



## Meandering the Heartlands

### Day One

Depart Lexington for Campbellsville via US 68 (the Harrodsburg Road) or via the Blue Grass Parkway, KY 55, and US 68. US 68 is a Kentucky Scenic Byway that crosses the Kentucky River with spectacular views of the river's gorge and palisades. Coming from Knoxville north on I-75, connect with US 68 via the Cumberland Parkway and travel north to Campbellsville. Stop for lunch at the Creek Side Family Restaurant or one of several other restaurants in Campbellsville.

After lunch, take a driving tour of the 1863 Tebbs Bend Civil War battle site along the Green River, including a spectacular overview of the Green River basin and surrounding countryside. The tour route is another Kentucky Scenic Byway.

Drive to Columbia, and visit the Begley Chapel on the campus of Lindsey Wilson College. Designed by Fay Jones (who also designed Thorneycrown in Arkansas) and inspired by silos in the surrounding countryside, this is one of the most distinctive pieces of modern architecture in Kentucky. While on campus, enjoy the quality visual art exhibits in a wide variety of media at the Lucretia C. Begley Art Gallery. Local art and pottery are featured with the exhibits, which change monthly. Then, take a guided tour of the Georgian-style Trabue-Russell House, now a historical museum. Built in the early 1800s by Revolutionary War veteran Daniel Trabue, who moved from Virginia to Kentucky in 1782 by pack boat down the Ohio River. Finish the day with shopping for pottery, hand blown glass, and other fine crafts at the Highland Raku Studio on KY 61 just south of Columbia. Return to Campbellsville for dinner and overnight at the Best Western or Super 8 motel. Other options include overnight in Columbia at the Best Western.

The three-mile trail has ten wayside interpretive markers along Green River bluffs that mark where Confederate General John H. Morgan was defeated by Moore's Michigan soldiers on July 4, 1863. At the Atkinson Griffin House Museum/Confederate Hospital, adjacent to the Green River Lake Information Center, enjoy the diorama of the Tebbs Bend Battle and the other Civil War exhibits in the museum. Built in 1840, the double-pen log cabin was used as a Confederate hospital in the 1860s, after the Battle of Tebbs Bend.

### Day Two

After breakfast, tour late 18th and early 19th century historic buildings in downtown Greensburg. The city retains a fine collection of Federal style residences and commercial buildings, as well as later structures in Classical, Gothic, Colonial and other revival styles. Visit the oldest courthouse west of the Alleghenies (1802-03), and take a guided tour of the Greensburg Bottling Company, one of the few independent soft-drink bottling plants left in the South. Drive on to Tompkinsville via US 68 and KY 163, another Kentucky Scenic Byway with many fine examples of folk barns en route. In Tompkinsville, tour the Old Mulkey Meetinghouse State Historic Site, an 1804 log meetinghouse (church) that participated in The Great Awakening, the first religious revival that swept the young United States. Daniel Boone's sister, Hannah, was a member of the congregation and is buried in the churchyard.

Have lunch at Frances' Barbecue, a favorite of country singer John Anderson, then visit the Marble Dome, a truly unique place where local men play marbles every day; each player uses his own handmade flint marbles. Watch a game—a command performance arranged especially for your tour—and hear about world championships local players have won.

Drive KY 163 and KY 90 to Dale Hollow State Resort Park for overnight. Have a buffet dinner at the park's full-service restaurant with spectacular views of Dale Hollow Lake, another in the chain of large man-made lakes along the Cumberland River.



The Southern & Eastern Kentucky Tourism Development Association (SEKTDA) can assist groups with reservations, scheduling, hospitality, boxed lunches, or special entertainment if needed. SEKTDA can also put you in touch with other local contacts.

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### Options & Extensions

Multiple days can be added to your itinerary. En route to Campbellsville or Columbia, drive to Liberty in Mennonite country. Visit the Firefly Candle Company, a local candle maker that welcomes group tours. Have lunch at the Bread of Life Café & Sweet Shop, which has good home-cooked food on a buffet, lots of baked goods, and a gift shop featuring Mennonite quilts and other crafts. In September, visit Beachy's Apple Basket, which features locally grown apples, apple butter, and apple cider. The Casey County Apple Festival in late September has arts and crafts and the world's largest apple pie.

Alternatively, en route to Campbellsville stop at the Historic Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill on US 68. Take a tour of the village and have lunch at the restaurant on the property.

From Tompkinsville, drive to Lake Cumberland State Resort Park on the west end of 63,000 acre Lake Cumberland, the largest man-made lake east of the Mississippi. Visit the Wolf Creek National Fish Hatchery just outside the park. Arrange a houseboat cruise on the lake with a picnic lunch aboard. Enjoy the many park facilities, including horseback riding, swimming, and hiking. Have a buffet dinner or lunch at the park's full-service restaurant. Overnight at the park lodge.

From Lake Cumberland, extend your visit east to the Big South Fork National River & Recreation Area. Ride the Big South Fork Scenic Railway from Stearns to the National Park Service interpretive facility at Blue Heron Historic Outdoor Museum, a former coal mining 'camp.' From here, drive on to Cumberland Falls, the 'Niagara of the South,' and overnight in Williamsburg at the Cumberland Inn or London at one of the many motels at Exits 38 and 41 on I-75. Another option is an overnight at one of the motels in Somerset along US 27.