

What to do in Lexington and the Bluegrass

Fun things for Kids

Explorium of Lexington – 440 West Short Street, Lexington, KY

Located in downtown Lexington, the Explorium offers adventures in fun and learning. It has nine discovery zones filled with interactive exhibits designed to inspire imagination and curiosity. For more information, visit www.explorium.com

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Living Arts and Science Center – 362 North Martin Luther King Boulevard, Lexington, KY

The Living Arts and Science Center aims to inspire Children to participate in art and science by education, exploration, discovery, and creativity. For more information, visit <https://lasclex.org/>

Shaker Village – 3501 Lexington Road, Harrodsburg, KY

Children can experience traditional Shaker culture by visiting Shaker Village. Kids especially enjoy a ride on the village's riverboat, the Dixie Belle. For more information, visit www.shakervillageky.org

Downtown Lexington Ice Rink – Triangle Park

From November through the beginning of January, the lawn at Triangle Park welcomes the Unified Trust Company Ice Rink. For more information, visit www.triangleparklexington.org

The Arboretum: Children's Garden – 500 Alumni Drive, Lexington, KY

The Arboretum Children's Garden is a safe, two-acre outdoor learning environment designed to help children 2 to 10 years old discover plants and the environment. For more information, visit <https://arboretum.ca.uky.edu/gardens/childrens>

Eckert's Boyd Orchard – 1396 Pinckard Pike, Versailles, KY

The Eckert's family has been farming land for over 100 years. Boyd Orchard is a popular family destination throughout the year and particularly during Fall. For more information, visit <https://www.eckerts.com/versailles/>

Evans Orchard – 198 Stone Road, Georgetown, KY

Evans Orchard has something for everyone. Bring the kids to enjoy delicious homemade fudge, play on the Jumbo jumper, and play with the animals in the petting zoo. For more information, visit <https://evansorchard.com/>

Reed Valley Orchard – 239 Lail Lane, Paris, KY

Reed Valley provides a wide variety of fresh produce including blueberries, black berries, nectarines, raspberries and peaches in addition to the traditional apples and pumpkins. For more information, visit <https://www.reedvalleyorchard.com/>

For more ideas on family activities, visit <http://www.visitlex.com/idea/family.php>

Horse-Related Activities

Horse Country – Lexington, KY

Horse Country Tours aim to create a love of the animal and of Kentucky. They offer tours of every element of the horse industry from nurseries to clinics and feed mills. For more information, visit <https://visithorsecountry.com/about-us/>

Kentucky Horse Park – 4089 Iron Works Parkway, Lexington, KY

The Kentucky Horse Park is home to the International Museum of Horse, American Saddlebred Museum, Hall of Champions and the Parade of Breeds, as well as various horse shows and events. For more information, visit www.kyhorsepark.com

Keeneland Race Course – 4201 Versailles Road, Lexington, KY

People gather annually for the spring and fall race meetings, which offer world-class racing in a beautiful setting. Race meets are held in April and October, and various sales are held throughout the year. For more information, visit www.keeneland.com

Old Friends Farm – 1841 Paynes Depot Road, Georgetown, KY

These retired thoroughbred superstars love to entertain guests on their farm. Come for a tour and even see their soccer-playing miniature horse. For more information, visit <http://www.oldfriendsequine.org/>

Red Mile – 1200 Red Mile Road, Lexington, KY

Red Mile is the second oldest harness track in the world and a major entertainment destination in the region. Come for the horse racing, gaming, and dining. For more information, visit <https://www.redmileky.com/about/>

For more information on horse-related activities, visit <http://www.visitlex.com/idea/horse-farms.php>

Distilleries, Wineries, and Breweries

Distilleries

Barrel House Distillery – 1200 Manchester Street, Lexington, KY

For more information, visit <https://www.barrelhousedistillery.com/home#our-products>

Beam, Inc. – 149 Happy Hollow Road, Clermont, KY

For more information, visit www.kybourbontrail.com/index.php/jim_beam/

Buffalo Trace Distillery – 113 Great Buffalo Trace, Frankfort, KY

For more information, visit www.buffalotrace.com

Castle and Key Distillery – 4445 McCracken Pike, Frankfort, KY

For more information, visit <https://castleandkey.com/>

James E. Pepper Distillery – 1228 Manchester Street, Lexington, KY

For more information, visit <https://jamesepepper.com/>

Maker's Mark Distillery – 3350 Burks Spring Road, Loretto, KY

For more information, visit www.kybourbontrail.com/index.php/makers_mark/

Town Branch Distillery - 401 Cross St, Lexington, KY

For more information, visit www.kentuckyale.com/town-branch

Woodford Reserve Distillery - 7855 McCracken Pike, Versailles, KY

For more information, visit www.kybourbontrail.com/index.php/woodford_reserve/

Wild Turkey Distillery – 1525 Tyrone Road, Lawrenceburg, KY

For more information, visit www.kybourbontrail.com/index.php/wild_turkey/

Four Roses Distillery – 1224 Bonds Mill Road, Lawrenceburg, KY

For more information, visit www.kybourbontrail.com/index.php/four_roses/

For more information on Bluegrass distilleries, visit <https://www.visitlex.com/idea-guide/bourbon-distilleries/>

Wineries

Equus Run Vineyards – 1280 Moores Mill Road, Midway, KY

For more information, visit www.euquusrunvineyards.com

Grimes Mill Winery – 6707 Grimes Mill Road, Lexington, KY

For more information, visit www.grimesmillwinery.com

Jean Farris Winery – 6825 Old Richmond Road, Lexington, KY

For more information, visit www.jeanfarris.com

Talon Winery & Vineyards – 7086 Tates Creek Road, Lexington, KY

For more information, visit www.talonwine.com

For more information on Bluegrass wineries, visit <https://www.visitlex.com/idea-guide/agritourism/>

Breweries

Alltech Lexington Brewing & Distilling Co. – 401 Cross Street, Lexington, KY

For more information, visit <https://www.kentuckyale.com/>

Blue Stallion Brewing Company – 610 West Third Street, Lexington, KY

For more information, visit <http://bluestallionbrewing.com/>

Country Boy Brewing Company – 436 Chair Avenue, Lexington, KY

For more information, visit www.countryboybrewing.com

Ethereal Brewing – 1224 Manchester Street, Lexington, KY

For more information, visit www.etherealbrew.com

Lexington Brewing Co. – 401 Cross Street, Lexington, KY

For more information, visit www.kentuckyale.com

Mirror Twin Brewing – 725 National Avenue, Lexington, KY
For more information, visit www.mirrortwinbrewing.com

Pivot Brewing – 1400 Delaware Avenue, Lexington, KY
For more information, visit www.pivotbrewingcompany.com

Rock House Brewing – 119 Luigart Court, Lexington, KY
For more information, visit www.rockhousebrewing.com

West Sixth Brewery – 501 West 6th Street, Lexington, KY
For more information, visit www.westsixth.com

For more information on Bluegrass breweries, visit <https://www.kentuckytourism.com/food/culinary-trails/brewgrass-trail/>

Historic Places

Ashland: The Henry Clay Estate – 120 Sycamore Road, Lexington, KY
Ashland is the name of the plantation of the 19th-century Kentucky statesman Henry Clay. It is a registered National Historic Landmark. For more information, visit www.henryclay.org

Mary Todd Lincoln House – 578 West Main Street, Lexington, KY
The Mary Todd Lincoln House was the family home of the future first lady and wife of Abraham Lincoln. For more information, visit www.mtlhouse.org

The Distillery District – 1170 Manchester Street, Lexington, KY
The 25-acre property that is the Lexington Distillery District was once the James E. Pepper Distillery. The Pepper Campus started making bourbon in 1879 and vacated the site in 1958. For more information, visit <https://www.lexingtondistillerydistrict.com/>

The Hunt-Morgan House – Historic Gratz Park, Lexington, KY
The Hunt-Morgan House is a Federal style residence in downtown Lexington built in 1814 by John Wesley Hunt. Hunt was the first millionaire west of the Alleghenies. For more information, visit www.bluegrasstrust.org/hunt-morgan.html

Waveland Historic Site – 225 Waveland Museum Lane, Lexington, KY
The Waveland Historic Site is a Greek Revival Home and plantation, once owned by Joseph Bryan. For more information, visit www.parks.ky.gov/parks/historicsites/waveland/default.aspx

For more historic Lexington places, visit <http://www.visitlex.com/idea/historic-homes.php>

Biking & Hiking

The Legacy Trail – Lexington, KY
The Legacy Trail is a 12-mile walking, biking, and public art venue. The trail begins in the East End of Lexington and runs to the Kentucky Horse Park. For more information, visit www.mylegacytrail.com

Mountain Bike Trail –Veterans Park, Lexington, KY

Veterans Park recently opened a Mountain Bike Trail, which tops out at nearly four miles and includes beginner and intermediate trails.

McConnell Springs Park –Old Frankfort Pike, Lexington, KY

McConnell Springs is a twenty-six acre natural park located at the historic springs of Lexington The park has two miles of trails, with a half-mile paved loop which makes the park accessible to most visitors. For more information, visit www.mcconnellsprings.org

Raven Run Nature Sanctuary –3990 Raven Run Way, Lexington, KY

Raven Run is a 734-acre nature sanctuary with over 10 miles of hiking trails providing access to streams, meadows, and woodlands. For more information, visit <http://www.lexingtonky.gov/index.aspx?page=276>

For more information on outdoor activities, visit <https://www.visitlex.com/idea-guide/outdoors/>

Festivals

Festival of the Bluegrass – Kentucky Horse Park, Lexington, KY

This is the oldest bluegrass music festival in the bluegrass region of Kentucky. The festival takes place the first full weekend of June each year. For more information visit, www.festivalofthebluegrass.com

Lexington Pride Festival – Downtown, Lexington, KY

The Lexington Pride Festival is the region's up and coming premiere festival for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning community and its allies. For more information visit, www.lexpridefest.org

Lexington Roots and Heritage Festival – Downtown, Lexington, KY

For over 25 years, the Roots and Heritage Festival has been a pinnacle of regional diversity providing entertainment and education for all ages. For more information visit, www.rootsfestky.com

Lexington's Irish Festival and St. Patrick's Day Parade – Downtown, Lexington, KY

Lexington's Irish Festival is one of the longest running community wide events. The Bluegrass Irish Society, formed in 1980, sponsors the parade. For more information visit, www.lexingtonstpatparade.org

Lexington's Fourth of July Festival – Downtown, Lexington, KY

Full of plenty of family-friendly events and activities, Lexington's Fourth of July Festival takes place every year from July 3rd-4th. For more information, visit <http://www.downtownlex.com/lexington-4th-of-july-festival/>

For more information on various events happening in Lexington, visit <https://www.visitlex.com/things-to-do/calendar-of-events/>

Theater

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Lexington Opera House – 401 West Short Street, Lexington, KY

The Lexington Opera House is the setting for all kinds of performing arts events including off Broadway shows, the Lexington Philharmonic, and performances from Lexington’s School for the Creative and Performing Arts. For more information, visit www.lexingtonoperahouse.com

The Kentucky Theater – 214 East Main Street, Lexington, KY

The Kentucky Theater is a historic cinema in downtown Lexington that opened in 1922. It offers first-run and independent movies. For more information, visit www.kentuckytheater.com

Studio Players at the Carriage House Theater – 154 West Bell Court, Lexington, KY

The Studio Players is a non-project organization who provides the community with quality live theater with a season of productions for classic to contemporary. It also provides those willing to volunteer their time and talents with the opportunity for involvement in theater production. For more information, visit www.studioplayers.org

For more information on theaters in Lexington, visit <https://www.visitlex.com/idea-guide/downtown-lexington/>

Additional Resources

Visit Lexington’s Convention and Visitors Bureau at <https://www.visitlex.com/idea-guide/downtown-lexington/> for more information and ideas to plan your next trip!