

# Columbus-Belmont State Park



**Nearby places to visit:**

**Wickliffe Mounds State Historic Site**, 20 miles N, on Hwy. 51, has archaeological Native American museum and gift shop.

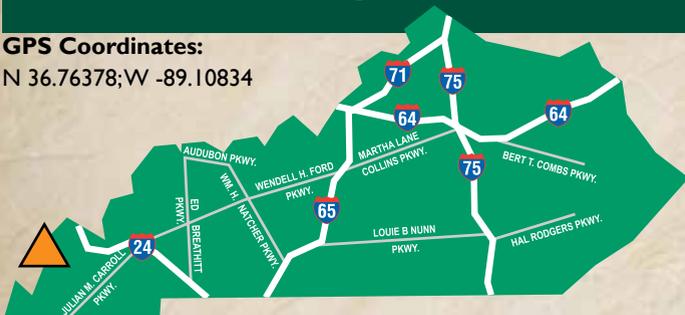
**KY Dam Village State Resort Park**, 47 miles NE, offers a lakeside lodge, cottages, restaurant, golf course, and marina.

**Discovery Park of America** is just 28 miles south via State Rte. 58 to State Rte. 138 S, in Union City, TN. It offers visitors a world-class educational & entertainment experience with more than 70,000 ft<sup>2</sup> of nature, science, history, and art exhibits.

## Western Kentucky

**GPS Coordinates:**

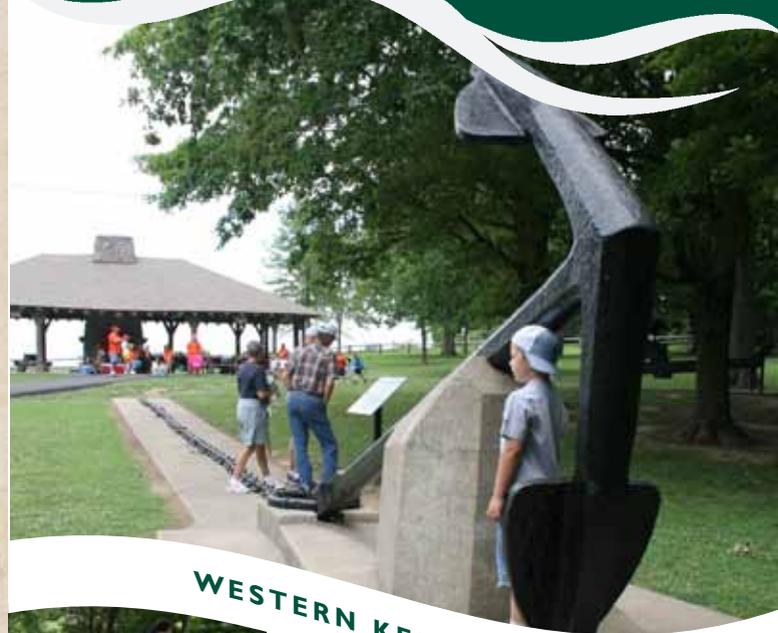
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The park is located 36 miles southwest of Paducah on KY 58 and KY 123/80.

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Columbus-Belmont State Park is a National Scenic Byway and National Trail of Tears Site. It is also part of the Civil War Heritage Trail.

The site was considered a critical strategic location for control of the Mississippi River during the Civil War, and the struggle to control the river led to the Battle of Belmont on November 7, 1861. Today, you can still see the massive chain and anchor used by the South to block passage of Union gunboats and the earthen trenches dug to protect over 19,000 Confederate troops. The farmhouse that served as a Civil War hospital is now a museum.

## *Camping*

Thirty-eight sites with utility hookups and grills. Don't have an RV or tent? Two camping trailers that sleep six and a log cabin that sleeps two (uses campground facilities) is also available. A central service building offers rest rooms, showers, and laundry. Wifi available. Reservations on-line or at 1-888-459-7275.

## *Group Meeting Facility Rental*

Activity Room with banquet tables, AV equipment, dance floor, stage & kitchen holds 200 guests. Conference room seats 50.

## *Special Events*

- Camper Appreciation Weekend (April)
- Civil War Days (2nd Weekend in October)

## *Historic Trails*

2.5 miles of trails take you around the entire park and includes passage through the earthworks dug by Confederate soldiers. Natural areas pass through the woods and scenic bluffs, which provide excellent birding opportunities. Paved/natural surface.

## *Civil War Museum*

Visitors of all ages can learn about the region's role in the Civil War, including how Columbus broke Kentucky's neutrality. Diaries, letters, and personal affects recapture the sentiments and routines of troops from both sides, and music, audio-visual programs, and artifacts interpret the realities of war and its aftermath. Open seasonally. (\$)

## *Snack Bar*

Burgers, fries, ice cream, snacks, and drinks - open seasonally.

## *Picnicking, Playground, Activities*

Picnic tables, grills and a playground, as well as four picnic shelters. Eighteen-hole mini golf course open seasonally.

## *Gift Shop*

Selection of Kentucky handcrafts, books, and Civil War souvenirs available in the gift shop. Open seasonally.

Check our entire calendar of events at [www.parks.ky.gov](http://www.parks.ky.gov)

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