

# Perryville Battlefield State Historic Site



Old Fort Harrod State Park

**Nearby places to visit:**

**Old Fort Harrod State Park**, 15 miles NE via US68 in Harrodsburg, was founded by James Harrod in 1775. Reconstructed fort is backdrop for period interpreters demonstrating pioneer tasks.

**Lincoln Homestead State Park**, 20 miles W via US150, features the original home of Lincoln's mother, as well as replicas of the 1782 cabin and blacksmith shop where his father was raised and learned his trade. 18-hole golf course and pro shop.

Downtown, or **"Merchant's Row,"** is just 2 miles SE of the park. This line of 1840's buildings next to the Chaplin River is one of the last fully-intact 19th Century streetscapes in the United States.

## Central Kentucky

**GPS Coordinates:**

N 37.67421; W-84.97053



Perryville Battlefield is 45 miles southwest of Lexington. Take US 68 west to US 150 west.

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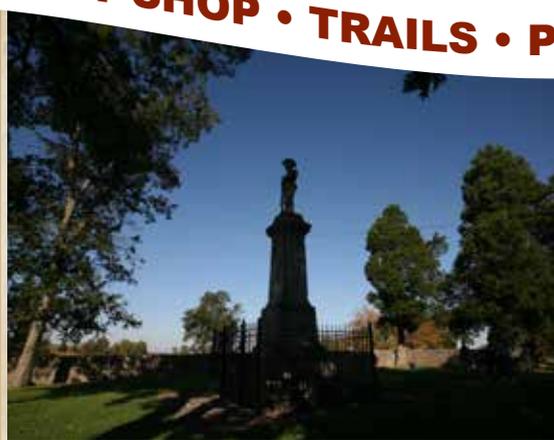
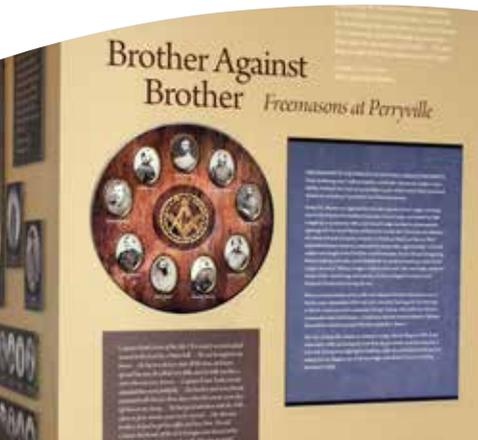


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# MUSEUM • GIFT SHOP • TRAILS • PICNICKING



On October 8, 1862, cannon explosions shattered the rural peace of this tranquil countryside. Perryville became the site of the most destructive Civil War battle in Kentucky, leaving more than 7,000 killed, wounded or missing. The park museum tells of the battle that was the South's last serious attempt to gain possession of Kentucky. One of the nation's most unaltered Civil War sites, vistas visible today are virtually those the soldiers saw in 1862. A self-guided walking tour on the battlefield interprets battle events.

## *Trails*

Pick-up a map at the museum and explore over 50 interpretive signs, part of the 20-mile trail system. Thanks to the preservation successes of the battlefield, native plants and wildlife find a protected home here and also thrive. Recently, in conjunction with the KY Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, efforts were made to return 100 park acres back to its original appearance and re-introduce native habitat. So as you stroll back in time along Doctor's Creek and past the cannons, you may also stumble upon some wild turkey, mink, deer, and numerous bird species, just as the soldiers did years ago.

## *Picnicking and Playground*

Picnic shelter with grills and rest rooms. Tables throughout grounds. Playground.

## *The Perryville Commemoration*

The annual October event features authentic weaponry, clothing, campsites, demonstrations of infantry, artillery, and cavalry, as well as speakers and an antique show. Visit [perryvillebattlefield.org](http://perryvillebattlefield.org) for more information.

## *Museum*

Examine rotating exhibits of actual battle artifacts, a Civil War display, and a map with the layout of the battle. Thirty-minute film on the campaign and battle.

## *Museum Store*

Features Kentucky handcrafts, souvenirs, Kentucky Proud food items, DVDs, and a large selection of Civil War books.

## *Monuments*

Monuments honoring the fallen dead from the Perryville Battle dot the battlefield site. A Confederate monument was erected in 1902 and a Union monument was added in 1931.

## *Special Events*

- Battle Commemoration - October

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