

# WINCHESTER

CLARK CO. KENTUCKY



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# Welcome to WINCHESTER

Winchester is nestled in Kentucky's legendary Bluegrass horse country among lush, rounded hills that become imposing mountains as you travel east. It's a setting that makes for picture-perfect scenery at every turn.

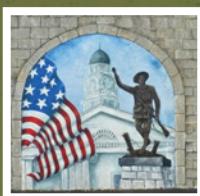
The beautiful views carry into the charm of historic downtown Winchester with the notable architecture of its buildings, churches and homes.

Winchester is home to attractions and events all its own, and is perfectly located to serve as your base for touring the Bluegrass Region of Kentucky, which includes the renowned Kentucky Horse Park and spectacular Red River Gorge.

## Uniquely WINCHESTER

### Murals

Throughout the community, local artist Phil May has created numerous murals featuring historic and present-day depictions of Winchester-Clark County. An impressive mural adjacent to the parking area at the Civil War Fort at Boonesboro features twelve colorful panels illustrating significant eras and events of the area.



### Historic Downtown Winchester

[tourwinchester.com](http://tourwinchester.com)

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, Downtown Winchester looks much as it did one-hundred years ago with five-globe lampposts and an elevated sidewalk. Discover architectural gems filled with quaint shops, wonderful restaurants and charming character. Guided tours available by appointment.



## Birthplace of Beer Cheese

Clark County is the official birthplace of Beer Cheese, which originated here nearly 75 years ago. The sharp cheddar spread is a regional favorite served as a dip for vegetables or crackers or as a flavorful topping on numerous dishes.

### The Beer Cheese Trail

Hit the restaurants along the Beer Cheese Trail to sample the varieties of beer cheese proudly made in Winchester. Purchase a beer cheese item and get your “cheese log” stamped – earn a free t-shirt when you collect five stamps!

### Beer Cheese Festival

During the second weekend in June, historic downtown Winchester hosts the Beer Cheese Festival. The celebration features commercial and amateur beer cheese contests, food, drink and entertainment for the entire family, plus a wide variety of local arts & crafts vendors.



### Ale-8-One

25 Carol Rd. • 859-744-3483  
[ale8one.com](http://ale8one.com)

Ale-8-One soft drink has been bottled in Winchester since 1926 and is the only soft drink invented in Kentucky still in existence. The name “A Late One” was a pun adopted for its description as the latest thing in soft drinks. Tours available.



## TOURS

Embark upon any of these fascinating excursions by first picking up a brochure at the Winchester-Clark County Tourism Commission or visiting [tourwinchester.com](http://tourwinchester.com).

### Cell Phone Tours

Winchester was the first community in Kentucky to establish cell phone tours. Dial into our heritage and unique architecture with a guided cell phone tour of historic downtown Winchester and the Civil War Fort at Boonesboro.

### Civil War Driving Tour

Travel Clark County’s scenic byways and back roads to significant Civil War locations: historic fortifications, homes, cemeteries, buildings, and other sites. Learn the story of the Hanson brothers and how three of them came to wear the Blue, while two wore the Gray.

### Kentucky River Blue Water Trail

#### Guide of Clark County

Our guide lists historic sites, notable landmarks and important facilities on both sides of the river in Clark and Madison Counties. This tour will assist boaters, bicyclists and sightseers in learning more about the river from prehistoric times to present.

### Stone Fence Driving Tours

The amazing stone fences that lace the farms and pastureland of Clark County have a fascinating history to go along with their visual appeal. Learn how to spot the differences in turnpike, plantation, and edge-type fences.

### Winchester Cemetery Tours

Rich in history and tranquil beauty, the cemetery encompasses the story of our 200-year-old community through those who have been memorialized within its grounds.



## ATTRACTI0NS

### Blackfish Bison Ranch

676 Quisenberry Ln. • 859-808-1285



Blackfish Bison Ranch, located on 242 acres of rolling hills, focuses on the spiritual relationship between buffalo and Native Americans. Guided tours include the opportunity to hand-feed buffalo among many other activities.

### Bluegrass Heritage Museum

217 South Main St. • (859) 745-1358  
[bgheritage.com](http://bgheritage.com)

Housed in the historic Guerrant Mission Clinic and Hospital, the Bluegrass Heritage Museum examines local history through engaging and innovative exhibits that explore the rich cultural heritage of Kentucky's Bluegrass Region.



### Civil War Fort at Boonesboro

1250 Ford Rd. • 859-592-9166  
[civilwarfortatboonesboro.com](http://civilwarfortatboonesboro.com)

The Union army constructed this earthenwork fort to defend the ferry at Boonesboro and deter Confederate raiders. A scenic trail provides beautiful views of the Kentucky River. Self-guided walking tours and cell phone tours are available.

### Fort Boonesborough State Park

4375 Boonesborough Rd. • (859) 527-3131

At the site where the original Fort Boonesborough was built by Daniel Boone and his men in 1775, Fort Boonesborough State Park offers nature trails and camping facilities as well as a reconstructed pioneer-era fort with living history programs.



## Hamon Haven Winery

7041 Rockwell Rd. • 859-745-4161

[hamonhavenwinery.com](http://hamonhavenwinery.com)

Sample award winning, locally produced wines while you enjoy warm hospitality. Tour the vineyard and learn about the Kentucky wine industry.



## Holly Rood

28 Beckner St. • (859) 745-6664

Built in 1814 by James Clark, 13th Governor of Kentucky, the Federal style house is filled with antiques and mementos that tell the story of our community. Tours by appointment.

## Leeds Center for the Arts

37 North Main St. • (859) 744-6437

[www.leedscenter.org](http://www.leedscenter.org)



Located in the heart of downtown since 1925 and refurbished in the mid-1980's, the theater offers cultural and community events including plays, musicals, concerts and educational classes.

## Lower Howard's Creek

### Nature and Heritage Preserve

Athens Boonesboro Rd. • (859) 744-4888

[lowerhowardscreek.org](http://lowerhowardscreek.org)

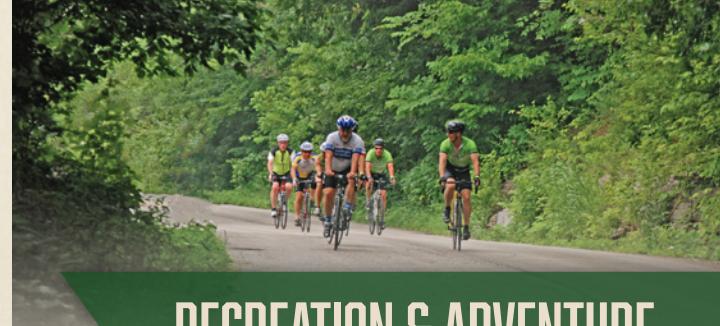
Kentucky's 40th State Nature Preserve features several miles of nature trails that wind through historic sites and allow hikers to see a variety of plant and animal species. Guided tours are available.

## Sky-Vue Twin Drive In

5909 Lexington Rd. • 859-303-8640

[skyvuetwindivein.com](http://skyvuetwindrivein.com)

Built in 1945, the Sky-Vue Twin is the oldest of Kentucky's Drive-In theaters still in operation. The Sky-Vue presents a pair of double features on weekends March through May and is open nightly during peak summer season.



## RECREATION & ADVENTURE

### Bicycling

#### Downtown Ride

The Downtown Ride highlights the Winchester Alley Tour, designed to take riders by downtown landmarks while avoiding heavy traffic.

#### River Route

The 28-mile River Route provides a moderate challenge for the casual cyclist and a relaxed ride for the more experienced. Beginning downtown, the route meanders south to the Kentucky River, follows along its verdant banks then heads back north for a downtown finish.

#### Half-Century Ride

This 55-mile route is an intermediate ride. From downtown, it heads northwest through North Middletown and showcases picturesque creeks and rich farmland as well as numerous historic sites.

#### Century Ride

The 101-mile ride encompasses the River Route and Half Century Routes. While challenging, it is a wonderful opportunity to experience our scenic rural landscape and enjoy a rest at a variety of country stores along the way.

### Canoe & Kayak

#### Three Trees Canoe-Kayak Rental

300 Athens-Boonesboro Rd. • 859-749-3227

[threetreeskayak.com](http://threetreeskayak.com)

Experience the breathtaking Kentucky River Palisades and enjoy unique views of the spectacular rock formations along the river.

## Golf

### Southwind Golf Course

2480 Boonesboro Rd. • (859) 744-0375

18-holes, 6,265 yards, course rating 67.1, slope rating of 113. Designed by Danny McQueen.

### Cassell Creek Golf Course

4199 Lexington Rd. • (859) 744-9959

[cassellcreekgolf.com](http://cassellcreekgolf.com)

18 holes, 6,714 yards, course rating 70.0, slope rating of 116.

## Hiking & Walking

All trails open from dawn to dusk.

### John Holder Trail, Lower Howard's Creek

This three-mile loop follows segments of several old roads through Lower Howard's Creek Nature and Heritage Preserve. Trail head at 1225 Athens Boonesboro Road.



### Civil War Fort at Boonesboro

A moderately strenuous, wooded one-mile loop trail that provides panoramic views of the Kentucky River valley.

### The Path

A 1.5-mile walking path at 1171 Boonesboro Road provided by Calvary Christian Church and open to the public.

### The Traveling Trail

A nearly mile-long trail situated within a large meadow of Kentucky bluegrass, with shaded areas and benches. Leashed and tagged dogs are welcome.

## Hunting

### Quail Point Preserve & Recreational Hunt

4258 Lexington Rd.

859-744-4860 or 859-771-6142

Quail Point Preserve is as close to wild bird hunting as you can find. Large and well-tended fields deliver a good day for you and your dog.



## LEARN MORE

Discover more about Winchester and keep up-to-date on upcoming festivals and events. Visit

[tourwinchester.com](http://tourwinchester.com)

and download our app, available on the App Store and Google Play.



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