



Greenbriar Lake, with 225 acres of fishing, swimming and boating waters, attracts thousands to a park near Ashland. Complete dock facilities, beach and picnic area with shelter house, are all available at Greenbriar Lake State Park.



Campers delight in Falmouth Lake State Park's many ideal tent and trailer locations and swimming, boating and fishing. There is also a playground and picnic area at the park located at Falmouth in Pendleton County.



## The HISTORIC GATEWAY

Kentucky's Historic Gateway, lying on a wide arc on the Ohio River at Kentucky's northeastern edge, combines the outer Bluegrass area, river bottomlands, knobs on the east, and ridges of Cumberland National Forest into one neat package representative of the state as a whole. Several lakes dot the area, and caves provide underground adventure.

You'll find many old families in the river towns with German-sounding names that bespeak their heritage. Germantown, founded by a Rhinelander who emigrated to the Ohio Valley as a great wine-producing area, never saw this dream realized (you'll hardly see a grape) but offers visitors the state's oldest fair, dating from 1854. Originally, a get-together for German-speaking people up and down the river, the August fair includes music from the cone-topped bandstand (Hoos), farm produce and other exhibits, and a popular "courtn' gallery" in the wooded circular amphitheatre.

Kentuckians in these parts were staunch defenders of the Union cause during the Civil War and in Vanceburg is the only Union monument erected at a courthouse south of the Mason-Dixon line.

Washington, in Mason County, however, contains the birthplace of Confederate General Albert Sidney Johnston. The two-story white frame building was originally a log house, dating from before 1800. Also in the town is the slave block on the courthouse green where Harriet Beecher Stowe, later to write "Uncle Tom's Cabin," saw slaves sold at auction.

The land here is good farming country and you'll see field dotted with broad-leaved tobacco, acres of corn and bright green gardens. Brooksville, a center of the tobacco-growing area, claims the honor of the discovery of Burley tobacco.

Carlisle is famous for blackberries, and holds an annual Blackberry Festival with plenty of pies, ice cream and other delicacies concocted from the fruit on hand.

For a spectacular view of the nearby forested mountains, visit the Cumberland National Forest Lookout Tower in the Clearfield area five miles southeast of Morehead. From the glass-topped observatory 1,100 feet above sea level, you will see a magnificent panorama of mountain scenery and can pick out a camping or picnic site.

For railroad buffs, a visit to Clearfield is worthwhile to see in operation one of the nation's few remaining steam-powered railroads, the Morehead and North Fork, a line only four miles long.

Ten of Kentucky's 18 remaining covered bridges cross streams and rivers in the Gateway area. Included are the state's oldest, the

longest single-span bridge, and the world's only suspension-covered bridge. The latter, known as the Sherrburne Bridge and located on the Fleming-Slath County line, was built over the Licking River in 1867-68.

The oldest timbered bridge in Kentucky, built in the 1820's, spans Locust Creek near Wellburg in Bracken County. Tables and outdoor grills are scattered around the bridge for picnickers, and it is a favorite subject for photo enthusiasts. Maps and information on the location of Kentucky's 18 covered bridges may be obtained from the Kentucky Covered Bridge Association, Box 100, Newport, Ky., 41072.

Bridges mean water and there's no shortage of streams and lakes in this Gateway to history area. Two of the largest lakes are Falmouth, in the southwestern part just off U.S. 27, and Greenbriar, about 15 miles from Ashland.

Long strings of bass, crappie, bluegill, channel catfish, walleye pike and several species of rough fish are taken daily from the two lakes. Launching ramps are provided at both places or fishermen may rent boats at the docks. Woodlands around the water beckon campers to pitch their tents and for swimmers there are sandy beaches and bathhouses.

Kinniconick Creek, which flows through Lewis County, is also noted both for scenery and fish. And in Cynthiana, a marker attests to the skills of an early Kentucky fisherman, Dr. James A. Henshall, who lived nearby and fished the Licking River during the late 1800's. One of America's foremost authorities on the black bass, he authored the classic "Book of Black Bass," was a pioneer fly fisherman and an authority on the famous Kentucky multiplying reel.

The resort center for vacationers is Carter Caves State Park, off U.S. 60 between Grayson and Olive Hill. The 1,000-acre park, complete with a new 28-room lodge, has three caverns where guided tours are conducted. Camping and supervised recreation for the youngsters, plus a sandy beach, bathhouse, and boat dock on sparkling Smoky Valley Lake round out the vacation offerings.

Still another State Park in the Gateway area is Blue Licks Battlefield State Park, on historic U.S. 68. The road was once the old Buffalo Trace which cut a wide path from Maysville on the Ohio River to the Blue Licks. For ages the salt springs attracted buffalo and other beasts off the plains. The last battle of the Revolutionary War was fought at Blue Licks nearly a year after the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown, in August 1782.

Also on the park grounds are picnic shelters, bathhouse, swimming pool, playground facilities, and a museum with eloquent exhibits tracing the history of the Blue Licks area from the Ice Age through the Revolutionary War battle.

## Land of NATURAL BRIDGES

"The wild, lonely, beautiful country," a writer has described the natural bridge country of central eastern Kentucky. "Wild with its rivers grimly marked in swift shoals and hidden rocks, lonely in that you can go for miles along its riverbanks without seeing more than a house or two, and made beautiful by its brilliant streaks of flowers and trees and sky."

The rivers - the Licking, the Rockcastle, the Kentucky and its forks, and the Red - were the original highways to and from America's early settlements.

The Palisades of the Kentucky once echoed to the chatter and songs of Daniel Boone, "Big Jim" McClride, James Harrod, Doctor Thomas Walker and John Stufflebean, as well as to the shouts of river pirates who lay in wait for unsuspecting travelers.

The fact is, both pioneers and Indians were relative newcomers compared to the ancient Adena people, among the earliest inhabitants in all North America. Their burial mounds, constructed about 800 years before the birth of Christ, are still being located here in present-day Wolfe and Montgomery counties.

Nature had a mischievous heyday here, creating fascinations like Hell's Half Acre and Tea Kettle Rock, near Salyersville. And within Cumberland National Forest is the Red River Valley, just off the new Mountain Parkway. Three-story-high Sky Bridge, Half Moon, Princess, Rock Bridge and world-famous Natural Bridge, are stone arches cut many thousands of years ago from an ancient sea bottom. Scenic hiking trails, creeks stocked with rainbow trout, special hunting preserves, and the Red River George Drive lead from one attraction to another, then back to Natural Bridge State Park's modern Hemlock Lodge, fine dining room, big pool and cottages.

Not very far to the south, off Kentucky 52, is Glen Eden Falls, where no picnicker can pause without a hearty chuckle. For it was here that fiery circuit-riider Lorenzo Dow delivered an old-fashioned sermon seated on his trussing mound.

While Prescher Dow warned his flock of the perils of hell, the horse, no doubt frightened at the prospect, suddenly bolted over the sheer cliff. The good reverend grabbed the limb of an overhanging cedar tree and, saved by an alert listener, completed the legend of the day with feet firmly planted on the ground.

One historic spot to see in Powell County is Holy Pilot Knob, located at the West Bend intersection of Ky. 11 and 15 close to the Mountain Parkway. From this height on June 7, 1769, Daniel Boone and his exploring party first viewed the "beautiful levels of Kentucky" - the Bluegrass area. The superb view from the knob takes in the towns and surrounding countryside of Winchester and Mount Sterling.

In the Frenchburg area, old mule-powered

sorghum mills provide visitors with a scene that is fast vanishing from America. Travelers can satisfy their "sweet tooth" merely by pulling over to the roadside and buying excellent sorghum straight from the case fields.

Around Beattyville is a recreation and sportsman's paradise, at the junction of the three forks of the Kentucky River. In the city and close by are a good-sized public swimming pool and a modern public golf course and driving range.

Nearby Sturgeon Creek, emptying into the Kentucky River at Heidelberg, has excellent stocks of bass, muskie and rock perch. The waters are bounded by beautiful picnic grounds.

A few miles from Beattyville is The Cathedral, started about 10 years ago as an Episcopalian mission priest's labor of love. The wooden structure is impressive with its massive Gothic roof, columns and gables.

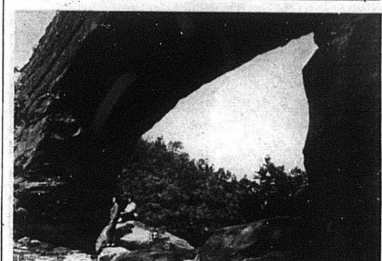
Wild Dog Creek, once the site of a great lumber operation in Owsley and Jackson counties, is now a ghost town. It is, however, an ideal spot for out-of-the-way hiking, in-season hunting, fishing and just plain exploring. It can be reached via an excellent U. S. Forest Service road, off the New Zion Road.

One source of some of the mountain ballads we hear today, telling bitter-sweet stories of the past, is "Bloody Breathitt." This beautiful county was bloodstained by the feuds that once raged among the ridge clans. In World War I, Breathitt County was the only county in the United States from which not one person was drafted; reason, was that when war was declared every able-bodied man and youth in the county volunteered. Today, however, the visitor need have no fear as he enjoys open-handed hospitality and the spacious scenery of the Kentucky River's North Fork or takes in the quaint and useful mountain crafts.

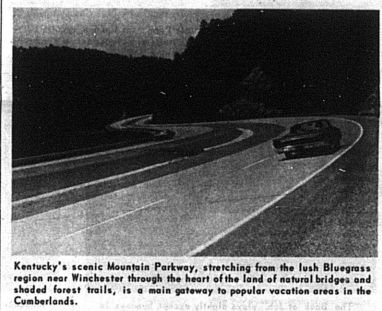
Near the town of Jackson is newly-completed, 102-acre Pabow Lake, 19th link in Kentucky's many-purpose "chain of lakes" developed since 1960.

Nailor's Rock, just a few miles southwest of Jackson, identifies the spot where Nailor sought the fabled lost silver mine of John Swift, said to be hidden in the area. He sank a mine shaft near the unusual rock-pedestal formation that today bears his name, but never found the hidden loot, nor has anyone else. Whatever the modern traveler's quest in these parts - whether it's for fun and relaxation, a business holiday, a prowl for antiques, or serious historical interest, it's all here to be found. The beaten path is available in the form of the Mountain Parkway and other new or improved roads, or the off-beat trail may be leisurely explored.

The outgoing, friendly nature of the people will like as not draw you to the front porch of some cross-roads store to join the leisurely talk of a region where time passes very lightly.



Sky Bridge, on Red River in Wolfe County, is a startling natural rock formation in the Cumberland National Forest. A favorite spot for sightseers, Sky Bridge is located just off the Mountain Parkway on Ky. 715 near Pine Ridge.



Kentucky's scenic Mountain Parkway, stretching through the lush Bluegrass region near Winchester through the heart of the land of natural bridges and shaded forest trails, is a main gateway to popular vacation areas in the Cumberlands.



Kentucky's Natural Bridge State Park lies within huge Cumberland National Forest. Unusual rock formations, arches, bridges, tunnels, and balanced boulders, riding and hiking the many miles of trails are among popular vacation spots. The new lodge provides modern accommodations and excellent food at moderate prices. Swimming, fishing, boating, and picnicking are also popular activities at Natural Bridge.