







WINCHESTER-CLARK COUNTY TOURISM COMMISSION






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## **History**

Winchester dates from 1793, and nearby Fort Boonesborough predates the American Revolution. Add Civil War sites, many locations visited by Daniel Boone, historic churches, cemeteries and homes, and Winchester's downtown area – listed on the National Register of Historic Places – and you have something for every history buff.

	<p><b>Winchester</b> dates from 1793, so the city can claim a colorful history of more than 200 years, and connections with Daniel Boone and the Civil War. History buffs and visitors interested in local culture, architecture, and the ever-present gorgeous scenery will find plenty of landmarks to tell the long and engrossing tale.</p>
	<p><b>Civil War Fort at Boonesboro</b> – The Union army constructed this earthwork redoubt and manned it (at times with African American soldiers) to defend the ford and ferry at Boonesboro, and deter Confederate raiders, which included General John Hunt Morgan. Today, the road built by Union soldiers is a scenic walking trail with impressive views of the Kentucky River. Self-guided walking tours, or guided tours by appointment. 800-298-9105.</p>
	<p><b>Civil War Driving Tour</b> – Take a couple of hours and travel Clark County's scenic byways and back roads to significant Civil War locations: historic homes, cemeteries, fortifications, buildings, and other sites. Learn the story of the Hanson brothers, how three of them came to wear the Blue, while two wore the Gray. Get information at the Winchester-Clark County Tourism Commission, 2 South Maple Street, Winchester, KY 40391, or call 800-298-9105</p>
	<p><b>Guided Cell Phone Tours</b> – Modern technology provides you with a knowledgeable companion as you explore Winchester's past. Pick up a brochure at the Winchester-Clark County Tourism Commission, 2 South Maple Street, and for each point of interest, enter a corresponding number on your cell phone keypad. There are cell phone tours for downtown Winchester – on the national Register of Historic Places – and for the Civil War fort at Boonesboro. Call 859-592-9166 for complete details.</p>

	<p><b>Mural at Fort Boonesboro</b> – Among the many reasons to visit the Civil War fort at Boonesboro is the impressive mural adjacent to the parking lot. The mural's 12 colorful panels illustrate significant eras and events in the history of the area, including the era of Native Americans, Clark County's first church, and commerce and industry through the centuries.</p>
	<p><b>Bluegrass Heritage Museum</b> – The Romanesque revival building, one of the most distinctive in Winchester, is reason enough to visit this repository of artifacts and historical exhibits. Built circa 1895 and converted to a hospital in the late 1920's, today the museum is home to photos, memorabilia, agricultural and military relics, a gift shop, and a highly regarded monthly lecture series. Visit <a href="http://www.bgheritage.com">www.bgheritage.com</a> or call 859-745-1358 for information.</p> <p>217 South Main Street Winchester, KY 40391 859-745-1358</p>
	<p><b>Genealogy Room, Clark County Public Library</b> – For those researching family histories, this is a fabulous source of information for Clark and surrounding counties, with records dating back to the 1700's, decades of local newspapers, and best of all: a helpful, well informed staff. Call or visit online for details on the lecture series and other programs: <a href="http://www.clarkpublib.org">www.clarkpublib.org</a> or call 859-744-5661</p>
	<p><b>Stone Fence Driving Tour</b> – As if the alluring scenery were not enough to draw you into rural Clark County, the stone fences that lace farms and pastureland make for an additional fascinating and visually appealing attraction. Built according to methods brought to the area by Scottish immigrants in the 1700's and 1800's, the fences came to be associated with African American stonemasons, who made their own contributions to the construction technique. Pick up a brochure at the Winchester-Clark County Tourism Commission, 2 South Maple Street, learn how to spot the difference in turnpike, plantation, and edge-type fences, then go and enjoy the Central Kentucky scenery and these enduring examples of human ingenuity and sound engineering.</p>
	<p>Ashland, the home of famous 19th-century statesman Henry Clay, is located a short distance from downtown Lexington on a beautiful 17-acre wooded estate. Guided tours of the estate include the home, filled with Clay family belongings and memorabilia, and interesting outbuildings such as two icehouses, a dairy cellar, the original privy, as well as a traditional English garden. Hours of Operation: April through October, open 7 days a week. Tours on the hour Mon-Sat 10:00am to 4:00 pm and Sunday 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Closed the month of January and major holidays. Closed on Mondays during March, November and December. In February, open only on weekends and by appointment.</p>

	Web: <a href="http://www.henryclay.org">www.henryclay.org</a>  120 Sycamore Road Lexington, KY 40502 859-266-8581
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## Shopping



### **Lexington Farmers' Market**

100 West Vine Street  
Lexington, KY 40588  
859-608-2655

Shop for fruits and vegetables, herbs, flowers, jams and jellies, honey, Kentucky specialties and more. Lexington Farmers' Market is held every Saturday on West Vine Street, each Tuesday and Thursday at Maxwell and South Broadway and on Sundays on Southland Drive and Hamburg. In the winter, the market moves indoors to Victorian Square on Saturdays from 8 a.m. till 1 p.m.

Web: [www.lexingtonfarmersmarket.com](http://www.lexingtonfarmersmarket.com)



### **Old Kentucky Chocolates**

450 Southland Drive  
Lexington, KY 40503  
859-278-4444

Old Kentucky Chocolates has been making candy in the Bluegrass for more than 35 years and is best known for its delicious Bourbon Chocolates and Bourbon Cherries, both made with 100 proof Jim Beam Kentucky Bourbon. The tour includes the interesting sights and scrumptious

aromas of the candy kitchen. Free samples are given out in the shop. Open year-round. 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday thru Friday; 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Tours given Monday thru Thursday, 10 a.m. or 2 p.m. Call ahead.

Web: [www.oldkycandy.com](http://www.oldkycandy.com)

## Horses



### **American Saddlebred Museum**

4083 Iron Works Parkway  
Lexington, KY 40511  
859-259-2746

This privately owned museum located on the grounds of the Kentucky Horse Park is a colorful showcase of the American Saddlebred, Kentucky's native breed of horse. Museum visitors can watch an award-winning, 10 minute multi-image theater show; see how they look riding a Saddlebred; walk through a horse trailer; and learn about Saddlebreds in their home state. Open year-round. Memorial Day to Labor Day, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.daily; rest of the year, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.daily. (Closed New Years Day, Thanksgiving Eve and Day, and December 24 & 25) Closed Mondays and Tuesdays, November to mid-March. Open for group tours by appointment.

Web: [www.americansaddlebredmuseum.org](http://www.americansaddlebredmuseum.org)



### **Keeneland Race Course**

4201 Versailles Road  
Lexington, KY 40510  
859-254-3412

With its tranquil setting and lovely stone fences and buildings, this National Historic Landmark is one of the most genteel and beautiful race courses in the world. Witness exciting Thoroughbred racing during meets in April and October, world-renowned horse sales in January, April, September and November, and behind-the-scenes "early-morning-workouts" from mid-March to late November. Open year-round. During race meets, first post time is 1:15 p.m. No

racing on Mondays or Tuesdays. Grounds are open for visitation from 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.  
Web: [www.keeneland.com](http://www.keeneland.com)

## Winchester Geocache Tours

### Welcome to Geocaching



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[www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com)

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## Geocaching CHECKLIST

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Caches are subject to deactivation with annual review. For the most updated information on caches (including level of difficulty and additional clues), visit [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com).



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