


Paducah OUTDOOR GUIDE



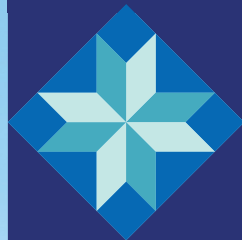




PADUCAH LOVES TO PLAY *Outside*

*T*here are so many reasons to enjoy the outdoors in and around Paducah. With a wealth of city parks, plenty of walking, hiking, and biking trails, and amazing natural habitats, this Creative City is brimming with things to discover.

PUT IT IN PARK.



BOB NOBLE PARK

At 145 acres, **Bob Noble Park** is Paducah's largest park and is centrally located in Midtown. This park includes a skate park, picnic shelters, tennis and basketball courts, swimming pool and splash pad, ball fields, an outdoor amphitheater, an interactive music garden, playgrounds, and access to the **Greenway Trail**.





CARSON PARK

Home to the annual **McCracken County Fair, Carson Park** features a variety of exciting events at the fairgrounds and grandstands. The park also provides a venue to experience the unbridled spirit of Kentucky's legendary horse culture with training facilities and stables.

CLARKS RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

This 8,500-acre wildlife refuge is a prime destination for both birders and hunters.

Clarks River National Wildlife Refuge also provides numerous opportunities for fishing and hiking, as well as educational programs for outdoor enthusiasts of all ages.

PLAY IN PADUCAH

Several other parks around town, including the **Brockenborough Rotary Health Park, Robert Coleman Park, and Keiler Park** offer playgrounds, picnic tables, and plenty of green space for families. Discover a full directory of outdoor activity spaces at www.paducah.travel.

Bob Noble Park



GREENWAY TRAIL

Walk, run, or bike this scenic trail that stretches more than 5 miles connecting **Historic Downtown** to **Bob Noble Park**. The trail is open from dawn to dusk and can be accessed through numerous municipal parks and public spaces in Paducah.

LAND BETWEEN THE LAKES NATIONAL RECREATION AREA

Commune with nature at this expansive green space, featuring mountain biking, camping, fishing, hiking, horseback riding, hunting, off-highway vehicle trails, and watersports. Other attractions include the **Elk & Bison Prairie**, **Golden Pond Planetarium**, **Nature Station**, and **The Homeplace**, a 19th-century working farm.



Greenway Trail



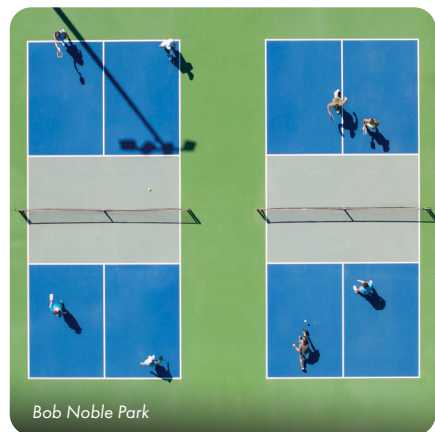
PADUCAH RIVERFRONT

On the shores of the Ohio and Tennessee rivers, the **Paducah Riverfront** features a variety of can't-miss sites, including historical markers, the famed **"Wall to Wall" Floodwall Murals**, fireworks, concerts, festivals, and boat docks. The newly expanded **Greenway Trail** offers an opportunity for walkers, bikers, and hikers to enjoy the scenery.



PADUCAH SPORTS PARK

Opening in 2026, the Paducah Sports Park features over 100 acres of park land in the heart of Paducah. The complex boasts multi-purpose diamond and rectangle fields, batting cages, a large inclusive playground, pavilions, concession stands, an 18-hole disc golf course, and the Dr. Stuart Nelson Memorial Plaza. Looking for places to hike, bike, or walk your dog? Walking paths provide connections to Paducah's Greenway Trail, which borders the northern edge of the complex.



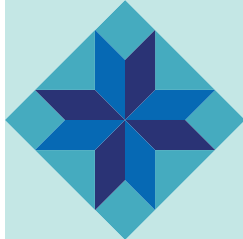


STREAM *of Adventure!*

With a deep and historical connection to America's inland waterways — plus more miles of navigable waterways than any state in the Lower 48 — spending time on the water is a way of life in Kentucky, and Paducah is no exception. Cast a line for a trophy catch or ride the waves by kayak; Paducah is overflowing with opportunities to get wet and wild!



Bob Noble Park



ROLLING ON THE RIVER

Located just north of Downtown, the **Ohio River Boat Launch** offers public access to the river with a lighted, five- to six-lane ramp, a courtesy dock and 85 parking spaces — the perfect place to start a day on the river. Upstream, Paducah's 340-foot **Transient Boat Dock** offers a convenient spot for traveling boaters to refuel and explore the nearby Downtown.

Southeast of Paducah, **Kentucky Lake** and **Lake Barkley** combine to provide one of America's largest freshwater recreation areas. Covering a combined 218,000 acres, these enormous, manmade reservoirs accommodate boaters of all types — from leisure pontoons to high-powered



Paducah Riverfront



"Wall to Wall" Murals

speedboats — and offer a wealth of recreational opportunities like fishing, tubing, and skiing. Between the lakes, the appropriately named **Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area** provides an excellent environment for outdoor adventures such as camping, biking, hiking, and horseback riding.

Cast a Line.

Trophies lurk in these waters. From the flowing currents of the Ohio River to the serene and still waters of **Land Between the Lakes**, Western Kentucky is an angler's paradise. Pack your tackle box in search of these common fish species and reel in your next fishing tale — no embellishment needed.



Fishing licenses are required for all visitors ages 16 and older.

To purchase a license, visit fw.ky.gov.

CRAPPIE

Kentucky Lake | Lake Barkley | Ohio River

BLUE CATFISH

Kentucky Lake | Lake Barkley | Ohio River

WALLEYE

Ohio River

LARGEMOUTH BASS

Kentucky Lake | Lake Barkley | Ohio River



* Bob Noble Park

OTHER SPECIES

BLUEGILL

Kentucky Lake | Lake Barkley

CHANNEL CATFISH

Kentucky Lake | Lake Barkley | Ohio River

COMMON CARP

Ohio River

FLATHEAD CATFISH

Ohio River

HYBRID STRIPED BASS

Ohio River

REDEAR SUNFISH

Kentucky Lake | Lake Barkley

SAUGER

Kentucky Lake | Lake Barkley | Ohio River

SMALLMOUTH BASS

Kentucky Lake | Lake Barkley | Ohio River

SPOTTED BASS

Kentucky Lake | Lake Barkley | Ohio River

STRIPED BASS

Kentucky Lake | Lake Barkley | Ohio River

WHITE BASS

Kentucky Lake | Lake Barkley | Ohio River

YELLOW BASS

Kentucky Lake | Lake Barkley

Source: Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources

BIRDS OF A *Feather.*

No wonder so many birds flock to Western Kentucky — the abundance of green spaces around Paducah means plenty of opportunities to spot both resident and migrating species. Grab your binoculars and a telephoto lens and check off some of the most common bird species in McCracken County.

☐ **TUFTED TITMOUSE**

Baeolophus bicolor

☐ **CAROLINA CHICKADEE**

Poecile carolinensis

☐ **DOWNY WOODPECKER**

Dryobates pubescens

☐ **INDIGO BUNTING**

Passerina cyanea

☐ **NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD**

Mimus polyglottos

☐ **KILLDEER**

Charadrius vociferus

☐ **RED-TAILED HAWK**

Buteo jamaicensis

☐ **SOLITARY SANDPIPER**

Tringa solitaria

☐ **SNOWY EGRET**

Egretta thula

☐ **NORTHERN CARDINAL**

Cardinalis cardinalis

☐ **HOUSE SPARROW**

Passer domesticus





☐ **WOOD DUCK**

Aix sponsa



☐ **GREAT BLUE HERON**

Ardea herodias



☐ **RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD**

Agelaius phoeniceus

☐ **LESSER YELLOWLEGS**

Tringa flavipes

☐ **AMERICAN GOLDFINCH**

Spinus tristis

☐ **COMMON GOLDENEYE**

Bucephala clangula

☐ **EURASIAN TEAL**

Anas crecca

☐ **BARN SWALLOW**

Hirundo rustica

☐ **HERRING GULL**

Larus argentatus

☐ **GRASSHOPPER SPARROW**

Ammodramus savannarum

☐ **RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD**

Archilochus colubris

☐ **EUROPEAN STARLING**

Sturnus vulgaris

Source: fws.gov



TEE TIME!

Pins & Fairways of Paducah





PAXTON PARK GOLF COURSE

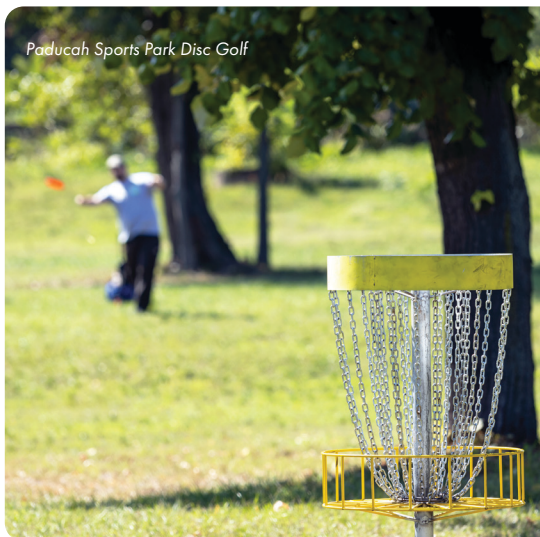
The 18 holes at Paxton Park Golf Course offer gently rolling fairways and several winding creeks along a tree-lined par-71 course. Designed by George Davies, Paxton Park has hosted numerous events for both pros and amateurs, including the Irvin Cobb Championship and the Tri-State Senior Open Championships.

ROLLING HILLS COUNTRY CLUB

Designed by Perry Maxwell, a founding member of the American Society of Golf Course Architects, the par-72 course at Rolling Hills Country Club has offered an exceptional, exclusive golfing experience for nearly a century.

COUNTRY CLUB OF PADUCAH

This stunning, 18-hole championship course was designed by Robert Trent Jones Sr. and leverages the natural topography of Western Kentucky to provide a challenge for golfers.



Paducah Sports Park Disc Golf



PADUCAH SPORTS PARK DISC GOLF

A popular spot for locals and visitors alike, the 18-hole course at the Paducah Sports Park offers a diverse and challenging layout, designed to test players of all skill levels with a mix of strategic shots and varying terrain from basket to basket.



THE GOLF COMPLEX

Practice your drive, putt and bunker shot — and stock up on some top-of-the-line equipment. The Golf Complex is a 30-acre training facility and pro shop that's open to the public with year-round PGA instruction, the perfect place to perfect your game come tee time.

Wall-to-Wall MAST

After the Great Flood of 1937 devastated Downtown Paducah and forced 27,000 residents to evacuate, Congress authorized the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to build a protective floodwall along the riverfront. Decades later, acclaimed mural artist Robert Dafford and his team of skilled painters embarked on an artistic endeavor to beautify this utilitarian construct. Completed in 2022, the "Wall to Wall" Murals illustrate the fascinating history of Paducah through the precise and masterful brushstrokes of Dafford and his team. This walkable landmark is an ideal way to enjoy the serene, natural environment of Paducah's Riverfront.



TERPIECES



WALK. LEARN. *Enjoy!*

Locally owned and operated by husband-and-wife duo Richard and Emily Parker, **Atomic City Tours** offers experiential history tours of Paducah. Immerse in the legends that define Paducah through guided, outdoor tours, including:

WICKED PADUCAH

Peer into the more... nefarious aspects of Paducah's history.

From enterprising moonshiners to those with more sinister urges, get to know the characters who left an infamous legacy on this historic walking tour.



BOTTLING COCA-COLA: A TROLLEY TOUR

Learn about the devastating impact of Paducah's 1937 flood and the economic boom brought by a legendary American refreshment. This tour explores the magnificent and well-preserved buildings that illustrate the life of one of history's most successful Coca-Cola bottlers — Luther Carson.



FORGOTTEN SPIRITS: PADUCAH'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO BOURBON

As Kentuckian as horse racing and bluegrass, the bourbon industry boasts a long, proud history across the state — Paducah included. This Downtown walking tour highlights the city's relationship to bourbon and some of the more famous brands that emerged from Western Kentucky.



ROUGH IT.

Pitch a tent under a night sky dotted with stars or bring your modern amenities with you. No matter what your idea of camping is, the campgrounds and RV parks around Paducah are equipped to host you during your outdoor excursion. Book your stay and spend even more time with Mother Nature!

DUCK CREEK RV PARK

2540 John L. Puryear Drive
Paducah, KY 42003
(270) 415-0404

FERN LAKE CAMPGROUND

5535 Cairo Road
Paducah, KY 42001
(270) 444-7939

PADUCAH RV PARK & CAMPGROUND

4300 Shemwell Lane
Paducah, KY 42003
(888) 806-2267

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