EXPERIENCE THE EXCITEMENT OF TURKEY RUN PARK

There are so many things to experience at Turkey Run Park. Marvel at the towering hardwood trees. Dream by fields of wildflowers. Traverse tree lined paths and trails. Explore creekside communities. Float through breathtaking scenery. Observe the antics of native wildlife. Gaze upon the natural beauty of the landscape. Breathe in the fresh, pure air. Play with wild abandon. Climb to new heights. Delight in the company of family and friends. What will you do today?

Cruise
Take a slow scenic drive through Turkey Run Park. Follow Turkey Run Parkway from Brown-Forman Silo Center down the hill passing by the historic Ben Stout House and Squire Boone Bottoms. Continue on Turkey Run Parkway, climbing the hill to Sky Meadows and Boulder Pond before descending into the open meadows of Seaton Valley.

Hike
Enjoy The Parklands most extensive system of trails here at Turkey Run Park. From the Silo Center, you can head out on a grand adventure along the Louisville Loop that will take you through The Strand and connect you to Pope Lick and Beckley Creek Parks. From beyond the Silo, you can hop on the Paw Paw Trail for an easy hike or bike ride along forests and streams to Sky Dome and Boulder Pond. Use the Paw Paw Trail to transport you to the more challenging Chinkapin Trail. Trail mileage and difficulty can be found on the map of Turkey Run Park.

Ride
Mountain biking is a great way to explore The Parklands. The Mountain Bike Ride Center provides trails and skill development facilities to accelerate biking abilities for both novice and expert cyclists. Features include pump tracks, a skill development trail, and miles of flow trails. The Ride Center is conveniently located at the Brown-Forman Silo Center with access to parking, restrooms, shade, and event space. The Ride Center is still under construction and not yet open to the public.

Climb
Ascend the 109 step spiral-staircase of the Silo Lookout for a stunning 360-degree view of Turkey Run Park. From the observation tower, see if you can spot Mount Washington, the Knobs, and Sky Dome. Can you see Parklands visitors out on the trails?

Picnic
Feast in the open air! At the Brown-Forman Silo Center, former farm buildings have been restored and repurposed for you to explore. Gather with family and friends at the Farmer’s Table, a former feed shed turned picnic shelter. For larger gatherings with big appetites, chow down at the “Pignic” Barn. Or bring a blanket and dine at nature’s table in the Silo Center lawn.

Frolic
Family fun awaits at one of the many amenities The Parklands of Floyds Fork has to offer. Toss a frisbee, kick a ball, or cartwheel across the Silo Center lawn.

Celebrate
Facilities at the Brown-Forman Silo Center embrace the rustic charm of the Bluegrass and are a perfect location for your next event. The Randy & Charlotte Hockensmith Barn was raised in traditional Amish style to reflect the original tobacco barn that formerly stood in its place. The “Pignic” Barn, a former pig barn for the Jean Family Farm, is now a sheltered picnic pavilion. For venue pricing and availability, please call 502-584-0350.

www.TheParklands.org/events
KEEP IT CLEAN

Many creatures call The Parklands home, and every creature here impacts it—including you. Make a commitment to protecting this land for generations to come by keeping The Parklands clean and safe for everyone.

Our park rules are designed to ensure a great visitor experience is had by all. Please be respectful of your surroundings and have fun! Read on to find out how you can shape The Parklands of Floyds Fork in a positive way.

**Park Rules and Regulations**

- Park open dawn to dusk.
- Please obey all posted signs.
- Vehicles must remain on park roads and in designated parking areas.
- Speed limit of 25 mph is strictly enforced.
- ATVs are not permitted.
- No fireworks, glass containers, hunting, open fires, metal detecting, dumping, littering, sales, or solicitation.
- Disturbing or collecting any vegetation or natural resources within The Parklands of Floyds Fork is prohibited.
- Consumption of alcoholic beverages prohibited, except by permit.
- Amplified sound and music prohibited, except by permit.
- Food sales and distribution prohibited, except by permit.

**Dog, Animal, and Wildlife Rules**

- Dogs are welcome in The Parklands. Owners are responsible for sanitary disposal of dog feces and for keeping their pets on leashes. A designated off-leash play area is provided within The Barklands of Beckley Creek Park.
- Horses and hoofed animals are not permitted in The Parklands at this time.
- Do not feed or harass wildlife.
- No hunting or trapping permitted.
- Anglers must adhere to all Kentucky Fish & Wildlife rules and regulations. http://fw.ky.gov
- If you see a sick, injured, or dead animal in a public area of the park, please call (502) 584-0350.

**For Your Enjoyment and Safety**

- Please be aware of your surroundings. Note the name of the park and/or trail that you are on, including the mile distances on the Loop.
- Watch the weather.
- Carry a mobile phone.
- If out on a trail or on Floyds Fork, let a friend or family member know where you are going and when you will return.
- Do not take unnecessary valuables with you on your outing, and never leave any valuables unattended in the park or in your car.
- During hot and muggy days, avoid unnecessary exposure to heat and drink plenty of water.
- Follow posted safety guidelines when paddling on Floyds Fork.
- Be aware that water levels rise quickly on Floyds Fork and smaller creeks in the park.
- Stay on marked trails.
- Children should be supervised by an adult at all times.
- Only use park equipment and/or facilities for the intended purpose.
- Do not use soft surface trails when they are muddy.

**Contact Information**

**Emergency:** Call 911

**LMPD Non-Emergency:** (502) 574-2111

**General Parklands Information:** (502) 584-0350

**Address:** 8703 Stout Road
DISCOVER THE UNIQUE HISTORY OF TURKEY RUN PARK

The Parklands of Floyds Fork is a blend of man-made and natural landscapes. For millennia, the land has shaped the way humans and animals live and interact. In turn, humans and animals make their mark on the land, leaving behind clues. Become a landscape detective. Be observant, ask questions, and read the clues to understand the history of the natural world around you here at Turkey Run Park. See park maps for the location of these special places.

Brown-Forman Silo Center
The Brown-Forman Silo Center off Turkey Run Parkway, is the site of the old Jean family tobacco and dairy farm. Here you’ll find original structures restored as picnic areas, an open lawn perfect for play, and the towering Silo Lookout offering the best views of Turkey Run Park.

Agriculture in Architecture
Throughout The Parklands you will notice many repeated architectural features, including limestone walls, leaping bridges, and yellow silos. This holds true for the Brown-Forman Silo Center where architectural features are a contemporary expression of Kentucky’s rural agricultural heritage. Modern stone walls imitate the historic stacked stone walls lining portions of the creek. The silos, original to the area, have been painted yellow to mimic ears of corn, a staple of traditional Kentucky agriculture.

The Singing Silo
The Silo Lookout is quite a sight, but it’s not just a feast for the eyes. It has a story to tell. When the wind blows through the suspended dome just right, you might hear the silo sing. Like a musical instrument, the vibrations change tune as the wind shifts. Inside there is a cacophony of sound—metallic footsteps echo along a 109 step spiral-staircase and whispered voices are magnified in this concrete and steel tower. Once atop the observation deck, your heart will want to sing too as you take in the sweeping views of Turkey Run Park.

Mysterious Stone Walls
In New England, fieldstones were left behind when the glaciers retreated during the last Ice Age and created a nuisance to New England farmers who built walls with them just to get them out of the field. Since glaciers never covered Kentucky, it had very few fieldstones to trouble farmers, but there are many stacked stone walls. Why do you think that is? The walls in this area occur along streams where native Rowland Limestone was readily available. It is likely that the farmers were using the walls as a fence, to shore up eroding land, or to redirect streams.

River Reclaims
The broad floodplain of Floyds Fork, with its many meandering tributaries, created exceptional agricultural land. Periodic floods deposited nutrient-rich sediments along the wetlands and forested swamps that covered the region.

To take advantage of this super soil, early farmers had to reroute the tributaries, drain the wetlands, and log the forested areas in the floodplain. They dug ditches and built stone walls to encourage the water to flow along the base of the hillside into the river. In many areas along Floyds Fork where farmland has been abandoned, nature has taken over and wetlands are beginning to return. Can you spot these stone walls, remnants of farms established along streams in Turkey Run?

Choose Your Trail Adventure
Take a look at the trails identified on the Turkey Run Park map. Each is labeled by trail type, difficulty, and length. Use this information to determine your best route. Sometimes you can jump from one trail to another for a longer, more diverse excursion. From this trailhead you can access the Louisville Loop, a hard surface trail for non-motorized recreation. Soft surface trails intersect with the Loop, so you can customize your adventure to be just a half-mile or many miles. Please be courteous to others while on the trails and respect both wildlife and natural areas.

Trail information is posted at trail entry points and online at www.TheParklands.org.

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BECOME A MEMBER
THE JEAN FAMILY FARM

Take a few moments to take in the farmyard atmosphere found at the top of the hill. It’s not hard to imagine the land’s former life as a tobacco and dairy farm. For 170 years, the Jean Family worked the property along historic Stout Road and Floyds Fork south of Fern Creek. They grew tobacco and row crops, raised dairy cattle and pigs, and logged the woods. As plans for Turkey Run Park materialized, architects and designers took special care to preserve existing farm structures, carrying on the agricultural legacy within and around The Parklands.

Farm Life

Life on the Jean Family Farm meant long days, hard work, and the pride of a job well done. Milking was a twice a day venture—everyday, all year long—that at times included up to 130 cows. Vegetables and tobacco were grown and harvested, hogs raised for state fairs, chickens and steer tended for eggs and meat, fences repaired, fields maintained, and the list goes on. It was all part of a legacy that the Jean Family can trace back nearly two centuries to include such prominent Floyds Fork names as Seaton, Ward, Mills, Wheeler and Stout.

Tobacco and Dairy Farm Reimagined

The architects of The Parklands planned to preserve the original tobacco barn on this site, but it had too much structural damage. With the help of a donation from Randy and Charlotte Hockensmith, a new barn was constructed in its place by a team of Amish and Mennonite workers from Pennsylvania. Other structures were preserved and repurposed. To learn more about the Silo Center’s history as a family farm, visit the informational panels located at the base of the silo, next to the Farmer’s Table.

Reviving the Farmyard

Although the Jean family house on Stout Road was torn down years ago by the owners, other original farm buildings on the hilltop remain. Many have been repaired, readapted, and reused as a whimsical and permanent reminder of the family and its farming culture. What had been the pig barn now stands as the “Pignic” barn. A long shed with a feed trough in its middle received a new roof and has become the Farmer’s Table. The Gateway Barn, a smaller tobacco barn standing to the right of Hockensmith Barn, may one day serve as an entrance to the nearby trail system. The towering silo is now a visitor overlook. A shorter metal corn silo was cleaned up and painted for your viewing pleasure. The grassy 1-acre lawn at the center of the Brown-Forman Silo Center connects them all together.