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TRAVEL INSPIRATION GUIDE

WELCOME!

In the heart of Kentucky's Bluegrass region, Jessamine County presents plentiful opportunities for a vacation, staycation, or business trip. Our countryside is beautiful in every season and our friendly residents and business owners promise you unique shopping, dining, and entertainment experiences. And just wait until you see our spectacular outdoors, historic landmarks, and comfortable lodging options for you to sit a spell!

GET TO KNOW US!

NICHOLASVILLE was incorporated in 1812 and is swiftly growing, ranked the 9th largest town in Kentucky by population. Here you can enjoy charcuterie, salads and specialty drinks at **Luna's Coffee**, **Wine and Butterfly Cafe** or let your spirits soar with **Jake's Cigar Bar's** cigar and bourbon experiences, or eat and shop at **Brannon Crossing**, one of the hottest developments in the region. For good, wholesome family fun, catch a performance of **KCAL Old Time Radio Troupe**, which since 2014 has reproduced Old Time Radio episodes with a twist, and has shows year-round in downtown Nicholasville.

About 10 minutes south of town, you'll find **Camp Nelson National Monument**, a unit of the National Park Service that preserves and interprets the site of the US Army supply depot and training center during the Civil War. The base played an integral role in ending slavery in Kentucky, as 10,000 formerly enslaved African American men self-emancipated by enlisting in the United States Colored Troops. They were joined by their families and other freedom seekers who sought refuge here. In addition to the visitor center, museum, and constructed barracks, there are over five miles of walking trails. Directly south of the national park site is **Camp Nelson National Cemetery**.

WILMORE was founded by the Cincinnati Southern Railroad as a flag stop after the building of the **High Bridge** trestle and has grown in size to 6,000 residents. Wilmore is home to **Asbury University** and **Asbury Theological Seminary** with its on-campus walking trail, and is known for its delightful small town charm, to include the historic Main Street District, which is on the National Register of Historic Places.

For a must see stop, head toward **KEENE**, which originated as a mill town founded in the late 1700s. It's a great place to grab a bite to eat at **Dixie Cafe**, and nearby is the **1922 House and Vineyards**, where you can spend a great afternoon wine tasting and relaxing.

WHERE THE WINE AND WATER FLOW

- Catch a free ride in your car across the Kentucky River on the **Valley View Ferry**, the oldest continuous business of record in Kentucky and is located on the Jessamine, Madison and Fayette county line at the Kentucky River.
- At **First Vineyard** in Nicholasville, you can tour the first commercial vineyard in America!
- Near Wilmore is **High Bridge Park & Historic Bridge**, built in 1877 as the highest railroad trestle in the world and overlooking the Kentucky River. A model of this bridge is located in the Smithsonian Institution!

KENTUCKY RIVER PALISADES

ASBURY TRAILS

HIGH BRIDGE PARK

CAMP NELSON NATIONAL MONUMENT

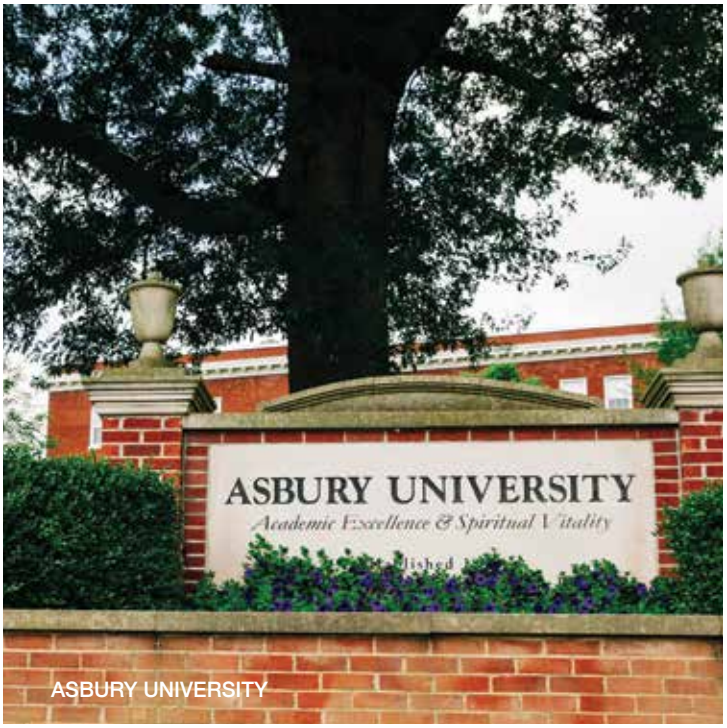
WE'RE YOUR RECREATION STATION!

Jessamine County has 42 meandering miles of riverbank with spectacular views along the **Kentucky River Palisades**, and a wealth of outdoor recreation opportunities like golf, disc golf, hiking, biking, kayaking and canoeing.

Nicholasville/Jessamine County Parks & Recreation Department maintains more than **15 local parks** encompassing 250 acres, to include walking trails, playgrounds, fishing, sports fields and an aquatic center.

There are many locations to see plant and animal species and birdwatch, walk or hike and take photographs galore, including **Jim Beam Nature Preserve**, the **Jessamine Creek Gorge Preserve** and **Asbury Trails**.

For your furry, four-legged companions, **Jessamine County Dog Park** has wide open areas for running and playing! There's even a program to make your dog a Junior Ranger at **Camp Nelson National Monument**!



ASBURY UNIVERSITY

CAMP NELSON NATIONAL MONUMENT AND CEMETERY

PERFORMANCE PARK

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LOCAL EVENTS

Jessamine Live Monthly Concerts
- Performance Park Series Downtown Nicholasville
- Stone Bridge Concert Series / Wilmore
- Stone Fence Park / Nicholasville
- Riney B. Park Stage / Nicholasville
- Wilmore on the Green / Wilmore

Wilmore Coaster Car Derby / May

Taste of Jessamine / May

The Bryan House
Summerfest / May
Autumnfest / September – October

Kentucky Wine & Vine Fest / June

Jessamine Juneteenth / June

Wilmore Fourth of July Parade / July

More Tales Storytelling Festival / September

Wilmore Arts & Crafts Festival / October

Jessamine Fall Fest / October

First Vineyard Winery Christmas in the Country Craft Fair / November

St. "Nich" Christmas Fest & Parade / December

Wilmore's Old Fashioned Christmas / December

ATTRACTIONS

Camp Nelson National Monument
6614 Old Danville Rd. Loop 2
Nicholasville
859.881.5716
nps.gov/cane/index.htm

Jessamine Creek Gorge
1232-1406 Corman Ln. / Nicholasville
859.885.2310 Ext. 1014
jessaminetrails.com/
jessamine-creek-gorge-preserve/

Taylor Made Farms
2765 Union Mill Rd. / Nicholasville
859.885.3345
taylormadefarm.com

1922 House Vineyards and Winery
3155 Keene Rd. / Nicholasville
859.321.3533
1922housewinery.com

First Vineyard Winery
5800 Sugar Creek Pike / Nicholasville
859.885.9359
firstvineyard.net

High Bridge Park
KY 29 / Old Park Rd. / Wilmore
859.885.4500
visitjessamine.com

Asbury Trails
985 Shanty Hill Rd. / Wilmore
859.858.3511
jessaminetrails.com

Jim Beam Nature Preserve
Payne Ln. / Nicholasville
859.259.9655
jessaminetrails.com

Valley View Ferry
Ky River at Tates Creek Rd (KY169) / Nicholasville
859.469.3871
facebook.com/valleyviewferry

John Nickell Boat Ramp, Kentucky River
7800 Sulphur Well Pike / Nicholasville

High Bridge Boat Ramp, Kentucky River
Lock 7 Road / Wilmore

KCAL Old Time Radio Show
109 S. Main St. / Nicholasville
859.885.5363
kcalotr.com

Asbury University
1 Macklem Dr. / Wilmore
859.858.3511
asbury.edu

Asbury Theological Seminary
204 N. Lexington Ave. / Wilmore
859.858.3581
asburyseminary.edu

Camp Nelson National Cemetery
6980 Danville Rd. / Wilmore
859.885.5727
nps.gov/nr/travel/national_cemeteries/kentucky/camp_nelson_national_cemetery.html

Kentucky Equine Adoption Center
1713 Catnip Hill Rd. / Nicholasville
859.881.5849
kyeac.org

Asbury University Equine Center
744 Shanty Hill Rd. / Wilmore
859.858.3511, x2262
asbury.edu/academics/departments/science-health/equine-program/events

Wilmore Railside Caboose Museum
334 2 E. Main St. / Wilmore
859.858.4411

Ghost Fox Winery
1051 Chrisman Mill Rd. / Nicholasville
502.550.2337
ghostfoxwinery.com

SHOPPING

In **Nicholasville**, you'll find trendy and fun clothing boutiques, jewelry stores, discount stores, antique shops, craft store, and other artsy destinations selling candles, soaps, pottery and works from local artisans. **Wilmore** epitomizes small-town Americana with adorable shops where you'll find art and decor, candles, home goods and more.

Downtown outdoor markets are held in Nicholasville and Wilmore throughout the year.

Alternative Jewelry Shop
118 1/2 N. Main St. / Nicholasville
859.885.4109
alternativejewelryshop.com

Coach Light Antiques, Art & Auctions
100 Courchelle Dr. / Nicholasville
859.621.1454

Granny's Attic
313 E. Main St. / Wilmore
859.215.6172

Nicholasville Florist & Gift Shop
206 S. Main St. / Nicholasville
859.885.5601
nicholasvillefloristky.com

Rachel's Rose Garden
322 E. Main St. / Wilmore
859.858.9415

Shades of Bluegrass
329 E. Main St. / Wilmore
859.608.0499

The Boot Store
3090 Lexington Rd. / Nicholasville
859.885.6629
mybootstore.com

This aNd That Vendors Mall Flea Market
952 N. Main St. / Nicholasville
859.887.9263
thisandthatvendorsmall.com

Tickled Pink
605 N. Main St. / Nicholasville
859.885.1232

Real Deals
123 Means Dr. / Nicholasville
859.724.7325
realdeals.net/nicholasville

Springhouse Gardens
185 Catnip Hill / Nicholasville
859.224.1417
facebook.com/springhousegardens

Wilmore Well
324 E. Main St. / Wilmore
859.215.6230
facebook.com/p/
Wilmore-Well-100080259099565/

Mother Made Medicine
326 E. Main St. / Wilmore
502.682.9056

Special Blessings Shop
308 E. Main St. / Wilmore
859.227.6897
specialblessingsshop.company.site

Glow Skin Studio
314 E. Main St. / Wilmore
859.297.8991
getyourglowon.org/blank-2

Community Service Center, Wilmore/ High Bridge Thrift Shop
209 E. Main St. / Wilmore
859.858.2819
cscwilmore.org

Gold Flame Diecast
311 E. Main St. / Wilmore
704.880.9975
facebook.com/profile.
php?id=100083695067291

Dodd's Corner Farmer's Market
309-399 N. 3rd St. / Nicholasville
859.885.0349
facebook.com/DoddsCorner

Jake's Cigar Bar
100 Langley Dr. / Nicholasville
859.273.0351
jakescigarbar.com

KY Sweetheart Boutique
125 Quinn Dr. / Nicholasville
859.305.6005

Rest and rejuvenate during your stay at one of our fine clean and friendly hotels and bed and charming breakfast inns. You can also try one of a growing number of area short-term rentals, for more luxurious accommodations and others offering entire houses, a farm cottage, villa, guest suites, and private rooms.

PLACES TO STAY

Comfort Inn
100 All Star Way / Nicholasville
859.305.9971
choicehotels.com/kentucky/nicholasville

Holiday Inn Express
164 Imperial Way / Nicholasville
859.885.8080
ihg.com

Hampton Inn, Nicholasville
453 E. Brannon Rd. / Nicholasville
859.724.7599
hilton.com

Asbury Inn and Suites
1 June Ryan Cr. / Wilmore
859.858.2156
asburyinn.com

1898 Red Bud B & B
600 N. Lexington Ave. / Wilmore
859.215.6000
1898redbudbandb.com

The Potters Inn B & B
313 Walters Ln. / Wilmore
859.858.4839
thepottersinnwilmore.com

Cuttaway Trace
2055 Hall Rd. / Nicholasville
502.418.7806
cuttawaytrace.com

RECREATION / ENTERTAINMENT

Top Seed Tennis Club
777 E. Brannon Rd. / Nicholasville
859.523.7474
topseedtennis.net

Connemara Golf Course
2327 Lexington Rd. / Nicholasville
859.885.4331
connemaragolfcourse.com

Get Air Trampoline Park
400 E. Brannon Rd. / Nicholasville
859.303.5868
getairsports.com

Semper Fi Firearms & Indoor Ranges
440 E. Brannon Rd. / Nicholasville
859.245.0777
sanddindoorrange.com

Thoroughbred Golf Club at Highpoint
1215 High Point Dr. / Nicholasville
859.887.4614
thoroughbred.golf

S and D Indoor Range
440 E. Brannon Rd. / Nicholasville
859.245.0777
sandddindoorrange.com

Bluegrass Salt Room
239 E. Brannon Rd. / Nicholasville
859.425.1111
kentuckysaltroom.com

Movie Tavern
150 Langley Dr. / Nicholasville
859.245.0460
marcustheatres.com/theatre-locations/movie-tavern-brannon-crossing

SIP & SAVOR

The dining scene in Jessamine County is deliciously diverse, serving up a wide variety of cuisines from homestyle southern specialties in artsy settings, family-owned cafes and bakeries, steak houses and a movie tavern, to jambalaya, etouffee, sushi, and everything in between.

Asuka Grill, Sushi, and Bar
360 E. Brannon Rd. / Nicholasville
859.272.0020
asukagrill.com

Big City Pizza
114 Williams Rd. / Nicholasville
859.885.0111
bigcitypizzaky.com

Bill's Saloon at Connemara
2327 Lexington Rd. / Nicholasville
859.885.222
connemaragolfcourse.com/bills-saloon

Drake's
390 E. Brannon Rd. / Nicholasville
859.447.8411
drakescomeplay.com/
drakes-brannon-crossing

El Rio Grande
220 N. Plaza Dr. / Nicholasville
859.887.0063
elriograndenicholaville.com

Fitch's IGA: Leonard's Kitchen
102 E. Main St. / Wilmore
859.858.3135

Gumbo Ya Ya
294 E. Brannon Rd. / Nicholasville
859.245.9292
gumboyayaky.com

Jordy's Family Restaurant
1001 Elizabeth St. / Nicholasville
859.305.6269

Mi Pequena Hacienda
110 Cynthia Dr. / Nicholasville
859.309.3840
mipenquenahacienda.com

Solomon's Porch
111 E. Main St. / Wilmore
859.858.9060
solomonsporchwilmore.com

The Barn at High Point
1215 High Point Dr. / Nicholasville
859.529.5460
thebarnathighpoint.com

The Copper River Grill
501 Keene Centre Dr. / Nicholasville
859.885.0044
copperrivergrill.com

The Cottage Cafe
409 N. Main St. / Nicholasville
859.887.1911
facebook.com/NicholasvilleCottageCafe

The Dixie Cafe & Quick Stop
108 Keene-South Elkhorn Rd. / Keene
859.885.0191
thedixiecafekeeneky.com

The Home Stretch Bar and Grill
1045 N. Main St. / Nicholasville
859.305.6843
thehomestretchbarandgrill.com

Los Dos Amigos
107 Edgewood Dr. / Nicholasville
859.887.0594

El Rancho Taqueria
922 S. Main St. / Nicholasville
859.654.7295
orderelranchotaqueria.com

Agaves Grill
1073 N. Main St. / Nicholasville
859.241.6796
facebook.com/p/
Agaves-Grill-100063638765374

Delish Pizza
118 Blueberry Ln. / Nicholasville
859.967.1117
delishpizza.com

Feed and Supply
8675 Tates Creek Rd. / Lexington
859.271.9404
feedandsupply.shop

Euro Wine & Tapas Bar
102 S. Main St. / Nicholasville
859.225.3139
facebook.com/EuroWineBar

Brewers On Main
116 S. Main St. / Nicholasville

Bubba Grub
1001 Elizabeth St. / Nichoalsville

Crumbl Cookies
255 E. Brannon Rd. / Nichoalsville
859.305.7134
crumblcookies.com

Daylight Donuts
1020 N. Main St., #2 / Nicholasville
859.885.0028
daylightdonuts.com

Dodd's Corner Market
309-399 N. 3rd St. / Nicholasville
859.885.0349

Drinklings Coffee
100 Rice St. / Wilmore
859.545.3052
drinklingscoffeehouse.com

European Delights Gourmet Bakery
221 E. Brannon Rd. / Nicholasville
859.271.7000
europeandelightsbakery.com

Happy Hour Bar
451 Keene Center Dr. / Nicholasville
859.887.1248
happyhourliquorandbar.com

Jake's Cigar Bar
100 Langley Dr. / Nicholasville
859.273.0351
jakescigarbar.com

Public Well
104 S. York St. / Nicholasville
859.887.0400
publicwellky.com

Scooters Coffee
120 Hope Ct . / Nicholasville
859.880.3374
scooterscoffee.com

Luna's Coffee, Wine and Butterfly Cafe
109 Springdale Dr. / Nicholasville
859.309.0113
lunascoffeewine.com

Monos Coffee Crafters
2209 Lexington Rd. / Nicholasville
859.705.9977
monoscoffeecrafters.com

Mercantile Coffee and Feed
213 N. Main St. / Nicholasville
Coffee@atoakandmain.com

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102 S. First St.
Nicholasville, KY 40356
859.354.5433

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