

# EXPLORE

TODD COUNTY, KY

Small town charm, historic treasures, tasty eateries.

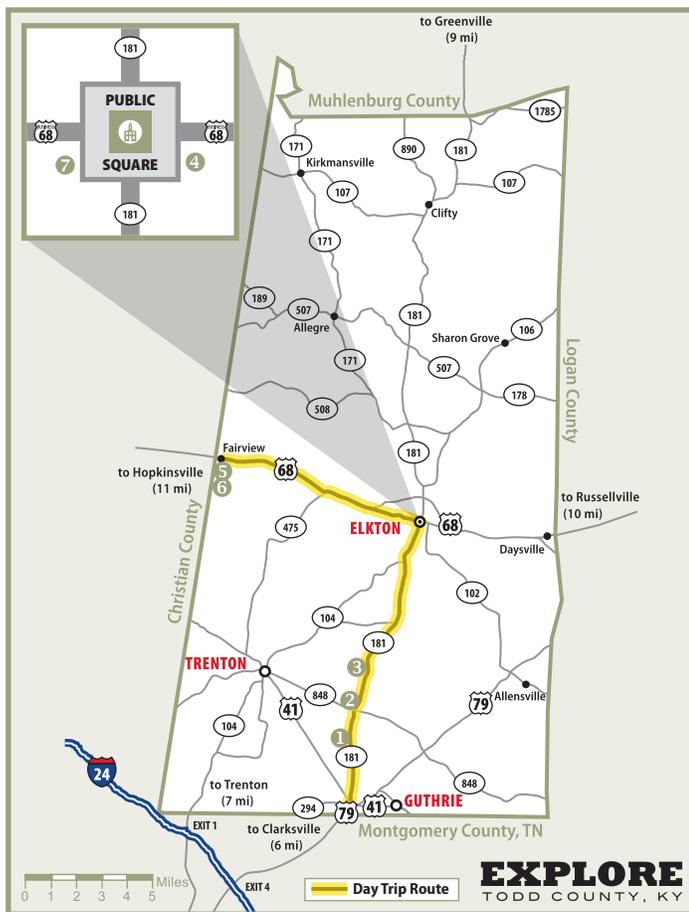
# The Amish Experience

## Day Trip

### Todd County is home to the oldest Amish settlement in Kentucky.

Founded in 1958, the “Guthrie community” is home to “electric” New Order Amish that originate from a now-defunct Amish church at Stuarts Draft, Virginia. Though they dress plain, use the horse-and-buggy, and speak Pennsylvania Dutch, New Order Amish differ somewhat from Old Order Amish in that they tend to have a greater focus on missions and outreach and are generally liberal on technology – such as the use of electricity in homes, and tractors and other modern machinery on their farmsteads. While New Order Amish dot the rural landscape in southern Todd County, a growing settlement of Old Order Mennonites exist in the northwestern portion of the county near Fairview.

Spend a day in Todd County experiencing the Amish/Mennonite tradition. You will find a humbled and industrious people that produce all types of goods – abundant in both quantity and quality.



Have questions? Stop in the Historic Todd County Courthouse Welcome Center, located in the center of Public Square across from The 2 Kates.

## SAMPLE ONE-DAY ITINERARY

Starting in southern Todd County near Guthrie, travel north on State Hwy 181 until you come to ❶ **The Country Pantry** 9115 Guthrie Road. Here you will find “the hard to find”, with all types of bulk foods, spices, sausages, cheese, Piedmontese beef, country fresh milk and barnyard eggs.

Optional: Continue north and you will notice ❷ **Penchem Tack Store** 7925 Guthrie Road, a popular stop for the horse enthusiast. A leather-lovers paradise, this full line saddle shop has quality name brand saddles, tack, harnesses, farrier products and Redwing shoes.

The next stop on the itinerary is the ever popular ❸ **Schlabach’s Bakery** 6255 Guthrie Road. Stock up on fresh baked bread, cinnamon rolls, pies, cakes, cookies, jams, pure honey, sorghum and more. Also, on the lawn, stroll through Schlabach’s inventory of locally made outdoor furniture.

After spending the morning with our New Order Amish friends, it’s time for lunch. A favorite among locals, tourists and travelers of all kinds is ❹ **The 2 Kates** 10 Public Square. Located in the center of Elktion, this southern fare eatery is regularly featured on NewsChannel5’s Talk of the Town and labeled a “Chef’s Choice” by Kentucky Living magazine.

It’s back in the car for an afternoon jaunt over to Fairview (U.S. Hwy 68 West). Along the short drive, don’t be surprised to see Old Order Mennonites working the fields or even on the road with a team of horses in front. Just off Hwy 68 you’ll find ❺ **The Country Barn** 112 Britmart Road. This Mennonite-operated farm market and garden center features farm fresh produce in season, heirloom vegetables, flowers, trees, a large selection of perennials, hanging baskets, and seasonal favorites like pumpkins and mums.

Departing from our theme, a visit to Fairview would not be complete without visiting the ❻ **Jefferson Davis Monument State Historic Site**. Among the very tallest of monuments in the United States, the 351-foot obelisk honoring Fairview’s native son is complete with an elevator to the top that gives visitors a bird’s eye view of the countryside.

While there is much more to experience, that is a pretty full day. But, if you find yourself backtracking through Elktion on your way home and have a sweet-tooth, a stop at ❼ **L & R Soda Bar** 44 Public Square will fix it. Banana splits, sundaes, milkshakes and more than 30 flavors of ice cream – all dripping with ‘50s nostalgia – await you and your friends!

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