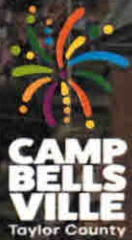


Red, White & Explore: Two Days of Summer Celebration in Campbellville, KY

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Some places are worth more than just a quick visit—and Campbellville is one of them. With beautiful lake views, local flavor, and a full calendar of events, two days gives you time to slow down, explore, and experience it all. Here's how to make the most of a summer stay in the heart of Kentucky.



Lakeside Nutrition



Granny's Greenhouse



Magnolia Alley Florist

Day 1: A Day at the Lake

Breakfast to Start the Day

Begin your morning in Campbellville with a quick breakfast or coffee stop before heading out to the lake.

- **Tuscan Hills Coffee Co** – A local favorite serving freshly brewed coffee and specialty drinks, perfect for an easy start to the day
- **Harden Coffee** – A welcoming coffee shop known for handcrafted drinks and a relaxed atmosphere
- **Best Donut** – A go-to spot for fresh donuts and a quick, sweet start

After breakfast, you'll be ready to head out and enjoy the scenic beauty of Green River Lake State Park and all the outdoor adventures the area has to offer.



Harden Coffee



Tuscan Hills Coffee Co



Best Donut

Morning at Green River Lake

Spend your morning enjoying everything **Green River Lake State Park** has to offer. With miles of shoreline and scenic views in every direction, it's the perfect place to relax or explore.

Visitors can:

- Fish along the shoreline
- Swim or relax at beach areas
- Take in scenic views of the rolling hills and water

For those looking to get out on the water, there are plenty of rental options available. Rent a boat from **Green River Marina** or **Emerald Isle Marina**, or choose from jet skis, paddleboards, pedal boats, and kayaks through **Wet & Wild Watersports**.



Green River Marina



Wet & Wild
Watersports



Emerald Isle Marina

Lunch on the Water

After a morning at the lake, enjoy lunch with a view at one of the nearby favorites.

- **Emerald Isle Marina** – A convenient stop to relax, refuel, and enjoy lake views without leaving the shoreline
- **Green River Marina** – Grab a casual lakeside bite while staying close to the water and soaking in the marina atmosphere
- **Tucker's Tiki Bar & Restaurant** – An island-themed spot offering a fun atmosphere, great food, and refreshing drinks



Emerald Isle Resort & Marina



Green River Marina



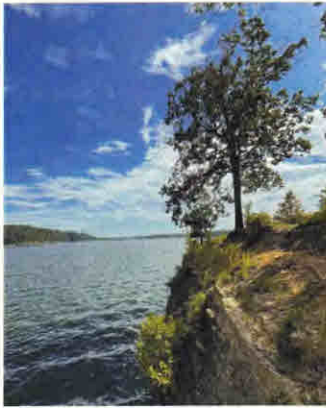
Tucker's Tiki Bar & Grill

Afternoon on the Trails

After lunch, take time to explore some of the scenic trails around the lake. These local favorites offer a great way to experience the natural beauty of the area.

- **Lakeshore Trail** – A popular trail that leads to “The Point,” offering beautiful lake views (2.1 Miles)
- **Scenic Overlook Trail** – This scenic trail winds through hardwood forest on a natural-surface path leading to a panoramic overlook above Green River Lake. (2.6 Miles)
- **North Trail** – Trail-goers may pass quiet coves, cross small footbridges, and spot herons, deer, or wild turkeys as they explore this quiet, lake-framed corner of the park. (3.5 Miles)

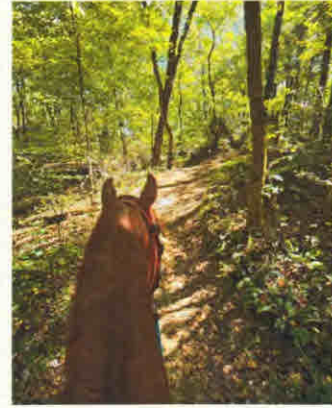
Free trail maps are available at the Taylor County Tourist Commission to help guide your adventure.



Lakeshore Trail



Scenic Overlook Trail



North Trail

Dinner with Local Flavor

After a full day at the lake, head back into town to unwind and enjoy dinner at one of Campbellsville's local favorites.

- **Brothers Restaurant** – A local favorite known for smoked meats, hearty sides, and classic Southern barbecue flavor
- **Colton's Steak House & Grill** – A relaxed steakhouse offering hand-cut steaks, burgers, and comfort food favorites
- **Wings & Rings** – A lively spot for wings, burgers, shareables, and casual dining perfect for groups or families

It's the perfect way to relax and recharge after a full day spent enjoying Green River Lake and the outdoors.



Brothers Restaurant



Colton's Steak House & Grill



Wings & Rings

Day 2: History, Hidden Gems, & Nightlife

Breakfast to Start the Day

Ease into your second day in Campbellsville with breakfast at one of these local favorites before heading out to explore.

- **Lakeside Nutrition** – A great option for energizing shakes, teas, and lighter breakfast choices
- **Ol' Mule Antique Diner** – A cozy, local favorite known for hearty breakfast classics and small-town charm
- **Druther's Restaurant** – A longtime staple serving up classic breakfast plates and friendly service

Take your time enjoying a slow summer morning before diving into a day of history and hometown fun.



Ol'Mule Antique Diner



Lakeside Nutrition



Druther's Restaurant

Discover Local History

Step back in time and explore the stories that shaped Campbellsville and the surrounding region. History lovers will find several fascinating sites that bring the past to life.

- **Tebbs Bend Battlefield** – This preserved Civil War battlefield along the Green River tells the story of the 1863 Battle of Tebbs Bend. Visitors can walk interpretive trails and take in scenic river views while learning about this important moment in Kentucky history.
- **Atkinson-Griffin House** – One of Campbellsville's oldest historic homes, this beautifully preserved house offers a glimpse into early life in the community and the people who helped shape the area.
- **Homeplace on Green River** – Experience pioneer life through historic buildings, demonstrations, and exhibits that showcase how early Kentuckians lived and worked in the 1800s.



Tebbs Bend Battlefield



Atkinson-Griffin House



Homeplace on Green River

Lunch at a Local Favorite

After a morning of exploring, take a break and enjoy lunch at one of these locally loved spots.

- **Knobby's Deli** – A great choice for fresh sandwiches and quick, satisfying bites
- **The Messy Bun** – A charming café known for its cozy atmosphere and delicious lunch options
- **Angie's Little Chuck Wagon** – A hometown favorite serving classic comfort food and hearty meals in a welcoming setting

It's the perfect midday stop before an afternoon of shopping and exploring around Campbellsville.



Knobby's Deli



The Messy Bun



Angie's Little Chuck Wagon

Shop & Stroll

Explore Campbellsville at your own pace, with plenty of options to browse, shop, and enjoy the local atmosphere.

- **Campbellsville Peddlers Mall** – Discover antiques, collectibles, and unique treasures
- **Green River Plaza** – A convenient stop for a variety of shopping options
- **Downtown Campbellsville** – Stroll Main Street, pop into local shops, and enjoy the charm of small-town Kentucky



Campbellsville Peddlers Mall



Green River Plaza



Downtown Campbellsville

Afternoon Recreation

Spend the afternoon enjoying some hometown recreation in Campbellsville. Whether you're looking to stay active or simply relax and have fun, there are several great options around town.

Head to **Miller Park**, the 2nd largest outdoor recreation park in the state of Kentucky and one of Campbellsville's most popular community parks. Visitors can:

- Play pickleball, tennis, sand volleyball, or basketball
- Walk the park trails
- Enjoy playgrounds and open green space
- Relax and take in the spring weather

Golf enthusiasts may also enjoy a round at **Campbellsville Country Club**, where scenic fairways and a welcoming atmosphere make for a relaxing afternoon on the course.

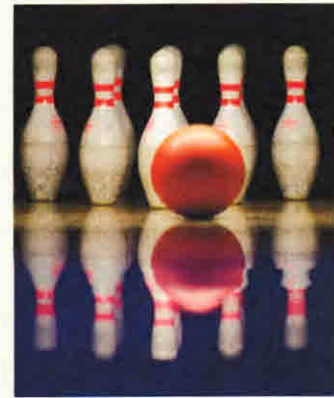
For even more fun, stop by **The Alley**, a local entertainment spot offering bowling, arcade games, and family-friendly fun — perfect for visitors of all ages.



Miller Park



Campbellsville Country Club



The Alley

Enjoy the Nightlife Scene

If you're not ready to call it a night, Campbellsville offers a laid-back but fun nightlife experience.

Unwind at:

- **East First Brewery** – A microbrewery, taproom, and event space located in the heart of downtown. It's a go-to gathering spot where community, craft, and celebration come together, featuring a rotating selection of handcrafted beers on tap along with wine and cocktail options. Stop in on Thursdays for trivia night or catch one of their many events throughout the week.
- **Bourbon Boutique** – A cozy downtown spot known for its relaxed atmosphere, great drinks, and occasional live entertainment—perfect for a more low-key evening to wrap up your day.
- **Oak & Match** – A Prohibition-themed cocktail bar specializing in handcrafted drinks. The space features a unique, private speakeasy cigar lounge—one of the only experiences like it in Central Kentucky. With music bingo on Tuesdays and regular live music, it's the perfect blend of upscale and inviting
- **Tucker's Tiki Bar & Restaurant** – A tropical twist to Campbellsville nightlife. This island-themed bar and restaurant hosts bike nights on Wednesdays, ladies night and karaoke on Thursdays, and often features live music on the weekends—making it a lively stop no matter when you visit.



East First Brewery



Bourbon Boutique



Oak & Match



Tucker's Tiki Bar & Grill

Summer Events in Campbellsville

Taylor County Fair June 1st–6th, 2026

- A beloved local tradition that brings the community together each year for classic fair fun in the heart of Kentucky. Visitors can enjoy a lively mix of agricultural showcases, entertainment, competitions, carnival rides, and plenty of delicious fair food—making it a memorable event for families and visitors of all ages.

Classic Car Cruise June 6th, 2026

- Enjoy a day of timeless vehicles and community fun at this annual Classic Car Cruise. Held at the Campbellsville Peddlers Mall, the event features classic cars, food trucks, music, vendors, and a fun, family-friendly atmosphere.

Cruisin' on Main Every 3rd Friday of the Month (April - October)

- A local favorite, Cruisin' on Main brings classic cars, food trucks, raffles, and plenty of community fun right to downtown Campbellsville. It's a great way to experience the energy of Main Street while enjoying a laid-back summer evening.

Fourth of July Celebration June 27th – July 4th, 2026

- Campbellsville's largest event of the year returns with eight days of summer fun. Following a record-breaking celebration in 2025, this year's event is expected to be even bigger as it aligns with America's 250th anniversary. From fireworks and live entertainment to crowd-favorite traditions and the exciting Firecracker Games at Miller Park, it's a can't-miss experience.

Jets Over Kentucky July 11th–18th, 2026

- One of the world's premier radio-controlled jet events, Jets Over Kentucky draws pilots and spectators from across the globe for a full week of high-energy flying and aviation excitement. Hosted at the Taylor County Airport, the event features impressive RC jet demonstrations, pilot competitions, and a vibrant atmosphere celebrating aviation.

Why Visit Campbellsville in the Summer?

- Beautiful days on Green River Lake
- Walkable downtown with local shopping and dining
- A full calendar of community events and festivals
- Family-friendly attractions and outdoor adventure
- True small-town Kentucky hospitality



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