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TODD COUNTY, KY

Small town charm, historic treasures, tasty eateries.

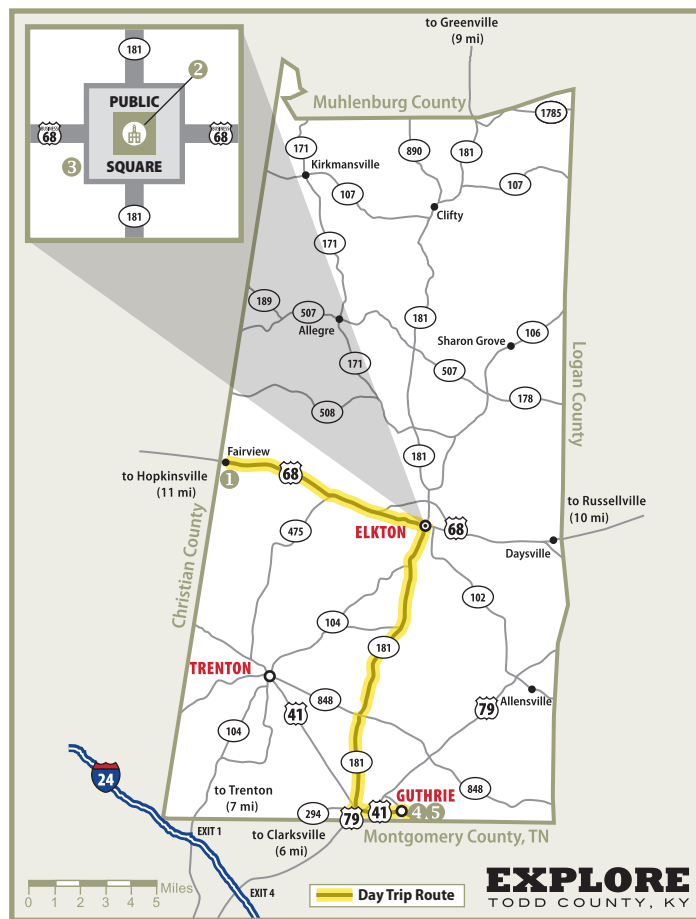
Historic Todd County

Day Trip

Todd County is ripe with history. Created from parts of neighboring Christian and Logan counties in 1820, Todd County has 15 listings on the National Register of Historic Places and 10 Kentucky Historical Markers have been placed at historically significant locations within its borders.

The Stage Coach Inn in Guthrie was a significant stop along the Trail of Tears and also served as a Confederate hospital in the Civil War. The picturesque Old Courthouse in Elkton's historic town square is the second oldest standing courthouse in the state. The Allensville post office pioneered rural delivery of mail in Kentucky. Elkton's native sons include a former U.S. Treasury Secretary and a Supreme Court Justice. Guthrie also played a significant role in the Black Patch War.

From notable homes to historic places, Todd County's history is fascinating. Come spend a day touring Todd County and its many historic treasures. You'll be glad you did!



SAMPLE ONE-DAY ITINERARY

Starting in Fairview, on the county's western border with Christian County, the **1 Jefferson Davis Monument State Historic Site** just off U.S. Hwy 68 is a memorial to the famous Kentuckian born on this site on June 3, 1808. A 351-foot obelisk constructed on a foundation of solid Kentucky Limestone marks the site, and an elevator to the top give visitor's a bird's eye view of the countryside. The visitor center offers a short DVD presentation and exhibits trace the life of Davis before and after the Civil War. A gift shop features Kentucky handcrafts, souvenirs, books and Civil War memorabilia.

Before or after lunch, make a stop at the **2 Historic Todd County Courthouse Welcome Center** on the Public Square in Elkton. Sign the guest register and obtain free maps and brochures about Todd County and the Pennyriple Region. Kentucky's second oldest standing courthouse also offers historic displays and works by local artisans.

While in Elkton, a number of lunch options await you. On a day of experiencing the past, how about a little 1950's nostalgia? **3 L & R Soda Bar 44 Public Square** offers tasty sandwiches, hot dogs, soups and salads. Follow your meal with a treat! This soda shop knows how to serve up banana splits, sundaes, milkshakes and more than 30 flavors of ice cream. While there, take advantage of the juke box and browse the gift shop, featuring Coca-Cola memorabilia and so much more!

From Elkton, drive south on State Hwy 181 to Guthrie – the birthplace of one of the nation's most prolific writers. **4 The Robert Penn Warren Birthplace Museum** corner of 3rd & Cherry Streets is located one block from downtown Guthrie. Warren, a three-time recipient of the Pulitzer Prize, lived in Guthrie for the first 16 years of his life and it was this border area of Kentucky and Tennessee – its people, history and culture – that colored much of Warren's body of work. Each room in the house features displays of early Guthrie and Robert Penn Warren memorabilia, including books, photographs and other objects of interest relating to the works and life of Warren.

Save a little time for **5 Guthrie's Railroad Museum** corner of 3rd & Kendall Streets. Located in a bright red caboose, you will find displays highlighting Guthrie's railroad history and exhibits on the L&N Railroad. *Note: By appointment only. Call ahead to 270.493.2683 or go by Guthrie City Hall directly across the street.*

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