

A legendary naturalist discovered his calling here...

What will you discover?

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Henderson is framed by nature. Home to naturalist John James Audubon and others who created beauty, art, commerce and success, Henderson captures what's inside of you, then brings it out. With a vibrant downtown, river up close, and nature and history as its backdrop, it inspires. Henderson is where you can discover your nature.

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Local Shopping



HendersonKy.org







270-957-5028

Algonquin's III Pub food, burgers,

pizza, & drinks 213 US 41 S. 270-827-4313

Antler Specialty Goods

Craft coffee and café 212 N. Main St.

Boucherie Winery

A variety of local wines & events 6523 Keyway Dr. Spottsville, Ky 270-826-6192



Char-grilled burgers, breakfast 321 Fourth St. 270-212-0403

Burrito Express

Burritos, street tacos, alambres 2630 US 41 N. 270-577-1225

Butler's Apothecary

Old fashioned soda fountain 213 N. Main St. 270-212-1821

Cairo Country Café

Home cooking with daily specials 13521 Hwy. 41-A 270-310-0007

Cancun Mexican Restaurant

Traditional Mexican food 341 S. Green St. 270-826-0067

Cap & Cork 🤵 🏥



Bourbon and cigar bar plus upscale restaurant with Sunday brunch 104 N. Water St. 270-827-4363

ChefWhat BBQ & More

Breakfast sandwiches, daily lunch specials 422 7th St. 270-212-0742

Coffee + Cream

Specialty lattes, ice cream, and baked goods 1646 Second St. 270-212-0835

Dairette Grill 🙋

Ice cream cones, & burgers (patio seating only)
711 Atkinson St.
270-826-2401

Dave's Pizza

Pizza, breadsticks 614 N. Green St. 270-826-8111

Donut Bank

Assorted pastries, donuts & coffee 2630 US-41 N. 270-212-0181

Eastgate Family Restaurant

Homestyle diner 1648 Second St. 270-826-2654

Farmer & Frenchman 🄆 Winery

Artisanal pizzas, pastas, & local wines 12522 US 41 S. 270-748-1856

Farm Girl Gift & Bake Shop

Bakery with daily lunch specials 317 Second St. Corydon 270-860-5290

Firedome Pizza & Wings

Wood-fired pizza, Buffalo wings 512 Barret Blvd. 270-831-1977

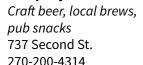
Geneva Store

Homemade soups & sandwiches 2879 Kentucky 136 270-827-1909

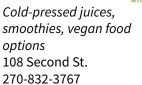
Golden Glaze Bakery

Tiger Tails, Bear Claws, Yum Yums, biscuits & gravy 1347 Washington St. 270-826-3008

Henderson Brewing Company



Henderson Juice Co.



Homer's Barbecue 🔅 🏥

Smoked meats, craft sides, full bar 128 Second St. 270-869-2214

Hometown Roots 🌣 🟢



J&B Barbecue

Open pit BBQ & banana pudding 48 S. Holloway St. 270-830-0033

JJ's Burgers & Pies

Pizza and burger joint 506 N. Green St. 270-212-0941

of our FAVORITE FLAVORS from local restaurants



KENTUCKY HOT BROWN

from Hometown Roots



SLEEPY SAILOR

from Antler Specialty
Goods



STROMBOLI

from Rockhouse on the River



PRIME RIB

from Rookies Sports Bar



BRISKITOS

from Homer's Barbecue

For more dining information visit: HendersonKy.org

Hole in the Wall RESTAURANTS



TIKAY CARIBBEAN TASTE

Fresh and delicious Caribbean and Haitian cruisine



MEDINA'S TACO SHOP

Authentic Mexican food, great sopes and grocery store *as seen in Lucky Peach!



THOMASON'S BARBECUE

Award-winning BBQ and legendary beans



THE DAIRIETTE

Thin and crispy burgers plus Extreme Milkshakes with all the toppings



METZGER'S TAVERN

Burgers, bean soup, beverages and tavern atmosphere *as seen in Lucky Peach and Huffington Post!

For more dining information visit: HendersonKy.org

John Earl's Ice House 🍑 & Fine Foods

Best priced burgers, shakes, & catfish (patio seating only) 733 Martin Luther King Junior Ave. 270-854-4798

Kelsey G's Pizza

Pizza, pasta, & salads 508 Watson Ln. 270-830-0039

Koi Asian Fusion

Sushi, Japanese grill, & Thai 1999 US Highway 60 E. 170-212-0558

Los Toribio 💮



Mexican cuisine, great salsa 1647 S. Green St. 270-831-2367

Mama's Pizza

Pizza, catfish & more 1526 N. Green St. 270-830-0101

Mandarin House

Chinese cuisine & buffet 1111 Barrett Blvd. 270-826-3001

Medina's Taco Shop

Authentic Mexican sopes & tostadas 1035 Washington St. 270-830-7130

Mister B's Pizza & 🭑 Wings



Pizza, Buffalo chicken wings 2611 US 41 N. 270-826-1111

Mr. D's Drive-In

Fried chicken, cole-slaw, banana splits 1435 S. Green St. 270-826-2505

Metzger's Tavern

Bar, grill, & breakfast 1000 Powell St. 270-826-9461

Moody's Cafe

Fried chicken & homemade pies 2036 Madison St. 270-869-8999

North South Truck Stop Cafe

Flapjacks, fried bologna sandwich 14248 US-41 S. 270-521-7805

On Deck Bar & Grill 🍎



Sandwiches, burgers, & bar beverages (open seasonally) 100 Second St. 270-826-2424

Papaw's Poole Mill Restaurant

Old fashioned country cookin' 9526 Hwy. 41-A 270-639-9020

Pony Express Pizza

Pizza, breadsticks 343 Third St. 270-826-2770

Rick's Una Pizza

Chicago stuffed pizza & sandwiches (carryout only) 338 S. Green St. 270-826-2242



Roast Coffee Bar



Crafted coffees, teas, specialty muffins, & scones 136 Second St. 270-212-0938

Rockhouse on the River



Famous strombolis, pizza, & wings 212 N. Water St. 270-212-1400

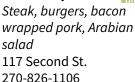
Rockhouse Pizza

Known for pizza & famous strombolis 14274 US 41 Robards, KY

& drinks 270-521-1000 270-957-5001

INSIDER TIP: Looking for locally brewed craft beer? Many local hot spots serve Henderson Brewing Co. beer on tap. All are delicious, but we recommend the award-winning Bridgeview ESB!

Rookies Sports Bar



Sidewalk Cafe



Daily specials, soups, salads, & sandwiches 228 Second St. 270-831-2233

Tacoholics 💇 🏥



Popular Mexican dishes 122 First St.

Tavola dei Nonna 🏥



Authentic Italian cuisine 31 N. Green St. 270-844-4053

Tikay Caribbean Taste

Authentic Caribbean and Haitian flavor 802 Second St. 270-212-1488

Taylor's Grill on Wheels



Barbecue & sides (carry-out only) 130 N. Water St.

Thomason's **Barbecue**

Tasty BBQ & baked beans 701 Atkinson St. 270-826-0654

Yum Yum

Chinese cuisine 241 S. Green St. 270-957-5083



of our favorite THINGS TO DO at Audubon State Park



Tour the Museum John James Audubon State Park & Museum has the world's largest collection of Audubon art and artifacts.



Hiking Trails With over 6 miles of trails that range from beginner to advanced, Audubon State Park is the best place to hike!



Birdwatching Explore the indoor observation room or over 1300 acres of outdoor park grounds.



Camping The best place to park a camper or RV overnight, or rent one of six cozy cabins at the state park.



A 9-hole course with pro shop, rental clubs & carts. (Beer is served.)

For more State Park info call: 270-826-2247

Audubon State Park Trails

Audubon Wetlands Trail Difficulty: Easy (0.4 miles)

King Benson Trail (0.3 miles)
Difficulty: Easy

Woodpecker Trail (0.4 miles)
Difficulty: Easy

Warbler Road (0.7 miles)
Difficulty: Easy

Museum Trail (.25 miles)
Difficulty: Easy

Scenic Overlook Trail (0.22 miles)

Difficulty: Moderate

Kentucky Coffee Tree Trail (0.5 miles)

Difficulty: Moderate

Wilderness Lake Trail (1 mile)
Difficulty: Moderate

Back Country Trail (1.6 miles)

Difficulty: Moderate

Eagle Glen Pet Trail (0.9 miles)
Difficulty: Advanced

Deer Ridge Trail (0.2 miles)

Difficulty: Easy



John James Audubon Museum is home to the world's largest displayed collection of original Audubon art and artifacts. The Nature Center's wildlife observatory gives a front-row seat to visiting birds and animals, while the Discovery & Learning Center features a 46-seat theater, educational programs, and animal exhibits.

Over 6 miles of trails wind through the nature preserve. With the new Audubon wetlands, over 600 acres have been added to the state park, including a boardwalk trail.

There are clean areas to picnic and play, with four covered picnic shelters (2 with restrooms), tables, grills, and playgrounds.

Other outdoor activities include fishing, golfing, camping and seasonal pedal boat rentals. The 28-acre lake is home to largemouth bass, bluegill and catfish. There is a 9-hole golf course with pro-shop, rental clubs & carts.

For those interested in over-night stays, there are 69 campsites for your RV or camper. Showers, restrooms, picnic tables, grills, and playgrounds are nearby, and WiFi is also available.

For the full Audubon experience, you can rent one of six cozy cabins, complete with wood-burning fireplaces, fully equipped kitchens, and provided linens (one of the cabins is ADA accessible).

To contact the State Park, call 270-826-2247. For more info about Henderson, Kentucky visit HendersonKy.org.



Legendary naturalist **John James Audubon** lived and operated a general store in Henderson from 1810-1819.
Audubon dedicated his life to

his artistic calling after his goal of building a mill led to his bankruptcy.
Audubon went on to publish *The Birds of America*, the most recognized natural history book in the world.

"White Pelicans were frequently seen by me on a well known sand-bar, which protects Canoe Creek Island," Audubon admits shortly after moving to Henderson, Kentucky. "How often have I watched them with delight!" (plate 311)

"The **Osprey** (Fish Hawk)
has a great attachment to the
tree on which it has built its
first nest, and returns to it year
after year. I have found this bird
in various parts of the interior of the
United States, but always in the immediate
neighbourhood of rivers or lakes." - Audubon
(plate 81)

Now close to extinction, the **Ivory-Billed Woodpecker**, was not encountered with ease. Audubon cited that chances of sightings were possible only by, "venturing into deep gigantic dark cypresses, interrupted by moss-covered branches, and thousands of creeping plants of numberless species!" (plate 417)

Once confined to North America coasts, the **Double-Crested Cormorant** can be commonly seen along the Ohio River.
Audubon observed hundreds nesting off the islands of Labrador in 1843, "Their nests are placed as near each other as the nature of the ground will permit." (plate 257)



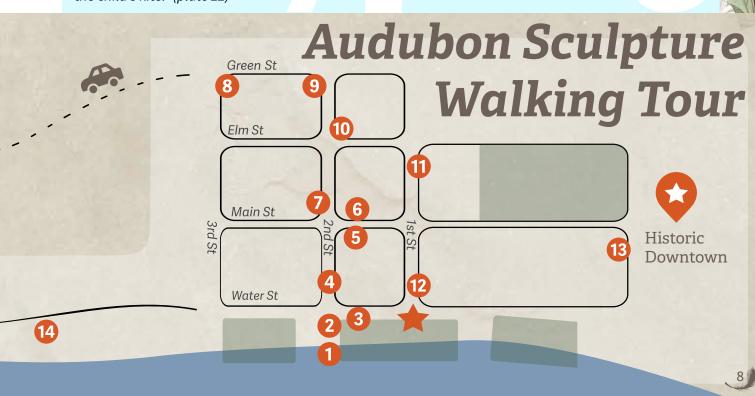
River Walk

Audubon was bewildered by the now-extinct **Passenger Pigeon** in the autumn of 1813.
"I left my house at Henderson, and I observed the Pigeons flying in greater numbers than I had ever seen them before. Making a dot for every flock, I found that 163 had been made in 21 minutes... And still met more the farther I proceeded." (plate 62)

"The **Purple Martin**is extremely courageous. They
frequently follow and tease
an Eagle, until he is out of sight
of the Martin's box. All our cities
are furnished with houses for the
reception of these birds. He sweeps along the
streets, seizing a fly, or plays with the string of
the child's kite." (plate 22)



The scene of the **Carolina Turtle Dove** is one of Audubon's favorites, showing love, devotion, and happiness. Audubon saw the birds as he saw himself, and gifted them with his feelings and values, "A faithful representation of two as gentle pairs of Turtles as ever cooed their loves... Ornamented with white blossoms, emblematic of purity and chastity." (plate 17)



of Audubon's FAVORITE BIRDS observed in Henderson, Kentucky



Trumpeter Swan Both majestic and elegant, Audubon kept one as a pet while living in Henderson. "Trumpeter," as they called him, became accustomed to his family, eating from hand and chasing the kids around the garden.



Snow Goose While residing at Henderson, Audubon, "Never failed to watch the arrival of this species." Thousands of snow geese still migrate through the Henderson sloughs every winter.



Cliff Swallow Audubon embraced every opportunity of examining this bird. They would flock at sunset, throwing themselves into a vortex with astonishing quickness.



White-crowned
Sparrow Audubon called
it, "The handsomest bird of
its kind," after observing it
in Henderson in 1817. "No
other bird in the United States
exceeds it in beauty."



Louisiana Water
Thrush "Much and justly as
the song of the Nightingale is
admired, I am inclined, after
having often listened to it,
to pronounce it in no degree
superior to that of the Louisiana
Water Thrush." -Audubon



Audubon studied the **Hooded**Merganser in Kentucky, citing it was, "A most expert diver...

Five or six, perhaps ten, fly low over the waters in wide circles... and in a few seconds you hear the rushing noise they make as they alight on the bosom of the still pool." (plate 232)



(plate 75)

The **Great Blue Heron** is one of Audubon's most sought-after prints. He was limited in positioning large birds because the paper available measured about 28x39 inches. "You may now and then surprise one feeding, but to walk up towards one would be a fruitless adventure." -Audubon (plate 211)



Find these hidden creatures on the Audubon scultpures!







The Wild Turkey Cock he painted several times, once even in Henderson. The Wild Turkey was the most popular of his images for decades, only losing out to his more recent works of the heron and egret. Audubon's personal seal was a miniature of this image. He completed this pose in

Louisiana in 1825. (plate 1) Great Horned Owl Audubon often encountered this owl during his ventures along the Ohio River and in the sloughs of Henderson. On one such trip along

the Henderson waterfront, he found himself stuck in "quicksand" and feared for his life until rescued by his boatman. (plate 61)

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The **Belted Kingfisher** resides among bodies of water throughout the United States, digging nests along river and creek embankments. Audubon would catch this bird, "Plunging into the sea," to feed on small fry. The female exhibits the "belt" marking for which the species is named. (plate 77)

> The **Bald Eagle**, as Audubon wrote, is a fitting symbol of, "A great people living in a state of peaceful freedom." He first painted the eagle feeding on a

Canada Goose in 1820 while floating down the Mississippi, but later replaced the goose with a catfish, which is more typical of the eagle's diet. (plate 31)

The American Crow. a "serviceable bird," as Audubon believed, deserved our respect. Although shy, yet extremely cunning and courageous, the crow fed on "myriads of grubs every day that might lay waste the farmer's fields," yet the bird was often viewed as a pest. (plate

About the Sculptor

Kentucky native Raymond Graf graduated from Murray State University with a background in sculpture and ceramics and has focused on cast-bronze sculpture the past 20 years of his career.

Provided by: The City of Henderson, The Downtown Henderson Partnership, and the Renaissance Kentucky Project. Source: Birds of America, Audubon.org















Overnight Accommodations 6 • on Highway 41

A . Holiday Inn Express 2826 US 41 N

Ramada Inn 2044 US 41 N

C • Sleep Inn 2224 US 41 N

Comfort Inn 2820 US 41 N

Envi Boutique Hotel 2030 US Hwy 41 N

F 🍙 Audubon State Park 3100 US 41 N





Points of Interest

★ Playground

* 1 • John James Audubon State Park 3100 US 41 N

Ellis Park Racing

Sloughs Wildlife Management Area 9956 Kentucky 268, Corydon, Ky (1-800-858-1549)

Sandy Lee Watkins Park 16040 Kentucky 351

Preston Fine Arts Center 2660 S. Green St.

River Walk 2011 N. Elm St.

⋆7 ● Central Park 10 S. Main St.

Doc Hosbach Tennis Complex

9 • Audubon Mill Park 123 N. Water St.

Sunset Park 325 N. Water St.

Riverfront Boat Ramps & Fountains

12 • Red Banks Park 611 Merritt Dr

★13 • Atkinson Park & Pool 1813 N. Elm St

Disc Golf Course

Hays Boat Ramps

Mural at The Perch 200 Second St.

 East End Park Sprayground 214 Letcher St.

Farmer & Frenchman Winery 12522 US 41 S. (270-748-1856)

Boucherie Winery 6523 Keyway Dr., Spottsville, Ky

Farmers Market 381 Sam Ball Way

Bridges Golf Course 800 Wolf Hills Blvd.

Bent Creek Golf Course 615 Mallard Ln.

Community Park & Dog Park 1776 Madison St.

Nature Trail & Newman Park 1060 Sand Ln.

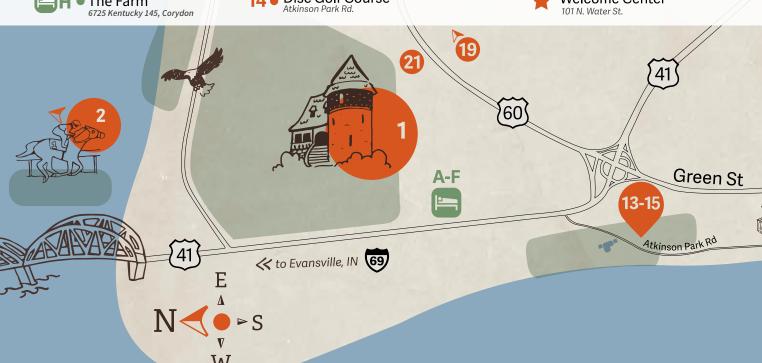
Women's Honor Court 16 South Water St.

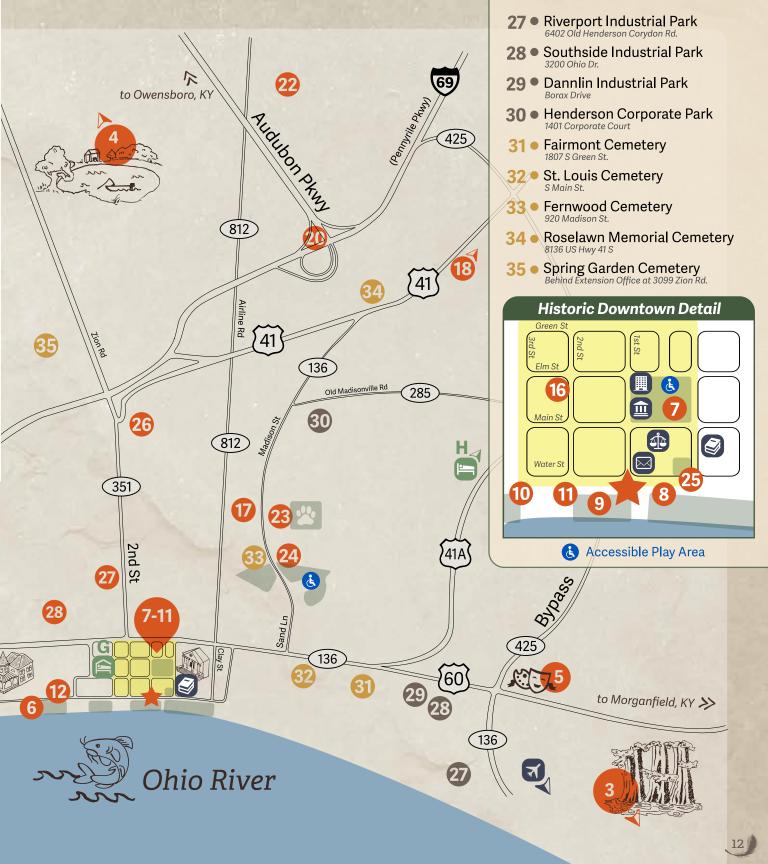
Pee Wee League Fields 737 Second St.

Henderson Brewing Company 737 Second St.

Kimmel Park 521 N. Adams St.

Welcome Center 101 N. Water St.







Here in Henderson, our agrarian roots are as homegrown as the delicious food you'll enjoy during your time here. We're proud producers of our own food and our local growers are quick to welcome guests to experience first-hand the magic that comes from experiencing the land in its purest form.

With two local wineries, Boucherie Winery and Farmer and Frenchman Winery & Café, it's no surprise that one of our favorite ways to celebrate our agrarian roots is through delicious wine made with grapes from the vineyards that call Henderson home. Both wineries offer tastings and tours, with ample seating overlooking the vineyards onsite.

Growers come together from May to October at our award-winning farmers market at the Henderson County Fairgrounds, with pop-up markets throughout the week in the downtown district. Fresh local produce, honey, salsas, wine, meat, fresh flowers, and more adorn the Cates-Porter Pavilion on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Arrive early for the best selection!

When the air turns crisp and fall begins creeping in, we celebrate the best way we know how: with a trip to the corn maze and pumpkin patch at Cates Farm, owned and operated by fourth-generation farming duo, Amy Cates and her brother, Ab. Autumn-inspired activities, like hayrides, bonfires, and lawn games, leave lasting memories for all who make a trip to Cates Farm an annual tradition.

U-pick farms explode with color and flavor during the growing season, and there is nothing quite like enjoying the food that you helped to harvest. Farm tours and u-pick options are available seasonally at local farms like High Hill Orchard + Farm, Mattingly Farms, Feldman Farms, and Rain'R Shine Farm.

Nothing is more authentically Henderson than a hands-on experience with the goodness that comes from our land. Whether it's by picking your own produce or simply enjoying a colorful plate of food at one of our many eateries from a local grower, you'll leave feeling more connected to Mother Nature and all she provides.

WINERY/VINEYARDS

Farmer & Frenchman Winery & Vineyard

A rustic remodeled tobacco barn atop rolling hills and a breathtaking country view. Enjoy fine local and French wines in the new tasting room, and occasional night-time entertainment. Call to make lunch or dinner reservations. (Closed Sundays and Mondays) | 12522 US Hwy 41 S. | 270-748-1856 | farmerandfrenchman.com

Boucherie Winery

Enjoy estate-grown, handcrafted wines and picturesque views at this family-owned vineyard in Spottsville. A signature Boucherie wine slushie pairs well with summer temps and live music on the patio. 6523 Keyway Dr. | 270-826-6192 | boucheriewinery.com

FARM VISITS

Exploring a local farm is a fun and educational way to reconnect with the land and befriend a local farmer. Call to make an appointment beforehand, and if in season, enjoy a u-pick experience while you're visiting Henderson County.

Cates Farm

8132 Pruitt Agnew Rd. | 270-823-6150

Hickerson Flowers + Veggies

5588 Pleasant Valley Dr. | 270-832-5910

High Hill Orchard + Farm

1018 Alves Ferry Rd. | 270-748-4597

Mattingly Farms

5274 Greenlick Rd., Corydon | 270-533-6125

Feldman Farms

13363 Middle Delaware Rd. | 270-855-1176

HENDERSON FARMER'S MARKET

Shop with local growers for fresh produce, honey, wine, meat, and more at our award-winning market. Located at the Henderson County Fairgrounds, the market is open on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., May through October. Occasional downtown pop-ups can be found during peak season. 381 Sam Ball Way hendersonfarmersmarketky.com

5 of our favorite FARM EXPERIENCES



Berry picking and spotting the animals at High Hill Orchard and Farm.



An overnight stay and dinner at the vineyard at Farmer & Frenchman Winery & Cafe.



Visiting the fall corn maze and pumpkin patch at Cates
Farm.



Sipping local wine on the patio at **Boucherie Winery.**



Shopping for homegrown produce, honey, and other goods at Henderson Farmers Market.



Whether it's bringing in world-class performances to the Preston Arts Center stage or celebrating our local history and arts community, an impressive lineup of arts and culture events and experiences make Henderson a perfect destination for creating lasting memories.

GALLERIES

Gallery 101

The Depot Welcome Center, 101 N. Water St.

Audubon Museum Gallery

John James Audubon State Park 3100 US 41 N.

Dick & Sheila Beaven Art Gallery

Henderson County Public Library, 101 S. Main St.

Preston Arts Center Gallery

Henderson Community College, 2660 S. Green St.

Citi-Center Gallery

230 Second St.



LIVE PERFORMANCES

Hendeson Area Arts Alliance Season

The Henderson Area Arts Alliance produces a full season of world-class performances from September through April. For a full schedule and to buy tickets, visit haaa.org.

Preston Arts Center, 2660 S. Green St.

FUN FOR HISTORY BUFFS

The Rotunda at Henderson County Public Library

Local artifacts, rotating exhibitions, and seasonal historical walking tours.

101 S. Main St. | 270-826-3128

John James Audubon State Park

Houses the largest collection of Audubon artifacts and originals in the world 3100 US 41 N. | 270-826-2247

Historic Henderson Self-Guided Walking Tour

Stroll our historic streets! Scan the code to the right to download our walking tour guide and watch history come alive!



Strike a pose! MURALS in Downtown Henderson



DISCOVER YOUR NATURE MURAL 225 2nd St.



HENDERSON
MAP MURAL
Corner of First and Green



THE NOURISH
MURAL
Behind 13 S. Main St.



BUTTERFLY
ALLEY
213 N. Main St.



THE MURIAL
MURAL
Underneath CSX downtown
railroad bridge



FEARLESS
BEAUTY
Behind 230 3rd St.



THE KENTUCKY ROOTS MURAL 10 S. Main St.



Blue Moon Stables

Dedicated to sharing equine knowledge with guests of all ages and abilities. Pony rides and petting sessions available. | 8124 Kentucky 268, Corydon, KY. For more information, call *270-831-1200*.

BIAC - Outdoor Education Center

Great for: Group Activity, Inclusive Exercise

BIAC provides outdoor education and activities for all ages and abilities. This non-profit organization offers fun low-ropes and high-ropes courses, team building activities, zip-lining and more. (Must reserve your group session.) | 2001 Northern Star Way | 270-827-4135 | biacky.org

Canoe Creek Trail

Paved and natural walking trails that create a 4.2 mile trail network. Mountain-bike and pet-friendly! | Located at Newman Park on Sand Lane. Signage marks the entrance located at the back parking lot beside the soccer fields. | 1-800-648-3128

Sloughs Wildlife Management Area

Great for: Hunters, Birdwatchers, Canoes/Kayaks
A paradise for nature enthusiasts, the Sloughs has observation platforms and designated hunting areas. Over 10,000 combined acres of wetlands, woodlands, ridges, and open fields. (open mid-March to mid-October) 9956 Kentucky 268 | 270-827-2673 | fw.ky.gov

Sandy Lee Watkins Park

Great for: Families, Fishermen, Birdwatchers
This park offers three stocked fishing lakes, walking paths, biking trails, playground and boat launch available. (No permit needed for boat & trailer parking) | 1640 Kentucky 351 | 1-800-648-3128

INSIDER TIP: Before
a slow day spent fishing and
enjoying the great outdoors at
Sandy Lee Watkins Park, head to
Bryant's Grocery in Hebbardsville
to grab your picnic necessities. This
iconic country store serves breakfast, lunch, and
dinner!

Live Horseracing

Ellis Park Race Course

Great for: Families, Equestrian Fans, Group Travel 3300 US 41 N. | 800-333-8110 | www.ellisparkracing.com

Go, baby, go! You haven't fully experienced the Commonwealth until you've felt the thrill of cheering on your top pick at a live Thoroughbred race. Our hometown track, Ellis Park, honors this signature Kentucky tradition with top tier turf and dirt tracks, fast horses, and a family-friendly atmosphere. This century-old track, originally known as Dade Park, features live racing starting midsummer and wrapping up on Labor Day weekend, simulcasting year-round, and Instant Racing on the gaming floor, plus a number of special events throughout the year.

Admission into the 8,500-seat grandstand is free, with reserved seating available in the Sky Theatre, Clubhouse, and Grandstand Boxes. Fun events, like Dollar Days on Sundays and the annual Wiener Dog Races, draw folks from all around for unique family fun. For a once in a lifetime experience, schedule a tour of the backside of the track and get up close and personal with the real stars of the show here in Kentucky: the horses!







Abba's Music

Sheet music, instruments 119 N. Main St.

Beachbum Farms Designs & Company

Creative & rustic home décor, gifts and clothing 223 Third St.

Butler's Apothecary

Medication services, over the counter, cards and gifts



Campbell's Jewelers

Fine jewelry, watches, clocks, & repair services 122 N. Main St.

Corkscrew Curiosities

Antiques, oddities, vintage and handmade 111 N. Main St.

The Cottage Wig Shoppe

Inviting hair designs 137 Second St.

Dace & Co. Boutique

Women's boutique clothing 105 N. Main St.

Day's Garden Center

Plants and garden supplies 200 S. Alvasia St.

Elite Downtown

Clothing, jewelry, gift items, screen printing and embroidery 213 Second St.

The Elm Shops

Unique finds and more 120 N. Elm St.

Falcon Creek Boutique

Baby and children's clothing boutique 118 N. Main St.

Gabbi's Pet Boutique

Pet food, toys, clothing & more 801 N. Green St.

Gallery Gifts & Bridal

Formal attire & accessories 311 N. Main St.

Henderson Hobbies

Radio controlled model airplanes, cars & hobby tools 406 S. Green St.

J'Petals

Flowers, fine gifts, monogramming 131 First St.

Just Plus Just Chic & Little Britches Embroidery

Women's clothes & consignment 115 N. Main St.

Knights Comics & Games

Vintage comic books & games 325 Third St.

LandyLane Boutique & Embroidery

Clothing, jewelry, accessories and housewares 236 N. Main St.

The Olive Leaf

Unique home décor, boutique, lifestyle shop 136 N. Main St.

Opulence Bridal

Bridal gowns and accessories
121 N. Main St

Radiant Sun

Trendy boutique clothing, shoes, jewelry and accessories 124 N. Main St.

Simon's Shoes

Quality shoes, wide/ narrow sizes 100 N. Main St.

Sweet Pea's

Gift shop, home decor, & clothing 3000 US Hwy 60 E

Tip Top Design Co.

Boutique clothing, & home decor 1725 N. Green St.

Victoria's Boutique

Women's clothing, purses, jewelry 321 Third St.

Whims & Wishes

Customizable home décor and paint classes 112 N. Main St.

Wilkerson's Shoes

Quality shoes & shoe fittings
116 N. Main St.



For Souvenirs:

The Depot Gift Shop

Clothing, postcards, magnets, glassware, accessories, & quality gifts
101 N. Water St. | 270-826-3128

Henderson, Kentucky FAMILY FRIENDLY local hot spots



WHIMS & WISHES

Paint parties, open paint days, and more. | 112 N. Main St. 270-860-3860



DIAMOND LANES ECHO

Renovated retro bowling alley, arcade, full-service bar and restaurant. | 1698 Second St. 270-212-16978



RIVERFRONT FOUNTAINS

Scenic place to cool off or enjoy the riverfront view. Nearby park within walking distance. | 123 N. Water St.



SKATEWAY USA

Retro roller skating rink with concession stand. | 1717 Franklin Ave. 270-826-0280



SHOWPLACE CINEMAS HENDERSON 8

8-screen movie theatre with arcade games and concession stand. | 406 Walker Dr. 270-212-0523



When the days begin to get a little longer and the summer temperatures emerge, our river town retreat transforms into a festival town that visitors from around the globe revel in. Beginning in April, local artisans, musicians, and food trucks take to the streets for special markets and pop-up events, and just like that, festival season is in full swing.

The W.C. Handy Blues & Barbecue Festival, touted as one of the largest free music festivals in the country, kicks off Father's Day weekend each year with the smooth tunes of world-class blues acts right here on our picturesque riverfront. This four-day event celebrates the life and legacy of former Hendersonian William Christopher Handy—the Father of the Blues.

Once the energy has settled from what locals have come to know simply as Handy Fest, that's when the songwriters pull into town. The Sandy Lee Watkins Songwriters Festival features four nights of intimate, acoustic performances by some of the greatest storytellers in music. Hearing the Nashville greats perform the songs we hear on country radio in our local bars-turned-listening rooms is an unforgettable

experience, but hearing them share the stories behind these songs and the raw emotion that went into them is simply captivating.

Closing out the summer months, we celebrate Bluegrass in the Park Folklife Festival, one of the largest, longest running free bluegrass festivals in the nation. Something about listening to bluegrass music under the shade of centuries-old shade trees on the banks of the Ohio River just feels so quintessentially Kentucky, and experiencing the folklife demonstrations, games, and artisans is a perfect reminder to celebrate the simple yet artful side of life.

Of course, our "big three" music festivals draw in thousands of visitors each year, but other local traditions like Porchfest on South Main Street, the Lions Club Arts & Crafts Festival at John James Audubon State Park, and pop-up events around nearly every holiday provide fun for every member of the family year-round. Whatever the occasion, there is always something to celebrate in Henderson.

Signature Events

These events are only a sampling of Henderson's yearly celebrations. To view the full calendar of events visit HendersonKY.org/event.



APRIL Ohio Valley Birding Festival



APRIL



Lions Club Tri-Fest & 5K



MAY Market on Main



MAY Summerfest



JUNE Porchfest



JUNE W.C Handy Blues & Barbecue Festival



JUNE Juneteenth



JUNE-JULY Henderson Flash Colegiate Wooden Bat League Baseball



Independence Day Fireworks Celebration



JULY Sandy Lee Watkins Songwriters **Festival**



AUGUST Bluegrass in the Park & Folklife Festival



SEPTEMBER-APRIL Arts Alliance Season



OCTOBER Lion's Club Arts & Crafts Festival



OCTOBER Fall at Cates Farm



OCTOBER Market on Main & Chili Cook-Off



NOVEMBER Art Hop Downtown Gallery Show & Sale



NOVEMBER Dia de los Muertos



charm and great acoustics!







Authentic Experience

Rent one of six overnight, cozy cabins at Audubon State Park

Hotels

Comfort Inn

2820 US 41 N., 270-827-8191 comfortinn.com

Envi Boutique Hotel

2030 US 41 N., 270-827-5611 envihotel.com

Holiday Inn Express

2826 US 41 N., 270-869-0533 holidayinnexpress.com/hendersonky

Ramada Inn

2044 US 41 N., 270-826-6600 ramadahenderson.com

Sleep Inn

2224 US 41 N., 270-827-6500 sleepinn.com/hotel-henderson-kentuckyky013

Cabins & Campgrounds

John James Audubon State Park

3100 US 41 N., 270-826-2247 parks.ky.gov/parks/recreationparks/john-james

Bed & Breakfast and Vacation Homes

The Cabin

9288 Martin Martin Rd.

The Farm

6725 KY-145, 270-860-0291





Farmer & Frenchman Winery & Vineyard

12522 US 41 S., 270-748-1856 farmerandfrenchman.com

L&N Bed & Breakfast

327 N Main St., 270-831-1100 *Inbbky.com*

The Nest Loft

223 Second St.

For more short-term rental options, we recommend VRBO.com

Cost Effective Lodging

Henderson Downtown Motel

425 Green St., 270-827-2577

Holiday Motel

1759 S. Green St., 270-826-8382

Sugar Creek Inn

2077 US 41 N., 270-827-0127

For more lodging information visit: HendersonKy.org

Henderson, Kentucky PET FRIENDLY Accommodations



LODGING
Envi Boutique Hotel
Ramada Inn
Sleep Inn
* see listings left



HENDERSON BREWING CO.

Friendly dogs are welcome at this dog-friendly craft brewery. | 737 Second St. 270-200-4314



CANOE CREEK NATURE TRAIL

A network of over 4.2 paved and natural trails (difficulty: easy to moderate) | Located at Newman Park on Sand Lane



GABBI'S PET BOUTIQUE

Shop with the pooch for collars, clothes, food, accessories and more. | 801 N. Green St. 270-827-1567



COMMUNITY PARK & DOG PARK

One acre of fenced in grassy area for dogs to play off-leash. Water fountain, obstacle equipment, and separate fenced area for small dogs. | 1776 Madison St.

Tourist Info



The Depot Welcome Center

101 N. Water Street. Henderson, KY 42420

- Henderson Tourist Commission Souvenir gift shop, information on hotels, dining, events & downtown information.
- The Depot Gift Shop Grab something special to remember your time in Henderson forever! We offer t-shirts, postcards, and unique nature-inspired gifts.
- Gallery 101
 Explore our local culture through rotating exhibitions of beautiful and interesting art, curated by the Ohio Valley Art League.

Thank you to our featured photographers: George Henderson & Chuck Summers

Group Travel, Meetings & Events

Interested in hosting a large group for a meeting or event? Curating a custom experience for our guests is our nature! For group travel information and planning, contact the Henderson Tourist Commission. Call 270-826-3128 or email information@hendersonky.org.



INSIDER TIP: Share your memories with us! Tag your photos with #hendersonky, and be sure to snap a postcard-worthy pic at our riverfront photo op on Water Street.



Henderson, Kentucky is located...

- 2 hours west of Louisville, Kentucky
- 2 hours north of Nashville, Tennessee
- 3 hours south of Indianapolis, Indiana
- 3 hours east of St. Louis, Missouri
- 6 hours north of Atlanta, Georgia



Founded in 1797, the land Henderson occupies was deeded in 1778 to the Richard Henderson Land Company by the state of Virginia. Henderson was incorporated as a town in 1810 and reached status as a city in 1868.

A location on the Ohio River above flood level, an abundant timber supply, and fertile land were attractive to settlers seeking a place to put down their roots. Henderson's unique place in world trade at the close of the 19th century, largely due to the tremendous dark tobacco exporting business that started here, provided the setting for the

construction of a rather surprising number of expensive homes, now embraced as historic gems that outline our downtown historic district.

Today, Hendersonians are proud of our rich history while looking toward the future. With an appreciation for art, commerce, community, and the nature that inspired our earliest settlers, we welcome you to our river town retreat and know you'll find our dot on the map to be just as enchanting as we do.

Downtown Parking

Free limited-hour parking is available throughout downtown Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Parking is free after 5 p.m. and on weekends.

Time Zone

Henderson is on Central Standard Time (CST).

Transportation

Henderson City-County Airport: 270-826-0750

2154 Kentucky 136 W, Suite #1

Evansville Regional Airport: 812-421-4401

7801 Bussing Dr., Evansville IN

Bus: Henderson Area Rapid Transit, 270-831-1249

Taxi: Riverbend Taxi, 270-823-2345,

Henderson Taxi, 270-577-6755, and Lyft

