



OLDHAM
COUNTY
Kentucky

A VISITOR'S GUIDE
to Memories Made Only in Oldham



WELCOME TO

OLDHAM COUNTY

Kentucky TOURISM & CONVENTIONS

Nestled in the heart of Kentucky and 20 minutes outside the city, Oldham County is a tapestry woven together with threads of history, culture, and the warmth of its communities. Every city holds a story waiting to be discovered, and with each stop, nods from the past mingle with the present, creating moments that linger in the heart long after you've left. You will discover our stories here.

Here, you can wake up to the gentle, soothing sounds of horses outside your window, their presence calling you to enjoy your Southern breakfast on the porch. Sweeping views of lush green pastures surround you, and each moment feels like a cherished memory in the making.

Just imagine wandering the streets of La Grange, where quaint shops on the tracks beckon you to the days when the train was a way of life here. As the train passes, the charming cafes and galleries invite you to pause and savor the flavors of Oldham County – each cup roasted onsite at La Grange Coffee Roasters, each slice of Kentucky Bacon Pie® shared at One Nineteen – becomes part of your journey. And in Oldham, laughter and heartfelt conversations along the way create bonds that transform visitors into friends.

In Crestwood, parks and gardens become havens for intimate moments – a walk hand in hand through Yew Dell Botanical Gardens, the laughter of children on the splash pad at The Maples Park, or girlfriends chatting throughout Crestwood Mercantile while the guys sip bourbon aged at sea from Kentucky Artisan. Each of these experiences etches into your memory, a reminder of the beauty found in connection.




Oldham County is more than just a destination; it's a place where time seems to slow down, allowing you to be grateful for every heartbeat. Each visit leaves an imprint, a sense of belonging, and a treasure trove of memories made only here. You leave not just with souvenirs but with a piece of Oldham County woven into the very fabric of your being – a place where your heart and spirit find peace.

So come, explore, rest, and let Oldham County surprise you with its charm and warmth. Here, memories are not just made; they are cherished. Memories made in one place – only in Oldham.



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HISTORY *Comes Alive*

UNCOVER THE OLDHAM COUNTY HISTORY CENTER CAMPUS

*Home to 2 Underground Railroad History Designations
by the National Park Service Network to Freedom*

In 2024, Oldham County proudly celebrated its Bicentennial, honoring a rich history that began in 1824 when it was established from parts of Henry, Jefferson, and Shelby Counties. Named after Colonel William Oldham, a Revolutionary War officer, the county's first seat thrived in Westport along the Ohio River, a key shipping hub to New Orleans.

The Oldham County History Center plays a crucial role in preserving our countywide heritage, offering engaging exhibits and events that invite the community to celebrate their shared past. The History Center Campus features four educational buildings and a colonial garden, providing a vibrant space for visitors. Highlights include the J.C. Barnett Library & Archives, the Peyton Samuel Head Museum, and the life-size Road Warrior Sculpture honoring WWII Veteran Dr. Bruce Heilman. This campus inspires discovery and reflection on the county's remarkable journey through time.

At the Museum on campus, Explore the contributions of notable figures such as Rob Morris, D.W. Griffith, and Annie Fellows Johnston, and learn about Oldham County's significant role in the Underground Railroad, recognized by the National Park Service's Network to Freedom.

In appealing to a variety of visitors, the History Center most recently partnered with Oldham County Tourism to create the Kentucky Black Trailblazers augmented reality experience featuring 3 spots in the county, one on the History Center Campus (Alex Beaumont), one in Goshen (Eliza Brooks), and one in Westport (Henry Bibb).



OLDHAM COUNTY

turns 200 years old

1824

Oldham County is established

and named for Colonel William Oldham who was killed in 1794 during the St. Clair Campaign on the Wabash River.



Richard James Oglesby is born in Floydsburg.

Elected three times as Governor of Illinois, served Major General for the Union, created Rail Splitter Campaign for Abraham Lincoln. He fought in the Mexican War and the Civil War.

1828

First courthouse built in Westport

In addition to indicting criminals and appointing justices of the peace, the court resolved sales, auctions, and the escape of enslaved people. The original building is still standing today serving Westport Methodist Church Congregation.

1825

First indictment for a murder case in Oldham County.

Lucy, Woman of Color, a slave of Elizabeth Smith, indicted for the poisoning of Elizabeth Smith, with pulverized glass on Sept. 7, 1824.

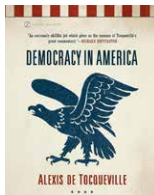
1830



First seed brought to Oldham County

Phillip Henshaw brought orchard grass seed to Hermitage Farm in Goshen. It became a major agricultural product for farmers and Oldham County became known as the Orchard Grass Capital of the World.

1831



Alexis D'Toqueville is stranded in Westport from a snowstorm.

Toqueville's *Democracy in America* becomes a standard treatise about American individualism and culture.

1851



Louisville and Frankfort Rail line was laid.

By 1854 passenger service was available through the county.

1852

Rail stop added to present day Pewee Valley from Louisville

Elite passengers travel to Pewee Valley for upscale vacation.

1857



Beard's Station was established

and renamed Crestwood in 1909.

1860

Rob Morris, Freemason moves to LaGrange

founder of the Order of the Eastern Star and Poet Laureate of the 19th Century, moves to LaGrange to teach at the Ky. Masonic University.

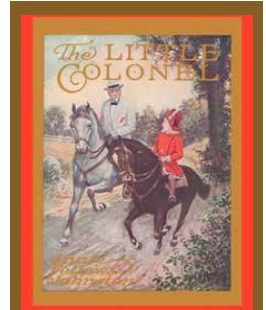
1870

Pewee Valley is incorporated



Kate Mathews born in Pewee Valley

Kate was a pioneer photographer and was recognized as one of the first female premiere photographers in the U.S.



1895

Annie Fellows Johnston begins children series, *The Little Colonel*

based on people living in Pewee Valley. The series depicts a romanticized ideal of gentile Southern traditions and life.

1902

Confederate Home established in Pewee Valley

Dedication of 40 acres by Gov. Beckham to establish Confederate Home for war veterans. 348 veterans were living here by 1908.

1906

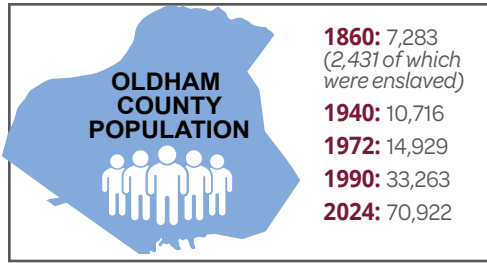
Louisville & Electric Railroad, Interurban

extended to LaGrange; operating daily passenger service to Louisville.

1915

World Premiere of *Birth of a Nation*

the first full length feature film directed by Oldham County native, D. W. Griffith, the Father of Modern Film.



OLDHAM COUNTY POPULATION

1860: 7,283
(2,431 of which were enslaved)

1940: 10,716

1972: 14,929

1990: 33,263

2024: 70,922



1933

First Oldham County Fair held

on Wood Axton Farm in Skylight.

1935



World premiere of *The Little Colonel* movie

adapted from Annie Fellows Johnston's book features Shirley Temple.

1936

Verna Garr Tylor killed

Brigadier General and former Ky. Lieut. Gov. Harry Denhardt accused of the murder made international headlines.

1946

Alcohol Sales in County denied

by resolution passed.

1953



Dark Star wins Kentucky Derby

Hermitage Farm's famous horse wins the Derby upstaging the "Gray Ghost," Native Dancer.

1954

Famous Derby Pie created

Walter and Leandra Kern create the first Derby Pie at the Melrose Inn Restaurant in Prospect.

1962

Oldham County desegregated schools

two years before the Civil Rights Act.

1971

First Oldham County Day celebration

held by Project Guild.

1974

Oldham County's first Judge Executive

Wendell Moore is elected.

1975

Creasey Mahan Nature Preserve opens

1979

Ronald Reagan visits

and attends fundraiser for Louie B. Nunn at Frog Jump Farm in OC.

1986

Queen Elizabeth II visits Hermitage Farm

to observe the farm's horse breeding operation.

1988

Downtown LaGrange earns Historic District Distinction

Under the U.S. Dept of Interior, National Park

Service, the National Register of Historic Places approved the Central LaGrange Historic District under the National Preservation Historic Act of 1966.

1989

Pewee Valley named historic district

The National Register of Historic Places approved the Pewee Valley Central Historic District and Ashwood Avenue Historic District under the National Preservation Historic Act of 1966.

1998

Oldham County Historical Society opens new campus

named the Oldham County History Center.

2000

Jon Rauch wins an Olympic gold medal

Oldham County High School graduate plays on the 2000 USA Olympic Baseball team.

2002



Yew Dell Botanical Gardens Opens to the public

2004

Oldham County Alcohol Sales allowed

in restaurants seating more than 100 people.

2009

Oldham County Greenway

construction begins to connecting LaGrange to Pewee Valley.

2012

First Distillery opens in County

Kentucky Artisan Distillery

2016

Two site designations given to Oldham County History Center

by the National Park Service Underground Railroad Network to Freedom.

2020

Oldham County golfer Justin Thomas participated in the 2020 Olympic Games

in Tokyo and currently holds two major PGA Championship titles.

2024

Bicentennial Celebration of Oldham County

with dedication of the Greenways Bicentennial Trail for walkers and bicycle enthusiasts.





OLDHAM COUNTY

Annual Events

COME CELEBRATE WITH US - ALL ARE WELCOME!

ONGOING

Oldham Farm Tours

April to November

Farmers Markets

Every Saturday Mid-May to October

7 Quads Custom Car Shows

April to September

Pickin' on the Porch Concert Series

May to September

Historic Driving & Cemetery Tours with the Oldham Co. History Center

1 Trackside Tunes Summer Concert Series

May to September

4 Events at The Maples Park

April to September

ANNUAL EVENTS

FEBRUARY

La Grange Chocolate Crawl

Backyard Bird Count at Creasey Mahan

MARCH

South Oldham Rotary Scavenger Hunt

APRIL

5 Blue Hydrangea Progressive Tea
The Big Bloom at Yew Dell Gardens

MAY

Crestwood Art & Garden Market
La Grange Rail Fest

JUNE

2 La Grange ArtsFest
3 Arts on the Green at Maples Park
Children in the Dell at Yew Dell

JULY

Oldham County Day
Barney's Auto Fest
Quads, Rods and Custom Cars at Maples Park

AUGUST

Old Kentucky Home Bike Tour
Up, Up, and Away at Maples Park
Oldham County Fair

SEPTEMBER

Corn Island Storytelling Festival
Trackside Market
Rollin' in the Park Food Truck Fest

OCTOBER

Halloween MAINia
Skeleton 5K/Run/Walk & Spooktacular Festival
Halloweenie Pet Walk at Maples Park
Haunted Hike at Creasey Mahan Nature Preserve
Spirits of La Grange Ghost Tours
Pumpkins and Cars Car Show
6 Boo Dell at Yew Dell Botanical Gardens

NOVEMBER

Day of the Dead Celebration
Holiday Home Tour & Lunch
Light Up The Maples Park
(Thanksgiving Weekend)
Winter in Kentucky Artists Boutique at Gallery 104
Yuletide at Yew Dell Botanical Gardens

DECEMBER

Light Up La Grange
Nature of Christmas in Goshen
Holiday Tea at Hermitage Farm
Yuletide at Yew Dell Botanical Gardens
Festival of Nativities
Breakfast with the Grinch at the History Center

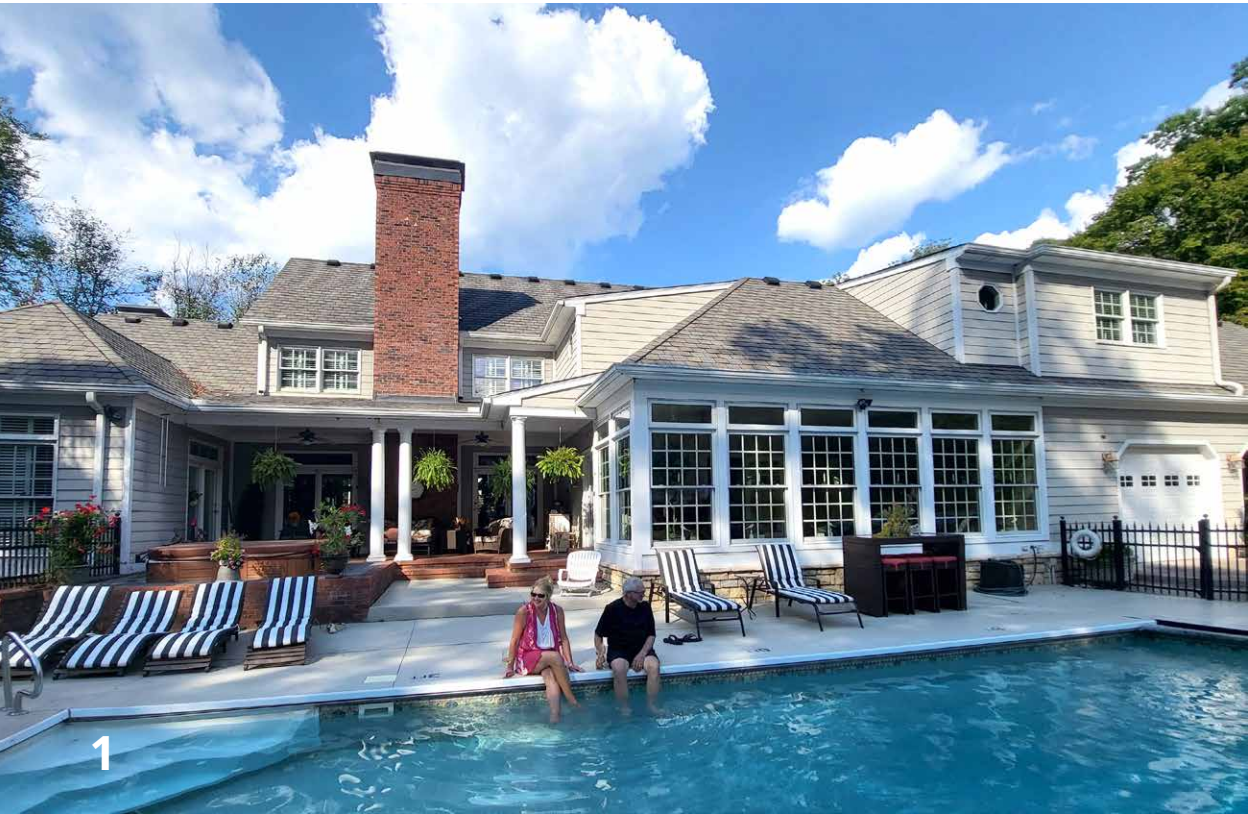
More Events
online!!



HOME

Away from home

More places
to stay
online!





DISCOVER YOUR SANCTUARY IN OLDHAM COUNTY — AN ESCAPE WHERE YOU CAN RECONNECT WITH YOUR LOVED ONES ON HORSE FARMS, THE COZY WARMTH OF INVITING CABINS, OR THE TRANQUIL BEAUTY OF RIVER VIEWS, WE PROVIDE THE PERFECT HAVEN FOR RELAXATION AND RENEWAL

Whether you crave the intimate vibe of the speakeasy at **3 Pillow and Paddock B&B**, the lively atmosphere of the working horse farms at **1 Bluegrass Country Estate** or **2 The Inn at Spring Run Farm**, or stunning river views from many of our vacation rentals, Oldham County is your ideal home away from home. With 60+ captivating Kentucky escapes to choose from, your perfect getaway awaits – **Only in Oldham!**

Experience the charm of Oldham County, where vacation home rentals create unforgettable memories of your Kentucky escape. From the historic elegance of the **8 Main House at Hermitage Farm**, dating back to the Civil War, to the whimsical folk Victorian **10 Lady Jinx**, each unique accommodation sets the stage for a perfect getaway with friends, family, or that special someone.

Wake up to the best river views at one of our many river retreats, such as **6 Hideaway by the River** or indulge in a serene riverside retreat where you can bring your boats and immerse yourself in nature at the **7 Peaceful, Riverfront Private Studio**.

Imagine unwinding in a cozy log cabin, complete with modern amenities, nestled on a picturesque farm with bison and horses grazing nearby, you'll find that at **5 Little Piece of Heaven**.

For those seeking something truly unique, be sure to explore the **11 Airstream Farm Stay**, **9 The Boathouse, The Coop**, or the fossil beds of **4 Fossil Creek!** And if you have a passion for trains, you won't want to miss **12 Brakeman's Cottage**, a delightful spot for two right on the tracks in La Grange.

The perfect Kentucky stay can be found in one place in Kentucky – **Only in Oldham.**



Hotels also available online!

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ONLY in Oldham

MEMORIES THAT CAN BE MADE IN JUST ONE PLACE!

Discover the enchanting allure of Oldham County, where unforgettable adventures and the warmth of its communities embrace you. This special corner of Kentucky draws visitors back time and time again, lured by magical moments that can be found in just one place. Only in Oldham.



FARM TOUR CAPITAL OF KENTUCKY

Since 2012, Oldham County has been known as the

1 Farm Tour Capital of Kentucky! With 15 hands-on farms and garden tours, including 5 thoroughbred horse farms and 4 farm bed and breakfasts, immerse yourself in the world of horses, bison, family dairies, organically grown foods, and beautiful nature preserves. Come learn about the entire life of a Kentucky racehorse in ONE place – **Only in Oldham!**



Oldham County is a vibrant reflection of its agricultural legacy and unique charm. **Oldham Farm Tours** invites visitors to experience the county through the largest collection of **hands-on** educational farm and garden tours in Kentucky, from bison and racehorses to botanical gardens and nature preserves. **Come Touch the Memories!**

In La Grange, a historic shopping & dining district comes alive with **2 freight trains** running ON its Main Street, a distinctive feature celebrated by HGTV. You can view this one-of-a-kind town on their Rail Cam and experience the **town's railroad history** at the La Grange Railroad Museum & Education Center! **Come Feel the Rumble!**



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3 **Yew Dell Botanical Gardens** showcases beauty and history as the **only botanical garden** in Kentucky on the National Historic Register, featuring a stunning **geothermal greenhouse** and an extensive **hellebore collection**.

The 5 **Oldham County History Center** highlights the largest whiskey jug collection in Kentucky and holds 2 significant **Underground Railroad designations** by the National Park Service Network to Freedom, honoring the past.

At **Woodland Farm**, vibrant **art installations** like giant pink snails, lime green rabbits and purple elephants enrich the landscape on this **bison farm** overlooking the Ohio River.

3rd Turn Oldham Gardens offers the **largest cultivated beer garden** (8+ acres) in Kentucky, complete with the longest communal table, fostering community and connection.

The **Kentucky Artisan Distillery** embodies craft spirit, offering tours and tastings of its exceptional products, including a **pre-prohibition bourbon** from Whiskey Row and a **bourbon aged at sea!**

Dining at **Barn8 Restaurant** at Hermitage Farm presents a delightful **farm-to-table** experience, while the Horse Carriages at Hermitage Farm showcases a remarkable collection of historical carriages, celebrating the region's heritage, including the famed MGM Studios carriage from *Gone with the Wind*.

Second Stride and the 6 **Sanctuary Farm at Chestnut Hall** are Oldham County's 2 racehorse retirement farms. Both farms are owned by the CEO of Churchill Downs racetrack, allowing these unique equine non-profits to operate on the farms. Both farms are part of the Oldham Farm Tours program!



KINDNESS CAPITAL OF KENTUCKY 4

La Grange, Oldham's county seat, gained recognition from HGTV and People magazine with their show, Hometown Kick Start. This 'kick start' continued to inspire the AlleyLoop project, vibrant murals celebrating community spirit. Explore the colorful transformations through the alleys of the quaint downtown and experience the unique charm of La Grange by the tracks – **Only in Oldham!**



EXPLORE 5 Passport Trails

Win
Prizes!

DISCOVER THE WONDERS OF OLDHAM COUNTY WITH 5 NEW PASSPORT TRAILS!

From spooky lore and gardens to train cars and nature preserves, our Trails were crafted for adventurers of all ages, leading you on an **unforgettable journey** to find the **hidden gems** in Oldham County. As you explore, you'll find the perfect blend of adventure and reward – **snap selfies** at each location to collect unique stickers or prizes along the way.



Ready to kickstart your Passport adventure? **Scan the QR code here** for a list of Trails that are perfect for you! Let the adventure begin!

BLUEGRASS TRAIN EXPERIENCE

Oldham County's **Train Lovers Trail** offers **3 stops with stickers** then continues on to 5 other communities with **thirteen train attractions**. Collect stickers for prizes, and visit the Oldham County Visitor Center in Maples Park for an additional prize just for stopping by!



KENTUCKY AFTER DARK

Explore Oldham County's spooky lore with the **KAD Passport!** Collect custom stickers at **2 spots** in Oldham County, snap a selfie, and receive a special gift at the Oldham County Visitor Center just for visiting! There are 40+ stops in this Passport – continue to other communities if you dare!



KENTUCKY GARDEN TRAIL

Explore **2 Oldham County gardens** that are included in the **12 Kentucky gardens** and arboreta along the Kentucky Garden Trail. Enjoy unique plant collections and historic sites. **Plan Your Visit** to 9 communities for collectible stickers and prizes! Start in Oldham County at Creasey Mahan Nature Preserve and Yew Dell Botanical Gardens for your Passport!

KENTUCKY BLACK TRAILBLAZERS

Discover **3 Oldham County Black Trailblazers** in augmented reality! Receive a prize at the Oldham County Visitor Center in the Maples Park after snapping selfies at each. The Experience continues on to 5 communities surrounding Oldham County for a total of 19 trailblazers.



LEWIS & CLARK JUNIOR EXPLORER

This Trail through Oldham County invites **ages 6 to 15 (anyone really!)** to explore our beautiful parks and farms to discover the history of Lewis and Clark. Get your **Activity Guide** to unearth fossils, bats, bison, and more while completing activities to earn an official **Junior Explorer pin!**



GOLF & Disc Golf

TEE UP TO 6 OLDHAM COUNTY GOLF EXPERIENCES

*From accommodations to booking prime tee times, indulge in exquisite bourbon tastings, and exploring scenic horse farms, with the help of Oldham County Tourism. Get ready to elevate your golf trip and enjoy all that Oldham County has to offer in the perfect **Oldham County Stay & Play**.*

Embark on an exhilarating golfing weekend at Oldham County's **Golden Tee Driving Range** in Crestwood, the only range open year-round from dawn till dusk. With a sprawling 350+ yard range, grass and mat hitting areas, along with putting and chipping greens, it's the perfect setting to refine your skills.

Discover the charm of **2 Sleepy Hollow Golf Course** in Prospect, where a unique 9-hole layout unfolds amid rolling terrain and tree-lined fairways. This course, stretching over 3206 yards, presents an exciting challenge with its greens and water hazards, welcoming all without the need for tee times.

Just down the street from Sleepy Hollow is **1 Nevel Meade Golf Club**, a stunning Scottish links-style course surrounded by breathtaking scenery, deep



bunkers, and expansive heather grass areas, inviting you to elevate your game.

Experience the tranquil beauty of **Eagle Creek Golf Course**, an 18-hole public paradise and new clubhouse that harmonizes nature with sport, featuring Bermuda fairways and bent grass greens, all while wrapped in the serenity of lush woods.

3 Oldham County Country Club is an 18-hole golf course where numerous greenside bunkers guard the fairly small greens, making this course more fun or challenging, depending on your skill level.

Lastly, explore the **Wendell Moore Disc Golf Course**, the newest gem in Oldham County with great reviews, where adventure awaits within a vibrant public park, thanks to the dedication of a local Eagle Scout.



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off I-71

LA GRANGE

Historic Main Street

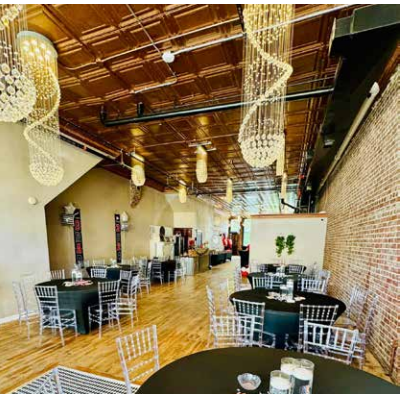
DOWNTOWN LA GRANGE



Our quaint, very walkable Main Street is filled with **unique boutiques, awesome restaurants, and museums & art galleries** on both sides of the street, as featured on HGTV by People Magazine's "Home Town Kick Start." You will want to check out AlleyLoop's mural projects that brighten the alleys!



Don't miss these Main Street merchants voted "Best Of" Oldham County: **La Grange Coffee Roasters, Simply Blessed Boutique, Out of the Blue** for a local gift, and **Red Pepper Deli** for a quick lunch. You'll find **Madeline's Nibbles, Ernestos**, and be sure to try **One Nineteen West Main's** Kentucky Bacon Pie®, featured on the Cooking Channel's "The Best Thing I Ever Ate."



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TRAINS *on Main*

HISTORIC LA GRANGE SHOPPING & DINING DISTRICT

Experience the vibrant, Mayberry-esque charm of **historic La Grange**, our county seat, where shopping and dining come alive with the thrilling **ambiance of trains** rolling through 20+ times a day! Located at exit 22 off I-71, La Grange boasts the **only remaining street runner** on Main Street in America, making it a unique hotspot for tourists and photographers alike. Witness iconic trains as they pass through town, or catch the action live on **Virtual Railfan!**

Are you a **train enthusiast**? Book an unforgettable overnight stay at one of the **charming vacation rentals** conveniently located by the tracks. Head to the **Train Observation Tower**, located in front of Main Street Bourbon and Ale House, just down from **Emerge Escape Room**, where you can enjoy delicious bites while soaking up views from spacious decks. With a speed limit of just 10 mph downtown, you'll have plenty of time to take in the sights as trains glide past mom-and-pop shops, galleries, and restaurants with seating by the tracks.

Don't miss the **La Grange Railroad Museum & Education Center**, just a stone's throw from Main Street. This captivating destination is a dream for history buffs and train aficionados alike. Explore outdoor rolling stock, including a classic steam engine and dining car, and enjoy fascinating railroad artifacts along with extensive model train layouts. Get ready for an adventure in La Grange!



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BOURBON & Brews

OLDHAM COUNTY'S BOURBON - A personal experience as uncommon as bourbons themselves

On your tour of **Kentucky Artisan Distillery** in Crestwood, you'll experience a bourbon distillery up close and personal, as if you were a distiller yourself. Built as a distillery first, KAD offers tours that take you right to the actual equipment, with no glass barriers! Walk through the lab and ask distillers any burning questions you have, often meeting head distiller Jade Peterson during the tour. Kentucky Artisan produces renowned brands like **Jefferson's** bourbons, **Whiskey Row** pre-prohibition bourbon, and **Billy Goat Strut** North American Whiskey. Don't miss this unique favorite on the **Kentucky Bourbon Trail® Craft Tour** and discover the passion behind every sip!

KENTUCKY'S LARGEST BEER GARDEN - AN 8.6-ACRE EXPERIENCE

Since there is nothing like getting a beer fresh from the source, **3rd Turn Oldham Gardens'** brewers have focused their attention on kegging beer and serving exclusively on-site...in gorgeous connected greenhouses, that is! 3rd Turn offers **32 taps** featuring a mix of its beers. Also enjoy bourbon and fruit slushies, regular special events, live music on the outdoor stage, fire pits, and versatile event space year-round! During the spring don't miss fragrant wisteria growing overhead!



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Farm Fresh IN OLDHAM

OLDHAM COUNTY CAPTURES THE ESSENCE OF THE FARM EXPERIENCE, WHERE EVERY MEAL, FARM STAY, AND TOUR TELLS A STORY OF DEDICATION, HARD WORK, AND A PASSION FOR THE SIMPLE LIFE.

No one embodies the essence of the **farm-fresh** experience quite like Oldham County! With one of the finest farmers markets in Kentucky located in downtown La Grange, they elevate your **connection to the land** even further.

Known as the **Farm Tour Capital of Kentucky**, our educational and interactive farm tours offer an intimate glimpse into our vibrant animals, lush gardens, and fruitful orchards, allowing you to appreciate the unwavering passion of our **dedicated farmers**. Picture yourself visiting a working dairy farm, feeding calves, milking a cow, and learning **from the farmer** how **award-winning artisan** cheeses and yogurt come to life, then savoring the results!

Our spectacular bison farm tour, overlooking the majestic Ohio River, not only enlightens you about



bison but also showcases their organic orchard, heirloom produce, and heritage pork breeds that grace the plates of restaurants across the state. And let's not overlook the captivating art that adorns the farms!

Oldham County proudly offers the only opportunity in Kentucky to experience the entire **Life of a Racehorse**! Enjoy a wagon ride around a historic thoroughbred farm that has raised **Triple Crown winners**,

then explore a farm showcasing **all horse breeds** and the prestigious shows to which they contribute.

Stay in one of our charming **farm bed & breakfasts** to awaken on a Kentucky horse farm, followed by a **scrumptious breakfast** of comforting Kentucky cuisine.

Prepare for an unforgettable **farm-to-table dinner** at Barn8 restaurant at Hermitage Farm, a thoroughbred horse farm visited by Queen Elizabeth.

Hermitage transformed one of their barns to provide a truly unparalleled **Farm Fresh Experience!** Dine in a horse stall, sip on artisan cocktails crafted from farm-fresh ingredients, and stroll through the woods of the farm to enjoy **ArtWalk**, a mesmerizing laser light show along the creek.





Oldham County FARM TOURS

ANIMAL FARM TOURS

1 Highpointe Farm Training Center

Have you ever wondered what the inner workings of the Thoroughbred Racing industry looked like? Join us for a farm tour and experience an all-access view of our 235 acre working Thoroughbred Race Horse Training Facility!

2 Harvest Moon Dairy Farm & Cheese

At Harvest Moon Farm and Dairy, they love what they do, and it shows! They enjoy teaching about life as a working dairy and showing the process of how their milk gets to your favorite grocery! Tours are educational and offer hands-on experiences such as making corn meal or ice cream, milking and feeding the animals.

3 Hermitage Farm & Barn8

(Historic Farm & Restaurant)
Once visited by Queen Elizabeth II, Kentucky's historic Hermitage Farm is a working thoroughbred horse operation, farm-to-table restaurant, botanical garden, 1835 home, and farm store. Get a closer look into the inner workings of Kentucky's famed racehorse farm, do a bourbon tasting, order a boxed lunch, and tour the farm on a flatbed tractor.

Dropseed Native Plant Nursery & Farm

Dropseed Native Plant Nursery produces native plants and seed for restoration and home landscaping projects. Visitors can tour the gardens, greenhouses, and seed production plots. Bonus Tour: While on site, see the farming activities at Field 51 Produce, a farm sharing the same property producing vegetables, chickens and sheep.

6 Second Stride Retired Horse Farm

Second Stride is a national equine adoption program focused on the rehabilitation, retraining, and placement of retired thoroughbred racehorses. They connect people, including racing fans, with thoroughbreds preparing for new careers. With a commitment to providing quality care and training, Second Stride has successfully placed over 1,800 thoroughbreds with qualified adopters across the country.

4 Woodland Bison Farm

3-Part Educational Tour with gorgeous views of the Ohio River

TRF Sanctuary Farm at Chestnut Hall

Retired Racehorses

Meet 10 retired thoroughbred racehorses who are living out their days in peace in the beauty of the Chestnut Hall Farm. Guests will be greeted at the Barn at Chestnut Hall where they will learn about the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation (TRF) and the Thoroughbred Aftercare industry that cares for these majestic equine athletes when their racing careers are done.

5 Windy Meadows Horse Farm

Horse lovers of all ages will enjoy the stories about life on the Windy Meadows farm seen and told through the eyes of its animals. This fabulous horse farm tour showcases horses of ALL breeds and tells the story of each gorgeous one. You will learn the REAL story about living the life being part of the Kentucky horse industry...not just about racing!



FOODIE FARM TOURS

Harvest Moon Dairy Farm & Cheese

Hermitage Farm's Barn8 Restaurant

A unique dining destination housed in a converted historic horse stable, Barn8 at Hermitage Farm is a new farm-to-table restaurant boasting all locally sourced ingredients, a gourmet farm-fresh menu, and a full bar with hand-crafted artisan cocktails and bourbons from the Kentucky Bourbon Trail®.

Woodland Farm

Kentucky Artisan Distillery

Kentucky Artisan Distillery is Kentucky's ONLY true farm-to-table distillery! It's a very unique place in the world of distillery tours. This ice cream factory-turned-distillery started out as a contract bottler and distiller for many different customers.

7 3rd Turn Oldham Gardens Craft Brewery

8.6 acres of gorgeous, cultivated gardens in greenhouses at the state's largest beer garden!



The Passion of Our Farmers

HARVEST MOON DAIRY & CHEESE

Harvest Moon Farm is home to a small batch artisan cheese-making operation. They make a variety of traditional cheeses, including Cheddar, Swiss, and Gouda. To spice things up, they have Jalapeno, Garlic, Black pepper and Garlic pepper goudas. Our plain Gouda and Jalapeno are also smoked to add additional flavor profiles to our products. Because their cheese is made from fresh milk right from their cows, they can also offer fresh Cheddar Cheese Curds. Tuscan Garlic and Sweet & Spicy flavors are also added to the curds to produce some more great snacking options.

Their head cheesemaker has **won numerous awards** for his cheeses. His small batch, hand stretched mozzarella and the sweet, nutty flavored Swiss cheese have both won gold medals. You can **purchase cheese from their farm** or at many local stores, including 60+ Krogers.

MEET your farmers



**BOB & ANGIE
KLINGENFUS**

Harvest Home Dairy and Harvest Moon Farm and have been in operation since 1972 and are operated by Bob and Angie Klingenfus. Their 300-acre farm sits on a scenic hillside in beautiful Oldham County, KY and is home to 50 Holstein and Jersey cross cows.

SECOND STRIDE, INC.

Second Stride is a national **equine adoption** program focused on the rehabilitation, retraining, and placement of retired thoroughbred racehorses. They connect people, including racing fans, with **thoroughbreds** preparing for new careers. With a commitment to providing quality care and training, Second Stride has successfully placed over **1,800 thoroughbreds** with qualified adopters across the country.

MEET your farmer



KIM SMITH

Kim has been a long-standing thoroughbred industry service provider since becoming the stable manager at the Kentucky Derby Museum early in her career. There, she implemented adoptable horses into the museum's tour program, and this led her to create Moserwood Farms LLC, a broodmare care, foaling, breaking, and lay-up facility near Churchill Downs. Kim passed her Kentucky Racing Commission trainer's test and is the Founder and Executive Director of Second Stride, Inc., a 501(c)(3) transitional safety net aftercare program for thoroughbred horses. Since its founding in 2005, Second Stride has grown into a leading national equine adoption program by horsemen for horsemen.



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MEET *your farmer*



KRISTOPHER KELLEY

Kristopher manages *Woodland Farm*, a 1000-acre farm that raises bison, heritage hogs, free-range chickens, and cattle while also growing vegetables and harvesting honey. He focuses on sustainable practices and community education. While in college, he founded Kelley Green Biofuel, converting cooking grease into biofuel. Additionally, Kristopher owns Full Stop Station—a modern convenience store with electric car chargers, local food, and great coffee—and manages a meat processing plant and several land preservation projects.

WOODLAND BISON FARM

This tour is so much more than just bison! The **Woodland Farm** tour offers three parts to its fascinating tour that offers views of the Ohio River.

Part 1 focuses on pasture-raised bison and laying hens, highlighting intensive rotational grazing and the benefits of pastured chickens. **Part 2** covers horticulture, emphasizing organic produce cultivation without synthetic fertilizers or chemicals. **Part 3** explores pasture-raised heritage hogs, including a visit to the river bottoms to see pigs at various life stages. The tour provides insights into organics, heirlooms, and conservation, alongside a farm store for purchasing products.

HERMITAGE FARM

In addition to raising thoroughbred racehorses, you can enjoy a **self-guided tour** or book a **guided** one to learn about sustainable practices like biological pest control and crop rotation. Their gardens supply **Barn8 Restaurant** and the **Farm Store**, with hand-picked items. Advanced technology enables year-round growing in a **glass greenhouse** that mimics three climate zones, providing citrus and greens even in winter.



MEET *your farmer*



STEPHANIE TITTLE

The director of horticulture at *Hermitage Farm* is an Oldham County native. Stephanie grew up in Pewee Valley, where her family still lives. She discovered a love for having her hands in the dirt at the heels of her grandfather as he worked in his garden at Lake Louisville—back when there was an actual lake there. Today, she loves tending the gardens at Hermitage Farm, caring for plants from seed to maturity, and sharing her passion for gardening with people who might not realize what magic can be found there, and to hopefully inspire them to create their own gardens.

She enjoys watching plants change from season to season. In her tours

she likes to stress that there's no reason to be afraid of gardening, that it doesn't require a green thumb, and that sometimes one must kill a plant or two in order to learn how to garden. Experimentation to discover what works is key.

Stephanie enjoys propagating plants from seed, cuttings, and grafts; she hopes that visitors to Hermitage Farm leave motivated to add fruits and vegetables to their own ornamental garden.

She's really proud to work for people who want to preserve the land in Oldham County from development—an issue that is close to her heart.



GARDEN TOURS & Nature Preserves

COME TIPTOE THROUGH THE TULIPS
ON THE BEST GARDEN TOURS IN KENTUCKY

2 Stops on
the **NEW!**
Kentucky
Garden Trail

Oldham County, Kentucky, is a treasure trove of stunning garden tours waiting to be explored. Experience the beauty of display gardens, engage in enlightening educational programs, and enjoy family-oriented events amid a remarkable array of private venues. From the research gardens at Yew Dell to the enchanting Garden and Landscape Tour at Hermitage Farm, let your heart soar as you gain inspiring insights into the world of gardening in the **Farm Tour Capital of Kentucky!**

GARDEN TOURS

YEW DELL BOTANICAL GARDENS

Yew Dell is a nationally-recognized center of gardening and sustainable horticulture that offers extensive display gardens, a diverse slate of educational programs, family-oriented community events, ongoing research into new and better garden plants, and a wide range of private event facilities.



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MEET your farmers



JEFF MARGREITER &
SAYDE HECKMAN

Yew Dell Botanical Gardens has a rich history in farming the best plants for your gardens. Located on the property of the late **Theodore Klein**, he and his family ran a successful farm and nursery through the mid to late 1900s.

Decades later, Klein's passion for growing crops of plants for people's yards and gardens continues with our Nursery and Greenhouse Manager, **Jeff Margreiter**. He found his passion for the outdoors and propagating plants while in college in Alabama as well as a love for collaborating with others and helping people find plants that perform best in our region- annuals, perennials, edibles, trees, shrubs, and everything in between!

As any farmer knows, raising crops takes collaboration, and Jeff works with our Gardens & Arboretum Manager, **Sayde Heckman**. Her work inspires people to try gardening in new ways with plants available in our nursery. Her connection to plants started with her local FFA chapter in Missouri and she loves seeing people enjoy the gardens she manages.

Both Jeff and Sayde enjoy sharing their **passion for plants and gardening** while helping others find theirs whether it be in ecological farming, connecting with nature, or having some really cool plants.

CREASEY MAHAN NATURE PRESERVE

Creasey Mahan Nature Preserve is a 170-acre scenic and popular destination. If you love gardening, you will want to check out Youtube for videos, **“Take a Walk with Tavia,”** and follow Executive Director, Tavia Brown through her home garden and the gardens of the Preserve! With 9 miles of **wooded trails**, 4 year-round springs, creeks and ponds, **picnic pavilions** and native grasslands, there are many recreational opportunities for the entire family. Beautiful gardens feature native woodland wildflowers, ferns, creeks and **waterfalls**.



MEET *your farmer*



**TAVIA
CATHCART
BROWN**

When Tavia first explored the 170-acres at Creasey Mahan Nature Preserve in June 2008, she discovered a pristine slope covered in thousands of wildflowers leading to a babbling creek. She knew at that moment she wanted to bring that hidden beauty forward so more people could behold the wonders of nature.

She brought to Creasey Mahan a reverence of native wildflowers, having co-authored the field guide, “Wildflowers of Tennessee, the Ohio Valley, and Southern Appalachians,” as well as the natural history book, “Bernheim Arboretum and Research Forest.”

In 2010, Tavia saw a photo of a stream surrounded by foamflowers (*Tiarella cordifolia*), which inspired the creation of Creasey Mahan’s two-acre Woodland Garden, featuring thousands of gorgeous wildflowers and ferns. She likes to say the

garden may have begun with the seed of an idea, but it has grown and flourished thanks to hard-working and inspiring volunteer gardeners, staff, and generous donors.

Tavia’s vision for Creasey Mahan has been to serve as many people in the community as possible through innovative educational programs and naturalist-led hikes, as well as installing the ADA-accessible Forest Friends Playground and the Rockasaurus Natural Playscape. Nine miles of trails meander through woodlands and native meadows.

When you visit, you’ll likely find Tavia in the Woodland Garden, leading a tour or pausing to admire a wildflower, butterfly, or bird. Her enthusiasm is contagious. Don’t be surprised if you find yourself wanting to spend more time in the garden, sharing your own gardening stories.





OLDHAM'S *Arts & Culture*

COME FEEL THE HEARTBEAT OF OUR VIBRANT COUNTY IN EVERY BRUSHSTROKE AND SCULPTURE, WHERE EACH PIECE TELLS A STORY, REFLECTING THE PASSION AND CREATIVITY OF OUR COUNTY'S RICH HISTORY AND SPIRIT

Oldham County boasts a lively small-town art scene, featuring **galleries** such as **5 Gallery 104** in La Grange, which is operated by the Arts Association of Oldham County. The county also showcases **colorful outdoor art**, including alley murals, giant fluorescent rabbits and snails, and contemporary laser light shows. Our newest artist collaborative studio and gallery opened in Oldham County's river town of Westport, by *husband and wife artists*, **3 David & Terri Sierra**.

Oldham County is also home to various recognizable talented artists, including **2 Michael Prather**, official artist of the **Kentucky Derby Museum's Winner's Circle Exhibit** and owner of **Mainly Creative** on

Main Street in La Grange. You'll also find *Master Milliner, Jenny Pfanenstiel, Official Milliner of the Kentucky Derby*, and her husband *Bart*, at **1 Judith M.'s Millinery Supply** on Main Street.

The **4 Oldham County Schools Arts Center** serves as an innovative hub for arts education, offering a range of programs and community partnerships. This center features **performances** and **studios** designed to foster creativity and collaboration.

Check the Calendar of Events for Oldham County's popular **art festivals** such as *Arts on the Green, ArtsFest, Art & Garden Markets, and ArtoberFest*.



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BUCKNER

Exits 17 & 18
off I-71

IN THE HEART OF BUCKNER, THE 1800S BORE WITNESS TO THE BIRTH OF SOMETHING EXTRAORDINARY—ITS VERY FIRST COMMERCIAL WINERY, A SANCTUARY WHERE STORIES WERE SHARED OVER CLINKING GLASSES"

HISTORY

Buckner, originally called **La Fayetteville**, began as an agricultural settlement. The first settlers arrived via the Old Brownsboro Road, with Elijah Gabriel Overstreet and his wife, Martha Patsy Hawkins Overstreet were among the earliest inhabitants. By 1826, the community featured essential services such as a blacksmith shop, church, tavern and Overstreet's Grocery, run by Mitchell Overstreet. His son, Mitchell R. Overstreet, laid out the town of Buckner.

The area grew with the arrival of the railroad around 1850, when Mitchell R. sold 10 acres to the Louisville-Frankfort Railroad. The town had a post office and was known as **Buckner Station**. By 1880, Buckner had two churches, two distilleries, and a seminary, thanks in part to its productive grape industry. In 1886, **John George Klein** purchased land and established the **first commercial winery** in Oldham County, having emigrated from **Germany's Rhine Valley**. Another notable figure was Frederick Otto Klostermann, who along with his wife, Henrietta Lefevre, also contributed to the local grape-growing efforts, expanding their vineyards by leasing land from other farmers due to high demand for their wine.

TODAY

Buckner has managed to hang on to its small town charm, but has become home to big things! Here you'll find Buckner Elementary, patio homes, and new storage units, but don't miss the **Buckner hidden gems** that might not jump out as you pass, such as the **3 NEW Food Truck Lot!**

Noteable tourist favorites in the area include: **5 Frascelli's NY Deli & Pizza** and **4 Delizie Italiane**. And don't miss 2 tucked away shopping gems... **1 JL Interiors** and **2 Mainstream Boutique**.

There has been new history uncovered recently (including a newly found Buckner cemetery) that predates the 1800's history we knew! We look forward to researching that history and updating it.



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CRESTWOOD



A TOWN CALLED "WHISKERS"



HISTORIC BUILDING

PRESERVING CRESTWOOD'S HISTORIC MOSS & GIBSON'S GARAGE

Moss & Gibson's Garage was located in Crestwood in the 1930's with the advent of the automobile. Today, the original building still sits on Railroad Avenue next to the Maples Park. We are hoping someone purchases the building to preserve this historic piece of Crestwood!



HISTORY

In the 1850s, Crestwood, originally known as **Beard's Station**, was a thriving area rich in hardwood trees. The land's development was spearheaded by Joseph Beard, a philanthropist who donated land for the railroad extension from Louisville to Frankfort, which opened in 1851. This railroad transformed Beard's Station into a vital stop, linking it to the rest of Kentucky and making it one of the few privately owned railway stations of the era.

As the station grew in importance, it attracted tourists from Louisville looking for a tranquil escape in the countryside. The community boasted numerous businesses, including a post office, distilleries, dairies, and a bank dating 1869. In 1880, the name was shortened to "Beard," whimsically referred to as "Whiskers" by train conductors.

The arrival of the Louisville, **Anchorage & Pewee Valley Electric Railway** (Interurban) in 1901 marked a significant shift in transportation, and in 1909, the community was officially renamed **Crestwood**, reflecting its elevated location. Passenger train service continued until the Great Depression, after which freight trains took over.

In 1969, Interstate 71 opened, and a train derailment caused a significant incident in the town. Today, CSX freight trains operate where passenger trains once ran, with a pavilion now located near the site of the former depot.

TODAY

You'll find these notable tourist favorites in Crestwood: **1 7 The Maples Park** (Crestwood's city park), **6 Yew Dell Botanical Gardens**, **5 3rd Turn Brewing Oldham Gardens**, **3 Kentucky Artisan Distillery**, **2 Crestwood Mercantile**, **8 Veterans Memorial Park of Kentucky**, **Sugar Babe Antiques**, various mom-and-pop restaurants such as **Red Pepper Deli**, **Crestwood Bistro**, **A Taste of Thai**, and **Hometown Pizza**, to name a few, **4 Duncan Memorial Chapel** in Floydsburg Cemetery, four public schools, **Oldham County Arts Center**, **Reardon's Fruit Market & Garden Center**, many vacation rentals, and event spaces.



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GOSHEN

Located off I-71
Exit 14 via HWY 329
or Exit 18 via HWY 393

A LUSH GREEN SCENIC BYWAY THROUGH HORSE COUNTRY

KY Black
Trailblazers
AR Experience
Site

HORSE FARM

HERMITAGE FARM

Once visited by Queen Elizabeth, this Oldham Farm Tour offers a unique opportunity to experience the renowned thoroughbred racehorse operations in an exquisite setting. Visitors can get up close and personal to racehorses, savor organic farm-to-table dining at the acclaimed Barn8 restaurant, indulge in Kentucky bourbon tastings, and even rent the historic main house for a memorable stay. Additionally, contemporary artwork enhances the farm's charm. Throughout the year, Hermitage hosts various events that not only showcase the beauty of the farm but also emphasize the critical importance of land conservation.



HISTORY

Goshen, the proud home of pro golfer Justin Thomas, was founded in 1849 as Saltillo, named for a Mexican city significant to the 1847 Battle of Buena Vista during the Mexican-American War. In 1851, it adopted the name Goshen, inspired by the biblical Land of Goshen, celebrated for its fertile soil, following the opening of a post office at the historic Goshen General Store. The town was formally incorporated in 1990, marking an important milestone.

TODAY

Explore the vibrant new additions to the old Goshen General Store historic building, including **5 Market on 42**, **3 Goshen Taproom**, and **7 Dean's Ice Cream**. Known for its stunning horse farms along U.S. Highway 42, one of the most notable is **4 Barn8 Restaurant** at Hermitage Farm. While visiting, don't miss the immersive award-winning augmented reality experience, **Oldham's Kentucky Black Trailblazer**, Eliza Brooks, at **Shiloh Methodist Church**, and the delicious offerings at **Bully's BBQ** – try the pork BBQ stuffed baked potato or the unforgettable fried fish sandwich.

As you drive up Highway 42 (historically known as Derby Highway), don't be surprised to see bison along the fence! There you will find another historic 1840s land grant and Goshen gem – the 1,000 acre **6 Woodland Farm**, the largest Kentucky property on the National Register of Historic Places. It showcases American Buffalo and sustainable gardens, raising heritage pork, bison and organic produce for their farm market and local restaurants, including sister farm, Hermitage Farm.

Goshen also features charming **vacation rentals** on the Ohio River, North Oldham High School, an upcoming state-of-the-art **Oldham County Public Library** – Goshen Branch, and **2 Land O Goshen** event space, creating a community where history and inspiration thrive.

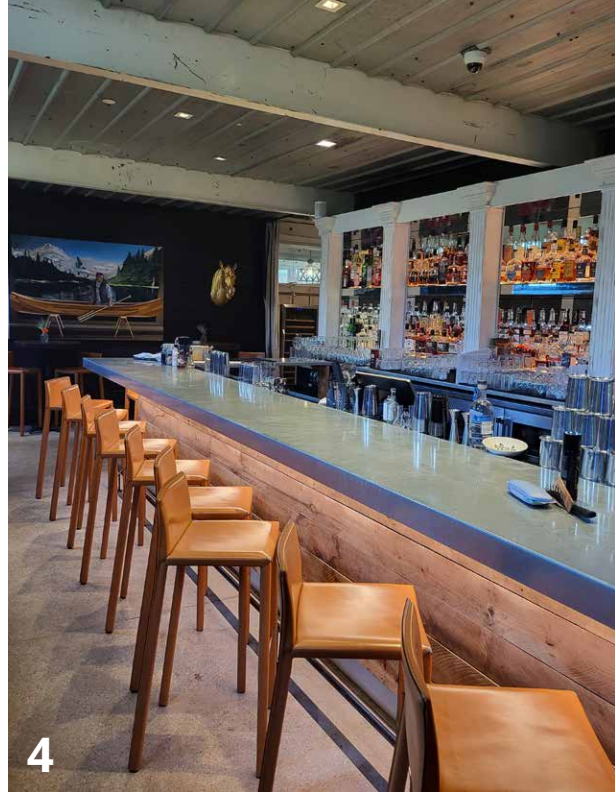
TAKE A WALK IN NATURE

1 CREASEY MAHAN NATURE PRESERVE

In 1975, Virginia Creasey Mahan and Howard Mahan established the Preserve on their farm as a gift to nature lovers. Spanning 168 acres, it features winding trails, woodlands, wetlands, meadows, songbirds, and a stream. The Mahans' colonial home and springhouse enhance the landscape. The site includes a Woodland Garden, Nature Center, and Forest Friends Playground, making it family-friendly, dusk to dawn, 365 days per year. The Preserve hosts numerous events throughout the year, providing a beautiful destination for all.



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LA GRANGE

Exit 22
off I-71

KINDNESS CAPITAL OF KENTUCKY

NEW!
Bluegrass Train
Experience Trail

THE KIND SISTERS

BE KIND STORY

Two sisters, Raegan and Rilyn, starting promoting kindness in Oldham County through their initiative, Be Kind Oldham County, inspired by a sign they saw in Larue County. They hand-paint signs that said "be kind," with support from their family. Within a week, they sold nearly 100 signs and gained over 500 Facebook followers.

An anonymous donor helped to place a Be Kind sign at every Oldham County school to encourage kindness among students. The signs were sold for \$10, with proceeds supporting local charities. Raegan and Rilyn emphasize that small gestures can make a significant impact.

As a result, La Grange was visited by HGTV after a local initiative to promote La Grange as the Kindness Capital of Kentucky.



HISTORY

Oldham County is named in honor of Lt. Col. William Oldham, a captain in the Revolutionary War who died at St. Clair's Defeat in 1791. The county was established 33 years later. Known as "The Crossroads," La Grange served as a rest stop due to its central location between Louisville, New Castle, Westport, and Shelbyville. In 1827, land surveyor William Taylor proposed the name La Grange and donated land to make La Grange the county seat. The town **derives its name** from Château de la Grange-Bléneau, the French country estate of the **Marquis de Lafayette**, who had visited the area in 1824.

The construction of the **Louisville and Frankfort Railroad** in the 1850s transformed La Grange, leading to economic growth through increased agricultural production and tobacco sales. Although the town faced poverty during the Civil War due to reduced sales to the South, it became a junction town in 1869 with the addition of another railroad line.

TODAY

Historic downtown La Grange features a unique attraction where up to 23 freight **trains pass through the center of Main Street daily**. Although the CSX trains are not passenger trains and operate without a schedule, the town attracts many visitors, including those watching the Virtual Railfan street cam. La Grange offers a variety of shops, galleries, restaurants, vacation rentals, and hotels. Additionally, visitors can explore the **Oldham County History Center Campus** located by **Springs Park** for more historical insights about the area.

Within walking distance of our quaint downtown, you will find the state-of-the-art event center, **1 CityPlace Expo Center** where many La Grange events are held just off historic Main Street. You will also find the **2 Oldham County History Center Campus** and the gorgeous new **3 La Grange Springs Park & Pavilion** on one side of the railroad tracks. On the opposite end of Main Street, you must visit the **5 La Grange Railroad Museum and Learning Center**.

Another *really popular* TRUE hidden gem is **4 The La Grange Quarry**, an adults-only summer floating spot! On the other side of the I-71 overpass than historic downtown, you will find the newly renovated **6 Eagle Creek Golf Course**, owned by the City of La Grange. Don't miss Kentucky's newest drive-in movie theater, **Sauerbeck Family Drive-In!**



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PEWEE VALLEY

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off I-71

LAND OF THE LITTLE COLONEL

NEW! Bluegrass
Train Experience
Passport Site

CHILDREN'S BOOK

THE LITTLE COLONEL

"The Little Colonel" by Annie Fellows Johnston, a children's book, was first published in 1895 and became the *"Harry Potter"* of its time. The book's success led to the publication of 11 more books in the *"Little Colonel"* series and a children's diary, paper dolls, card games, puzzles, and postcards. In 1935, the book was adapted into a movie starring Shirley Temple, also titled, *"The Little Colonel."* The Pewee Valley Museum has a collection of works by Johnston, Shirley Temple dolls, memorabilia from the movie, the real Little Colonel's baby buggy, and official postcards and toys.



HISTORY

Pewee Valley is a place where history whispers through the trees and every corner tells a story. Oldham County's original train **community** invites all who visit to step back in time and experience a rich tapestry of heritage. With its passenger trains and trendy train depot, Pewee Valley was not just a real-life setting for romantic tales by *"The Little Colonel"* author, **Annie Fellows Johnston**, Pewee Valley repeatedly calls you back to its roots. It is a super cute, quaint town and once a sought-after luxurious country escape for the wealthy in Louisville. It was a place that resonated with the spirit of the late 18th century, a time of change and progress from **railroad to automobile**.

As you stroll through the cute streets lined with historic gingerbread-designed homes featured in *"The Little Colonel"* series you can almost hear the echoes of the past. Each building has a tale to tell—of families, dreams, and the passage of time, **Little Colonel Playhouse**, one of the oldest community theaters in Kentucky, being one example. Pewee Valley is not just a location; it's a living narrative shaped by the generations that have called it home.

From past luxury of passenger trains, ice cream, and gossip at the depot, and the town's main characters from the Little Colonel as your neighbor, to its **Central Park** at the historic site of the **Kentucky Confederate Home**, and **Kentucky's only Confederate Cemetery** down the street, Pewee Valley still has the charm, feel, and promise to take you back to a simpler time and place. Visit the red caboose for the perfect Pewee Valley selfie and pick up your fun **Bluegrass Train Experience Passport** from the Oldham County Tourism office to start collecting train stickers across Kentucky!

TODAY

Pewee Valley has been able to keep its small-town charm thanks to a community interested in preserving its history. You can drive through its backroads and side streets for a taste of days gone by.

The historic Train Depot is now a popular event space called **3 314 Exchange** with a vacation rental overhead and cool outdoor spaces that border Pewee's **7 Central Park**. You will pass by **2 The Cottage at Tingles**, a popular antique and home furnishings spot, on your way to **8 Pewee Valley's historic downtown** where you'll find the **6 Red Caboose**, and the **1 Little Colonel Playhouse**, one of Kentucky's longest running community theaters.

Across the street from Central Park, you will see a centerpiece of Pewee Valley, **5 St. Aloysius Catholic Church**. Tucked away out of site, you will find the state's only true **4 Confederate Cemetery**, a stop on your tour of Pewee Valley that should not be missed. You will also want to stop by City Hall to take a look at the charming Pewee Valley Museum inside.



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PROSPECT

FROM THE TRACK TO TRANQUILITY: OLDHAM COUNTY'S SANCTUARY FOR RETIRED RACEHORSES

UNIQUE B & B

THE INN AT SPRING RUN FARM

Beautifully restored, historical elements such as the original ash floor, stone fireplaces and hand-hewn log walls were uncovered! The floors, fireplaces and log walls were beautifully restored in several parts of the bed and breakfast and define the Kentucky charm you can expect at The Inn at Spring Run Farm.



FARM FOR RETIRED RACEHORSES

SANCTUARY FARM AT CHESTNUT HALL

The horses of the historic Chestnut Hall serve as ambassadors for Thoroughbred aftercare to educate race fans and the community about these equine athletes. Throughout the year, they welcome visitors as part of Oldham Farm Tours and for special events to meet the horses and to learn about the life of a racehorse.

HISTORY

Prospect is a unique area that is partly located in Oldham County and partly in Louisville (Jefferson County). The name "Prospect" comes from Latin and French terms that suggest views and looking forward, reflecting the area's scenic perspectives.

Historically, the area was primarily rural, made up of farmland owned by local farmers and a few affluent commuting families until the mid-1960s. The growth of Prospect was slow until the early 1900s when the railroad significantly contributed to its development. The introduction of the interurban train line between 1910 and 1934 played a crucial role in increasing the population by facilitating the transport of goods to and from Louisville, as well as moving agricultural products to market. Although the train eventually ceased regular service, it continued to operate a midnight run for a while.

TODAY

Prospect retains its initial character, still reflecting its agricultural roots. It serves as a connector between Louisville and Oldham County, particularly to the city of Goshen, via Highway 42 (known as Derby Highway), which transitions from two lanes to one as you enter the area.

On the Prospect side of Highway 42, heading into Goshen, you will find two hidden gems: **7 Prospect Treasures** home décor consignment and **4 The Rose Bakery** – Oldham County's only bakery – known for both their sweet and savory croissants and coffees. When you continue on Highway 42, you will discover two wonderful tourism spots: **3 Second Stride** and the **6 Sanctuary Farm at Chestnut Hall**. Both are thoroughbred retirement farms, with Second Stride focusing on horse adoption and retraining, while Chestnut Hall is owned by Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation and serves as a sanctuary farm and historic home where retired racehorses can live out their lives and be loved on! Both farms are part of our Oldham Farm Tour program!

Another route to enter Oldham County from Prospect is via Highway 329, also known as **Covered Bridge Road**. On Covered Bridge Road, you will pass **5 Nevel Meade Golf Club** on your way to a popular horse farm bed and breakfast, **2 The Inn at Spring Run Farm**. Another popular golf course is just a short distance from Spring Run, **1 Sleepy Hollow Golf Course**, a gorgeous 9-hole course surrounded by horse farms.



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WESTPORT

Located off I-71
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or Exit 22 via HWY 53

HOME TO OLDHAM COUNTY'S
ORIGINAL COURTHOUSE

KY Black
Trailblazers
AR Experience
Site

OLDHAM'S ORIGINAL COURTHOUSE

COURTHOUSE

Historical marker #2594 at what is now Westport Methodist Church tells the inspiring story of the Westport courthouse, the first in Oldham County from 1828-1838. Initially a bustling river town, Westport flourished as a commercial hub with warehouses and distilleries. The courthouse was crucial in addressing justice, including the illegal hire-out of enslaved individuals, notably involving abolitionist Henry Bibb.

Despite a competitive selection process, Westport was chosen to serve as the county seat. However, by 1838, La Grange emerged as the permanent seat due to the promise of new transportation by train. This history serves as a reminder of resilience and the relentless pursuit of justice in our communities.



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HISTORY

Westport, Kentucky, formerly known as **Liberty**, began as a land grant to **Elijah Craig** for a Treasury Warrant on May 22, 1780. The area, once inhabited by Native Americans, became part of the county of Virginia before Kentucky's statehood. In 1796, Craig sold the land to Joseph Dupuy and Harman Bowman, which led to the development of this **vibrant river town** on the **Ohio River**.

Westport's growth surged with the opening of the Louisiana Territory in 1804, attracting settlers and facilitating commerce through river traffic. A ferry operated by **Levi Bowyer** connected Westport to Indiana as early as 1800. By 1818, Westport was considered a bustling commercial center. Steamboats and showboats stopped regularly. It became the county seat for a short time in 1826, and prominent locals built grand homes, including "Hurricane Hall" and "Clifton."

However, Westport faced decline as the railroad bypassed the town, river traffic diminished, and a devastating flood in 1884 destroyed many buildings. In the 1930s, **Mr. and Mrs. George Theodore Johnston** constructed a lighthouse-like home on former Bowyer property, which was significantly damaged in the 1937 flood.

TODAY

Visitors can gather at **4** **6** **Knock on Wood Mercantile & Café** or at the **1** **new pavilion** or **river swings** at **5** **Schambach Park** on the **3** **Ohio River banks** to enjoy the strong sense of community, enjoy food and drinks, and to take advantage of live entertainment or activities on the river. Make time for the **Westport Historic River Town Walking Tour** or visit the **2** **Oldham County Black Trailblazer** augmented reality experience for abolitionist, Henry Bibb, on the Commons. Oldham County Tourism is part of a collaborative of river towns known as Ohio River Way, which promotes tourism and recreation on the Ohio River.

WESTPORT SCHOOLHOUSE

Built in 1885, the Westport Schoolhouse was a crucial part of the Oldham County community, representing a commitment to education. By the late 1880s, it was one of 17 one-room schoolhouses in the area, serving diverse children and acting as a social hub. Its importance grew as accessibility to larger schools was limited. However, by the early 1950s, improved roads and school consolidations led to its closure. In 2008, a group called Friends of Westport initiated a renovation project and reopened in May 2015, celebrated with a community fish fry, honoring its legacy. Today, the schoolhouse is included on the Westport Historic River Town Walking Tour and is located next to the Commons area.

Further info is available at the Oldham County History Center



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OUTDOOR *Pick Your Park*

Oldham
County Lewis
& Clark Trail
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TRAILS TO ADVENTURE AND REFLECTION

Our trails and parks, set amidst sprawling landscapes of vibrant green grass, hold a special magic that captivates our hearts and refreshes our souls. Walking with a loved one or watching children play on the swings, as towering trees sway gently and the sweet fragrance of wildflowers fills the air, feels like an invitation from nature to come unplug and 'sit a spell'.

If walking on a more solid surface is your preference, we have a 3-mile sidewalk connecting Exit 18 off I-71 to Exit 22, charming walking trails in historic Pewee Valley, and mixed trails in Crestwood's city park. No matter your skill level, Oldham's Hiking and Walking Trails are right up your alley!

We've provided a list of hiking trails and walking trails in Oldham County below. We encourage you to get out and experience all the beauty that Oldham County, Kentucky has to offer!

HIKING & WALKING TRAILS

Briar Hill Park

CRESTWOOD

52 acres of picnic shelters with restroom facilities, playground, basketball court, walking trail, sand volleyball court, and tennis courts. *Also, a stop on the Oldham County Lewis & Clark Trail Passport.



1 Maples Park

CRESTWOOD

A beautiful 22-acre park with 2 walking loops – one paved and one mulched. Also, large grassy areas, benches, amphitheater, event barn, soft playground, and splash pad. *Also, home to Oldham County Tourism & Visitor Center.

3 Veterans Memorial Park of Kentucky

CRESTWOOD

Located at South Oldham High School, the Park has two missions: to Honor Veterans and their sacrifice, especially those who have made the ultimate sacrifice; and to educate Park visitors, especially youth, in military history. The Park showcases monuments along a remarkable timeline to commemorate important aspects of military service and history. A must see in Kentucky!

2 Central Park

PEWEE VALLEY

Central Park in historic Pewee Valley is a sweet spot behind Town Hall that has a small walking trail around a gazebo. The park itself marks the grounds of the historic Confederate Home.

Peggy Baker Park

CRESTWOOD

25 acre park, picnic shelter with restroom facilities, playground, basketball court, home of South Oldham Little League, Peggy Baker Dog Park, paved walking trail, Little Library.

7 Yew Dell Botanical Garden

CRESTWOOD

With more than a mile of woodland trails, three ponds and wildlife galore, this is the perfect place to enjoy an afternoon... out of the garden! The ponds were built to provide water for farm animals. *Also, a stop on the Kentucky Garden Trail Passport!



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4 Creasy Mahan Nature Preserve

GOSHEN

With over 9 miles of wooded trails that weave through open grasslands, four year-round springs, waterfalls, frog pond, and 2-acre woodland garden. A wonderful place to relax and take a leisurely hike. *Also a stop on the Kentucky Garden Trail and the Oldham Co. Lewis & Clark Trail.

Greenways Bicentennial Trail

LA GRANGE

3.2 miles of sidewalk connecting exit 18 off I-71 with exit 22, LaGrange’s parkway has a total ascent of 40.83 ft and a maximum elevation of 798.16 ft. Formerly Commerce Parkway.

OTHER NEARBY PARKS

Eddie Mundo, Jr. Park

LA GRANGE

Adjoins Wilborn Park and was named in honor of La Grange Police Officer Eddie Mundo Jr. who was killed in the line of duty, April 2003. Playground equipment, gazebo, basketball court, picnic areas and off-street parking.

John T. Walsh Park

LA GRANGE

The North Oldham Little League has several ball fields in this 12 acre park, with a picnic shelter and restroom, gazebos, picnic tables and playground equipment.

Schamback Park on the River

WESPORT

5 acre park located on the banks of the Ohio River! Boat ramp and boat dock, picnic pavilion with

5 Morgan Conservation Park

LA GRANGE

4+ miles of rough trails throughout the 217 acres. Waterfalls, geological outcroppings & fossils, and even an old burial site dating back to the mid 1800s. *Also, a stop on the Oldham County Lewis & Clark Trail Passport.

The Glen Park

LA GRANGE

This small but scenic 11-acre conservation property features a beautiful setting that the whole family is sure to enjoy. Includes a small pond and a short ½ mile trail that leads into the forest. Dogs allowed on a leash.

restroom facilities, playground, basketball court, fishing dock, gorgeous views of the Ohio River. *Also, a stop on the Oldham Co. Lewis & Clark Trail.

6 La Grange Springs Park

LA GRANGE

The Springs Park is the newest addition to the La Grange parks system. Splash pad, a large playground, swing set, skatepark, pavilion. Also home to the La Grange Farmers Market.

Wilborn Park

LA GRANGE

Formerly the L & N Railroad Company retreat site. The park has 2 fishing lakes (no boating or swimming), provides a shoreline with 30 acres of water, has a pavilion/ picnic shelter, restrooms, playground, open fields, large mature trees & an abundance of wildlife.

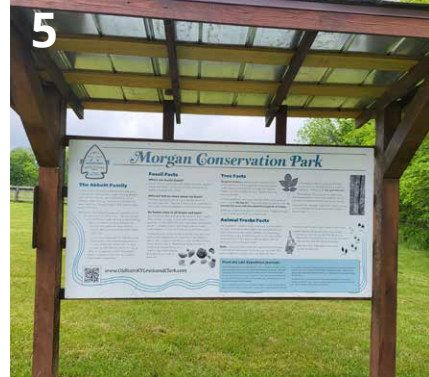
Wendell Moore Park

LA GRANGE

107 acres with an aquatic center, disc golf, softball fields with concessions, lake for fishing from bank or dock, picnic shelters, restrooms and playgrounds, horseshoe pits, walking trail is a 1.9 mile loop. Also, tennis courts and dog park. *Also, a stop on the Oldham Co. Lewis & Clark Trail Passport!



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Event Spaces

SPECIAL EVENT MEMORIES MADE ONLY IN OLDHAM

Every event in Oldham County is a chance to create unforgettable moments that linger in the heart. Imagine exchanging vows at the stunning **1 Bradshaw-Duncan House**, where love dances in the air against an enchanting historic farmhouse with Italianate architecture. At **2 Hermitage Farm**, choose from several intimate settings for your celebration – whether it's cocktails in the *greenhouse*, hors d'oeuvres in the *Stud Barn*, dinner in the *Hayloft*, or cherished moments within the historic *Main House*.

Surrounded by the rolling hills of Kentucky bluegrass, you'll feel a profound connection to the stunning landscape that envelops you. Lose yourself in the magic of **3 Yew Dell Botanical Gardens**, where historic stone structures elegantly blend with vibrant gardens, and modern architecture. Gather with loved ones at **4 The Lawyer's Overlook**, where mid-century modern design meets the vast expanse of nature.

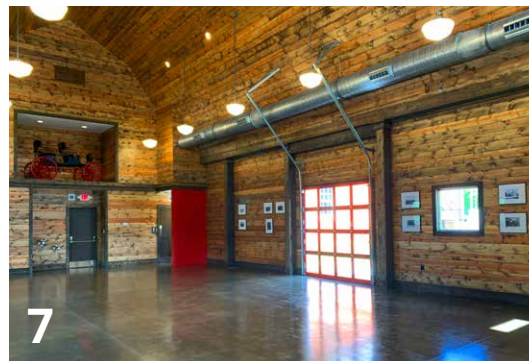
The gorgeous limestone chapel of **5 Duncan Memorial Chapel** tells its history as it overlooks one of the most beautiful cemeteries in **Oldham County**, while **6 314 Exchange** overlooks **Pewee Valley Central Park**, and the **7 Deibel Barn** calls The Maples Park home. **8 CityPlace Expo Center** ignites inspiration and growth, while **Valaterra Retreat Center** offers a serene escape from the world's noise.

In Oldham County, every venue radiates warmth and charm, promising an experience that you and your guests will carry with you forever. Let your special moments unfold in this captivating place – where memories are crafted with love, and magic happens every day – *Only in Oldham*.

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Discover the charm of Oldham County, 20 minutes from downtown Louisville, and experience the heart of Kentucky outside the City. Explore picturesque horse farms amidst rolling hills and indulge in the rich flavors of craft bourbons that embody the state's tradition. Enjoy the lively atmosphere at the largest beer garden in the state, next to our craft distillery and botanical gardens. Stroll through the historic Trains on Main district, filled with unique shops and cozy dining options brimming with character and personality. After a day of exploration, relax in award-winning accommodations that promise more than comfort. Don't miss the unforgettable dining experience at the horse farm restaurant and bar.

Let Oldham County envelop you in warmth and reveal the stunning beauty of a PURE KENTUCKY experience, combining adventure, connection, and tranquility. Experiences made in just one place in Kentucky – *Only in Oldham.*

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Historic Main Street La Grange

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in Oldham County, KY



LET'S PLAN TO RUMBLE
in Oldham County, KY

