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Welcome to

Winchester!

Located just minutes from Lexington – the Horse Capital of the World – lies a town unlike any other in Kentucky. **Truly, Winchester offers unique and original experiences that no other Kentucky town can boast.**

Where else can you experience the pioneering spirit that has led to some of our state's favorite things? Ale-8-One, "Kentucky's Official Soft Drink," was founded here. Beer Cheese – a tangy and creamy concoction – got its start here. In fact, today Winchester hosts the nation's first and only Beer Cheese Trail and annual Beer Cheese Festival. Hundreds of years ago, the country looked to Winchester as a leader in commercial hemp production, and today Winchester once again leads an innovative re-emergence of that legacy crop. And Winchester has unique bragging rights related to the role it played in the Civil War. Certainly don't overlook the exciting and historic anecdotes about the Commonwealth's original and favorite pioneer, Daniel Boone. And to top it all off, Winchester is located just a short drive from the beautiful Red River Gorge where hiking, camping, rock climbing, rappelling, and other amazing outdoor adventures abound.

No wonder Winchester is known as the place for truly unique experiences. Winchester – ***Always Original!***



Historic Downtown Winchester

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, Downtown Winchester looks much as it did 100 years ago with five-globe lampposts and an elevated sidewalk. Discover architectural gems filled with quaint shops, wonderful restaurants and charming character.



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Ale-8-One Soft Drink

Founded and bottled in Winchester since 1926, "Ale-8" is the only soft drink invented in Kentucky still in existence. Deemed "Kentucky's Official Soft Drink," this ginger and citrus flavored soda was inspired by ginger-based recipes from northern Europe. Ale-8 can be described as a ginger soft drink with a "kick." Factory tours are available by appointment.

The Birthplace of Beer Cheese

Winchester-Clark County is the birthplace of beer cheese, which originated here nearly 75 years ago. The sharp cheddar spread is a regional favorite served as a dip for vegetables or crackers or as a flavorful ingredient in many dishes. Today, we proudly host the Beer Cheese Trail – home to several restaurants offering numerous varieties – and the annual Beer Cheese Festival held the second Saturday each June. Held in historic Downtown Winchester, the Festival celebrates commercial and amateur beer cheese makers and offers food, drink, and entertainment for the entire family, plus a wide variety of local arts and crafts vendors.

Hands-On History

Steeped in the intrigue of Kentucky's original pioneer, Daniel Boone, early American settlements, and a pivotal role in Civil War skirmishes, Winchester offers unique views into our past. The Bluegrass Heritage Museum houses many original exhibits with nods to local lore. If you are a bluegrass music fan, then you'll particularly enjoy the year-round exhibit dedicated to Homer Ledford – a renowned instrument maker and bluegrass musician from Kentucky whose dulcimers, banjos, mandolins, guitars and ukuleles are sought by musicians from all over the world.

The Hemp Capital of the World

Dating back to the 1800s, Winchester has always been a leader in the global production of hemp. Hemp is used to make a variety of commercial and industrial products, including rope, textiles, clothing, shoes, food, paper, bioplastics, insulation, and biofuel, but also is used to produce health foods, organic body care, and other nutraceuticals.

ORIGINAL TOURS

Embark upon any of these fascinating excursions by first picking up a brochure at the **Winchester-Clark County Tourism Commission** located at 2 South Maple Street or by visiting visitwinchesterky.com.

African American Heritage Trail

This trail highlights some of the untold stories and achievements made by our African American community. Their important contributions to our area are poignantly illustrated by local points of interest.

Cell Phone Tours

Winchester was the first community in Kentucky to establish cell phone tours. Dial into our heritage and unique architecture with a guided cell phone tour of historic Downtown Winchester and the Civil War Fort at Boonesboro.

Civil War Driving Tour

Travel Clark County's scenic byways and back roads to significant Civil War locations: historic fortifications, homes, cemeteries, buildings and other sites.

Kentucky River Blue Water Trail Guide of Clark County

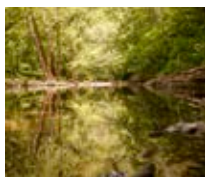
Visit historic sites, notable landmarks and important facilities on both sides of the river in Clark and Madison Counties.

Stone Fence Driving Tours

Amazing stone fences that frame the farms and pastureland of Clark County have a fascinating history.

Tour the Winchester Cemetery

Rich in history and tranquil beauty, the cemetery encompasses the story of our 200-year-old community through those who have been memorialized within its grounds.



ATTRACTIONS



Ale-8-One

25 Carol Rd.
859-744-3484
ale8one.com

Kentucky's original soft drink, Ale-8-One has been bottled in Winchester since 1926 and is the only soft drink invented in Kentucky still in existence. The name "A Late One" was a pun adopted for its description as the latest thing in soft drinks. Factory tours are available by appointment.



The Beer Cheese Trail

859-744-0556
beercheesetrail.com

Hit the restaurants along the Beer Cheese Trail to sample the numerous varieties of beer cheese. Purchase a beer cheese item and get your "cheese log" stamped; earn a free t-shirt when you collect five stamps!



Blackfish Bison Ranch

676 Quisenberry Ln.
859-808-1285

Blackfish Bison Ranch, located on 242 acres of rolling hills, focuses on the spiritual relationship between buffalo and Native Americans. Guided tours by appointment include hand-feeding the buffalo among many other activities.



Bluegrass Heritage Museum

217 S. Main St.
859-745-1358
bgheritage.com

Housed in the historic Guarrant Mission Clinic and Hospital, the Bluegrass Heritage Museum highlights local history through engaging and innovative exhibits that explore the rich cultural heritage of Kentucky's Bluegrass Region.



Civil War Fort at Boonesboro

1250 Ford Rd.
859-744-0556
civilwarfortatboonesboro.com

The Union army constructed this earthenwork fort to defend the ferry at Boonesboro and deter Confederate raiders. A scenic trail provides beautiful views of the Kentucky River. Self-guided walking tours and cell phone tours are available.



Holly Rood

28 Beckner St.
859-745-6664
hollyroodevents.com

Built in 1814 by James Clark, 13th Governor of Kentucky, the Federal style house is filled with antiques and mementos that tell the story of the community. Tours are available by appointment.



Hamon Haven Winery

7041 Rockwell Rd.
859-745-4161
hamonhaven.com

Sample award-winning, locally produced wines while you enjoy warm hospitality. Tour the vineyard and learn about the Kentucky wine industry by appointment.



Fort Boonesborough State Park

4375 Boonesborough Rd.
Richmond, KY
859-527-3131

Located on the Kentucky River just across from Clark County, at the site where the original Fort Boonesborough was built by Daniel Boone and his men in 1775, Fort Boonesborough State Park offers nature trails and camping facilities, as well as a reconstructed pioneer-era fort with living history programs.

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Leeds Center for the Arts

37 N. Main St.
859-744-6437
leedscenter.org

Located in the heart of downtown since 1925, the recently renovated theater offers cultural and community events, including plays, musicals, concerts and educational classes.



Lower Howard's Creek Nature and Heritage Preserve

Athens-Boonesboro Rd.
859-806-2466
lowerhowardscreek.org

Kentucky's 40th State Nature Preserve features several miles of nature trails that wind through historic sites and allows hikers to see a variety of plant and animal species. Guided tours are available by appointment.



Abettor Brewing Company

301 W. Lexington Ave.
859-385-4848
abettorbeer.com

Winchester's first brewery, Abettor specializes in a variety of beers using local ingredients and hops from Clark County.



Creative Coffees Roastery

2000 Fortune Dr.
859-355-5412
creativecoffees.com

Step into Creative Coffees and delight in the amazing aromas. They've been roasting and packaging specialty grade coffee since 2009. Learn what coffee looks like before and after it's roasted. We recommend that groups of 10 or more make an appointment.



Dirty South Pottery

38 N. Main St.

859-749-0314

dirtysouthpottery.com

A unique shopping and cultural stop, the store features a large selection of handmade pottery, made on site. Visitors can watch artists work.



Mt. Folly Farm

3581 Schollsville Rd.

731-415-3056

mtfollyfarm.com

One of Kentucky's largest USDA-certified organic farms, specializing in corn, beans, grains, and hemp. Owned and operated by agricultural innovator, Laura Freeman, founder of Laura's Lean Beef. The farm store welcomes guests to shop for Laura's Homestead Alternatives CBD products, Laura's Hemp Chocolates, and other regional farm favorites.



Harkness Edwards Vineyards

5199 Combs Ferry Rd.

859-644-5140

harknessedwardsvineyards.com

Inspired by the connection between food, wine and hospitality since its opening in 2006, Harkness Edwards Vineyards offers a tasting room, breathtaking views, vineyards, gardens and more. Owned and operated by the Edwards family, the vineyard offers a distinctive sense of love and passion shown through their artisan-made wine.



Wildcat Willy's Distillery

31 East Broadway St.

859-749-7710

moonshinetrail.com

A full-service bar and restaurant offering authentic farm-to-table southern classics. Distilling small-batch, artisanal moonshine and other spirits.

RECREATION & ADVENTURE

Bicycling

Go to visitwinchester.com to download route maps.

Downtown Ride

The Downtown Ride highlights the Winchester Alley Tour, designed to take cyclists by downtown landmarks while avoiding heavy traffic.

River Route

The 28-mile River Route provides a moderate challenge for the casual cyclist and a relaxed ride for the more experienced. Beginning downtown, the route meanders south to the Kentucky River, follows along its verdant banks, then heads back north for a downtown finish.

Canoeing & Kayaking

Three Trees Canoe-Kayak Rental

300 Athens-Boonesboro Rd. | 859-749-3227
threetreeskayak.com

Experience the breathtaking Kentucky River Palisades and enjoy unique views of the spectacular rock formations along the river.

Red River Boat Dock

1260 Ferry Rd. | 859-533-7840

Boat ramp, bait, snacks, kayak rentals, paddle boats and fishing.

Golfing & Sport

Southwind Golf Course

2480 Boonesboro Rd. | 859-744-0375

18 holes, 6,265 yards, course rating 67.1, slope rating of 113. Designed by Danny McQueen.

Cassell Creek Golf Course

4199 Lexington Rd. | 859-744-9959
cassellcreekgolf.com

18 holes, 6,714 yards, course rating 70.0, slope rating of 116.

Winchester Country Club

410 Boone Ave. | 859-744-4884

18 holes, 6,220 yards, course rating 69.3, slope rating of 117.

Quail Point Preserve & Recreational Hunt

4258 Lexington Rd. | 859-771-6142

quailpointpreserveky.com

Quail Point Preserve is as close to wild bird hunting as you can find. Large and well-tended fields deliver a good day for your dog and you.

Hiking & Walking

All trails are open from dawn to dusk.

John Holder Trail, Lower Howard's Creek

This three-mile loop follows segments of several old roads through Lower Howard's Creek Nature and Heritage Preserve. Trailhead at 1225 Athens-Boonesboro Road.

Civil War Fort at Boonesboro

A moderately strenuous, wooded half-mile trek that provides panoramic views of the Kentucky River valley. Leashed and tagged dogs are welcome. Parking area located at 1250 Ford Road.

The Traveling Trail

A nearly mile-long trail situated within a large meadow of Kentucky bluegrass, with shaded areas and benches. Leashed and tagged dogs are welcome. Parking area at 2020 Bypass Road.

Legacy Grove

This 30-acre park caters to all abilities. The site features a two-acre Adventure Play Area, dog park, and a paved one-mile walking loop. Located at 1107 West Lexington Avenue.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Baymont Inn

960 Interstate Dr.
859-737-3990

Best Western

1307 W. Lexington Ave.
859-744-7210

Comfort Inn

5250 Revilo Rd.
859-745-3009

Hampton Inn

1025 Early Dr.
859-745-2000

Holiday Inn Express

100 Winchester Plaza
859-795-8050

Red Roof Inn

1100 Interstate Dr.
859-385-4191

Value Stay

5100 Revilo Rd.
859-745-0751

For news and event information about Winchester, go to visitwinchesterky.com. Download our app, available on the App Store and Google Play.



Visit our website for a complete listing of short-term rentals.



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