

Kentucky's Heritage Landmarks Corridor Festivals & Events

Sample the world's largest pie. Cheer for baseball players wearing Civil War-era uniforms. Watch an antique tractor pull. Chat with participants at a living history weekend. View the work of talented artisans. Join in the fun at a grape stomping. Tap your toes to mountain bluegrass music.

There's much to celebrate in Heritage Landmarks Corridor. Visitors are invited to join hometown crowds at the region's festivals and events. The themes are wide-ranging and present unique opportunities that will please every taste.

The area's music can be enjoyed at a variety of festivals including Ichthus Christian Music Festival in Wilmore, Great American Band Festival in Danville, Spring Hollow Blue Grass Festival in Dunnville and J.D. Crowe Blue Grass Music Festival in Nicholasville. Food and wine take center stage at the Wine & Vine Festival in Nicholasville, Casey County Apple Festival in Liberty and Chrisman Mill Harvest & Wine Festival in Nicholasville. History buffs can enjoy Camp Nelson Living History Weekend in Nicholasville and the Historic Constitution Square Festival in Danville. The region's culture is celebrated at Writers Day Festival in Gravel Switch and Riverfront Arts & Crafts Festival in Liberty.

The festivals and events scheduled throughout the corridor include, but are not limited to:

Kentucky Writers Day (859-332-7715) features readings from published Kentucky writers, poets and songwriters. Along with readings by featured writers, there are open microphone periods for anyone wishing to share writings. The event held the last Sunday of April at Penn's Store in Gravel Switch.

Ichthus Christian Music Festival (859-858-3001) is held the last weekend in April at the Ichthus Farm on Route 68 in Wilmore. The event, first staged in 1970 as an alternative to Woodstock, features live music, speakers and films.

Wine & Vine Festival (859-881-3820) is held the second Saturday in May in downtown Nicholasville. Along with wine, the event features food, music, crafts and an auction.

Great American Band Festival (859-236-7794) features continuous live music with over a dozen brass bands, parade, balloon race and fireworks. The event is held in Danville on the second weekend in June.

Casey County Agricultural & Educational Fair (606-787-6463) is held the third week in July in Liberty. There are numerous events including horse and livestock shows, live entertainment, food vendors, beauty pageants, carnival and truck and antique tractor pulls.

Spring Hollow Bluegrass Festival (606-787-5152), held the second weekend in August on the Austin Farm on US 127 in Dunnville, provides a great opportunity to hear a variety of bluegrass musicians.

J.D. Crowe Bluegrass Music Festival (859)881-3820), held the first weekend September on the Ichthus Farm on Route 68 in Wilmore, features internationally-known bluegrass musician.

Camp Nelson Living History & USCT Weekend (859-492-3115) is held the second weekend in September at Camp Nelson on US 27. Events include cannon firings, cavalry and infantry demonstrations, Civil War artifacts displays and baseball game in period uniform.

Butchertown Country Day (606-346-3687), offers contests, food, craft demonstrations, quilts, auction and live entertainment. The event is held the second Saturday of September in Liberty on KY 243.

Historic Constitution Square Festival (859-239-7089) features music, arts and craft booths, pioneer living history encampments and carriage rides. The event is held the third weekend of September in downtown Danville.

Casey County Apple Festival (606-787-6670) is held in downtown Liberty on the last weekend of September. Events include music, arts, crafts, flea market, antique car show, parade, fireworks and the world's largest apple pie.

Chrisman Mill Harvest & Wine Festival (859-881-5007) offers wine tasting, grape stomping, arts and crafts booths, music and children's activities. The event is held the first Saturday of October at the winery in Nicholasville.

Penn's Store Great Outhouse Blowout (859-332-7715) features a privy parade, outhouse race, country cruise-in car, truck and motorcycle show, music and food. The event is held the first Saturday in October at Penn's Store in Gravel Switch.

The Battle of Perryville Re-enactment & Commemorative Weekend (859-332-8631), held the second weekend in October, includes participants with infantry, cavalry and full-scale artillery. The event is held at Perryville Battlefield State Historic Site on Battlefield Road in Perryville.

Forkland Festival & Heritage Revue (859-332-7146) is held second weekend October at Forkland Community Center on KY 39 near Gravel Switch. Events include crafts demonstrations, historical displays, hayrides, photo contest, music and food.

Riverfront Arts & Crafts Festival (606-787-2643) features artisans, crafts, quilt show, pageants, drama, music and food. The event is held Thanksgiving weekend at Gateway Park on US 127 in Liberty.