Interesting Places to Visit

Kincaid Lake State Park

Kincaid Lake State Park, a favorite retreat for campers, is located 61 miles northeast of Lexington.

Kentucky Horse Park

Kentucky Horse Park, an equine-themed park near Lexington in the heart of the Bluegrass region, is just 45 miles southeast of the park.

Waveland State Historic Site

Waveland State Historic Site’s 19th-century plantation home sits in southwest Lexington, just 50 miles southeast of Blue Licks.

Camping

- 51-site campground with water & utility hook-ups open April - October
- Central service building with showers, restrooms and laundry
- Primitive campsites available
- Leashed pets allowed
- Reservations online or call 888.459.7275

Hidden Waters Restaurant

Enjoy a relaxing meal next to the fieldstone fireplace or overlook the banks of the Licking River from the patio in this 172-seat restaurant, known throughout central Kentucky for its excellent southern cuisine.

Lodge

The lodge has 32 rooms with private balconies or patios and full amenities, including free wifi. For those traveling with four-legged friends, be sure to ask about our pet-friendly rooms. The gift shop offers Kentucky handcrafts, books, and souvenir items.

Cottages

- Two 2-bedroom, 2-bath cottages (one is handicap accessible)
- Overlook the Licking River
- Tableware, cooking utensils, and linens provided

Throughout history, the prolific springs at the park have attracted prehistoric animals, Indians and pioneers, such as the legendary Daniel Boone. In 1778 Boone and a party of Boonesborough men were captured here by the Shawnee Indians during a salt-making expedition.

Today, visitors can walk the very ground where 182 settlers, outnumbered and outgunned, fought for their lives in what is thought to be Kentucky’s last battle of the Revolutionary War on August 19, 1782. Blue Licks, a place where history, nature and fun await you.
MEETING & EVENT FACILITIES

We offer affordable and flexible options for your meeting needs, including banquet menus, complimentary wi-fi and a group sales coordinator. With a total of 5,834 square feet of meeting space, this is the perfect facility for small training classes or staff retreats.

- The Arlington Room, adjacent to the lodge restaurant, seats up to 143 guests banquet style
- The Daniel Boone Room seats up to 175 guests theater style and opens onto a private patio
- The Pavilion Room seats up to 250 guests
- Team building activities available through our recreation division
- School educational packages (REACH)
- Senior packages (SEOK)

For Vacation Fun, We’ve Got You Covered

GIFT SHOP
- Unique selection of Kentucky handcrafted products
- Pottery, baskets, gourds, soaps, and walking sticks are customer favorites
- Large selection of books and cookbooks by Kentucky authors
- Kentucky food products include salsa, jams, mustards, and a variety of sweets

TRAILS
- Five scenic trails covering nearly five miles
- The Licking River Trail (one mile) goes near site where Daniel Boone was captured by Indians

NATURE PRESERVE
- More than 70 acres of Kentucky Nature Preserves which is home to the federally endangered Short’s Goldenrod

SWIMMING*
- Junior Olympic-size pool & bathhouse
- Free for lodge and cottage guests

MINIATURE GOLF*
- 18 holes - perfect for family entertainment

OTHER RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES
- Activities from historic walks to crafts and canoeing planned by full-time park naturalist* 
- Two picnic shelters (one with restrooms & grill) available for rental
- Picnic areas throughout the park
- Playground

* denotes seasonal availability

Plan Your Family Fun

Begin creating family memories by picking up a schedule of activities at the front desk or campground. Entertaining activities are scheduled Memorial Day through Labor Day, with special events scheduled throughout the year.

Activities & Amenities

PIONEER MUSEUM

The newly renovated Pioneer Museum retells the story of the Blue Licks area beginning with the Ordovician time period, all the way up to the park’s dedication in 1928, making it one of Kentucky’s first state parks. Enjoy a short video presentation and examine mastodon bones, Native American and pioneer artifacts, as well as Revolutionary War memorabilia.

Learn about the “healing waters” of the spring through the story of Blue Lick’s early years as a travel destination.

TANNER STATION

Immerse yourself in the 18th century with a visit to Tanner Station, a reproduction of a small trade station known to have been at the spring in 1784. According to early documentation, David Tanner settled the lower Blue Licks in the summer of 1784.

Today, Tanner Station is used to illustrate life along the Licking River in the 18th century, as well as to host the fall Tanner Station Rifle Frolic, held the first weekend in November.

Open year-round, schedule varies by season. Call 859.289.5507 for schedule

BLUE LICKS BATTLEFIELD

Special Events

- Halloween Festivities (October)
- Revolutionary War Battle Re-enactment (August)
- Dinner Theatre (February & December)

Meet our entire calendar of events at: WWW.PARKS.KY.GOV

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