



CLASSIC AMERICAN VACATION

Get ready for full-throttle fun in Bowling Green! After seeing our Corvettes, be amused by rides and slides, hear tales from the tracks, and have outdoor adventures both above and below ground. With tons of locally owned restaurants and shops, you'll be surprised and charmed by Kentucky's third-largest city.

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BOWLING GREEN, KENTUCKY FACT SHEET

Bowling Green is located on the Barren River in south central Kentucky. It is conveniently located 110 miles south of Louisville and only 60 miles north of Nashville, Tennessee.

Area code: 270 County: Warren Population: County, 125,532; Bowling Green, 63,616

TRANSPORTATION

Interstate access: I-65 Parkways: William. H. Natcher, Louie B. Nunn U.S. Highways: 31W, 68, 231 Kentucky Highways: 185, 80, 234, 1435

Airport: Bowling Green-Warren County Regional Airport. This airport has two paved runways that are lit for night-time flying.

TIME ZONE

Bowling Green is located in the Central Standard Time Zone. This can be confusing for some travelers because half of Kentucky is in the Eastern Standard Time Zone while the other half is in the Central Standard Time Zone. Bowling Green is within miles of the dividing line. Louisville, Lexington and Frankfort are in the Eastern Standard Time while Nashville is Central. Please keep this in mind when traveling through airports and arriving at attractions and events.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Bowling Green has 40 hotels, including most major chains, and more than 3,000 rooms. It also has seven bed and breakfasts and two campgrounds for your enjoyment.

VISITOR INFORMATION

The Bowling Green Area Convention & Visitors Bureau is here to serve you! You can locate us at 352 Three Springs Road; Bowling Green, KY., 42104. For more information, please contact us at (270) 782-0800 or (800) 326-7465, fax (270) 842-2104 or log on to www.VisitBGKY.com. Download our free Visit Bowling Green mobile app from the iTunes store or Google Play for information on the go.



BOWLING GREEN, KENTUCKY IS GEARED FOR FUN!

Where else can you go spelunking, witness an American icon in the works, go for a twisted ride in the air and come face-to-face with a guy named Big Red all in one weekend? Nowhere other than Bowling Green, Ky., a *National Geographic* Top 10 All-American City and Hot Rod City, USA.

Legendary cars, wooden roller coasters, vintage railcars and underground boat tours drive Bowling Green's ability to entertain and educate visitors, students and residents alike. Less than one hour north of Nashville, Tenn., off I-65, Bowling Green rolls out a red-carpet experience for anyone searching for the Southern hospitality of a unique town on the move.

WHERE CORVETTES ARE BORN

Visitors can explore the world's fascination with the famous sports car at the National Corvette Museum, one of Edmunds' Top Ten Automotive Museums in the World. It features more than 70 Corvettes on display and interactive exhibits. In 2014, the museum opened the 184-acre NCM Motorsports Park, which offers high performance driving opportunities to car groups and visitors alike.

In late 2018 or early 2019, visitors will again be able to tour the GM Corvette Assembly plant, the only factory in the world where Corvettes roll off the lines. Renovations at the plant have temporarily halted tours.

If all that speed makes you long for days of slower travel, then listen to stories of life on the tracks with the push of a button and climb aboard the restored railcars at the Historic Railpark and Train Museum in the renovated 1925 L&N Depot.

EXPLORE BOWLING GREEN HIGH AND LOW

The core of Bowling Green's uniqueness lies deep within. Lost River Cave offers a fascinating exploration of Bowling Green's cave system and is home to Kentucky's only underground boat tour on the river that *Ripley's Believe it or Not* claims is the shortest, deepest in the world.

If you prefer higher ground, Bowling Green has that as well. Beech Bend Amusement Park's

Kentucky Rumbler is hailed as the most twisted wooden roller coaster in seven states and will take you on a fun-filled journey that offers a bird's eye view of the park's 40+ rides and Splash Lagoon Water Park. There is even a piece of music history at Beech Bend Amusement Park – the *Sea Dragon* ride was purchased in 2008 from Michael Jackson's Neverland Ranch.

Another breathtaking vista surrounds Bowling Green's historic house museum, Riverview at Hobson Grove, where Victorian décor and Civil War stories abound.

CLIMB "THE HILL"

High points are plentiful in Bowling Green, both in the rural areas and in the heart of the city, where Western Kentucky University's student population climbs "the Hill" each semester. With renovated campus buildings and upgraded sports facilities, WKU offers students and visitors state-of-the-art facilities, while still preserving its historic ambiance and natural beauty.

The Kentucky Museum is in the heart of campus. Don't miss its "Recommended by Duncan Hines" exhibit for a sweet look at the Bowling Green native's career as a travel writer and packaged foods icon. The Instruments of American Excellence exhibit showcases a collection of the original instruments by which Americans have achieved extraordinary success, including tools used by Jimmy Carter, Sandra Day O'Connor, Tony Hawk and Maker's Mark. It's newest exhibition, "A Culture Carried: Bosnians in Bowling Green" will be on display until June 30, 2018.

TAKE HOME BOWLING GREEN FLAVOR

As the campus of WKU has expanded, so has the community of Bowling Green, offering an eclectic combination of shopping, dining and entertainment options to accommodate this college town's unique sense of style and contagious youthful enthusiasm. Opportunities for finding one-of-a-kind products and nationally recognized brand name items abound.

Admire artistic creations in galleries and museums, locally-distilled spirits at Corsair Distillery, one of *Fast Company's* Top 10 Most Innovative Food Companies of 2015, or find just the right attire for your sporting and travel adventures at the Fruit of the Loom Brand Outlet Shop or Cabela's. Camping World's headquarters are in Bowling Green, adding to our outdoor scene.

From dinnerware fresh from the kiln at Rickman Pottery to designer fashions at Greenwood Mall, Bowling Green impresses with its unique variety of items ready to take home.

AN OUT-IN-THE-COUNTRY EXPERIENCE

Bowling Green offers an entertaining lesson in southern living, history, geography, engineering and agriculture. Amid the rolling hills of Bowling Green's countryside, you'll find beautiful landscapes and chances to experience the area's rural heritage, including a visit to Chaney's Dairy Farm, where homemade ice cream and arts and crafts satisfy your appetite for Kentucky-made products (they make more than 18,000 gallons of ice cream per year).

For those wanting a taste of Bowling Green's rolling hills, the Warren County Quilt Trail provides a treasure hunt of quilt squares painted on barns. Local harvests are shared at seasonal farmers' markets and high atop one of Warren County's highest elevations at Jackson's Orchard. Bowling Green is also home to one-of-a-kind restaurants offering a tasteful palate of rural heritage and a blend of new cultures.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Bowling Green celebrates its uniqueness with numerous community and cultural festivals, theatrical and musical performances, concerts in the park and a wide variety of events designed to enlighten and entertain.

Families can find something for everyone to enjoy throughout the year, including hot air balloon and music festivals, the Festival of Trains in December, the Duncan Hines Festival in summertime and the BB&T All-American Soap Box Derby (the third-largest of its kind) in May.

Sports fans have plenty of options to choose from, ranging from athletic competitions at WKU to stock car racing at Beech Bend Raceway, the famous Medical Center 10K Classic, golf and disc golf, fishing and canoeing opportunities, championship rodeo competitions and a variety of automotive events like the National Corvette Homecoming. The Bowling Green Ballpark is home to the Bowling Green Hot Rods, a minor league team that is the Class A affiliate of the Tampa Bay Rays.

The Southern Kentucky Performing Arts Center opened its first full season in 2012 and welcomes Broadway shows, musicians and cultural events of all types. Bowling Green also hosts the state's largest literary event, the Southern Kentucky Bookfest (a KTIA Top 10 Festivals & Events winner in 2013 and 2014) and the Holley NHRA National Hot Rod Reunion.

A ONE-OF-A-KIND EXPERIENCE

The area's heritage is treasured and explored at museums and historic interpretive sites that

celebrate the land, the river, the craftsmanship and culture of the region. With attractions like the Kentucky Museum on WKU's campus, the Victorian home of Riverview at Hobson Grove, Aviation Heritage Park, the Downing Museum and Baker Arboretum, local history comes to life. Bowling Green offers an entertaining experience that just keeps getting better.

Its uniqueness is valued both locally and nationally, with coverage in high-profile media outlets, including HGTV, the History Channel, the Travel Channel, Sci-Fi network, *Southern Living*, *Motor Trend*, *Travel America*, the *Chicago Sun-Times* and *AAA Home & Away*, just to name a few. Come experience what everyone is talking about and plan your trip to Bowling Green, where natural beauty, tradition and innovation offer a unique blend of entertainment you can't find anywhere else.

We've highlighted a few of our visitor offerings that appeal to nature lovers, car enthusiasts, history buffs, sports fans and adventurers. For more information, contact the Bowling Green Area Convention & Visitors Bureau at 800-326-7465 or www.visitbgky.com. Visit the website for more detailed listings and a calendar of events.