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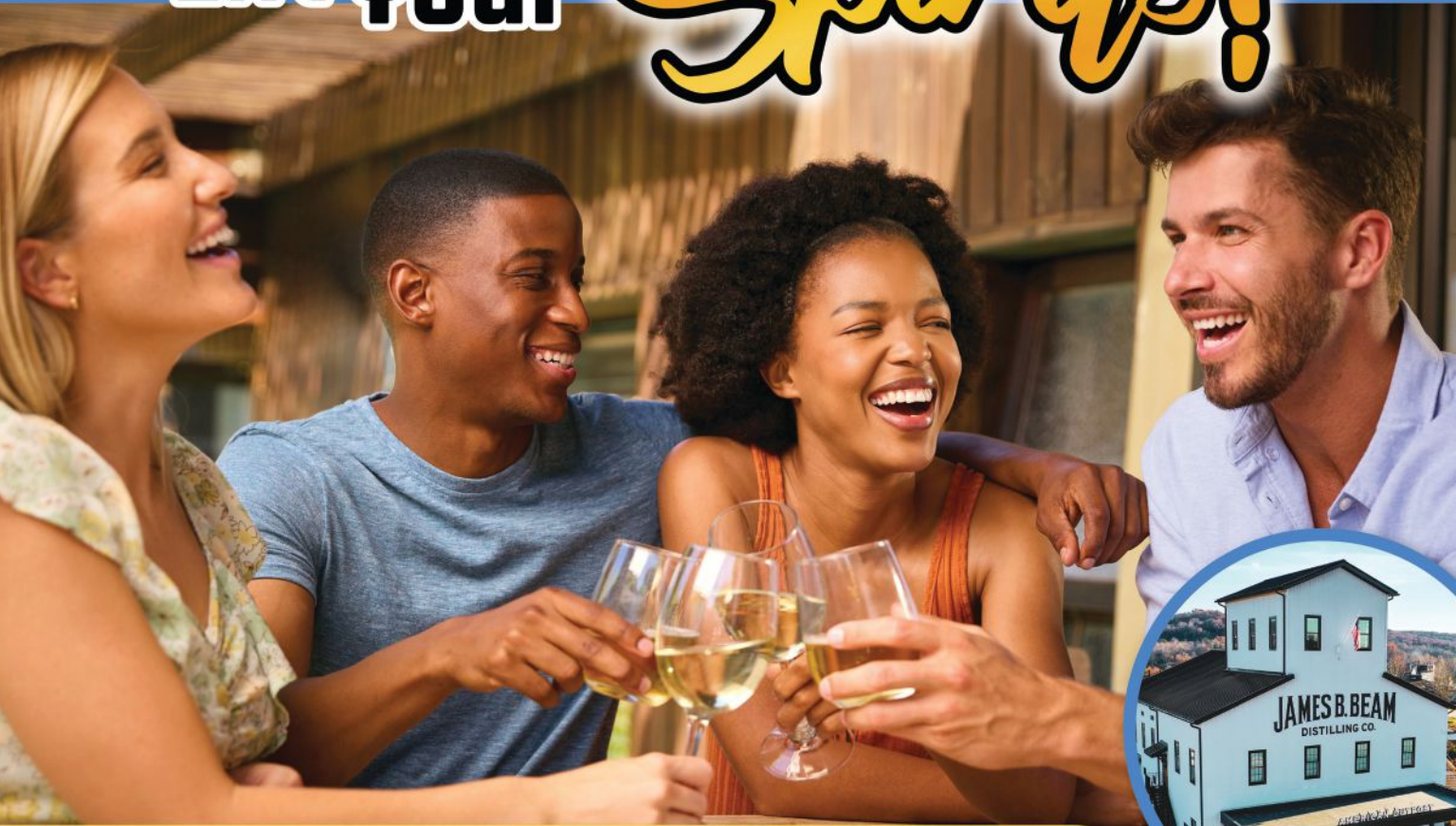


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As a dad, I know planning a getaway that makes everyone happy is no easy task, but it's possible with a visit to Kentucky. From seeing Horse Country to exploring the outdoors, visiting our thriving cities and enjoying our delicious food or iconic music, our commonwealth has something for everyone. And around every corner is a proud Kentuckian waiting to show our state's unmatched hospitality to help ensure you have the best visit possible.

For the adventure seekers, Kentucky is home to the longest cave system in the world at Mammoth Cave National Park, a climber's paradise at the Red River Gorge, and thousands of waterways, from east to west, for paddling and boating. And along every route is one of Kentucky's 44 state parks, where families have been making memories together for more than 100 years.

For folks looking to get a taste of our rich culture and traditions, stop by Churchill Downs and Keeneland, or plan to visit the Kentucky Black Trailblazers experience, Muhammad Ali Center, Loretta Lynn's Homeplace Butcher Holler, the National Corvette Museum, the Louisville Slugger Museum or the Bluegrass Music Hall of Fame and Museum.

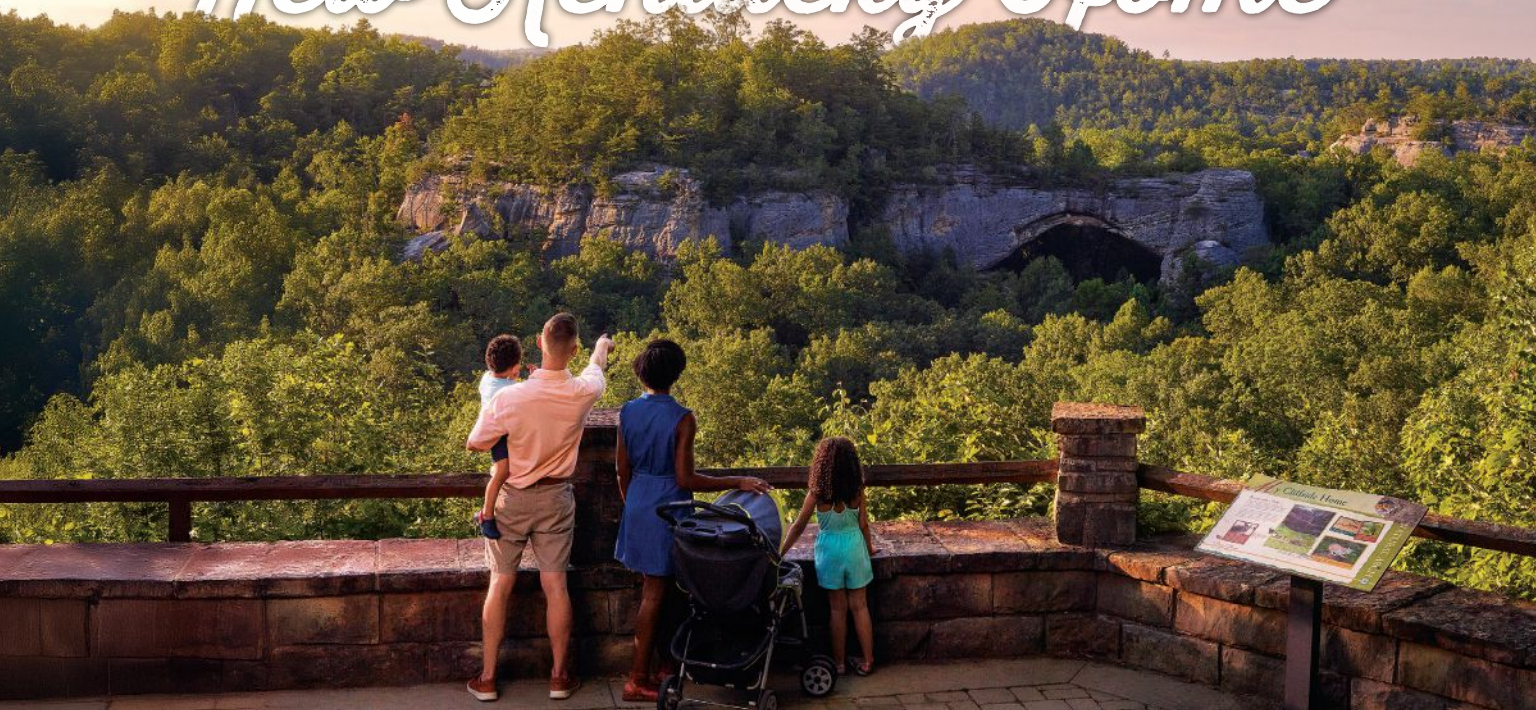
And of course, you can always stop at one of our famous distilleries, as Kentucky produces 95% of the world's bourbon – and 100% of the bourbon worth drinking.

And the best part is, you can feel good knowing your visit is supporting great communities and Kentuckians who make our tourism industry so special.

Y'all interested? We don't blame you. We'll see you soon in our New Kentucky Home.

Andy Beshear, Governor

# WELCOME TO OUR *New Kentucky Home*



## FEATURES

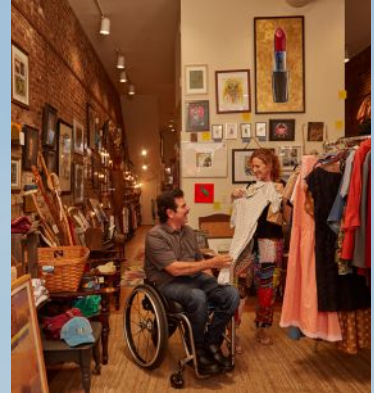
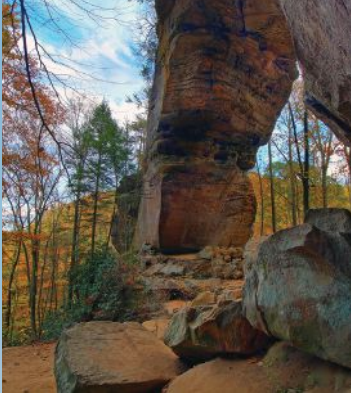
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Photo: Natural Arch Scenic Area, Parkers Lake

# Trip Planning



## SEASONAL INFO

Kentucky enjoys four distinct seasons, with spring and fall offering lovely temperatures and glorious color sweeping the landscapes.

## ACCESSIBILITY

Lodging, trails, parks, boating docks — Kentucky has a variety of accessible adventures and experiences for travelers of all abilities.

## HOW TO GET HERE

Major interstates 24, 64, 65, 69, 71 and 75 serve drivers. Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport, Lexington's Blue Grass Airport and the Louisville Muhammad Ali International Airport serve air travelers.

## SUSTAINABILITY


Kentucky remains committed to environmental, social and economic sustainability, minimizing negative impacts and maximizing positive ones.

## EXPLORE. CONNECT. INSPIRE

A picture is worth a thousand words. Share those moments of living your best adventures in stories, reels and images. **#TravelKY**



Photos in grid left to right: Grays Arch, Red River Gorge; Barren River Lake State Resort Park, Lucas; Bricolage Art Collective, Paducah; Gorge Underground, Rogers; Christian Way Farm & Mini Golf, Hopkinsville. Background: Spy Coast Farm, Lexington

 Front cover: Our Mims Retirement Haven, Paris. Back cover: Mammoth Cave National Park, Mammoth Cave

# AMERICA 250 ★ KENTUCKY ★

## FROM THE FRONTIER TO NATIONAL INFLUENCER

It started with a guy, a gap and an unquenchable thirst to explore. Daniel Boone hacked his way through the Cumberland Gap and into Kentucky and set the course of American history on a Westward trajectory. And Kentucky has been impacting and influencing the nation ever since.

Kentucky bourbon turned Elijah Craig's late-18th-century discovery in Georgetown into a multibillion-dollar global industry that has bourbon lovers around the world toasting the state. In Henderson, John James Audubon laid the foundation for creating his masterwork, "Birds of America," benefitting science and inspiring conservation. The Birthplace of American Vertebrate Paleontology? Union's Big Bone Lick National Natural Landmark, where William Clark, of Lewis and Clark fame, excavated fossils at President Thomas Jefferson's behest.

As the 16th president of the United States, Abraham Lincoln united a divided country. Muhammad Ali mesmerized the world with fancy footwork in the boxing ring and championing social justice outside of it. Harland Sanders blended 11 secret herbs and spices, helping kick-start the fast-food industry and setting the world to licking their fingers.

Rosine's Bill Monroe took the stage by storm as the Father of Bluegrass established a new musical genre. As the First Lady of Country Music, Van Lear-born Loretta Lynn also blazed trails. Other legendary homegrown, world-renowned superstars — Ricky Skaggs, Keith Whitley, Dwight Yoakam, The Judds, Chris Stapleton, Billy Ray Cyrus, Crystal Gayle, Tom T. Hall and Patty Loveless — are celebrated on the U.S. 23 Country Music Highway.

From a prehistoric mining site to early-19th-century tourist magnet: It's Mammoth Cave, the world's longest-known cave system, beckoning explorers from across the country and the world. Speaking of mammoth, a biblically proportioned Noah's Ark brings visitors two by two and more to see the world's largest timber-frame structure at Ark Encounter.



Photo: Annual All-American Fourth of July, Owensboro



A little race that took place back in 1875 has grown into the only event in the country to inspire millions of people to set aside two minutes every year on the first Saturday of May. That's the Kentucky Derby, which also has sports fans everywhere joining their voices in singing "My Old Kentucky Home." (And in spite of the lyrics bidding, "weep no more," everyone does.)

Unfamiliar with Garrett Augustus Morgan Sr.? It was this Paris, Kentucky, entrepreneur's 1923 invention of the three-way traffic light that brought law and order to U.S. streets. Good thing! Because in 1953, the Corvette — now exclusively manufactured in Bowling Green — revved up Americans' need for speed as America's Sports Car hit the highway and harnessed the hearts of generations of drivers.

As home to one of the first libraries west of the Appalachian Mountains, the first commercial winery in the U.S. and a claim to the first cheeseburger (in Louisville), Kentucky paved the way for an eager nation to enjoy books, burgers and wine. You're welcome.

The crack of a Louisville Slugger is the sound heard 'round the stadium in America's ballparks. "Happy Birthday to You," attributed to Louisville sisters, Patty and Mildred Hill, is the tune crooned in every home every year when the candles are lit. And "Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town," by Covington composer Haven Gillespie, lets everyone know it's the most wonderful time of the year.

Bringing even more joy to the world? The largest memorabilia collection from "White Christmas" at Augusta's Rosemary Clooney House. Yes, the internationally acclaimed "girl singer" and star of everyone's favorite holiday movie classic was born in Maysville and spent much of her last 20 years in Augusta. But she's not the only Clooney to touch the nation. Chances are, you've heard of Rosemary's brother, renowned broadcaster Nick Clooney, and seen a movie or two by her nephew, award-winning actor and filmmaker George Clooney.



Photos from top: Lincoln Memorial Sculpture, Louisville; Aviation Museum of Kentucky, Lexington

Blueberry muffins? It's what's for breakfast, thanks to Hopkinsville, aka the Batter Capital of the World and the food-mix manufacturing home of such globally recognizable products as Krusteaz muffin mixes. Hankering for a banana? Think about tiny Fulton, Kentucky, formerly the Banana Capital of the World because 70 percent of imported bananas were shipped through this town.

Hosting a poker party? Grab your deck of U.S. Playing Cards. The company is based in Erlanger. Jot a reminder on a Post-It Note, manufactured at Cynthiana's 3M plant. Buying a greeting card for Mom? It was Henderson's Mary Towles Sassee whose idea of celebrating moms helped spark a national holiday: Mother's Day.

Looking back over 250 years and moving forward into the future, through every season of life and living, Kentucky's influence has and will leave its imprint on the story of America.

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# OUTDOORS

**F**rom Black Mountain, the highest peak in the state, to the nethermost depths of Mammoth Cave. From the nation's largest fleet of houseboats at Lake Cumberland to Big Bone Lick National Historic Landmark, where North America's biggest land mammal grazes. And from the only alpine slide in the Bluegrass State to its only bridge for bungee jumping: When it comes to living your most fabulous vacation, the sky and the subterranean world beneath your feet are the limit.

Photo: Golden Pond Planetarium and Observatory, Golden Pond

# AND STATE PARKS



# The WEEKEND WANDERER

## **LAKE CUMBERLAND, Jamestown**

Lake Cumberland, the Houseboat Capital of the World, has all the ingredients for your family's dream summer vacation: luxury houseboats with amenities like comfy beds, Wi-Fi, water slides, hot tubs and grills, plus pontoons, fishing boats and tubes available to rent as well.

## **BERNHEIM FOREST, Clermont**

Hover 75 feet high in the sky on Bernheim Forest's Canopy Tree Walk. Climb 961 steps to the top of the Historic Fire Tower. Besides amazing views, enjoy hikes, themed gardens, the resident Forest Giants sculptures and new 27-foot Tin Man sculpture, and a playscape in this natural wonderland.

## **TOYOTA BIODIVERSITY TRAIL, Georgetown**

Morizukuri translates "to create a forest." See this Japanese principle in practice along the tranquil 1.8-mile Toyota Biodiversity Trail, with five distinct paths leading to butterflies, great blue herons, Cattail Lake and a champion Chinquapin Oak tree.

## **LOST RIVER CAVE, Bowling Green**

Board the Lost River Cave boat and glide into history to what was once a Native American hunting ground and a Civil War campground — the outlaw Jesse James' former hideout, too. Also here: gem mining, walking trails and a butterfly house garden.

## **NATURAL BRIDGE SKYLIFT, Slade**

Grab a seat on the Natural Bridge Skylift for the 2,640-plus-foot climb up forested slopes to reach Kentucky's famed 30-foot-wide natural sandstone arch, a bridge that spans a whopping 78 feet and rises 65 feet from the forest floor.

## **MOUTARDIER RESORT AND MARINA, Leitchfield**

Got fishing, boating and other water adventures on your mind? The lake life awaits at Moutardier Resort and Marina on Nolin River Lake, along with watercraft rentals and the Dockside Store and Grill.

## **SHELTOWEE TRACE ADVENTURE RESORT, Corbin**

Dial up adventure on a Rainbow Mist raft ride with Sheltoewe Trace Adventure Resort and feel the mist of the spectacular Cumberland Falls. Or dial it down with a sightseeing and lunch cruise aboard the double-decker Cumberland Star riverboat.

## **BIG BONE LICK NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK, Union**

Follow the trail to the new covered viewing area to see the bison at Big Bone Lick National Historic Landmark, birthplace of vertebrate paleontology in North America and a stop along the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail. Explore the museum, megafauna diorama pit and gift shop to pick up made-in-Kentucky items.



Photos from top: Big Bone Lick State Historic Site, Union; Lake Cumberland State Resort Park, Jamestown

# The ADVENTURER

## **MAMMOTH CAVE NATIONAL PARK,** Mammoth Cave

Mystery and history, above ground and below. Hiking, biking, horseback riding, camping, canoeing, stargazing and caving (including accessible cave tours) — it's all here, plus ranger-led programs at Mammoth Cave National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and International Biosphere Region.

## **MOTHERLODE AT PENDERGRASS MURRAY RECREATIONAL PRESERVE,** Beattyville

Hike the Motherlode at Pendergrass Murray Recreational Preserve in the Red River Gorge, a rock-climbing and outdoor-adventure paradise for hikers, mountain bikers and rock jocks. This 0.7-mile loop has breathtaking amphitheater-like cliff lines of 100 feet and higher.

## **DOG SLAUGHTER FALLS,** Whitley County

Don't let the name keep you from discovering one of Kentucky's most beautiful waterfalls. Located on a 2.4-mile out-and-back trail, past thickets of rhododendron and hemlock, Dog Slaughter Falls tumbles down 15 feet at the confluence of the Cumberland River and Dog Slaughter Creek.

## **CUMBERLAND GAP NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK,** Middlesboro

See wildlife like beavers, bears and bobcats that frontier explorer Daniel Boone saw in 1775 when he blazed the Wilderness Road through the Cumberland Gap. Pitch a tent amid spectacular scenery for a backcountry camping adventure in Cumberland Gap National Historical Park.



## **THE PINNACLES,** Berea

From spring's soft green palette to autumn's blazing color saturation, each season brings its own rewards to The Pinnacles, a premier trail system that is part of 9,000 forested acres marked by rock shelters and cliff faces. Drink in sweeping views of the beautiful landscapes from several overlooks.

## **JESSE JAMES RIDING STABLES,** Cave City

Experience Kentucky's natural beauty the way early explorers did: on the back of a horse. Go on a 2-mile trail ride with Jesse James Riding Stables, just a stone's throw from Mammoth Cave National Park. Follow it up with an Outlaw Cave tour.

## **DEVOU PARK'S BACKCOUNTRY TRAILS,** Covington

Bye-bye hustle-bustle. Hello, hinterlands. Hike or mountain bike Devou Park's Backcountry Trails, 16 miles of tracks hidden away in a tangle of trees amid a rolling landscape. Even nature lovers seeking a quiet retreat will enjoy strolling the park's wild side.

## **PENNYROYAL SCUBA CENTER,** Hopkinsville

Dive into the 22-acre rock quarry at Blue Springs Park and discover an underwater landscape dotted with a fire truck, a sailboat, a big forest and a pump hole, among other sunken treasures. The Pennyroyal Scuba Center is Kentucky's only full-service, diver-exclusive facility.

Photos from top: Cumberland Gap Pinnacle Overlook, Middlesboro; Pennyroyal Scuba Center, Hopkinsville

# The THRILL SEEKER

## **VERTIGO BUNGEE**, Lawrenceburg

Free fall with Vertigo Bungee from the 240-foot-high cantilevered Young's High Bridge, a circa-1889 former railroad bridge that overlooks Wild Turkey Distillery, and find yourself dangling headfirst above the waters of the Kentucky River. Worth. Every. Second. (One weekend each month, May–October.)

## **EARTHJOY VILLAGE**, Brooksville

Climb into the treetops. Swing from limb to limb. Hang upside down and balance on branches. Learn how to tie knots and rig a hammock. Ready to climb? Join EarthJoy Village for a tree climb at its 285-acre wooded wonderland.

## **OUT THE TOP ADVENTURES**, Campton

Slingshot Nada Tunnel or bounce along unpaved roads and other natural terrain, through caves and creeks and up steep climbs, to the most remote corners of Red River Gorge Geological Area on guided SXS, UTV and Jeep tours with Out The Top Adventures.

## **MAMMOTH VALLEY PARK**,

Cave City

At Mammoth Valley Park, hang on tight as you zoom down Kentucky's only alpine slide, banking curves and picking up speed along the way. Or hang tight, suspended 300 feet in the air, on the state's longest twin zip line.

## **KENTUCKY KINGDOM AND HURRICANE**

**BAY WATER PARK**, Louisville

Calling all slide and coaster fans: Whether it's the 10-story steel coaster, Lightning Run, or the Deep Water Dive with its tummy-tickling 12-story drop, Kentucky Kingdom and Hurricane Bay Water Park serve up endless thrills and chills among its 70 family-friendly attractions.

## **BLACK MOUNTAIN OFF-ROAD**

**ADVENTURE AREA**, Evarts

Whoosh through the treetops 400 feet above the forest floor on the 2-mile Thunder Zipline at Black Mountain Off-Road Adventure Area or churn dirt on 150 miles of rugged mountain on an off-road adventure carved by old strip-mining and logging roads.

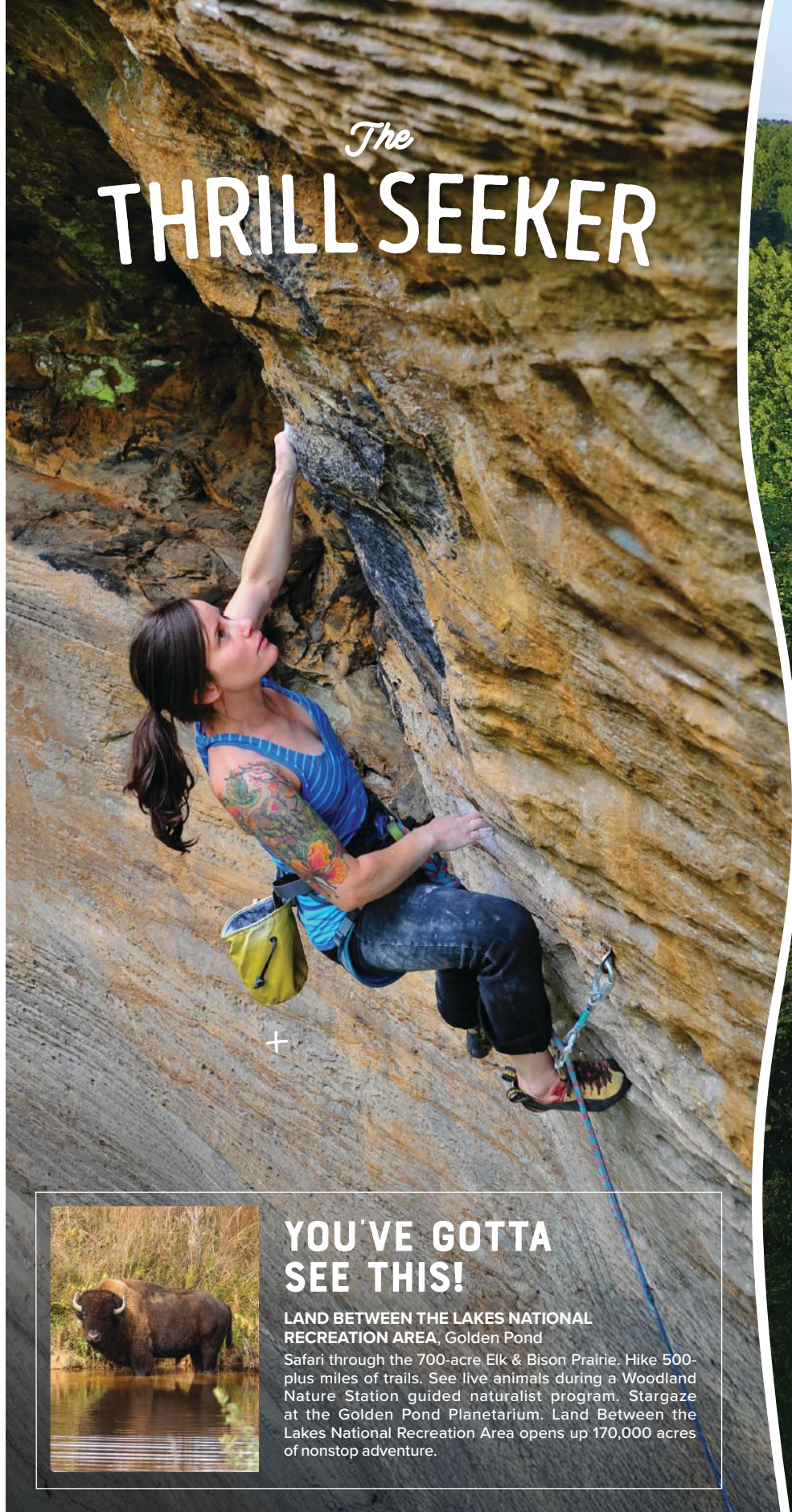
## **RUSSELL FORK RIVER**, Elkhorn City

Even experienced whitewater paddlers are challenged by the mighty Class III, IV and V rapids — known as Walk the Plank and Triple Drop, among other fearsome nicknames — at Russell Fork River within Breaks Interstate Park, the Grand Canyon of the South.

## **RUSH OFF-ROAD**, Rush

When adventure comes calling, Rush Off-Road has the answer: more than 100 miles of trails crisscrossing 7,000 forested acres. With trails for all skill levels, riders find varied terrain, including routes that are wide and smooth and steep and chunky rock climbs and descents.

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## YOU'VE GOTTA SEE THIS!

**LAND BETWEEN THE LAKES NATIONAL  
RECREATION AREA**, Golden Pond

Safari through the 700-acre Elk & Bison Prairie. Hike 500-plus miles of trails. See live animals during a Woodland Nature Station guided naturalist program. Stargaze at the Golden Pond Planetarium. Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area opens up 170,000 acres of nonstop adventure.

Photo from top: Red River Gorge, Slade; Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area, Golden Pond



## *The* TIME TRAVELER

### **JOHN JAMES AUDUBON STATE PARK,** Henderson

A treasure trove of the ornithologist-artist's masterworks, plus tranquil Audubon Wetlands, the nature center, a beautifully arrayed gift shop showcasing made-in-Kentucky items and the enchanting new Gnomes of Audubon Forest trail — find this and more at the John James Audubon State Park.

### **PERRYVILLE BATTLEFIELD STATE HISTORIC SITE,** Perryville

Look across the grassy fields at Perryville Battlefield State Historic Site to see what the soldiers saw in 1862 during one of Kentucky's bloodiest Civil War battles. This is one of the country's most intact battlefields. Guided ghost walks are offered in October.

### **FORT BOONESBOROUGH STATE PARK,** Richmond

Come for the history, stay for a tour of the replica working fort at Fort Boonesborough State Park. Plan for living-historian demonstrations of 18th-century life skills, February Fireside Chats featuring notable historical figures who helped shape the Kentucky frontier, plus handmade pioneer items.

### **OLD FORT HARROD STATE PARK,** Harrodsburg

Explore the 1770s fort and Mansion Museum at Old Fort Harrod State Park. Stroll among the gravestones at Kentucky's oldest cemetery, visit the Lincoln Marriage Temple, grab souvenirs from the kid-friendly gift shop and take in a concert by the climbable Big Ole Tree.

### **WICKLIFFE MOUNDS STATE HISTORIC SITE,** Wickliffe

Take a self-guided Archaeology Walking Trail tour at Wickliffe Mounds State Historic Site, perched on a bluff overlooking the Mississippi River. See mounds built by Native People of the Mississippian Culture and pottery and stone tools excavated onsite.

### **MY OLD KENTUCKY HOME STATE PARK,** Bardstow

Tour with guides in period garb and learn the history of the 200-year-old manse memorialized in the ballad by the Father of American Music, Stephen Foster. My Old Kentucky Home, aka Federal Hill, offers creative year-round programming and stars in this state park's summer outdoor musical-theater production, "The Stephen Foster Story."

### **BLUE LICKS BATTLEFIELD STATE RESORT PARK,** Carlisle

Follow Daniel Boone's footfalls along the remains of an ancient buffalo path at Blue Licks Battlefield State Resort Park, on the site of the Revolutionary War's final battle. Inside the Pioneer Museum, a three-dimensional diorama recounts the dramatic 1782 ambush.

### **WAVELAND STATE HISTORIC SITE,** Lexington

In this charming setting of flower gardens and footbridges, enjoy Tuesday Tea at the mansion at Waveland State Historic Site — especially stunning at Christmastime — or a vintage baseball game on its immaculate grounds. Enjoy guided tours and a picnic on the lawn.

Photo: My Old Kentucky Home State Park, Bardstow

**LAKE CUMBERLAND STATE RESORT PARK**, Jamestown

Wish you were here: Lake Cumberland State Resort Park, Houseboat Capital of the World. Boat, swim, hike, fish. Lounge on your Lure Lodge balcony. Explore Wolf Creek National Fish Hatchery Visitor and Environmental Education Center. Dine with a water view at Rowena Landing Restaurant.

**BARREN RIVER LAKE STATE RESORT PARK**, Lucas

Rent a pontoon with a waterslide for lake-time fun with the family at Barren River Lake State Resort Park. Fish for bass. Play a round of golf. Hike nature trails abloom with wildflowers. Get blown away by February's sandhill crane migration during Nature Watch Weekend.

**LAKE BARKLEY STATE RESORT PARK**, Cadiz

Swim at the outdoor pool or inside at the wellness pool; boat and fish from the marina. Play on the championship golf course and in the game room. Tennis, racquetball and pickleball? Of course! Hike, bike and dine deliciously.

**KENLAKE STATE RESORT PARK**, Hardin

Fish, boat and Jet Ski at Kenlake State Resort Park. Walk or bike Eggners' Ferry Bridge, spanning Kentucky Lake and connecting to Land Between the Lakes' trails. Hit the tennis courts — indoors or out. Homebase is a wooded cottage or lakeview lodge room.

**GREENBO LAKE STATE RESORT PARK**, Greenup

Families adore pedal boating, paddling and picnicking at Greenbo Lake State Resort Park — not to mention whizzing down the community pool's water slide. Divers love the 10-acre Scuba Refuge. And everybody relishes Angler's Cove Restaurant with its Kentucky fare and mountain scenery.

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**BUCKHORN LAKE STATE RESORT PARK**, Buckhorn

Splashing in the lodge pool and building sandcastles at the beach. Horseshoes and hiking, basketball and boating. Mini golf on a wacky course, fishing near a quiet cove. Balcony snooze and sunset views. That's life at Buckhorn Lake State Resort Park.

**PAINTSVILLE LAKE STATE PARK**, Staffordsville

Experience every season at Paintsville Lake State Park: Fall fishing and spring wildflowers, winter sunsets and summer's hand-dipped ice cream at the marina. The park is open year-round for camping. Enjoy the lakeside walking trail and firepit area, horseshoe pits and kayaking (with an ADA kayak launch).

**GREEN RIVER LAKE STATE PARK**, Campbellsville

Toes in the sand, fishing pole in hand. A putter for mini golf, a pontoon for a day of wallowing on the water. Hiking, birding, playing beach volleyball — whatever your vacation vibe, Green River Lake State Park has you covered.



Photos from top: Kincaid Lake State Park, Falmouth; Lake Barkley State Resort Park, Cadiz

# The TRAIL EXPLORER

## TAYLORSVILLE LAKE STATE PARK, Mt. Eden

Equestrians, here is your happy place, with tent and RV camping and galloping along Possum Ridge. Hikers and mountain bikers, this is your jam, too, with a 24-mile multi-use trail system. Boaters, fishers, wildlife lovers — Taylorsville Lake State Park hasn't forgotten you either.

## CARTER CAVES STATE RESORT PARK, Olive Hill

Above ground and below, Carter Caves State Resort Park offers adventure with guided and self-guided cave tours, including gorgeous Cascade Cave and X-Cave, and repelling and rock climbing a sandstone cliff line. Don't skip paddling Smoky Lake and panning for treasures at the Gem Mine, too.

## DALE HOLLOW LAKE STATE RESORT PARK, Burkesville

Prepare to get muddy on a guided wild Cindy Cave tour at Dale Hollow Lake State Resort Park. Chart your course along 12 miles of trails — on foot, wheel or hoof — or opt for boating, fishing, golfing and even scuba diving and snorkeling.

## JENNY WILEY STATE RESORT PARK, Prestonsburg

From bourbon and Hot Browns to elk-viewing tours and bald eagle sightings, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park is signature Kentucky. Laze away a day on Dewey Lake or visit the nature center. Evening means relaxing at May Lodge and drinking in those glorious Appalachian Mountain views.

## NATURAL BRIDGE STATE RESORT PARK, Slade

You'll find spectacular views year-round, but oh, those harvest hues captivate when fall sweeps through Red River Gorge and Natural Bridge State Resort Park — best enjoyed from the namesake natural sandstone arch. Hike, fish, paddle and swim, then sip a glass of wine at the Trail's End Tavern.

## PINE MOUNTAIN STATE RESORT PARK, Pineville

Hike Chained Rock Trail at Pine Mountain State Resort Park to catch the view and see Chained Rock, secured in place with a 100-foot-long, 1.5-ton chain. Play the championship Wasioto Winds 18-hole golf course and dig into fried catfish and hushpuppies at the Mountain View Restaurant.

## PENNYRILE FOREST STATE RESORT PARK, Dawson Springs

Magnificent views from Fisherman's Rock. Postcard-pretty beach at Pennyrile Lake. Excellent fishing with bluegill and largemouth bass. Family-friendly boating with canoes, kayaks, pedal boats and standup paddleboards. A rustic, woodsy lodge set on a cliff overlooking the lake. Pennyrile Forest State Resort Park beckons.

## DAWKINS LINE RAIL TRAIL, Swamp Branch

Open year-round and unfurling along 36 paved miles through Appalachian forests, past streams and wildlife, Dawkins Line Rail Trail is a haven for hikers, bikers and horseback riders, with the first 25 miles showing off 24 trestles and the 662-foot Gun Creek Tunnel.

## YOU'VE GOTTA SEE THIS!

### CUMBERLAND FALLS STATE RESORT PARK, Corbin

Get up close to the Niagara of the South, crashing into the gorge below. Witness a moonbow during a full moon at the only place in the Western Hemisphere — Cumberland Falls State Resort Park — to regularly produce one.



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Photos from top: Carter Caves State Resort Park, Olive Hill; Cumberland Falls, Corbin

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# HORSES



**H**orse shows and races, farms and stables, riding trails and campgrounds, museums dedicated to the horse, plus exhibits, experiences, artwork and more. Some might conclude that we're "ate up" with horses here in Kentucky — and they'd be right. Kentucky's horse heritage and culture are as deeply rooted as the seeds that sow the bluegrass and as elemental as the limestone that helps produce strong horses. In a word, it's everything.


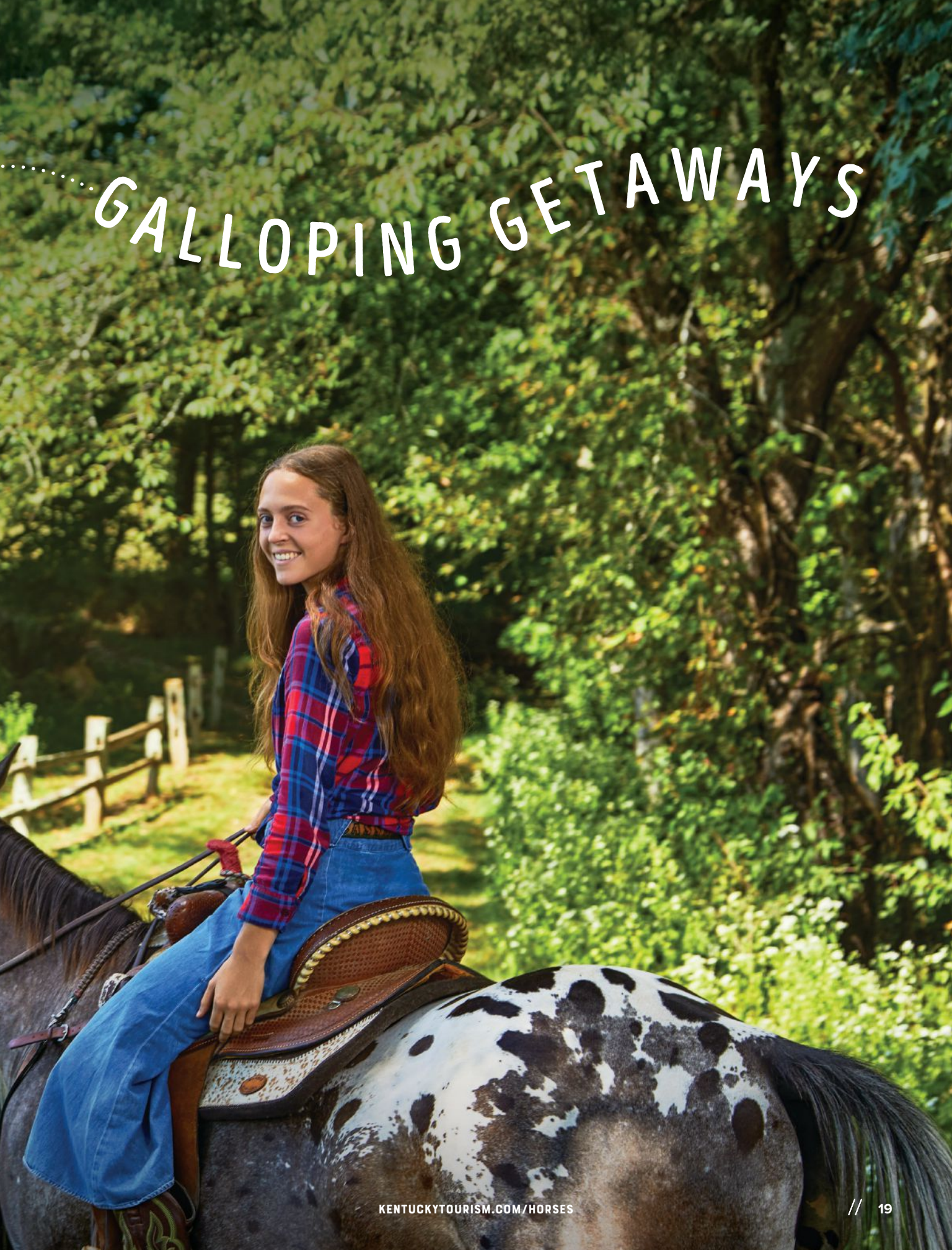


Photo: Taylorsville Lake State Park, Mt. Eden



# GALLOPING GETAWAYS

# The EQUINE STUDENT

## THE KENTUCKY ARTISAN CENTER AT BERA, Berea

The Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea is a showcase for the original works of over 850 artists, plus special exhibits and Kentucky cuisine served in the café. Among the treasures: horse-themed masterpieces in scratch board, oils and pastels, and sculpted in alabaster and bronze.

## ELLIS PARK RACING & GAMING, Henderson

With a 1.25-mile dirt track modeled after New York's Saratoga Race Course and a cheeky nickname (the Pea Patch) for the infield's past use as a soybean field, Ellis Park Racing & Gaming offers live summer thoroughbred racing and year-round simulcasting and gaming machines.

## SOUTH FORK CREEK AMISH AND MENNONITE COMMUNITY, Liberty

Hear the clip-clop of horses' hooves? Take a step back in time in the South Fork Creek Amish and Mennonite Community, with horse and buggies on the back roads, along with tack shops, bakeries, country markets, and garden, produce, furniture and antique stores.

## APPALACHIAN HORSE PROJECT, Jackson

Safari into the beautiful Appalachian Mountains along old coal haul roads on a two-to three-hour guided tour in search of herds of horses roaming free across yesteryear coal-mining land. Learn about area history and culture and how the Appalachian Horse Project cares for these horses.

## BALANCE DISTILLING COMPANY, Smiths Grove

Grab a chair at Balance Distilling Company and watch the horses cavort in the fields of this rustic small-farm distillery operating out of a barn and offering tastings, including Mammoth Cave Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey, a legacy brand originally created in 1869.

## CABLE'S RIDING STABLES, Zachariah

Experience the stunning beauty, rugged remoteness and unique geological formations of Natural Bridge State Park and Red River Gorge, with thousands of acres of pristine wilderness, on a 45- to 60-minute guided horseback tour with family-owned and -operated Cable's Riding Stables.

## KNOWLEDGE BAR & SOCIAL ROOM, Covington

Sip craft cocktails beneath a beautiful equestrian-themed ceiling mural in a bar named after a winning wager on a horse named Knowledge. North by Hotel Covington's Knowledge Bar & Social Room also pays tribute to Kentucky's horse-racing heritage through a salon-style montage of paintings and photographs.

## WRANGLERS CAMPGROUND, Golden Pond

A year-round hideaway for horse and rider, Wranglers Campground at Land Between the Lakes has all the amenities — 100 miles of scenic horse and wagon trails, camping sites, horse stalls and the Outpost for provisioning. Imagine yourself rustling up supper over the campfire.



Photo: Appalachian Horse Project, Jackson

# The HORSE LOVER



## **LOGAN HUBBLE MEMORIAL PARK,** Lancaster

Tucked in the 400-acre Logan Hubble Memorial Park and nature preserve is a campground with tie-outs for horses and corral-panel stalls, 10 miles of wooded trails and open fields for riding, and amenities including a lake and playgrounds.

## **WHISPER VALLEY TRAILS,** Beattyville

Guided rides on Whisper Valley Trails' rescue horses take horse lovers into the southern tip of Red River Gorge, with sandstone cliff faces rising up on both sides of the trail, past five waterfalls and across a creek.

## **CUMBERLAND FALLS STATE RESORT PARK STABLES,** Corbin

Find a gentle introduction to horseback riding at Cumberland Falls State Resort Park Horse Stables. Amble onto the trails and into the forest at Cumberland Falls State Resort Park on scenic, guided trail rides that are fun for both beginners and more experienced riders.

## **PIKE COUNTY HORSE TRAILS,** Lick Creek

Bring your horse to Pike County Horse Trails for a rugged ride deep into the mountains surrounding Pikeville, the site of the Hatfields and McCoys feud. You'll find miles of trails in a looped trail system, primitive camping and picnic areas.

## **WHISPERING WOODS RIDING STABLES,** Georgetown

Unleash your inner cowpoke on 250-plus acres of Kentucky backcountry, riding wooded trails over hills, along creeks and beneath leafy canopies, spotting turkey, fox and deer as you go. Whispering Woods Riding Stables has horses, plus a petting zoo, playground and tack shop.

## **DOUBLE J STABLES AND HORSEMAN'S CAMPGROUND,** Mammoth Cave

Saddle up at Double J Stables and Horseman's Campground, adjacent to Mammoth Cave National Park (and the only independently owned ranch authorized for horseback rides into the park), and access the 85-plus mile trail system from the stable's own trailhead. Guided trail rides are offered.

## **CIRCLE T RANCH,** Cerulean

Bordered by Pennyriple Forest State Resort Park, the family-owned and operated Circle T Ranch offers guided horseback rides year-round that are especially beautiful when the forested trails are set ablaze by the reds, oranges and yellows of fall.

## **HORSE COUNTRY,** Lexington

Get an insider's peek into Kentucky horse culture and the life of a thoroughbred on personalized and interactive tours to historical breeding farms, nurseries, racehorse adoption facilities, training and retraining centers, film locations and other venues with Horse Country tours.



Photos from top: Whispering Woods Riding Stables, Georgetown; Kentucky Horse Park, Lexington

# The MANE-EVENTER



## KEENELAND, Lexington

World-class live horseracing, spring and fall meets, beautiful and immaculate grounds, self-guided and guided tours, watching morning workouts, digging into a hearty breakfast at the iconic Track Kitchen, exclusive merch in the gift shop — Keeneland is all this and a National Historic Landmark.

## FARM TOUR CAPITAL OF KENTUCKY, Oldham County

In the Farm Tour Capital of Kentucky, experience the life of a racehorse through immersive tours of historical Hermitage Farm, Highpointe Training Farm, Second Stride Retired Horse Farm, TRF Sanctuary Farm at Chestnut Hall and Hallmark® film fave Windy Meadows Horse Farm.

## OWENSBORO RACING & GAMING, Owensboro

Pulse-pounding simulcast thoroughbred horse racing and hundreds of state-of-the-art historical racing machines, plus restaurants, bars and entertainment — find it all at the new Owensboro Racing & Gaming. Located less than 40 miles from Ellis Park, with rewards earned and used interchangeably.

## OLD FRIENDS, Georgetown

Step into the world of racing legends at Old Friends thoroughbred retirement farm. Walk alongside Kentucky Derby winners Silver Charm, Big Brown, I'll Have Another and other champions on one-of-a-kind, interactive tours, including an exclusive 90-minute private tour with founder Michael Blowen.

## KENTUCKY HORSE PARK, Lexington

An equine venue that has no equal in the world: Kentucky Horse Park is home to the comprehensive, interactive International Museum of the Horse, live horse shows, trolley tours, the Kids Barn, Stall-Side Chats, horseback and pony rides, a campground, cafés and gift shop.



Photos from top: Old Friends, Georgetown; Denali Stud, Paris

**MINT GAMING HALL  
AT KENTUCKY DOWNS, Franklin**

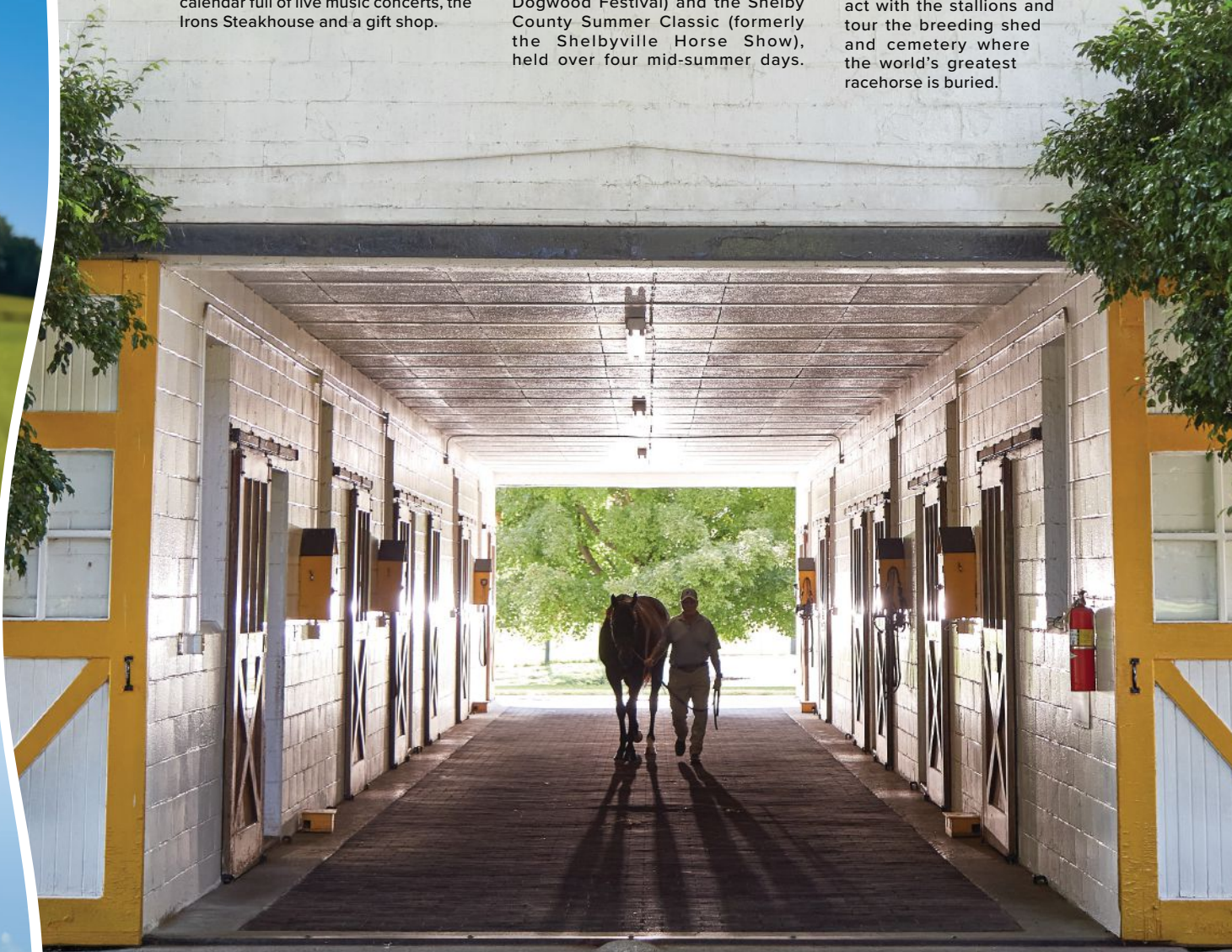
Enjoy live thoroughbred horse racing on America's only European-style (all turf), kidney-shaped racecourse at Kentucky Downs, which is also home to the Mint Gaming Hall, featuring more than 1,000 gaming machines, a calendar full of live music concerts, the Irons Steakhouse and a gift shop.

**AMERICAN SADDLEBRED CAPITAL  
OF THE WORLD, Shelbyville**

Witness the exquisite grace and athleticism of the American Saddlebred at Shelby County's Dogwood Classic Horse Show (held two weekends before the Kentucky Derby and overlapping Shelbyville's annual Dogwood Festival) and the Shelby County Summer Classic (formerly the Shelbyville Horse Show), held over four mid-summer days.

**CLAIBORNE FARM, Paris**

At Claiborne Farm — home of the legendary Secretariat — the guided walking and shuttle tour experiences go next level with the Private Stallion tour. Walk the grounds with friends and family, interact with the stallions and tour the breeding shed and cemetery where the world's greatest racehorse is buried.



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**THE KENTUCKY DERBY, Louisville**

Hats and horses, Twin Spires and traditions — and the Most Exciting Two Minutes in Sports®: The Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs. There's no other sporting event like it or the weeklong party leading up to it. Learn more at the Kentucky Derby Museum's immersive exhibits and tours.



# BOURBON

**B**ourbon, bourbon everywhere, and so many to sip, swirl and savor. Not surprising in a state where there are more barrels of bourbon than people. What is unexpected? The endless variety of ways to experience bourbon: on tours and trails, at distilleries and with master distillers, in restaurants and bars, at museums and hotels. We not only walk the bourbon talk, we eat, sleep and study bourbon, too — and invite you to join us in this spirited endeavor.

Photo: Wild Turkey Distillery Visitor Center, Lawrenceburg

# AND SPIRITS





# The APPRENTICE

## **RHYTHM RIVER DISTILLERY,** Henderson

The setting: the banks of the Ohio River. The atmosphere: cheerful, nostalgic, light-hearted. The experience: guided and self-guided tastings, tours and tailored experiences, specialty cocktails and music. The place? Rhythm River Distillery, with a visitor center, cocktail bar, tasting room, theater and gift shop.

## **CONSTITUTION,** Lexington

Stand before the bookshelves. Ring the bell. A hidden entrance swings open and you are transported back to the days of bootleggers and speakeasies. Constitution is not your granddad's bar but a Prohibition Era-style lounge offering an elevated, personalized experience with carefully crafted cocktails.

## **THE LAST REFUGE,** Louisville

It's revival time at The Last Refuge, tucked inside a historical church and pouring signature cocktails featuring Heaven's Door spirits and zero-proof mocktails like the St. Agrestis Phony Negroni. Munch on the Taste of Derby grazing board and the Unorthodox burger and enjoy soul-stirring live music on the patio.

## **WINE, WHISKEY & ALE TRAIL,** Bullitt County

Free live music at Wight-Meyer Vineyard & Winery during the growing season. A guided flight tasting and history experience at Four Roses Distillery & Visitors Center. Take a journey of discovery — and distinctive sensory experiences — along Bullitt County's Wine, Whiskey & Ale Trail.

## **TRAIL'S END TAVERN,** Slade

Enjoy a bourbon flight at the self-proclaimed "friendliest tavern in the Red River Gorge area." The Trail's End Tavern at Natural Bridge State Resort Park, located near the Natural Bridge Sky Lift, offers well over 100 different bourbons on the menu.

## **FRAZIER HISTORY MUSEUM,** Louisville

Among the bourbon adventures at the Frazier History Museum are a blind flight tasting, craft-your-own cocktail experiences and the Ready, Set, Go! Bourbon Experience, which includes first- and second-day museum admission and a 60-minute guided bourbon tasting in the rustic elegance of the Order of the Writ room.

## **THE B-LINE®,** Northern Kentucky

Get set for a bourbon adventure on The B-Line®, Northern Kentucky's self-guided bourbon tour comprising distilleries, bourbon bars and bourbon-centric restaurants. Discover speakeasies and vintage spirits in stunning settings, including historical buildings and spots overlooking the river and set amid a countryside backdrop.

## **THE RED BRICK INN,** Cadiz

A 200-year-old treasure of timeless elegance is the setting for the exceptional epicurean experience offered during seasonal Distiller Dinners at The Red Brick Inn. The former steamboat stop turned charming bed-and-breakfast inn partners with area distilleries to present this peerless pairing.

Photo: New Riff Distilling, Newport

# The AFICIONADO



Photos from top: Bulleit Distilling Co., Shelbyville; Dueling Grounds Distillery, Franklin

## **THE TRAIL HOTEL**, Bardstown

The world's first and only bourbon-centric hotel is a bourbon lover's wish granted. Among its many luxe amenities, The Trail Hotel has curated bourbon-themed suites, a restaurant flush with nostalgia and atmosphere, a speak-easy bar, a golf simulator lounge with a private bar and a team of Bourbon Butlers.

## **BULLEIT DISTILLING CO.**, Shelbyville

Sign up for the creative cocktailing happenings at Bulleit Distilling Co., with interactive classes to learn the fine art of custom crafting a smoked Old Fashioned, a summer-scented whiskey smash or a mint julep with herbs handpicked from the onsite greenhouse.

## **GENERAL GEORGE STILLHOUSE**, Falls of Rough

Built on forested countryside on land that George Washington bought in 1798, the General George Stillhouse produces bourbon, gin, vodka and wine under Founding Fox, a label that pays tribute to the first president by recalling his nickname, Old Fox.

## **PAULEY HOLLOW**, Forest Hills

At Pike County's first legal distillery, Pauley Hollow, taste Fuel of the Feud moonshine, made with local spring water drawn from the Randall McCoy Well. (Yes! That Randall — of Hatfield and McCoy fame). Sip Robert's Reserve, a smooth four-grain bourbon aged in Appalachian oak.

## **CLERMONT SUPPER CLUB**, Clermont

Join master distillers Fred and Freddie Noe at The Kitchen Table restaurant and taste the latest James B. Beam Distilling Co. releases during the Clermont Supper Club experience, elevated dining featuring Beam-inspired fare paired with a selection of the distillery's hand-crafted cocktails and bourbon pours.

## **REVIVAL VINTAGE BOTTLE SHOP**, Covington

Find a century of bourbon history, plus bourbon experts, a bourbon tasting menu and hard-to-find and rare bourbons and spirits at Revival Vintage Bottle Shop — the world's first vintage spirit bar and bottle shop and premier destination on The B-Line®.

## **DUELING GROUNDS DISTILLERY**, Franklin

The small, craft Dueling Grounds Distillery pairs guided tours and tasting experiences with stories of Kentucky's dueling history (Sam Houston being the most famous to fight a duel here). Sip double-pot-distilled Linkumpinch Bourbon or custom cocktails with pub snacks and signature pizzas.

## **PRESERVATION**, Bardstown

Tour Bardstown's smallest distillery, the family-owned Preservation, which pot-distills exceptional bourbons in micro batches, like Very Olde St. Nick, from its picturesque location in a former tobacco barn set amid rolling pastureland. Nelson County's first and only 100% pot-distilled producer is also Kentucky's first sustainability-focused distillery.



# *The* MASTER DISTILLER

## **OSCAR GETZ MUSEUM OF BOURBON HISTORY**, Bardstown

Get bourbon's backstory with a tour of the Oscar Getz Museum of Bourbon History, then enroll in a Master Series class at Bourbon Capital Academy at Spalding Hall. This deep dive into bourbon distilling is "taught" by the experts: Kentucky's master distillers.

## **WILDERNESS TRAIL DISTILLERY**, Danville

Be the scientist on the Bourbon Is a Solution tour at Wilderness Trail Distillery, a unique experience that puts you in the lab and at the microscope, testing a fermentation sample and working through quality-control steps en route to making bourbon. And of course, sampling too.



## **FARMER & FRENCHMAN WINERY & CAFÉ**, Robards

Choose the Haute Cuisine Seasonal Four Course Chef Experience or the less formal menu featuring hearty Italian and European-inspired family recipes for a private and personalized dinner for up to 14 guests in the stunning Wine Cellar at Farmer & Frenchman Winery & Café.

## **KENTUCKY ARTISAN DISTILLERY CLUBHOUSE EXPERIENCE**, Crestwood

A customized tasting glass, a list of the barrel picks and an array of barrels manned by distillers are what you'll find on a "self-guided, self-discovery" tasting experience with five different bourbons available for sampling straight from the barrel at the Kentucky Artisan Distillery Clubhouse Experience.

Photos from top: Woodford Reserve Distillery, Versailles; Farmer & Frenchman Winery & Cafe, Robards

**HEAVEN HILL BOURBON EXPERIENCE, Bardstown**

Forty-five minutes of pure bliss for your taste buds make up The Whiskey Connoisseur Tasting Experience at the Heaven Hill Bourbon Experience. Taste five bourbons and whiskeys from the distillery's award-winning portfolio, followed by a self-guided tour of the Heaven Hill Gallery and 1935 Distillery Theater.

**HARTFIELD & CO., Paris**

Join the team at Hartfield & Co. for a "Day as a Distiller," working in production, learning about the whiskey-making process and drinking some spirits on this one-of-a-kind adventure, which also includes a bottle of Hartfield & Co. bourbon, engraved barrel stave and branded T-shirt.

**THE OLD POGUE EXPERIENCE, Maysville**

Read up on the 1791 Whiskey Tax Act Rebellion in the Bourbon History Galleries at The Old Pogue Experience tasting room at the Kentucky Gateway Center. Then, savor an optional tasting of an original Kentucky bourbon — Old Pogue Master's Select.

**WOODFORD RESERVE, Versailles**

On this Woodford Reserve exclusive, join Master Distiller Emeritus Chris Morris and/or Master Distiller Elizabeth McCall for a two-hour, behind-the-scenes VIP Master Distiller Tour Experience that features a Family of Brands tasting and includes a limited-edition bottle.



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**BOURBON BOAT – THE OLD TAYLOR TOUR, Frankfort**

"The nation's only boat-based bourbon tour" and the Father of the Modern Bourbon Industry join forces for the four-hour Kentucky River Tours' Bourbon Boat – The Old Taylor Tour, featuring a history tour on the Kentucky River, tour and tasting at Buffalo Trace Distillery and barbecue lunch.



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# MUSIC

A photograph of a musician performing on stage at night. The musician is seen from the back, wearing a patterned t-shirt and light-colored jeans, with their arms raised in the air. They are holding a guitar. The stage is lit with blue and purple lights, and there are string lights visible in the background. The audience is blurred in the foreground.

In a land of large-scale, live-music festivals featuring headlining hitmakers (ROMP Festival in Owensboro, produced by the Bluegrass Music Hall of Fame & Museum in June; Summer Motion on Ashland's riverfront in July; Louder Than Life at Louisville's Highland Festival Grounds in September), it is obvious that Kentucky loves its music. The state's musical culture encompasses all genres on stages large, small, indoors and out, as well as its groundbreaking, world-famous musicians and the landmark sites dedicated to their legacies.

Photo: Jammin' At Jeptha, Shelbyville

# TUNES & TRADITIONS



**WOODSONGS OLD-TIME RADIO HOUR,**  
Lexington

Join a live audience in celebration of grassroots music and the artists who create it during folksinger Michael Johnathon's WoodSongs Old-Time Radio Hour, produced on Mondays throughout the year at the Lyric Theatre. (Tickets are available at the door on the night of the show.)

**BLUEGRASS HERITAGE MUSEUM,**  
Winchester

At the Bluegrass Heritage Museum, peek inside the world of musician, author and teacher Homer Ledford through his re-created workshop, filled with the tools and equipment the master instrument-maker used in crafting thousands of dulcimers, banjos and other musical instruments.

**MERLE TRAVIS BOYHOOD HOME AT PARADISE PARK,** Powderly

Merle Travis Boyhood Home at Paradise Park shares the story of a young musical prodigy who grew up to become a major influence in country, developing a distinctive style of thumb- and finger-picking — known as Travis picking — along the way.

**MOUNTAIN ARTS CENTER,** Prestonsburg

Hear bluegrass, rock, country and gospel music performed by marquee names like Tyler Childers, Zach Williams and the Tedeschi Trucks Band at the state-of-the-art Mountain Arts Center, a stop just off the U.S. 23 Country Music Highway. Home to Billie Jean Osborne's Kentucky Opry, the MAC also houses an art gallery.

**GRAYSON COUNTY BLUEGRASS OPRY,**  
Leitchfield

The Grayson County Bluegrass Opry hosts free bluegrass music shows at the Old Judicial Building on the third Friday evening of each month, featuring a variety of acts, like the Shrimp-N-Grits Bluegrass String Band of Owensboro and Rosine Sound of Ohio County.

**BLUEGRASS MUSIC HALL OF FAME & MUSEUM,** Owensboro

Experience the music behind the displays at the Bluegrass Music Hall of Fame & Museum through permanent and changing exhibits; audio guided tours; open bluegrass jams on Saturdays and Sundays; live music indoors and out; and priceless treasures, including Uncle Pen's fiddle and Pete Seeger's banjo.

**THE BILL MONROE MUSEUM,** Rosine

See Bill Monroe's mandolins, last Cadillac and fan-made mementos at his namesake museum. It's located across the street from the free-admission Rosine Barn Jamboree, which rocks live bluegrass music every Friday night from April to December and inspires impromptu jams. Sit inside or beneath the stars in your lawn chair.

**APPALACHIAN ARTISAN CENTER,**  
Hindman

Weave, make jewelry or pursue other crafts with workshops at the Appalachian Artisan Center, home of the Gallery Store filled with juried artworks by eastern Kentucky artists, the Appalachian School of Luthiery (musical instrument-making workshops) and the Troublesome Creek Stringed Instrument Company (factory tours).

# The BLUEGRASS BUFF



Photo: Bluegrass Music Hall of Fame & Museum, Owensboro

# The COUNTRY CONNOISSEUR



## **RENFRO VALLEY ENTERTAINMENT CENTER,** Mount Vernon

More than 85 years of classic country, southern gospel and mountain bluegrass music soars from the historical stages of Renfro Valley Entertainment Center, a sprawling destination complex with Music Valley RV Park and next-door neighbor Kentucky Music Hall of Fame & Museum, steward of Kentucky's music heritage.

## **FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH,** Franklin

A historical marker at the First United Methodist Church in downtown Franklin reads: "Country music icons Johnny Cash and June Carter were married here on March 1, 1968, one week after Cash proposed on stage in Ontario." Why Kentucky versus Nashville? No waiting period.

## **MUHLENBERG COUNTY MUSIC MUSEUM,** Central City

Among the musicians celebrated at the Muhlenberg County Music Museum — the Everly Brothers, John Prine and Merle Travis — is flutist Jim Walker, a local who performed in hundreds of Hollywood movies, including the solo in "Titanic." See scooters, hot rods and souped-up racecars under the same roof at the Kentucky Motorsports Hall of Fame.

## **COUNTRY MUSIC HIGHWAY CRAZY QUILT MURAL,** Ashland

The Beatles' iconic "Abbey Road" album cover gets a country music twist with superstars Wynonna Judd, Naomi Judd and Billy Ray Cyrus striking a pose beneath a sunbeam formed in part by the neck of a guitar in the Country Music Highway Crazy Quilt Mural.

## **JOEL RAY'S LINCOLN JAMBOREE,** Hodgenville

Jerry Lee Lewis, Skeeter Davis, Earl Scruggs — dozens of country music legends have graced the stage at Joel Ray's Lincoln Jamboree, Kentucky's longest-running live country-music show. Plus, you can enjoy homestyle cooking at "Kentucky's finest family-style restaurant."

## **COUNTRY MUSIC HERITAGE HALL,** Ashland

The Country Music Heritage Hall at Highlands Museum & Discovery Center honors a dozen local musicians — Billy Ray Cyrus among them — in a gallery filled with their stage costumes and personal memorabilia, like the red dress Naomi Judd wore for the 1988 American Country Music Awards.

## **LORETTA LYNN HOMEPLACE,** Van Lear

Grab a soda at Webb's Grocery, once a coal-mining camp store, where the Loretta Lynn Homeplace tour begins. In the family cabin, witness the humble beginnings that shaped a coal miner's daughter into the legendary first lady of country music.

## **U.S. 23 COUNTRY MUSIC HIGHWAY,** Staffordsville

Embark on an essential pilgrimage for country music fans: the U.S. 23 Country Music Highway Museum and the U.S. 23 Country Music Highway, which meanders through seven eastern counties and highlights a veritable gold mine of country music icons — The Judds, Keith Whitley, Crystal Gayle — and landmarks connected to them.



Photos from top: Master Musicians Festival, Somerset; Kentucky Music Hall of Fame & Museum, Mount Vernon

# The LIVE MUSIC FAN

## THE AMP AT LOG STILL DISTILLERY, New Haven

Live music rings through Bourbon Country, May through October, with a stellar lineup of nationally known artists at The Amp at Log Still Distillery — a 2,300-seat immersive experience offering distillery tours, a tasting room, a fishing lake and unique lodging.

## “THE STEPHEN FOSTER STORY,” Bardstown

Let the cast of Kentucky’s Official Outdoor Drama serenade you with “Beautiful Dreamer” and other timeless tunes penned by the Father of American Music during “The Stephen Foster Story,” a musical with twirling hoopskirts that features My Old Kentucky Home, aka Federal Hill, as its backdrop.

## THE NOOK, Danville

A cool gathering space with a chill vibe, The Nook is a live-music lounge that brings in outstanding musicians. Guests love the martini bar and free old-school arcade. From karaoke and comedy to mixology magic and ladies’ nights, something’s always happening.

## HISTORIC THOMAS HOUSE, Horse Cave

Country and bluegrass old-time jams happen every Thursday evening at the Historic Thomas House. And on the third weekend in September, two dozen country and bluegrass musicians crowd two stages nearby for the free Horse Cave Heritage Festival.



Photo: The Amp at Log Still Distillery, New Haven





**GATTON PARK, Lexington**

Enter the new multi-use Gatton Park on the Town Branch through a pedestrian tunnel and catch sight of the amphitheater, a gorgeous music venue surrounded by park amenities, including a landscaped plaza, recreation lawn, bike trail and accessible water playground.

**THE GROVE, Glasgow**

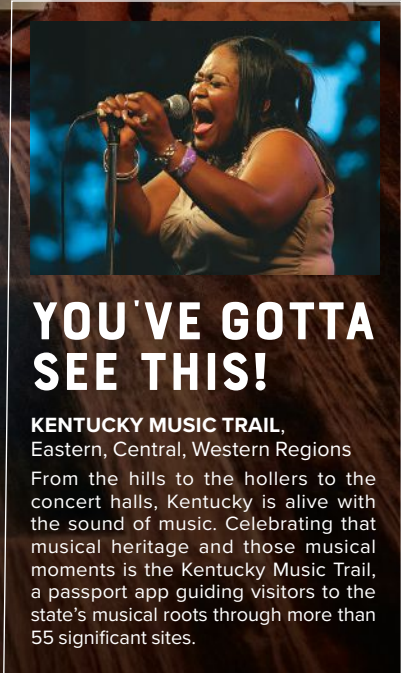
The only music venue in Kentucky with tree houses, The Grove is a happy place channeling woodland fairy vibes. From GRAMMY-winning fiddlers to rock tribute bands and everything in between, this wooded concert hall sets the stage for memorable open-air music experiences.

**THE PARAMOUNT, Ashland**

From a historical movie house showing talkies to a hometown film locale for Billy Ray Cyrus' "Achy Breaky Heart" video to a premier performing arts center, The Paramount presents Broadway musicals, concerts and comedy shows featuring nationally touring acts in an atmospheric 1930s theater setting.

**MEGACORP PAVILION, Newport**

One of the country's few indoor/outdoor facilities with state-of-the-art production capabilities among its many amenities, MegaCorp Pavilion is further elevated by superb skyline views. Expect marquee names and more than 180 shows annually, including a full summer lineup.



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**KENTUCKY MUSIC TRAIL, Eastern, Central, Western Regions**

From the hills to the hollers to the concert halls, Kentucky is alive with the sound of music. Celebrating that musical heritage and those musical moments is the Kentucky Music Trail, a passport app guiding visitors to the state's musical roots through more than 55 significant sites.

Photos from top: Bill Monroe Homeplace, Beaver Dam; W.C. Handy Blues & Barbecue Festival, Henderson

# CULTURE

**K**entucky's culture and heritage are layered, dynamic and diverse as the land itself, shaped by generations of storytellers, makers, musicians, dreamers and trailblazers, from a frontier president to the world's greatest heavyweight boxing champion. Its culture is melded with the mortar of museums, monuments and memorials that tell the story of indigenous roots, the Civil War, America's Sports Car and the most popular bat in baseball history. From cuisine and folk art to covered bridges, moonshine and quilts, tap into Kentucky's heritage with experiences through landmarks, workshops, tours and more.



Photo: National Corvette Museum, Bowling Green

# AND HERITAGE



# The MUSEUM HOPPER



## **BACKWOODS MOONSHINE MUSEUM**, Beattyville

Meet cast members Donnie Benton and Teresa Mays of Discovery Channel's "Moonshiners" series, Season 8, at their own tribute to Kentucky's moonshining glory days: the Backwoods Moonshine Museum. See moonshine stills, folk art and other artifacts at this official stop on Kentucky's Moonshine Trail.

## **GREEN RIVER MUSEUM**, Morgantown

The free-admission Green River Museum, perched high above Green River and overlooking Lock 4 at Woodbury, is the repository of historical photographs, manuscripts and other Butler County artifacts. Open on Saturdays, June–September, from 12–4 p.m.

## **MOREHEAD HISTORY & RAILROAD MUSEUM**, Morehead

Family fun awaits at the free-admission Morehead History & Railroad Museum, with complimentary guided tours to explore artifacts from historic railroads and the infamous Rowan County Feud. Among the highlights are model train displays, a miniature radio-controlled Belle of Louisville steamboat model and a working player piano.

## **SEEK MUSEUM**, Russellville

Look at the stories and struggles of slavery, emancipation and equality through the eyes of African American trailblazers, like journalist and civil rights activist Alice Allison Dunnigan, at the SEEK Museum. This complex of seven historical buildings is located in two National Register Districts, with exhibits and guided tours offered.

## **LINCOLN MUSEUM**, Hodgenville

Steps from Lincoln Square at the Lincoln Museum, colorful dioramas and an assemblage of memorabilia present Abraham Lincoln's life and times, from his early Kentucky years to the night of his assassination. The new Global Lincoln exhibit shares a glimpse into the 16th president's worldwide appeal.

## **MILL SPRINGS BATTLEFIELD NATIONAL MONUMENT**, Nancy Mills

Spings Battlefield National Monument offers driving/audio tours, guided battlefield walks, living history programs with artillery drill and firing demonstrations, and guided tours of the Brown-Lanier House — a home, hospital and headquarters before and after the Civil War occupied by both Confederate and Union generals.

## **LOUISVILLE SLUGGER MUSEUM**, Louisville

A factory tour and free souvenir mini bat. The Bat Vault with legendary players' bat models and a behind-the-scenes All-Star Experience. A batting cage and a bat hand-turning demonstration. And the world's largest baseball bat puncturing the skyline. You'll find all this and more at the Louisville Slugger Museum.

## **FLEMINGSBURG COUNTY COVERED BRIDGE MUSEUM**, Flemingsburg

In the Covered Bridge Capital of Kentucky, the free-admission Flemingsburg County Covered Bridge Museum preserves the history and romance of when more than 400 of these storied structures — also known as kissing bridges — marked the early to mid-1800s Kentucky landscape.

Photo: Louisville Slugger Museum, Louisville

# The SCHOLAR



Photos from top: Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historical Park, Hodgenville; Newport Aquarium, Newport

**MARY TODD LINCOLN HOUSE, Lexington**  
Learn about the woman who captured a future president's eye and heart at the Mary Todd Lincoln House through family portraits, memorabilia, including Mary's jewelry, and stories of a First Lady beset by tragedy and misunderstanding. Both self-guided tours and a guided afternoon tour are offered.

**KENTUCKY BLACK TRAILBLAZERS, Bourbon, Horses & History Region**

The Harlem Hellfighters recount their World War I experience. Jockey Oliver Lewis makes history as the Kentucky Derby's first winner. Follow Kentucky Black Trailblazers to 19 story stops as their individual triumphs and tribulations unfold in this powerful augmented reality experience.

**MUHAMMAD ALI CENTER, Louisville**

Discover what shaped a champion. Sit ringside at the Muhammad Ali Center and watch The Greatest "float like a butterfly, sting like a bee," explore interactive exhibits to contemplate his life and principles, and follow his journey to becoming a global icon.

**SANDFORD DUNCAN INN, Franklin**

Know the rules of the duel? Participate as a second in a duel reenactment on the site where several duels have taken place: the Sandford Duncan Inn, a former stagecoach stop built in 1819, where illustrious Texas politico Sam Houston once stayed.

**APPALACHIAN TRIANGLE OF KENTUCKY, Southeastern KY**

Customize your field guide and start exploring the Appalachian Triangle of Kentucky: murals and hidden-gem museums, Kentucky coal country heritage sites and mine tours, Civil War sites and local foodie delights, waterfalls and wildlands, zip lines and horseback rides, hiking trails and treetop walks.

**NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM, Bowling Green**

Check out lots of interactive experiences at the National Corvette Museum: designing a digital Corvette, testing out mock engine gears and electric circuits and getting behind the wheel of two Corvette racing simulators. At NCM Motorsports Park, race high-speed go-karts or drive a real Corvette on the professional 3.2-mile track.

**NEWPORT AQUARIUM, Newport**

Cross a rope bridge suspended over sharks at the Newport Aquarium. Go behind the scenes and the glass on a guided tour. Laugh at the antics of the penguins, pet a sea urchin and watch enchanting ethereal creatures float about in the newest exhibit, "Jellies: Go With the Flow."

**SHAKER VILLAGE OF PLEASANT HILL, Harrodsburg**

Abuzz with activity, Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill offers hands-on, interactive farm experiences, self-guided and staffed tours, talks and more — plus museum displays, seasonal exhibits and 30 miles of nature trails. Shop Shaker-made items, dine at The Trustees' Table and stay overnight in a historic Shaker building.

# The ARTS & CULTURE LOVER

## KENTUCKY FOLK ART CENTER, Morehead

Be enchanted by the massive 1,400-piece collection of self-taught art at the Kentucky Folk Art Center, which also displays collections of fine art, photography and textiles. The artwork is arrayed in the galleries of the historic Union Grocery building, which also boasts one of the best gift shops in the region.

## SPEED ART MUSEUM, Louisville

Spanning 6,000 years of “human creativity, culture and experiences” through its permanent collections, the Speed Art Museum offers free-admission Sundays, lectures, tours, workshops and other programming. The new, free Speed Art Sculpture Park is set in a garden of native plants and trees.

## VOMFASS, Crestview Hills

vomFASS presents a full calendar of culinary classes (including charcuterie boards and cocktail crafting), wine-glass painting and other artistic classes, customizable gift baskets and more in a gorgeous boutique setting. Kentucky bourbon is among the spirits, wines and gourmet oils offered in this shopper’s paradise.

## LEARNSHOPS, Berea

Glassblowing, mountain music, storytelling, ceramics, watercolor and more. Awaken your inner artist at a springtime LearnShops weekend workshop and create a masterpiece under the tutelage of expert artist instructors in the Folk Arts and Crafts Capital of Kentucky — including pyrography, the art of decorating gourds with burn marks.



## YOU’VE GOTTA SEE THIS!

### ABRAHAM LINCOLN BIRTHPLACE NATIONAL HISTORIC PARK AND BOYHOOD HOME, Hodgenville

Get to know young Abe through the monuments, ranger programs and guided tours at the birthplace of the 16th president of the United States, the country’s first memorial to Lincoln. Explore the place that prepared him to lead the nation through the Civil War.



Photos from top: National Quilt Museum, Paducah; Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historic Park and Boyhood Home, Hodgenville

**NATIONAL QUILT MUSEUM, Paducah**

Marvel at exquisite and extraordinary quilts at the National Quilt Museum — in fact, see some of the best quilts made since 1980 and in a variety of styles and techniques, inspiration and artistic voices. Rotating exhibitions, “meet the artist” events and workshops are also offered.

**SOUTHERN KENTUCKY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, Bowling Green**

Come to Southern Kentucky Performing Arts Center for Broadway performances, headlining comedians and country music acts like Wynonna Judd and Orchestra Kentucky’s monthly themed performances around musical genres. See hand-carved bird sculptures, plus other exhibits, in the rotating art gallery.



**OWENSBORO MUSEUM OF FINE ART, Owensboro**

A magnificent stained-glass collection, a gallery of treasures by artists including Pablo Picasso and Kentucky’s own Frank Duveneck, Appalachian folk art, an outdoor sculpture park and a fully equipped art studio to inspire children — find it all at the free-admission Owensboro Museum of Fine Art.

**SOUTH CENTRAL KENTUCKY CULTURAL CENTER, Glasgow**

Discover a charming hidden treasure at the free-admission South Central Kentucky Cultural Center — three floors of exhibitions chronicling life from early settlement to the 1960s: a full-sized log cabin, full-scale old-time general store, a 1950s replica kitchen, vintage vehicles, an antique telephone switchboard and so much more.



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# FESTIVALS & EVENTS



Barrels of fine Kentucky bourbon, kegs of locally brewed beer, a ginormous skillet sizzling up thousands of pieces of chicken. Festival-goers twinning with Colonel Sanders and Abraham Lincoln — on Main Street and on riverbanks, in historical downtowns and in the rural countryside. From one day to a full week. And so many fairs and festivals free. All ages, all welcome. Kentucky knows how to festival.



## **Somernites Cruise**, Somerset (April–October):

Headlined by the Saturday Show & Shine with muscle, custom and classic cars, these free-admission events in the Car Cruise Capital of Kentucky are all about fun, food, fellowship and fab cars.

## **Old Mulkey Knap-In & Artifact Show**, Tompkinsville:

Bring a lawn chair and watch primitive-skill practitioners demonstrate their craft and artistry in making arrowheads, marbles, baskets and more. Bring your own artifacts to display.

## MAY

### **BBQ & Barrels**, Owensboro:

Two tastes delicious on their own and even better together — bourbon and barbecue. Add live bluegrass for one over-the-top celebration of Kentucky traditions.

### **The Great American Brass Band**, Danville:

Three days featuring legendary horn players and nonstop music, including wind bands, brass bands, jazz bands, mariachi and New Orleans-style brass bands.

### **Sleeping in the Woods Festival**, Monticello:

Three days in celebration of songwriting at Lake Cumberland's Hidden Ridge Camping.

### **Kentucky Highland Renaissance Festival**, Eminence (Late May–July):

Eight weekends. Additional experiences held in September (Celtic Festival & Highland Games) and November (Fenrir Viking Festival). All events take place at the Kentucky Renaissance Fair.

### **Railbird Festival**, Lexington (May/June):

Two days, three stages, world-class artists like Lainey Wilson, Luke Grimes and Jelly Roll — all steeped in seriously curated bourbon experiences.

## JUNE

### **Beattyville Bourbon & Moonshine Festival**, Beattyville:

Bourbon and moonshine cocktail tastings, moonshiners' country games, festival grub and live music.

### **Wally Parks NHRA Nostalgia Nationals**, Bowling Green:

Held at Beech Bend Raceway, this three-day festival revs with nostalgic drag racing, the Show 'N Shine Car Show, Cacklefest (celebrating dragsters' glory days), vendors, the Swap Meet and more.

### **Laurel Cove Music Festival**, Pineville:

Live music performed in a shady mountain holler at the 1,400-seat Laurel Cove Amphitheater against a rock-cliff backdrop in Pine Mountain State Resort Park.

### **Maysville Uncorked Wine and Art Festival**, Maysville:

A summer Salut! to regional wineries, with some beer and bourbon thrown in for fun, on brick-lined Market Street.

### **NKY Pride Parade and Festival**, Covington:

"Y'all means all" at this celebration of the LGBTQ+ community in MainStrasse Village, with local performers, 100-plus vendors and family-friendly activities.

## APRIL

### **Tater Day**, Benton:

In celebration of the spud — a parade, carnival rides, a flea market, a classic car show, a demolition derby and fireworks.

### **AQS Quilt Week**, Paducah:

It's all about the quilt with workshops, lectures, special events and tours.

### **Hillbilly Days**, Pikeville:

Live music, clogging and square dancing, a parade and carnival, the Hillbilly Car Show and Kin Calling Contest and even pickers garbed in wild hillbilly outfits.

### **Mountain Mushroom Festival**, Irvine:

Free family fun includes live performances, morel-cooking demonstrations, pie throwing, a quilt show, the Grand Ole Parade and Agate, Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show.

### **Bluegrass, Brew & BBQ Festival**, Grand Rivers:

A full-blown hootenanny with outstanding bluegrass bands, local breweries, a winery and a distillery, plus lots of barbecue.

### **Kentucky Derby Festival**, Louisville (April/May):

Hang onto your hats at Thunder Over Louisville, Great BalloonFest, Pegasus® Parade, WineFest, the Great Steamboat Race — and those are just a few of the highlights leading up to the big race.

Photos from top: St. James Court Art Show, Louisville; Kentucky Bourbon Festival, Bardstown

## JULY

### **Twin Lakes National Fiddler Contest**, Leitchfield:

Lots of prize money at stake for this contest held on the town square and in conjunction with the Leitchfield Fiddling Festival.

### **Glier's Goettafest**, Covington (July/Aug):

Two weekends of live music, family fun and lots of goetta. Taste why the locals love this spicy German breakfast sausage so much.

### **Master Musicians Festival**, Somerset:

Musicians of every stripe — country, blues, bluegrass, newgrass, Celtic, jazz, rock and roll, and more — gather with songwriters for two days of outdoor concerts.

### **Freedom Fest**, Murray:

A homegrown weekend celebration charged with patriotic spirit and filled with family fun, from the parade to fireworks.

### **Balloons & Tunes**, Falmouth:

Live music plus hot-air balloons taking to the sky equals an amazing evening, one with tethered balloon rides, food trucks and watching hot-air balloon pilots set up and ignite their balloons.

## AUGUST

### **NIBROC Festival**, Corbin:

A variety of entertainment, contests and games for children, crafts, food and activity booths, plus a parade and carnival over three full days.

### **Bluegrass in the Park Folklife Festival**, Henderson:

Famous for outstanding bluegrass music, plus folklife exhibits, kids' activities and more in a park overlooking the Ohio River.

### **Manchester Music Fest**, Manchester:

Free admission, cold beer, a variety of food and non-stop music.

### **Maysville Oktoberfest**, Maysville:

Break out the lederhosen! Everything German: traditional music and folk dancing, beer, cuisine, wines and schnapps.

### **Summer Vibes Music Festival**, Franklin:

Headlining musicians, a beer garden, food trucks, merch and more.

### **Lake Cumberland Raft Up**, Monticello:

Go big or go ... you know the drill. Suit up and help break their world record for the world's largest boat raft-up.

## SEPTEMBER

### **Best of the Bluegrass**, Georgetown:

Three days of headlining musicians, a parade, arts and crafts, a craft-beer garden, festival foods, family activities and bourbon in celebration of Georgetown as the Birthplace of Bourbon.

### **The Black Gold Festival**, Hazard:

Kentucky's second-largest festival features the Black Gold Bike Show, Road Hazards Extreme Team Stunt Show, Black Diamond Street Rod Show, antique appraisals and more.

### **Kentucky Bourbon Festival**, Bardstown:

60+ distillers, 200+ brands and expressions, exclusive single-barrel selections, the chance to meet Master Distillers, workshops, panel discussions, a bourbon marketplace and more.

### **Jerusalem Ridge Bluegrass Festival**, Beaver Dam:

Held at the Bill Monroe Homeplace, this four-day festival rocks with over 20 bands playing bluegrass music on stage atop the actual Jerusalem Ridge.

### **Cave Run Storytelling Festival**, Rowan County:

A magical weekend with enchanting tales spun along the banks of the lake, featuring world-renowned storytellers, food and family activities.

### **Banana Festival**, Fulton:

Bring your spoon — it's the world's largest banana pudding in the Banana Capital of the World, plus music, a parade, kids' activities, a car show, food and crafts.

### **Bourbon and Beyond**, Louisville:

The World's Largest Bourbon, Food & Music Festival. Enough said.

### **World Chicken Festival**, London:

The world's largest stainless steel skillet, Colonel Sanders look-alike ambassadors, the 84 Lumber Chicken Invasion and plenty of music, family fun and chicken.

## OCTOBER

### **Halloween/Fall Festival**, Cynthiana:

Halloweentown, Kentucky. Kentucky's spookiest town and one of the country's top fall destinations hosts a monthlong Halloween and fall festival, kicking off with Witches Day Out and including ghost walks, haunted houses, headstone tours and more.

### **Greenup Old Fashion Days**, Greenup:

Get immersed in the beauty of fall decorations, nonstop music on multiple stages, delicious food, artisans and craft vendors, and free children's fun.

### **Logan County Tobacco & Heritage Festival**, Russellville:

Tobacco-judging contest and reenactment of the 1868 Jesse James robbery, plus fan favorites like the Festival Queen's Pageant and historical walking and cemetery tours.

### **Legends of Bourbon County Festival**, Paris:

Celebrates the history, culture and legacy of Bourbon County's thoroughbred industry with a variety of activities, live entertainment, educational events, farm tours and more.

### **Lincoln Days**, Hodgenville:

Lincoln look-alikes, pioneer games, a parade, 5k and 10k Railsplitter Runs, an art show, a classic car show and more.

### **Millstone Festival**, Richmond:

Voted "Richmond's Best Annual Event," with music, food and crafts booths.

## NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

### **Christmas at Kentucky Kingdom**, Louisville:

It's a holly jolly holiday with 1.5 million lights, hundreds of trimmed Christmas trees and the largest snow-tubing hill in Kentucky.

### **Christmas in London**, London:

One of Kentucky's most Christmassy towns pulls out the holiday stops for an utterly magical season: Christmas markets, ice-skating and holiday events.

### **Mistletoe Art Stroll**, Madisonville:

Christmas-tree lighting, caroling and street performers round out an evening of downtown strolling and shopping artisan-made goods and local business specials.

### **Southern Lights**, Lexington:

Three miles and over a million twinkling lights outline holiday vignettes at Kentucky Horse Park, plus Holiday Village, model trains and photos with Santa.

### **Christmas Jubilee and Parade**, Sandy Hook:

Have yourself a merry little Christmas at this hometown holiday celebration that includes live music, a parade, pictures with Santa and a petting zoo.

### **Paramount Arts Center Festival of Trees**, Ashland:

A spectacle of lavishly trimmed trees, model trains, homemade crafts and vintage treasures, the Candy Cane Café, and more: It's Ashland's annual 10-day holiday extravaganza.



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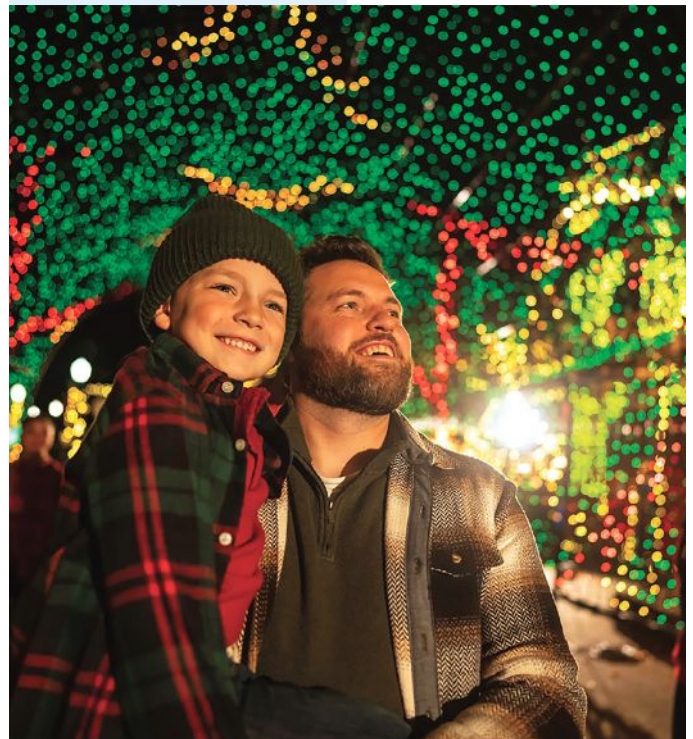


Photo: Christmas at Kentucky Kingdom, Louisville



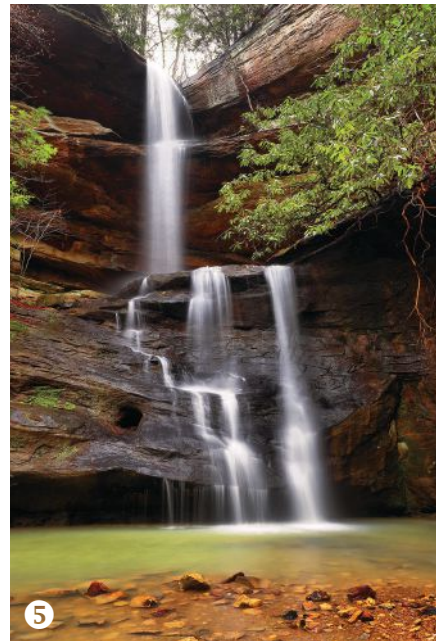
DANIEL BOONE COUNTRY

# DANIEL BOONE COUNTRY

**A**dventure as big as the great outdoors is found in this region named for the frontier explorer who helped pave the way to the American West: the ruggedly beautiful Red River Gorge Geological Area; Natural Bridge, among Kentucky's thousands of natural sandstone arches; the Niagara of the South at Cumberland Falls; and Daniel Boone National Forest. See Kentucky from top to bottom — from its highest peak at Black Mountain to one of its lowest at Portal 31 Coal Mine.



Photo: Southeast Mountain Guides, Campton



1 Natural Bridge State Resort Park, Slade 2 McKee Trail Town 3 Downtown Harlan 4 Red Haven Farm, Irvine  
5 Horseshoe Falls, Rogers 6 Stand-up paddleboarding, Livingston 7 Cumberland Falls State Resort Park, Corbin



## BEST-KEPT LOCAL SECRETS

### **FORT MCCOOK TRAIL AT CUMBERLAND GAP NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE, Middlesboro**

Soldiers from North and South both walked what's now the Fort McCook Trail at Cumberland Gap National Historic Site, today a 1.5-mile out-and-back trail connecting the Civil War earthwork to the Pinnacle Overlook boardwalk.

### **POKE SALLET FESTIVAL, Harlan**

June's Poke Sallet Festival kicks off summer with three days of nationally touring musical acts, a classic car show, a pet show, food booths, a carnival and other kid-size fun in downtown Harlan, where Petunia the Opossum hangs by her tail in a mural.

### **PINBALL MUSEUM OF CORBIN, Corbin**

Take a nostalgic trip through the family-friendly Pinball Museum of Corbin, filled with dozens and dozens of working machines from 1969 to 2022, featuring games from "Doctor Who" to "Guardians of the Galaxy," plus classic video games. Magic Cube, anyone?

### **BATTLE OF LEATHERWOOD CIVIL WAR REENACTMENT, Hazard**

A chapter of Kentucky history marches to life during October's annual Battle of Leatherwood Civil War Reenactment, when participants in historically accurate period attire recreate that fateful day in 1862 when Union and Confederate armies skirmished over a saltworks.

### **PALACE ENTERTAINMENT CENTER, London**

The arcade lights aren't all that mesmerize at the Palace Entertainment Center. Tame, train and fight dinosaurs in the holographic theater, bringing creatures to life through augmented-reality visors. Laser tag, go-karting, bowling, a golf simulator and an escape room, too.

### **GOOSE CREEK RIVER, Manchester**

Revel in nature's hush in this mountain town, paddling Goose Creek River. With both shallow and deeper pools, the river flows through 30 miles of picturesque scenery. Be on the lookout for one of the county's many swinging bridges suspended over the creek.

Photo: Joe Ponder Hollow Double Falls in Muir Valley, Rogers



**DOWNTOWN BARBOURVILLE,**  
Barbourville

Brick-paved streets and beautiful murals — historical downtown Barbourville is a charmer, cozied up by Court Square’s shops, The Ugly Mug Coffee House and Redbud Quilters’ Garden, a quiet corner blossoming with a colorful display of framed quilt blocks.

**LILLEY CORNETT WOODS,**  
Letcher County

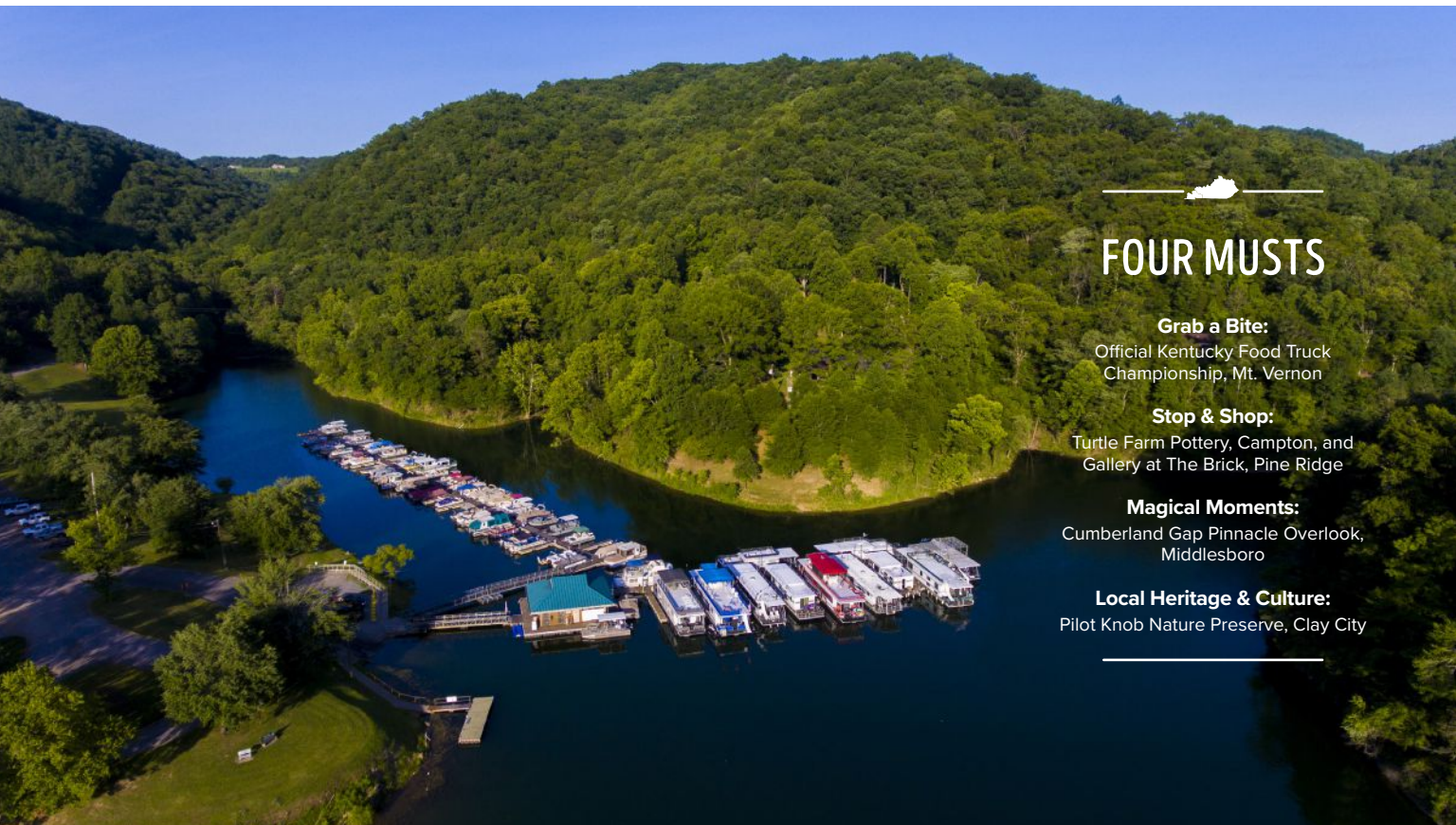
Hikers are ushered into Lilley Cornett Woods, an old-growth forest with extraordinary biodiversity, by guided tour only. Arrange a two- or four-hour tour to see this wildland sheltering hundreds of species of flowering plants and breeding pairs of birds.

**SNUG HOLLOW FARM  
BED & BREAKFAST,** Irvine

Walking trails, wildflowers, breathtaking scenery and unspoiled beauty, with an ever-changing landscape that always lets Mother Nature shine, Snug Hollow Farm Bed & Breakfast is an Appalachian Mountain getaway with gourmet dinner delivered to your cabin door.

**KENTUCKY COAL MUSEUM,**  
Benham

Mining tools, a coal-camp hospital and school, a look into the lives of coal miners, their families and even the Coal Miner’s Daughter, Loretta Lynn — the Kentucky Coal Museum, located in a former coal-camp town, has four levels of exhibits.




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**FOUR MUSTS**

**Grab a Bite:**

Official Kentucky Food Truck Championship, Mt. Vernon

**Stop & Shop:**

Turtle Farm Pottery, Campton, and Gallery at The Brick, Pine Ridge

**Magical Moments:**

Cumberland Gap Pinnacle Overlook, Middlesboro

**Local Heritage & Culture:**

Pilot Knob Nature Preserve, Clay City

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Photos from top: Kentucky Coal Mining Museum, Benham; Buckhorn Lake State Resort Park, Buckhorn



# DANIEL BOONE COUNTRY



Photo: Kingdom Come State Park, Cumberland

## TRAVEL RESOURCES

# 👉 NATURE WAS HERE A SERIES OF WONDERS, AND A FUND OF DELIGHT. 👈

Daniel Boone,  
Frontiersman & Kentucky Settler

## REGIONAL ROAD TRIPS

1 **Bledsoe:** Learn about traditional folkways, connect to the region's natural and cultural heritage and take home skills that have kept Appalachia alive through classes in the mountain arts — everything from carving wooden spoons to blacksmithing — through **Pine Mountain Settlement School's "Pass It On Pine Mountain" Series**.

2 **Sassafras:** Afterward, head to **Carr Creek State Park**, a gorgeous, forested setting in the mountains of eastern Kentucky, with boating, fishing, wildlife and history dating back to the pioneers of the 1770s. Camp, build sandcastles on the beach, swim in the lake and reconnect with the family.

3 **Powell County:** Then, head for **Red River Gorge Scenic Byway**. Hike one of many trails along the Scenic Loop with its overlooks, stone arches and striking rock formations, or simply soak in the views — breathtaking year-round, but especially so when autumn's seasonal splendor comes to life.

4 **Jackson County:** Continue with a hike, picnic and search for a waterfall. Tumbling into an irresistible deep pool, **Flat Lick Falls** within **Daniel Boone National Forest** is made even grander by the spectacular scenery of the **Flat Lick Falls Scenic and Recreation Area**.

5 **London:** Less than an hour's drive brings you to **Levi Jackson Wilderness Road Park**. Here, families will find so much to love, including the woodland campground, a treetop canopy tour, a swimming pool, mini golf, the **Mountain Life Museum** and gift shop and **McHargue's Mill**, a reproduction working watermill on the banks of the Little Laurel River.

6 **Laurel County:** Last on the agenda: **Laurel River Lake** with hidden coves and cliff-lined shores. Go scuba diving or swimming in its deep, crystal-clear waters. After working up an appetite, crunch into some secret-recipe KFC at the **Sanders Café and Museum** and pose for a selfie with charming depictions of the Colonel.

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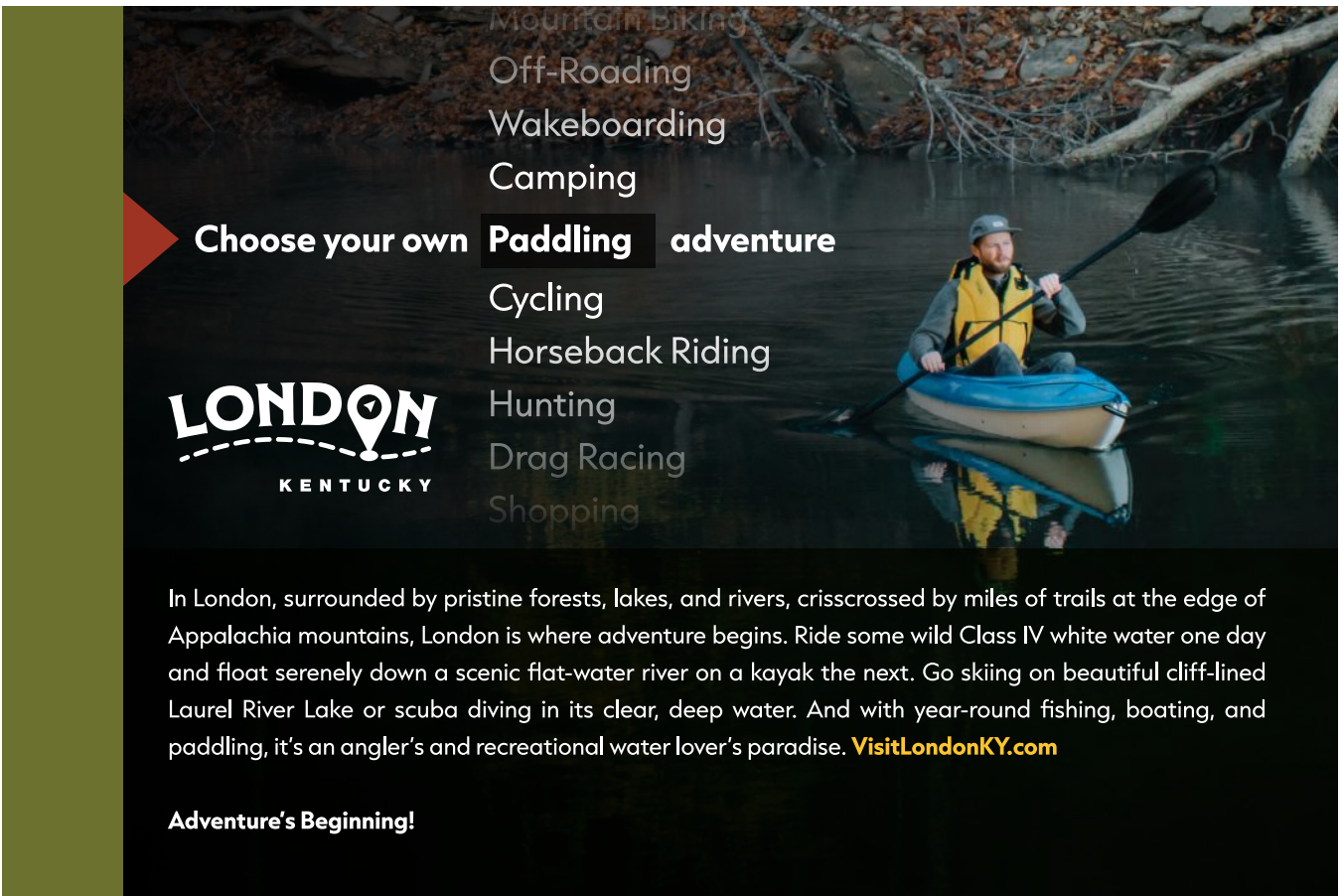


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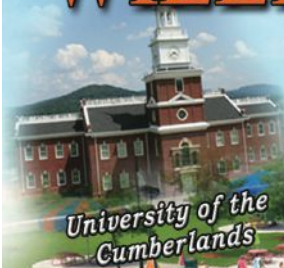


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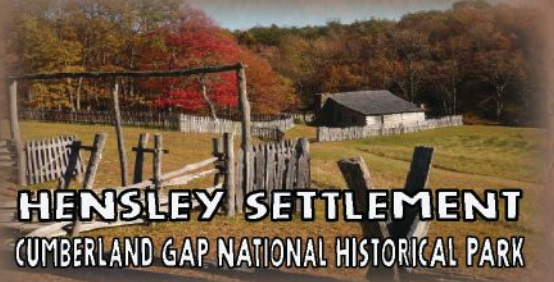
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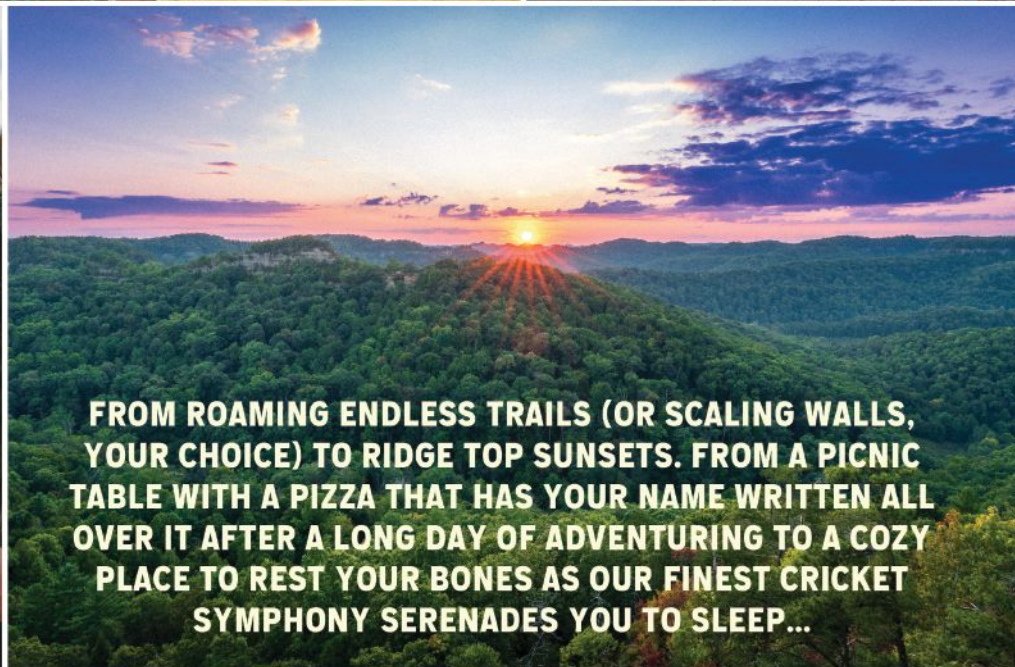
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Photo: Carter Caves State Resort Park, Olive Hill



1 The Highlands Museum & Discovery Center, Ashland 2 Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, Prestonsburg 3 Aurora Borealis Bear (by artist Michelle Weston), Pikeville  
4 Marina on Cave Run Lake, Morehead 5 Greenbo Lake State Resort Park, Greenup 6 The Design Center, Mt. Sterling 7 Sawstone Brewing Co., Morehead



## BEST-KEPT LOCAL SECRETS

### **ELLIOTT COUNTY KAYAKING,** Elliott County

Launch points near Laurel Gorge Cultural Heritage Center take kayakers through gently flowing waters on the Little Sandy River and into Grayson Lake, scenic with rocky outcrops and cliffs and, at the latter, hidden coves and Grotto Falls. Excellent fishing, too.

### **BENNETT'S MILL COVERED BRIDGE,** South Shore

Take a country drive over Bennett's Mill Covered Bridge. Built in 1855, the wooden bridge is the oldest and longest single-span covered bridge in the world still open to traffic.

### **SILVER RUN RANCH ALPACAS,** Catlettsburg

Tour Silver Run Ranch Alpacas, where shearing, spinning, dyeing, weaving — everything — is done by hand to produce serapes, scarves, ponchos, pashminas and showstopper Colonial Wedding Blankets woven in the old Appalachian tradition, from silky-soft alpaca fiber.

### **SHELTOWEE TRACE NATIONAL RECREATION TRAIL,** Morehead

Shop while hiking the Sheltoewee Trace National Recreation Trail right in downtown Morehead. That's right: The trail named after Daniel Boone runs along Main Street before heading down the length of the Daniel Boone National Forest.

### **SAVAGE FARMS,** Louisa

Love sweet fruit wines? Savage Farms, located at the end of a leisurely country drive, crafts apple, blueberry, raspberry, peach and more delicious fruit wines. Come for a tour and tasting, to browse the country store or for an event featuring local crafts and food vendors.

**MT. STERLING COURT DAYS,** Mt. Sterling  
Begun in the late 1700s, this is Kentucky's oldest outdoor festival. Enjoy arts and crafts, food and entertainment as you shop for antiques, one-of-a-kind goods and more.

Photo: Cave Run Lake, Morehead



**GATEWAY REGIONAL ARTS CENTER,**  
Mt. Sterling

More than just an arts center, this regional arts hub presents an array of creative and cultural programming: exhibits featuring internationally renowned artists, Broadway-caliber live performances and arts opportunities in dance, music, theater, visual arts, foodways, literary arts and digital arts.

**THE EAST KENTUCKY SCIENCE CENTER AND VARIA PLANETARIUM,**  
Prestonsburg

Get immersed in a starry, starry sky via a 40-foot dome with state-of-the-art projectors at this planetarium located on Big Sandy Community and Technical College's campus. Guests will discover exhibit halls with hands-on activities and laser-light music shows, too.

**HILLBILLY TRAILS,** Pike County

Calling all adrenaline junkies: Bring your ATVs, UTVs, Jeeps, dirt bikes and bicycles to the Hillbilly Trails for rugged rides ranging from easy to extreme and offering sweeping views of the Pine and Appalachian Mountains.

**YATESVILLE LAKE STATE PARK,**  
Louisa

There's a whole lot to write home about at Yatesville Lake State Park: scenic boat-in and hike-in lakeside camping; boat rentals; an accessible fishing jetty and lagoon at Yatesville Marina; an 18-hole golf course with mountain views; hiking, including an accessible nature trail; birding; and eagle viewing.



**FOUR MUSTS**

**Grab a Bite:**

The Mill AKY, Ashland

**Stop & Shop:**

Treasures on Main, Paintsville

**Magical Moments:**

Elliott County Fiddler's Convention,  
July, Sandy Hook

**Local Heritage & Culture:**

School Bus Bridge on  
Prestonsburg Passage  
Rail Trail, Prestonsburg

Photos from top: Loretta Lynn's Homeplace, Van Lear; Prestonsburg Passage Rail Trail, Prestonsburg



	National Parks		State Historic Sites
	State Resort Parks		State Recreational Parks

Photo: Dawkins Line Rail Trail, Swamp Branch

# TRAVEL RESOURCES

## “ IN THE MOUNTAINS, STORYTELLING IS TRULY AN ART FORM. ”

Maxine Cheshire,  
American Journalist & Kentuckian

### REGIONAL ROAD TRIPS

**1 Mt. Sterling:** Catch first-run flicks at **Judy Drive-In**, Kentucky's only twin drive-in. The perfect snack for a retro evening? Try Blue Monday candy bars, invented by Ruth Hunt nearly a century ago. Head to the **Ruth Hunt Candy Factory** for this sweet treat with a pulled cream candy center.

**2 Morehead:** The next morning, pack sunscreen for boating, swimming, tubing and fishing on **Cave Run Lake**. The Musky Capital of the South is picturesque, with a shoreline as far as the eye can see. Pack binoculars for the **Minor E. Clark Fish Hatchery**, one of the country's largest warm-water fish hatcheries and a birder's paradise. Then, choose the perfect campsite at **Twin Knobs Campground and Recreation Area**, which features a campground store, a sandy swimming beach, scenic trails and more.

**3 Sandy Hook:** Next, explore exhibits on Native American artifacts, birds of Kentucky and country and bluegrass singer/songwriter Keith Whitley at the **Laurel Gorge Cultural Heritage Center**. The center is home base for crafts workshops, like quilting, and for outdoor fun, like picnicking, hiking nature trails and kayaking **Grayson Lake**.

**4 Staffordsville:** That afternoon, learn how early farm life was lived at the **Mountain HomePlace**. See historical structures, including the old Fish Trap United Baptist Church and the McKenzie double-pen family cabin. Watch interpreters in period dress bustling about and completing chores. Plus, you'll find demonstrations, live concerts, a video about early Appalachian settlers and a gift shop with Appalachian-crafted items.

**5 Prestonsburg:** Overnight at **Jenny Wiley State Resort Park**, where scrapbook-worthy vacations happen: boating and fishing, mountain biking, elk-viewing tours, exploring the nature center, and swapping memories over fried catfish and bourbon.

**6 Pikeville/Pike County:** The following morning, swing by the **Pikeville/Pike County Welcome Center** to pick up an audio CD or USB with music/narration for the self-guided **Hatfields & McCoys Feud Historic Driving Tour**. Visit **Randolph McCoy's Homeplace and Well**. Pay your respects at the feudists' gravesites. Dine in the historical building at **Chirico's Ristorante**, where Randolph and Sarah McCoy once slept.

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[visitelliottcounty.com](http://visitelliottcounty.com)

#### Frenchburg/Menifee County

606-768-9000, [frenchburgky.com](http://frenchburgky.com)

#### Grayson

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#### Greenup County

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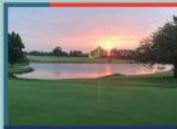
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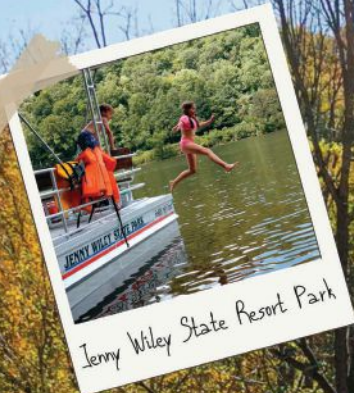




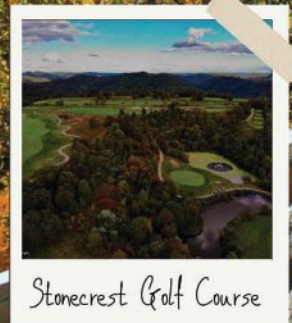
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① Verona Vineyards, Verona ② Charles Young Birthplace Cabin, May's Lick ③ Rabbit Hash General Store, Rabbit Hash ④ Dinsmore Homestead, Burlington  
⑤ EarthJoy TreeHouse Adventures, Brooksville ⑥ Kincaid Lake State Park, Falmouth ⑦ Ark Encounter, Williamstown



## BEST-KEPT LOCAL SECRETS

### DINSMORE HOMESTEAD, Burlington

Come to 1840s Kentucky at the Dinsmore Homestead, a time capsule of frontier farm life. Tour the home, which looks as though its occupants just stepped out for a moment, to see personal effects and original artifacts before exploring outbuildings and the family graveyard.

### THE LODGES AT EDEN RESERVE, Williamstown

Wooded acres and winding trails, a fishing pond and fresh-air fun in the countryside: The Lodges at Eden Reserve comprises boutique cabins and heated safari tents in a rural setting less than a mile away from the Ark Encounter and its life-size Noah's Ark.

### VENT HAVEN, Fort Mitchell

Meet Charlie McCarthy, Mortimer Snerd, Lamb Chop and others on 60- to 90-minute guided tours at Vent Haven. The world's only museum dedicated to ventriloquism features a world-class collection of dummies dating back to the 19th century. Tours are available by appointment.

### KAYE SAVAGE BROWNING MINIATURE COLLECTION, Maysville

Tiny necklaces encrusted with real gems and crystals. An exquisitely sculpted ballerina from "Black Swan." These are just a couple of highlights of more than 15,000 artisan-made pieces in one-twelfth scale that fill the Palladian-style gallery of the Kaye Savage Browning Miniature Collection at Kentucky Gateway Museum Center.

### PENDLETON COUNTY FARM ADVENTURES, Pendleton County

Join the annual Pendleton County Farm Tour in July; experience December's Mistletoe & Farm Markets-Holiday Farm Trail; or craft your own experience (with advance notice) of seven farms to explore, including a winery as well as livestock, herb and produce farms.

### SWINGTIME BY THE RIVER, Augusta

Spread a picnic along Riverside Drive and watch the sun slip into the Ohio River during September's magical Swingtime By the River, featuring live big-band music, dancing, food and spirits booths, and people watching — some garbed in vintage attire.

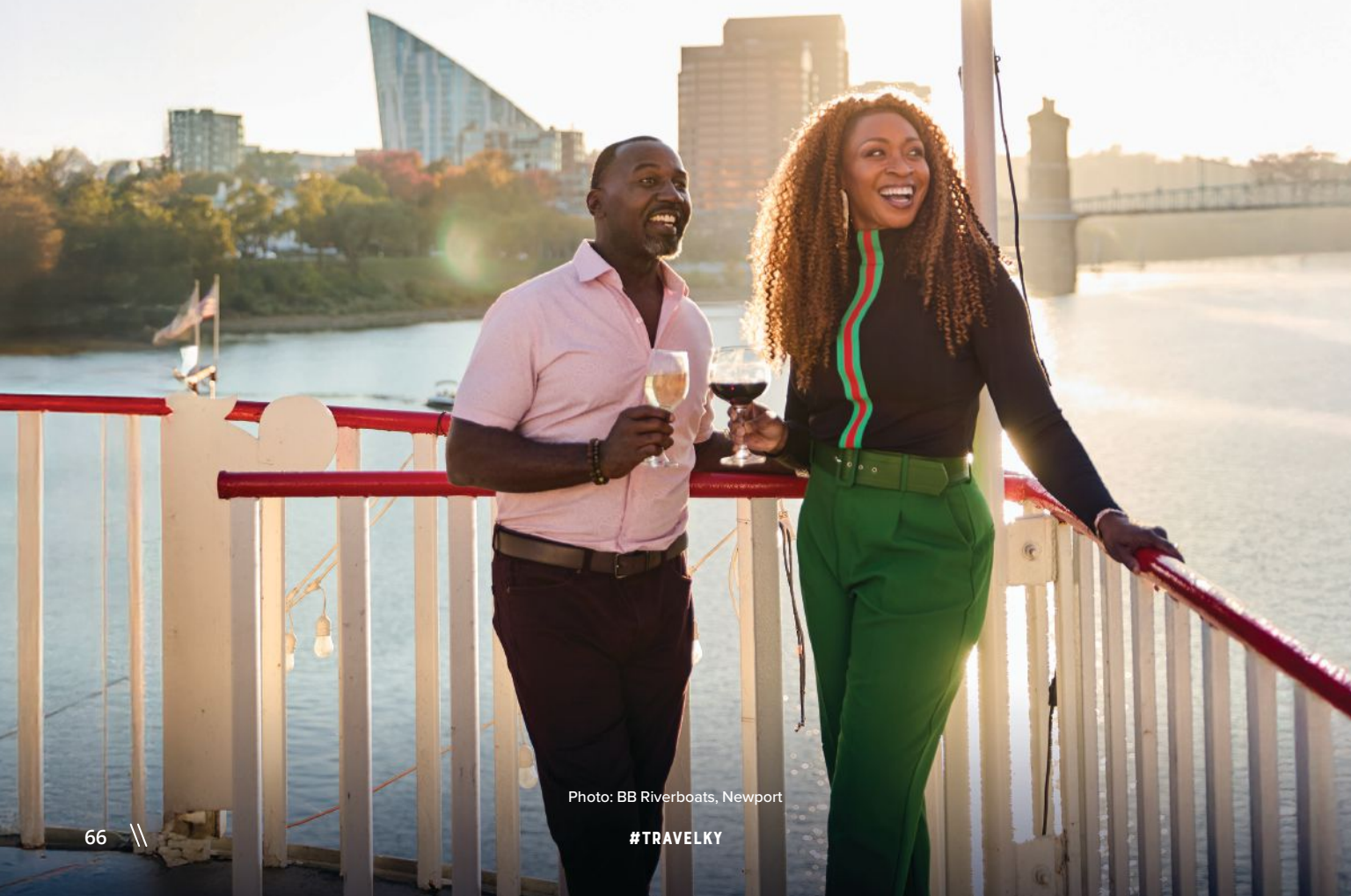


Photo: BB Riverboats, Newport



**ECHO VALLEY WINERY,**  
Flemingsburg

Four-wine tasting flights, Sunday mimosas, casual bites including burgers and tiny-home stays overlooking the vineyards — plan a getaway to the family-owned winery, vineyard and restaurant, Echo Valley Winery.

**STONEHOUSE SETTLEMENT WINERY,** California, KY

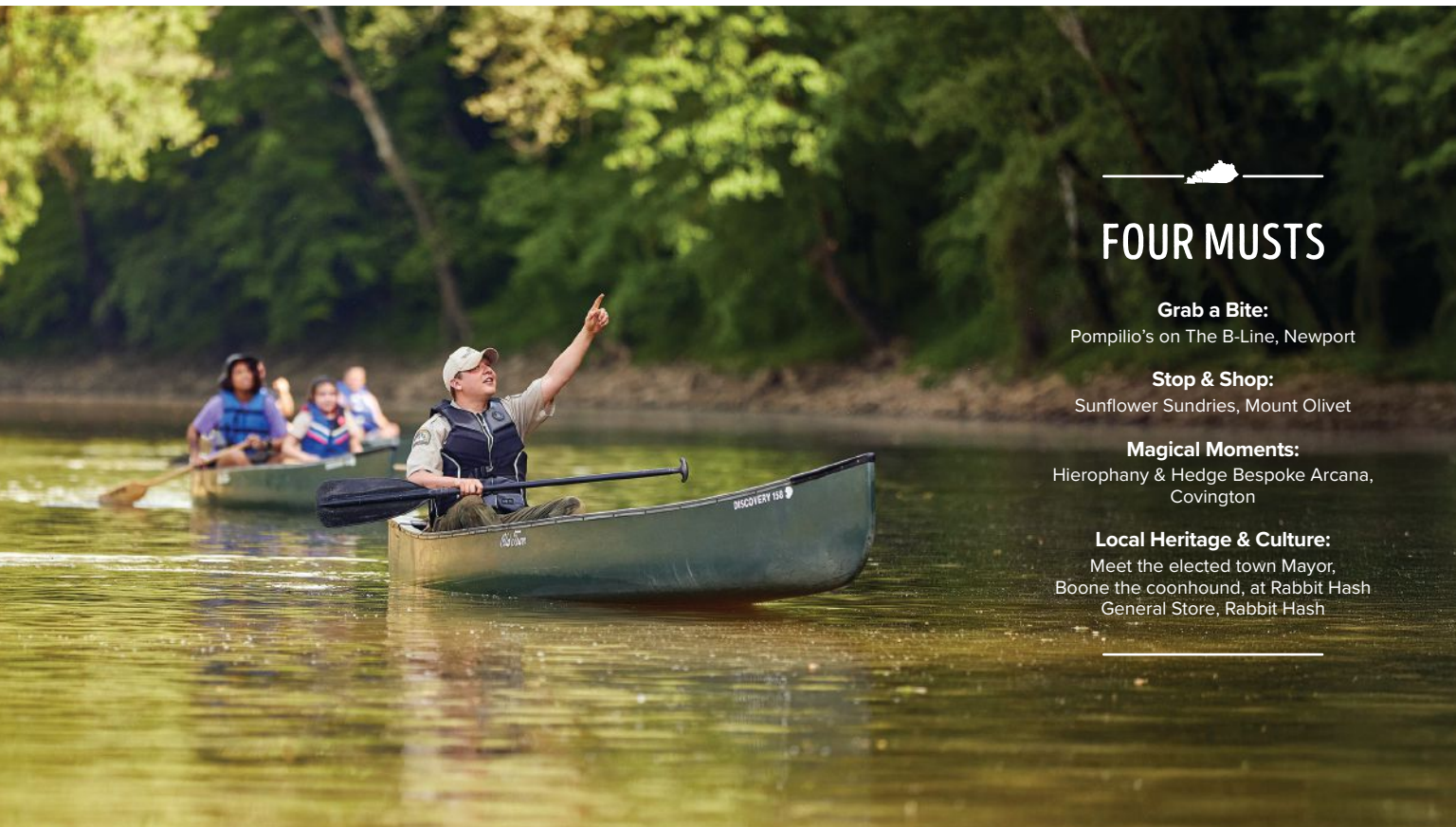
A former schoolhouse, Stonehouse Settlement Winery pours a variety of spirits, beer and wine, including the winemaker's own handcrafted smooth red Noiret. Guests can enjoy weekend events, wine tastings and monthly brunch by reservation, plus light bites and charcuterie.

**A.J. JOLLY PARK AND CAMPGROUND,** Alexandria

A jewel tucked among the trees, A.J. Jolly Park and Campground has it all: camping, a fishing lake, canoeing and kayaking, hiking trails, disc golf and golf on the banks of the lake, horse trails, picnic areas and even yurts.

**DOWNTOWN BELLEVUE,** Bellevue

Ever abustle with activity, historical downtown Bellevue charms with locally owned shops like Spice Hub and Le Sorelle Boutique, a variety of restaurants including Mrs. Teapots Tea Room and Cork N Crust, bars, a brewery and monthly First Friday themed evenings.



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## FOUR MUSTS

**Grab a Bite:**

Pomplio's on The B-Line, Newport

**Stop & Shop:**

Sunflower Sundries, Mount Olivet

**Magical Moments:**

Hierophany & Hedge Bespoke Arcana, Covington

**Local Heritage & Culture:**

Meet the elected town Mayor, Boone the coonhound, at Rabbit Hash General Store, Rabbit Hash

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Photos from top: Downtown Augusta; Blue Licks Battlefield State Resort Park, Mount Olivet



# NORTHERN KENTUCKY RIVER



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Photo: Brianza Gardens & Winery, Crittenden

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Wendell Berry,  
American Novelist, Poet & Kentuckian

## REGIONAL ROAD TRIPS

**1 Carrollton:** Settle into a balcony guestroom at **General Butler State Resort Park**. Spot aquatic wildlife on the **Butler Lake Trail**. Ride your mountain bike along the **Fossil Trail** and catch a sunset overlooking the confluence of the Kentucky and Ohio rivers.

**2 Warsaw:** Next, find your cozy retreat in a studio cabin at **Smugglers Cove Marina and Campground**, where you can spend a relaxing afternoon on a pontoon boat on the Ohio River. Fried green tomatoes, shrimp and grits, and bread pudding — mmm! Dinner is served at **Jewell's on Main**.

**3 Covington:** Head to **Mainstrasse Village** and munch your way through this storybook setting on a guided food tour. Who's that green guy in the sky? It's super-colossal **Clive the Alien**, spying on earthlings. After a bourbon-blending experience at Kentucky Bourbon Trail stop **Wenzel Whiskey**, overnight at **Hotel Covington**.

**4 Augusta:** Next on the agenda: Shop, stroll and drop into the **Rosemary Clooney House** in its dreamy Riverside Drive setting to see the world's largest collection of "White Christmas" movie memorabilia. Tour the country's most historical spirits site at Kentucky Bourbon Trail stop **B. Bird™ Distillery & Baker-Bird Winery®**.

**5 Maysville:** Set out to explore the museums and shops of the 1700s frontier village, historic **Old Washington**. Need a hearty start to the day? **LilJumbo Coffee Company** serves the Kitchen Sink (biscuits with gravy and hash). Catch the **Maysville Players** or a marquee-name concert on stage at the grand **Washington Opera House**.

**6 May's Lick:** The next morning, follow the 100-mile **Brigadier General Young Memorial Historical Corridor** — named for the formerly enslaved hero who became the first African American military attaché to a foreign country and first Black superintendent of a National Park — from his **log-cabin birthplace** to **Camp Nelson National Monument**.

## TRAVEL RESOURCES

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Photo: Harvey's Bar, Lexington



1 Stephen Rolfe Powell Memorial Sculpture Garden, Danville 2 African Cemetery No. 2, Lexington 3 Battlefield Park, Richmond 4 Beer Cheese Trail, Winchester  
5 Kentucky Equine Adoption Center, Nicholasville 6 Hopewell Museum, Paris 7 The Cabin of Old Town Artisan Gallery, Berea



## BEST-KEPT LOCAL SECRETS

### **AFTER DARK GHOST TOUR**, Georgetown

A spooky-themed cocktail; a guided tour with a psychic, medium and paranormal investigator; and a (free) booklet of frightful tales — it's all on the After Dark Ghost Tour (April–November). This is part of the Kentucky After Dark passport program — for those who dare.

### **JOHN B. STEPHENSON**

#### **WALKING TRAIL**, Berea

At the confluence of Silver Creek and its Brushy Fork Branch, the accessible John B. Stephenson Walking Trail — paved, level and tricked out with benches and picnic tables — follows Boone Trace, the path Daniel Boone and his 30 “axemen” blazed through the Appalachian Mountains into Kentucky.

### **HARKNESS EDWARDS VINEYARDS**,

#### Winchester

Vineyard tours and tastings, live music, wine-and-food pairing courses and Pizza at the Peach House: From sunset sips to midweek treats to creative hands-on classes, something fun and fabulous is always happening at Harkness Edwards Vineyards.

### **REBECCA RUTH CHOCOLATE & MUSEUM TOUR**, Frankfort

Chocolate plus bourbon equals a mouthful of yum — something Ruth Hanly Booe discovered back in 1938, when she invented the Bourbon Ball. Learn the story and savor this bite-sized treat on a Rebecca Ruth Chocolate & Museum Tour.

### **JESSAMINE COUNTY WINE**

#### **& VINEYARD TRAIL**, Nicholasville

Sip wine at the first commercial winery in the U.S. at First Vineyard on the Jessamine County Wine & Vineyard Trail passport program. The passport also includes Ghost Fox Winery and 1922 House Vineyards & Winery. And don't miss the mid-June Kentucky Wine & Vine Fest. Cheers!

### **LITTLE CROOKED CREEK SAFARI**,

#### Lawrenceburg

Book a sloth encounter or another hands-on experience at Little Crooked Creek Safari, an exotic animal farm home to capybaras, porcupines, zebras and camels, along with an anteater named Larry. Open on Saturday and Sunday.



Photo: Harkness Edwards Vineyards, Winchester

### THE GLITZ, Versailles

The seasonal prix fixe three-course luncheon menu at The Glitz begins with a complimentary flute of non-alcoholic Spiced Apple Refresher, served in the tiny restaurant's enchanting setting on the lower level of Irish Acres Gallery of Antiques.

### NEWBY COUNTRY STORE, Richmond

The setting is pure nostalgic fun (and the gift wrap is free) at Newby Country Store, established in 1891. Pick up sandwiches and specialty sodas in glass bottles. Shop custom gift boxes and country-store staples, from sweets to local art.

### KENTUCKY SOAPS & SUCH, Stanford

Take a free tour of this soap-making facility and learn how one woman's dream and a backyard full of goats became Kentucky Soaps & Such, a maker of ethically sourced, from-scratch soaps, scrubs, salts, creams and liquid cleansers.

### HERRINGTON LAKE, Mercer, Boyle and Garrard counties

Find your ideal lake house, cottage or retreat. Then, visit one of the marinas for boat rentals, dining and live music on the weekends of a sunscreen-scented summer on Herrington Lake, the deepest lake in Kentucky.



## FOUR MUSTS

### Grab a Bite:

The Artisan Café at the Kentucky Artisan Center, Berea

### Stop & Shop:

Mason on Main antiques boutique, Winchester

### Magical Moments:

Rail Explorers: Bluegrass Division, Versailles

### Local Heritage & Culture:

Battle of Richmond Reenactment, August, Richmond

Photos from top: The Kentucky Castle, Versailles; Old Fort Harrod State Park, Harrodsburg



# BLUEGRASS, HORSES, BOURBON & BOONE



Photo: The B & B at Queenslake, Georgetown

# ... TO LIVE IN KENTUCKY, WHICH I ESTEEMED A SECOND PARADISE ...

Daniel Boone,  
Frontiersman & Kentucky Settler

## REGIONAL ROAD TRIPS

**1 Carlisle:** Start your trip by visiting **Wendt's Wildlife Adventure** to see the emus, kangaroos and other creatures. History buff? Beeline to **Boone's Cabin**, the famed explorer's last home in Kentucky. Water baby? Splash into **Brushy Creek** to spot turtles, frogs and crawdads.

**2 Paris:** Make the quick drive to Kentucky's own City of Light. Photo-op stops at the **Eiffel Tower** and **Secretariat Park**, anchored by a bronze statue of the Triple Crown winner considered the world's greatest racehorse, are de rigueur. Later, drop into **Canonero's Cigar and Bourbon Bar** for rare and exclusive bourbons, plus live music most weekends.

**3 Winchester:** Next, it's trail-blazing at its tastiest: Download the **Beer Cheese Trail Digital Passport** and relish a signature beer cheese dish at any or all of the stops along the **Beer Cheese Trail®** in the Beer Cheese Capital of the World.

**4 Lexington to Versailles:** Pick up a picnic of country ham and pimento cheese sandwiches (featured on Food Network's "The Best Thing I Ever Ate") from James Beard-nominated chef Ouita Michel's restaurant, **Wallace Station**, on a **Bluegrass Country Driving Tour** along Kentucky's Scenic Byway: **Old Frankfort Pike**.

**5 Nicholasville:** The next day, follow freedom's footfalls on a ranger-guided tour or self-guided hike through **Camp Nelson National Monument**, a Civil War recruitment and training center for the United States Colored Troops and a refugee camp for their families, civilians and enslaved people fleeing the war.

**6 Danville:** Continue on to Danville to tour **GLASS National Art Museum** to experience stunning glassworks of internationally prominent glass artists, including Stephen Rolfe Powell and Dale Chihuly. Then, visit the **Great American Dollhouse Museum** to see 200-plus artisan, antique, contemporary and historical dollhouses and room boxes. Last stop: **Constitution Square Historic Site**, an open-air monument to Kentucky's statehood offering self-guided tours.

## TRAVEL RESOURCES

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### Cynthiana

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### Danville/Boyle County

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danvillekentucky.com

### Frankfort/Franklin County

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visitfrankfort.com

### Georgetown/Scott County

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### Harrison County

859-234-5236

### Harrodsburg/Mercer County

800-355-9192  
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### Lexington

800-845-3959, visitlex.com

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pariskytourism.com

### Richmond

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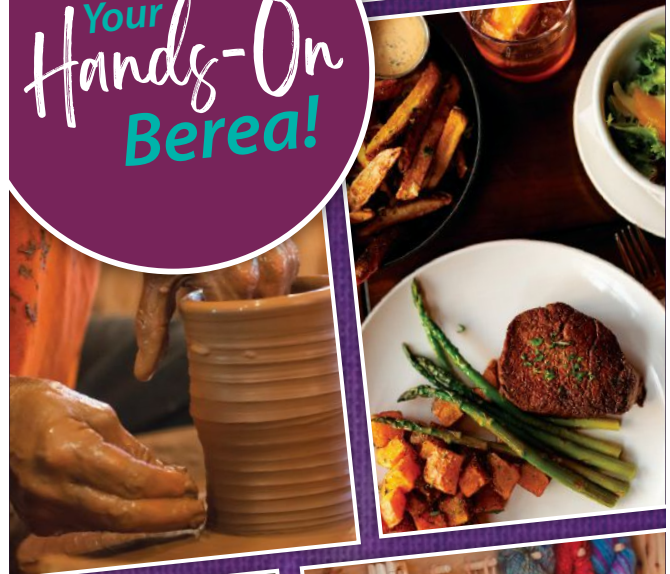
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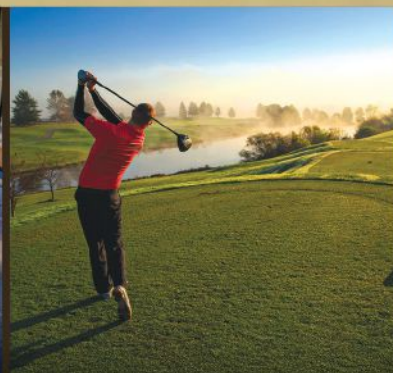


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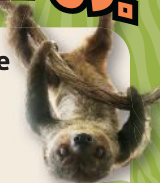


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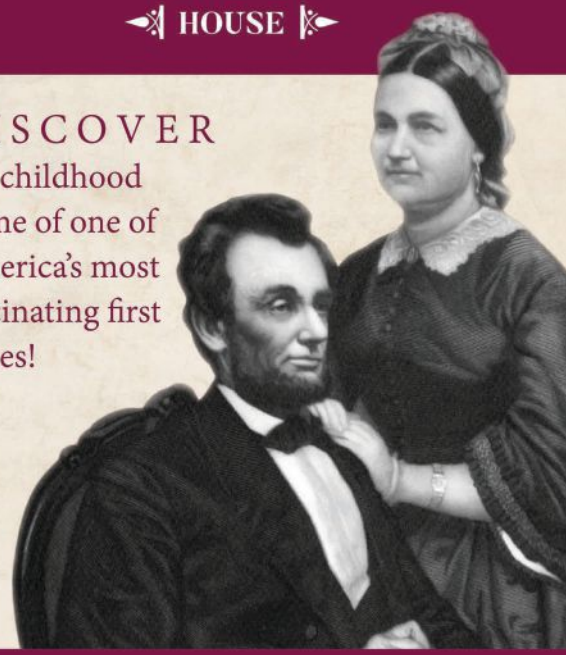
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## BEST-KEPT LOCAL SECRETS

**ALICE THEATRE**, Leitchfield

The historical Alice Theatre, originally opened in 1935, has been restored to its former glory and offers a variety of programming, including tribute concerts, touring comedians and musicians in a variety of musical genres and more.

**LITTLE COLONEL PLAYHOUSE**,  
Pewee Valley

Presented by the Little Colonel Players, a full season of theater is staged in the Little Colonel Playhouse, a vintage venue that dates back to the early 1900s. Check their seasonal calendar for classics and holiday favorites.

**NETTIE JARVIS ANTIQUES**, Bloomfield

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**LINCOLN HOMESTEAD STATE PARK**,  
Springfield

Abraham Lincoln's parents courted and married near what is today the Lincoln Homestead State Park. See their original marriage certificate, among other treasures, in the nearby historical 1816 Washington County Courthouse, which houses the Lincoln Legacy Museum.

**SWOPE'S CARS OF YESTERYEAR  
MUSEUM**, Elizabethtown

A 1910 Brush Roadster, a 1919 Chandler Motor Car (or "gangster car") and a 1930 Hupmobile Victoria — see these classics and others among the variety of makes and models in both original and restored condition at Swope's Cars of Yesteryear Museum.

**KENTUCKY MUSEUM OF AMERICAN  
POCKETKNIVES**, Radcliff

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**HONEYFEST**, Clarkson

You might spot costumed bees, honey-shaped hive floats and even inveterate honey lover Winnie the Pooh during Kentucky's Official State Honey Festival. Held in September, Honeyfest buzzes with activities: live music, crafts booths, a parade, a carnival, an antique tractor show and more.



Photo: Rough River Dam State Resort Park, Falls of Rough



**OTTER CREEK OUTDOOR RECREATION AREA**, Brandenburg

There's so much outdoors to be enjoyed amid the rolling terrain of Otter Creek Outdoor Recreation Area, with bluffs overlooking the Ohio River and Otter Creek. Popular activities include camping, hunting, fishing, hiking, horseback riding, disc golf, shooting ranges, birding and wildlife viewing.

**MULBERRY ORCHARD**, Shelbyville

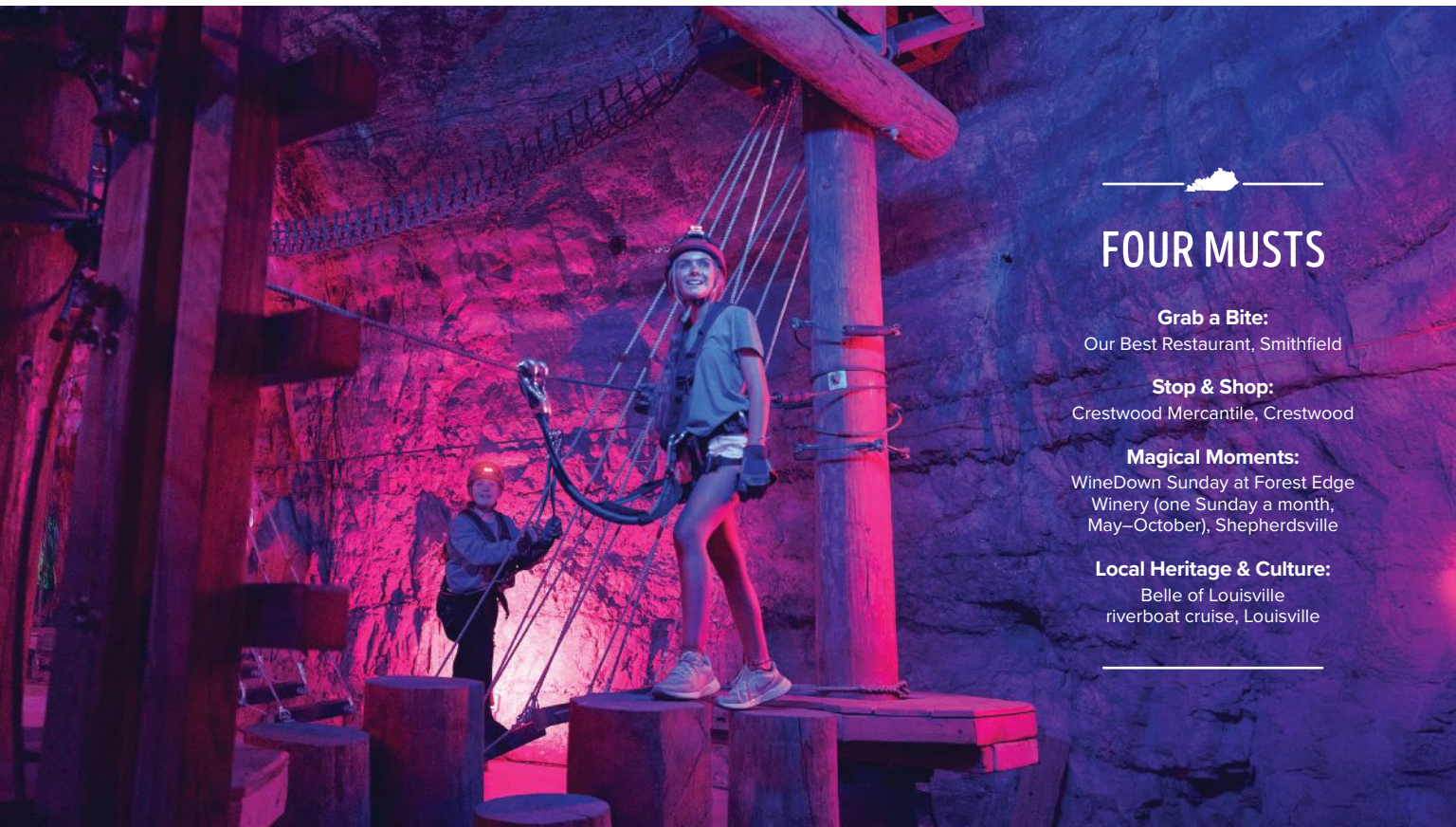
Families love to play at Mulberry Orchard spring through fall, with hayrides through the orchard, pumpkin picking, the apple mountain slide, zip lines, fresh produce, a corn maze, farm tours, picnicking and eating at the Mulberry Kitchen. Apple-cider donuts, anyone?

**YEW DELL GARDENS**, Crestwood

An enchanted fairy forest, seasonal scavenger hunts, drop-in nature- and garden-themed crafts, themed gardens including the Castle Gardens, guided plant walks and more — it's always busy in the Yew Dell Gardens, a stop on the Kentucky Garden Trail.

**BEECH FORK**, Springfield

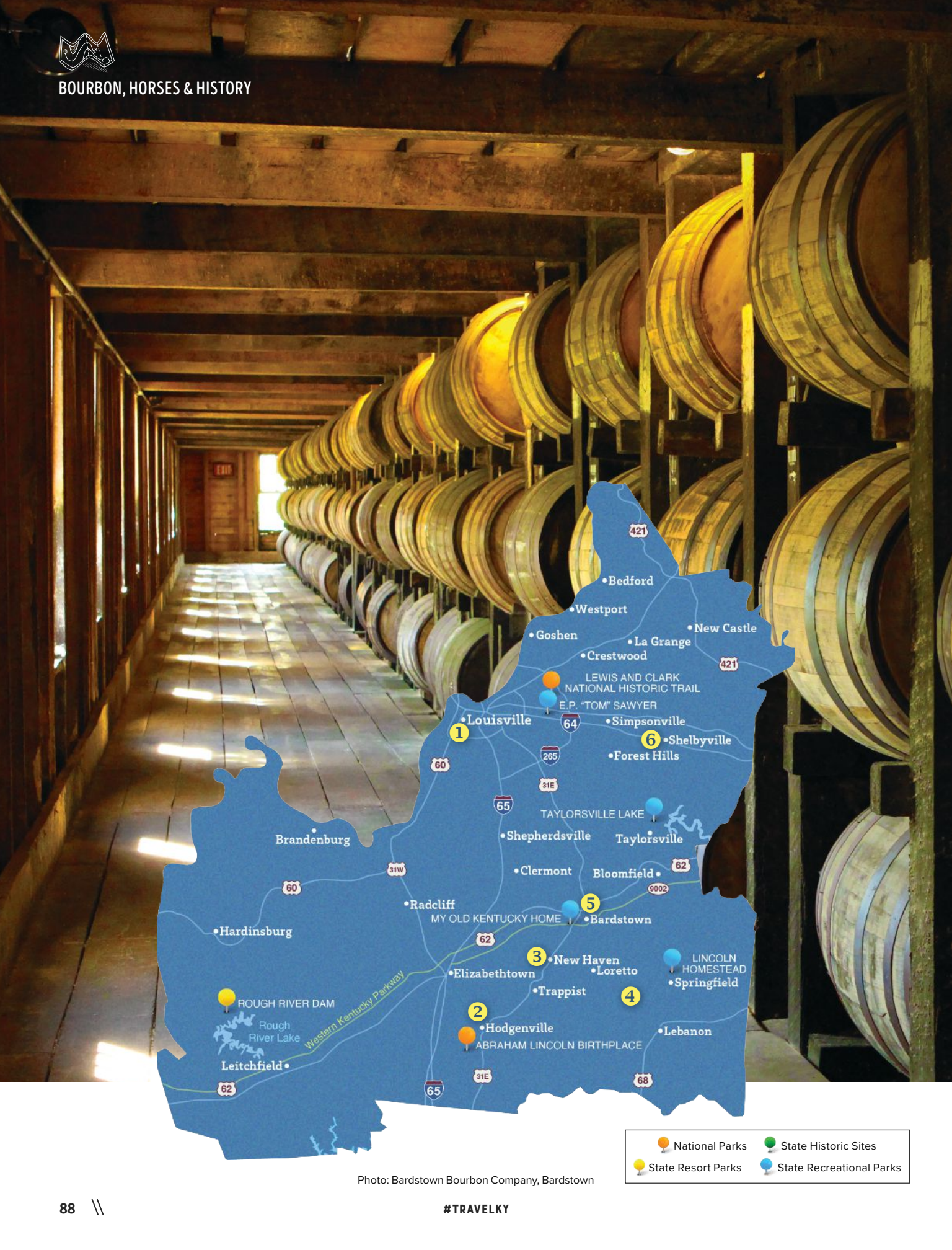
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- Magical Moments:**  
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Belle of Louisville riverboat cruise, Louisville

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- National Parks
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Stephen Collins Foster,  
Father of American Music

## REGIONAL ROAD TRIPS

**1 Louisville:** How about an epic start to your day? Once Louisville's best-kept secret, the former limestone quarry, now **Louisville Mega Cavern**, rocks with adventure, including zip lines, an aerial ropes challenge course and tram rides. And it's all beneath the feet of the grizzly bears, Sumatran tigers, Cuban crocodiles and vampire bats of the **Louisville Zoo**.

**2 Hodgenville:** That afternoon, tour the grounds of the country's first memorial to the 16th president: the **Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historical Park**. See the Memorial Building and Symbolic Birth Cabin. Then, visit Abraham Lincoln's **Boyhood Home at Knob Creek** to see where Kentucky's favorite son spent his childhood laughing, learning and playing.

**3 New Haven:** Next up? A luxe retreat with a stay in a Homestead, Heritage House or Cottage suite on the picturesque grounds of **Log Still Distillery**.

**4 Lebanon/Loretto:** The following morning, drop a line for rainbow trout and bass at **Fagan Branch** or hike the storybook **Gorley Naturalist Trail** and its 47 bridges. Then, watch flames lick the insides of white-oak bourbon barrels to achieve that perfect char at **Kentucky Cooperage**. Afterward, go "Behind the Bourbon" at **Maker's Mark®** for an insider's look at the distilling process — with a tasting to follow, of course.

**5 Bardstown:** Finish the day with an exceptional dining experience (murder mystery, bourbon or holiday) through the rolling countryside with **My Old Kentucky Dinner Train**. Tuck in for the night at bourbon-centric lodgings, like **Bourbon Manor Bed & Breakfast** or **The Trail Hotel**.

**6 Shelbyville:** In the morning, take a drive to women-owned **Jeptha Creed**, where you'll learn the distillery's motto: "Ne Oublie" ("Never Forget"). And you won't. Not the tours, tastings, barrel barns or the name of that heirloom ingredient — Bloody Butcher corn — that goes into the making of Jeptha Creed spirits.

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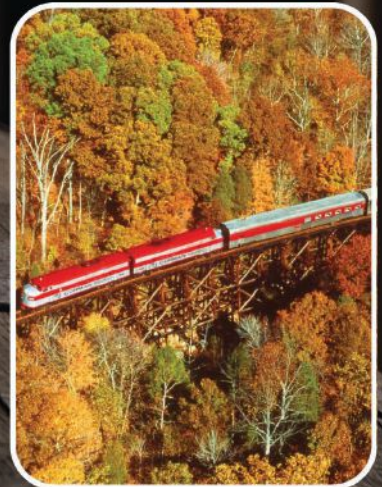
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1 Uncle Pen's Cabin, Cromwell 2 Jerusalem Ridge Bluegrass Festival, Beaver Dam  
3 Sloughs Wildlife Management Area, Corydon 4 Downtown Madisonville 5 Ellis Park Racing & Gaming, Henderson  
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### **THE BARD DISTILLERY**, Graham

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### **BLACKFORD OAKS WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA**, Webster

Hunters, anglers and other outdoor adventurers follow their bliss to Blackford Oaks Wildlife Management Area, former farmland where a hardwood forest has taken root, shoreline unfolds along the Tradewater River and an oxbow lake beckons waterfowl.

### **STURGIS ANTIQUE MALL**, Morganfield

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### **CANAAN RIDGE PARK**, Dixon

Hike the Storyteller or Stargazer trails at Canaan Ridge Park, a rural gem featuring a boardwalk footbridge that leads to an island popular for fishing off its banks, a boat ramp, a kayak launch, picnic shelters, a playground and an old graveyard with a trail named for one of its occupants.

### **BRIZENDINE BROTHERS NATURE PARK**, Greenville

Meet Yogi, a 7-foot-tall chainsaw-sculpted bear welcoming visitors to Brizendine Brothers Nature Park, a pastoral beauty with footbridges, split-log benches and a soundtrack courtesy of Mother Nature, native songbirds and other wildlife.

Photo: Mahr Park Arboretum, Madisonville



**THE ELM, Henderson**

The Elm hosts regional and national blues musicians, plus country, rock, metal and alternative acts within its historical walls. Stand-up comedians, too, not to mention boutiques with home décor, hemp products and even witch supplies.

**THE TEE AT TRADEWATER, Madisonville**

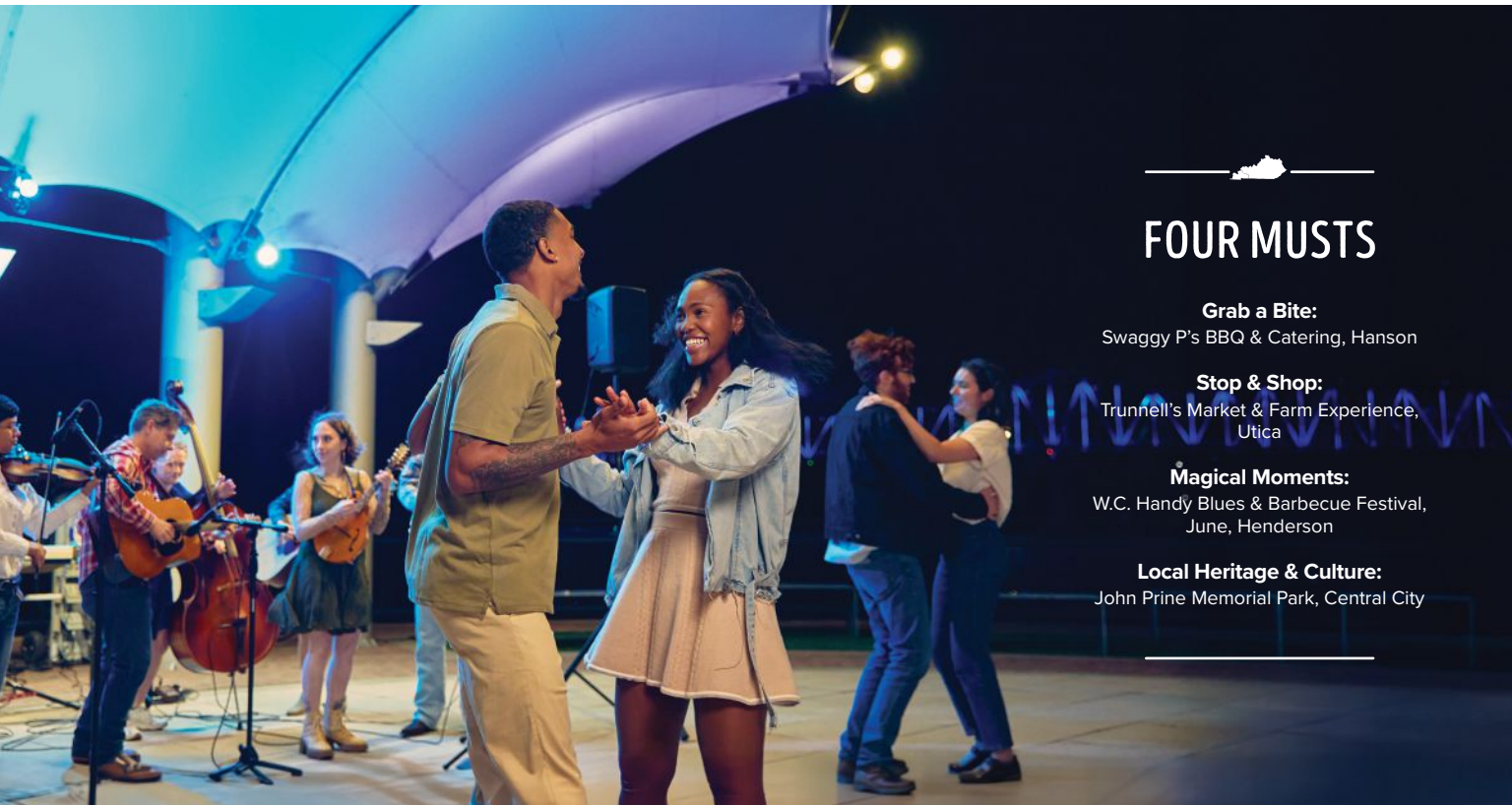
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**WESTERN KENTUCKY BOTANICAL GARDEN, Owensboro**

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**Grab a Bite:**

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**Stop & Shop:**

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**Magical Moments:**

W.C. Handy Blues & Barbecue Festival, June, Henderson

**Local Heritage & Culture:**

John Prine Memorial Park, Central City

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## REGIONAL ROAD TRIPS

**1 Morganfield:** Hidden away in western Kentucky, **Moffit Lake Recreational Area** is nature's jewel, offering unspoiled waterfront campsites and cabin rentals, boating, accessible ramps and dock, fishing for catfish, bass and bluegill, picnicking, hiking, and biking in a forested idyll.

**2 Corydon:** Thirty minutes away, go in search of a blue-winged teal, white-breasted nuthatch or other birds at **Sloughs Wildlife Management Area**, designated an Important Birding Area by the National Audubon Society. Next stop: **Mattingly Farms** for u-pick peaches, apples and other farm-fresh produce.

**3 Owensboro:** Dig into Kentucky-style barbecue cooked low and slow at the iconic hotspots, **Moonlite Bar-B-Q Inn** and **Old Hickory Bar-B-Q**, that put it on the map. Stretch your legs on the paved and accessible **Adkisson Greenbelt Trail** in **Joe Ford Nature Park**, then unplug for a quiet night at **Windy Hollow Campground** with fishing lakes, a swimming beach, and hiking and biking trails.

**4 Beaver Dam:** Continue south to the boyhood home of the Father of Bluegrass Music, with its cherished family heirlooms. Then, tap those toes to live bluegrass music under the stars during **Pickin' on the Porch**, held the second Saturday of the month, June through October.

**5 Muhlenberg County:** Next, drive to **Lake Malone State Park** for an overnight adventure. Play at the inclusive playground and hike the trails to visit with the **Big Twigs**, a family of 10- to 17-foot crazy-for-camping sculptures. During September's annual **Dock Trot**, set up a lawn chair shoreside or cruise around the lake by boat to multiple live concerts.

**6 Madisonville:** Set your course next for **Mahr Park Arboretum**, a peaceful pocket of paradise with paved and soft-wooded trails meandering past ponds and encircled by trees. Paddle **Lake Pee Wee** or play the championship disc-golf course.

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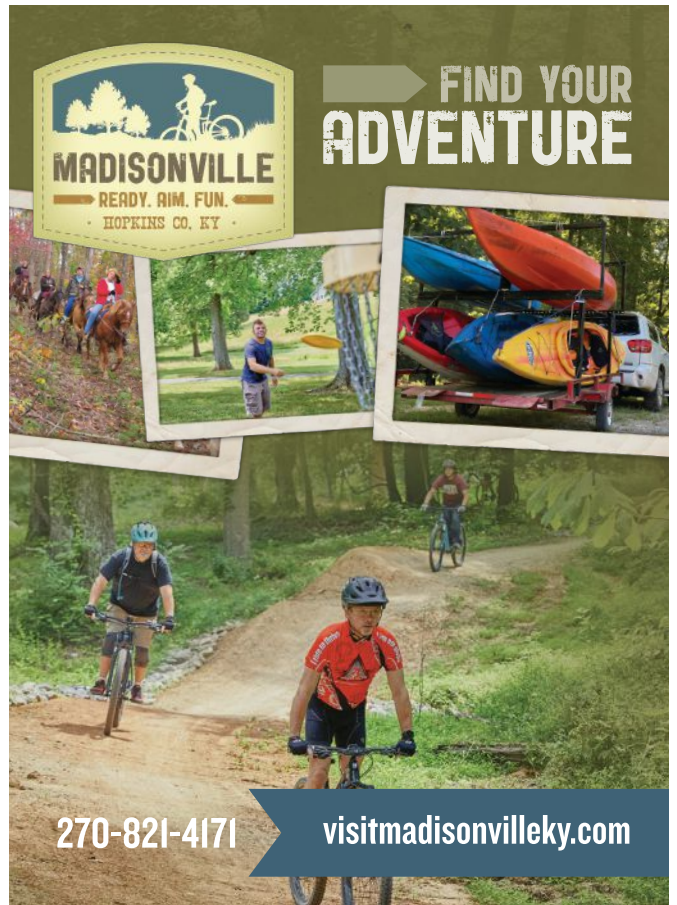


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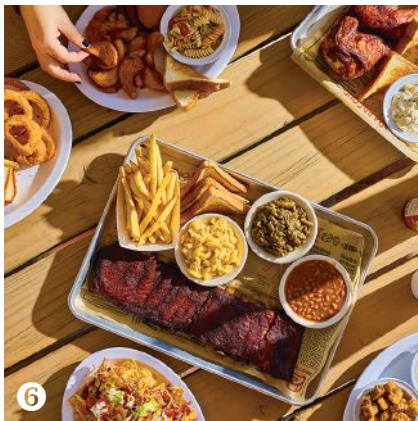


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1 Columbus-Belmont State Park, Columbus 2 Mineral Mound State Park, Eddyville 3 Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park, Gilbertsville  
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## BEST-KEPT LOCAL SECRETS

### **VICEROY BUTTERFLY GARDEN,**

Oak Grove

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### **GOLDEN POND PLANETARIUM**

**& OBSERVATORY,** Golden Pond

Sea monsters among the stars, weekend laser shows (some featuring hits from superstar Taylor Swift), close-ups of the universe and Observatory Star Parties — all thanks to the high-powered telescope at the Golden Pond Planetarium & Observatory.

### **FULTON RAILROADERS,**

Fulton

Take me out to the ballgame to see the Fulton Railroaders. This wood-bat league team plays a 40-game summer season, with home games at Lohaus Field, featuring open-air patio decks, grandstand seating, family-friendly theme nights and major league-level fun and excitement.

### **SHARON GROVE COMMUNITY PARK,**

Elkton

Among the picnic pavilion, playground, basketball court and paved walking trail at Sharon Grove Community Park is an unexpected find: a natural cave where bands once played. Learn the history on a guided tour.

Photo: "Wall To Wall" Floodwall Murals, Paducah

**DORAN ARBORETUM**, Murray

Meander along the walking path at the Doran Arboretum, winding through ever-growing collections of flowering plants, shrubs, trees, butterflies and rain gardens, accompanied by the soothing sounds of a water fountain spraying into the pond.

**THE INGRAM DISTILLERY**, Columbus

Discover how The Ingram Distillery has returned bourbon to its roots, using floating barrelhouses on the Mississippi River for its “fleet” of river-aged whiskeys, at its new visitor center. The center is set to open in spring 2026. Be sure to book your tour in advance.

**ATOMIC CITY WALKING TOURS**,

Paducah

Delve into Paducah’s not-so-savory days (and characters) and its relationship to bourbon with two spirited Atomic City walking tours — Wicked Paducah and Forgotten Spirits: Paducah’s Contributions to Bourbon — unfolding through downtown.

**BIG SPRINGS PARK**, Princeton

Quiet, peaceful and scenic, with a footbridge, walking paths, picnic areas and a spring-fed cave, Big Springs Park, a stopping point on the Long March of 1838–1839, is a site on the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail.



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**FOUR MUSTS**

**Grab a Bite:**

Stephano’s Trattoria, Murray

**Stop & Shop:**

Marion Amish Country self-guided tour, Crittenden County

**Magical Moments:**

Live on the Lawn Music Festival (September), Kuttawa

**Local Heritage & Culture:**

Hotel Metropolitan on the African American Heritage Driving Tour, Paducah

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Photos from top: Ben E. Clement Mineral Museum, Marion; Lighthouse Landing Resort and Marina, Grand Rivers



# WESTERN WATERLANDS

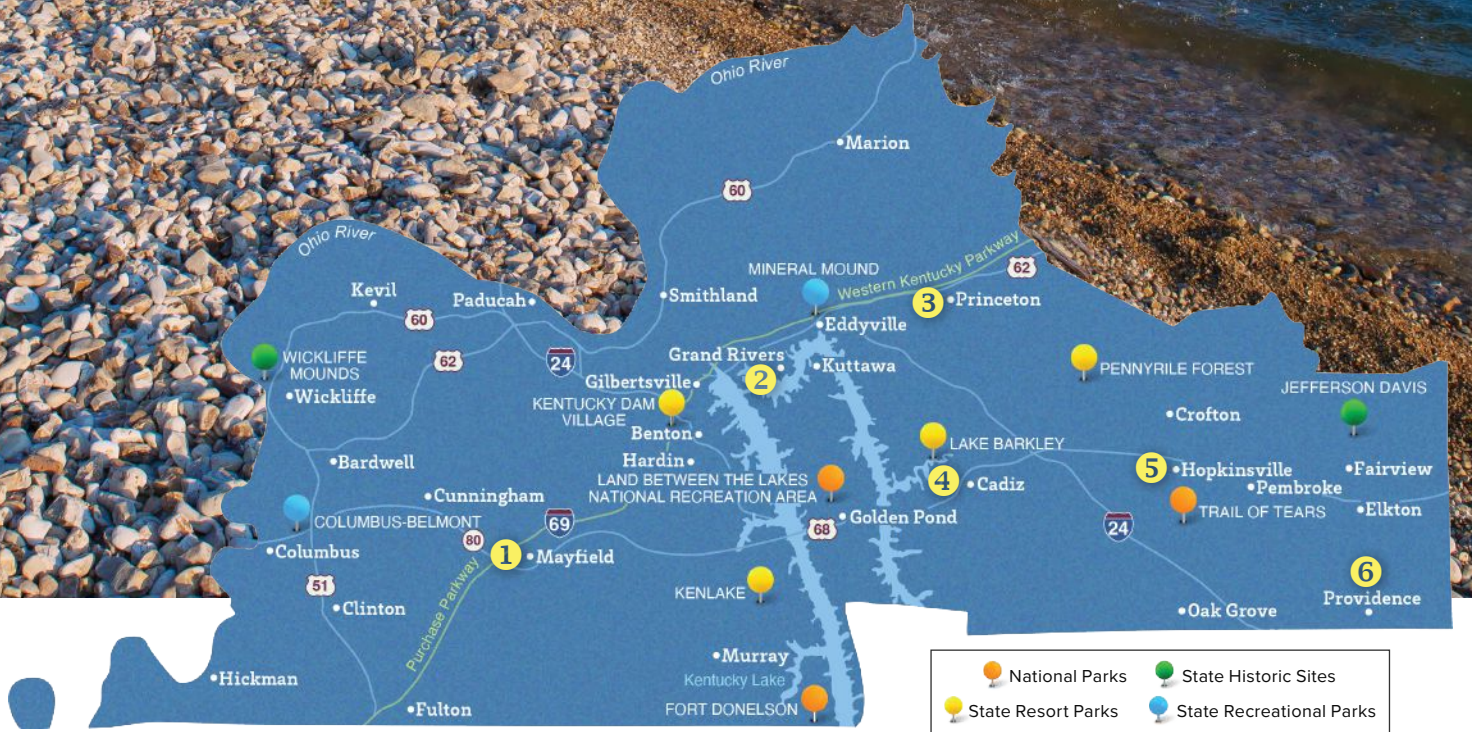


Photo: Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area

# TRAVEL RESOURCES

## TELL ME A STORY. MAKE IT A STORY OF GREAT DISTANCES, AND STARLIGHT.

Robert Penn Warren,  
American Novelist, Poet & Kentuckian

### REGIONAL ROAD TRIPS

#### 1 Mayfield-Graves County:

You're invited: October's month-long **Haunted Graves Celebration** features the **Wooldridge Monuments** in **Maplewood Cemetery**; **A-Maizing Farms**, the largest corn maze in Kentucky; **Talon Falls Screampark** and the **Industrial Slaughterhouse**; the Wild West town **Cartwright Grove's Haunted Fall Festival**; and the region's only nighttime lighted Halloween parade.

#### 2 Grand Rivers:

Come see American Cruise Lines' ships pull into port in the only western Kentucky town bordering both **Kentucky Lake** and **Lake Barkley** — vacation paradises for water lovers. Catch a live stage show (from tribute concerts to magicians) at **Badgett Playhouse** and dine on the 2-inch pork chop specialty at **Patti's 1880's Settlement**, where you can also settle in for the night.

#### 3 Princeton:

In the morning, snoop into the lifestyle and legacy of a wealthy Kentucky family in their home, resplendent in its Victorian-era grandeur, at the interactive **Adsmore Museum**. Peek into the bedrooms, closets and other living spaces, each one arrayed with authentic and original belongings, on tour with a costumed docent.

#### 4 Cadiz:

Head next to this Main Street antiques hub where **Cadi the Pig**, a 10-foot-tall fiberglass swine, greets visitors. Explore ever-changing exhibits at the **Janice Mason Art Museum**, then head to a converted grain bin for dinner: **The Harper House Restaurant** is famous for its smoked prime rib and silo-turned bar.

#### 5 Hopkinsville:

Set out next for the **Trail of Tears Commemorative Park and Heritage Center**. On what Native Americans call "The Trail Where They Cried," see the winter encampment of 1838–1839 and the burial site for two Cherokee chiefs. An intertribal **Pow Wow** takes place here annually on the first full weekend after Labor Day.

#### 6 Guthrie:

A quick drive brings you to the **Robert Penn Warren Birthplace Museum** to learn about one of Kentucky's most famous poets and novelists. Next, shop for handmade quilts at Kentucky's **oldest Amish settlement** and pick up a sweet treat from **Schlabach's Bakery**. Love food, crafts, music and shopping in a small-town setting? Attend September's **Guthrie Heritage Days Festival**.

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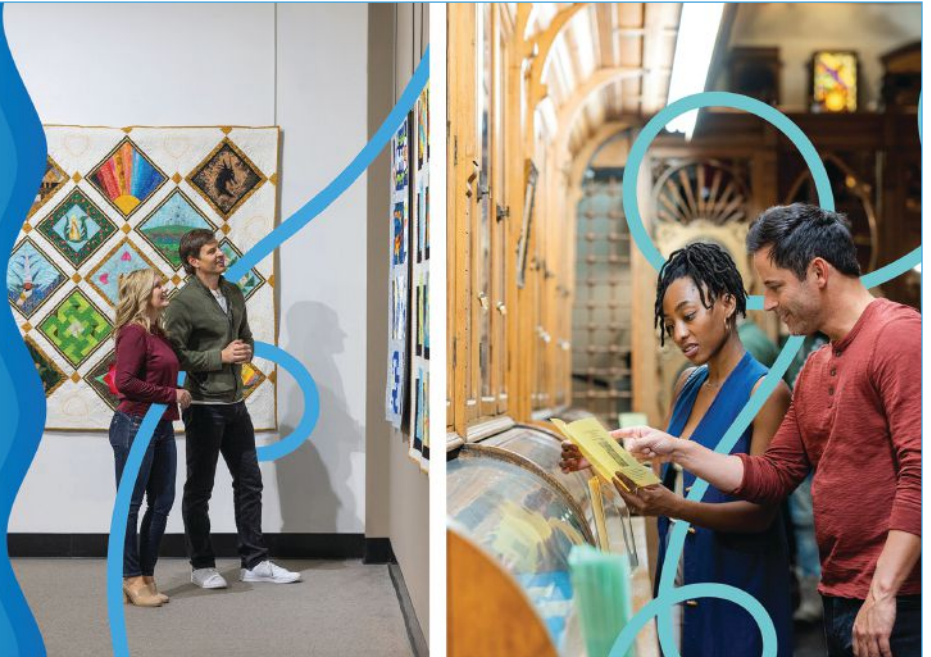
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Photo: NCM Motorsports Park, Bowling Green



1 Morgantown Trail Town 2 SEEK Museum, Russellville 3 Mammoth Valley Park, Cave City 4 Carriage House Vineyards, Auburn 5 Kenny's Farmhouse Cheese, Austin 6 Wigwam Village No. 2, Cave City 7 Barren River Lake State Resort Park, Lucas



## BEST-KEPT LOCAL SECRETS

### SMITHS GROVE MAIN STREET

#### ANTIQUÉ DISTRICT, Smiths Grove

Discover dozens of cute vintage thrift shops, like Foxhole in the Grove and Psycho Granny's Quilt Shop, standing beam to board in the Smiths Grove Main Street Antique District, along with the adorable Sly in the Grove coffee shop and bakery and country-cooking restaurants.

### KENTUCKY STONEHENGE, Munfordville

Pause and ponder ... patterned after the English landmark of mysterious origins, Kentucky Stonehenge rises from the earth amid native rock displays, including Earth Mysteries, the Garden of Gethsemane, Rock Gardens and Rock Park.

### PARK MAMMOTH GOLF CLUB, Park City

Voted a "Best New Public Course in the Nation" by Golf Digest and a "Top 5 Best Course in Kentucky" by Golf.com, the Park Mammoth Golf Club is a challenging 18-hole golfer's getaway in a scenic natural setting.

### OCTAGON HALL MUSEUM, Franklin

Fearful of things that go bump in the night? One of the South's most haunted places, the eight-sided Octagon Hall Museum (a former Civil War hospital), offers tours, ghost hunts and overnight paranormal investigations.

### FLOYD COLLINS MUSEUM, Cave City

"Heartbeats of entombed guide heard," proclaimed newspapers one century ago. See the saga of doomed cave explorer Floyd Collins at his namesake museum inside Wayfarer Inn, just steps from the Sand Cave Trailhead to Mammoth Cave National Park. Museum tours by appointment only.

### DOWNTOWN GLASGOW, Glasgow

Antique shops, stylish boutiques, general stores and artful gift galleries tucked inside historical, restored buildings line the streets of downtown Glasgow, murals adding splashes of color throughout. Shop, then drop into a locally owned restaurant for some hearty country cooking.

Photo: Hidden River Cave, Horse Cave

**SOUTH UNION SHAKER VILLAGE**, Auburn  
Gain insights into the longest-lived western Shaker community through Civil War journals, original furniture and crafts in restored historical buildings at South Union Shaker Village. Shop for handmade baskets, boxes and toys at the gift shop.

**HISTORIC RAILPARK & TRAIN MUSEUM AND L&N DEPOT**, Bowling Green

See a 1949 Pullman dining car among restored train stock and one of the region's largest model-railroad displays at the Historic RailPark & Train Museum and L&N Depot, a two-story museum that is part of the Bluegrass Train Experience. Admission includes a guided tour of five historic rail cars plus a self-guided museum tour.

**CUMBERLAND RIVER FERRY**, Tompkinsville

Glide across the river on the Cumberland River Ferry located at McMillan's Landing — considered among the finest steamboat landings in its heyday. Offering free passage, Kentucky's only state-operated ferry runs 24 hours a day.

**DENNISON'S ROADSIDE MARKET**, Horse Cave

A bounty of fruits, veggies, plants and flowers; berries and pumpkins for picking; jams, jellies and relishes to fill the pantry; cute crafts galore; and more: Homegrown wonderland Dennison's Roadside Market is open mid-April to December.



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**FOUR MUSTS**

**Grab a Bite:**  
Farmwald's Restaurant, Horse Cave

**Stop & Shop:**  
GypsyMoon Marketplace at Highland Stables (April and November), Bowling Green

**Magical Moments:**  
Plaza Theatre, Glasgow

**Local Heritage & Culture:**  
Onyx Cave and Crystal Onyx Cave, Cave City

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Photos from top: Jenny Wilson Byrd Memorial Trail, Munfordville; Fork in the Road, Franklin



	National Parks		State Historic Sites
	State Resort Parks		State Recreational Parks

Photo: Red River Meeting House, Adairville

# “TRUE SOLITUDE IS FOUND IN THE WILD PLACES ...”

—Wendell Berry, American Novelist,  
Poet & Kentuckian

## REGIONAL ROAD TRIPS

**1 Adairville/Auburn:** Find small-batch spirits and one-of-a-kind expressions of whiskey at **BH James Distillery**. Get a look into the region's past at the historical **Red River Meeting House**. Next, check out the wine library at **Carriage House Vineyards**, shelving a full range of wines, from dry to fruitfully sweet.

**2 Bowling Green:** Cocktails, mocktails and jazz: Relax and enjoy the vibes of **Shake Rag Bar & Lounge** or go underground into the dark and moody ambiance of the **Mustang Club Wine Bar and Speakeasy**, which features a restaurant, a cigar lounge and a weekly Bike Night.

**3 Smiths Grove:** A rustically elegant wine tasting room, rolling countryside views and a Tuscan-inspired bed and breakfast — woman-owned **Bluegrass Vineyard** charms with an inviting setting, sips from sweet white wines like Blackberry to dry reds including Commonwealth Cabernet, and special and seasonal events, from live music to line dancing.

**4 Austin:** Head to **Kenny's Farmhouse Cheese** for a cozy farm getaway at **Mattingly Farm**. Stay in the Above the Cows Parlor Pad, the Barn Apartment or the historic Mattingly Farmhouse. In the morning, sample Kenny's famous Kentucky Rose and other signature cheeses during a tasting. You might even meet the real Kenny.

**5 Mammoth Cave:** The next day, set out for a paddling adventure on Kentucky's first National Water Trail, the biodiverse **Green and Nolin Rivers Blueway**. Sheltering species of fish, freshwater mussels and macroinvertebrates, it flows through **Mammoth Cave National Park** and harbors islands, springs and river bluffs. Angle for game fish, photograph wildlife and camp in quiet serenity along its banks.

**6 Horse Cave:** Animal shows are fan favorites at **Kentucky Down Under Adventure Zoo**, where kangaroos and emus roam the "Outback." Board the wagon at **Dutch Country Animal Safari Park** to explore the wilds of Kentucky backcountry and feed watusi cattle, water buffalo and wildebeests by hand or bowl.

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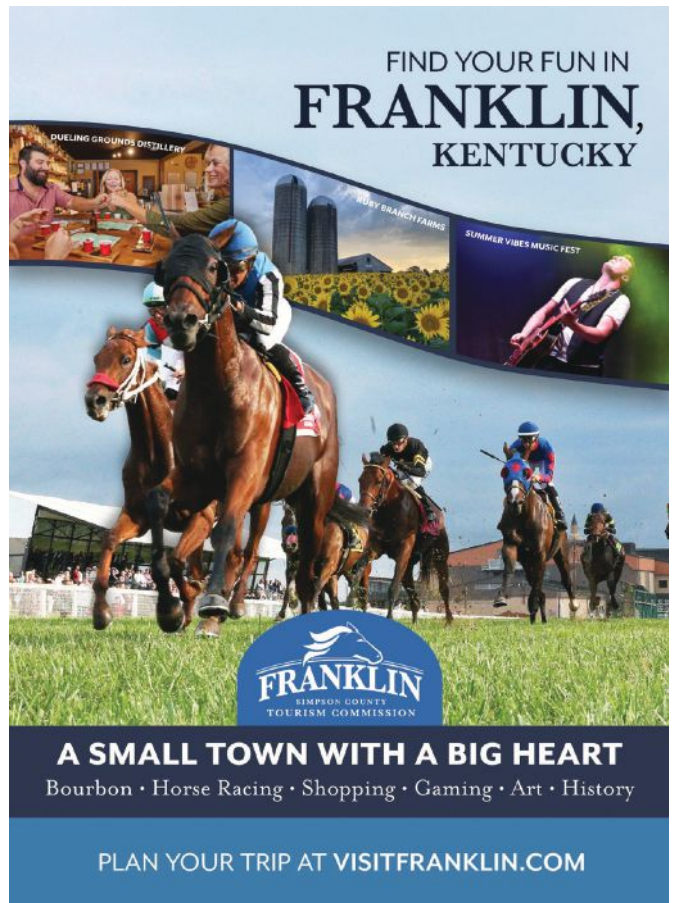
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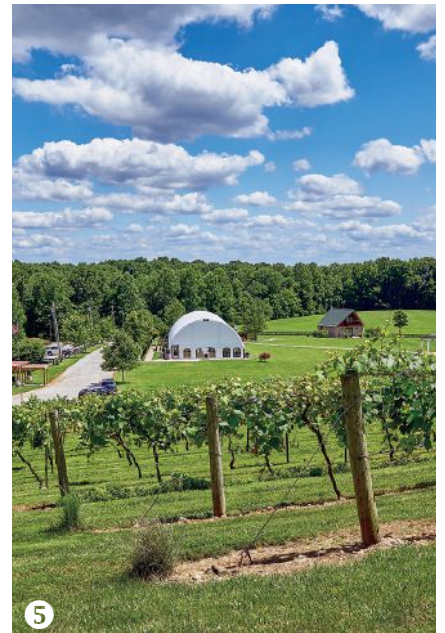
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# SOUTHERN KENTUCKY VACATIONS

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Photo: Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area



1 Creelsboro Natural Arch, Creelsboro 2 Devil's Jump Overlook, Stearns 3 Columbia Trail Town 4 Wolf Creek National Fish Hatchery Visitor and Environmental Education Center, Jamestown 5 Cave Hill Vineyard & Winery, Eubank 6 Haney's Appledale Farm, Nancy 7 Campbellsville Trail Town



## BEST-KEPT LOCAL SECRETS

### **ATKINSON-GRIFFIN HOUSE MUSEUM,** Campbellsville

Its blood-stained floors a grim reminder of the Civil War, this museum on Green River Lake once served as a Confederate Hospital. It is the final stop on the 3-mile, 12-stop Tebbs Bend Battlefield Driving Tour that recalls Confederate General John Hunt Morgan's 1863 raid.

### **STEPHENS CLASSIC CARS MUSEUM,** Russell Springs

More than 100 gleaming vintage beauties strike a pose with hoods popped on the black and white checkerboard floor at Stephens Classic Cars Museum. Browse a collection of signs and other motorsports memorabilia surrounding them.

### **SLEEPING IN THE WOODS FESTIVAL,** Monticello

Beneath the stars and amid the trees — May's annual Sleeping in the Woods Festival showcases over 20 singer-songwriters from across the country as they gather to make magic at Lake Cumberland's dreamy Hidden Ridge Camping.

### **LAKE LIBERTY,** Liberty

Bring your fishing pole for the lake and your camera for the wildlife. Surrounded by trees and wildflower-strewn trails, Lake Liberty is a tranquil spot for fishing, hiking, canoeing, kayaking and stand-up paddleboarding.

### **PARANORMAL ROADTRIPPER'S NIGHTMARE GALLERY,** Somerset

Straight from the Bluegrass Triangle — find exhibits related to Bigfoot, cryptozoology, ghost hunting, serial killers, UFOs and the paranormal, plus haunted objects and horror movie-used props and prop replicas, at the Paranormal Roadtripper's Nightmare Gallery. Free admission by appointment only.

### **SEVENTY-SIX FALLS,** Albany

Whether from above at the sheltered picnic area or below from a houseboat, the sights and sounds of Seventy-Six Falls tumbling into Lake Cumberland never get old.



Photo: Lake Cumberland State Resort Park, Jamestown



**SOGGY BOTTOMS CAMPGROUNDS,**  
Liberty

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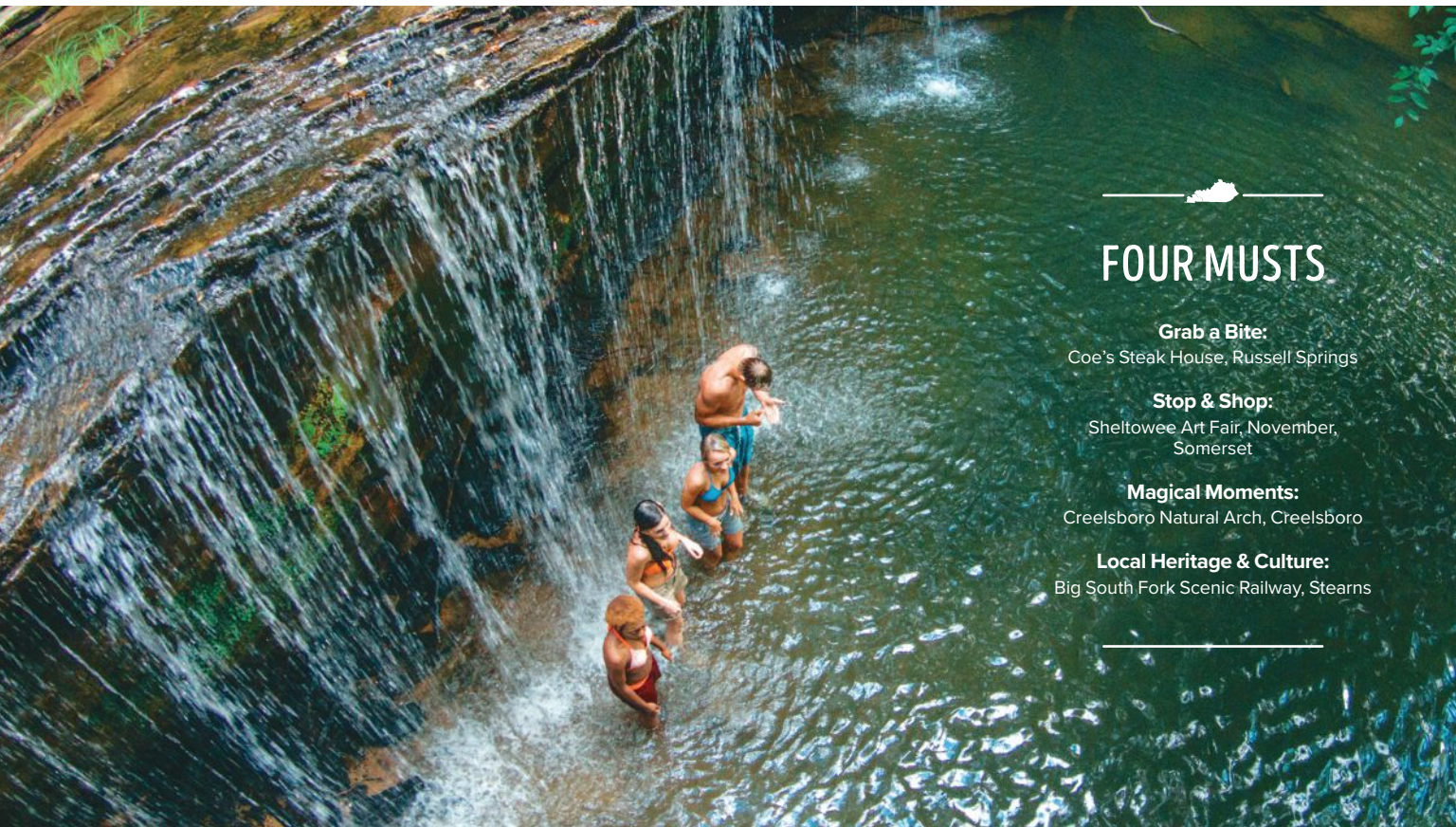
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Taylor County

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**GREEN RIVER LAKE,** Columbia

Flowing from the banks of Russell Creek, Green River Lake is a paradise for fishing, paddling and boating. Rent a boat from Holmes Bend Marina to play along these scenic waterways.




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## FOUR MUSTS

**Grab a Bite:**  
Coe's Steak House, Russell Springs

**Stop & Shop:**  
Sheltoewe Art Fair, November,  
Somerset

**Magical Moments:**  
Creelsboro Natural Arch, Creelsboro

**Local Heritage & Culture:**  
Big South Fork Scenic Railway, Stearns

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Photos from top: Historic Star Theater, Russell Springs; Princess Falls, Whitley City



# SOUTHERN KENTUCKY VACATIONS



National Parks	State Historic Sites
State Resort Parks	State Recreational Parks

Photo: Dale Hollow Lake State Resort Park Golf Course, Burkesville

# “ KENTUCKY, YOU ARE THE DEAREST LAND OUTSIDE OF HEAVEN TO ME. ”

The Everly Brothers,  
American Country Rock Duo

## REGIONAL ROAD TRIPS

**1 Stearns:** Start your adventure at **Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area**. Explore this primordial wildland, featuring nearly 350 miles of trails, before camping at **Bear Creek** or **Blue Heron Campground**.

**2 McCreary County:** Up next, beauty meets brawn at area waterfalls — the state’s most powerful and picturesque — thundering away at the end of a hike: the 44-foot **Eagle Falls**, **Princess Falls** along the **Sheltowee Trace Trail**, magnificent **Yahoo Falls** plunging into a pool 113 feet below, or the showstopping **Cumberland Falls**, the Bluegrass State’s largest waterfall.

**3 Parkers Lake:** On ancient hunting grounds surrounded by forest, the **Natural Arch Scenic Area** shelters a spectacular sandstone arch that slants dramatically and spans nearly 100 feet. Enjoy panoramic views from the overlook, hiking trails, a playground with horseshoe pits and picnic sites.

**4 Burnside:** Go for a round of golf on an inland island. **General Burnside Island State Resort Park and Golf Course** stretch out over this island, surrounded by **Lake Cumberland**. Spread a lakeside picnic, fish for largemouth and smallmouth bass or make waves on a ski boat.

**5 Burkesville:** Head next to the Kentucky Trail Town of Burkesville in the Appalachian foothills. Go boating, fishing and paddling on the **Cumberland River** or try hiking, golfing and fishing at **Dale Hollow Lake State Resort Park**. Check into a **Mary Ray Oaken Lodge** room for sweeping views of the lake and woodlands from your private balcony.

**6 Liberty:** Make a morning drive to the **South Fork Creek Amish and Mennonite Community**, clip-clopping along at a slower pace with horse-drawn buggies on backroads and shops showcasing tradition and craftsmanship with handmade, heirloom-quality furniture, fresh produce, baked goods and more.

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