Big Bone Lick State Historic Site

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Interesting places to visit:

**General Butler State Resort Park**, 40 miles SW via Hwy. 71 has a lodge, restaurant, trails, and a 9-hole golf course. Take a tour of the 1859 Greek revival Butler-Turpin Historic House.

**Kincaid Lake State Park**, 35 miles SE in Falmouth, has campground, 9-hole golf course, and an 183-acre lake for fishing.

**Cincinnati Museum Center**, 26 miles NW via I-75. Walk through a glacier and step back 19,000 years into the ice age.

Central Kentucky

GPS Coordinates:
N 37.77714; W -83.68073

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Special Events
• Lick the Wild Survival Skills Weekend (September)
• Annual Salt Festival (October)

Big Bone Lick State Historic Site has been named by the U.S. Secretary of the Interior as a National Natural Landmark. The park is significant for its combination of salt springs and late Pleistocene bone beds. Ancient creatures like the mammoth, mastodon, ground sloth and bison once roamed through mineral springs and swamps, now grassy plains covered with trees and shrubs.

The site is recognized as the birthplace of American vertebrate paleontology for its significant role in the development of scientific thought regarding extinction and the relationship of geology and paleontology the world over. Visit this historic site to get an up-close look at an American bison herd.

Camping
62 campsites with utility hookups, grills, a swimming pool and playground. Showers, rest rooms, and laundry facilities. Reservations on-line or at 1-888-459-7275.

Fishing
A 7.5-acre lake with largemouth bass, bluegill, and catfish for year-round bank fishing. KY fishing license required.

Hiking
There are 4.5 miles of hiking trails around the lake and Outdoor Museum area.

Recreational Activities
Tennis and basketball courts, softball fields, 18-hole miniature golf course, and swimming pool for park campers. Recreational programs for all ages offered Memorial Day through Labor by professional staff.

Picnicing & Playground
40 acres of picnic grounds with tables, grills, and a playground are ideal for family outings. Two shelters with tables, grills, water & electric may be reserved for rental.

Visitor Center and Gift Shop
Explore the history of Big Bone Lick with displays of fossilized bones and artifacts from the last 18,000 years. Gift shop features Kentucky handcrafts and souvenirs.

Check our entire calendar of events at www.parks.ky.gov
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