

*I returned home to my family, being determined to bring them as soon as possible at the risk of my life and fortune, to reside in Kentucke, which I esteemed a second paradise.*

Daniel Boone, 1770s



*Kentucky...*  
**experience history!** Kentucky's historic houses are more than just beautiful buildings; they are places for you to enjoy, learn, and explore! Each house has different tour times and admission policies, so call the numbers listed in this brochure before your visit.

**TOURS.** Contact each historic house for tour times, as schedules vary by location. Group tours are also available by reservation at most sites.

**ADMISSION.** Admission fees vary for each house. These minimal fees help each site preserve the buildings, grounds and pieces in each collection. Donations are welcome and are an essential part of preserving historic sites in Kentucky.

**GARDENS AND GROUNDS.** Many historic houses in Kentucky have beautiful gardens and grounds. Plan a day for a leisurely walk, a picnic under a tree, or a hike at one of the more extensive properties.

**SPECIAL EVENTS.** Each of Kentucky's historic homes offers special events throughout the year ranging from living history programs to hands-on workshops and weeklong festivals. Contact each site for special event information — bring your friends and family!

**GIFT SHOPS.** Many sites have inviting gift shops that feature everything from historic mementos to hand-made Kentucky crafts and delicious goodies.

**SITE RENTAL.** Many of these historic sites provide unique settings for your special occasion. Contact individual houses for information.

**JUST FOR KIDS.** Several historic house museums offer special tours for children and school groups. In addition, seasonal events and programs provide activities especially geared toward children.

**VOLUNTEERS.** Volunteers play an essential role at historic houses. From leading tours to creating traditional crafts and gardening, your individual talents could be a great asset to a house near you. Call a historic house today to become a part of Kentucky's historic tradition!

For general brochure information contact  
 Liberty Hall Historic Site in Frankfort at (502) 227-2560

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Visit *Kentucky's*  
**HISTORIC HOUSE  
 MUSEUMS**



*Kentucky*  
*a second*  
*paradise*



Explore the great  
 houses of the first  
 American west

VISITOR INFORMATION GUIDE

*Take a look inside!*



**F**rom Burlington to Bowling Green, historic houses illustrate the rich, vibrant history of Kentucky. The houses in this brochure span from pre-statehood to the late Victorian era. Although connected by common heritage, each historic house played a unique role in the development of the Commonwealth.

Hear tales of the Kentucky frontier. Delight in exquisite 18th and 19th century decorative arts and architecture. Travel in the footsteps of fellow Americans — heroes, activists, and pioneers. Explore the lives of women and men, white and black. Each house holds a story — discover it for yourself!



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Celebrate the lives of Kentucky pioneers



See enchanting 19th century French scenic wallpaper at the *Governor William Owsley House* • Uncover Kentucky's vanishing river culture at the *Kentucky River Museum* • Hear intriguing stories of how Kentucky's capital city was born at *Liberty Hall Historic Site* • Stop at an historic inn and experience Civil War life at the *Sullivan House* • Learn about 1850s Kentucky plantation life at *Waveland State Historic Site* • Gaze up at the architectural ornamentation and cupola at *Riverview at Hobson Grove* • Drift down the Ohio River and into the past at *Riverside, the Farnsley-Moremeyn Landing* • See the luxury of upper class Victorian lifestyle at the *Conrad/Caldwell House* • Walk the nature trails that wander through the woods at *Dinsmore Homestead* • Listen to the life stories of a millionaire, a warrior, and a scientist at the *Hunt-Morgan House* • Visit one of America's great architectural treasures at *Latrobe's Pope Villa*



Follow the steps of the people — white and black — who built Kentucky.

Revel in the history of one of Kentucky's foremost military families at *Butler-Turpin State Historic Site* • Discover a 19th century Kentucky hemp plantation at *Farmington Historic Home* • Meet the Paul Revere of the South at the *Jack Jouett House* • Surround yourself with the abundance of Henry Clay's delightful grounds at *Ashland, the Henry Clay Estate* • Walk where Abraham Lincoln walked at the *Mary Todd Lincoln House* • Visit a unique early 20th-century medical office at the *Brennan House*

Photo by Brenda Harting



Uncover the story of one of Kentucky's most colorful characters, Cassius M. Clay, at *White Hall State Historic Site* • See the world famous "My Old Kentucky Home" at *Federal Hill, My Old Kentucky Home* • Learn about the risks taken in women's medical history at the *McDowell House* • Experience Kentucky's first circular horse track at *William Whitley State Historic Site* • Stroll through the landscape where Audubon once sketched at *Locust Grove*

Unearth Kentucky's antebellum past





FEDERAL/NEOCLASSICAL

GEORGIAN

GREEK REVIVAL

ITALIANATE

RICHARSONIAN/ROMANESQUE

VERNACULAR

VICTORIAN



**1 DINSMORE HOMESTEAD**  
Burlington

This 1842 National Register site is a farm that houses the belongings of five generations of the Dinsmore family. The family cemetery includes graves of slaves and two Roughriders.

(859) 586-6117 • [www.dinsmorefarm.org](http://www.dinsmorefarm.org) • 5656 Burlington Pike, 41005 • *Days open:* April 1-Dec 15; Wed, Sat, Sun, and by appt. ♿



**8 LIBERTY HALL HISTORIC SITE**  
Frankfort

This National Historic Landmark was home to KY's first U.S. Senator John Brown. Learn about the Brown family, early American politics & everyday life in the young capital city. Historic gardens open all year.

(888)-516-5101 or (502) 227-2560 • [www.libertyhall.org](http://www.libertyhall.org) • 218 Wilkinson Street, 40601 • *Days open:* March 1-Mid-Dec; Tues-Sun / Mid-Dec - Feb by appt.



**13 LATROBE'S POPE VILLA**  
Lexington

The finest surviving domestic design of America's first professional architect, Benjamin Henry Latrobe. Radically altered in its 200 year history & damaged by fire in 1987, the site is undergoing a lengthy restoration.

(859) 253-0362 • [www.bluegrasstrust.org](http://www.bluegrasstrust.org) • 326 Grosvenor Avenue, 40502 • *Days open:* by appt. only



**18 WHITE HALL STATE HISTORIC SITE**  
Richmond

White Hall was the home of Cassius M. Clay, a colorful Kentucky politician, emancipationist and minister to Russia under Abraham Lincoln's administration.

(859) 623-9178 • [www.parks.ky.gov/whthall](http://www.parks.ky.gov/whthall) • 500 White Hall Shrine Road, 40475 • *Days open:* Apr 1-Oct 31, Mon-Sun / Nov 1-March 30, Wed-Sat



**2 BUTLER-TURPIN STATE HISTORIC SITE**  
Carrollton

Grand interior woodwork, military documents, family heirlooms and patriotism bring to life the legend of the "Gallant Butlers" in this 1859 Greek Revival home.

(502) 732-4384 Ext. 2415 • [www.parks.ky.gov/genbutlr](http://www.parks.ky.gov/genbutlr) • 1608 Hwy 227, General Butler State Park, 41008 • *Days open:* March 1-Nov 15; Nov 15-Feb by appt.



**9 ORLANDO BROWN HOUSE**  
Frankfort

Designed by architect Gideon Shyrock, this 1835 mansion features beautiful portraits & original furnishings including fashionable items purchased in New York City. Included with tour of Liberty Hall.

(888)-516-5101 or (502) 227-2560 • [www.libertyhall.org](http://www.libertyhall.org) • 202 Wilkinson Street, 40601 • *Days open:* Same days as Liberty Hall Historic Site above



**14 MARY TODD LINCOLN HOUSE**  
Lexington

The first house museum in America restored to honor a First Lady, the 14-room girlhood home of Mary Todd Lincoln contains period furniture, portraits, and family heirlooms.

(859) 233-9999 • [www.mtlhouse.org](http://www.mtlhouse.org) • 578 West Main St, 40588 • *Days open:* March 15-Nov 30; Mon-Sat ♿



**19 FEDERAL HILL / MY OLD KENTUCKY HOME**  
Bardstow

Built by Judge John Rowan ca. 1808. Step back in time with rare and beautiful furnishings, carriage house, kitchen, smoke house and gardens.

(800)-323-7803 • [www.parks.ky.gov/kyhome](http://www.parks.ky.gov/kyhome) • 501 East Stephen Foster Road, My Old Kentucky Home State Park, 40004 • *Days open:* All year; Mon-Sun ♿



**3 BRENNAN HOUSE**  
Louisville

This seventeen room mansion is the last remaining private Victorian residence in downtown Louisville. Contains all original furnishings. Museum includes Dr. J.A.O. Brennan's 1912 Medical Office.

(502) 540-5145 • [www.thebrennanhouse.org](http://www.thebrennanhouse.org) • 631 South Fifth Street, 40202 • *Days open:* March-Dec; Tue-Fri, weekends by appt.



**10 SULLIVAN HOUSE**  
Frankfort

The Sullivan House is the visitor center for the Fort Hill Civil War Park, a 125-acre forested site. The house features exhibits on early KY and a re-creation of an 1864 roadside inn.

(502) 696-0607 • [www.cityoffrankfortky.com/cs/pr/co.htm](http://www.cityoffrankfortky.com/cs/pr/co.htm) • 400 Clifton Avenue, Leslie Morris Park on Fort Hill, 40601 • *Days open:* May 31-Oct 31; Tue, Thur, Sat; Park is open all year



**15 WAVELAND STATE HISTORIC SITE**  
Lexington

Waveland, a Greek Revival mansion built circa 1847, was the home of Joseph and Margaret Bryan. Bryan was Kentucky pioneer Daniel Boone's great-nephew.

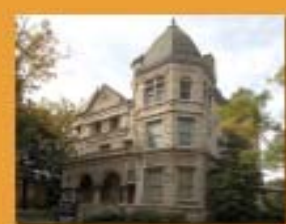
(859) 272-3611 • [www.parks.ky.gov/wavelan2](http://www.parks.ky.gov/wavelan2) • 225 Waveland Museum Lane, 40514 • *Days open:* March 1-Dec 15; Mon-Fri / Dec 16-Feb; Tue-Sat ♿



**20 MCDOWELL HOUSE**  
Danville

On Christmas day in 1809, Dr. Ephraim McDowell performed the world's first successful ovarian surgery in a bedroom of this home. Tours feature family pieces and portraits and an early Apothecary Shop.

(859) 236-2804 • [www.mcdowellhouse.com](http://www.mcdowellhouse.com) • 125 South Second Street, 40422 • *Days open:* All year; Mon-Sun ♿



**4 CONRAD-CALDWELL HOUSE**  
Louisville

A magnificent Victorian mansion on St. James Court. Architecturally significant for its stonework, parquet floors, wood carvings and stained glass. Period furnishings and decorative arts exhibited.

(502) 636-5023 • [www.conradcaldwell.org](http://www.conradcaldwell.org) • 1402 St. James Court, 40208 • *Days open:* All year; Wed-Sun, and by appt ♿



**11 ASHLAND, THE HENRY CLAY ESTATE**  
Lexington

A National Historic Landmark dedicated to preserving the legacy of KY's great statesman, Henry Clay. Visit the 1856 mansion, outbuildings, gardens & seasonal café.

(859) 266-8581 • [www.henryclay.org](http://www.henryclay.org) • 120 Sycamore Road, 40502 • *Days open:* Feb-Dec; Tues-Sun / also open Mon, Apr - Oct ♿



**16 JACK JOUETT HOUSE**  
Versailles

This rural home of Revolutionary War hero Captain Jack Jouett and portrait artist Matthew Jouett features a frontier stone cabin and a Federal-style brick cottage, each with period furnishings.

(859) 873-7902 • [www.jackjouethouse.org](http://www.jackjouethouse.org) • 225 Craig's Creek Rd, 40383 • *Days open:* Apr 1-Oct 31; Wed, Sat, & Sun, and by appt. ♿



**21 GOV. WILLIAM OWSLEY HOUSE**  
Lancaster

This Federal home, also called "Pleasant Retreat," is the restored home of KY's 16<sup>th</sup> Governor William Owsley. See family portraits & beautiful 1812 French wallpaper.

(859) 792-2500 • 656 Stanford Road, 40044 • *Days open:* All year; Mon-Fri and by appt.



**5 FARMINGTON HISTORIC HOME**  
Louisville

A remarkable Jefferson-inspired house built 1815-1816 for John and Lucy Speed. Tours focus on daily life, hemp agriculture, slavery, architecture, decorative arts, and the site's associations with Abraham Lincoln.

(502) 452-9920 • [www.farmingtonhistorichome.org](http://www.farmingtonhistorichome.org) • 3033 Bardstown Road, 40205 • *Days open:* All year; Tue-Sun



**12 HUNT-MORGAN HOUSE**  
Lexington

Saved from demolition in 1955 by the Blue Grass Trust, this outstanding 1814 example of Federal architecture was home to KY's first millionaire, a Civil War general, & KY's first Nobel laureate.

(859) 233-3290 or 253-0362 • [www.bluegrasstrust.org](http://www.bluegrasstrust.org) • 201 North Mill Street, 40508 • *Days open:* please call for tour schedule or appt.



**17 KENTUCKY RIVER MUSEUM**  
Richmond

Lock and Dam #10 was one of the 14 locks and dams constructed on the KY River. The museum is housed in the original support buildings and homes of the lockmaster and lockman.

(859) 527-3131 • [www.parks.ky.gov/ftboones](http://www.parks.ky.gov/ftboones) • 4375 Boonesboro Rd, Ft. Boonesboro State Park, 40475 • *Days open:* April 1-Oct 31; Mon-Sun ♿



**22 WM. WHITLEY HOUSE STATE HISTORIC SITE**  
Stanford

One of the first brick homes west of the Allegheny Mountains. Famous for unusual architectural features. Known as "Sportsman Hill" for its counterclockwise race path.

(606) 355-2881 • [www.williamwhitleyhouse.com](http://www.williamwhitleyhouse.com) • 625 Wm. Whitley House Rd, 40484 • *Days open:* March 16 - Mid-Dec; Tue-Sun / also Mon, June-Aug / Mid-Dec - March 15; Tue-Sat, weather permitting ♿



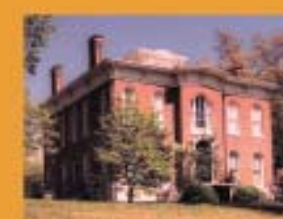
**6 LOCUST GROVE**  
Louisville

A National Historic Landmark, this 1790 farm of William & Lucy Clark Croghan is where George Rogers Clark spent his last years. The house, gardens, & outbuildings show early KY history and everyday life.

(502) 897-9845 • [www.locustgrove.org](http://www.locustgrove.org) • 561 Blankenbaker Lane, 40207 • *Days open:* All year; Mon-Sun ♿



**T**he map to the right serves as a quick reference to each historic house museum. Use the architectural style legend on the top of this page to identify the style of each house.



**23 RIVERVIEW AT HOBSON GROVE**  
Bowling Green

Built 1857-1872, Riverview is considered one of KY's finest examples of Italianate architecture. The restored home interprets southern KY's Victorian lifestyle.

(270) 843-5565 • [www.bgky.org/riverview](http://www.bgky.org/riverview) • 1100 West Main Ave, 42101 • *Days open:* Feb 1-Dec 22; Tue-Sun / January by appt. ♿

**Directions are only a phone call or mouse click away!**

Call the individual houses or visit their websites for specific directions and to receive information about tour times and upcoming events.

**Do you have a question about this brochure?** For general information, contact Liberty Hall Historic Site at (502) 227-2560. Specific questions about each historic house should be directed to the individual museum using the phone numbers found on this page.

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(Some sites are accessible on first floor or out-buildings only. Call each site for more information.)

