

# Paducah

## CREATIVE CITY COMPANION





*Hello,*

I'm excited to welcome you to Paducah, a vibrant community at the confluence of the Ohio and Tennessee rivers. Whether you're a first-time visitor or a long-time resident, our charming city is full of unique experiences and resources waiting to be explored.

As you navigate Paducah, you'll discover delightful shops, a diverse culinary scene, and an inspiring arts culture. From the stunning murals along the floodwall that tell our story to the world-class museums celebrating our rich heritage, Paducah offers something for everyone.

Paducah is truly a canvas for creativity. There are so many ways to be inspired here — whether in galleries filled with local artistry, live performances that captivate, or hands-on workshops that ignite your own passion. Our inventive cuisine — featuring local ingredients and innovative dishes — invites you to savor the flavors that make Paducah unique. Whether enjoying a meal at one of our local restaurants or attending a food festival, you'll taste the many ways creativity defines our community.

For our residents, this guide serves as a valuable resource to reconnect with the many events, attractions, and activities happening right here at home. I encourage you to participate in community events and support our local artists and businesses. Whether you're looking for family-friendly activities, cultural events, or outdoor adventures, Paducah is a place where memories are made and inspiration flourishes.

My team and I are here to support both newcomers and lifelong residents. If you have questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out. Your experience — whether you're visiting or living here — is our priority, and we're here to help you make the most of it.

Thank you for being part of our vibrant community. We hope you'll find joy in discovering the many ways Paducah inspires and delights!

*Sincerely,*

**Alyssa Phares**

Executive Director

Paducah Convention & Visitors Bureau



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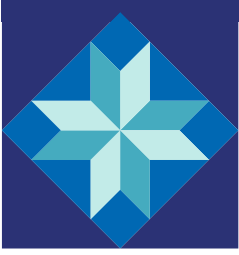
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# WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A UNESCO CREATIVE CITY.

Shortly after the United Nations was chartered in November 1945, the **United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)** was created with the vision of using education, science, culture, communication, and information to foster mutual understanding and respect for the planet. But what does it mean to be a Creative City?

In 2004, UNESCO launched the Creative Cities Network, recognizing cities in which arts and culture are a primary driving factor in sustainable urban development. Since then, over 350 cities around the world have been designated as UNESCO Creative Cities in fields including Crafts & Folk Art, Literature, Media Arts, Design, Gastronomy, Music, and Film.

Paducah was named a UNESCO Creative City in 2013 for its role in promoting and sustaining a unique cultural heritage along with providing immersive, hands-on experiences. Today, the creators, storytellers, and innovators in Paducah wear the title of “Creative City” proudly and strive every day to show visitors from around the world what makes this place a hotbed of originality and inspiration.



*“Wall to Wall” Floodwall Murals*

# Paducah, KY

City of Crafts and Folk Art (Designated 2013)



Downtown Paducah

## A NATION OF CREATIVITY

Only nine cities in the United States have been designated as UNESCO Creative Cities. Recognized for cultural contributions ranging from literature and art to music and cuisine, these places represent the epitome of creativity.

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### Santa Fe, NM

City of Crafts & Folk Art (2005)

### Iowa City, IA

City of Literature (2008)

### Austin, TX

City of Media Arts (2015)

### Detroit, MI

City of Design (2015)

### Tucson, AZ

City of Gastronomy (2015)

### Kansas City, MO

City of Music (2017)

### San Antonio, TX

City of Gastronomy (2017)

### Seattle, WA

City of Literature (2017)

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# At the Confluence of Creativity

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## ARTS & CULTURE IN PADUCAH

From the very beginning, Paducah has been a creative city. Since its founding in 1827, the city — perfectly positioned as the hub of America's inland waterways — has welcomed a myriad of cultures and ideas to the confluence of the Ohio and Tennessee rivers. From Lewis & Clark to Louis Armstrong, it's as if the energy of Paducah's artists, entrepreneurs, and innovators has stitched itself into the very fabric of the city.

Discover your new favorite artist in a wealth of galleries housed in lovingly preserved 19th-century spaces. Tap your toes to live music in whatever venue you prefer — be it a craft brewery or symphony hall. Try your hand at painting your masterpiece or stitching a one-of-a-kind quilt square and see the most breathtaking hand-stitched masterpieces in the world. There are many ways to discover Paducah. Where will you begin?



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EXPLORE MORE CULTURE IN  
THE PADUCAH ARTS INSIDER.**

*Infinity by Danny Amazonas*  
National Quilt Museum



# CULTURAL SHOWCASE

## *Art & Music*

## *Around Paducah*

### A CENTER FOR THE ARTS

As a state-of-the-art, multi-use facility, the **Carson Center for the Performing Arts** delights audiences with exceptional staging and acoustics, making it one of the top performance venues for live entertainment and cultural performances in Kentucky. Here, you can experience the best of Broadway at a fraction of the cost compared to cities like New York or Chicago.



*The Carson Center*

### CORNERING THE MARKET

A cornerstone of creativity in Paducah, **Market House Theatre** has produced musicals, dramas, and comedies in the historic 1905 Market House for more than six decades. Now, Market House Theatre's vast performance and educational efforts utilize 11 adaptively reused spaces in downtown Paducah. Additionally, the theatre provides crucial arts education for local and regional students through Paducah-based classes and touring workshops held in the region's schools.



*Market House Theatre*

### DOWNTOWN GALLERIES

Founded in 1957 as the **Paducah Art Guild**, the nonprofit **Yeiser Art Center** provides exhibition space in the historic 1905 Market House. In addition to its permanent collection of more than 200 works, the center offers a variety of programming dedicated to the visual arts, including classes for both kids and adults, public gallery talks, and lectures by contributing artists.



*Yeiser Art Center*





## REEL ARTISTRY

A dedication to enhancing cultural literacy and a deep appreciation for film underscores the mission of **Maiden Alley Cinema**. Offering an incredible selection of foreign and indie films, documentaries, and cult classics, Maiden Alley Cinema is the only nonprofit arthouse cinema in Western Kentucky. The annual Cinema Systers Film Festival — the only all-lesbian film festival in the country — is hosted here, along with Paducah's own River's Edge International Film Festival.

## RETAIL SHOWPLACE

Since 2009, the **Art Guild of Paducah** has promoted visual arts and artists across all media in Paducah and Western Kentucky. Through its work, the Guild builds community partnerships while fostering a downtown retail space for fine arts and crafts, making it the ideal spot to shop for something unique and locally made.



The Carson Center

## ORCHESTRAL OFFERINGS

Founded in 1979, the **Paducah Symphony Orchestra (PSO)** brings classical pieces to life through dynamic performances under the direction of Maestro Raffaele Ponti. Featuring a symphony orchestra, symphony chorus, youth orchestra, youth chorus, and children's chorus, the PSO's *Encore Series* produces grand concerts throughout the year, while the *PSO Off the Record Series* offers one-of-a-kind musical experiences in intimate settings.

## CAMPUS CREATIVITY

The **Clemens Fine Arts Center** on the campus of **West Kentucky Community & Technical College** hosts nationally touring artists on the main stage and special art exhibitions in the gallery. The center also holds numerous workshops for students and community members, including courses in theater, dance, and music.

## TOE-TAPPING TUNES

Live music is a vital part of Paducah's creative culture, filling a variety of venues with energy throughout the week. From local favorites to national acts, you're guaranteed to find music to help you unwind or get you on the dance floor.





# THE HEART OF THE *Fiber Arts*

## THE NATIONAL QUILT MUSEUM

Showcasing renowned quilting artists from around the world, the **National Quilt Museum** provides visitors with an incredible contemporary art experience. These fiber art masterpieces stand as a testament to the dedication and talent of quilting artists, and will forever change the way you think about quilting.

Ready to elevate your experience? The National Quilt Museum hosts workshops taught by expert instructors, inviting people of all ages and skill sets to try their hand at their own fiber masterworks.

### The National Quilt Museum

215 Jefferson St.

(270) 442-8856 | [quiltmuseum.org](http://quiltmuseum.org)





Hancock's of Paducah



Muppin's Sewing Emporium

## A QUILTING EXTRAVAGANZA

### AQS QuiltWeek®

Join the American Quilter's Society in April for a celebration of all things quilting during **AQS QuiltWeek**. This annual gathering at the Paducah-McCracken County Convention & Expo Center features hundreds of AQS Contest quilts along with a varied selection of special exhibitions, merchants, and courses from world-class quilting instructors. Don't miss this incredible opportunity to network with some of the most talented quilters in the world and glean some inspiration for your next project.

Visit [www.paducah.travel](http://www.paducah.travel) for times and dates of the next AQS QuiltWeek gathering.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION  
ON ANNUAL EVENTS IN PADUCAH!**

# A Notion for Retail

Ready to stitch your own quilting masterpiece? The quilt and fabric shops in Paducah are equipped with everything you need to get started or expand your craft. Carrying the latest fabrics, notions, machines, and books, these shops are eager to help you take your creations to a whole new level.

### Artist Endeavors

222 Kentucky Ave., Suite 6  
(270) 994-4254

### Calico Country Sew & Vac

3401 Park Ave.  
(270) 444-0301

### English's Sew & Vac

7010 US-68  
(270) 898-7301

### Hancock's of Paducah

3841 Hinkleville Road  
(800) 845-8723

### Hobby Lobby

3240 James Sanders Blvd.  
(270) 444-9307

### Jefferson Street Studios

1149 Jefferson St.  
(270) 217-3976

### Michaels

5187 Hinkleville Road  
(270) 443-7284

### Muppin's Sewing Emporium

117 N. Fourth St.  
(270) 883-6627

### The National Quilt Museum

215 Jefferson St.  
(270) 442-8856

### Paper Pieces

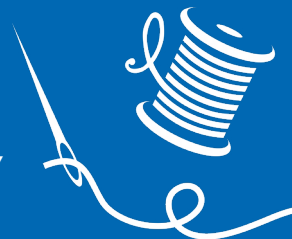
533 N. Fifth St.  
(270) 908-2826

### Pinecone Gallery

421 N. Seventh St.  
(270) 443-0895

### Tuscan Rose

420 Broadway St.  
(270) 955-3244



# A Craft for Generations



**BECKY GLASBY**

*Director of Learning & Engagement  
National Quilt Museum*

*Precipice, 1989  
Jan Myers-Newbury*

## NATIONAL QUILT MUSEUM ENGAGES YOUNG QUILTERS

Any passion can begin with the smallest spark. As a Creative City, Paducah is dedicated to helping those sparks ignite. A staple of Paducah's historic downtown, the National Quilt Museum has showcased the passion and dedication of some of the world's most talented quilting artists for over three decades.

"Anybody can quilt — young or old, male or female. It doesn't matter if it's been handed down through the family or if you've stumbled into it on your own," said Becky Glasby, Director of Learning & Engagement at the National Quilt Museum. Glasby added that quilting is finally receiving its due recognition as an art form. "A lot of our pieces are unique, one-of-a-kind designs or imaginings from the artist," said Glasby. "So, while some quilts are based on traditional designs, ... the subject matter, colors, or arrangement give them a fresh, contemporary, and modern feel, which sometimes is surprising for people to see."



Hosting numerous school and youth group tours throughout the year — as well as making off-site, in-person visits to classrooms and youth groups — the National Quilt Museum invites young people to gain new perspective on what quilting is and what it can be.

"We hear it probably every week: 'Is that a quilt? It looks like a painting. I didn't know you could do that with fabric,'"

Glasby said. "You hear from both the teachers and the students — especially high school age — 'This is not at all what I expected.'"

For many touring the museum, that casual fascination can become even greater, driving them to pursue the art form themselves. Glasby says the museum relishes the opportunity to pass on quilting practices to the next generation, hosting hands-on activities and workshops for younger visitors, including youth quilt camps and classes, the Junior Quilters Program, and the School Block Challenge sponsored by Moda Fabrics. Such programs invite youth to not only see hand-stitched masterpieces but to make their own — and in doing so, carry on a rich, creative legacy.

"Quilting is an art form. It's a mode of creative expression. It's a way to enjoy art when some of the schools we encounter don't have that in the school system or it's not represented in their art studies," Glasby said.

The National Quilt Museum invites locals and visitors alike to find their own way of harnessing the inspiration that flows throughout Paducah. Whatever you make — whether it's quilts, music, or your grandmother's famous pie recipe — we hope you make it your own.

### The National Quilt Museum

215 Jefferson St.

(270) 442-8856 | [quiltmuseum.org](http://quiltmuseum.org)

**"IT'S A LOT OF FUN FOR US TO LET VISITORS DISCOVER HOW MUCH YOU CAN DO WITH FABRIC AND THREAD."**

**BECKY GLASBY, NATIONAL QUILT MUSEUM**

# Wall to Wall Inspiration

## “WALL TO WALL” FLOODWALL MURALS

In a city as creative as Paducah, even the most practical structures are aligned with a form of artistic expression. Adorning the floodwall along the Ohio and Tennessee rivers, the masterfully painted **“Wall to Wall” Floodwall Murals** illustrate the history of Paducah through the brushstrokes of famed mural painter Robert Dafford and his team. Each mural tells a story, accompanied by storyboards that highlight Paducah’s historical significance and its role as a leader in America’s industrial development.

### “Wall to Wall” Floodwall Murals

100 Water St.  
[paducahwalltowall.com](http://paducahwalltowall.com)



Composed of 60 unique panels spanning three city blocks, Paducah’s “Wall to Wall” Murals tell the city’s remarkable story in rich, vivid detail. Some examples include:



## 1940S BROADWAY SCENE

This mural depicts the variety of retail, business, and entertainment options on Broadway in the 1940s, as well as the awe-inspiring architecture that lives on in Paducah’s historic downtown.



## PADUCAH FLOODS

Like many river communities, Paducah has experienced numerous floods throughout its history, the most devastating occurring in 1937 when the entire city was submerged. Eagle-eyed viewers will spot a cow on a balcony in this mural — the house (and its livestock-saving balcony) still stands in Lower Town today.



## WILLIAM CLARK

A soldier, explorer, surveyor, and American icon, William Clark is famous for his expedition into the Louisiana Territory with Meriwether Lewis. In 1827, he platted a small Kentucky town previously called Pekin and named it Paducah.



## PADUCAH RAILROADS

The railroad played a crucial role in positioning Paducah as a thriving industrial center. The Illinois Central Railroad Shops (later known as VMW) made the term “Paducahbilt” an industry byword, building a reputation for manufacturing steam engines as early as 1927.



## AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE

This mural celebrates revered African American heroes in Paducah like Dr. William Stuart Nelson and Dr. Dennis H. Anderson — as well as Paducah institutions like West Kentucky Industrial College and the annual Eighth of August Emancipation Celebration.

A two-story house with light blue horizontal siding and white trim. The house features a central entrance with a white door and a small porch supported by two white columns. Above the door is a transom window with a light fixture. To the left of the door is a window with a white frame. To the right of the door is another window. The house has a gabled roof with a white pediment over the porch. A woman in a black and white patterned dress stands on the porch steps, holding a fan. The house number '724' is visible on the wall to the left of the door. A black sign above the porch reads 'HOTEL METROPOLITAN'. A large black urn with plants sits on the lawn to the left of the porch. Red flowers are visible on the left side of the house.

**HOTEL METROPOLITAN**

724

METROPOLITAN  
HOTEL

**BETTY DOBSON**

*Executive Director  
Hotel Metropolitan*



# WALK IN THE Footsteps of Icons



## THE HOTEL METROPOLITAN

In the dark days of segregation, Paducah resident Ms. Maggie Steed saw an opportunity to provide a respite for African American travelers turned away from white-owned establishments. Opening in 1908, the hotel went on to attract some of the most recognizable names of the 20th century as guests.

Louis Armstrong, Ella Fitzgerald, Ike and Tina Turner, Thurgood Marshall, and many more all found sanctuary at the **Hotel Metropolitan**. Through the tireless work of local historian Betty Dobson, their stories come to life in a living history presentation called Ms. Maggie's Memories.

### Hotel Metropolitan

724 Oscar Cross Ave.  
(270) 443-7918

## TOUR A PROUD HERITAGE

Paducah's **African American Heritage Driving Tour** guides visitors through over two dozen of the most important Black History sites in Paducah, including stops at schools, churches, memorials, and parks, as well as the site where the 8th U.S. Colored Heavy Artillery was formed in 1864. Honor those who dedicated their lives to the idea of equality and explore the rich history on display throughout Paducah.



SCAN THE QR CODE TO  
SEE THE WHOLE TOUR  
AND PLAN YOUR TRIP!

## HONORING FREEDOM

Celebrate freedom at the annual **Eighth of August Emancipation Celebration**. Commemorating the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation and its promise of liberty to enslaved people throughout the South, this annual jubilee draws visitors from across the country to enjoy live entertainment, special events, and family reunions.



*Eighth of August Emancipation Celebration*

# BUILDING *on the Past*

## HISTORIC PADUCAH ARCHITECTURE

The historic architecture lining Paducah's streets serves as a testament to the artistry and craftsmanship of those who came before. Paducah is home to a wide array of structures built in Classical Revival, Gothic Revival, Greek Revival, Italianate, Queen Anne, and Romanesque styles.



Downtown Paducah

## MIDTOWN REFRESHMENT

Constructed in 1939 by Coca-Cola® bottler Luther F. Carson, the **Coke Plant** is a shining example of early 20th-century Art Deco architecture.

With Coca-Cola memorabilia throughout, this rehabilitated building now serves as a mixed-use facility hosting art spaces and culinary hangouts, while retaining the plant's original exterior masonry work and interior terrazzo floor.



Coke Plant

### The Coke Plant

3121 Broadway St.



## GENERATIONAL CREATIVITY

The **Lower Town Historical & Architecture Tour** features some of the most breathtaking homes, stores, schools, and institutional buildings ever built in Paducah. This self-guided tour showcases the creativity that defines Lower Town and reminds visitors that Paducah is driven by innovative thinkers.



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FIND OUT MORE ABOUT  
OUR TOURS & TRAILS.

# DOWNTOWN DISCOVERIES

Recognized as one of America’s most beautiful and distinctive Main Streets by *Architectural Digest*, downtown Paducah boasts an incredible collection of 19th-century architecture. Today, many of these buildings are home to new attractions and experiences. In fact, the River Discovery Center, a hands-on maritime museum, can be found in a structure that was originally built as the Bank of Louisville’s Paducah branch in 1843.

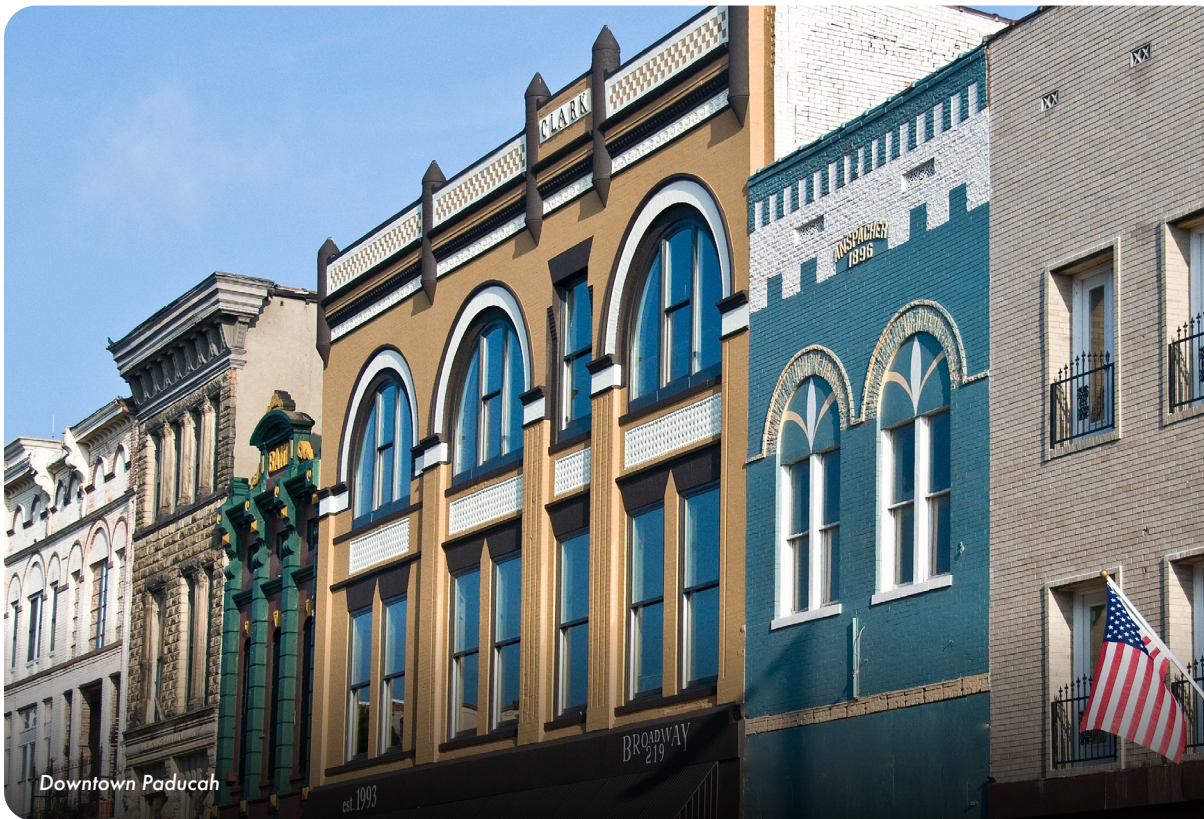
Learn more about Paducah’s rich past through the Historic Paducah Audio Tour.



SCAN THE QR CODE TO ENJOY AUDIO COMMENTARY FOR 30 HISTORIC STOPS.



River Discovery Center | Founder's Room



Downtown Paducah

# Preserving PADUCAH'S HERITAGE

## MUSEUMS & TRAILS

Since the city's founding by William Clark in 1827, Paducah's strategic location at the confluence of the Ohio and Tennessee rivers has made it a hub for creative cultural advancement. The legacies of the explorers, pioneers, and innovators who shaped Paducah are preserved in the many museums and historical sites around the city. Visit these sites to discover the important contributions of Paducah's residents and see how their influences continue to inspire future generations.

## CURRENT EVENTS

The fascinating history of America's inland waterways is on full display at the [River Discovery Center](#).

Featuring numerous interactive exhibits — including a life-sized pilothouse simulator — the Center provides guests with an immersive peek into the history of Paducah's noteworthy river trade.

## DIVIDED WE FALL

Offering a glimpse of Western Kentucky's role in the Civil War, the [Lloyd Tilghman House & Civil War Museum](#) — part of the Confluence Segment of the [U.S. Grant Trail](#) — highlights the Western Theater of the war within this Confederate general's preserved, Greek Revival home.

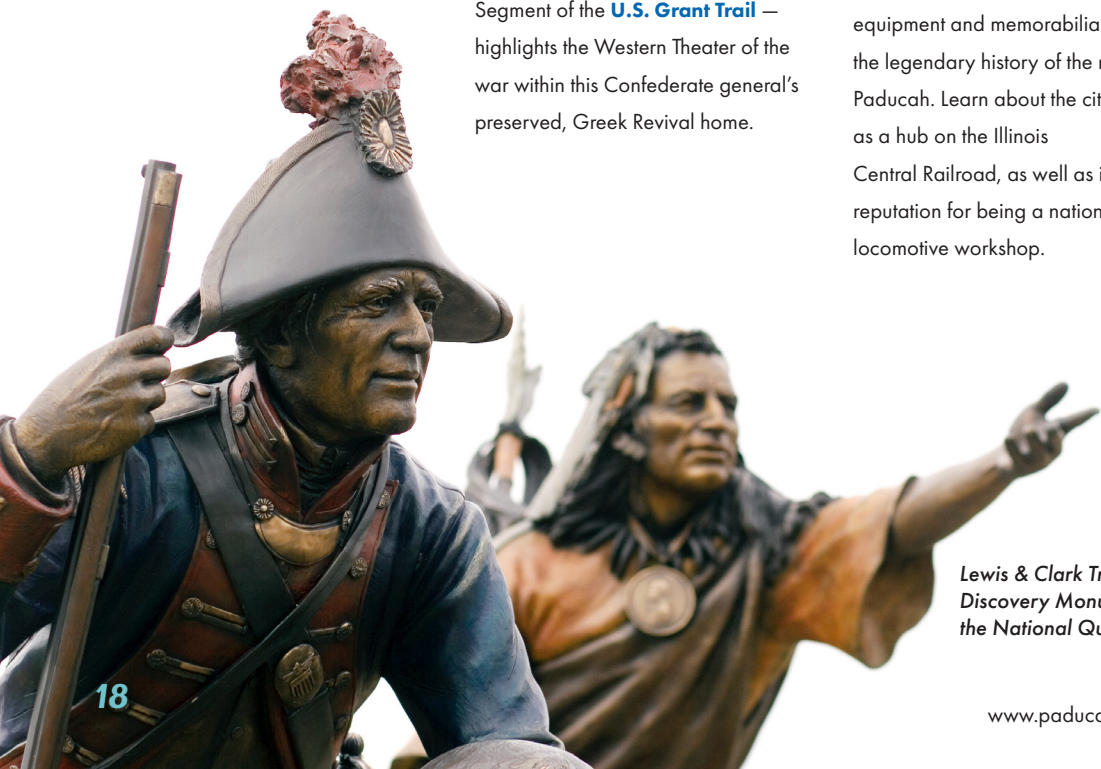


Market House Museum

## RIDE THE RAILS

Just like the rivers, railroads in Paducah generated growth and development in the burgeoning city. [The Paducah Railroad Museum](#) highlights equipment and memorabilia from the legendary history of the rails in Paducah. Learn about the city's position as a hub on the Illinois Central Railroad, as well as its reputation for being a nationwide locomotive workshop.

*Lewis & Clark Trail of  
Discovery Monument at  
the National Quilt Museum*



## EXPLORE LOCAL HISTORY

Housed in a century-old public market space, the **William Clark Market House Museum** features artifacts honoring William Clark, Kentucky native Abraham Lincoln, and Paducah's Alben W. Barkley, the 35th vice president of the United States. See chairs used in the Lincoln White House and a quilt made by Robert E. Lee's wife, Mary Anna Randolph Custis.

## EXPEDITION PADUCAH

Follow in the footsteps of Lewis and Clark on the **Lewis & Clark National Historic Trail**, chronicling the duo's journey west along the Ohio River into the Louisiana Purchase. This self-guided tour highlights sites related to their expedition, including **Paducah's "Wall to Wall" Floodwall Murals**, the **National Quilt Museum**, and the **William Clark Market House Museum**.

## AN UNJUST JOURNEY

In the early 1800s, four of the 17 detachments on the Trail of Tears passed through Paducah — one of the few water routes where detachments were known to have stopped. **The Trail of Tears National Historic Trail** follows the mid-winter detachment headed by Gustavus Drane, which stopped in Paducah in 1838-1839 to purchase supplies.



Market House Museum

### Marking Each Spot!

Did you know Paducah boasts more historical markers per capita than any other city in the state? More than 80 markers around the city detail some of the most influential places and events in Paducah's history, including land once stewarded by members of the Cherokee Nation, and the grave of John T. Scopes, namesake of the famous Scopes "Monkey Trial."



River Discovery Center

# FOLLOW *the Flow*



Paducah Riverfront



## PADDLE UP

The Ohio and Tennessee rivers are great for kayaking. **Hooper's Outdoor Center** (219 Broadway St.) provides all the gear you'll need for a river adventure. Paducah is also an award-winning member of the Tennessee RiverLine trail system, hosting numerous free paddling events throughout the year. For more information, visit [tnriverline.org](http://tnriverline.org).



## ENJOYING THE RIVERS IN PADUCAH

The Ohio and Tennessee rivers have always been an important part of life in Paducah. Today, residents and visitors alike enjoy fishing, kayaking, canoeing, tubing, and skiing.

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### GETTING ON & OFF THE WATER

Conveniently located near downtown, the **Ohio River Boat Launch** has a lighted, five- to six-lane ramp, a courtesy dock, and 85 parking spaces. Upstream, the **Transient Boat Dock** gives boaters easy access to come ashore, refuel, and explore Paducah.

### J CAST A LINE

Western Kentucky is an angler's paradise. Cast a line into the flowing currents of the **Ohio River** on the **Paducah Riverfront**, the serene waters of **Land Between the Lakes**, or at **Lake Gerry B. Montgomery** in **Bob Noble Park**. Here you'll find a wide variety of species from blue catfish to walleye. Fishing licenses are required for all visitors ages 16 and older.

To purchase a license, visit [fw.ky.gov](http://fw.ky.gov).

### ON THE WING

With an abundance of green spaces and waterways, it's easy to see why such a wide variety of bird species flock to Paducah. Resident and migrating birds such as chickadees, dark-eyed juncos, goldfinches, herons, ring-billed gulls, and storks can easily be spotted here.

# Outdoor R&R

## PARKS & TRAILS OF PADUCAH

If there's one thing Paducah values as much as creativity, it's the outdoors. With an incredible municipal park system, a wide variety of golf courses, and many modern sports facilities, the area is full of outdoor experiences just waiting to be enjoyed.

### GREENWAY TRAIL

Get in your steps or pedal your way across Paducah on the **Greenway Trail**. Stretching more than five miles, this trail links Paducah's city parks — including **Bob Noble Park** and the **Paducah Sports Park** — with historic downtown. The trail is open daily from dawn to dusk and is accessible at numerous municipal parks and public spaces around the city.



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MORE ADVENTURES IN THE  
PADUCAH OUTDOOR GUIDE.

## BROCKENBOROUGH ROTARY HEALTH PARK

421 N. 13th St.

**Brockenborough Rotary Health Park**

features outdoor fitness equipment along with an ADA-accessible playground, a spray pad, an obstacle course, picnic areas, and a community garden.

## KEILER PARK

2900 Broadway St.

Located on a shady three acres in Midtown, **Keiler Park** provides a nice, quiet spot to stop and unwind. With picnic shelters, a playground, and a gaga pit, this is a fantastic place for friends and family to gather.

## ROBERT COLEMAN PARK & SPRAYGROUND

1100 Walter Jetton Blvd.

The Sprayground at **Robert Coleman Park** is a summertime favorite, featuring a large, mushroom-shaped sprinkler, fountains, and a miniature slide. Don't feel like getting wet? The park is also home to numerous shaded benches where you can relax and keep cool.

## PADUCAH SPORTS PARK

The 130-acre **Paducah Sports Park** (opening in 2026) brings a world-class sports venue to Western Kentucky. The Paducah Sports Park will include five baseball diamonds, two softball diamonds, 10 multi-purpose long fields, a disc golf course, and numerous other amenities like a grandstand, retail shop, playground, and picnic area.



## BOB NOBLE PARK

2801 Park Ave.

Centrally located in Midtown, Paducah's 145-acre **Bob Noble Park** is the city's largest park and offers a wide range of amenities for all ages. Guests can enjoy a variety of activities, including a skate park, courts for tennis, pickleball, and basketball, ball fields, playgrounds, and even an interactive music garden!

### Pickle Pros!

Join America's fastest-growing sport at **Bob Noble Park**. The park's eight lighted pickleball courts provide a perfect spot for beginners and experienced players to enjoy the game.



Bob Noble Park

Country Club of Paducah



## TEE TIME

Set against beautiful green backdrops and wide, blue skies, Paducah-area golf courses promise a thrilling challenge for golfers of all ages and skill levels.

### Country Club of Paducah

18 HOLES • PAR 72 • 6,915 YARDS

6500 Turnberry Dr.

(270) 554-7914 | ccofpaducah.com

### Drake Creek Golf Club

18 HOLES • PAR 72 • 6,714 YARDS (BLUE TEES)

1 Torrey Pines Dr., Ledbetter, KY

(270) 898-4653 | drakecreek.com

### Paxton Park Golf Course

18 HOLES • PAR 71 • 6,657 YARDS (GOLD TEES)

841 Berger Rd.

(270) 444-9514 | paxtonpark.com

### Rolling Hills Country Club

18 HOLES • PAR 72 • 6,401 YARDS (BLUE TEES)

701 Lakeview Dr.

(270) 554-4508 | rhccgolf.com

### Silos Country Club

18 HOLES • PAR 72 • 6,790 YARDS

11435 KY-286, Kevil, KY

(270) 556-8660 | siloscountryclub.com

### The Golf Complex

DRIVING RANGE

5980 US-60

(270) 442-9221 | thegolfcomplex.com

# Retail Therapy

## SHOPPING IN PADUCAH

If you're looking for a keepsake to remember your time in Paducah, shopping in this Creative City is an experience all its own. Stores here feature everything from locally made creations to today's latest clothing trends, so it's no wonder Paducah was named one of *USA Today's* 10 Best Small Towns for Shopping. Into crafting? Niche and hobby shops have everything you need to create your next handmade masterpiece.

## BOUTIQUE DISCOVERIES

Numerous locally owned shops around Paducah offer a wide range of unique finds at exceptional prices. Refresh your wardrobe at [The Dirt Road](#) and [Self-E Boutique](#) or stock up on Kentucky souvenirs at [With Love, From Kentucky](#). Decorate your home — and yourself — with decor and accessories from [OKN Mercantile](#), then open a doorway to the metaphysical at [Wildhair Studios' Rock Shop](#). Grab everything you need to become a pitmaster from rubs and marinades to plates and platters at [BBQ & More](#). And find a perfect gift — or treat yourself — with a timeless piece from [Lepa Jewelry](#).

## RECLAIMED TREASURES

Paducah is home to many antique shops and flea markets, providing an amazing selection of items from yesteryear. Local favorite [Frenchtown Station](#) offers antiques and gifts in a beautifully restored service station, and [Paducah Antique Mall](#) on Broadway is chock full of treasures spanning two floors. Search among rare collections of furniture, home decor, memorabilia, and jewelry to find something you never thought you needed but can't live without.



*With Love, From Kentucky*



*Troutt General Store & Market*



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FIND MORE TREASURES.

## BRING HOME A MASTERPIECE

Take a piece of the creativity that defines Paducah home with you. Check out galleries like the [Art Guild of Paducah](#) and [PAPA Gallery](#) and explore more in the Lower Town Arts District. Art collectives like [Messy Cat Creations](#) and [Bricolage Art Collective](#) offer local art, jewelry, and collectibles in expressive spaces, while [Broadway Custom Framing](#) in the heart of downtown doubles as a framing shop and art space with pieces for sale from a variety of local artists.



Frenchtown Station

## LET'S GO TO THE MALL

One of the largest retail outlets in the region, [Kentucky Oaks Mall](#) features more than 80 stores spread across 1.3 million square feet of shopping space. Sporting goods, electronics, clothing, home goods, and more from a wide range of popular brand names are all here.



Bricolage Art Collective

### DIY Delights

What's better than bringing home a one-of-a-kind artisanal find? How about something you made yourself? Experiential art studios around Paducah are here to help you craft something special while making memories. Paint or stitch your very own masterpiece at [MAKE Paducah](#), explore a whole new palette of creativity at [Better Than Ever](#), and create your own candles and fragrances at [The Pour Room](#).



Hancock's of Paducah





**SARA BRADLEY**

Owner  
Freight House

# Homecooking

## CHEF SARA BRADLEY SHARES HER LOVE OF PADUCAH

The phrase “melting pot” has been used countless times to describe the strength of diversity and inclusion in the United States. To Chef Sara Bradley, Paducah is the perfect embodiment of that phrase with its wide array of cultures and ideas coming together to form a magnificent blend of flavors. Growing up in Paducah, cooking was at the center of everything Bradley’s family did. Every gathering involved a spread of delicious, home-cooked dishes — a family tradition Sara took to early on.

“I started cooking at a young age. As a family mixed with Southern, Midwestern, Jewish, and Appalachian traditions, food was just at the center of everything,” Bradley explained. “Food has just always been my main passion.”

But her career path almost led to a much different role. Though she worked in various kitchens throughout high school and college, Bradley graduated with a degree in psychology from the University of Kentucky and planned to begin a career in academia. That pursuit, however, couldn’t match her love of the culinary arts, and soon after, she enrolled in culinary school at Johnson and Wales in Charlotte, NC.

“I had a job and I hated it, but I always really liked cooking and had always worked in kitchens, so I decided I would make that my career — I’m so glad that I did,” she said. After working at restaurants in major cities across the country — including Birmingham, Charlotte, New York, and Chicago — Bradley returned to open her own restaurant, Freight House, in 2015.

Guided by the ethos “Food Is More Than Just Eating,” Bradley emphasizes storytelling with her dishes, putting modern spins on traditional Southern and Midwestern flavors with local meats and produce as the ingredients. The result? Flavors as unique and creative as Paducah itself.

“The menu at Freight House is really a reflection of how I see Paducah on a larger scale,” Bradley said. “There’s a diaspora of cuisines here — they all start somewhere and end somewhere else. We’re Southern. We’re Creole. That all comes up the river and we’re influenced by all these flavors as opposed to just having one style. On the Freight House menu, you’ll see a lot of different styles that are also influenced by my Jewish upbringing, my Appalachian roots, my travels in Asia and the Middle East... You’ll see anything and everything.”

That ability to offer different styles and cuisines on one menu, Bradley said, is a case study on how chefs gain confidence with years of experience. “When I first started, I felt like I needed to find a restaurant and fit it into a recognizable style. For example, ‘We’re going to come here for Southern cuisine.’ But as my style has matured and my confidence has grown in both my team and what people want to eat, I’ve branched out. Years of doing this, feeling good about it, and getting positive feedback from the people who visit Paducah are driving factors in this attitude of, ‘Do what you want to do, and if they come, they come.’”

Of course, getting people to come in the first place takes an entire community — just one restaurant can’t do it alone, Bradley said. Offering more options creates a greater opportunity to draw visitors in with a variety of tastes. So, restaurateurs in Paducah operate as part of a larger ecosystem working toward a common goal — promoting the city of Paducah. Bradley has had a chance to do just that on a national stage with appearances on *Top Chef* on Bravo and *Chopped* on the Food Network.

“My mother told me it was my civic duty to go on TV, saying, ‘This is such an opportunity, not just for you, but for everybody here.’ Once it started to play out and I realized how many times I was saying ‘Paducah’ on national TV, I dropped it in just about anywhere,” Bradley said. “This city thrives on tourism, not just the National Quilt Museum and festivals, but also the outdoor recreation and the river. Bringing that awareness is really good for the community.”

From Southern cuisine to homemade Italian delicacies and everything in between, Paducah's food scene offers just the right bite for every palate. Come and sit a while.

### Freight House

330 S. Third St. #102

(270) 908-0006 | [freighthousefood.com](http://freighthousefood.com)

## “THE MENU AT FREIGHT HOUSE IS REALLY A REFLECTION OF HOW I SEE PADUCAH ON A LARGER SCALE.”

CHEF SARA BRADLEY, FREIGHT HOUSE

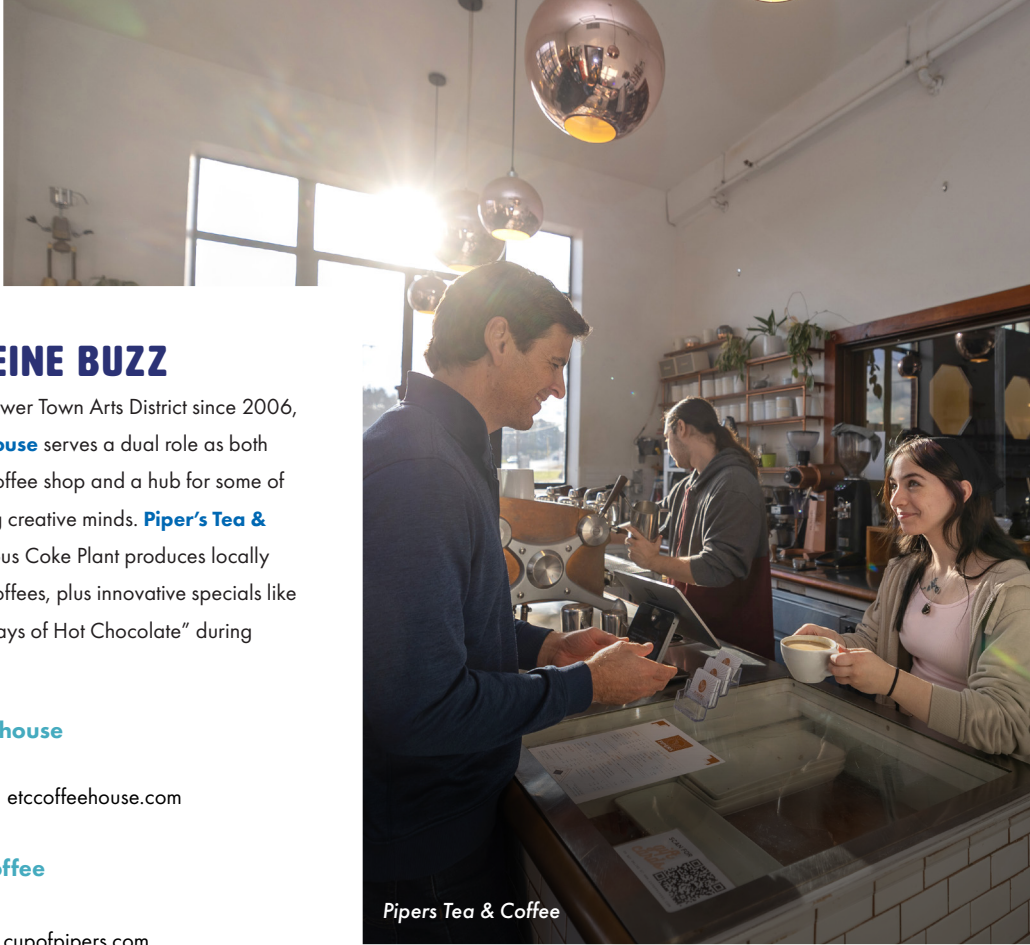


# Creative Flavors

## DINING IN PADUCAH

As flavorful as it is creative, the culinary scene in Paducah is the perfect representation of the city's innovative spirit. Bright, passionate cooks and chefs work in almost every cuisine, putting their own spins on dishes to take dining experiences to new levels. Accommodating every palate, the restaurants, diners, and eateries around Paducah boast such an alluring range of flavors that you're going to want to sample them all.





## **CAFFEINE BUZZ**

A favorite of the Lower Town Arts District since 2006, **Etcetera Coffeehouse** serves a dual role as both a neighborhood coffee shop and a hub for some of Paducah’s budding creative minds. **Piper’s Tea & Coffee** in the famous Coke Plant produces locally crafted teas and coffees, plus innovative specials like their annual “12 Days of Hot Chocolate” during the holidays.

### **Etcetera Coffeehouse**

320 N. Sixth St.  
(270) 443-7760 | [etccoffeehouse.com](http://etccoffeehouse.com)

### **Pipers Tea & Coffee**

3121 Broadway St.  
(270) 933-1832 | [cupofpipers.com](http://cupofpipers.com)

*Pipers Tea & Coffee*

## **THE FAMILY BUSINESS**

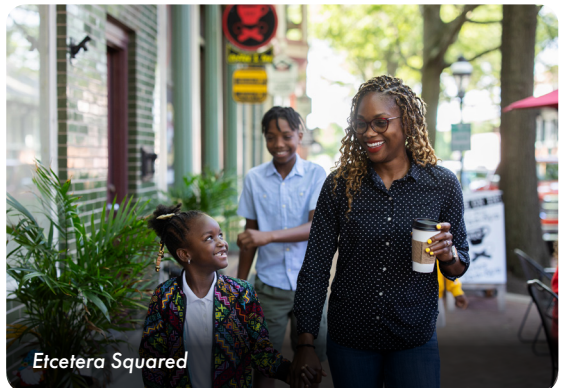
The Kirchoff family has been creating fresh-baked goodies since 1873. More than 150 years later, that legacy lives on at **Kirchoff’s Bakery & Deli**, a fifth-generation German bakery using the same Old World family recipes that established them as a Paducah institution years ago. While the bakery serves delicious breads, cookies, and cakes, the deli offers a menu of tasty sandwiches (on their own bread, of course) plus weekly specials like remarkably innovative pizzas and homemade soups.

### **Kirchoff’s Bakery & Deli**

118 Market House Square  
(270) 442-7117 | [kirchoffsbakery.net](http://kirchoffsbakery.net)



*Kirchoff’s Bakery*



*Etcetera Squared*



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# THE SPIRIT OF *Kentucky*

## THE REGION'S BOURBON HISTORY

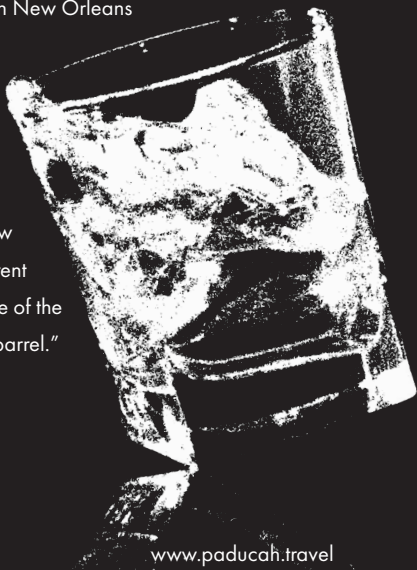
The origins of bourbon are hotly debated. No one can say with 100% certainty who first created this spirit, nor can anyone ascertain exactly when this uniquely American drink was first referred to as “bourbon.” And though it can be distilled anywhere in the United States, Kentucky’s connection with bourbon is the strongest and can be tied to its rivers.

In the 1700s, the Ohio River became the economic lifeblood for every Kentucky city along its shores. Louisville, Maysville, Covington, Henderson, Owensboro... All owe their growth and prosperity to the trade routes that carried cargo down the Ohio to the Mississippi River, then down to New Orleans and the Gulf of Mexico. In Western Kentucky, Ingram Barge Company makes its livelihood on the river but it also makes something else — river-aged bourbon in floating rickhouses.

“Before the term ‘bourbon’ even existed, a lot of the whiskeys being produced in Kentucky were made by farmer distillers who started to grow and became commercial distillers,” said Rachel Harb, General Manager at O.H. Ingram River Aged. “They would have excess grains, and the best way to maintain them after harvest was to distill it. Today, bourbon laws say bourbon has to be at least 51% corn — a lot of that started just because historically, that’s what was being used in Kentucky.”

Along with a variety of other products — such as pickles and fish — bourbon was shipped in barrels down the riverways to the budding metropolis of New Orleans. Purity was a concern, however. Expensive barrels were often re-used, but the mix of unsavory flavors could potentially contaminate the distilled spirits within. The solution was the 18th-century equivalent of sterilization: charring the inside of the barrels.

“In between uses, you don’t really want your whiskey tasting like pickles, fish, or nails, so they would char the barrel. That was their way of sanitizing it,” Harb said, adding that the clear spirits that first entered the barrels in Kentucky underwent an incredible transformation in transit. “By the time the Kentucky-made spirits reached their destination, they had been sitting in that charred oak barrel for weeks or months. On arrival, people in New Orleans would marvel at the new amber color and rich flavor. It was no longer just a spirit. It wasn’t just distilled grains. It now had this whole different element to it because of the interaction with the barrel.”





Drawing its name from Bourbon County, KY, bourbon became a booming industry in the Bluegrass State throughout the 1800s, thanks in part to famous names like the Beam family, which has been involved in the production of Jim Beam bourbon for seven generations. But a certain constitutional amendment ratified in 1919 brought the industry to a grinding halt.

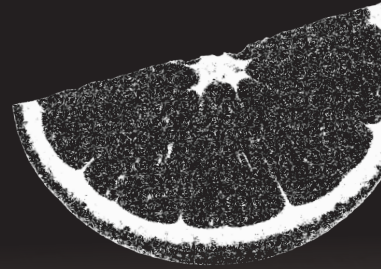
"Prohibition changed how people looked at bourbon for a long time," Harb said, adding that distillers in the immediate aftermath of Prohibition were forced to sell younger whiskeys out of necessity. "We stopped producing it, and that changed what people knew about bourbon and how they viewed it because they hadn't had it in a long time. Their palates had become accustomed to different styles. When we came back in after Prohibition, it took a while to get going because people hadn't been making it or aging it, other than a handful of folks doing it for medicinal purposes."

Prohibition was repealed by the 21st Amendment in 1933, but the decimated Kentucky bourbon industry was still years away from recovery. Beginning in the 1950s and continuing into the 1980s, however, a bourbon renaissance carried by brands like Maker's Mark, Blanton's, and a revived Jim Beam, set the stage for the country to re-acquaint itself with

this uniquely American spirit. Today, modern distillers pay homage to Kentucky's past, reviving once-defunct brands or creating all-new ones with inspiration from the bourbon pioneers of yesteryear. In a city defined by its passion for creativity, local distillers and perfectly-stocked bourbon bars revel in the opportunity to carry on a proud Kentucky legacy.

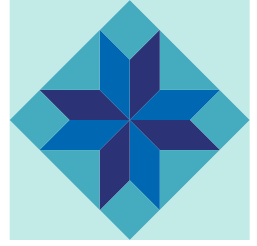
**"THERE ARE SO MANY THINGS IN PADUCAH THAT DON'T EXIST ANYWHERE ELSE."**

**RACHEL HARB, O. H. INGRAM RIVER AGED**



*Barrel & Bond*





# Creative Concoctions

## THE FOXBRIAR SETS A NEW STANDARD FOR IMMERSIVE NIGHTLIFE

With a background in fine arts, creativity is at the front of Matt Johnston's mind when creating an experiential atmosphere at The FoxBriar Cocktail Bar, an inviting brass-and-velvet hideaway in downtown Paducah. Living most of his life in the Paducah area, Johnston relishes the creative atmosphere the city emanates and has worked to reflect that ingenuity through a rotating menu of signature cocktails.

"Coming from an art background, I'm a firm believer in [considering] everything that's been done — but how can you do it differently?" Johnston said. "I've started looking more at recipes for food. We've crafted a few drinks that were inspired by Thomas Keller's recipes at The French Laundry or Grant Achatz's at Alinea in Chicago. Those have been some of my favorite drinks, thinking, 'OK, here's this savory food concept. How do I make this light, refreshing, and something people can enjoy?'"

Themed menus and matching immersive experiences have been a hallmark of The FoxBriar since its opening. Starting with a Winnie-the-Pooh-themed menu and continuing to explore themes like movies, art galleries, the zoo, and even Paducah itself, The FoxBriar prides itself on curating memorable experiences in a beautiful setting.

"Nostalgia is where I tap in the most as far as menus go," Johnston said. "We've done about 10 menus at this point that have in-depth themes with cocktails designed to fit around [them]. These are usually based on something from mine or someone else's childhood, something we all share an experience with."

Part of experiencing Paducah's nightlife is inviting patrons to visit other bars, taverns, and taprooms around the city, Johnston said. Working in tandem with one another, each local business fosters a sense of unity toward a common goal — showcasing the best traits of Paducah and elevating the city to become not just a tourist destination, but a place to put down roots.

"I think the aspect of community is important. Our breweries do a great job featuring local artists and musicians putting out good, creative work from within our community," Johnston said. "That sense of community is really strong here."

Whether you're having a drink with friends or looking to impress on a first date, FoxBriar's meticulously crafted selection of cocktails, mocktails, and Kentucky bourbon will set you up for an unforgettable evening in Paducah.

### The FoxBriar Cocktail Bar

112 Broadway St.  
(270) 933-1414 | [thefoxbriarbar.square.site](https://thefoxbriarbar.square.site)



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*The FoxBriar Cocktail Bar*





# Made in Paducah

## THE BEST DRINKS FROM WESTERN KY

Cheers! Prost! Skol! However you toast, the ingenuity of brewers, distillers, and vintners shines through at Paducah's local watering holes.

## CREATIVE CRAFT BREWS

Set in a historic Greyhound terminal, **Paducah Beer Werks** offers a selection of delicious, regional ales along with a food menu extending well beyond your typical bar goodies. Sample some of the finest sips downtown has to offer.

Situated in Paducah's iconic Coke Plant, the city's first microbrewery, **Dry Ground Brewing Company**, has produced handcrafted ales and lagers since 2014. In addition to their craft brews, they offer a variety of guest taps and hard ciders.



Dry Ground Brewing Company

### Paducah Beer Werks

301 N. Fourth St.  
(270) 933-1265 | paducahbeerwerks.com

### Dry Ground Brewing Company

3121 Broadway St.  
(270) 201-2096 | drygroundbrewing.com



Dry Ground Brewing Company

## KENTUCKY PROUD

Producing the first bourbon from Paducah since Prohibition, the distillers at **Silent Brigade** carry on a long, proud legacy that has defined the Bluegrass State since the 1800s. Sample spirits sourced from local grains and ingredients, including moonshine and specialty cocktails.

### Silent Brigade Distillery

426 Broadway St.

(270) 709-3242 | [silentbrigadedistillery.com](http://silentbrigadedistillery.com)

## Fun-Filled Nights

Live music, open mics, and trivia nights are always on the calendar at the bars, taverns, distilleries, and taprooms around Paducah.



SCAN THE QR CODE FOR A FULL CALENDAR OF EVENTS, UPDATED DAILY.

## SHARE A GLASS

Overlooking an expansive vineyard, **Purple Toad Winery** is the largest winery in Kentucky and has been named Best in Kentucky by *Kentucky Living* magazine. Sample a variety of their best-sellers during regular tasting events, from rich and full-bodied reds to refreshing whites.

### Purple Toad Winery

4275 Old US Highway 45 S.

(270) 554-0010 | [purpletoadwinery.com](http://purpletoadwinery.com)



# Sweet Dreams

## LODGING IN PADUCAH

A day spent exploring Paducah requires plenty of rest beforehand. Thankfully, Paducah is home to a variety of lodging options ranging from nationally known brands offering familiar amenities to more exclusive accommodations in historic environs. No matter what your plans are, you're guaranteed to find just the right lodging to get you energized for another day of discovery.

## UNIQUE LODGING

Embodying the very sense of creativity that defines Paducah, unique lodging options across the city are set in distinctive venues scattered throughout downtown and the Lower Town Arts District. Walkable to some of the city's most popular attractions, restaurants, and shops, these choices provide a restful experience wholly unique to Paducah.

### 1857 Hotel

210 Kentucky Ave.  
(270) 933-1857  
1857hotel.com

### 1895 Washington

1310 Broadway St.  
(270) 777-2981  
1895washingtonhotel.com

### Belle Louise Historic Bed & Breakfast\*

304 N. Sixth St.  
(270) 210-2553  
bellelouisepaducah.com

### The Dim Light\*

108 S. Third St.  
(270) 559-0773  
thedimlight.com

### Market House Theatre Guest Apartments

132 Market House Square  
(270) 444-6828  
markethousetheatre.org

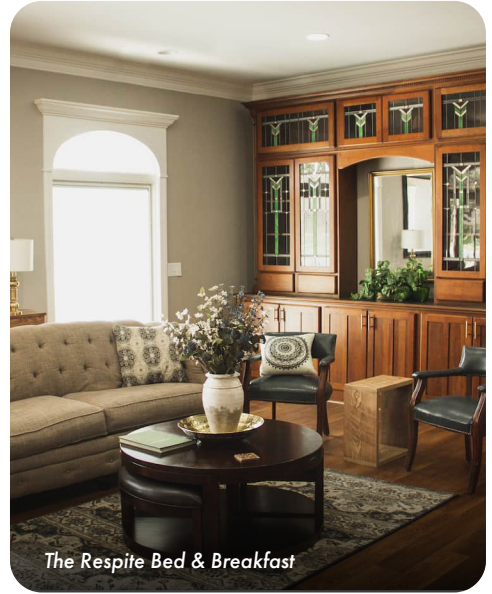
### Paducah Harbor Plaza Condos

117 N. Second St., Suite 205  
(270) 556-3094  
phplaza.com

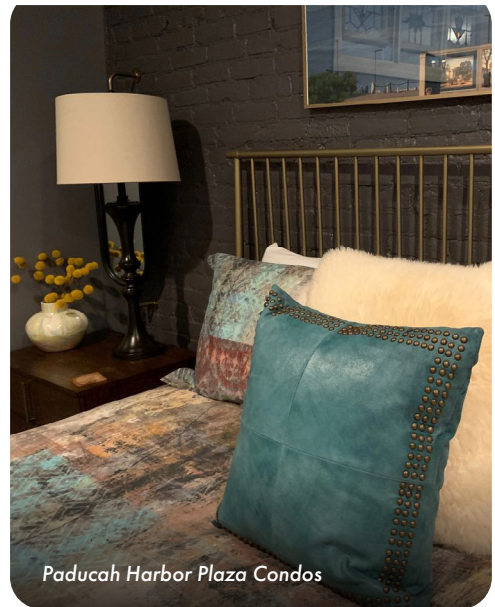
### The Respite Bed & Breakfast\*

502 N. Fifth St.  
(270) 709-2848  
therespitebnb.com

\*Denotes bed & breakfast lodging



The Respite Bed & Breakfast



Paducah Harbor Plaza Condos



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1857 Hotel

## FAMILIAR ABODES

Prefer to stay under a more recognizable roof? Paducah is home to a variety of nationally known chain hotels and motels, each offering the amenities and perks you'd expect.



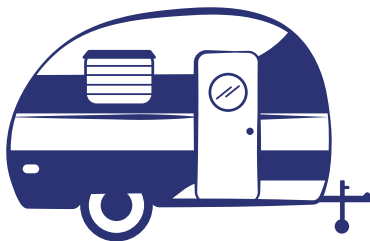
Holiday Inn Paducah Riverfront



Drury Inn

## 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.



**Duck Creek RV Park**  
2540 John L. Puryear Dr.  
(270) 415-0404

**Fern Lake Campground**  
5535 Cairo Rd.  
(270) 444-7939

**Paducah RV Park & Campground**  
4300 Shemwell Ln.  
(888) 806-2267

# Restoring a Paducah Gem

## LUXURIOUS ACCOMMODATIONS & SOUTHERN CHARM AT THE BELLE LOUISE

For more than 150 years, the Italianate home at 304 N. Sixth St. has served as an example of the charming architecture that welcomes guests to the Lower Town Arts District. But in recent years, the historic home has served another purpose, showcasing the famous Southern hospitality and creativity for which Paducah is so well known.

Located just a short walk from the riverfront and Paducah's historic downtown, the Belle Louise Historic Bed & Breakfast welcomes guests to immerse themselves in the history of this Creative City in style and comfort. Restored by owners and

preservationists Cary and Melinda Winchester, the Belle Louise offers a rare glimpse of Paducah's past in a luxurious setting — one that almost became a memory.

"I've always loved this house, and over the years, the whole city and the neighborhood were watching it fall in complete disrepair," Melinda said. "I got a call one day because the man who owned it decided to list it. A Realtor had called me to talk about the tax credits, and after seeing the inside for the first time, I just fell in love with it. That person decided not to do the deal, and it just worked out to where Cary and I wanted to save the property, and we knew it had to be done right."

After a year-and-a-half process of painstakingly restoring the house to its 19th-century grandeur, the Belle Louise opened its doors to guests in August 2020. Featuring five luxury guest rooms each complete with modern amenities, the Belle Louise invites all to experience Paducah firsthand, from tasting



The Belle Louise Historic Bed & Breakfast





## MELINDA & CARY WINCHESTER

Owners

*The Belle Louise Historic Bed & Breakfast*

locally baked goods in the home's dining room to savoring a glass of wine in the evening on the porch. Making guests feel right at home, Melinda said, is the top priority.

"Every room is unique and decorated differently. We have a parlor that has a bar with complimentary bourbon — because we're Kentucky — ginger ale, and Coke. Sometimes I'll make homemade cookies. I do a huge breakfast on weekends and holidays and partner with Kirchoff's Bakery during the week," Melinda said. "We have some guests who have stayed with us four or five times — three I can think of who come three times a year."

With historic preservation and Southern hospitality at its roots, the Belle Louise — and other locally owned lodging options in lovingly restored buildings — are perfect examples of the innovation that drives Paducah's success.

### **Belle Louise Historic Bed & Breakfast**

304 N. Sixth St.

(270) 210-2553 | [bellelouisepaducah.com](http://bellelouisepaducah.com)

**"WE HAVE SO  
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**MELINDA WINCHESTER, THE BELLE LOUISE**

# Nurturing His Roots

## GEORGE WILSON PROVIDES A MEMORABLE VENUE AT PHONOGRAPH FARMS

As a child growing up on his grandfather's farm, Paducah native George Wilson learned the value of hard work, selflessness, and community. And though a 10-year NFL career took him to some of the biggest cities in the country, Wilson chose to come home upon his retirement from football, driven by a desire to give back to the community that shaped him into the man he is today.

A photograph of George Wilson and his son standing in front of a large white barn with a wooden porch. George is on the left, wearing a peach-colored t-shirt and black pants, with his arm around his son's shoulder. The son is on the right, wearing a black t-shirt with 'SHOW UP SHOW OUT' and camouflage shorts, holding a football. The scene is set in a grassy field under a clear blue sky.

**GEORGE WILSON & SON**

Owner

Phonograph Farms



“My family and the community that poured into me are what brought me back to Paducah,” Wilson said. “The people of Paducah are a big part of who I am today. I had so many coaches, teachers, church members, and people around the community who supported me throughout the years. I was raised by a village — it wasn’t just my mom and my immediate family. It’s that village that brought me back. I want to be able to raise my son the same way, in the same environment that I was raised in because I feel like it made me who I am today.”

In addition to founding the George Wilson S.A.F.E.T.Y. Foundation — which provides valuable skills for life and education for youth regardless of their socioeconomic backgrounds — Wilson also maintains the family farm that was so important to him as a young man. Today, Phonograph Farms welcomes guests to a venue brimming with rustic charm. Featuring a farmhouse, pond, picnic pavilion, and a newly completed event venue, Phonograph Farms provides a variety of gathering spaces on a historic, fourth-generation farmstead — a unique environment for groups looking to give their event a pastoral flair.

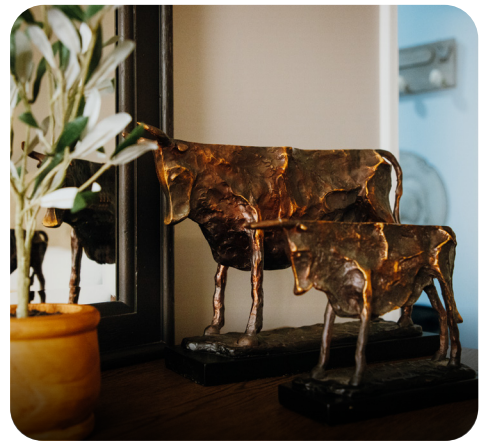
“That property has provided a platform for generating lifelong memories for my family and me,” Wilson said. “I want to utilize that same property to offer opportunities for other families to be able to come out and create lifelong memories for themselves.”

Whether you’re planning your dream wedding or a memorable family reunion, Phonograph Farms offers an extraordinary venue with a meaningful mission: giving back to the community that surrounds it.

### Phonograph Farms

2855 Reeves Rd.

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



# UNIQUE VENUES

Add some creativity to your next reunion, party, or special occasion.

The distinctive venues — set in places that remain true to the innovative spirit of the city — feature easy access to downtown amenities. Stay in a magnificently restored hotel or get your group together and socialize in a historic neighborhood tavern. Some locations may not be handicap accessible, so please call ahead for more information.

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## 1857 Hotel & Events Center

210 Kentucky Ave.  
(270) 933-1857  
1857hotel.com

## Belle Louise Historic Bed & Breakfast

304 N. Sixth St.  
(270) 210-2553  
bellelouisepaducah.com

## Carson Center for the Performing Arts

100 Kentucky Ave.  
(270) 450-4444  
thecarsoncenter.org

## The Founders Room at River Discovery Center

117 S. Water St.  
(270) 575-9958  
riverdiscoverycenter.org

## The Grand Lodge on Fifth

121 N. Fifth St.  
(270) 273-4079  
thegrandlodgeonfifth.com

## Maiden Alley Cinema

112 Maiden Alley  
(270) 442-7723  
maidenalleycinema.org

## National Quilt Museum

215 Jefferson St.  
(270) 442-8856  
quiltmuseum.org

## The Respite Bed & Breakfast

502 N. Fifth St.  
(270) 709-2848  
therespitebnb.com

## Stella's

202 Broadway St.  
(270) 534-5123  
stellaspaducah.com

## Studio 200 Theatre

200 Kentucky Ave.  
(270) 444-6828  
markhousetheatre.org

## Walker Hall Events Center

229 Madison St.  
(270) 575-4568  
walkerhallevnts.com



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# MARK YOUR *Calendar!*



## ANNUAL EVENTS IN PADUCAH

In Paducah, the celebrations are as unique as the bright and innovative minds who define the city itself. Save the date for some of our favorite annual events and festivals, and keep an eye on [www.Paducah.travel](http://www.Paducah.travel) for more events on the horizon.

### *Spring*

#### APRIL

AQS QuiltWeek  
Paducah's Annual Dogwood Trail

#### MAY

Water of Life Festival  
Lower Town Arts & Music Festival  
Cinema Systers Film Festival

### *Summer*

#### JUNE

McCracken County Fair  
Paducah Pride

#### JULY

Independence Day

#### AUGUST

River's Edge International Film Festival  
Eighth of August Emancipation Celebration

### *Fall*

#### SEPTEMBER

Barbecue on the River

#### OCTOBER

Oktoberfest

### *Winter*

#### NOVEMBER- DECEMBER

Small Business Saturday  
The Peppermint Trail  
Christmas in the Park



*Eighth of August Emancipation Celebration*



# GETTING HERE & Insider Tips



## **NASHVILLE, TN**

137 miles (2 hours, 15 minutes)

## **BOWLING GREEN, KY**

150 miles (2 hours, 20 minutes)

## **ST. LOUIS, MO**

174 miles (2 hours, 50 minutes)

## **MEMPHIS, TN**

179 miles (3 hours, 15 minutes)

## **BARDSTOWN, KY**

196 miles (3 hours, 5 minutes)

## **LOUISVILLE, KY**

216 miles (3 hours, 25 minutes)

## **LEXINGTON, KY**

255 miles (4 hours)

## **ARK ENCOUNTER**

299 miles (4 hours, 35 minutes)

## **INDIANAPOLIS, IN**

305 miles (4 hours, 40 minutes)

## **CINCINNATI, OH**

313 miles (4 hours, 40 minutes)

## **CHICAGO, IL**

374 miles (5 hours, 40 minutes)

## **ATLANTA, GA**

387 miles (6 hours, 5 minutes)

## **KANSAS CITY, MO**

420 miles (6 hours, 15 minutes)

## **COLUMBUS, OH**

420 miles (6 hours, 20 minutes)

## **FORT WAYNE, IN**

422 miles (6 hours, 30 minutes)

## **CHARLOTTE, NC**

546 miles (8 hours, 50 minutes)

## **CLEVELAND, OH**

562 miles (8 hours, 20 minutes)

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