

## **MAYFIELD-GRAVES COUNTY TOURISM**

### **SOCIAL DISTANCING PHOTO SCAVENGER HUNT**

Are you and your family suffering from cabin fever during these difficult times? Is Non-Traditional Instruction (NTI) homework beginning to get to you? How about a "Mayfield & Graves County Social Distancing Scavenger Hunt"? Load your family up in the car and visit these sites we've identified for you. We've provided the basics, but you can have the kids use the "Google Machine" to do a little more research. 😊

Take selfies of your family in front of the sites listed below and post to the Mayfield-Graves County Tourism social media pages using the hashtag #visitmayfieldgraves. For each site you visit & photo you post on our social media page, you will be entered into a random drawing for a prize at the end of social isolation! (Remember, if you happen to run in to another family at one of the sites, stay in your car until they are gone so you can maintain social distancing.)

We can't wait to see your smiling faces!!!

#### **LOCAL HISTORY**

##### **Camp Beaugard Memorial – Water Valley**

Established in Water Valley in 1861, the Camp's purpose was to protect the eastern flank of Columbus, Kentucky. It also served as a recruiting and training center. At its peak, the Camp housed 6,000 men. No actual battles were fought here, but several scouting parties engaged in skirmishes. Over 2,000 confederate soldiers are buried here. The Camp also is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

##### **Confederate Monument – Courthouse, Mayfield**

This 1917 monument represents a time in Mayfield & Graves County's history when Mayfield was occupied by a small Union force in 1864 and the citizens were forced to build an earthen fortification around the Courthouse. This is one of only four Civil War fountains in Kentucky and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

##### **Wooldridge Monuments – Mayfield**

In a plot of Maplewood Cemetery are the unusual stone figures of an eccentric aristocrat and Civil War soldier, tagged as, "The Strange Procession That Never Moves". These figures were built from 1892 until Wooldridge's death on May 30, 1899; Henry Wooldridge (buried here in 1899), his family, friends and favorite animals are enshrined here. Following damage from the Ice Storm of 2009, all the monuments were restored on site in 2010, by Monument Conservation Collaborative, a historic monument restoration firm. The Confederate Memorial Gate to Maplewood Cemetery and the Wooldridge Monuments both are on the National Register of Historic Places (gates open 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., daily).

### **Harmon Park – Mayfield**

Visit the Blue Star Memorial at Harmon Park. Blue Star Memorials were started in 1945 after World War II to pay tribute to the US armed forces. You can also visit the historic Humane Society Fountain while you're at Harmon Park.

### **The Old Oak Political “Lyn” Tree - Fancy Farm**

Lightning struck this 133 year old oak tree on April 15, 1974. The tree trunk remains as a symbol of the years since 1880, where political speeches were made on the first Saturday in August, at the Fancy Farm Annual Picnic. Some of America's greatest statesmen have spoken under the shade of the great oak tree. The monument, dedicated August 7, 1976, by former Kentucky Governor Julian M. Carroll, marks the spot of the famous 'old oak political tree'; due to deterioration, a bronze plaque was transferred to this monument in 1993. From here, you can visit the St. Jerome School (built in 1909) and Museum and then cross the street to visit St. Jerome's Catholic Church, another Graves County site listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

### **War Memorial Stadium - Mayfield**

The stadium was the product of a group of civic-minded citizens, created as a monument of honor for, "those Graves countians, both living and dead", who served in the war. To build the stadium, in 1947, a fundraising goal of \$200,000 was set and after a kick-off breakfast, \$125,000 was raised. The Mayfield Cardinals faced the Madisonville Maroons on September 16, 1949 to mark the first game to be played at the newly completed War Memorial Stadium. The grounds also were host to the Kitty League's Mayfield Clothiers Team.

### **Rails-to-Trails – Wingo**

Wingo's Rails to Trails mirrors conservation movements across the country. The goal of Rails to Trails is to promote a nationwide network of trails from former rail lines and connecting corridors to build healthier places for healthier people. With Wingo's history of rail lines, the City has been very forward-thinking to use those abandoned rail lines to benefit the community.

## **ARTS**

### **Ice House Gallery – Mayfield**

Mayfield's historic Ice House is home to the Mayfield-Graves County Art Guild, who serves the community through displaying art works with both solo and group shows, providing guidance and workspace for artists who may not have space, and offering a gift shop of items created by local artists. The Ice House features ten exhibits through the year and sponsors the Gourd Patch Festival in October.

### **“Memories of Old Mayfield” Mural – Downtown Mayfield**

Created in 2015 by artist and Mayfield High School graduate Rudy Holmes, the “Memories of Old Mayfield” mural features 5 recreations of historic buildings no longer standing: J.J.

Newberry Company, old Mayfield High School, the Princess Theater, Mayfield Rail Road Depot and J.C. Penny's. You might also visit a couple of other downtown murals created by Rudy.

**Purchase Players Community Performing Arts Center – Mayfield**

42 years young, the Purchase Players mission is to engage, inspire, entertain and challenge audiences with theatrical productions; to train and support the next generation of theatre artists; to provide arts education programs that promote life-long learning to our community; and to celebrate the essential power of the theatre to illuminate our common humanity. This building was opened in 2002 and includes annual season performances by children, adults and teens.