

## THE TRAILS AT SHAKER VILLAGE



Great discoveries call for great explorers, and today Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill is reconnecting its vibrant campus to inspire a new community of adventurers, learners, makers, doers and supporters. The Historic Centre, the Farm and the Preserve are centers of exploration, jumping-off points for experiences built to ignite your trailblazing spirit.

*The Preserve at Shaker Village* actively manages, protects and shares 3,000 acres of original Shaker countryside, 2,000 of which are devoted to outdoor recreation and wildlife habitat.

### For Your Safety

- Use trails at your own risk.
- Cell signal is unavailable in certain areas.
- Do not hike alone.
- Trails pass near steep drops and cliffs. Ensure your safety by staying on marked trails.
- Use caution when crossing creeks as you may have to walk through shallow water.
- Parts of Towering Sycamore, Shawnee Run and Pelly Trails may be impassable due to high water after rain events.
- Hikers and cyclists yield to equestrians on trails.
- Dogs only permitted on River Road, Palisades, Village Loop and along paved roads. Dogs must remain leashed at all times.
- Horse trailers must park in the designated area at the Stable.
- Hunting and fishing on Shaker Village property is prohibited.
- Do not disturb or collect plants, animals, rocks, fossils or archaeological specimens.
- No restroom facilities, drinking water or trash receptacles are available on the trails. Portable restroom facilities are located next to the Stable and at Shaker Landing.

**In Case Of Emergency**  
Mercer County Dispatch 859.734.3311

*Should you get lost, call 859.734.5411.* You will be asked to identify your location: Where did you park? What trail are you on? What was the last number you saw posted? Do you see any landmarks?

### Hours and Fees

The Preserve is open daily, sunrise to sunset. Donations are encouraged to defer the cost of trail maintenance.

### Accessing The Preserve

Explore the Preserve by traversing 30.5 miles of multi-use trails from three trailheads. The trails are designed for hikers, horseback riders and carriage drivers. Cyclists are welcome, but the trails are not specifically maintained for mountain biking. Parking is available at each trailhead.

Horse Friendly | 24.5 miles  
Dog Friendly | 4.5 miles  
Bike Friendly | 27.75 miles  
Accessible Friendly | 1.75 miles

### Equestrian Information

The Stable provides trailer parking, boarding, running water and more. Please pay the appropriate daily fees at the self-registration area.

### Support Shaker Village

Shaker Village is Kentucky's largest National Historic Landmark. What started in the 1960s as an ambitious vision to preserve the legacy of the Shakers has grown into a 3,000 acre site with the largest private collection of 19th-century buildings in the U.S. As a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization we rely on charitable support, guest revenue and an endowment to sustain this crown jewel of Kentucky.

By making a tax-deductible gift to Shaker Village you will ensure that the Shaker legacy remains for future generations to discover. Your support also funds the efforts of our educators, naturalists, master craftspeople and so much more!

### Become an Annual Passholder

Our annual passholder program offers incredible benefits, including unlimited free admission to the Village, complimentary tickets to signature events and discounts at the Shops, The Trustees' Table and the Inn. Annual pass fees help to support new programs, educational opportunities and the preservation of our trails, Preserve and historic buildings. Annual Equestrian and Photography passes are available too.



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## DISCOVERY STARTS HERE...

### ANDERSON



TRAIL RATING: *Easy* DISTANCE: 2.5 mile double loop TRAILHEAD: *Centre*  
Pass the remnants of a Shaker grist and linseed oil mill, millrace and dam to the north as you follow the Historic Turnpike to Kissing Bridge. Loop around fields where you can observe a mixture of modern agriculture and converted native prairie. Take a break at the overlook, then look to the south to see Shaker Village property across US 68. *Trail includes one creek crossing. (Partially accessible, .35 mile one way from trailhead to Kissing Bridge)*

### CHINQUAPIN



TRAIL RATING: *Moderate* DISTANCE: 1 mile point-point TRAILHEAD: *West*  
This point-to-point, single track trail connects to Shawnee Run Trail on both ends. Meander through a young forest dominated by Chinquapin Oaks and other deciduous hardwoods while enjoying wildflowers in the spring and shade in the summer. *Terrain is uneven and can be slippery, even in dry conditions.*

### HERITAGE



TRAIL RATING: *Easy* DISTANCE: .75 mile point-point TRAILHEAD: *Centre*  
Follow Anderson Trail along the Historic Turnpike, then turn right after Kissing Bridge to enter Heritage Trail. This single-track trail meanders through the young forest down to the creek, then climbs back up through the more rugged dry woods to bring you back above the trailhead. *Trail includes one creek crossing. Terrain is uneven and can be slippery, even in dry conditions.*

### LAMPTON



TRAIL RATING: *Easy* DISTANCE: 1.75 mile loop TRAILHEAD: *Centre*  
Follow historic stone fences bordering the Historic Turnpike east, then turn north alongside Meadow View Barn, a post-Shaker tobacco barn that now serves as an event venue. The last stretch of the trail goes through a converted native prairie bordered by some of the oldest stone fences on the property. *Carriage-friendly trail.*

### MEADOW VIEW



TRAIL RATING: *Easy* DISTANCE: 2 mile loop TRAILHEAD: *East*  
A turf trail takes you through open prairie, wood 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. *Trail includes two creek crossings.*

### PALISADES



TRAIL RATING: *Easy* DISTANCE: .75 mile double loop TRAILHEAD: *East*  
Follow River Road down to Shaker Landing to access the Palisades Trail. Enjoy views of the Kentucky River, the Kentucky River Palisades and High Bridge, as well as excellent spring wildflowers and wildlife views throughout the year. During winter melts and spring showers, a large waterfall cascades down the Palisades.

### PELLY



TRAIL RATING: *Moderate* DISTANCE: 4.5 mile loop TRAILHEAD: *Centre*  
Follow the Historic Turnpike on Anderson Trail south. After crossing Kissing Bridge, turn left to enter Pelly Trail. Pass through the culvert under US 68 to access converted native prairie and modern agricultural fields along mostly turf trails with a short forested section. *Contains four creek crossings. Culvert and other creek crossings may be impassable during times of high water. Carriage friendly trail.*

### RED OAK LOOP

TRAIL RATING: *Easy* DISTANCE: 1.5 mile loop TRAILHEAD: *West*  
 Follow Shawnee Run Trail and cross a shallow creek bed to enter the Red Oak Loop. This trail goes through dry tall-grass prairie and includes a picnic area at an old homesite. *Contains one creek crossing, usually dry. Please take extra care to stay on the marked trail as private property borders most of the trail.*

### RIVER ROAD

TRAIL RATING: *Strenuous* DISTANCE: 2.25 mile loop TRAILHEAD: *East*  
 Starting from the East Trailhead and heading east through the parking lot, turn left by the paddocks and then carefully cross US 68. Follow the paved road and descend 400 feet to Shaker Landing. Choose to follow the more rugged single-track trail (originally built by Shakers in 1826) at the marked turn on the left or take the paved road down to the floodplain. Several seasonal waterfalls can be viewed along the road, as well as spectacular spring wildflowers.

### SHAWNEE RUN

TRAIL RATING: *Strenuous* DISTANCE: 4.25 mile loop TRAILHEAD: *West*  
 Traverse woodland trails and turf in the open prairie, then view the Fulling Mill site, with its spring-fed waterfall. Overlaps with West Lot Trail for one mile through prairie before pulling away and following a property line fence south to a younger woodlot. *Trail blazed in white. Shawnee Run intersects with many other trails – watch for connector trail signs. Trail contains four creek crossings.*

### TANYARD

TRAIL RATING: *Strenuous* DISTANCE: 4.75 mile loop TRAILHEAD: *East*  
 A turf trail that takes you through open prairie. Go past the historic Tanyard building, where the Shakers tanned leather and pumped water to the Water House located beside Centre Family Dwelling. Bordered by historic stone fences, the trail lies mostly in the open sun during the day with a shady picnic area at the mid-way point.

### TOWERING SYCAMORE

TRAIL RATING: *Easy* DISTANCE: .75 mile point-point TRAILHEAD: *Centre*  
 This trail connects the Centre Trailhead area to Shawnee Run Trail near the Fulling Mill waterfall. Follow Shawnee Run Creek as it flows north and witness the large sycamore trees with their white inner bark and the skeletal look of their upper branches. *Trail contains four creek crossings that may be impassable following rainfall events.*

### VILLAGE LOOP

TRAIL RATING: *Easy* DISTANCE: 1.5 mile loop TRAILHEAD: *East*  
 Follow the Historic Turnpike, formerly US 68, take crushed gravel paths through the center of the Village, the Farm and 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 hillsides.

### WEST LOT

TRAIL RATING: *Moderate* DISTANCE: 2.5 mile loop TRAILHEAD: *West*  
 Follow the gravel road north towards the green power line tower, then follow the turf path through native prairie and bordering woodlands. The trail coincides with Shawnee Run Trail for one mile along the wooded border to the north.

