless-Steel Skillet. Heaps of golden fried chicken. You'll savor it all each September at London's **World Chicken Festival**. Also in September, Lebanon's **Marion County Country Ham Days** kicks off with the Pigasus Parade and includes an auto show, hot air balloons, live music and 4,000 pounds of ham!

Coinciding with fall harvest, Liberty's **Casey County Apple Festival** is famous for its humongous apple pie made in a 10-foot pan and baked in a custom-made oven for 12 fragrant hours.

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Chill with craft cocktails and perfectly seasoned dishes at Georgetown's **Local Feed**, a seasonal kitchen and craft bar inside an 1890s icehouse.

Fine dining meets small-town charm at the **Brickyard Café**, a former antique carriage factory turned restaurant in Franklin. And who can resist an invitation that opens with, "Come dine in a grain bin!" Housed in a 48-foot-tall metal silo in Cadiz is **Triplets BBQ**, the casual sister restaurant of **Harper House**, itself tucked into two grain bins.

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HERU, THERE,

Everywhere a Stage

Kentucky is home to epic music festivals. **Forecastle** in Louisville, **ROMP** in Owensboro and **Railbird** in Lexington, just to name a few. But Shakespeare had it right when he said, "All the world's a stage." You can find live music all around the state – and in some unlikely places.

Follow the tapping toes to downtown Horse Cave for **Jammin' on the Porch** at **The Bookstore** on Thursday nights. In Covington, get serenaded as you glide into the sunset aboard a **BB Riverboats** music cruise on the Ohio River. ▶



The Great American Brass Band Festival trumpets its way into downtown Danville for a free, family-friendly concert. Downshift to quieter environs inside Georgetown's **Slainte Public House**, a straight-out-of-Ireland pub with a neighborly ambience and singer/songwriter entertainment.

A mash-up of a performing arts venue and vibey standing-room nightclub, Louisville's **Old Forester Paristown Hall** brings in national touring acts, indie rock bands and other talent.

Come for the live sessions, stay for the music performed by old-timey and bluegrass musicians at Lexington's two syndicated weekly radio shows: **Red Barn Radio** with its casual, intimate atmosphere and **WoodSongs Old-Time Radio Hour**, recorded at the historic **Lyric Theatre**.

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MONUMENTS to Music

Eastern Kentucky is home to music luminaries.

There must be something in the water – especially in Eastern Kentucky, home to music luminaries like Loretta Lynn, Chris Stapleton, The Judds, Ricky Skaggs and Patty Loveless, among many others.

Explore their stories at Staffordville's **U.S. 23 Country Music Highway Museum**, where you can catch Front Porch Pickin' on Thursdays, and at the **Highlands Museum & Discovery Center's Country Music Heritage Hall** in Ashland, its stage costumes bedazzling and interactive displays beguiling.

Follow memorabilia back to the early 18th century at the **Kentucky Music Hall of Fame and Museum** in Mount Vernon. See the largest assemblage of horns in the U.S. made by the J.W. Pepper Co. at the Don Johnson Musical Instrument Collection at Lebanon's **Marion County Heritage Center**.

It was folk singer John Prine who put Muhlenberg County on the map with his song "Paradise," but it's the **Everly Brothers Monument** you'll see. Learn both stories at the **Muhlenberg County Music Museum**.

Listen to music founded by the Father of Bluegrass at Rosine's **Bill Monroe Museum**. See the fiddle belonging to his Uncle Pen at Owensboro's **Bluegrass Music Hall of Fame & Museum**.

CREATIVITY OUTDOORS

It's Art, al Fresco

Murals, murals on the floodwalls, sharing Kentucky's river town history.

From Covington's **Roebling Murals** and Paducah's "**Wall to Wall**" **Murals** to floodwall murals in Catlettsburg and Maysville, these outdoor art galleries bring to life key moments from the past through today.

Public art abounds throughout Owensboro, thanks to a **RIVERARTES** collection of more than 20 diverse sculptures and more on display at the **Owensboro Museum of Fine Art**. You can also play among the 70 sculptures set amidst native meadows at Frankfort's **Josephine Sculpture Park** before adding your own graffiti (legally!) to the park's **GRAPHOLOGYHENGE** area. ▶



Floodwall Murals, Paducah

Among Kentucky's more unusual sculptures are Mayfield's **Wooldridge Monuments**, a collection of stone figures in Maplewood Cemetery known as "The Strange Procession That Never Moves," and the new 14-foot-tall "**Big Twigs**" magical beings named Oakley, Bobber and Happy at Lake Malone State Park. They join the wood-carved "**Forest Giants**" already inhabiting Bernheim Arboretum in Clermont.

Not to be forgotten are **Venus, Vulcan and Genesis**: the largest group of bronze sculptures on a single site in the U.S. along the river in Ashland.

Kentucky also puts the "art" in architecture, as seen with the gracious Beaux-Arts style of the **Kentucky State Capitol** in Frankfort, the Spanish mission style of Lawrenceburg's **Four Roses Distillery** and the stunning Richardsonian Romanesque design of Louisville's **Conrad Caldwell House Museum**.

And if the dozens of gargoyles and chimeras at Covington's **Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption** don't give you pause, one of the world's largest handmade church stained-glass windows will.

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Big Twigs, Lake Malone State Park



Owensboro Museum of Fine Art, Owensboro



TALENTED Towns

Art in Kentucky?
It makes a village!

Vibrant **Paducah**, a UNESCO Creative City of Crafts & Folk Art, boasts working artist studios, galleries and collectives. More than 800 Kentucky artists display and sell their original art at the Kentucky Artisan Center in **Berea**, a Folk Arts and Crafts Capital.

Unexpected arts haven **Georgetown** shines with several galleries, including two devoted to equestrian art, plus workshops like Heirlooms & Gretchen's Stained-Glass and Meraki & Moon. Its proliferation of murals, musical venues, art festivals, acting and painting studios earned **Somerset** a Governor's Award in the Arts.

Prestonsburg is vibrant with murals, working arts venues like Mountain Muse and galleries showcasing local and global artists. The Gallery on the Square, revolving art shows, an arts guild, murals and sculptures – including a 20-foot-tall "Fork in the Road" – give **Franklin** its arts luster.

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In Ali's birthplace, delve into Louisville's **"Unfiltered Truth Collection"** – stories of extraordinary African Americans who built a better Kentucky, and world, for future generations.



Hear 19th century black jockeys share their stories at the **Kentucky Derby Museum**. Meet Mary Ann Fisher, the “Songbird of the South,” at the **Kentucky Center for African American Heritage**, and see how overcoming a traumatic childhood led her to Ray Charles. Meet the best black baseball team you’ve never heard of through a hands-on journey at **Louisville Slugger Museum**.

Explore “**Untold to the Unforgettable**” videos and attractions that celebrate the pioneers who imprinted their stories on history – struggling for equality, fighting for a divided country, breaking down racial barriers. You’ll learn more at Russellville’s **SEEK Museum**, Nicholasville’s **Camp Nelson National Monument**, the **Oldham County History Center** and Louisville’s **Muhammad Ali Center**.

Discover change brought by the first black colonel in the U.S. Army at Mays Lick’s **Col. Charles Young Birthplace**, Paducah’s first African American owned hotel at **Hotel Metropolitan**, and the jockeys, teachers and musicians who created thriving neighborhoods for freed African Americans on Lexington’s new **East End Walking Tour**.

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U.S. Civil Rights Trail sites in Kentucky

1. The SEEK Museum in Russellville featuring the Alice Allison Dunnigan Statue
2. Louisville’s Downtown Civil Rights Trail and Muhammad Ali Center
3. Simpsonville’s Whitney M. Young Jr. Birthplace
4. Berea College

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KENTUCKY’S Pioneer Past

Kentucky’s story begins long before it was ever written down.

Time travel to A.D. 1100 when the Mississippian culture lived, hunted, crafted pottery and made tools. Today, that former village is a Native American archaeological site at **Wickliffe Mounds State Historic Site**.

Journey to the 18th century when Daniel Boone slipped into the Kentucky frontier by way of **Cumberland Gap National Historical Park**. Follow his footsteps to a replica fort at **Fort Boonesborough State Park**, site of Kentucky’s second settlement near Richmond. (The first is marked by a replica fort at Harrodsburg’s **Old Fort Harrod State Park**.)

Climb Winchester’s **Pilot Knob Trail and Overlook**, from which Boone viewed “with pleasure the beautiful level of Kentucke (sic).” Pay your respects at his gravesite in Frankfort Cemetery.

Celebrate statehood where it happened in 1792, at **Constitution Square Historic Site** in Danville, Kentucky’s first capital. At London’s **Levi Jackson Mountain Life Museum**, peek into pioneer heritage at this settlement with seven buildings.

In 1803, Lewis & Clark met in Louisville to begin preparing for their epic excursion west. Three years later, they returned to visit **Locust Grove**, the Clark family’s former home.

Some 35 years later, a patch of Hopkinsville became one of only a few documented campsites along the “Trail of Tears.” See the gravesites of Chiefs White Path and Fly Smith at **Trail of Tears Commemorative Park**.

A former trading center and steamboat stop is the setting for Jamestown’s **1876 Creelsboro Country Store**, today a general store stocked with local goodies and farm-to-table dining.



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Western Waterlands

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Kentucky Lake



Sail into Kentucky sunsets on **Kentucky Lake** and **Lake Barkley** – separated by **Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area**, nature’s resort with hiking and mountain biking trails, birding and bison range, fishing and boat ramps, wildflowers and water trails.

Slip into serenity within **Pennyrile State Forest** for horseback riding and primitive camping. Prefer the

comforts of home? Head to the lodge or cottages at **Pennyrile Forest State Resort Park** and spend lazy days with beach reads at **Pennyrile Lake** or fishing the waters of **Lake Beshear**.

Come to Marion and sit a spell in Kentucky’s largest **Amish Community**. Buy baked goods, veggies, pumpkins – even furniture – from the families. Less than an hour away, amble about a recreated



Wranglers Campground, Golden Pond

historical log cabin village at **Patti's 1880's Settlement** in Grand Rivers and enjoy homestyle cooking, mini-golf, gardens and a gift shop.

In Calvert City, rummage among the kitsch at **Apple Valley Hillbilly Garden and Toyland**, proudly proclaiming itself a "sprawling eclectic art tribute to old bygone tacky roadside attractions." Load up on nostalgia and burgers at the family-owned

Calvert Drive-In Theatre, open since 1954, before heading south to explore charming **Murray**, home to Murray State University, tasty restaurants and a bounty of boutiques.

Catch gospel and country music at the **Lakeland Jamboree**, a small venue tucked away in Cadiz. Fill up your senses with the arts, music, local dining and nightlife of **Paducah's Historic Downtown**.





Lake Barkley State Resort Park, Cadiz



MB Roland Distillery, Pembroke



Christian Way Farm & Mini Golf, Hopkinsville



The National Quilt Museum, Paducah

Regional Highlights

1 Columbus-Belmont State Park, Columbus

Home of the giant chain! Polk's chain and anchor was strategically stretched across the Mississippi to deter Union ships. See lots of history at this Civil War site that is also a National Trail of Tears land and water route.

2 The National Quilt Museum, Paducah

It's home of one of the smallest quilts (a mere square) and one of the largest (a whopping 110-inch square), one made entirely of wood and 10 that are among the 100 best American quilts of the 20th century.

3 Cartwright Grove, Mayfield

Grab your spurs and head back into the 1880s! Why, there's Miss Martha's Grand Hotel over yonder and the Sheriff's Office and Jail. Lots of buildings to tour and special events during holidays.

4 Ben E. Clement Mineral Museum, Marion

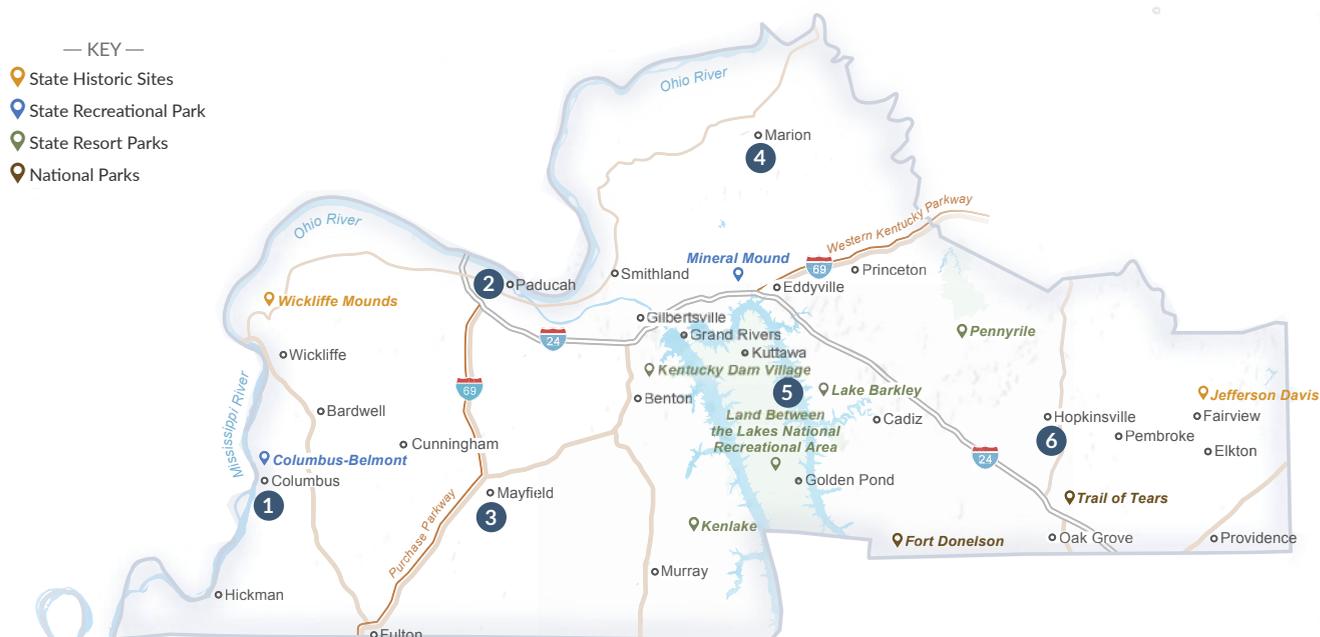
See historical mining equipment and memorabilia, plus the world's largest collection of Kentucky/Illinois Fluorspar and related minerals. Learn how it helped the United States win World War II.

5 Lake Barkley and Kentucky Lake, Western Kentucky

Here's the picture: Laughing on a pleasure craft. Floating through lazy, languid days. Picnicking by the shore. Grilling dinner at sunset. Constructing sandcastles. Just add water! Three state resort parks sit on the banks of these large lakes.

6 Trail of Tears Commemorative Park, Hopkinsville

Walk on hallowed land on the first certified site on the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail, what the Native Americans called "The Trail Where They Cried."



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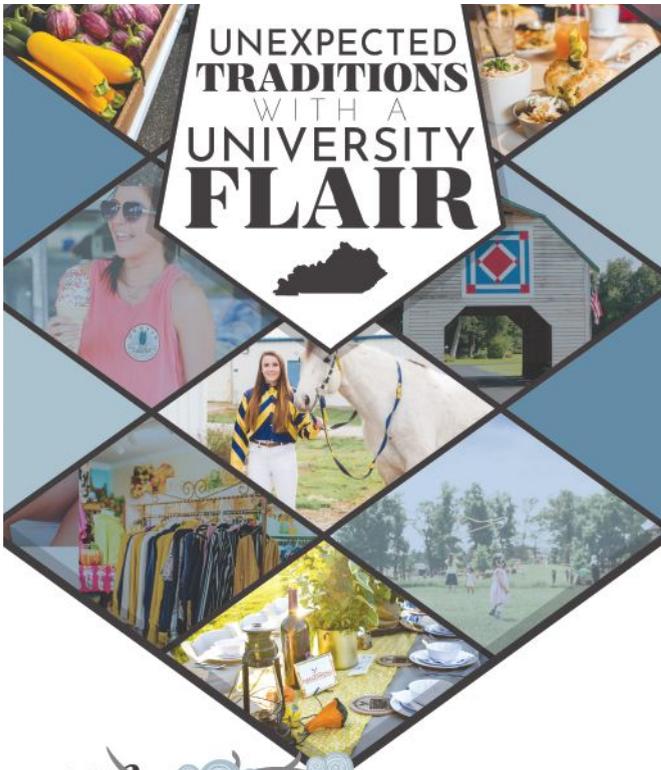
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Bluegrass, Blues & Barbecue

Birthplace of bluegrass music. Homeplace of W.C. Handy, "Father of the Blues." Mecca of mutton barbecue. A land of hardwood forests, grasslands and wetlands, where flights of fancy delve into a pictorial world of birds and river towns, and flights of bourbon are on the menu.

Bill Monroe Museum, Rosine

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BLUEGRASS, BLUES & BARBECUE



This is Bill Monroe's stomping grounds. Celebrate the legacy of the "Father of Bluegrass Music" at the **Bill Monroe Museum** in Rosine. See his mother's rocker, the dinner bell that called kids to supper and other family belongings at the **Bill Monroe Homeplace**, his childhood home atop Jerusalem Ridge. Hear live bluegrass music, as well as country and gospel, at the **Rosine Barn Jamboree**.

Learn about Pendleton Vandiver, the beloved uncle who taught young Bill how to play the fiddle, at **Uncle Pen's Cabin**.

At the **Bluegrass Music Hall of Fame & Museum** in Owensboro, follow the evolution of bluegrass music as you drift down the "River of Sound." See show costumes and musical instruments and listen to live music at the outdoor stage or indoor theatre.



Audubon Museum & Nature Center, Henderson

At the **John James Audubon Museum** in Henderson, step inside the turreted chateau-style house featuring a complete set of the ornithologist's masterwork, *The Birds of America*, among the original engravings, family letters and heirloom silver. The museum and Nature Center are within a state park also named for the naturalist and painter. See the birds Audubon described at Corydon's

Sloughs Wildlife Management Area or along the **Pennyrile Nature Trail** in Kentucky's first Trail Town at **Dawson Springs**.

Make time for a tasting at **The Bard Distillery** – a craft distillery located in the repurposed and historical Graham High School, the perfect setting to get schooled on the pleasures of small-batch bourbon.





Green River Distilling Co., Owensboro



Western Kentucky barbecue



West Kentucky ATV Park, Madisonville

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Regional Highlights

1 James D. Veatch Camp Breckinridge Museum & Arts Center, Morganfield

A place that once held a WWII infantry training camp with barracks, a hospital and mess hall now flourishes with European landscapes painted by POWs during WWII, plus military memorabilia.

2 Western Kentucky Barbecue, multiple cities

The barbecue? Beef, pork and mutton made low and slow — never hurried. The places? Brother's BBQ in Madisonville and Central City, Henderson's home of the open-pit chicken at J&B Barbecue, the International BBQ Festival in Owensboro and along the Western Kentucky BBQ Trail.

3 West Kentucky ATV Park, Madisonville

Coal mining happened here for more than 40 years, beginning in 1886. Today, it's 20-plus miles of off-roading opportunity tearing along hundreds of acres of reclaimed strip mine.

4 West Kentucky Brew Hop Trail, Western Kentucky

Take a suds safari to 13 breweries from Henderson to Paducah, Glasgow to Owensboro, getting your passport stamped along the way and learning about other city sights where you can stay and play.

5 Muhlenberg County Music Museum, Central City

This little-known treasure celebrates musical history as the place these legends called home: country singer-songwriter Merle Travis, crossover duo The Everly Brothers, rockabilly sensation Billy Harlan and country folk singer/songwriter John Prine, among others.

6 Green River Distilling Co., Owensboro

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Think of this region as the heart and soul of all things Kentucky. It's the place to get to know a Kentucky-born president, explore the epicenter of Kentucky Bourbon Country and indulge in all things equestrian – even petting an American Saddlebred. In short, it's the place to experience everything Kentucky.

Churchill Downs, Louisville



The legendary Belle of Louisville riverboat shows off her smokestacks against a backdrop of the pedestrian- and bike-friendly Big Four Bridge spanning the Ohio River. Her front yard? Louisville's **Waterfront Park**, splashed with color and drama with the **Waterfront Botanical Gardens** and its Water Wall and themed plantings. Anchoring the park: Sculptor Ed Hamilton's 12-foot **Lincoln Memorial**.

Gain insights into this president's future at Hodgenville's

Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historical Park, where young Abe spent those formative years that helped shaped his character. Do you think Lincoln ever thought his wife would be handcuffed? An arrest warrant issued for Mary Todd Lincoln resides at the **Frazier History Museum**, also home to the official Kentucky Bourbon Trail Welcome Center in Louisville.

At Lebanon's **Kentucky Cooperage**, see bourbon barrels being staved and blazed, plus learn how



Freeman Lake, Elizabethtown

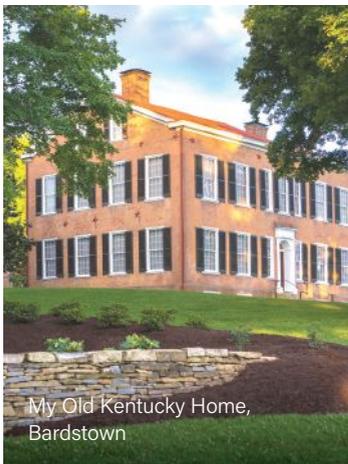
each bourbon requires a different char to age it to perfection. Sip a mint julep as you hear stories of horse racing and deadly duels at **My Old Kentucky Home** in Bardstown. Tour an **American Saddlebred Farm** in Shelby County, dine in a horse stall on a farm in Oldham County and shop designer bargains at Simpsonville's **The Outlet Shoppes of the Bluegrass**.

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Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historical Park, Hodgenville

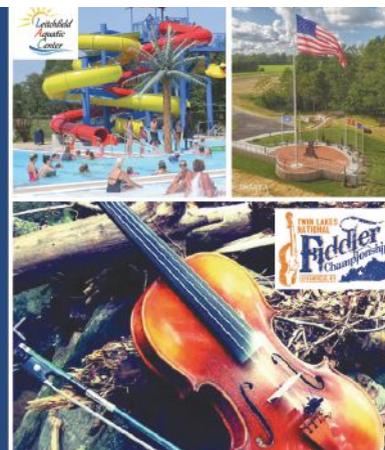


My Old Kentucky Home, Bardstown



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Regional Highlights

1 Churchill Downs, Louisville

The excitement continues after those fabled two minutes end with historical walking tours and a chance to see some of the greatest trophies, artifacts and artwork relating to the Kentucky Derby.

2 Kentucky Kingdom/Hurricane Bay, Louisville

Find more adventures than you can fit in a day: a musical carousel; waves, waterfalls and waterslides; movies you ride at a 5D cinema; and roller coasters designed for screams to the extreme.

3 Oldham County Farm Tours, Oldham County

Bottle feed a baby lamb. Love on an alpaca. Get up close to bison. Tour a farm-to-bottle craft distillery. Explore Hallmark movie film locations. It's all here, in the "Farm Tour Capital of Kentucky."

4 Log Still Distillery/Dant Crossing, New Haven

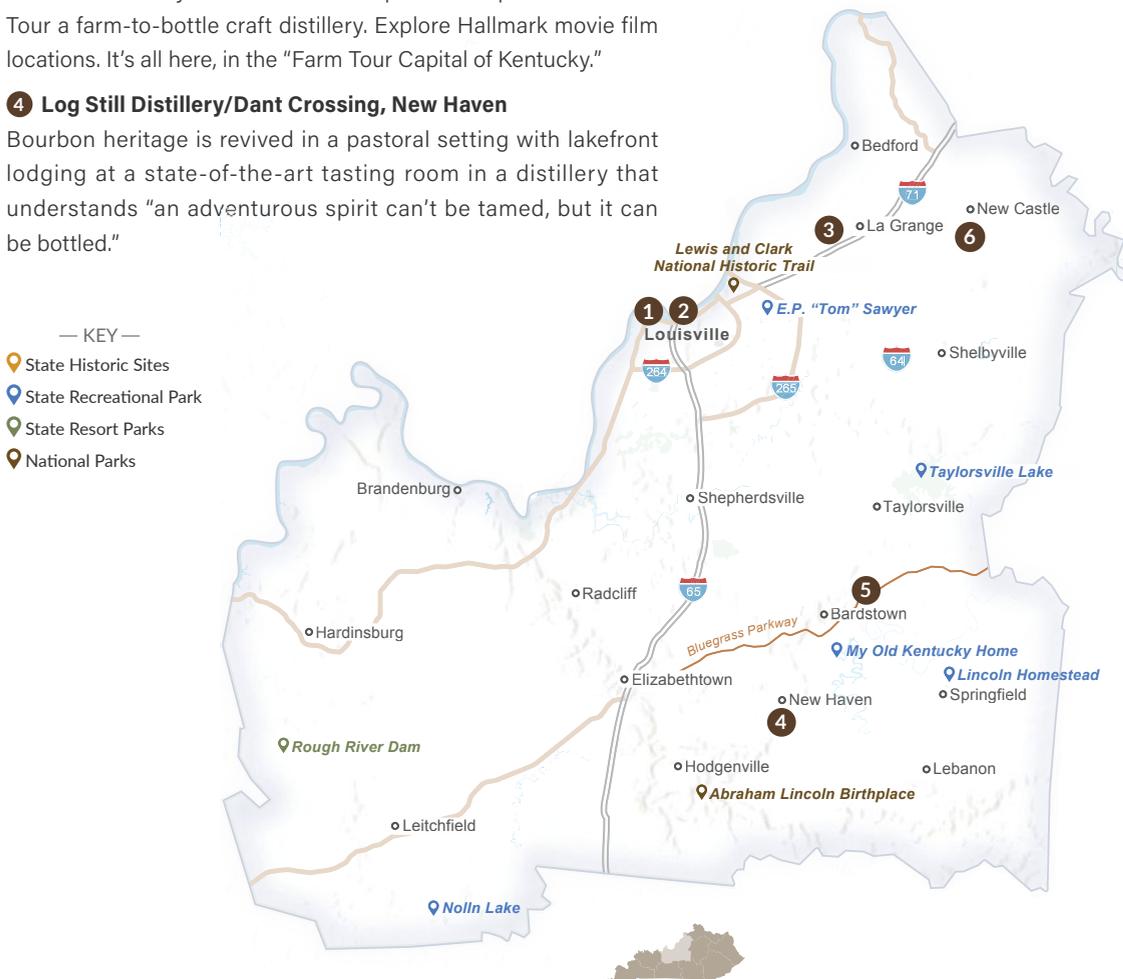
Bourbon heritage is revived in a pastoral setting with lakefront lodging at a state-of-the-art tasting room in a distillery that understands "an adventurous spirit can't be tamed, but it can be bottled."

5 Heaven Hill Distillery, Bardstown

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6 Smith-Berry Winery, New Castle

Ever sample the grape in a former horse buggy shed? Sip sweet Bluegrass Blush or a complex dry red or white at this working farm that hosts summer concerts at the vineyard and has charming farmhouse accommodations.



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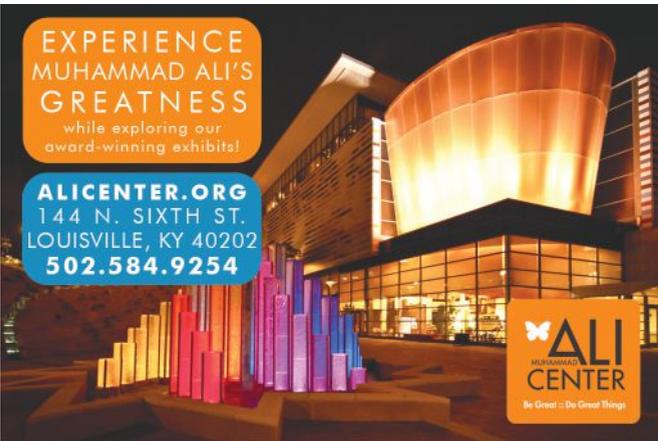


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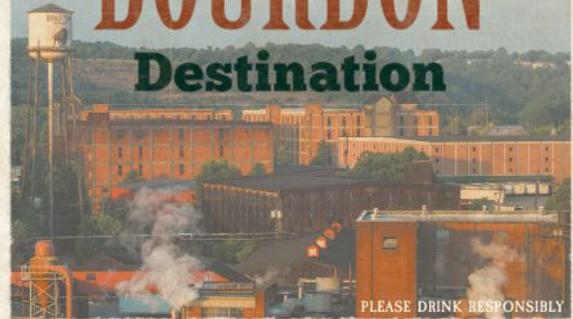
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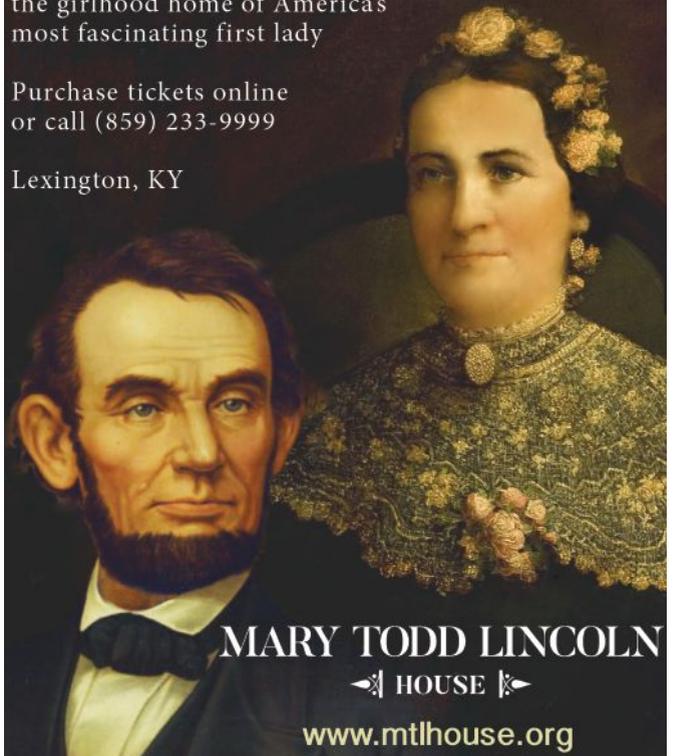
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In Frankfort, tour the **Old State Capitol** where Daniel Boone lay in state and mourners paid their respects. Tell time on the 34-foot Floral Clock that welcomes guests to the 1910 **Kentucky State Capitol**. At the **Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History**, you can journey through 12,000 years of history that include handmade quilts, handcrafted furniture and Abraham Lincoln's pocket watch.



The Kentucky Castle, Versailles

History is larger than life at **Old Fort Harrod State Park** in Harrodsburg and at a replica of Boone's settlement at **Fort Boonesborough State Park** near Richmond. But it's shrunk down to this small at **The Great American Dollhouse Museum** in Danville.

History also reaches back to an archeological big reveal at Frankfort's **Buffalo Trace** and the discovery of the original 1869 distillery, stretches back further to Kentucky's

bloodiest Civil War battle at **Perryville Battlefield State Historic Site** and continues to the early 19th century when the Pleasant Hill Shakers put down roots in Harrodsburg. Today, **Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill** is all about active adventure and exploration.

It's all this and beer cheese, thanks to the **Clark County Beer Cheese Trail** celebrating this Kentucky-invented culinary treat in Winchester. You're welcome.





Kentucky Horse Park, Lexington



Four Roses Distillery, Lawrenceburg



Camp Nelson National Monument, Nicholasville



State Capitol, Frankfort

Regional Highlights

1 The Kentucky Castle, Versailles

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2 Old Friends Farm, Georgetown

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3 Kentucky Horse Park, Lexington

Witness majesty in motion and the pageantry of live equine presentations: the Hall of Champions Show, Parade of Breeds, Big Barn Draft Horse Stall-Side Chat, Kentucky Derby Winner Nightcap and more.

4 Mary Todd Lincoln House, Lexington

Abraham Lincoln's beloved was sophisticated and savvy, yet historically misunderstood and maligned. Find out why this First Lady was such a controversial figure at her girlhood home.

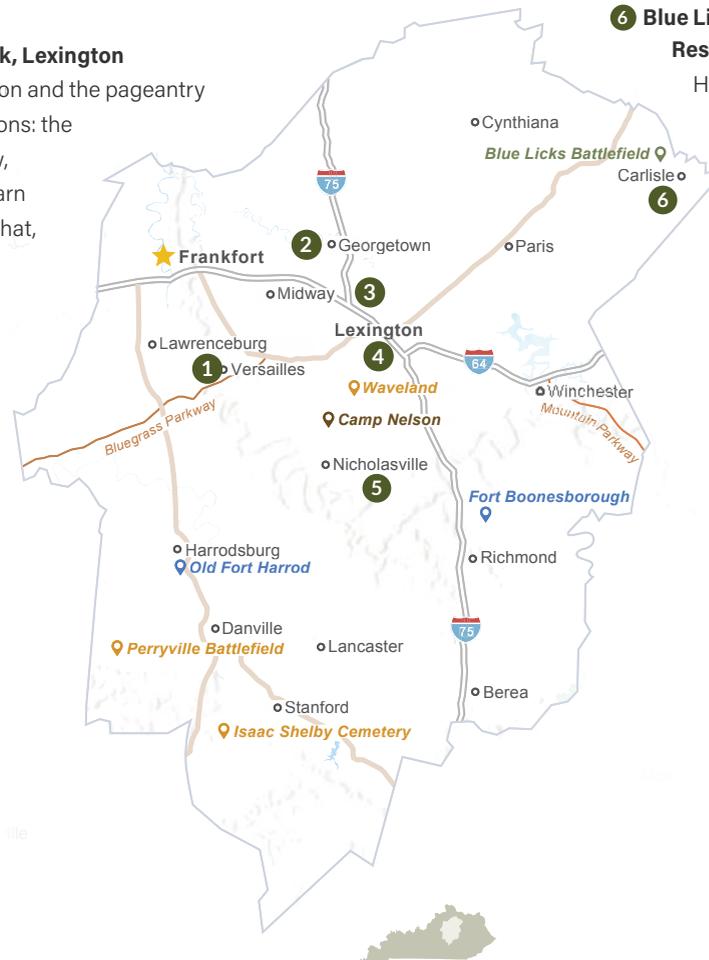
5 Camp Nelson National Monument, Nicholasville

Once a recruitment and training center for African American Civil War soldiers, it later became a final resting place for 1,615 Union casualties.

6 Blue Licks Battlefield State Resort Park, Carlisle

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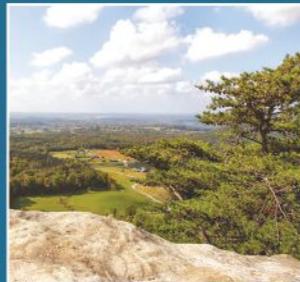
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to the holiday movie classic, "White Christmas," inside Augusta's **Rosemary Clooney House**.

One of the world's most exquisite collections of fine-art tiny treasures is the KSB Miniatures Collection at Maysville's **Kentucky Gateway Museum Center**. America's oldest and largest wine cellar is at **Baker-Bird Winery & Distillery** in Augusta, the only



Ark Encounter, Williamstown

winery in the country to survive a Civil War battle. An exact replica of the **Garden Tomb of Jesus** in Jerusalem inspires at Covington's **Garden of Hope**. The buffalo roam at Union's **Big Bone Lick State Historic Site** and an old-timey mercantile since 1831, **Rabbit Hash General Store**, serves up a slice of pure Americana. In Fleming County, "**The Covered Bridge**

Capital of Kentucky," a museum and collection of covered bridges usher visitors into the past. At Union's **Boone County Arboretum**, you're whisked into the future at the country's first public arboretum to have its entire plant collection mapped via GPS technology.





Earthjoy Treehouse Adventures, Brooksville



Downtown, Augusta



Screaming Raptor Zip Lines, Petersburg



Gangster Tour, Newport

Regional Highlights

1 General Butler State Resort Park, Carrollton

Mountain bike the Fossil Trail. Canoe or fish Butler Lake. Tour the manse of a military family. Smack a ball over the mini-golf course. Do your own thing, together.

2 Dinsmore Homestead, Burlington

Does it look like the family simply got up and wandered off? That's the point at this house-museum narrating the story of the Dinsmore family through generations, from personal journals to playthings, bedsteads to graveyard.

3 MainStrasse Village, Covington

Quirky, cuisine-crazy and filled with eclectic shops and galleries, year-round live music and special events like pub crawls, this German neighborhood anchored by Goose Girl and a glockenspiel is a great place to spend the day.

4 Ark Encounter, Williamstown

In Bible-speak, this behemoth is 300 cubits long, 50 cubits wide and 30 cubits tall. Translation: ginormous! And it's filled with exhibits and surrounded by ziplines, a zoo, dining and more.

5 Kincaid Lake State Park, Falmouth

Tucked away in a woodland setting, this park inspires old-fashioned family fun: camping along the shoreline, pontoon boating, spinning ghost stories round the campfire, picnicking, playing 9-hole golf and mini-golf.

6 Historic Downtown Maysville

Stroll past murals, shops and restaurants before visiting Old Washington Historic District. Pop into The Old Pogue Distillery, the third-oldest in Kentucky, then venture out to Blue Licks Battlefield State Resort Park in Carlisle.



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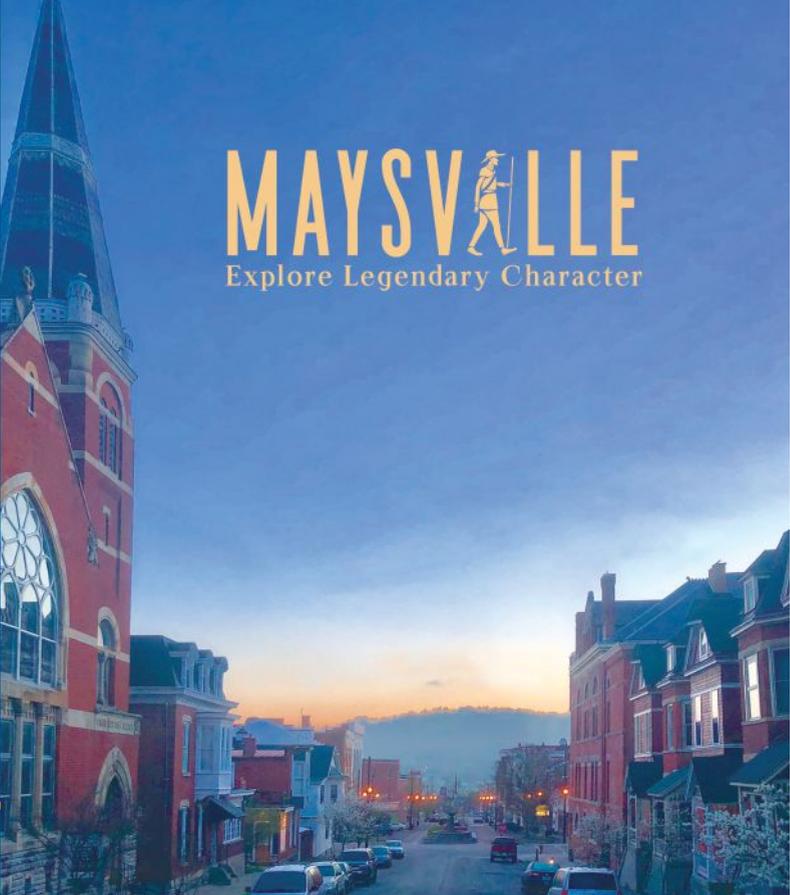


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Port of Ashland Sculptures, Ashland



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See the memorabilia of these singing sensations (Stapleton's boots and Skaggs' guitar among the treasures) encased in more than a dozen exhibits at

Staffordsville's **U.S. 23 Country Music Highway Museum**. Experience the songs and the stories of the mountains and more at Pikeville's **Appalachian Center for the Arts**.

At Butcher Hollow, see **Loretta Lynn's Homeplace**, where this "Coal Miner's Daughter" grew up not far from the Van Lear mines referenced in her autobiographical song.



U.S. 23 Country Music Highway Museum, Staffordsville

In **Daniel Boone National Forest**, one of Kentucky's most scenically beautiful lakes, **Cave Run Lake** near Morehead, has swimming beaches and boat ramps, hiking trails and historical sites. The rugged **Sheltoewe Trace National Recreation Trail** that starts near Morehead unwinds along narrow ridges and offers a peek into the past through old homesteads and other sites dotting the nearly 290-mile trek.

Splash around **Greenbo Lake** in Greenup, **Yatesville Lake** in Louisa or descend 250 stairs underground to see a 30-foot waterfall at Cascade Cave in **Carter Caves State Resort Park**. The Olive Hill park has several cave systems, as well as miles of hiking trails above ground.





Loretta Lynn's Homeplace, Butcher Hollow



Ruth Hunt Candies, Mt. Sterling



Broken Throne Brewing, Pikeville

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1 Ruth Hunt Candies, Mt. Sterling

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2 Rowan County Arts Center, Morehead

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3 Paramount Arts Center, Ashland

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4 Mountain HomePlace, Staffordsville

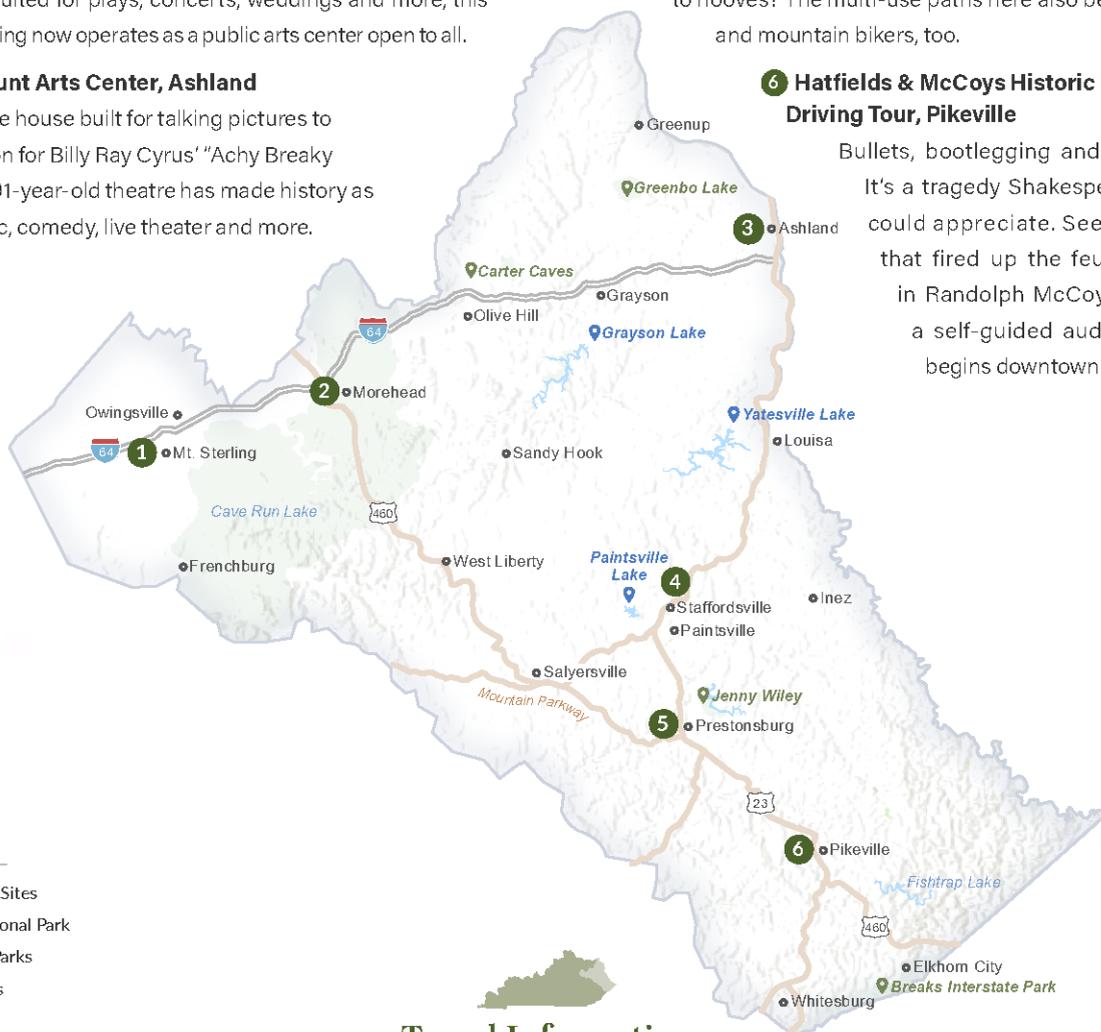
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5 Sugarcamp Mountain Trails, Prestonsburg

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6 Hatfields & McCoys Historic Feud Driving Tour, Pikeville

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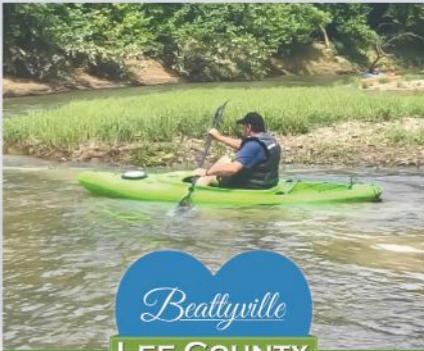
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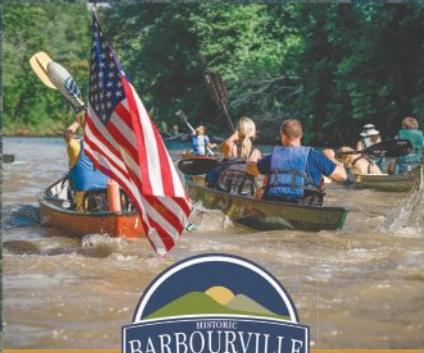
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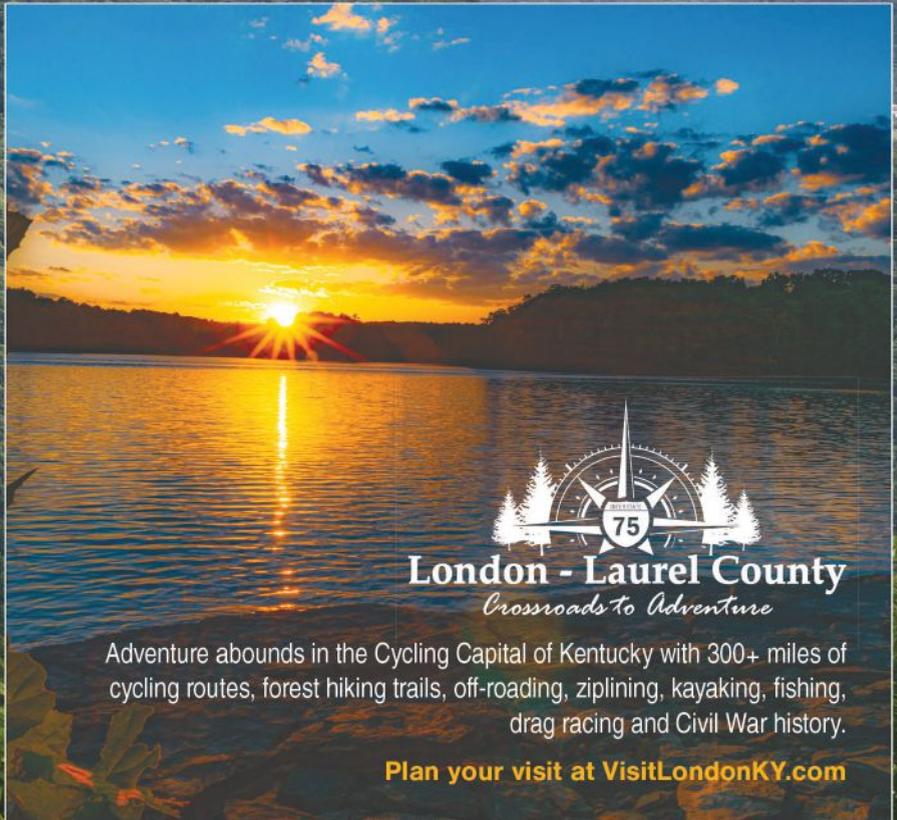
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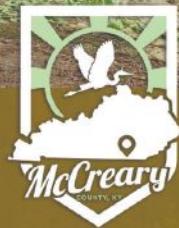
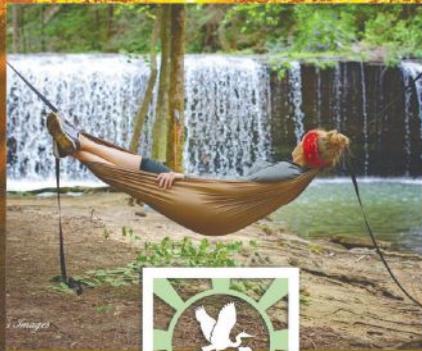
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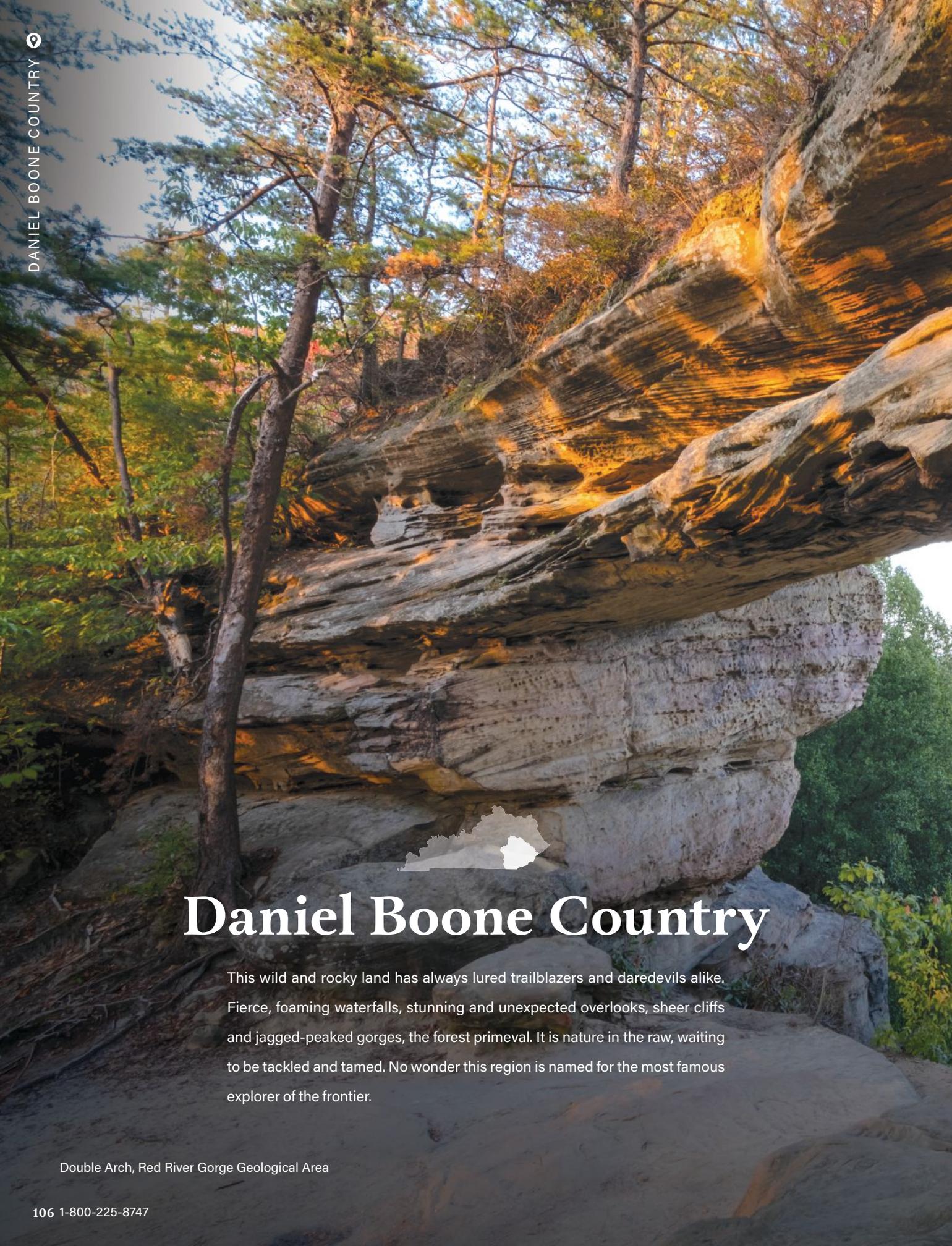


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Double Arch, Red River Gorge Geological Area



At **Cumberland Gap National Historical Park** in Middlesboro, see wildlife early settlers encountered as they followed their dreams and Daniel Boone through a notch in the Appalachian Mountains: beaver, bobcats and more than 150 species of birds. Shop the bookstore, take a guided tour and hike to hand-hewn cabins, ruins and fields of wildflowers.

Follow the rugged road to the Red, one of the world's top climbing and rappelling destinations. Boone himself traversed the natural bridges and sandstone arches of the **Red River Gorge Geological Area** near Stanton. Today, it draws adventure seekers of every stripe: climbers, hikers, mountain bikers, canoeists, campers.



The Gorge Underground, Rogers

In London, **Vanhook Falls** makes you work to get to it, but the payoff is so worth it at this splasher off the **Sheltowee Trace** plunging 40 feet to the boulders below. In Letcher County, **Pine Mountain Overlook** gives it up a little more easily but be prepared: It'll take your breath as you take in sweeping views of mountaintops and valleys stretching toward the horizon.

One hundred years ago, **Portal 31** in Lynch was the site of the world's largest coal camp. Today, visitors don coal-miner gear and travel into the mine by rail car. At **Black Mountain Off-Road Adventure Area/Black Mountain Thunder Zip Line** in Evarts, slip on the harness, grit your teeth and race 60 mph above the treetops.





Treetop Adventure at Levi Jackson, London



Cliffview Resort, Campton



Buckhorn Lake State Resort Park, Buckhorn



Sanders Café and Museum, Corbin

Regional Highlights

1 Renfro Valley Entertainment Center, Mount Vernon

Country music, gospel and bluegrass fill the two show theaters here every weekend at the “Country Music Capital of Kentucky,” also home to the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame and Museum. Pull into the RV Park and walk to the shows.

2 Laurel River Lake, London

Water babies and scuba divers love to play in one of Kentucky’s clearest and deepest lakes, bordered by sandy beach and ringed by cliffs in Daniel Boone National Forest.

3 Sanders Café and Museum, Corbin

Hungry for nostalgia? Get a bucket of chicken where the Colonel created the secret recipe craved by the world. Step into the Colonel’s kitchen and snap a selfie with a seated Sanders. A major renovation has made the experience here a dynamic one!

4 Cumberland Falls, Corbin

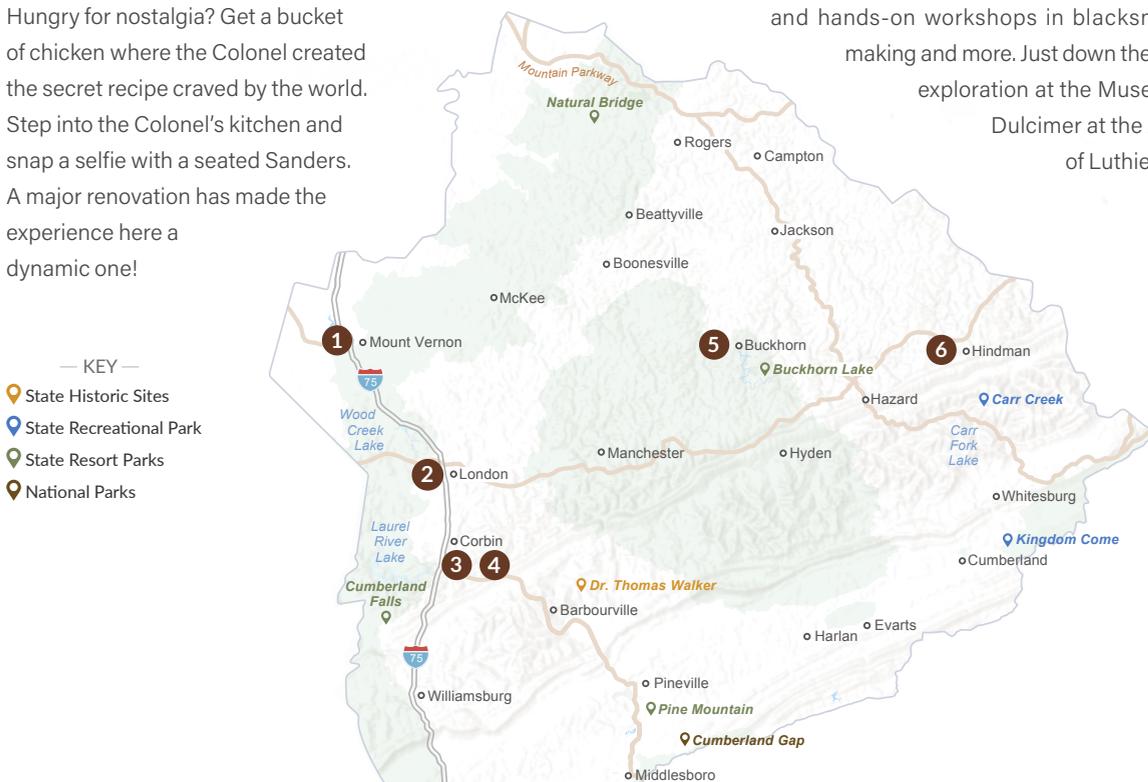
Little Niagara, Niagara of the South, the Great Falls. This epic cascade goes by many names, but can only be found in one place: Cumberland Falls State Resort Park.

5 Buckhorn Lake State Resort Park, Buckhorn

With its swimming pool and sandy beach, mini-golf and shuffleboard, lakeside picnicking and playgrounds, horseshoes and hiking, this park screams family fun.

6 Appalachian Artisan Center, Hindman

Explore Appalachian culture and traditions through art exhibitions and hands-on workshops in blacksmithing, instrument making and more. Just down the block, continue your exploration at the Museum of the Mountain Dulcimer at the Appalachian School of Luthiery.



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Slade/Red River Gorge Area

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A century later, the Barthell Coal Camp opened in Stearns, a town tucked between **Daniel Boone National Forest** and **Big South Fork National Recreation Area**, home of Kentucky’s tallest waterfall – **Yahoo Falls**, splashing down 113 feet to the pool below.

The Big South Fork Scenic Railway keeps the past alive with excursions rolling through the scenic Appalachians



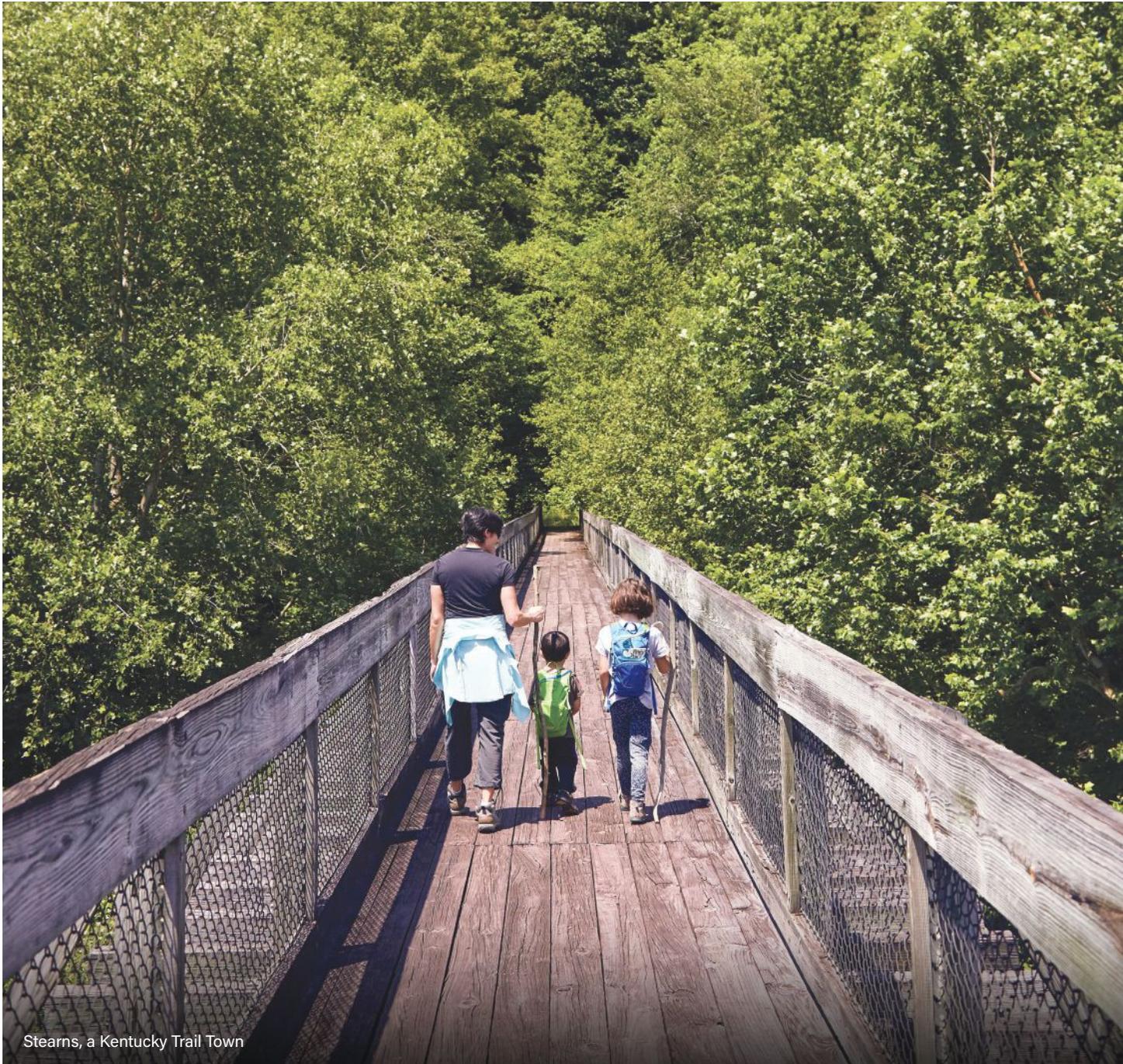
Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area

before returning to **Barthell Coal Camp**. Get immersed in the history with a coal miner's lunch and guided tour of the camp.

In Liberty, follow the horse-drawn buggies to shops filled with furniture and baked goods made by the **Amish and Mennonite communities**. Throughout the year, plant, produce, quilt and Christmas craft

auctions are held. Downtown, see a sight more familiar in Philadelphia than southern Kentucky: **The Liberty Bell**, cast by the Whitechapel Bell Foundry in London and an exact replica of the original Liberty Bell that arrived in America in 1753.





Stearns, a Kentucky Trail Town



Dale Hollow Lake State Resort Park, Burkesville



Haney's Appledale Farm, Nancy



Green River Lake, Campbellsville

Regional Highlights

1 Dale Hollow Lake State Resort Park, Burkesville

This park, known for its scenic lake and woodland setting, spans three counties. Spot an eagle. Ride a horse. Bunk down in a camping cottage.

2 Lake Cumberland, multiple cities and marinas

This place has “paradise” stamped all over it: houseboating, wakeboarding, swimming, splashing, fishing, paddling, shoreside dining, shopping, gallery hopping, music, hiking, golfing. Whew! How much time do you have? You'll need more.

3 Mills Springs Battlefield National Monument, Nancy

January 19, 1862. A foggy, brutal battle. The Union Army's first major victory. Explore the visitor center and museum, take the driving tour and hike the ravine to Zollicoffer Park, where headstones commemorate the casualties.

4 Cave Hill Vineyard and Winery, Eubanks

Full-bodied wines, beautiful rolling hills, tours and tastings set amidst country elegance. Visit a winery steeped in a 200-year-old Kentucky tradition of crafting wine in the place where America's commercial winemaking began.

5 Blue Heron Mining Community, Stearns

The story of Blue Heron is told through ghost structures at this outdoor museum 600 feet into the Big South Fork Gorge.

6 Big South Fork National River & Recreation Area, Stearns

These pristine wilds with sheer bluffs, arches and river valleys could be where Mother Nature calls home. It's a playground for whitewater rafting, hiking, fishing, horseback riding, paddling and more.

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-  State Historic Sites
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NCM Motorsports Park, Bowling Green



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Trek onward to a clutch of history-revealing houses at the **SEEK Museum** in Russellville. This U.S. Civil Rights Trail site tells a story that begins with the Revolutionary War and moves through three generations of enslavement, the struggle for equality and the 1868 passage of the 14th Amendment.

Time-hop from the early 19th century at Auburn's **South Union Shaker Village** to the Wild, Wild West at



Kentucky Stonehenge, Munfordville

Horse Cave's **KOA Holiday Campground**, where they've circled the Conestoga Wagons (treehouses, too). Then venture on to **Nolin Lake State Park** in Mammoth Cave, featuring lakeside camping right on the beach.

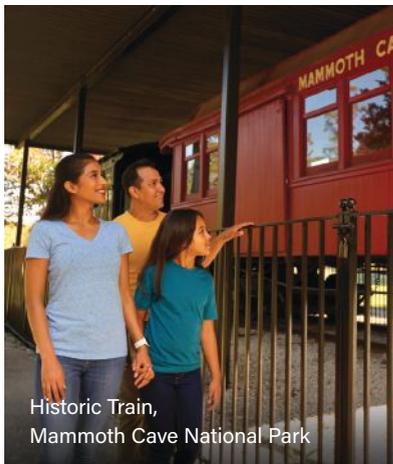
Explore the world beneath your feet and above your head at **Hidden River Cave**, home of the amazing freestanding Sunset Dome, and at the country's

only museum devoted solely to caves at the **American Cave Museum**, both in Horse Cave. Keep the fun going at Bowling Green's **Lost River Cave**, with its underground boat tour, and **Flying Squirrel Zipline**, which shoots adrenaline junkies over a blue hole.





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2 National Corvette Museum/NCM Motorsports Park, Bowling Green

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3 Barren River Lake/Barren River Lake State Park, Lucas

Sneak off to the beach at Sunset Beach Cove. Clink glasses at Highland Pub. Snuggle up in a charming villa. It feels like a welcoming home-away-from-home.

4 Mammoth Cave National Park, Mammoth Cave

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5 Crystal Onyx Cave, Cave City

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6 Dutch Country Safari Park, Horse Cave

Experience close encounters of the adorable kind: See baby doll sheep, miniature donkeys and wide-eyed alpacas at this drive-through safari park where you can also hold a hedgehog, feed a camel and ride the train.



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