



Pennyrile Forest State Resort Park

Interesting places to visit:

Pennyrile Forest State Resort Park, is 62 miles W via Western KY Parkway in Dawson Springs and has lodging, dining, camping, hiking, fishing, swimming and an 18-hole golf course.

Kenlake State Resort Park, located on the western shores of KY Lake, is 59 miles west on US 68/80. It has a lodge, cottages, campground, restaurant, meeting space, and indoor tennis center.

Lake Barkley State Resort Park is located 39 miles west on US 68/80. It has a lodge, cottages, campground, restaurant, meeting rooms, 18-hole golf course, and indoor swimming pool.

Western Kentucky

GPS Coordinates:
N 36.84185; W -87.30009



The site and monument are 9 miles east of Hopkinsville on US 68.

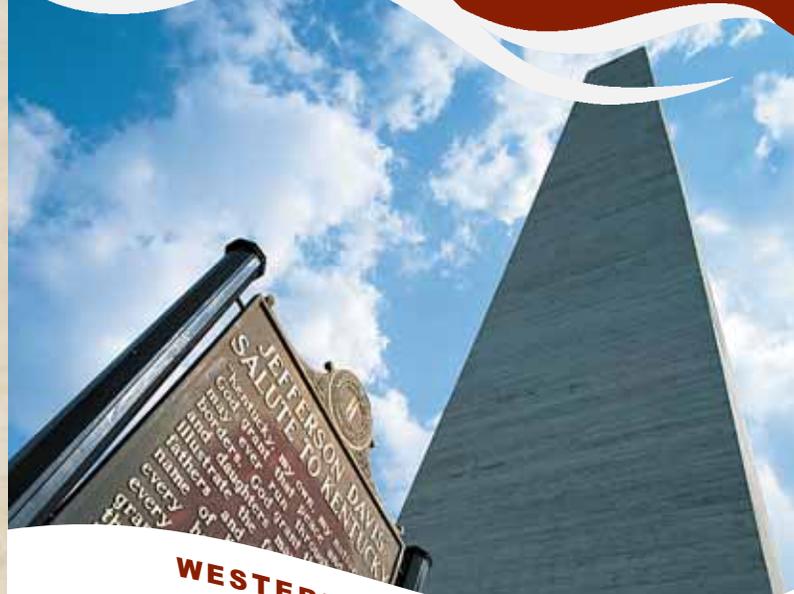
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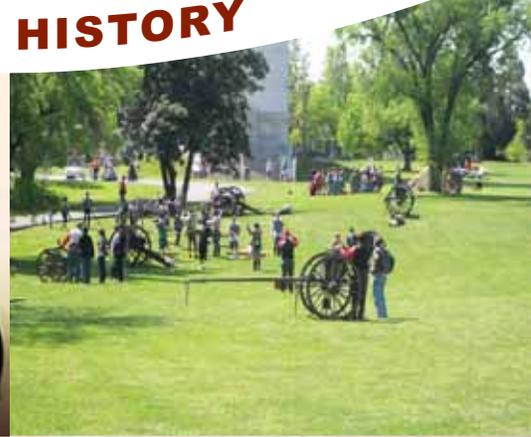
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Jefferson Davis State Historic Site is a memorial to the famous Kentuckian born on this site on June 3, 1808. Coincidentally, just eight months later, and not more than 100 miles away, another great Kentucky statesman was born – Abraham Lincoln – who would become Davis' most notable adversary.

Although Davis is most well-known for his service as President of the Confederacy during the Civil War, he was actually a reluctant secessionist. Davis distinguished himself as a military and political leader not only during the Civil War, but also as a West Point graduate, Mexican War hero, Mississippi congressman and senator, and Secretary of War during the Franklin Pierce administration.

The Monument

In 1917, construction of the world's tallest concrete obelisk began. The 351-foot obelisk rests on a foundation of solid Kentucky limestone, and contains walls nine feet thick at the base, tapering to two feet thick where the point inclines. An elevator ascends to an observation room for a panoramic view.

Picnicking & Playgrounds

Picnic area, two picnic shelters (near restroom facilities) and a playground.

Gift Shop/Visitor Center

A short DVD presentation and exhibits detail the political life of Davis, the building of the monument and the little known story of the Kentucky "Orphan Brigade."

Gift shop features Kentucky souvenirs, books and Civil War memorabilia. Call park for days/hours of operation.

Special Events

- Jefferson Davis Birthday Celebration
(1st wknd. in June)

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