

VISIT

# morehead

TRAVEL GUIDE

## DOWNTOWN IN BLOOM

Morehead's vibrant  
downtown scene

## ADVENTURE STARTS AT CAVE RUN LAKE

Choose your outdoor  
adventure at Cave Run Lake

## A LEGACY CARVED IN WOOD, THREAD & HEART

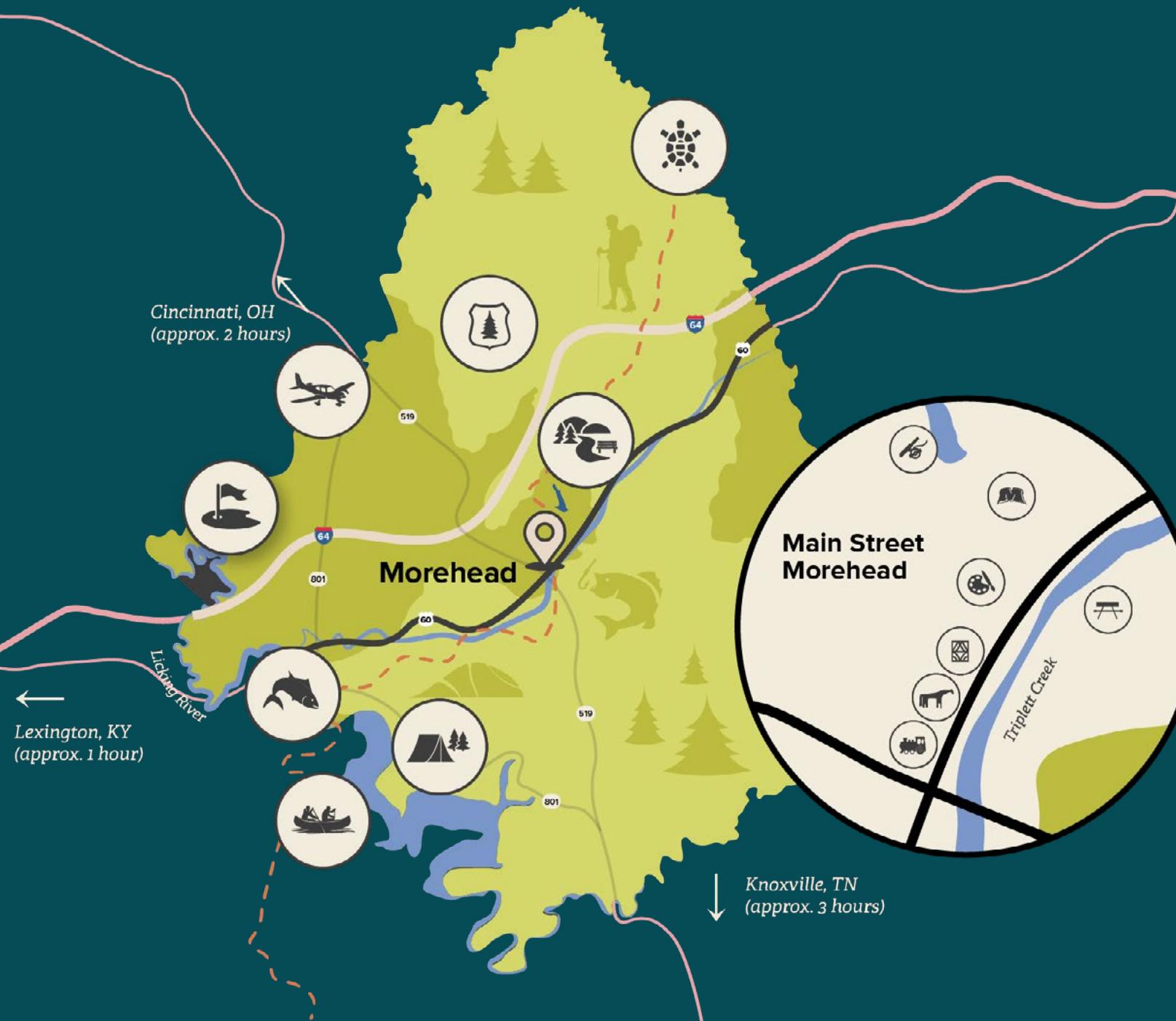
The deep rooted legacy of  
Appalachian art in Morehead

TEAM  
KENTUCKY

New  
Kentucky  
Home



# welcome to Morehead!



## YOUR NEXT UNFORGETTABLE ADVENTURE STARTS HERE.

Pack your sense of wonder and hit the road—Morehead is calling your name!

Tucked between Appalachian hills and the Licking River, our town is where small-town charm meets big-time adventure. Whether you're craving peaceful moments in nature or a weekend bursting with experiences, Morehead delivers the kind of magic that sticks with you long after you leave.

Feel the breeze on your face as you paddle across Cave Run Lake. Wander vibrant Main Street shops filled with local flavor and handmade treasures. Savor a meal you'll talk about all the way home. Catch live music, meet friendly folks who love to share their stories, and discover hidden gems at every turn. This is a place where you can slow down... or gear up. Hike a little farther. Laugh a little louder. Stay a little longer. So go ahead—grab the keys, rally your travel buddies, and set your GPS for Morehead, Kentucky.

*Adventure, relaxation, and a whole lot of heart are waiting for you.*

**WELCOME TO MOREHEAD. WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE.**

## 5 THINGS we *love* about morehead

### MOUNTAIN FRAMED MAIN STREET

Where every stroll feels like a postcard moment.

### LAKE DAYS FOREVER

Cave Run Lake—Kentucky's sparkling backyard for fishing, paddling, and play.

### TRAIL STARTS HERE

The legendary Sheltowee Trace meanders down Main Street.

### FOLK ART HEART

The Kentucky Folk Art Center celebrates color, craft, and Kentucky storytelling.

### COLLEGE TOWN VIBES

Each year, Morehead welcomes excited students to Morehead State University.



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ROWAN COUNTY  
TOURISM**

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**TEAM  
KENTUCKY**

# travel guide

*spring/summer*

## THE SEASON TO RELAX

Time for warm days spent strolling down Main Street or floating on Cave Run Lake. Summer is an excellent time of year to experience Morehead. Bring your four-legged friend for a great weekend getaway!

*fall/winter*

## THE SEASON TO WANDER

Don't sleep on the fall and winter season when Kentucky turns beautiful shades of color. Some of the best hikes and stargazing can happen at this time of year, not to mention all the amazing indoor activities that Morehead provides!



### SHELTOSEE TRACE NATIONAL RECREATION TRAIL

Kentucky's longest trail stretches from just north of Morehead down into Rugby, TN. This 320+ mile trail got its name from the Shawnee name given to Daniel Boone- Big Turtle.



### THE SHELTOSEE HIKER CHALLENGE

The Hiker Challenge is a year-long journey to hike all 320+ miles of the Sheltowee Trace by completing one section each month, rotating the starting point annually. Participants join guided Saturday and Sunday hikes—12 hikes over 11 months—designed to be achievable and enjoyable for all experience levels.

# spring/summer



## DOWNTOWN IN BLOOM

Vibrant  
Downtown  
Morehead



## ADVENTURES START HERE

Outdoor  
activities at  
Cave Run Lake



## MUSKY OF KENTUCKY

The Musky  
Capital of the  
South



## WHERE THE WILD ONES BEGIN

The Minor  
E. Clark Fish  
Hatchery



AND FIND YOURSELF

# the season to relax





# DOWNTOWN IN BLOOM

Welcome to Main Street! Bookended by mountains and dotted with artful surprises, it's the kind of place you'll want to stroll, shop, and savor before setting out onto the Sheltowee Trace.

Local Tip: Pull up a seat on the classic soda-fountain stools!

## SIP BACK IN TIME AT HOLBROOK'S

Step through the doors and into a slice of Main Street history. Known for its famous, freshly mixed Orange-Aid, this beloved landmark serves up more than refreshments—it serves memories.



### ONE OF A KIND SHOPPING

#### Made in the Mountains

Rooted in Eastern Kentucky's heritage of craftsmanship, **NEW FRONTIER'S FLAGSHIP STORE** blends timeless design with sustainable innovation. From recycled denim to responsibly made basics, it's proof that good things are still made close to home.



## BITE-SIZED MAIN ST. FLAVOR

Downtown Morehead is full of flavors you won't find anywhere else! From made-from-scratch breakfasts, hearty lunch spots, and cozy dinner hangouts, these local eateries are the heartbeat of Main Street! From our classics to neighborhood faves, we are filled with local restaurants to satisfy any appetite. Find YOUR favorite, try someplace new or ask a local for a cool recommendation!



SCAN FOR A LIST OF LOCAL'S FAVORITES!



### MOREHEAD TURTLE WALK

#### Take a stroll on the Shell Side.

Slow down, look around, and discover one of Morehead's most charming surprises - the **MOREHEAD TURTLE WALK**. Dotted throughout downtown and beyond, these whimsical turtle sculptures celebrate our community's connection to nature and creativity. Each turtle has its own personality, inviting you to wander, explore and snap a few must share photos along the way.

# A PERFECT MOREHEAD SATURDAY

For a delightful day of Appalachian culture and history, Morehead is the perfect destination.

## ARTS & CULTURE

Start your day at the **ROWAN COUNTY ARTS CENTER**, where exhibits, artist studios, and a grand auditorium fill the historic 1899 courthouse. Just down the street, the **KENTUCKY FOLK ART CENTER** showcases more than a thousand pieces of self-taught Appalachian art—colorful, heartfelt, and full of Kentucky spirit.

## HERITAGE & HISTORY

Step back in time at the **ROWAN COUNTY VETERANS MUSEUM**, where exhibits and memorabilia honor local heroes and their service through the years. Then head to the **MOREHEAD HISTORY & RAILROAD MUSEUM**, housed in an 1881 freight station, to learn about the railroads, floods, and frontier stories that helped shape the county.

## EAT, SIP & STROLL

Enjoy a casual lunch at **GIOVANNI'S PIZZA**, or coffee and conversation at **THE FUZZY DUCK**. End with dinner at **FAT PATTY'S** and a frosty from **WENDY'S**—the perfect finish to a day spent exploring. #More2Morehead



### ARTS & CULTURE

## The Heartbeat of Downtown

MOREHEAD ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT brings the sound of Kentucky to Main Street with local bands under the lights, downtown hums with energy and Appalachian soul.

Grab a drink, pull up a chair, and enjoy live music that turns an ordinary evening into a small-town celebration.

## SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP

Browse new reads and gifts at **COFFEETREE BOOKS**, find unique Kentucky-made treasures or hunt for one-of-a-kind finds in local boutiques and consignment stores.

Whether you're window-shopping or searching for a souvenir, Main Street makes it easy to shop local.



### FIND MORE!

SCAN THE CODE  
TO FIND OUT WHAT'S  
GOING ON THIS WEEK  
IN MOREHEAD!



## WHERE CREATIVITY LIVES

Discover the creative heartbeat of Morehead at the **ROWAN COUNTY ARTS CENTER**. From bold exhibits and live performances to hands-on classes and community events, the Center buzzes with inspiration. Step inside, explore, and let your imagination catch fire.

## GOOD TIMES ON TAP

When the sun sets, Main Street comes alive with laid-back spots, live music, and locally crafted drinks. Start your evening at **SAWSTONE BREWING CO.**, where craft beers and outdoor seating make every pint a conversation starter. Slip into The **ALLEY OFF MAIN** for cozy cocktails and a low-key hideaway, or head to the **STARGAZER LOUNGE** for a stylish nightcap under ambient, celestial-inspired lighting. If you're craving a hearty bite with your brews, **FAT PATTY'S** serves up stacked burgers and a lively, come-as-you-are atmosphere perfect for groups. From handcrafted spirits to hometown brews, the Morehead Entertainment District proves there's always something good on tap.

Brewed  
inside a 1915  
building made  
of Kentucky  
limestone.



choose your **ADVENTURE**

Whether it's on the water or on the trail, find your next adventure at Cave Run Lake!

**ADVENTURE**  
STARTS ON  
*Cave Run  
Lake*



**camping**



*where to do it:*

Popular lake-side camping includes **TWIN KNOBS** and primitive boat-in **CLAY LICK**.



**boating /  
paddle-craft**



*where to do it:*

Launch from one of many ramps: **SCOTT CREEK BOAT RAMP** off KY 801. The lake has 12+ boat ramps and two marinas.



**hiking**



*where to do it:*

Explore both shoreline and ridgeline hiking along the **BOAT GUNNEL SHORELINE TRAIL** and **LIMESTONE KNOB**.



**fishing**



*where to do it:*

**CAVE RUN LAKE** is known for excellent fishing, including bass, muskies and crappie thanks to its size and location in the Daniel Boone National Forest. Launch from ramps and head to deeper coves.



**biking**



*where to do it:*

The surrounding National Forest attracts mountain bikers and trail enthusiasts.



# MOREHEAD

## The Musky of Kentucky

### JAW SENSORS

Sensitive pores help detect movement in murky water.



### HOMEGROWN GIANTS

Cave Run is one of Kentucky's premier musky-stocking lakes.

### WHERE BIG STORIES AND EVEN BIGGER FISH ARE BORN.

Known as the "Musky Capital of the South," Morehead's Cave Run Lake has earned a legendary reputation for producing some of the biggest muskies in the country—including Kentucky's 54-inch, 47-pound state record caught here in 2008. These apex predators, often called the fish of

10,000 casts, test the patience and skill of even the most seasoned anglers. With torpedo-shaped bodies, lightning-fast strikes reaching up to 30 mph, and barred green-gold coloring that camouflages perfectly in the lake's submerged timber, muskies are born to ambush.

As one of Kentucky's top musky-stocking lakes, Cave Run continues to nurture these homegrown giants, some living nearly 30 years. A native of

### STEALTH MODE

Barred green-gold body blends perfectly with Cave Run's submerged timber.

### LEGENDS THAT LINGER

Can Live 20-30 years

the Ohio River basin, the muskellunge (*Esox masquinongy ohioensis*) thrives here, supported by a strong catch-and-release culture that keeps the legend alive. And when autumn cools the water, the muskies move shallow and feed heavy—making fall the perfect time to meet Morehead's most famous fish.

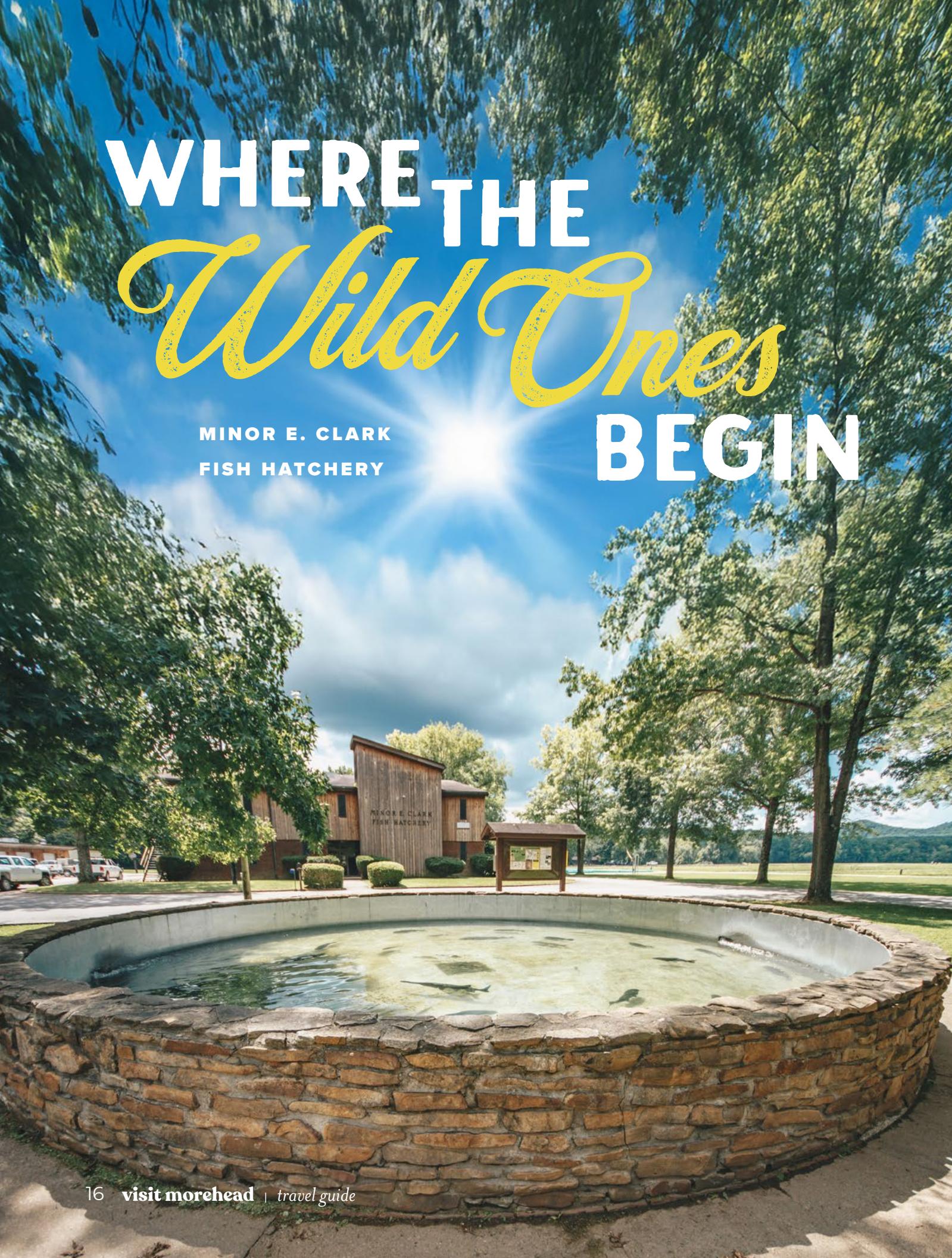
### SPEED DEMON

can burst up to 30 mph when striking prey.

### READY TO CAST YOUR LINE?

Whether you're a first-timer or a seasoned angler chasing that record-breaker, CAVE RUN LAKE offers endless stories waiting beneath the surface. Book a local guide, grab your gear, and experience the legend yourself.

## THE MUSKY CAPITAL OF THE SOUTH



# WHERE THE *Wild Ones* BEGIN

MINOR E. CLARK  
FISH HATCHERY

INSIDE THE MINOR E.  
CLARK FISH HATCHERY —  
THE QUIET HEARTBEAT OF  
KENTUCKY'S WATERS

Just downstream from the dam at Cave Run Lake, where mist hangs low over the Licking River and the air hums with the sound of running water, the **MINOR E. CLARK FISH HATCHERY** goes quietly about the business of keeping Kentucky's waters alive. Here, in long rows of raceways and circular tanks, the next generation of muskies, bass, and walleye flicker like liquid gold beneath the surface; proof that conservation in the Bluegrass isn't just a policy, it's a practice.

Every spring, biologists and technicians rise before dawn, checking oxygen levels, counting fry by the thousands, and gently coaxing fingerlings toward their future homes — lakes and rivers across the state. Among the stars of this operation are the muskellunge, Cave Run's claim to fame. From fertilized eggs to finger-long juveniles, these fish are raised with meticulous care until they're ready to meet the wild — the very same waters where, years later, they'll test the patience of an angler waiting on that one legendary strike.

What happens here is equal parts science and stewardship. It's measuring, monitoring, mending — but it's also love of place. The hatchery's work keeps the stories alive: the father teaching his kid to cast from the dock, the flash of silver in the morning sun, the quiet ripple of something ancient beneath the surface.

The next time you stand on the banks of Cave Run and feel that tug on the line, know this — that fish began its journey here, in a quiet corner of Morehead, where Kentucky's future swims in every tank.



Each spring, as redbuds blush along the banks of the Licking River, the muskies begin their annual migration into the tailwater below Cave Run Dam. The current hums with life — and the biologists from the Minor E. Clark Fish Hatchery are right there with it.

Out on flat-bottom boats fitted with long poles and humming electrodes, they drift through the cool water, sending a quick pulse that stuns the fish just long enough for capture. Massive muskies rise to the surface — living proof of the lake's wild strength. They're carefully lifted aboard, measured, and transported to the hatchery, where their eggs and milt are collected by hand in a process equal parts science and ritual.

Within days, the eggs hatch, and thousands of fry flash like silver needles in the raceways — the next generation of Cave Run's legends. Once the work is done, every adult musky is released back into the tailwater, free to swim another season.

For anglers, the spectacle marks the unofficial start of spring — when Kentucky's most elusive predator comes within arm's reach, if only for a moment.

## EXPLORE

MINOR E. CLARK  
FISH HATCHERY

120 Fish Hatchery Rd.  
Morehead, Kentucky

(606) 783-8650



# fall/winter



**ON THE TRAIL**  
hikes & off-roading adventures

**RICH ART LEGACY**  
local artists, folk art & rich heritage

**STARS & EAGLES**  
for the ones with their heads in the clouds

**REST & RETREAT**  
the best places to rest your head



# the season to wander

AND FIND YOURSELF





## WHERE THE ROAD TURNS GOLD

# WINDING ROADS & TURNING LEAVES

The hills of Rowan County shift with the season—forests of oak and maple turn brilliant gold and amber. Here, every bend in the road feels like an invitation to linger, to wander, and to watch the year slow down.

There's a certain magic to fall in eastern Kentucky — when the ridges glow like embers and every curve in the road opens to a new wash of color. Around Morehead, those colors come alive along some of the most scenic drives in the state, where the journey is every bit as beautiful as the destination.

Begin your drive on **KY 801**, tracing the winding shoreline of Cave Run Lake. This route offers shimmering water views framed by maples and sweetgums that flare crimson in October light. Detour down **KY 1274** and **KY 519**, where rolling farmland meets the foothills of the Daniel Boone National Forest, and the trees crowd close to the pavement like a painted tunnel.

For a truly classic Kentucky drive, head out along **U.S. 60**. This scenic highway winds through peaceful valleys, where charming Mom-and-Pop shops dot the roadside, leading you towards open farmland.

As the season deepens, the light softens, the air sharpens, and even a short drive feels like a pilgrimage through color. Whether you're cruising toward a trailhead, chasing the horizon, or simply rolling the windows down to breathe it all in — this is the time of year when the roads in Morehead turn to gold.



# TRAILS WORTH THE TREK

## LOCKEGEE ROCK

A short, adventurous hike with an iconic overlook.

## EAGLE LAKE LOOP

A moderate loop through scenic surroundings.

## LIMESTONE KNOB LOOP

A more extensive trail with lovely forested high-points.

## LAKEVIEW RIDGE

Offers ridge-line views.

## BOAT GUNNEL SHORELINE

A more gentle shoreline trail, great for lighter outings.

## SHELTOOEE TRACE NATIONAL RECREATION TRAIL

A major long-distance trail beginning in Rowan County.

SCAN FOR  
MORE TRAILS!

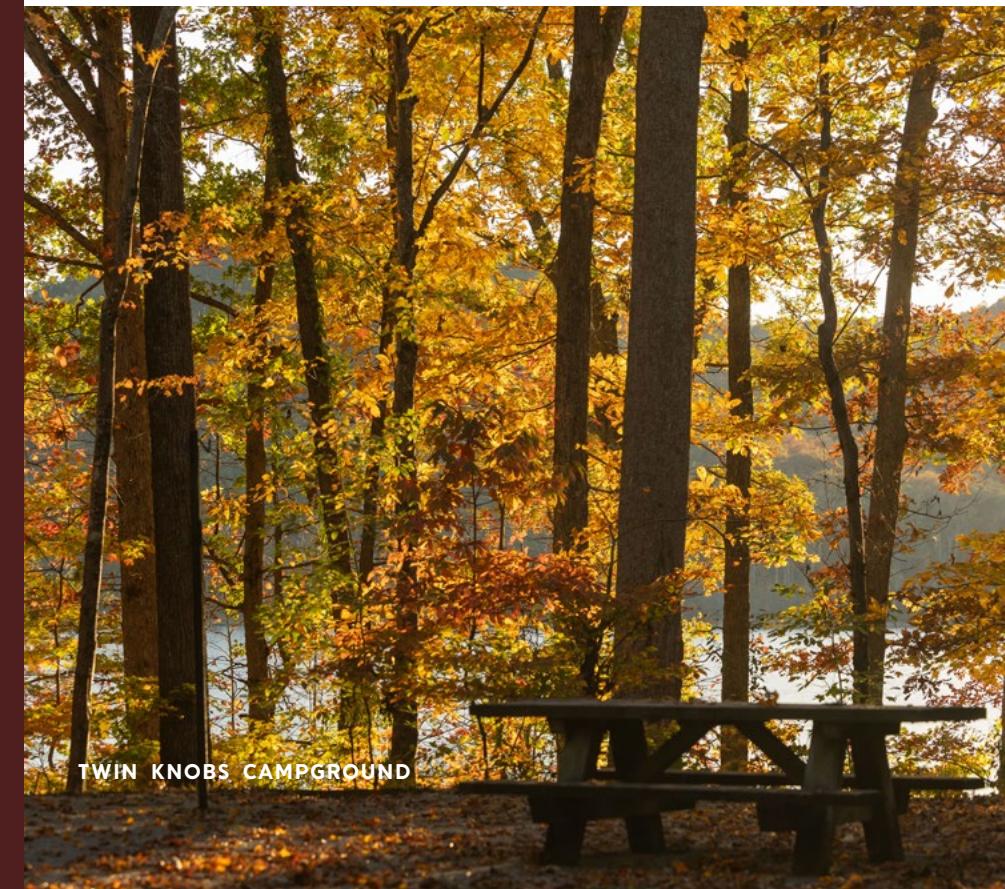


# ON THE TRAIL

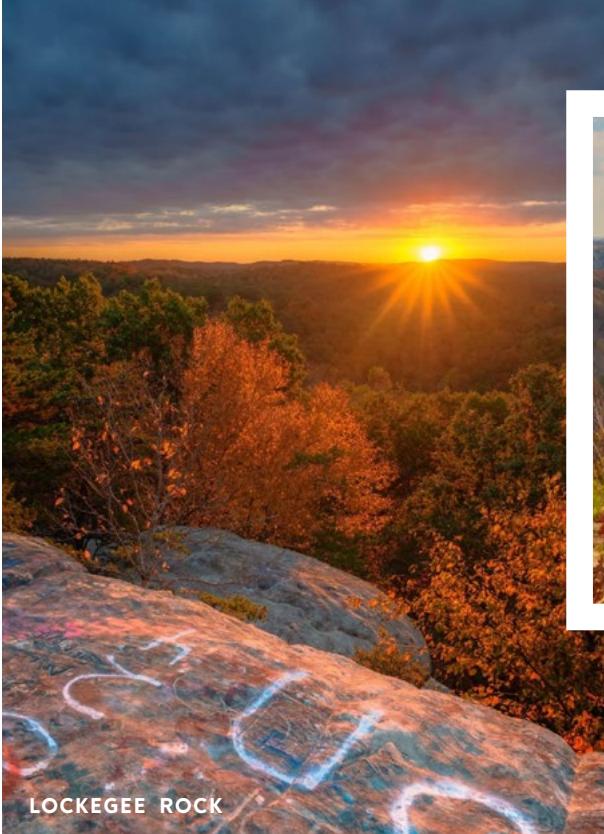
When autumn paints the hills in shades of amber, the trails of Morehead come alive beneath a canopy of gold. Tucked within the **DANIEL BOONE NATIONAL FOREST**, this corner of eastern Kentucky offers some of the most breathtaking fall hiking in the state—where every step brings you closer to the rustle of leaves, the shimmer of **CAVE RUN LAKE**, and the quiet rhythm of the season.

Start your journey on the **SHELTOOEE TRACE NATIONAL RECREATION TRAIL**, the legendary over 320-mile path that winds its way through the heart of Morehead. Every section delivers views of ridgelines awash in color.

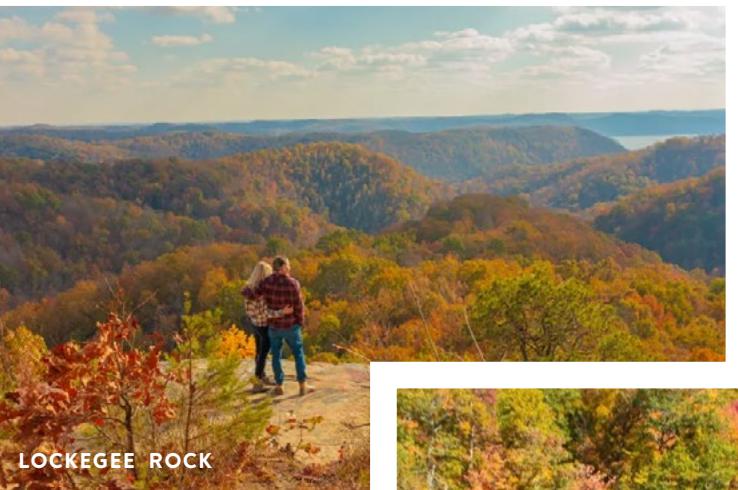
**LOCKEGEE ROCK** is a must for adventurous hikers, rewarding a steep climb with one of the most iconic overlooks in eastern Kentucky. Morehead State students consider it a rite of passage to summit this sandstone peak,



TWIN KNOBS CAMPGROUND



LOCKEGEE ROCK



LOCKEGEE ROCK



*Pups are welcome on every trail, just bring the leash and the treats!*



EAGLE LAKE



RODBURN HOLLOW PARK



RODBURN HOLLOW PARK





## SPEED UP off-road adventures

For riders who crave grit, speed, and open terrain, Morehead offers some of the best off-road action in the region. Just outside town, **DIRT NASTY OFF ROAD PARK** spans over 600 acres of trails suited for every skill level. Any vehicle built to climb or kick up mud is welcome—OHVs, ATVs, side-by-sides, dirt bikes, trucks, and Jeeps. Explore waterfalls, caves, a rock-bottom creek, dramatic cliffs, and even a natural rock arch as you ride.

If motocross is more your style, **3CMX** is back and ready to roll. Established in 2001 and resurrected in 2021, this public track hosts events, open rides, and practice days throughout the year.

Mountain bikers will find their flow on Rowan County's multi-use trail network, including favorites like the **THE FINGERS**, **SHALLOW FLATS**, and sections of the **SHELTOOEE TRACE** near Cave Run Lake.

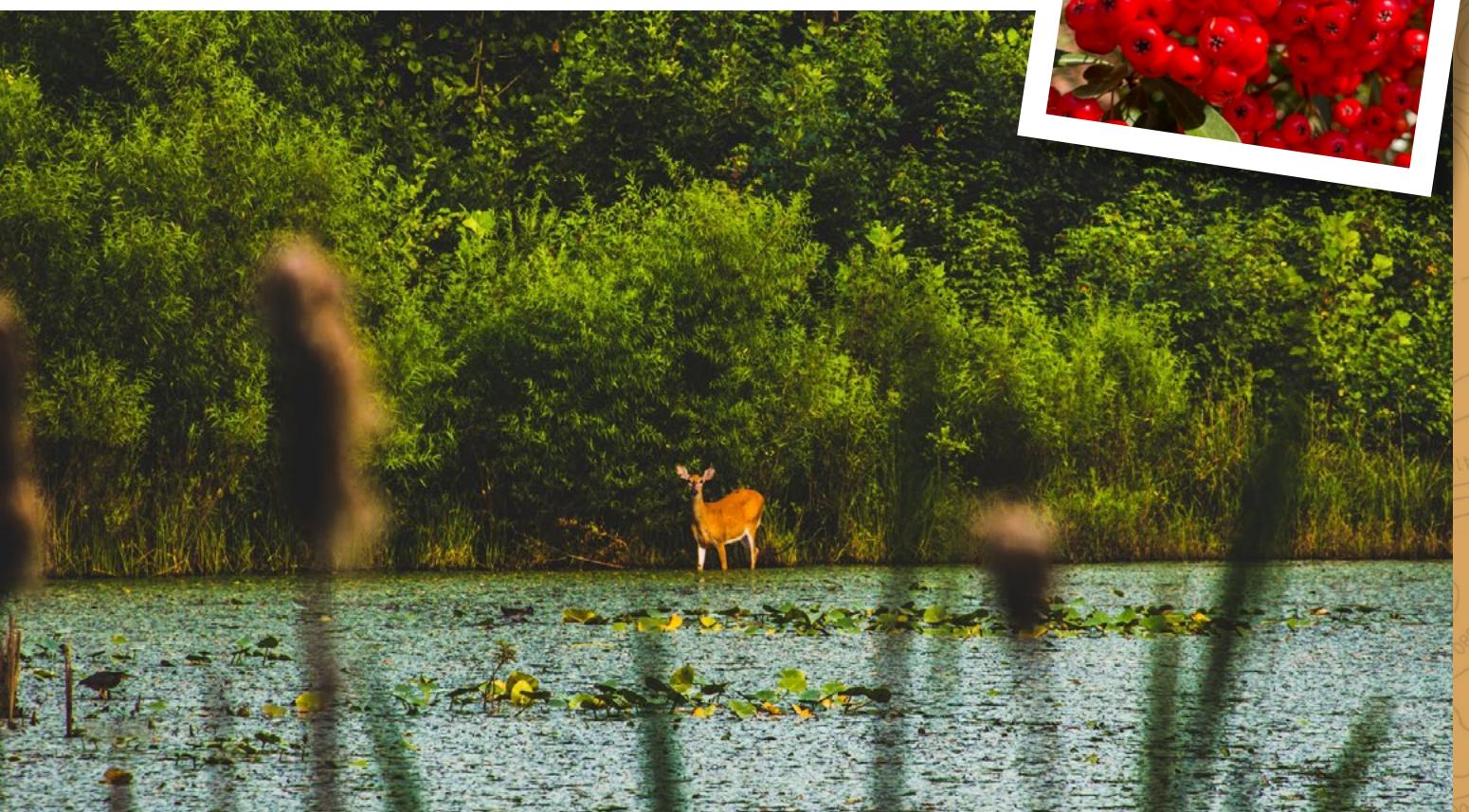
Whether you're chasing mud, views, or adrenaline, Morehead's trails deliver adventure.



## OR SLOW DOWN wildlife watching

Morehead is a quiet haven for bird watchers and wildlife lovers, where forest edges, lake shores, and rolling foothills create year-round viewing opportunities. From songbirds and waterfowl to deer, foxes, and the occasional bald eagle, the region's diverse habitats make every outing a surprise. Trails

around **SHALLOW FLATS WILDLIFE VIEWING AREA** and **TRIPLETT CREEK** offer some of the best vantage points, especially in the early morning hours.

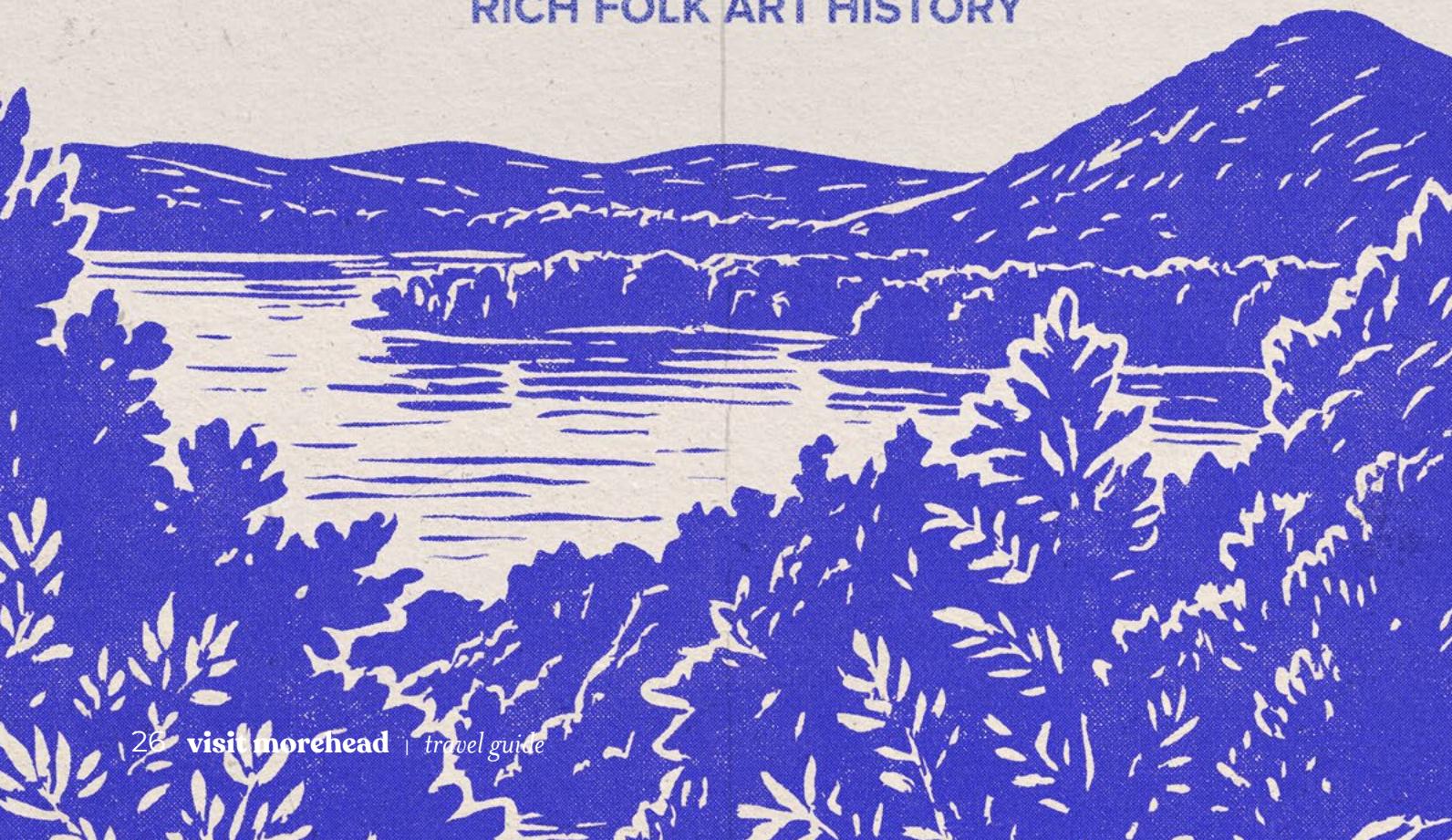


A LEGACY CARVED IN



# WOOD, THREAD & HEART

THE STORIES OF KENTUCKY'S  
RICH FOLK ART HISTORY



In Morehead, craft is not just creation—it's storytelling. Each handmade piece carries a history of the hills, passed from one maker to the next.

**ANCHORING THE TRADITION:  
THE KENTUCKY FOLK ART CENTER (KFAC)**

Located in the historic Union Grocery building on First Street, the Kentucky Folk Art Center preserves and interprets the visual traditions of Appalachia. It houses a permanent collection of over 1,500 works of regional folk art, ranging from utilitarian pieces to richly expressive sculptures and paintings.

Rotating exhibits present folk & fine art, textiles, photography, and historical cultural content.

You'll also find a gift shop that supports local makers, and events such as the Appalachian Holiday Arts & Crafts Fair.



Minnie showcasing one of her many pieces.

## THE SPIRIT OF APPALACHIAN CRAFTS

A Morehead original whose carvings helped put Appalachian creativity on the map

Long before Kentucky's hills were known for bourbon trails and lake views, they were known for something quieter — a culture of making. No one embodies that more than Minnie Adkins, the beloved folk artist from Isonville, Kentucky, whose carved animals and storytelling figures have become icons of Appalachian art.

Minnie began whittling as a child, using her father's pocketknife and scraps of wood from the family farm. What started as a pastime turned into a lifetime of artistry — simple forms cut from poplar or maple, brought to life with a steady hand and a deep sense of place. Her foxes, roosters, and fanciful creatures aren't just carvings; they're small testaments to the beauty of rural imagination.

Visitors to Morehead can experience Minnie's legacy firsthand at the Kentucky Folk Art Center, where her work anchors a collection that celebrates self-taught artists from across the region. The center's galleries tell the story of creativity born from tradition — people who, like Minnie, shaped art not for fame, but for the joy of making.

Discovering Minnie Adkins isn't just about seeing her carvings, it's about stepping into a living story of Appalachian craftsmanship — one that began in a small farmhouse, found a home in Morehead, and continues to carve its way into hearts around the world.



Minnie on her Elliott County porch.



### FROM CARVED CRITTERS TO CHILDREN'S CLASSICS



Minnie Adkins' work has a way of leaping off the page and into the hearts of anyone who encounters it—and nowhere is that clearer than in *Mommy Goose: Rhymes from the Mountains*. In this beloved Appalachian children's book, Minnie's hand-carved characters come to life through her unmistakable shapes, bright colors, and playful spirit. Her iconic blue rooster—whimsical, proud, and carved with her signature rhythm—has become a symbol of the charm she brought to American folk art. These pieces aren't just carvings; they're storytellers, carrying the humor, heritage, and heart of eastern Kentucky into homes far beyond the hills.

### EXPLORE

#### KENTUCKY FOLK ART CENTER

102 W 1st Street  
Morehead, Kentucky

(606) 783-2204



## MAKE YOUR OWN FOLK ART

Folk art begins where rules end—right in the heart of everyday life. It's the quilt made from worn shirts, the carving shaped from a fallen limb, the story told in color and texture.

### WHAT MAKES IT FOLK ART?

**MADE BY HAND.** Each piece carries the maker's touch.

**BUILT FROM HOME.** Scraps, branches, buttons, tin—whatever's nearby.

**ROOTED IN PLACE.** Local stories, traditions, and symbols find their way into every line.

**PERFECTLY IMPERFECT.** Folk art celebrates the flaw, the fingerprint, the human side of creation.

**MADE TO MEAN SOMETHING.** It isn't just decoration—it's devotion, memory, and pride.

You don't need special tools or training. Just start where you are, with what you have, and let your hands tell your story!

# Take an Art Walk

Discover art in Morehead with Art Walk Rowan. This ongoing showcase features local artists' works displayed in businesses, galleries, and public spaces. Enjoy a vibrant blend of creativity, culture, and community every day as you explore Morehead's artistic spirit.

**KENTUCKY FOLK ART CENTER**  
102 West First Street

**FAT PATTY'S RESTAURANT**  
182 East Main Street

**HOLBROOK DRUG**  
208 East Main Street

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
227 East Main Street

**MOREHEAD STATE UNIVERSITY**  
150 University Boulevard

**UK ST. CLAIRE HOME HEALTH SERVICES**  
135 N. Hargis Avenue

**ROWAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE**  
600 West Main Street

**SHELTER INSURANCE**  
135 Pinecrest Drive

**CATTLEMAN'S ROADHOUSE**  
300 Topside Trail

**ROWAN COUNTY ARTS CENTER**  
205 East Main Street

**UK ST. CLAIRE MEDICAL PAVILION**  
245 Flemingsburg Road



## ROWAN COUNTY ARTS CENTER WHERE ARTISTS GATHER

Housed in the old Rowan County Courthouse on Main Street, the Rowan County Arts Center is a creative hub where local artists exhibit, teach, and converge.

The RCAC features studio artists, a rotating gallery of local work, a gift shop showcasing local makers, and year-round workshops and classes that invite you to explore, create, and enjoy.

Galleries, community classes, open studios, and the makers' gift shop offer visitors plenty of chances to meet the artists who keep our craft traditions alive.

## EXPLORE

### ROWAN COUNTY ARTS CENTER

205 East Main Street  
Morehead, Kentucky

(606) 783-9857

[rowancountyartscenter.com](http://rowancountyartscenter.com)



# ANNUAL EVENTS IN MOREHEAD



### Poppy Mountain Bluegrass Festival

**THIRD WEEK IN SEPTEMBER**

Over 100 bands perform in Morehead during the third week in September. The famous mountain top concert features camping, food and more.



### Morehead Arts & Eats Fest THIRD SATURDAY IN SEPTEMBER

Food, entertainment and arts from across the state line Main Street for this annual festival.

### Cave Run Storytelling Festival LAST FRIDAY-SATURDAY IN SEPTEMBER

Let America's most beloved storytellers take you to other times and places while you enjoy the beautiful lakeside setting. Stories from a variety of regions and cultures are told by talented artists in large tents on the shore of Cave Run Lake at the Twin Knobs Recreation Area.

### Morehead Kentucky Proud Expo LAST FRIDAY AND SATURDAY IN APRIL

Find more than 30 vendors offering all the best Kentucky Proud products at Morehead Conference Center. Beer cheese, wines, wood working, and so much more.

### Rudy Fest FOURTH WEEK IN JUNE

Come enjoy five days of bluegrass music with some of the top artists in the business! What began many years ago as a fundraiser for the local junior football league, coached by Rudy Burchett, has transformed into one of the top bluegrass festivals in the country.

### Freedom Fest FOURTH OF JULY WEEKEND

Featuring music, vendors, kids' games and fireworks, downtown Morehead is the place to be for Fourth of July weekend.



Here, curiosity doesn't stop at the horizon. On clear nights, the sky becomes a reminder of how close wonder really is.



**MOREHEAD STATE UNIVERSITY'S SPACE SCIENCE CENTER** leads hands-on aerospace research, operating NASA-partnered satellite missions and training students in spacecraft engineering, mission operations, and cutting-edge space technologies supporting commercial space exploration.

#### IDEAL TIPS FOR GREAT STARGAZING

- ★ Pick a moonless or low-moon night for the darkest skies.
- ★ Bring a blanket or reclining chair to lie back and watch the sky.
- ★ Dress in layers—nights get cool in the forest and by the lake.
- ★ Use a low-powered red flashlight if you need light: it preserves night vision better.
- ★ Check local conditions (weather, access roads, closures) before heading out.



Welcome to our campus.

#### MOREHEAD STATE UNIVERSITY

has long been one of Kentucky's most beloved campuses—a place where tradition, nostalgia, and small-town charm blend into something unmistakably its own.



From the iconic bell tower to the quiet beauty of **EAGLE LAKE**,

MSU holds decades of stories that have shaped student life and campus culture.

A parent's weekend visit is the perfect time to dive in. Stroll through campus, grab a coffee, and enjoy the energy that fills campus each fall.

Whether you're cheering on the Eagles or discovering Morehead for the first time, MSU is a place where every visit feels memorable.



# Rest & Retreat

## hotels

### BEST WESTERN EAGLES INN

110 Toms Drive  
Morehead, Kentucky  
(606) 784-5796

### COMFORT INN & SUITES

2650 KY-801  
Morehead, Kentucky  
(606) 780-7378

### HAMPTON INN

500 Hampton Way  
Morehead, Kentucky  
(606) 780-0601

### RED ROOF INN

175 Toms Drive  
Morehead, Kentucky  
(606) 784-2220

## motels

### DAYS INN BY WYNDHAM MOREHEAD

170 Toms Drive  
Morehead, Kentucky  
(606) 783-1484

### LAKEVIEW MOTEL

4330 KY-801 S  
Morehead, Kentucky  
(606) 784-1600



## camping/rv

### 801 PITSTOP RV CAMPING

823 KY-801 S  
Morehead, Kentucky  
(606) 780-0823

### BLUEGRASS BOTTOM RV PARK

4750 KY-519  
Morehead, Kentucky  
(859) 585-8706

### BOAT GUNNEL GROUP CAMPGROUND

4615 KY-801  
Clearfield, Kentucky  
(606) 780-7818

### BUCKSKIN RUN

airbnb.com

### CHARRED OAK RV PARK

333 Ben Lowe Rd.  
Morehead, Kentucky  
(606) 776-6948

### CHILLIN ON THE FLAT RV PARK

1430 Moores Flat Rd.  
Morehead, Kentucky  
(606) 462-4827



## camping/rv cont.

### CLAY LICK BOAT-IN CAMPGROUND

2375 KY-801 S  
Morehead, Kentucky  
(606) 784-6428

### POPPY MOUNTAIN CAMPGROUND

8030 US-60 E  
Morehead, Kentucky  
(606) 780-4192

### SHELTOOEE RV PARK AND CABINS

4775 US-60 W  
Morehead, Kentucky  
(606) 356-0363

### THE LANDING STRIP CAMPGROUND

621 Airport Rd.  
Morehead, Kentucky  
(606) 610-2267

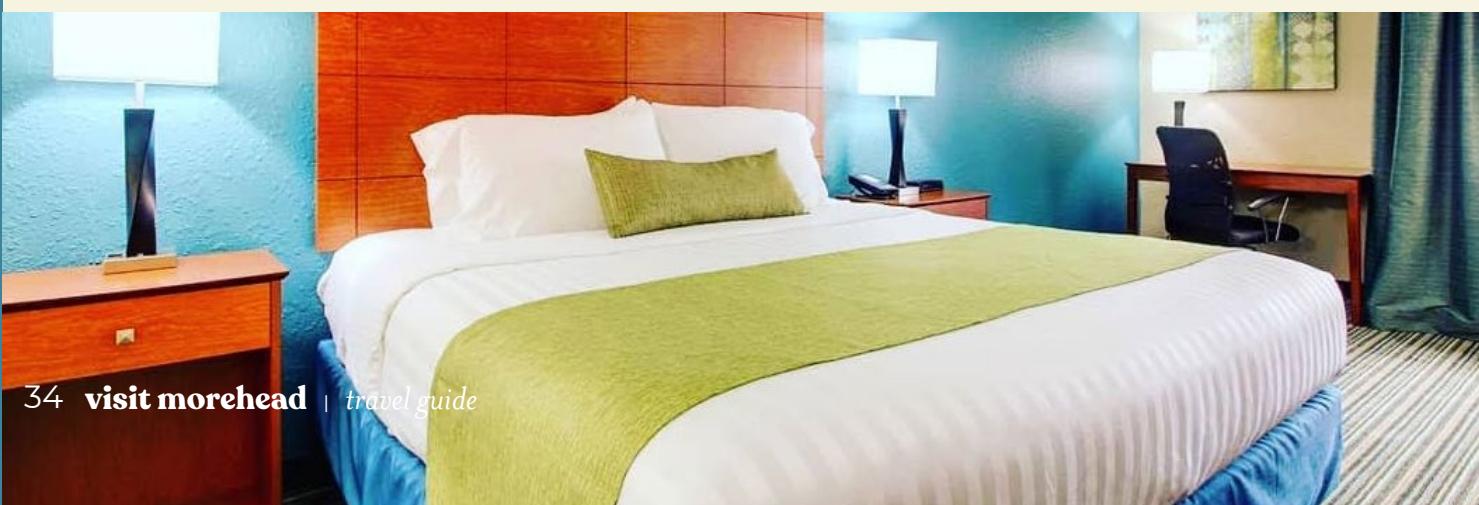
### TWIN KNOBS CAMPGROUND

5195 KY-801 S  
Morehead, Kentucky  
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