

Kentucky Museums by Region

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American Saddlebred Museum	Lexington	Bluegrass	Natural history	website , part of Kentucky Horse Park
Ashland, The Henry Clay Estate	Lexington	Bluegrass	Historic house	
Aviation Museum of Kentucky	Lexington	Bluegrass	Aviation	
Bluegrass Heritage Museum	Winchester	Bluegrass	Local history	
Bluegrass Railroad and Museum	Versailles	Bluegrass	Railroad	
Camp Nelson Civil War Heritage Park	Nicholasville	Bluegrass	Civil War	
Cane Ridge Meeting House & Barton Warren Stone Museum	Paris	Bluegrass	Religious	
Capital City Museum	Frankfort	Bluegrass	Local history	website , operated by the City of Frankfort's Department of Parks & Recreation
Constitution Square State Historic Site	Danville	Bluegrass	Open-air	Includes replica of 1785 log courthouse, jail and meetinghouse, 1792 post office
Cynthiana-Harrison County Museum	Cynthiana	Bluegrass	Local history	website
Duncan Tavern Historical Center	Paris	Bluegrass	Historic site	website , state headquarters of the Kentucky Society, NSDAR; 1788 tavern
Ephraim McDowell House	Danville	Bluegrass	Historic house	
Explorium of Lexington	Lexington	Bluegrass	Children's	website , formerly known as the Lexington Children's Museum
Fleming County Covered Bridge Museum	Flemingsburg	Bluegrass	Local history	information
Forkland Abraham Lincoln and Community Center Museum	Forkland	Bluegrass	Local history	website
Fort Boonesborough State Park	Boonesborough	Bluegrass	Fort	Reconstructed pioneer fort with artisans
Garrard County Jail Museum	Lancaster	Bluegrass	Prison	
Georgetown & Scott County Museum	Georgetown	Bluegrass	Local history	website
Governor William Owsley House	Lancaster	Bluegrass	Historic house	Also known as Pleasant Retreat
Great American Dollhouse Museum	Danville	Bluegrass	Toy	website , dollhouses and miniatures
Headley-Whitney Museum	Lexington	Bluegrass	Art	website , decorative arts including jewelry, bibelots and mounted semi-precious stones, doll houses, shell grotto, changing exhibits
Hopewell Museum	Paris	Bluegrass	Multiple	website , art and history of Bourbon County and Central Kentucky
Hunt-Morgan House	Lexington	Bluegrass	Historic house	18th century home, includes Alexander T. Hunt Civil War Museum
Irvinton House Museum	Richmond	Bluegrass	Local history	website
Jack Jouett House Historic Site	Versailles	Bluegrass	Historic house	website , home of American Revolutionary hero Jack Jouett
JFC Museum	Danville	Bluegrass	Commodity	website , collections include fossils, rocks, Native American artifacts and antiques
Kentucky Governor's Mansion	Frankfort	Bluegrass	Historic house	
Kentucky Military History Museum	Frankfort	Bluegrass	Military	Operated by the Kentucky Historical Society
Kentucky River Museum	Boonesborough	Bluegrass	Transportation	Impact of the river, locks and dams on the area's family and commerce
Lexington History Center	Lexington	Bluegrass	Multiple	Includes the Lexington History Museum, Lexington Public Safety Museum, Isaac Scott Hathaway Museum and the Kentucky Renaissance Pharmacy Museum
Liberty Hall Historic Site	Frankfort	Bluegrass	Historic house	Includes both Liberty Hall and Orlando Brown House

Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_museums_in_Kentucky

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LSI Museum of Physical Security	Nicholasville	Bluegrass	Commodity	website, operated by Lockmasters Security Institute, collection of safe locks
Mary Todd Lincoln House	Lexington	Bluegrass	Historic house	1840s period family home of Mary Todd Lincoln
Old State Capitol	Frankfort	Bluegrass	Historic site	Operated by the Kentucky Historical Society
Perryville Battlefield State Historic Site	Perryville	Bluegrass	Civil War	
Royal Spring Park	Georgetown	Bluegrass	Historic house	Includes 1874 Leach Cabin
Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill	Pleasant Hill	Bluegrass	Living	19th century Shakervillage
Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History	Frankfort	Bluegrass	History	Operated by the Kentucky Historical Society, over 12,000 years of Kentucky history
University of Kentucky Art Museum	Lexington	Bluegrass	Art	
Waveland State Historic Site	Lexington	Bluegrass	Historic house	19th century plantation home
White Hall State Historic Site	Richmond	Bluegrass	Historic house	1860s period mansion
William S. Webb Museum of Anthropology	Lexington	Bluegrass	Anthropology	website, research collection of the University of Kentucky
William Whitley House State Historic Site	Stanford	Bluegrass	Historic house	
Bill Monroe Museum	Rosine	Bluegrass, Blues & Barbecue region	Biographical	Life of Bill Monroe and the early foundations of bluegrass music
Bluegrass Motorcycle Museum	Rosine	Bluegrass, Blues & Barbecue region	Transportation	information, private collection of over 20 vintage, American made motorcycles and memorabilia
Camp Breckinridge Museum & Arts Center	Morganfield	Bluegrass, Blues & Barbecue region	Historic site	website, former officer's club, features murals painted by a German POW
Dawson Springs Museum and Art Center	Dawson Springs	Bluegrass, Blues & Barbecue region	Local history	information
Duncan Center	Greenville	Bluegrass, Blues & Barbecue region	Multiple	website, includes coal museum, local history museum and art gallery
Fordsville Depot Museum	Fordsville	Bluegrass, Blues & Barbecue region	Multiple	website, includes local history, railroad and rural life displays
Glema Mahr Center for the Arts	Madisonville	Bluegrass, Blues & Barbecue region	Art	website, part of Madisonville Community College, features the Anne P. Baker Gallery of fine art
Hancock County Museum	Hawesville	Bluegrass, Blues & Barbecue region	Local history	website, housed in the old railroad station
Historical Society of Hopkins County Museum	Madisonville	Bluegrass, Blues & Barbecue region	Local history	website, includes Ruby Laffoon cabin
International Bluegrass Music Museum	Owensboro	Bluegrass, Blues & Barbecue region	Cultural	
John James Audubon State Park	Henderson	Bluegrass, Blues & Barbecue region	Art	Includes the Audubon Museum with art by John James Audubon and the John James Audubon Nature Center
McLean County History & Genealogy Museum	Calhoun	Bluegrass, Blues & Barbecue region	Local history	website, housed in the old railroad station
Ohio County Museum	Hartford	Bluegrass, Blues & Barbecue region	Open-air	information
Ohio County Veterans' Museum	Hartford	Bluegrass, Blues & Barbecue region	Military	information

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Owensboro Area Museum of Science & History	Owensboro	Bluegrass, Blues & Barbecue region	Multiple	website, natural history, science, local history, motor sports, children's area and government
Owensboro Museum of Fine Art	Owensboro	Bluegrass, Blues & Barbecue region	Art	website, collection features American, European and Asian fine and decorative arts dating from the 15th century to the present
Paradise Park Museum Complex	Powderly	Bluegrass, Blues & Barbecue region	Open-air	information, includes Merle Travis birthplace, Coal Mines Shotgun House, a replica of a 1920s coal mining town and a two-room schoolhouse
Parker Warner Historic Museum	Providence	Bluegrass, Blues & Barbecue region	Local history	website,
Bell County Coal Mine and Museum	Middlesboro	Daniel Boone Country	Mining	information, local coal mines
Bell County Historical Society Museum	Middlesboro	Daniel Boone Country	Local history	website
BitterSweet Cabin Museum	Renfro Valley	Daniel Boone Country	Open-air	website, log cabin museum village and stores
Bobby Davis Museum and Park	Hazard	Daniel Boone Country	Local history	website
Breathitt County Museum	Jackson	Daniel Boone Country	Local history	information
C.B. Caudill Store & History Center	Blackey	Daniel Boone Country	Local history	website
Cloverfork Museum	Highsprint	Daniel Boone Country	Local history	website
Cumberland Gap National Historical Park	Middlesboro	Daniel Boone Country	History	Includes the Visitor Center with museum exhibits about the area's natural and cultural history, and Hensley Settlement, an open-air mountain community
Cumberland Inn Museum	Williamsburg	Daniel Boone Country	Multiple	Natural history, collections of crosses, coins, stamps, arrowheads and nutcrackers
David A. Zegeer Coal-Railroad Museum	Jenkins	Daniel Boone Country	Mining	Coal mining and railroad history
Friendship School	Campbellsville	Daniel Boone Country	School	website, 1918 one room schoolhouse
Hiestand House Museum	Campbellsville	Daniel Boone Country	Historic house	website, 1823 German stone house
Kentucky Coal Mining Museum	Benham	Daniel Boone Country	Mining	Coal mining and life of the coal miner and family
Kentucky Music Hall of Fame & Museum	Renfro Valley	Daniel Boone Country	Music	website
Knox Historical Museum	Barbourville	Daniel Boone Country	Local history	information
Marie Stewart Museum & Craft Shop	Hindman	Daniel Boone Country	Local history	
Mountain Life Museum	London	Daniel Boone Country	Open-air	Part of Levi Jackson Wilderness Road State Park, recreated pioneer village and a restored watermill

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Red River Museum	Clay City	Daniel Boone Country	Local history	website, local mining, logging and railroad industries, operated by the Red River Historical Society
Swamp Valley Museum	Menifee County	Daniel Boone Country	Local history	information
William Crenshaw Kennedy, Jr. Memorial Museum	Monticello	Daniel Boone Country	Local history	website, also known as the Wayne County Museum, operated by the Wayne County Historical Society
Wolfe County Historical Museum	Campton	Daniel Boone Country	Local history	information
Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historical Park	Hodgenville	Derby Region	Biographical	Preserves two farm sites where Abraham Lincoln lived as a child.
Bardstown Historical Museum	Bardstown	Derby Region	Local history	Located in Spalding Hallalong with the Oscar Getz Museum of Whiskey History
Black History Gallery	Elizabethtown	Derby Region	African American	website, display of photos, articles and biographies of black Americans
Breckinridge County Historical Society Museum	Hardinsburg	Derby Region	Local history	information, information
Brennan House & Medical Office Museum	Louisville	Derby Region	Historic house	Victorian mansion
Brown-Pusey House	Elizabethtown	Derby Region	Historic house	website, includes the Pusey Room Museum with a replica of a late 19th-century medical office, a genealogical library, and meeting rooms
Bullitt County History Museum	Shepherdsville	Derby Region	Local history	website, operated by the Bullitt County Genealogical Society
Callahan Museum of the American Printing House for the Blind	Louisville	Derby Region	Cultural	
Civil War Museum of the Western Theater	Bardstown	Derby Region	Multiple	Five attractions, including Civil War Museum of the Western Theater, Old Bardstown Village Village with 10 log cabins, Women's Civil War Museum, Wildlife Museum and War Memorial of Mid America
Cloverport Depot Museum	Cloverport	Derby Region	Local history	information
Conrad-Caldwell House	Louisville	Derby Region	Historic house	
Embroidery Museum and Resource Center	Louisville	Derby Region	Textile	Operated by the Embroiderer's Guild of America
Farmington Historic Plantation	Louisville	Derby Region	Historic house	Early 19th century plantation home
Federal Hill	Bardstown	Derby Region	Historic house	Also known as My Old Kentucky Home, part of My Old Kentucky Home State Park
The Filson Historical Society	Louisville	Derby Region	Local history	Includes a museum of local history and art exhibits
Frazier History Museum	Louisville	Derby Region	Military	U.S. and UK arms, armor and historic weaponry
General George Patton Museum of Leadership	Fort Knox	Derby Region	Biographical	
Hardin County History Museum	Elizabethtown	Derby Region	Local history	website
Historic Locust Grove	Louisville	Derby Region	Historic house	55 acre 18th-century farm homestead
Kentucky Derby Museum	Louisville	Derby Region	Sports	American Thoroughbred horse racing museum
Kentucky Museum of Art and Craft	Louisville	Derby Region	Art	Art and craft heritage of Kentucky
Kentucky Railway Museum	New Haven	Derby Region	Railroad	

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Kentucky Science Center	Louisville	Derby Region	Science	Formerly the Louisville Science Center, hands-on science exhibits, natural history displays
Lincoln Heritage House	Elizabethtown	Derby Region	Historic house	website , log home of Thomas Lincoln
Lincoln Homestead State Park	Springfield	Derby Region	Historic house	Includes the home of Nancy Hanks, mother of Abraham Lincoln, the replica log house of his grandmother, and the restored home of his uncle, Mordecai Lincoln
Lincoln Museum of Kentucky	Hodgenville	Derby Region	Biographical	website , features dioramas with wax figures depicting important events in Lincoln's life and Lincoln artwork
Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory	Louisville	Derby Region	Sports	Baseball and the history of the baseball bat
Louisville Visual Art Association	Louisville	Derby Region	Art	website , changing art exhibits, located in the Louisville Water Tower
Muhammad Ali Center	Louisville	Derby Region	Biographical	
National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution Museum	Louisville	Derby Region	Military	
Old Fort Harrod State Park	Harrodsburg	Derby Region	Open-air	Reconstructed fort and museum
Oldham County History Center	La Grange	Derby Region	Local history	website , operated by the Oldham County Historical Society, the Peyton Samuel Head Family Museum, J.C. Barnett Archives and Library, and the Robb Morris Chapel
Oscar Getz Museum of Whiskey History	Bardstown	Derby Region	Food	History of American whiskey from Colonial days through the 1960s; located in Spalding Hall along with the Bardstown Historical Museum
Portland Museum	Louisville	Derby Region	Local history	History of Portland, Louisville's riverside community
Riverside, The Farnsley-Moremeyn Landing	Louisville	Derby Region	Historic house	1840s house, archaeological excavations, gardens
Rob Morris Home	La Grange	Derby Region	Historic house	Home of Rob Morris, the second and last poet laureate of Freemasonry and the founder of the Order of the Eastern Star
Speed Art Museum	Louisville	Derby Region	Art	
Swope's Cars of Yesteryear Museum	Elizabethtown	Derby Region	Automotive	website , historic automobiles
Thomas Edison House	Louisville	Derby Region	Biographical	
Whitehall House & Gardens	Louisville	Derby Region	Historic house	website
Whitney Young Birthplace and Museum	Simpsonville	Derby Region	Biographical	Home of civil rights leader Whitney Young, open by request
Wickland	Bardstown	Derby Region	Historic house	Early 19th-century house that was home to three state governors, two for Kentucky and one in Louisiana
Big Sandy Heritage Center	Pikeville	Kentucky's Appalachians	Local history	Housed in a former railroad station
Coal Miners' Museum	Van Lear	Kentucky's Appalachians	Mining	Local coal mining history
East Kentucky Science Center	Prestonsburg	Kentucky's Appalachians	Science	Includes exhibit hall, planetarium and laser dome
Elkhorn City Railroad Museum	Elkhorn City	Kentucky's Appalachians	Railroad	History of railroads in Kentucky's Eastern Mountain Coal Fields region
Highlands Museum and Discovery Center	Ashland	Kentucky's Appalachians	History	Local history and specialized science displays

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Kentucky Folk Art Center	Morehead	Kentucky's Appalachians	Art	Part of Morehead State University
Laurel Gorge Cultural Heritage Center	Sandy Hook	Kentucky's Appalachians	Local history	information, Facebook site
Magoffin County Pioneer Village and Museum	Salyersville	Kentucky's Appalachians	Open-air	Reconstructed log buildings, operated by the Magoffin County Historical Society
Morgan County History Museum	West Liberty	Kentucky's Appalachians	Local history	information
Mountain Homeplace	Staffordsville	Kentucky's Appalachians	Living	Mid-19th century working farm with Museum Of Appalachian History, includes farmstead, church, school, and blacksmith shop.
Northeastern Kentucky Museum	Olive Hill	Kentucky's Appalachians	Local history	information
Samuel May House Living History Museum	Prestonsburg	Kentucky's Appalachians	Historic house	Early 19th-century house
U.S. 23 Country Music Highway Museum	Paintsville	Kentucky's Appalachians	Music	Exhibits on the country music entertainers who grew up near U.S. Route 23.
Rowan County Historical Veterans Museum	Morehead	Military Veterans	Korea, WW II, Vietnam, War on Terror	website, Patriotic
Behringer-Crawford Museum	Covington	Northern Kentucky	Local history	website, regional history of Northern Kentucky
Big Bone Lick State Park	Big Bone	Northern Kentucky	Natural history	Visitor center includes fossils found in the park, and the Outdoor Museum features a recreated bog diorama with extinct animals
Blue Licks Battlefield State Park	Mount Olivet	Northern Kentucky	Local history	Pioneer Museum includes exhibits about the battle during the American Revolution, local natural and cultural history
Creation Museum	Petersburg	Northern Kentucky	Religious	
Dinsmore Homestead	Burlington	Northern Kentucky	Historic house	1840s house on 30 acres (120,000 m ²)
Harriet Beecher Stowe Slavery to Freedom Museum	Maysville	Northern Kentucky	Biographical	information
Historic Washington, Kentucky	Washington	Northern Kentucky	Open-air	website, includes historic houses, log cabins, churches, Slavery to Freedom Museum, carriage museum,
James A. Ramage Civil War Museum	Fort Wright	Northern Kentucky	History	
Kentucky Gateway Museum Center	Maysville	Northern Kentucky	Local history	website, includes regional history dioramas and artifacts, art and miniatures
National Underground Railroad Museum	Maysville	Northern Kentucky	Historic house	website , located in the Bierbower House, a safe house for the Underground Railroad
NKU Museum of Anthropology	Highland Heights	Northern Kentucky	Anthropology	website , part of Northern Kentucky University, display cases on the second floor of Landrum Academic Center
Railway Museum of Greater Cincinnati	Covington	Northern Kentucky	Railroad	
Rosemary Clooney Museum	Augusta	Northern Kentucky	Biographical	Home of singer Rosemary Clooney
Vent Haven Museum	Fort Mitchell	Northern Kentucky	Puppet	Only museum devoted to the art of ventriloquism
1817 Saddle Factory Museum	Russellville	South Central Kentucky	Industry	website, history of the saddle factory, its workers and products

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African American Heritage Center	Franklin	South Central Kentucky	African American	website, African American achievements in Simpson County and Kentucky
American Cave Museum	Horse Cave	South Central Kentucky	Natural history	website, caves, groundwater, pollution and tour of Hidden River Cave
Auburn Museum	Auburn	South Central Kentucky	Local history	website, operated by the Auburn Historical Society
Aviation Heritage Park	Bowling Green	South Central Kentucky	Aviation	website, park display of a F-4 Phantom II, planned display of other aircraft
Barren River Imaginative Museum of Science	Bowling Green	South Central Kentucky	Science	website
Barthell Coal Mining Camp	Whitley City	South Central Kentucky	Mining	Open-air museum includes museum, barber shop, bath house, doctor's office, machine shop, mining motor displays, school/church house, 1890s reconstructed log cabin and mine tour
Bibb House Museum	Russellville	South Central Kentucky	Historic house	information, operated by Historic Russellville
Blue Heron Coal Mining Camp	Blue Heron	South Central Kentucky	Mining	Restored former company town
Floyd Collins Museum	Cave City	South Central Kentucky	Biographical	website, information
Harland Sanders Café and Museum	Corbin	South Central Kentucky	Food	Birthplace of Kentucky Fried Chicken
Hart County Historical Museum	Munfordville	South Central Kentucky	Local history	website, operated by the Hart County Historical Society
Historic Railpark and Train Museum	Bowling Green	South Central Kentucky	Railroad	
Kentucky Museum	Bowling Green	South Central Kentucky	History	On the campus of Western Kentucky University, Kentucky and US cultural history
Mammoth Cave Wildlife Museum	Cave City	South Central Kentucky	Natural history	website, mounted animal dioramas
McCreary County Museum	Stearns	South Central Kentucky	Local history	Adjacent to Big South Fork Scenic Railway
Mill Springs Battlefield Visitors Center and Museum	Nancy	South Central Kentucky	Civil War	Commemorates the January 1862 Battle of Mill Springs
National Corvette Museum	Bowling Green	South Central Kentucky	Automotive	
Octagon Hall Museum	Franklin	South Central Kentucky	Historic house	website
Riverview at Hobson Grove	Bowling Green	South Central Kentucky	Historic house	Mid-19th century home
Shaker Museum at South Union	South Union	South Central Kentucky	Religious	Shaker folklife and material culture
Simpson County Archives and Museum	Franklin	South Central Kentucky	Local history	website, operated by the Simpson County Historical Society, housed in an old jail and jailer's residence; also known as Old Stone Jail - Simpson County Archives

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South Central Kentucky Cultural Center	Glasgow	South Central Kentucky	Local history	website, also known as Museum of the Barrens
Adsmore	Princeton	Western Waterlands	Living	Victorian home with "living" tours by season
Barlow House Museum	Barlow	Western Waterlands	Historic house	website
Ben E. Clement Mineral Museum	Marion	Western Waterlands	Natural history	website, minerals including large collection of fluorite specimens
Caldwell County Railroad Museum	Princeton	Western Waterlands	Railroad	website
Columbus-Belmont State Park	Columbus	Western Waterlands	Civil War	
Crittenden County Historical Museum	Marion	Western Waterlands	Local history	website
Don F. Pratt Memorial Museum	Fort Campbell	Western Waterlands	Military	History of Fort Campbell and the 101st Airborne Division Air Assault the "Screaming Eagles"
Fairholme (John Street Home)	Cadiz	Western Waterlands	Historic house	website, tours by appointment, also known as the John L. Street Home
Hickman County Museum	Clinton	Western Waterlands	Local history	website
Janice Mason Art Museum	Cadiz	Western Waterlands	Art	website, part of the Cadiz Community Arts Center
Jefferson Davis State Historic Site	Fairview	Western Waterlands	Biographical	Monument and museum about Confederate leader Jefferson Davis
Lloyd Tilghman House & Civil War Museum	Paducah	Western Waterlands	History	Focuses on Kentucky and the western theater of the American Civil War
Lone Oak House Museum	Hopkinsville	Western Waterlands	Historic house	information, open by appointment
Lyon County Museum	Eddyville	Western Waterlands	Local history	information, also known as Rose Hill Museum
Morris Toy Museum	Carrsville	Western Waterlands	Toy	information, information
National Quilt Museum	Paducah	Western Waterlands	Textile	Quilts and fiber art
Paducah Railway Museum	Paducah	Western Waterlands	Railroad	website
Pennyroyal Area Museum	Hopkinsville	Western Waterlands	Local history	information
River Heritage Museum	Paducah	Western Waterlands	Maritime	website
Robert Penn Warren Birthplace Museum	Guthrie	Western Waterlands	Biographical	website, birthplace of poet Robert Penn Warren
Wickliffe Mounds	Wickliffe	Western Waterlands	Archaeology	

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William Clark Market House Museum	Paducah	Western Waterlands	Local history	website
Woody Winfree Fire-Transportation Museum	Hopkinsville	Western Waterlands	Transportation	information, includes fire trucks, automobiles, wagons, buggies, a sleigh, license plates and local fire memorabilia
Wrather West Kentucky Museum	Murray	Western Waterlands	Local history	website , part of Murray State University, history of West Kentucky and the Jackson Purchase
Yeiser Art Center	Paducah	Western Waterlands	Art	website
Butler-Turpin State Historic House	Carrollton		Historic house	Located in General Butler State Resort Park, mid 19th century period house
Green River Female Academy	Elkton		History	19th century female seminary