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Explore, Stay, Dine + Shop
Your online and onsite purchases generate revenue to keep Shaker Village going. All operating proceeds benefit Shaker Village’s mission and are used to develop new programs and events, compensate employees, buy new linens, feed the farm animals, maintain the trails, keep the lights on and much more.

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**TOWERING SYCAMORE**

**TRAIL RATING:** Easy  
**DISTANCE:** 1-mile loop  
**TRAILHEAD:** Centre

Start north along the paved road to West Lot and The Stable. Cross the bridge, follow Shawnee Run Creek to the right, and you will quickly see large American Sycamore trees with white bark and skeletal look of the upper branches. There are two creek crossings that may be impassable during times of high water.

**PELLEY**

**TRAIL RATING:** Moderate  
**DISTANCE:** 5-mile loop  
**TRAILHEAD:** Centre

Hike the Historic Turnpike south, upstream along Shawnee Run Creek, after crossing Kissing Bridge. Pass through the culvert under US 68 to access restored native prairie and modern agricultural fields along mostly turf trails with a small wooded section. The culvert may be impassable during times of high water.

**HERITAGE**

**TRAIL RATING:** Easy  
**DISTANCE:** 1-mile loop  
**TRAILHEAD:** Centre

Hike southwest along the Historic Turnpike, past the remains of Shaker grist and oilseed mills. Cross Kissing Bridge and observe the remains of the dam once used to provide water for the mills downstream. Return along Shawnee Run Creek, the main source of water power for the Shakers, to Centre Trailhead via the paved road. The 0.5-mile section that is handicapped accessible goes out to Kissing Bridge and back.

**ANDERSON**

**TRAIL RATING:** Easy  
**DISTANCE:** 2-mile loop  
**TRAILHEAD:** Centre

Start southwest along the Historic Turnpike, then loop around fields where you can observe a mixture of modern agriculture and restored native prairie. The wire fence to the west marks the border of Shaker Village property, while an historic stone fence borders the northern edge. Take a break at the overlook, then look to the south to see Shaker Village property across US 68.

**CHINQUAPIN**

**TRAIL RATING:** Moderate  
**DISTANCE:** 2-mile loop  
**TRAILHEAD:** Centre

Crushed gravel quickly turns to single track trail, heading north past the West Lot Wash House to loop through woods dominated by Chinquapin Oaks and other deciduous hardwoods above Shawnee Run Creek.

**SHAWNEE RUN**

**TRAIL RATING:** Strenuous  
**DISTANCE:** 6-mile loop  
**TRAILHEAD:** West

Trail blazed in white. Traverse woodland trails and turf in the open prairie, then view the Fulling Mill site (the most photographed waterfall, flowing at its highest during winter snow melts and spring rains), an extremely scenic overlook of Shawnee Run Creek at Chimney Rock and a picnic area at an old home site.

**CHINN-POE**

**TRAIL RATING:** Strenuous  
**DISTANCE:** 12-mile one way  
**TRAILHEAD:** West

Chinn-Poe is only accessed from Shawnee Run and drops down to Shawnee Run Creek through a limestone glade abundant in spring wildflowers and shaded by deciduous hardwood trees in the summer. Pass abandoned calcite mines to the east of the trail with caution as there can be a drop of several feet.

**WEST LOT**

**TRAIL RATING:** Easy  
**DISTANCE:** 3-mile loop  
**TRAILHEAD:** West

Follow the gravel road north until the trail turns to turf and takes you to an overlook of the restored native prairie bordered by woodland to the north and east. Look for raptors perched along the power lines and watch for white-tailed deer feeding in the pond.

**MEADOW VIEW**

**TRAIL RATING:** Easy  
**DISTANCE:** 2-mile loop  
**TRAILHEAD:** East

Mostly turf trails take you through open restored native prairie, wooded lots and farm ponds, where a variety of wildlife viewing opportunities lie around every bend. Observe a back view of Shaker Village’s historic buildings and pass by Meadow View Barn.

**TANYARD**

**TRAIL RATING:** Strenuous  
**DISTANCE:** 6-mile loop  
**TRAILHEAD:** East

Hike turf trails through open restored native prairie past the historic Tanyard buildings, where the Shakers tanned leather and pumped water to the Water House located beside Centre Family Dwelling. Bordered by historic stone fences, Tanyard lies mostly in the open sun during the day with a shady picnic spot at about the mid-way point.

**RIVER ROAD**

**TRAIL RATING:** Strenuous  
**DISTANCE:** 3-mile loop  
**TRAILHEAD:** East

Carefully cross US 68, then follow an old Shaker roadbed and descend 400 feet to Shaker Landing. Choose to follow the more rugged single track trail through pasture and Palisades cliffs (look for the stone fence turnstile to your left to join the trail), or take the paved road.

**PALISADES**

**TRAIL RATING:** Easy  
**DISTANCE:** 1-mile loop  
**TRAILHEAD:** East

Traverse through the Kentucky River floodplain with views of the Palisades and High Bridge. During winter melts and spring showers, several waterfalls cascade down the Palisades.

**VILLAGE LOOP**

**TRAIL RATING:** Easy  
**DISTANCE:** 1-mile loop  
**TRAILHEAD:** East

Follow the Turnpike, formerly US 68, through the center of the Village, then take gravel paths toward The Farm and a gravel service road behind the Village. This leisurely stroll gives you an overview of everything The Historic Centre has to offer, including scenic views of the surrounding restored native prairie and bluffs.

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