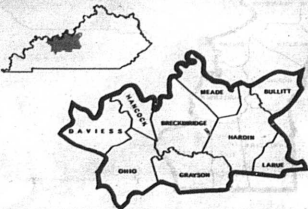




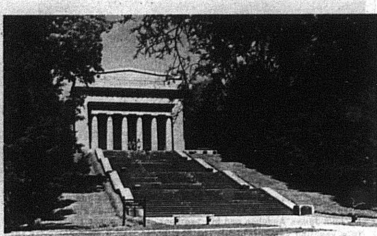
The new lodge at Rough River Dam State Park at Falls of Rough has a big lobby and a noted dining room. Each of its 24 guest rooms has a private patio overlooking the scenic beauty of 5,000-acre Rough River Lake, one of Kentucky's top fish-

ing and boating lakes. The park also has vacation cottages, paved airstrip, boat docks, launching ramps, swimming beach and picnicking and camping areas. This Park attracts more than a million visitors a year.



BONANZA VACATIONLAND

The Lincoln Heritage



Abraham Lincoln's birthplace near Hodgenville is a National Historic Site, part of the U. S. National Park Service. Much of the Lincoln Farm is contained in the park's 116 acres. There are facilities for picnicking, a souvenir shop, and visitor's center.



An outstanding attraction for visitors is Bernheim Forest near Shepherdsville, with 10,000 acres of Kentucky knobland where animals and birds, trees, shrubs and flowers are on view for public enjoyment. It is a wildlife refuge of unusual beauty, with fishing, picnicking facilities, foot trails and a nature center.

Just southwest of big and bustling Louisville, there lies along the southern bank of the Ohio River a green and tranquil land that invites exploring by vacationers.

Although tipped at both ends by the metropolitan areas of Louisville and Owensboro, this country is mostly a rural highway, great for camping and fishing and pleasure driving.

Part of this country lies in the Knobs region, with its flat-topped hills and valley, and part in the western coal fields, a prairie-like landscape.

This is the region that boasts proudly of Abraham Lincoln's birthplace at the Sinking Spring farm near Hodgenville. The knobby landscape is a reminder of his rugged looks and the gentle lowlands are a reminder of his kindness.

Lincoln's birth cabin is enclosed in a national shrine at Hodgenville. The country holds many other relics of Lincoln and his family and is on the route of the Lincoln Heritage Trail, which passes through three states. Lincoln once said "My earliest recollections are of the Knob Creek place," which is in the region. A side trip to Springfield takes you to the Washington County Courthouse with the original Lincoln marriage bond and to Lincoln Homestead State Park.

Well worth a trip in the spring is Bernheim Forest in red bud time. Its 14,000 acres have four lakes, nature trails and an arboretum.

At Falls of Rough is Rough River State Park, developed around Rough River Lake, with a modern lodge that is headquarters for an elegant vacation resort. The 5,100-acre lake is home to a large variety of game fish able to test your skill. The park has an air strip, camping sites, boat dock, cottages, beach and picnic area. Another favorite fishing spot is Nolin Reservoir in the southern part of this region.

Those who cherish the old and quaint will enjoy seeing the ancient water-powered grain mill still operating at Falls of Rough.

In the southern part of this region - old Indian land - streams meander, springs bubble and caves abound. There is a famous old mineral springs and health spa near Leitchfield known as Grayson Springs.

Much of this region is rich in historical background. At Elizabethtown is the inn where

General Custer lived just before he led his troops to the Little Big Horn.

At West Point, Salt River empties into the Ohio, providing a spectacular view. In 1832 a steamboat carrying Henry Clay turned by error up Salt River, causing him to mist a speaking engagement and perhaps the presidential election. Kentuckians to this day say a losing candidate "has gone up Salt River."

This region includes Fort Knox, with its armor training school, national gold repository and fascinating exhibits at General George S. Patton Museum.

The area around Doe Run Creek was a happy hunting ground for Daniel Boone, Kentucky's greatest pioneer explorer, and much of the nearby land is part of Otter Creek Park, a game preserve and recreational area.

In the Rough River valleys, early settlers were raised by Indians and their descendants suffered from the forays of Quantrell, rebel guerrilla of Civil War fame. Near Irvington are the "hominid rocks" where Indians ground corn.

The westernmost tip of this vacation area is a land watered by the Ohio and Green Rivers, a center of dark-fired tobacco, oil and whiskey. Owensboro, the largest city in western Kentucky, was called Yellow Banks by early boaters because of the color of its clay.

A striking view of the winding Ohio can be seen from an overlook east of Hawesville, the sorghum molasses capital of the world. The river town of Lewisport was at one time noted for boatbuilding. In another river town, Cloverport, young Abraham Lincoln and his family crossed the Ohio to live in Indiana.

Food of the region is typical of Kentucky, with old ham a big favorite. For an appetite not hearty enough for cornpone and sorghum, there are buttermilk biscuits and honey. Every cook worth her salt has a delicious corn pudding recipe. Hush puppies are Kentucky's complement to fish.

Kentucky recipes have inspired many a holiday gathering, put money into the cook-book business, settled political disputes and feuds, started new disputes and feuds, soured the hearts of unruly husbands, and even won husbands for forlorn widows.

They'll add to your pleasure vacationing in the Lincoln Heritage Bonanza Land.

CENTRAL KENTUCKY CAVE AREA

Unique among all regions of the world is the cave country of south central Kentucky.

There, famous Mammoth Cave is only one of many underground wonders in the area, but it is the biggest and the best known and is Kentucky's earliest major tourist attraction.

Mammoth Cave was discovered in 1798 and has been a tourist center for more than 100 years. A national park of about 53,000 acres was established on land including the cave in 1941.

Private developments have sprouted up around the great caverns and many good motels, hotels and restaurants are located in the region. Nearby caves are operated privately and include Mammoth Onyx, Diamond Caverns, Crystal Caves and others. New caves are still being discovered and professional and amateur spelunkers alike take great delight in the miles of lighted, underground passages.

A major new luxury resort, Park Mammoth Resort, has opened on a 1,000-acre plot that includes three newly-developed caves. The cave country is a land of knobs and valleys, typical of the Pennsylvanian. The scenery is varied, from the gently rolling farmlands to cliffs and escarpments, and from open fields to forested hillsides. Rivers and creeks, both topside and underground, are abundant. In the underground there are hundreds of miles of subterranean passages, including Echo River through Mammoth Cave.

This is a liberal land to fishermen. Any exploration of this region will lead to 10,000-acre Barren River reservoir, one of Kentucky's cover fishing lakes, between Glasgow and Scottsville. The state plans to develop a park at this lake complete with lodge and resort facilities.

Many a creek winds warm into Barren Lake which teems with fish. You can expect to catch bass, muskies, walleyes, crappie and channel cats. The lake is being stocked with rainbow trout. You can also expect good fishing in Nolin Reservoir, a big impoundment north of Mammoth Cave.

This region has rich tobacco fields, green acres with grazing livestock, and a predilection for Dixie, as attested by Confederate monuments at Glasgow and other towns. Bowling Green once served as Kentucky's confederate capital. Glasgow is a stream-ringed city with livestock and tobacco markets and a number of gracious old southern homes.

In the land west of Glasgow, fertile hills and broad bottom lands grow deep pastures and crops of tobacco, corn, hay, and soy beans. The land is watered by the Green, Barren and Nolin Rivers - all famous fishing streams.

This is a country in which to slow down and enjoy your surroundings. The Green River is so in hurry as it winds its way through woodlands and bottoms and takes a graceful turn at Indigo

Bend. Old time ferries still cross this river. Indian mounds are found in the neighborhood and some of the tastiest of sorghum molasses is turned out in picturesque sorghum mills which still use mules to turn the press that crushes the cane.

Horse Cave is a major center for good country ham, and you can buy choice cheese, locally produced at Horse Cave, Glasgow, Greensburg and other markets. You can watch a tobacco auction and hear the chant of the fast-moving auctioneers.

Look around and you may find an Indian arrowhead. Travel routes in this region were first laid out by the buffalo and Indian warriors and Nolin River gorge embraces land once inhabited by red men.

Mammoth Cave offers the thrill of adventure of its caverns showing colorful stalactites and stalagmites, huge cavern rooms and spectacular pits and domes. You can take a subterranean boat ride on Echo River and have lunch in gymnasium-chestered Snowball Dining Room, 267 feet underground. Authentic Kentucky handicrafts are displayed at Mammoth Cave National Park and demonstrations of various native Kentucky crafts will be given at the park this summer. Deer and other smaller wildlife abound in the vast, wooded park.

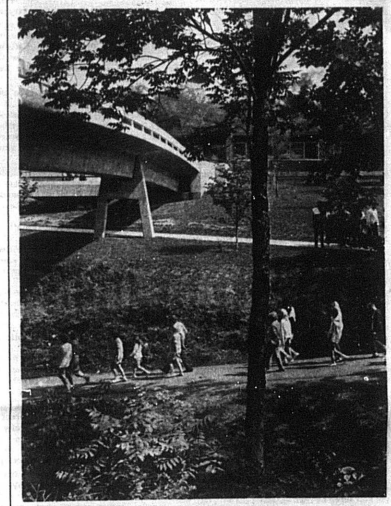
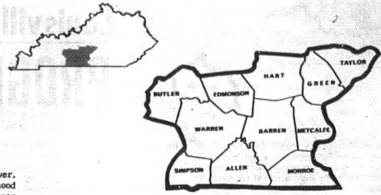
At Tompkinsville is Old Mulkey Meeting House, erected in 1798, oldest log church in Kentucky. It is now a State shrine. The congregation record book, written with pokeberry ink, has been preserved.

In the middle of this varied, interesting country is Bowling Green, home of Western Kentucky State College and Ed Diddle's famous basketball team.

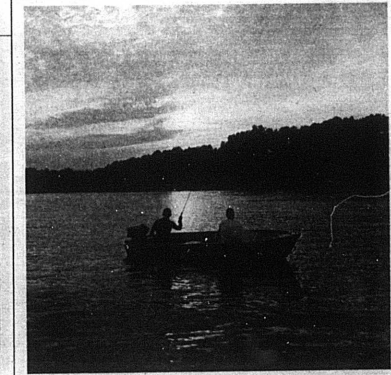
This section of Kentucky, modernized with major roads and grand motels, still may be one of the last refuges for America's peaceful rural life. Here, not so long ago, recreation consisted of barn-raising, quilting parties, apple-peelings, mule-swappings, singing parties and square dance.

Some of the place names hereabouts suggest the rural man's problems and invention in designating things: Dismal Rock, Whistling Mountain, Cobby Hole, Big Difficult Creek, Indigo Head, Grab, Cub Run, Possum Scratch and Shanty Hollow Lake.

Travelers are bound to get hungry and this is a good area for the hearty appetite. The south-central Kentuckian says vovs to ham from hogs fattened on Kentucky corn, and many Kentucky-cured hams are hanging up for sale. Kentucky Wonder beans are good cooked with ham-bone. These people are mighty skilled with chicken, either Kentucky-fried or served with dumplings. Spoon bread, corn pudding, rich desserts - these are just a few Kentucky culinary delights.



Vacationers to Mammoth Cave pass under this modernistic bridge leading to the visitor's center on their way to begin one of the many cave tours offered at the national park in Kentucky's cave country. In addition to many miles of underground caverns with their spectacular sights, the park offers first class accommodations, tennis and shuffleboard courts, camping and picnic areas, trailer parking and nature trails. A new hotel opened in the park on July 1.



Fishing on Nolin Reservoir is just one of the many pleasures offered by this 5,795-acre lake, a short drive from the Western Kentucky Turnpike. There are several ramps around Nolin to launch boats for pleasure cruises, fishing, swimming or skiing.