





# STOP, SHOP AND STAY IN FRANKLIN, KY

Franklin, Kentucky is a small town with a big heart! If you love bourbon, live horse racing, shopping, gaming, art, history or if you are a foodie, you will love this town! Situated between Nashville, Tenn. and Bowling Green, Ky., on I-65, Franklin, Ky. sits in the heart of the south eastern United States. A small town between two cities, we have charm, southern hospitality and amazing food! With 11 hotels, a beautiful campground and several Air BnB's, we can accommodate your every need. Visit the Fork in the Road, Dueling Grounds Distillery or the site where Johnny and June Cash were married.

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Franklin-Simpson Tourism Commission 105 West Cedar Street Franklin, KY 42134















The Sandford Duncan Inn was built in 1819 and began operating in 1822 as a roadside inn. The building is a two-bay log structure with a dog-trot. Nearby is the Linkumpinch Dueling Ground, a place used by gentlemen in the second quarter of the 19th century to settle disputes with gunfire. The Inn is owned by Simpson County Fiscal Court and operated by Franklin-Simpson Tourism. Tours and special events bring to life the fascinating history of this unique site.





#### **DUELING GROUNDS DISTILLERY**

208 HARDING ROAD • DUELINGGROUNDSDISTILLERY.COM

Dueling Grounds is a small craft Bourbon
Distillery and the first stop of the Kentucky
Bourbon Trail Craft Tour northbound on I-65.
The uniquely handcrafted batches of Dueling
Grounds Distillery's Linkumpinch bourbon are
double-pot distilled on-site in Simpson County,
KY, aged four years in charred oak barrels,
featuring corn and wheat from the local area.
They offer two tasting locations, at the historic
Sandford Duncan Inn & Linkumpinch Dueling
Fields and the Distillery. Tours and Tastings
available by appointment online.

#### FUN FACT

Franklin is a town with unique history, and our bourbon name pays homage to the infamous duels that were fought here.



# SIMPSON COUNTY HISTORY CENTER AND OLD JAIL

128 WEST KENTUCKY AVENUE

The Simpson County History Center is a museum filled with artifacts of Franklin's unique history. Memorabilia of past businesses, industries and even family heirlooms fill the building which was once the Massey Motor Company. Nationally highlighted local events such as the Capt. Mantell UFO incident and the wedding of Johnny and June Cash are on display. Tours to the museum, Old Jail and Jailer's Residence are offered. Drawings from Civil War soldiers housed in the residence are on display to the public. A genealogical and family history research center is also available to patrons.





# JOHNNY CASH AND JUNE CARTER WEDDING HISTORICAL MARKER

FRANKLIN'S DOWNTOWN SQUARE

Country music icons Johnny Cash and June Carter were married inside the sanctuary of First United Methodist Church on March 1, 1968. This was one week after Cash proposed on stage in Ontario, Canada. The couple came to Franklin because, in Kentucky, they could purchase a license and marry on the same day, whereas their home state of Tennessee required a longer waiting period. The couple invited local fans to attend the wedding and the event became national news.





#### AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE CENTER

500 JEFFERSON STREET

The African American Heritage Center is a cultural and educational facility designed to echo the events of the past, reflect on activities of the present, and preserve these events for future generations. Its activities and programs highlight the profound contributions and heritage of African Americans' rich history. Its purpose is to enhance, through appropriate programs, genealogical research, and workshops and activities, an understanding of the life of African Americans. Admission is free and tours of the facility are available 270-598-9986.



#### **OCTAGON HALL MUSEUM**

6040 BOWLING GREEN ROAD · OCTAGONHALLMUSEUM.COM

Built in 1847, Octagon Hall stands today as a monument to a by gone era. The hall has been a private residence, Masonic meeting lodge, a hospital, and even served as a safe house for soldiers during the Civil War. The Octagon Hall is widely regarded as one of the most haunted places in the South. It has been featured on many television channels, including A&E, The Travel Channel, Syfy, The History Channel and Discovery. For more information, call 270-666-1294.









#### THE MINT GAMING HALL

5629 NASHVILLE ROAD • 270-586-7778 • THEMINTGAMING.COM

The Mint Gaming Hall is located off I-65, just 35 minutes north of Nashville and 20 minutes south of Bowling Green. The Mint is home to more than 1,000 gaming machines, a high limit room, charity bingo, live music and year-round simulcast wagering. The Mint also has two classic dining options including The Irons Steakhouse and the Corner Cafe. The brand new 114-room Springhill Suites by Marriott Franklin opens spring of 2023 with a 5,000 square foot convention center. For hotel reservations call 270-598-5757.





#### **KENTUCKY DOWNS**

5629 NASHVILLE ROAD · THEMINTKENTUCKYDOWNS.COM

Kentucky Downs is the only European-style racecourse in the nation. It is also one of the longest tracks at one mile and five-sixteenths in length. The track averages 11 horses per race which combined with the lowest overall betting "takeout" has made Kentucky Downs a top-rated track by the Horseplayers Association of North America.







#### **KENNY PERRY'S COUNTRY CREEK GOLF COURSE**

1075 KENNY PERRY DRIVE • 270-586-9373 • KPCOUNTRYCREEK.COM

Play the course owned and created by retired PGA Golfer Kenny Perry, who resides in Franklin Ky. The 18-hole public golf course has a rolling landscape with views of Drake's Creek on holes 12 & 13. The course is open year round and frequented by Perry's PGA friends and Nashville celebrities.



The Arling at Kenny Perry's Country Creek Golf Course is a beautiful venue on the grounds of the course. It's named after Kenny's grandfather, Arling McKinley Perry. The tobacco barn has been converted into a wedding and event venue and even boasts its own trolley, named Ollie.





#### **DOWNTOWN SHOPPING**

101 NORTH MAIN STREET

Franklin's Historic Downtown District is dotted with one-of-a-kind shops and boutiques. The "square" has everything from art and antiques to clothing and jewelry. With handcrafted and hand selected pieces, there is a little something for everyone. For gift ideas and shopping locations see a full listing on page 21.



#### THE GALLERY ON THE SQUARE

110 NORTH MAIN STREET • 270-586-8055

The Gallery on the Square features works of over 90 Kentucky and Tennessee artists, who are members of the Simpson County Guild of Artists and Craftsmen. The Gallery rotates its exhibiting show every six weeks and features every genre of art. The Gallery carries Kentucky Crafted items, local food items and offers framing services. In addition to the artwork on exhibit and for sale, the Gallery is home to a knitting club, book club monthly sip and paint events and art classes for all ages.





# FRANKLIN-SIMPSON COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

FRANKLINSIMPSONARTS.ORG

The Franklin-Simpson Community Arts Council is a non-profit organization promoting the performing arts in youth and adult theatre programs. The arts council presents dinner theatres, an annual summer musical, and themed entertainment events with open casting calls for local and area individuals interested in stage performance.





#### **SUMMER NIGHTS CONCERT SERIES**

FRANKLINSIMPSONRENAISSANCE.COM

The Summer Nights Concert Series takes over Franklin's downtown square on Friday nights throughout the summer months. The live music event is free and brings crowds to the bandstand area for dancing and entertainment. The event is presented by Franklin-Simpson Renaissance.



#### SUMMER VIBES MUSIC FESTIVAL

SUMMERVIBESFRANKLINKY.COM

The Summer Vibes Music Festival is a one-day annual event on the last Saturday in August, featuring regional bands, a songwriters showcase, food trucks, beer garden and good vibes only. The concert takes over the downtown area with plenty of room to be in front of the stage or take a seat on the courthouse lawn for a more laid-back feel. Headliners are announced in the early summer months with vendor announcements leading up to the festival day.

# CONNECT WITH US



102 EAST CEDAR STREET



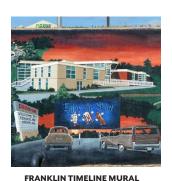
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MELVIN THE MAGNIFICENT
SIMPSON COUNTY COURTHOUSE



**SOARING OVER BLACKJACK** 4423 BLACKJACK ROAD



81 STEELE ROAD



205 WEST CEDAR STREET

Franklin has an array of quirky, fun and inspiring public art installations. From murals to the tallest sculptures in Kentucky, you can find very unique photo opportunities scattered throughout the county. Many of the public art sculptures were created by the high school welding students.

And be sure to tag your photos with

# **#VISITFRANKLINKY**



HISTORIC FRANKLIN MURAL

113 SOUTH MAIN STREET



CAPT. WILDCAT SPACE CAPSULE
4423 BLACK ACK ROAD



WELCOME TO FRANKLIN
205 NORTH MAIN STREET



LOCKS OF LOVE TREE
SIMPSON COUNTY COURTHOUSE



2000 EAST CEDAR STREET



TO TAKE THE PUBLIC ART TOUR



#### ANNABELLE & ASHE CHILDREN'S CLOTHING

112 West Kentucky Avenue • 270-776-2754 Boutique children's clothing and toys

#### **CRAFTS AND KUSTOMS**

111 South Main Street · 859-813-2599 Die cast and plastic model cars, toys, custom art

#### **D&M FLORIST & GREENHOUSE**

108 State Street • 270-586-4142 • dandmflorist.com Fresh & silk flower arrangements, gifts

#### **FRANKLIN SPORTING GOODS**

118 North Main Street • 270-586-8023 Sports apparel, sporting equipment, athletic shoes

#### **GALLERY ON THE SQUARE**

110 North Main Street • 270-586-8055 KY crafted items, original art from KY and TN artists, rotation art exhibit

#### **MUSTARD SEED MARKET**

114 North Main Street • 270-813-1105 • A collection of market spaces filled with boutique clothing for women and children and home decor

#### **REBEL HEART CO.**

101 West Cedar Street • 270-776-9870

Boutique women's clothing with a bit of south western style, gift items

#### SIMPLY SWEET BOUTIQUE

114 East Kentucky Avenue • 270-776-1694 Boutique clothing, monogramming, screen printing, gifts

#### **SMALL TOWN PRIMITIVES**

104 West Kentucky Avenue • 270-622-1595 Beautiful home decor, furniture, candles, seasonal decor

#### THE CEDARS FLOWERS AND GIFTS

203 West Cedar Street • 270-586-6330

Fresh and silk flower arrangements, wreaths and decor

#### WILLOW HILL MARKETPLACE

113 South Main Street • 270-776-9116

Boutique women's clothing, jewelry, home decor

#### **JAKE BOUTIQUE**

727 North Main Street • 270-253-2334

Boutique clothing for adults and children, shoes and accessories

down the road from downtown



Franklin has several antique malls, each offering a different take on treasures from the past. If you are looking for charming southern reminders of your childhood or unique items to add to your collection, shop one of the many antique malls in Simpson County. The Outdoor Vintage Flee Market at Brighton Park runs the first and third Saturday March-November.

#### **BRIGHT'S ANTIQUE WORLD/BRIGHTON PARK**

281 Steele Road • 270-598-9901

#### **HERITAGE ANTIQUE MALL AND COLLECTIBLES**

111 W Washington Street • 270-586-3880

#### **MELODIES AND MEMORIES**

12785 Nashville Road

#### SECOND CHANCE THRIFT STORE

1604 Bowling Green Road

#### **SNOOPER'S ATTIC**

1705 Bowling Green Road

#### STRICTLY COUNTRY ANTIQUE MALL

5945 Bowling Green Road • 270-586-3978

#### **THE GREEN BEAN**

4806 Nashville Road • 615-582-1219





# BEING OUTDOORS IS FOR EVERYONE.





#### **CAVE COUNTRY TRAILS**

CAVECOUNTRYTRAILS.COM

Franklin-Simpson is a partner of Cave Country Trails, which is a network of biking, hiking, equestrian, and water trails to connect communities and make the Mammoth Cave Area and South Central Kentucky a more attractive outdoor destination and place to live. For more information on outdoor activities go to www.cavecountrytrails.com

#### **US BIKE ROUTE 23**

Five United States Bicycle Routes pass through Kentucky and USBR23 consists of 108.7 miles of rolling hills, beautiful farms and charming downtowns. USBR23 passes through Simpson County, running from the Kentucky/Tennessee line north into Warren County. The route, also known as the Cave Country Route, ends in Hodgenville, KY. Find more information online, ridewithgps.com/routes/33842658

#### **KAYAKING AND FISHING**

Cast your line or launch a kayak in one of Simpson County's beautiful aquatic spaces. A city owned boat ramp is accessible on Boat Ramp Road on beautiful Drake's Creek and fishing opportunities can be found in this public space and at the F-S Community Park. Sulphur Spring Creek has approximately 4 miles of fishing. Lick Creek, on Hwy 585, offers trout fishing spots.



# FRANKLIN-SIMPSON JIM ROBERTS COMMUNITY PARK

NORTH STREET

The F-S Community Park has approximately 190 acres of basketball courts, baseball, softball and soccer fields, an 18-hole disc golf course, playgrounds, tennis courts, fishing spots, walking trails, a riding rink and open space. There are several pavilions with grills and a community center that can be rented for events. Senior fitness classes are available weekly. Picturesque Drakes' Creek runs through the heart of the park and is frequented by kayaks and canoes.



#### LINCOLN PARK

700 JOHN J JOHNSON AVENUE

Lincoln Park is situated between Lincoln Elementary School and several neighborhoods. The park has a large pavilion, a playground, basketball courts and t-ball fields. During warm weather, the park is full of children learning basic sports skills and enjoying the amenities of having a neighborhood park.



#### **BRADLEY PARK**

412 BRECKENRIDGE STREET

Bradley Park is a neighborhood park complete with a pavilion, playground and ½ basketball court. U.S. Congressman Ed Whitfield was present to dedicate the park to the F-S Community.



#### **RUBY BRANCH FARMS**

780 LAKE SPRING ROAD • RUBYBRANCHFARMS.COM

Local farmers, Drew and Laney Snider, began their agritourism business in 2014 to diversify the family row crop farm. Visitors and locals flock to the farm during the three seasons of family-fun activities. Visit the farm in August to see the largest sunflower maze in Kentucky. You can also buy sunflowers and take photos. The fall season is beautiful at the farm with mums, pumpkins and other fall décor for sale. A corn maze and playground are also open to the public. Fresh cut Christmas trees are available at the farm in late November. The Snider's own farm raised Lake Spring Beef Cattle Company and it is available for purchase at the farm. Locally made Chaney's Dairy Farm ice cream is also available.





# **AMERICAN**

#### **CORNER CAFE AT KENTUCKY DOWNS**

5629 Nashville Road • 270-586-7778 • themintkentuckydowns.com/eat-drink • Full Bar

#### **DUELING GROUNDS DISTILLERY**

208 Harding Road • 270-776-9046 • duelinggroundsdistillery.com Brick oven pizza (Fri-Sun only) • Full Bar

#### **HOLLY J'S GRILL**

1326 Nashville Road • 270-253-3533 • hollyjsbarandgrill.com • Sports Bar, Full Bar

#### **RACKHOUSE**

4138 Bowling Green Road • 270-586-4245 • franklinrackhouse.com

#### 31W BAR & GRILL

106 Barrett Lane • 270-253-5007 • Full Bar

# **DIVERSE**

#### **BRICKYARD CAFE**

205 W. Cedar Street • 270-586-9080 • brickyardcafeky.com • Mediterranean, Full Bar

#### **EL MAZATLAN**

1403 Nashville Road • 270-253-1005 • elmazatlan.com • Mexican, Full Bar

#### **EL POTRERO CANTINA AND GRILL**

270 Trotters Lane • 270-253-5117 • elpotrerocantinaandgrill.com • Mexican, Full Bar

#### **GYRO STATION & GRILL**

118 S. Main Street • 270-253-1056 • Mediterranean

#### **LAREDO'S MEXICAN GRILL**

1440 Nashville Road • 270-200-6596 • laredosburritoandtacoshoptn.com • Mexican

#### **LOMELI'S**

613 S. Main Street • 270-586-8494 • Mexican

#### **MAKI TERIYAKI & SUSHI**

200 Commerce Street B • 270-776-9996 • makifoodtruck.com • Japanese

#### **OSCAR'S TACO SHOP**

527 N. Main Street • 270-253-1000 • oscarstacoshop.com • Mexican

#### **SOL AZTECA**

4000 Nashville Road • 270-598-7777 • Mexican, Full Bar

#### **TOKYO EXPRESS**

1442 Nashville Road • 270-586-1757 • tokyoexpressKY.com • Japanese

# COFFEE & TREATS

#### **BEST DONUTS**

201 W. Cedar Street • 270-253-3312 • Pastries, sandwiches

#### **FROSTY FREEZE**

433 S. Main Street • 270-586-5365 • Family-owned classic burgers & milkshakes

#### **MILL HOUSE CAFE**

126 N. Main Street • 270-776-9909 millhousefranklin.com • Coffee, pastries, salads, soup & sandwiches

#### **PELICAN'S SNOBALLS FRANKLIN**

608 N. Main Street • 270-202-5391

#### TWISTED SISTERS NUTRITION OF FRANKLIN

104 S. Main Street • 270-532-0710 • Loaded energy teas and protein shakes

# **SOUTHERN**

#### **GOLD CITY GROCERY**

6006 Gold City Road • 270-586-4025

#### JIM'S BBQ

854 Harding Road • 270-776-3131

#### RYLAN'S RESTAURANT

709 S. Main Street • 270-253-3198 • rylansrestaurant.com

#### **QUEEN B'Z KITCHEN**

410 Jefferson Street • 270-253-1732

#### TIM'S MAIN STREET DINER

110 S. Main Street • 270-776-9991

#### THE HOMEPLACE

2210 Springfield Road • 270-776-9776

#### **WILDFIRE BBQ**

105 State Street • 270-586-5227 • wildfirebbq.net

# **STEAKHOUSES**

#### **COLORADO GRILL STEAKHOUSE**

116 Steele Road • 270-253-3430 • coloradogrillwh.com • Full Bar

#### FRANKLIN STEAKHOUSE

3898 Nashville Road • 270-598-5028

#### **IRONS STEAKHOUSE**

5629 Nashville Road • 270-776-2670 • themintkentuckydowns.com/eat-drink Fine dining, Full Bar

# FAMILIAR FAVES

#### **BOJANGLES**

919 S. Main Street • 270-586-9080

#### **BURGER KING**

4225 Nashville Road • 270-598-0249

#### **CAPTAIN D'S**

608 S. Main Street • 270-586-6311

#### **CRACKER BARREL OLD COUNTRY STORE**

155 Steele Road • 270-598-8812

#### **DAIRY QUEEN**

1559 Nashville Road • 270-586-4121

#### **DENNY'S**

4380 S. Nashville Road • 270-586-0837

#### **DOMINO'S PIZZA**

520 S. Main Street • 270-776-9696

#### **DUNKIN' DONUTS**

1575 Nashville Road Suite A • 270-288-0004

#### HARDEE'S

807 S. Main Street • 270-586-7795

#### **KENTUCKY FRIED CHICKEN**

710 N. Main Street • 270-586-6256

#### **MCDONALD'S**

110 Steele Road • 270-586-8987

820 N. Main Street • 270-586-7225

#### **PAPA JOHN'S PIZZA**

828 N. Main Street • 270-598-7272

#### **PIZZA HUT**

705 S. Main Street • 270-586-9244

#### **POPEYES**

1377 Nashville Road • 270-253-3622

811 N. Main Street • 270-586-4829

#### **SUBWAY**

2929 Scottsville Road • 270-586-4510 1550 Nashville Road • 270-586-7181

801 N. Main Street • 270-586-4326

#### **TACO BELL**

847 S. Main Street • 270-586-5808

#### **WAFFLE HOUSE**

3833 Nashville Road • 270-586-5443

#### WENDY'S

2492 Scottsville Road • 270-586-9876

#### ZAXBY'S

1551 Nashville Road • 270-586-6707

# FIND YOUR FUN IN FRANKLIN KENTUCKY



#### A SMALL TOWN WITH A BIG HEART

Bourbon · Horse Racing · Shopping · Gaming · Art · History



## Attractions

#### ARTWORK

1 FRANKLIN TIMELINE MURAL 81 Steele Road

PORK IN THE ROAD
2018 Uhls Road

HORSE SCULPTURE
Corner of Kentucky and Main

FRANKLIN WALL FLOWERS MURAL

Corner of Cedar and Main

5 SCULPTURE PARK 4423 Blackjack Road

#### ENTERTAINMENT

6 LINCOLN PARK
700 John J Johnson Avenue

7 FRANKLIN-SIMPSON JIM ROBERTS COMMUNITY PARK
North Street

8 THE MINT GAMING HALL AT KENTUCKY DOWNS 5629 Nashville Road • themintkentuckydowns.com

9 KENNY PERRY'S COUNTRY CREEK GOLF COURSE 1075 Kenny Perry Drive • kpcountrycreek.com

10 DUELING GROUNDS DISTILLERY

208 Harding Road • duelinggroundsdistillery.com

UNFOLD TO VIEW A MAP OF FRANKLIN

#### HISTORY

11 AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE CENTER
500 lefferson Street

12 JOHNNY CASH & JUNE CARTER HISTORICAL MARKER Franklin's downtown square

13 SIMPSON COUNTY HISTORY CENTER AND OLD JAIL 128 West Kentucky Avenue

- OCTAGON HALL MUSEUM
- 6040 Bowling Green Road octagonhallmuseum.com
- 15 SANDFORD DUNCAN INN & LINKUMPINCH DUELING GROUNDS 5083 Nashville Road · sandfordduncan.org

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Lodging	ΦDA	Comp Breakfast	Fitness Room	Free WiFi	Laundry Facility	Meeting Room	Microwave	Mini Fridge	Pe†*	Pool	Restaurant/Store	Room Service
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DAD'S BLUEGRASS CAMPGROUND 2889 Scottsville Road • 270-253-5191				•	•				•	•	•	
3 COMFORT INN & SUITES 105 Trotters Lane • 270-586-3832		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	*	•		•
DAYS INN BY WYNDHAM 103 Trotters Lane • 270-598-0163	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	*	•		•
FED ROOF INN 2805 Scottsville Road • 270-586-8885	•	•		•	•		•	•	•			•
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6 BAYMONT BY WYNDHAM 162 Anand Drive · 270-598-0070	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	*	•		•
7 <b>ECONOLODGE</b> 3894 Nashville Road • 270-586-3291		•		•			•	•		•		•
HAMPTON BY HILTON 4010 Nashville Road • 270-598-8001	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•		•
HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS & SUITES 85 Neha Drive · 270-586-7626	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•
QUALITY INN 3794 Nashville Road · 270-586-6100	•	•		•			•	•	*	•		•
SPRINGHILL SUITES BY MARRIOTT 5629 Nashville Road • 270-598-5757	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	• *Servi	• ce animals a	• Ilowed upon	request

