

Kentucky unveils new 2026-2027 highway map for travelers

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Kentucky officials on Thursday released the new 2026-2027 Highway map, showcasing that there is something for everyone to enjoy, including historic horse landscapes, diverse trails, and accessible attractions that prove no matter where you land, adventure and entertainment await.

and build memories that will last a lifetime. There's no wrong turn in Kentucky."

The map provides key highway and traveler information needed to plan a journey, including primary and secondary roads, parks and trail locations, state police posts, weigh stations, and more.

"Creating the best adventures starts with a safe and smooth trip to your destination," said KYTC Secretary Jim Gray. "Whether you're a Kentuckian driving the length of the Mountain Parkway or a visitor cycling through the legacy trail, we take pride in offering safe and efficient roads and bridges that serve everyone to enhance their Kentucky experience."

From its cover photo to informational insets on its back, the 2026-2027 map highlights destinations unique to Kentucky such as natural stone arches, the Country Music Highway (U.S. 23) in the east and Great River Road in the west – all suitable for the some amazing road trips as American's pack up the car and hit the road this year in celebration of America's 250th birthday.

Maps are available at Kentucky rest areas and welcome centers. To download an electronic copy or request a printed copy, visit <https://transportation.ky.gov/Planning/Pages/Official-Highway-Map.aspx>

NEWS BRIEFS

•**Monday, April 20th:** The Kentucky Blood Center (KBC) Bloodmobile will be at Rose Mary C. Brooks Place, 200 Rosemary Drive. 2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Limited edition t-shirt is available for all donors while supplies last.

•The attached link will take you to the Clark County Fiscal Court application for local opioid settlement funds. Requests for Proposal (RFP) are due by Thursday, April 30. <https://www.clarkcoky.com/DocumentCenter/View/229>

Legislature passes measure to support technology development

Kentucky House of Representatives Press Release

FRANKFORT – Legislation that would strengthen and expand the Kentucky Innovation Act to better support entrepreneur-led economic growth and attract talent, investment, and emerging companies to the Commonwealth has passed through the House and Senate and will be delivered to the Governor for consideration. This bill, sponsored by Representative Josh Branscum of Russell Springs, chair of the House Economic Development and Workforce Investment, was designed to foster more innovation and development in Kentucky's technology industry.

"House Bill 577 is about making Kentucky a place where entrepreneurs can turn ideas into opportunity," said Branscum. "By strengthening the Kentucky Innovation Act, we are creating a more competitive environment to attract investment, support start-ups, and encourage long-term economic growth across the Common-

wealth."

HB 577 adds clear goals to the Kentucky Innovation Act that emphasize supporting entrepreneur-led economic development and attracting workforce talent, investors, and start-up companies to Kentucky. The bill clarifies that the purpose of the Kentucky Enterprise Fund is to attract, recruit, and support early-stage and high-growth companies seeking to locate, relocate, or establish a presence in the Commonwealth.

It also expands eligibility by allowing companies based outside of Kentucky to qualify for funding, provided they become Kentucky-based within 180 days after certification authorizing funding. Additionally, the bill allows moneys received by the Kentucky Enterprise Fund to be subject to restrictions imposed by contributing entities, with approval from the Cabinet for Economic Development, and includes definitions for "early-stage company" and "high-growth company" within the Kentucky Innovation Act.

What's the big deal about evangelism?

Within the Christian worldview, some might ask, "What's the big deal about evangelism?" We would think this response would come from non-believers, but sadly, there are also church members who have the same calloused attitude. When we consider the idea behind sharing the good news, we begin with comprehending that it's the announcement and proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ. It reveals the greatest love story of all time about the Heavenly Father who sent His Son to be tortured and to die on a wooden cross, and was miraculously resurrected from the dead for all who would trust in Him as their Lord. Within this amazing truth, we consider what is at stake for those who accept or refuse this message. God has promised eternal life in Heaven for whoever embraces Jesus Christ as their king, while warning about the repercussions of rejecting Him. Those who rebel and refuse to repent and surrender their will to God are literally lost forever. Do you believe this?

In First Corinthians chapter 15:3-4, Paul writes, "For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according

to the scriptures; and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the scriptures." The Son of God has the power to ransom and rescue the lost, which makes it the greatest sacrifice and invitation that has ever been given. The question is, who will believe that God is waiting for every soul to fall deeply in love with Him? Verse 22 continues, "For as in Adam all die" (without being born-again, we are hopelessly lost), "even so in Christ shall all be made alive" (which is referring to receiving Jesus into their spirit, mind, and conscience). As nearly everyone has heard the popular passage found in John 3:16, we know that God's love and grace are the foundation of our salvation, and that our love and obedience are expressed back to Him and to others through evangelism.

So, if this is so crucially important, why do many Christians seem to be unconcerned about sharing it? Well, I'm sure people will come up with lots of different reasons, but I believe we can agree that the lack of agape love would be (as



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the family feud game show would say) the number one answer. If we had a cure for a deadly worldwide plague, would we keep it to ourselves, or would

we try to save as many as we could? If we knew the bridge was out, would we stand in the highway and try to warn others? Some Christians are disengaged because they have no personal investment. Prayer increases our discernment and transforms our attitudes, but some misunderstand salvation as a life of blessings without letting their light to shine. The idea of salvation being a free gift of mercy has distorted the responsibilities and conditional requirements for working within a personal covenant with God. We are called to listen with our spiritual ears and respond with faith and works. There is no such thing as a salvation that does not involve the obedience of taking up our cross and living in the awareness of His presence.

Is it possible for a Christian to become spiritually numb? Without a burden for the lost, our love has waxed cold. Many believe

that telling others about Jesus is the duty of the paid clergy, but the sobering truth is that every Christian is a minister with the same divine commission. Untold church members are generally intimidated and avoid being mocked, ostracized, and considered a weird fanatic by family and friends. Yet, we are excited to talk about others whom we highly respect. Romans 1:16 encourages us to please God despite being condemned and persecuted, as Paul is quoted again, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone who believes: to the Jew first and also to the Greek." There are no excuses for anyone to attempt to justify their lack of spiritual zeal. In Matthew 28:19-20, we read the demand of Christ to stay focused on this mission – no compromise, no embarrassment. "The fields are white with harvest" is a phrase from John 4:35-38, where Jesus tells His disciples that souls are ready to hear and accept His gospel. Maybe some have lost their sense of urgency because they choose to ignore the eternal consequences.

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One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

4-6 CRYPTOQUOTE

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Saturday's Cryptoquote: ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL THINGS IN THE WORLD I'VE EVER SEEN OR HEARD IS PEOPLE LAUGHING. — D.L. HUGHLEY

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4-7 CRYPTOQUOTE

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: APRIL PREPARES HER GREEN TRAFFIC LIGHT, AND THE WORLD THINKS: GO. — CHRISTOPHER MORLEY

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ZBNN QPV, "ZDPM VCPE AK
VKFE GKKSQ MPSC INPUC?"
PJA MDC KJNV PJQZCE B UPJ
WBRC BQ, BJ UDBNADKKA.

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: MUSIC IS A MODE OF TRANSPORTATION THAT TAKES US FROM ONE REALITY TO AN IMAGINED. — YO-YO MA

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