

EXPLORE

TODD COUNTY, KY

Small town charm, historic treasures, tasty eateries.

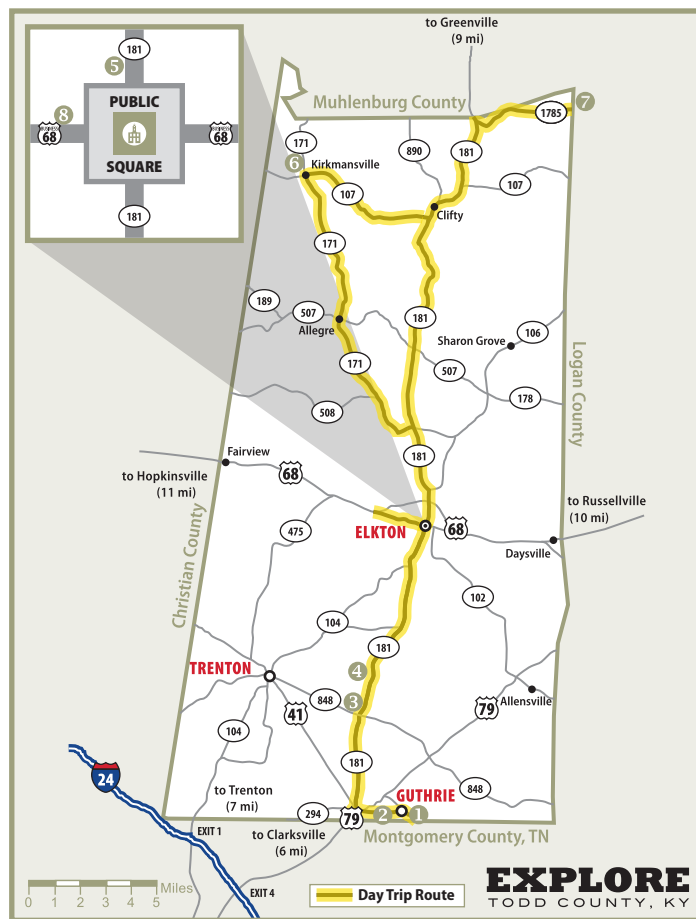
“Let’s Go Country”

Day Trip

There are 376 square miles in Todd County; and with a total population of only 12,500, almost all of it is rural lands. The county features two very distinct geographical regions: the high country in the north and the low country in the south.

The northern highlands consist of steep-sloped sandstone terrain with forests of oak, walnut and poplar. The landscape contains steep bluffs and sharp rises and falls within the terrain. The southern lowlands consist of rolling limestone flatlands void of aquifer sinks and consist of dense, but sparse forests of oak, walnut poplar and ash. Much of southern Todd County is considered among the most productive farmland in the state.

So, spend a relaxing day in “the country” taking in the scenery and enjoying some of what Todd County has to offer!



SAMPLE ONE-DAY ITINERARY

A great place to start your day trip is in downtown Guthrie at **1 Longhurst General Store** 231 S. Ewing Street. In business since 1937, this general store is still stocked reminiscent of an era gone by. Radio Flyer Wagons, Red Rider BB Guns, lanterns, cast iron cookware, wash tubs, groceries, candy, tobacco, health aids, soaps, cold drinks meats, small deli. Next stop – only a mile away – is **2 Southern Kentucky Flea Market** 52 Cypress Lane, the largest flea market in the region with over 150 booths full of everything – vintage, retro, primitive, antique, odd and usable second-hand.

From Guthrie, head north on Hwy 181 until you come to **3 Penchem Tack Store** 7925 Guthrie Road. A great place for western wear, Penchem Tack Store is 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. A great place to find some locally made outdoor furniture is just up the road at **4 Schlabach’s Bakery** 6255 Guthrie Road – and yes, this gives you a good excuse to stock up on fresh baked bread, cinnamon rolls and more! Schlabach’s also has pure honey and sorghum.

As you continue to travel on Hwy 181 north, you will find a number of lunch options in Elkton. Some simply good country cooking can usually be had at **5 The Gathering Place** 107 N. Main Street, just north of Public Square. Or, if you find yourself not quite ready for lunch and are up for a scenic drive through Todd County’s northern highlands, head on up to **6 Helen’s Place** 12349 Allegre Road in Kirkmansville for a good home-cooked meal.

The next stop on the itinerary is **Lake Malone**. Taking in Todd County’s scenic northern highlands enroute to Lake Malone will give anyone an appreciation for nature; and once there, you will find that the 788-acre Lake Malone is enclosed by dramatic 50-foot sandstone bluffs rising above the water’s edge and surrounded by hardwood forests.

Whether your pleasure is some fishing or pleasure riding on a pontoon, **7 Shady Cliff Marina** 530 Lake Malone Road can provide you with water access, boats and other equipment. To get to the marina from Clifty, stay on Hwy 181 north approximately five miles and turn right onto State Route 1785 (Jason Ridge Road/Lake Malone Road) for another five miles.

After an afternoon on the water, when passing through Elkton on your way home, pull in at **8 Hampton’s Dairy Mart** 500 W. Main Street for a little ice cream refreshment!

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