

# Salato Wildlife Education Center begins new season

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Looking for a wild adventure? The Salato Wildlife Education Center on the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources' headquarters campus reopened for the 2025 season on Tuesday, March 11, inviting visitors to explore the commonwealth's diverse ecosystems and wildlife as well as a new exhibit.

Home to more than 40 native animal species, including a black bear, bald eagle, bobcats and elk, the Salato Center combines engaging indoor exhibi-

its with outdoor animal encounters. This family-friendly attraction offers visitors the opportunity to experience Kentucky's regional ecosystems, and the wealth of fish, plants and animals found in the Commonwealth.

New this season is the Healthy Hunting Grounds exhibit, which showcases hunting's essential role in conservation. The new exhibit celebrates the many ways in which hunting provides healthy sources of food, boosts the economy and supports Kentucky's natural resources.

"Guests can step inside a

duck hunting blind to hear waterfowl calls, practice tree stand safety, explore interactive media and listen to personal hunting stories," said Jules Foster, Salato Center manager.

Located less than an hour from Lexington and Louisville, Salato is a favorite destination for families and groups. It is consistently listed among the top ten things to do in Frankfort and is listed as a top 5 Frankfort attraction by Trip Advisor. Visitors can enjoy daily programs, live animal trainings, feedings and up-close encounters with birds of prey.

The center is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays and closed on Sundays, Mondays and state holidays.

Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for youths ages 5 to 17. Children ages 4 and younger are admitted free with adult admission. Tickets may be purchased at the door or online up to 30 days in advance.

Annual memberships provide unlimited visits, with three options: individual (\$20), family (\$35 for two adults and up to five children) and friend (\$50 for two adults, up to five children or grandchildren,

and five additional guests).

"With memberships valid for 12-months from purchase, guests can enjoy a year of savings and exploration," Foster said. "They are available to purchase online and make fantastic gifts."

As a premier field trip destination, Salato provides hands-on learning experiences for students of all ages at an affordable rate. Teachers can plan their school field trip online.

Operated by Kentucky Fish and Wildlife, Salato furthers the agency's mission to educate the public about native wildlife,

conservation efforts, and hunting and fishing opportunities. Located off U.S. 60 at the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife headquarters in Frankfort, the center also offers fishing lakes, hiking trails and scenic picnic areas with rentable covered shelters.

While Salato follows seasonal hours, the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife headquarters campus remains open daily from sunrise to sunset. More information is available on the Salato Wildlife Education Center's webpage at fw.ky.gov or by calling 502-564-7863.



The Salato Wildlife Education center begins its new season on March 11. (Photo submitted)

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Doug Fain  
Jessamine County Circuit Clerk  
  
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Mar. 13, 2025  
**EST/BRADLEY, N.**

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**CASE NUMBER 25-P-33**  
NOTICE is hereby given that John Bunton has qualified as Executor of the estate of Ruth G Bunton, deceased of Jessamine County, Kentucky on January 30, 2025. All persons having claims against the said estate are requested to present the same properly proven as required by law to the aforesaid John Bunton, 17 Old Village Dr., Nicholasville, KY 40356 not later than July 30, 2025.  
  
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**EST/BUNTON, R.**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**CASE NUMBER 25-P-32**  
NOTICE is hereby given that Randy Dinkins and Ruth Dinkins have qualified as Co-Executors of the estate of Burrell D. Dinkins, deceased of Jessamine County, Kentucky on January 30, 2025. All persons having claims against the said estate are requested to present the same properly proven as required by law to the aforesaid Randy Dinkins, 1572 Clear Creek Rd., Nicholasville, KY 40356 & Ruth Dinkins, 2049 McLendon Ave., Atlanta, GA 30307 or to their, attorney, Kimberly Barnard Ostroske, Barnard Law Office, PLLC, 301 E. Main St., Wilmore, KY 40390 not later than July 30, 2025.  
  
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**EST/DINKINS, B.**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**CASE NUMBER 25-P-69**  
NOTICE is hereby given that Gary Gillispie has qualified as Executor of the estate of Sue Ellen Gillispie, deceased of Jessamine County, Kentucky on February 27, 2025. All persons having claims against the said estate are requested to present the same properly proven as required by law to the aforesaid Gary Gillispie, 585 Handys Bend Rd, Wilmore, KY 40390 not later than August 27, 2025.  
  
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**EST/GILLISPIE, S.**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**CASE NUMBER 25-P-28**  
NOTICE is hereby given that Stephen Johnson has qualified as Executor of the estate of Barbara J. Johnson, deceased of Jessamine County, Kentucky on January 30, 2025. All persons

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having claims against the said estate are requested to present the same properly proven as required by law to the aforesaid Stephen Johnson, 102 Windsor Way, Nicholasville, KY 40356 or to his, attorney, Richard Wehrle, 250 W Main St Suite 2300, Lexington, KY 40507 not later than July 31, 2025.  
  
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**EST/JOHNSON, B.**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**CASE NUMBER 25-P-066**  
NOTICE is hereby given that Peter J. Rainey has qualified as Executor of the estate of Sheila Moniz Rainey, deceased of Jessamine County, Kentucky on February 27, 2025. All persons having claims against the said estate are requested to present the same properly proven as required by law to the aforesaid Peter J. Rainey, 75 Ave of Champions, Nicholasville, KY 40356 or to his, attorney, Stidham & Assoc. PSC, 2343 Alexandria Dr Suite 150, Lexington, KY 40504 not later than August 27, 2025.  
  
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**EST/RAINEY, S.**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**CASE NUMBER 25-P-027**  
NOTICE is hereby given that Mike Taylor has qualified as Administrator of the estate of Janice M. Taylor, deceased of Jessamine County, Kentucky on January 30, 2025. All persons having claims against the said estate are requested to present the same properly proven as required by law to the aforesaid Mike Taylor, 1133 Barleys Pass, Lexington, KY 40511 or to his, attorney, Dustin C. Beard, 300 E. Main St. Ste. 250, Lexington, KY 40507 not later than July 31, 2025.  
  
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**EST/TAYLOR, J.**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**CASE NUMBER 25-P-34**  
NOTICE is hereby given that Stanley R. Wiggs, Jr. has qualified as Executor of the estate of Sharon Kay Wiggs, deceased of Jessamine County, Kentucky on January 30, 2025. All persons having claims against the said estate are requested to present the same properly proven as required by law to the aforesaid Stanley R. Wiggs Jr., 35 Campground Lane, Wilmore, KY 40390 or to his, attorney,

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Kimberly Barnard Ostroske, Barnard Law Office PLLC, 301 E. Main Street, Wilmore, KY 40390 not later than July 30, 2025.  
  
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**LAND SUBDIVISION**  
750 Richmond Avenue. Request for approval of Final Development Plan/Preliminary Subdivision Plat, under Method 2, consisting of approximately 4.16 acres, PVA Parcel #070-00-00-013.00. Requested by Value HVAC Services of Lexington KY 40509.  
**OTHER BUSINESS:**  
Hawthorne Subdivision Plat. Request for a two (2) year extension for the preliminary subdivision plat. Request submitted by Bob Route, of Nicholasville KY 40356.  
A copy of these applications, plats, zoning regulations and amendments are available for public view in the Staff Offices of the Nicholasville Planning Commission, 517 North Main Street, Nicholasville, Kentucky. (Office hours 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday)  
John Quinn, Chairperson  
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