

Caves, Lakes and Corvettes

They are only young once so make your travel plans now to visit the “Only One Kentucky”! Your travel itinerary includes speed, spelunking, stegosaurus, sky-racing, swimming, splashing and a splendid outback adventure. All of your destinations are easily accessible via Interstate 65 so your family has more time for fun. Three “Kentucky Only One” experiences guarantee a truly unique and memorable travel experience. Whatever your speed, the Caves, Lakes and Corvettes Region has an adventure for you! Ready, set, go . . .

DAY 1 OF YOUR FAMILY FUN ADVENTURE



National Corvette Museum

Get a racing start to your family vacation by starting it off under the black and white checkered flag at **Kentucky's Only One National Corvette Museum** in Bowling Green. View over 70 Corvettes displayed in periodic settings including a mid-century barbershop, service station and historic race track! See classics in mint condition, one-of-a-kind prototypes that never went into production and modern-day wonders of engineering and design.

Try the educational Driving Simulators, and then continue the interaction as you test your skills by fueling up and changing tires at the "Pit Crew Challenge" exhibit. See rare collectibles and memorabilia before sitting behind the wheel of a classic Corvette manufactured only in Bowling Green Kentucky in the General Motors Corvette Plant across the street from the Museum. For dates/hours of operation and admission information visit their website <http://www.corvettemuseum.org/kids/> or call (800) 538-3883.

Estimated travel time between National Corvette Museum and Beech Bend Park and Splash Lagoon is **ten minutes**.



Beech Bend Park and Splash Lagoon

Ready for some fun in the sun? Head to [Beech Bend Park and Splash Lagoon](#). This family-owned and operated park repeatedly appears among the Top 5 Friendliest Parks from Amusement Today magazine! Don't mess with the long lines and the high prices of the huge theme parks...at Beech Bend; you get FREE parking, FREE sunscreen, FREE sodas, and FREE mats and tubes all day, every day!

The amusement park offers more than 40 rides including Michael Jackson's Sea Dragon, the most twisted wooden roller coaster in seven states, the Kentucky Rumbler, and other favorites including the Wild Mouse Spinning Coaster, Shock Drop, antique cars, miniature golf, go-carts, petting farm, and more. Relax as you float along the lazy river in Splash Lagoon, then tackle the wave pool, water slides, interactive children's play pool, and Tiki Island.

For seasonal dates/hours of operation and admission information visit their website <http://www.beechbend.com/parkschedule.htm> or call (270) 781-7634.

Make your lodging reservations at the hotel of your choice in the Bowling Green <http://visitbgky.com/stay/> or Cave City <http://www.cavecity.com/lodging.htm> area.

Estimated travel time between Beech Bend Park and Splash Lagoon in Bowling Green and Dinosaur World in Cave City is **30 minutes**.

DAY 2 OF YOUR FAMILY FUN ADVENTURE



Dinosaur World

Those traveling with toddlers and tikes, will want to start their day off at **Dinosaur World** in Cave City which is home to over 150 life size dinosaurs in an outdoor museum setting. Search for authentic fossils to take home at the Fossil Dig, unearth a life size dinosaur skeleton in the Boneyard, learn about fossils at the indoor Prehistoric Museum, walk through the Mammoth Gardens and enjoy the Movie Cave with educational dinosaur films. Don't miss the playground, picnic areas (pack your own lunch) or the gift shop. For dates/hours of operation and admission information visit their website <http://www.dinosaurworld.com/> or call (270) 781-7634.

Estimated travel time between Dinosaur World and Kentucky Down Under is **10 minutes**.

If you are traveling with tweens and teens, you may want to start your day off with an adrenaline rush at **Mammoth Cave Adventures**, located in Cave City. The course houses six zip lines spanning over 60 acres of rolling-high-ridged hills. The lines will have you weaving in and out of deep green canopies and over lush open meadows, traveling anywhere from 600 feet to 950 feet at speeds of 20 to 40 MPH. In addition to the Zip lines you will experience the excitement of walking in the tree tops with the two Sky Bridges or the exhilaration of being cast up into the air on a Giant Swing. **Reservations are strongly recommended** by calling (270) 773-6087. *Children under 18 must have a liability form signed by a parent or guardian before participating on tour but, can go on tour without supervision. Zippers must weigh a minimum of 100 lbs and can weigh no more than 275 lbs for the primary course. Zippers must weigh a minimum of 40lbs up to 100lbs for the secondary course.* For hours of operation and admission information visit their website <http://www.mammothcave-adventures.com>.

Estimated travel time between Mammoth Cave Adventures and Kentucky Down Under is **19 minutes**.



Kentucky Down Under

Your next destination is another great **Only One, Kentucky Down Under**, in Horse Cave. Pet the kangaroos in the Outback or learn to play a didgeridoo while you learn about Aboriginal culture. Feed colorful Rainbow Lorikeets and Australian Budgies, help with chores at the woolshed and learn about life on an Australian sheep station. You can really go 'Down Under' and explore Kentucky Caverns on this fun, informative and hands-on Australian animal. For dates/hours of operation and admission information visit their website <http://www.kdu.com> or call (800) 762-2869.

Make lodging reservations at the hotel of your choice in the Horse Cave <http://about.kygetaway.com/accommodations.htm> or Cave City <http://www.mammothcavefun.com/lodging.htm> area.

Estimated travel time between Kentucky Down Under and Mammoth Cave National Park is 25 minutes.

DAY 3 OF YOUR FAMILY FUN ADVENTURE



Mammoth Cave National Park

Visit **Kentucky's Only One Mammoth Cave National Park**, the longest recorded cave system in the world with more than 367 miles explored and mapped. Admission to the national park is free. A fee is charged for camping and cave tours. Activities include cave tours, hiking, horseback riding, biking, picnicking, camping, backcountry camping, canoeing, fishing, and pleasure driving. Overnight accommodations include three campgrounds and the Mammoth Cave Hotel facilities. **Reservations are required by calling (877)444-6777 or online at <http://www.recreation.gov>** (Note: Reservation Call Center available 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. Central Time). For Cave Tour pricing and seasonal hours of operation information, please use this web link <http://www.nps.gov/macac/planyourvisit/hours.htm>.

The Mammoth Cave Trog Tour would be of particular interest for those travelling with tweens (children ages 8-12) which last 2 ½ hours and caving distance of 1 ½ miles. Maximum tour group is 12 children for this unique off-trail adventure. It begins with a short hike through the forest down to the Historic Entrance of Mammoth Cave and see how the surface and subsurface are connected. Put on your hard hat and headlamp as you travel off-trail and learn how early visitors ventured through the cave as well as how cavers safely explore today. Unlock the secrets of how the animals of Mammoth Cave survive in this dark underground world. Children will get a firsthand experience of “discovering” a new world as they hike, crawl and belly slide through rarely visited sections of Mammoth Cave. *Parents must stay with child for first thirty minutes of program to assist with changing into coveralls and fitting equipment; parents must at return location ten minutes prior to end of tour · Trog Tour is not recommended for children with asthma or severe allergies to dust and molds · Requires a minimum of 2 participants · No bags permitted · Trog Tour is best enjoyed with a friend or sibling.*