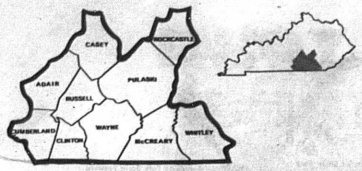
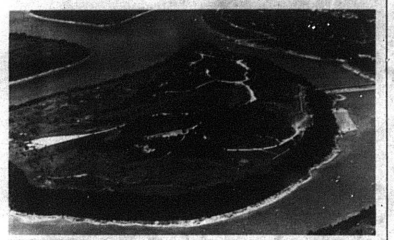
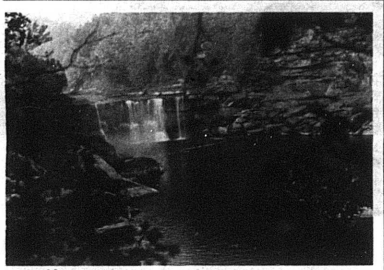
Lake Cumberland – Dale Hollow Region





Surrounded by beautiful Lake Cumberland, Burnside Island State Park is reached by a paved causeway. A beach, nine-hole golf course, picnic area and shelters, and tent and trailer parking are in the park, which is located at Burnside near Somerset.



Cumberland Falls State Park, near Corbin, is in the heart of the Cumberland National Forest. The famous falls are 68 feet high. There are excellent lodge and cottage accommodations, beach and pool swimming, camping, picnic areas, horseback riding and playground equipment at the park.

Vacationing in the forested foothills of the Cumberland Mountains in Southeastern Kentucky, you can lose yourself in magnificent, uncluttered scenery without being at "the ends of the earth."

Just look at the map and figure the mileage. From Columbus, Ohio, it is 334 miles and from Cincinnati only 203 to Cumberland Falls State Park in the heart of the region. And, from Huntington, W. Va., it is 252 miles; Roanoke, Va., 372; Charlotte, N. C., 300; Chattanooga, Tenn., 190; St. Louis, Mo., 455; and Indianapolis, 294.

Chicagoans are only 543 miles away, and if they like to camp, fish, or just while away the time in a congenial atmosphere, they find a trip to this region worthwhile.

Scenic beauty, excellent accommodations, food, hospitality and a variety of recreational facilities have made this area one of the fastest growing vacation centers in America.

Lake Cumberland, which averages more than 90 feet in depth, with a shoreline of 1,255 miles and clear azure waters, is a mecca for sightseers, anglers and boating enthusiasts.

Dale Hollow Reservoir, spilling across the Kentucky-Tennessee border, has been giving record catches for years to fishermen from Kentucky, Tennessee and other states.

The Cumberland River, scene of mighty Cumberland Falls, provides fine fishing as do the Green, Rockcastle, Laurel and Dix rivers which flow through the region.

Part of the area falls deep within the Cumberland National Forest, where campers and others delight in the miles of shaded trails and wooded camping areas.

Real old country music and folk dancing are part of this area's way of life. At Renfro Valley, near Mt. Vernon, the two Saturday night barn dance shows (at 7 and 9 p.m.) to foot-tapping Bluegrass music, are a long-standing tradition. Square dancing is a popular pastime at Cumberland Falls State Park, near Corbin.

Colorful cotton skirts swirl, the fiddler's music rings out and experienced callers sound the steps, handed down through generations. Beginners join in too, as instructors teach the intricate movements. At the park the dancing is often done under the stars.

The formation of Lake Cumberland by construction of Wolf Creek Dam was instrumental in converting this rugged region of Southeastern Kentucky into a haven for fishermen, campers, boaters and all who enjoy the great out-of-doors.

Boat docks on the lake, including one at Lake Cumberland State Park near Jamestown, are well-equipped and provide sportsmen with complete equipment for holiday fun. Boats, motors, bait, fishing tackle and launching ramps are available in all seasons.

Campers like this place too. There is a large tent and trailer camping area at the park with two central service buildings and hot showers and rest rooms. Groceries and other supplies are available nearby. There's a new olympic swimming pool and a par-three golf course. (For those not so rugged, the park has a modern lodge and complete vacation cottages.)

A second State park on Lake Cumberland is General Burnside Island, at Burnside. Formed when the lake backed into the South Fork of the Cumberland River, inundating all but the top of the island hill, the park is reached by paved causeway. It offers swimming, boating, fishing, picnicking, golf on a new nine-hole course and plenty of island camping space.

Lake Cumberland has bumper crops of crappie, usually best fished on minnows along the bank at a depth of 15 to 20 feet. The white bass jumps are renowned and black bass, bluegill, trout and sauger add to the variety.

In the evening, campfires flicker as the day's catch sizzles and browns in hot-iron skillets and happy campers prepare fish and hush puppies for the night's feast.

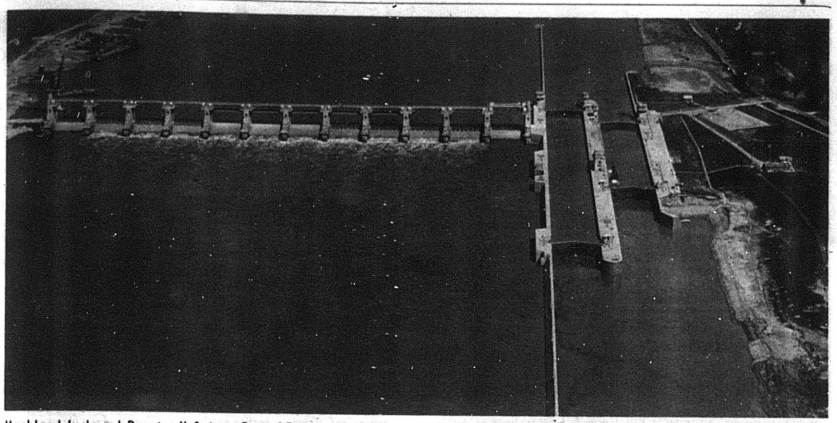
Magnificent Cumberland Falls, the Niagara of the South, has for years been one of the top tourist attractions of the Southern United States. Cumberland Falls is alternately awesome and exhilarating. By day it is a sparkling cataract, by night a mysterious marvel.

When the moon is full, the mist from the Falls shows a broad, clear moonbow. It's the only moonbow seen in the Western Hemisphere – the only other one in the world is at Victoria Falls, South Africa.

The State park at Cumberland Falls has lodge and cottage accommodations as well as camping areas. To the delight of nature lovers, trails criss-cross the park, with markers designating species of trees and plants.

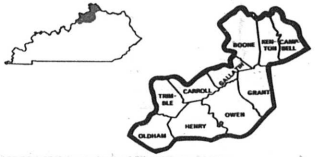
You can find good, satisfying food all over the region. The dining rooms in the parks and the many motels and restaurants specialize in regional foods and Southern dishes. The area is noted for Kentucky-cured hams, fresh pan-fish and hush puppies. In the Lake Cumberland-Dale Hollow region the lakes and rivers are calling and so is Old Kentucky Ham – sliced thick, with plenty of hot biscuits and red-eye gravy.

Visiting Lake Cumberland is a traveler's treat. The State park's 24-unit lodge and dining room offer the finest accommodations to guests who want to enjoy the fishing, boating, water-skiing and swimming on the 50,250-acre lake, or horseback riding, pool-swimming and other forms of recreation also available. In addition to the lodge, there are complete vacation cottages and camping facilities at the park, located near Jamestown.



Markland Locks and Dam is a U. S. Army Corps of Engineers project on the Ohio River near Warsaw. There's picnicking space for visitors and a special observation area where sightseers can watch boats and barges move through the locks.

THE LAND BY THE RIVER



Does your family have as many ideas as there are members about what to do on vacation?

You can please them all with a vacation in Kentucky's Land By the River – a region that offers a wide assortment of attractions.

This northern-boundary region of the Bluegrass State stretches east from Louisville along the beautifully scenic Ohio River up to Covington and Newport.

Just east of Louisville, those of you who dote on rural beauty will see some of the best-looking farmland in the nation. Thoroughbred horses and many varieties of cattle graze in postcard-scene meadows and pastures.

Along the roadsides you will see alternate fields of bright Burley tobacco and head-high corn reaching for the sun.

A charming community close to Louisville is Pewee Valley, one of America's prettiest little towns. It was at her home – The Beeches – here that Annie Fellows Johnston wrote "The Little Colonel" and it was at The Locust on LaGrange Road that the little colonel lived.

Travelling east through lush countryside, you come to fine apple and peach orchards and good farmlands. Soon you approach the fine old city of Carrollton, called The Town That Tobacco Built, and just two miles south on US 227 is General Butler State Park.

This complete vacation resort sprawls over 800 acres of rolling, scenic countryside. If it is true that today's happiest vacation families want variety, then this is the place.

At Butler Park some will want to go horseback riding, some boating, swimming or hiking, and some will want to play badminton or golf. Others might prefer to fish, ply the small lake in a lazy dreamboat, or perhaps soak up the sun at beach or pool.

Those who do not want to be so active may prefer to spend the peaceful hours of air-conditioned comfort reading, playing cards, watching a TV program, or just relaxing in the luxurious lodge or a well-equipped vacation cottage.

All your family will enjoy the idyllic setting, modern accommodations, gracious service and abundance of superb foods at this complete vacation resort.

Butler Park also has beautiful picnic sites, modern facilities for tent and trailer camping, a historic mansion and museum of Ohio River lore, and a miniature railway to delight both young and old.

The eastern part of this region at the top of Kentucky lies across the river from Cincinnati, and is part of a great metropolitan area.

Here, at Covington, is where Kentucky's Licking River, famous waterway trail of the pioneer settler, joins the mighty Ohio. This was the place from which General George Rogers Clark, Simon Kenton and Daniel Boone launched their expeditions into the great Northwest.

Two of the counties, Kenton and Boone, are named for the pioneers.

At Newport, in Campbell County, on September 19 this year, the annual Governor's Cup Regatta will be held. The Ohio River course for the inboard, hydroplane race, a contest of champions, is said to be the only stretch of waterway in the country where the complete race may be seen by spectators.

Covington is one of Kentucky's largest cities, the largest in the area, and nearby Devou Park, a 550-acre rolling, wooded section overlooking the metropolis is a favorite playground both for Covingtonians and Cincinnatians. The park has miles of riding trails, fishing, golf, tennis and picnic grounds.

Many of the some 100 diversified industries at Covington offer plant tours to visitors. The city is also home to St. Mary's Cathedral, modeled after Notre Dame in Paris and containing one of the largest stained glass windows in the world. The cathedral also houses four large paintings by Frank Duveneck and a sculptured group by Clement J. Barnhorn.

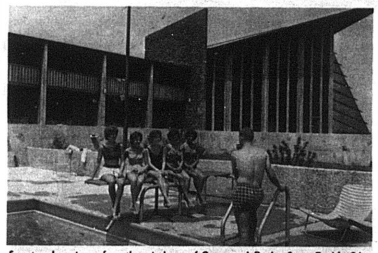
The Garden of Hope, is a two and a half acre park that overlooks Covington. It has a replica of the Garden Tomb in Jerusalem, a small chapel and a carpenter's shop, similar to those of 2,000 years ago.

Near Florence, just off Interstate 75, a few miles from Covington, is the Latonia Raceway. This track is the scene for both Thoroughbred and harness racing.

Sweeping along the broad river at the top of Kentucky, your imagination can conjure up the olden days of fabulous Mike Fink, strong man of the Ohio, who boasted, "I can outrun, outjump, outshoot, outbrag, outdrink, and outfight – any man on both sides of the river from Pittsburgh to New Orleans and back again to St. Louis."

Today, this beautiful river country boasts fine homes and fertile farms. The broad Ohio that once fathered bold and boisterous river men is now dotted by such modern transportation aids as the Markland Dam at Warsaw.

These works of the United States Corps of Engineers, by control of the flow of water, make it possible for big boats and barges to carry freight between Pittsburgh and the Port of New Orleans. They also aid in flood control and have created vast pools along the Ohio to delight water-sport lovers.



Spectacular views from the windows of General Butler State Park's 24-room lodge, show well the matchless Kentucky and Ohio river valleys around Carrollton. A small lake offers swimming, "lazy" fishing and pleasure boating. There are horseback riding, hiking trails, an observation tower and a nine-hole golf course. A museum displaying Ohio River lore is located at the Butler mansion in the 809-acre vacation park.

Remnants of former ages are being unearthed at Big Bone Lick State Park near Covington, as modern-day archeologists explore the fossil-rich area. At various times vacationers can visit the dig locations in the park when special tours are provided. A picnic shelter is available.