

Discover Paris & Bourbon County, Kentucky

An area with the charm of yesterday and the promise of tomorrow in the heart of the Bluegrass region.



Duncan Tavern

Duncan Tavern, the oldest standing tavern in Kentucky, was built in 1788 by Major Joseph Duncan and is located at 323 High Street.

Hopewell Museum features changing exhibits on local history and fine art topics and is located at 800 Pleasant Street.



Hopewell Museum

Come discover Paris and Bourbon County, Kentucky. This area is characterized by rich farmland, pristine horse farms and gently rolling terrain. The area is best known for its "Horses, History and Hospitality." Located just 15 miles northeast of Lexington, the town of Paris can be reached via US 68/27 which takes travelers down a beautiful corridor which leads straight to Paris. The lovely horse farms and stone walls are a fitting introduction to Bourbon County.

Bourbon County was formed as a county within Virginia in 1786 but settlements had been established as early as 1775. It was transferred to the newly designated state of Kentucky in 1792. The county seat of Paris, originally named Hopewell, was settled in 1789. The renaming of the city to Paris in 1790 was in appreciation to France for assistance in the American Revolution. The county of Bourbon was named in honor of the French-ruling Bourbon family.

Visitors are impressed by the many treasures to be discovered in Bourbon County and Paris. Visit the attractions listed in this brochure and discover the "Horses, History and Hospitality" for which the area is known.

Paris also has historical connections to Garrett Morgan, who invented the tri-color traffic light; Jacob Spears who is believed to have had the first distillery of Bourbon whiskey; John Fox Jr. who wrote "Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come" and Hattie Hutchcraft Hill who exhibited her artistic works in Paris, France. Famous guests who stayed at Duncan Tavern include Daniel Boone and Simon Kenton.

Find directions, information, brochures and maps at the Welcome Center located at 720 High Street and take advantage of the photo opportunity by the Eiffel Tower.

Bourbon County offers history, nature, beauty, horses, delicious dining, quality shopping, agri-tourism, walking trails and more. Come discover us!



Reserve a tour to visit the famous Claiborne Farm where Secretariat, the 1973 Triple Crown Winner, lived and is now buried, along with other famous thoroughbreds, in the equine cemetery.

A smooth reddish whiskey aged in charred oak barrels was produced in the county and was called Bourbon.



Wallis House

The Wallis House & Arboretum contains native and flowering trees and plants, a rose garden, a sundial herb garden, a reflecting pool and pavilion, and is located at 616 Pleasant Street.

The imposing Bourbon County Courthouse, completed in 1905, contains (under its dome) murals reflecting the agricultural seasons of 100 years ago and is located at 301 Main Street.



County Courthouse

Main Street offers a variety of shopping and dining opportunities, including the Paris Antiques & Gallery District.



Main Street

Rich in limestone soil and water, Bourbon County is surrounded by beautiful farms.



Beautiful Bluegrass

Travel the 180 miles of backroads in the county and enjoy the picturesque countryside dotted with small historical settlements.



Bourbon Backroads

A major waterway in the county, Stoner Creek is becoming a popular spot for water activities such as fishing, kayaking and boating.



Stoner Creek

Colville Bridge is one of thirteen covered bridges left in the state and is reached via US 68 and KY 1893.



Colville Bridge



Bourbon Co.
Farmers Market

Locally produced food items and crafts are available year-round at the Bourbon County Farmer's Market located at 720 High Street. Operating hours are 9 am - 5 pm Monday through Friday and 9 am - 2 pm on Saturday. An outdoor market featuring fresh, locally-grown produce is open in the spring, summer and fall months on Monday and Wednesday from 4 - 6 pm and Saturday from 9 am - 2 pm. For more information, call 859-987-6614.



Paris-Bourbon Co.
Library

Looking for a good book, a place to check your email or some genealogical information? Stop by the Paris-Bourbon County Library, located at 701 High Street. The original building is a Carnegie building over 100 years old. The library is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:30 am to 5:30 pm; Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30 am - 8 pm and on Saturday from 9:30 am to 3 pm. Call 859-987-4419 for more information.



Paris-Bourbon Co.
YMCA

The YMCA's facilities, located at 917 Main Street, are among the most complete in a Kentucky town of comparable size. The facility serves more than 2,000 members and more than 4,000 program participants. Out-of-town YMCA members can use the local YMCA free of charge up to five times in one month by showing their membership card. For more information on programs and memberships, call 859-987-1395



Public Golf
Courses

There are two public golf courses in Bourbon County. Houston Oaks is an 18-hole, 72 par course known for its bent-grass fairways, trees and greens, located on the Paris-Lexington Road. For information, call 859-987-5600. Shady Brook Golf Course on Hutchison Road offers a 9-hole course with country charm. Call 859-987-1544 for information.



Shopping &
Restaurants

There are a wide variety of shops offering antiques, collectibles, original art, unique gifts and home décor items as well as lots of other products and services. Many visitors enjoy strolling down Main Street and admiring the Victorian-era architecture. Numerous culinary experiences ranging from fine dining to fast food chains are available

Nearby Attractions

Keeneland Thoroughbred Racing

4201 Versailles Road
Lexington, Kentucky
April & October
859-254-4312



Kentucky Horse Park
4089 Iron Works Park
Lexington, Kentucky
859-233-4303



Blue Licks State Resort Park
US Highway 68
Mount Olivet, Kentucky
Lodge & Camping
859-289-5507

Calendar of Annual Events

JUNE

Bourbon County Fair
Blueberries, Pancakes
and Daylily Jubilee @
Reed Valley Orchard
Cane Ridge Day

JULY

Antique Machinery Show

AUGUST

Friends of Stoner Creek
"Fancy Flood Zone
Picnic": first Saturday

SEPTEMBER

Chautauqua Days in
Millersburg
Bourbon County
Secretariat Festival
Paris Pumpkin Festival

OCTOBER

Back Forty Walk and
Country Festival

DECEMBER

Annual Christmas
Parade and Courthouse
Reception

Lodging

Airy Castle

368 Larue Road
859-987-6364

The Barr House

1200 Cypress Street
859-559-7002

Best Western Paris Inn

2001 Alverson Drive
49 rooms
859-987-0779 or 800-WESTERN

Country Charm Historic Farm Bed & Breakfast

505 Hutchison Road
859-988-1006

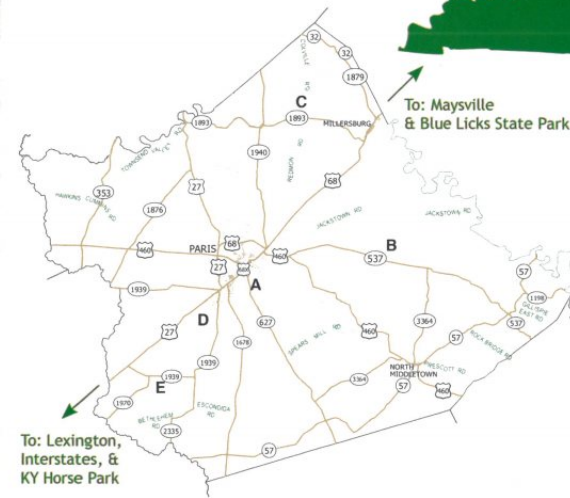
Guest House at Rose Crest Farm

1276 Winchester Road
859-987-7500

Treehouse at Stoner Creek

131 Taylor Avenue
859-987-6251 or 859-707-0369

Bourbon County



A - Claiborne Farm
B - Cane Ridge
Meeting House
& Museum
C - Colville
Covered Bridge

D - Houston Oaks
Golf Course
E - Shady Brook
Golf Course



Welcome Center

Paris-Bourbon County Tourism Commission

720 High Street
Paris, KY 40361

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