Lexington, KY

Parks and Recreation

Lexington has more than 100 parks with amenities that include seven community centers, seven pools, five golf courses, four disc golf courses, four skate parks, four spraygrounds, and six dog parks. Located in the downtown area, Thoroughbred Park contains seven bronze statues of racing horses with their jockeys and a broomcase with her foals.

Amendities in Castlewood Park, which is the site of the historic Loudoun House, include an aquatic center, a community center with gymnasium, ball courts and fields, horseshoe pits, and a handicap-accessible playground.

The 216-acre Jacobson Park features Lakeside Golf Course in addition to bill courts, a dog park, fishing docks, open play fields, a creative playground, a sprayground, and a marina.

Masterson Station Park amenities include an equestrian program and an indoor riding arena complex, a dog park, ball fields and courts, an inline hockey rink, and a playground.

Woodland Park features a skate park, an aquatic center, ball fields and courts, a gazebo, horseshoe pits, a playground, and shelter.

Hstile Farm Park is approximately 280 acres of rolling pastureland located 5 miles northeast of downtown Lexington. It features a 10-lane target archery range with two permanent targets and a shared-use trail.

The Arboretum, State Botanical Garden of Kentucky, is a 100-acre green space located on the campus of the University of Kentucky. It features the Walk Across Kentucky, which includes plants and trees from Kentucky’s seven physiographic regions; the Home Demonstration Garden; and the Kentucky Children’s Garden.

Nature sanctuaries include the 734-acre Raven Nature Sanctuary on the Kentucky River and the 26-acre McConnell Springs Nature Sanctuary.

Professional sports include thoroughbred horse racing at Keeneland, harness racing at Red Mile Racetrack, and the Lexington Legends (baseball).

Education

Fayette County Public Schools serves more than 42,000 students in the Lexington metropolitan area in 37 elementary schools, 12 middle schools, 6 high schools, 3 technical centers, and 11 other academic and alternative programs. The University of Kentucky, which offers undergraduate, graduate, and professional degree programs at the Colleges of Medicine, Dentistry, Health Sciences, Nursing, Pharmacy, and Public Health, with the University of Kentucky and Midway University are private nonprofit liberal arts colleges affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Bluegrass Community & Technical College is a public community college that offers diplomas, certificates, and associate’s degrees in technical fields and for transfer to 4-year institutions, Sullivan University Lexington campus, Indiana Wesleyan University, and American National University offer career-focused higher education.

Commonwealth Baptist College trains people for positions within the ministry. Lexington Theological Seminary is a graduate theological institution.

Health Care

Lexington is served by the following health care facilities:

- Baptist Health Lexington: 391 licensed beds
- Saint Joseph East: 217 licensed beds
- Saint Joseph Hospital: 433 licensed beds
- UK HealthCare Good Samaritan Hospital: 221 licensed beds
- University of Kentucky Hospital: 724 licensed beds
- UK HealthCare Good Samaritan Hospital: 221 licensed beds
- Saint Joseph Hospital: 433 licensed beds
- Eastern State Hospital: 195 licensed psychiatric beds
- The Ridge Behavioral Health System: 110 licensed psychiatric beds
- Veterans Affairs Medical Center: 199 authorized beds that comprise acute care services, residential treatment programs for PTSD and substance abuse, and a community living center.

City Stats

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Neighborhoods

Lexington’s neighborhoods range from urban to rural. Although primarily commercial, the downtown has apartments, condominiums, and townhouses newly built and under construction. Lexington has many historic residential areas, such as Gratz Park, Fayette Park, Western Suburb, and Hampton Court near the downtown. Ashland Park, which was designed by the Olmsted Brothers and built between 1910 and 1915, features single-family homes in various architectural styles is surrounded by trees, green spaces, and curving streets. Most of the homes in Bell Court, which was developed in the early 1900s, were constructed in the Victorian, Queen Anne, and Craftsman styles. In 1910, built between 1910 and 1915, features bungalow-style housing.

Suburban neighborhoods include Stoneraw, which was built in the 1950s and 1960s and consists of mostly brick, ranch-style homes. The mostly single-family detached single- or two-story brick houses in Rabbit Run and Masterson Station were constructed between 1990 and 2000. Rabbit Run also has some apartments and condominiums. Beaumont Park features primarily brick, ranch-style houses built on large lots on tree-lined streets in the 1960s. The various Andover neighborhoods, built mostly during the 1960s, offer a variety of housing styles and sizes, including some apartments and townhouses.

The rural areas comprise many horse farms and estates. The Greenbrier Community features large two-story traditional and ranch-style custom-built homes on large lots. Development began in the 1960s, but many homes are less than 10 years old. Ashford Oaks is a new gated community of custom homes that is adjacent to the country club.