

Blue Licks Battlefield State Park

Location: 10299 Maysville Road, Carlisle, KY 40311

Website: http://parks.ky.gov/parks/resortparks/blue-licks/default.aspx

Directions: Take the AA Hwy east to Maysville. Turn south on U.S. 68.

Park is 25 miles south of Maysville.

Trail Miles: Six trails, totaling less than five miles. The Heritage trail is the longest, at two miles, and retraces the history of the Blue Licks Springs, complete with a re-constructed trade fort. The Heritage trail also passes through a nature preserve that is home to one of the most endangered species of wildflower, the Short's Goldenrod.

Dogs: Dogs are allowed on leashes.

Description: Throughout history, the salt springs attracted prehistoric animals, Indians, and pioneers, including the legendary Daniel Boone. Many 19th-century southerners came to the area seeking rejuvenation from the therapeutic waters of the springs. Blue Licks is more widely known, however, as the site of the last battle of the Revolutionary War. It took place 10 months after the surrender of the British General Cornwallis at the Battle of Yorktown. Kentuckians engaged Indians and British soldiers near the Licking River. Though, vastly outnumbered, they suffered great losses, including one of Boone's sons. Boone's words, "Enough of honour cannot be paid," are inscribed on the monument dedicated to the soldiers who died in the battle.

Other Activities: There is a lake available for fishing, boating and swimming. There are also campgrounds, picnic areas, miniature golf, and a playground. A museum is available to learn more about the historical aspects of the park.

