

About Williamsburg-

Nestled in the foothills of Daniel Boone Country hides an escape rich in history and full of opportunity. Here is a truly special getaway where the culture of Scotch-Irish immigrants combines with

southern hospitality and frontiersman ingenuity.

Once land few wanted but now land few choose to leave--a



temperate paradise of pines and hardwoods, not palms. This is Williamsburg, KY, "God's Country," USA.

Currently averaging more than five thousand proud residents, Williamsburg has come a long way from its humble beginnings though a humble attitude still remains. It's now a perfectly sized small town and well situated as the county seat of Whitley County, giving the town an edge in assuring continued prosperity. When early settlers first arrived, the surrounding Appalachian Mountains and serene Cumberland River made Williamsburg highly accessible while offering a plentiful selection of wild game and fish. In the 1950's, accessibility improved with the installation of I-75 and our very own Exit 11, making Williamsburg a hot-spot for tourists, seeking real relaxation from the hustle and bustle of big city living. Today, Exit 11 draws thousands of visitors hoping to unwind and acts as a portal to metropolitan benefits only forty-five minutes away without jeopardizing the priceless peace of mind associated with living in a picket fence town.

Remaining true to the character of its first residents, Williamsburg is a town small but sufficient in itself. An entrepreneurial spirit is ever present and Main Street is still the community center, providing priceless peace of mind for those who feel better days have come and gone.

Today, our national and state certified Main Street Program promotes the historic downtown area by sponsoring year-round events for the community's enjoyment. In the warm summer months, residents dance in the streets



to the sounds of live performances as part of our "Old Fashioned Block Parties." Our "Movies in the Park"



initiative will transform the heart of downtown into an outdoor family room as residents gather around and watch movies together. Fall brings the city's annual Old

Fashioned Trading Days festival, a unique three day event showcasing area artisans, musicians, and country cookin'. The city sponsors its annual Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot, a 5K run/walk through town to raise money for the Williamsburg Police Department's "Shop with a Cop" charity which provides memorable Christmas mornings to underprivileged children. Come winter, the city hosts a weeklong celebration of "Christmas in a Small Town" featuring concerts and activities culminating in our annual Christmas parade followed by caroling and an ornament exchange in the charm of Bill Woods Park. Deeply rooted in the culture of Appalachia is the belief quality trumps quantity every time, and while other cities sacrifice a preferred standard of living to increase their population, Williamsburg residents cherish the exclusive benefits associated with remaining small.

A testament to Williamsburg's insistence on quality is Williamsburg Independent School with a K-12 enrollment averaging around eight hundred students. Recently, it was ranked one of "America's Best High Schools" by U.S. News & World Report, thus giving merit to their motto: "Where Excellence is a Tradition."



Also indicative of the town's success is the nationally renowned University of the Cumberlands, a small, private, Christian college which has been ranked numerous times by U.S. News & World Report as one of "America's Best Colleges." Combined, the two institutions further distinguish Williamsburg from competing cities by creating a center of elite professionals.

Today, professional services dominate the job sector. Within twenty minutes from any point in town are two state-of-the-art hospitals, providing first rate services. Recently, Jellico Community Hospital ranked as one of America's Top 100 and is the only hospital in the region to transition fully to an Electronic Medical Record. Additionally, the nearby Baptist Regional Medical Center boasts the only Orthopedic Center of Excellence Service in the region. Also conveniently located within a twenty minute

drive is a variety of other medical specialists ranging from podiatrists to neurologists. Located just off Main Street is the Williamsburg Nursing Home, a 125-bed facility named by the Kentucky Association of Health Care Facilities as "Facility of the Year." Additionally, the Williamsburg Nursing Home has been recognized numerous times for its exceptional staff, community outreach programs, fun activities, and administrative successes.

Advantages Of Making Williamsburg Your Home-

Across America, many find living in their particular paradise to be so costly they can't truly experience its benefits. Williamsburg, however, remains a very affordable place to live, allowing you to spend more of your hard earned money doing the things you want to do. In respect to the cost of living, Kentucky is ranked below the national average, and Williamsburg's average cost of living is even lower than the state's average. The Energy Information Administration in Washington D.C. found Kentucky to have the 5th lowest utility rates in the nation, and because the area has never been exploited by developers, the conditions of our housing market allows area homes to be built or purchased at a fraction of the cost. Lastly, the Commonwealth of Kentucky does not tax retirement benefits up to \$36,414.00. You're a *person*, not an additional tax revenue, and the City of Williamsburg cherishes that. You've been a billing number all your life; imagine a city that knows you by name.



Williamsburg neighborhoods are "close-knit," though homes are comfortably separated by more than just a slice of yard. Spring flowers bloom as lawns grow green again, ushering in warm yet bearable summers. Front yards become playgrounds during extended summers before being blanketed by the foliage of fall. After a truly artistic display by mother nature, fall fades to winter, bringing cool but not frigid temperatures and manageable snows. Perfectly situated, Williamsburg's average temperature is well suited around 58.4 degrees, offering residents plenty of porch-sitting weather. You'll find Williamsburg to be the happy medium between the frozen winters of the North and blistering summer sun of the South.

Life in Williamsburg is community oriented and always eventful. On a daily basis, residents take to the streets for aerobic activities such as running, biking, or leisurely walking. Such activities are safe and enjoyable due to low traffic and a series of well connected sidewalks while friendly neighbors and



natural surroundings make for relaxing and enjoyable evenings outdoors. The university's

track, located at the James H. Taylor Stadium, is always open for public use, and just across the road, Briar Creek Park offers walk/run trails in a shaded environment. The park has a full-sized playground, five covered shelters for picnicking and family reunions, and two ball fields which host softball tournaments during the spring, summer, and fall seasons. Also owned by the university and open to the public is an eight court tennis complex located along Main Street. Furthermore, just outside the city limits is The Golf Course and Country Club of Williamsburg. Uniquely situated on challenging Southeastern Kentucky terrain, the course provides nine holes at affordable rates. Located just off Exit 11 is the Kentucky Splash Water Park and Hal Rogers Family Entertainment Center complete with a triple slide complex, go kart track, batting cages, driving range, and championship miniature golf course. Americans spend the majority of their life working, and now is the time to make Williamsburg your playground.



In a region so culturally aware, Williamsburg is home to a multitude of enrichment opportunities. The Whitley County Library, located off Main Street in downtown Williamsburg, offers various instructional courses ranging from basket weaving to computer skills development. Some residents participate in The London Orchestra, which hosts five annual concerts, and many also participate in the Southeastern Kentucky Fine Arts Association which provides free monthly showcases highlighting





area artists and eight major musical performances a year. The university's art, music, and drama departments also play host to a variety of public offerings. For further involvement, Williamsburg is home to many clubs, fraternal organizations, religious associations, and charities. From

searching for old scrip or touring Williamsburg's nationally registered historic homes with the Whitley County Historical and Genealogical Society to the annual Memorial Day services on the Courthouse lawn jointly hosted by the local VFW and Disabled American Veterans posts, there's an opportunity for everyone.

Current health specialists emphasize "all natural" remedies, and there's nothing more natural or effective than nature itself. Surrounding the town are the majestic Appalachian Mountains, full of wildlife and old mining trails which make for easy exploration. Each summer, over two-hundred Jeep Jamboree members flock to Williamsburg and take to the hills, but local residents often hike, bike, four-wheel, or horseback ride through the passageways on a daily basis. The hills are full of wildlife, pleasing nature and hunting enthusiasts year round. Just winding through, the Cumberland River helps residents unwind from the chaos of day-to-day living. Residents and tourists alike find solace through "floating the river" in boats, canoes, or kayaks while the more adventurous are thrilled by reeling in native small-mouth bass, catfish, and crappie. Several boat ramps provide easy access, including one right in the heart of downtown.

Downstream from downtown is one of Kentucky's most visited tourist attractions, drawing over a million visitors each year. Cumberland Falls is a 125 foot-wide waterfall plunging over sixty-eight feet into the gorge below. A true testament to the area's unbeatable individuality is Williamsburg's most cherished treasure: the only remaining moonbow in the world. Millions travel miles to witness such a spectacle; could you imagine such a spectacle just minutes from home?

Williamsburg and its surrounding areas are a true

adventure land, providing never ending opportunities to excite visiting family members. Experience the world the way it's meant to be.

Without having to leave the comfort of home overnight, Williamsburg offers an assortment of attractions closely located and perfect for one day adventures. Williamsburg is the quickest route to the Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area. Within an hour's drive is Laurel Lake, Lake Cumberland, and Norris Lake. Right outside the city limits is the newly constructed and state-of-the-art Williamsburg-Whitley County Airport, and within forty minutes is the legendary Renfro Valley, Kentucky Music Hall of Fame, and Artisans' Center. Also within a day's drive are the Pine Mountain and Levi Jackson State Parks, Cumberland Gap National Park, and the Colonel Harland Sander's KFC Museum.

The advantages of living in Williamsburg are unparalleled. No matter what you're searching for--be it boating, fishing, hunting, culturally enriching opportunities, fine arts appreciation, social clubs and civic involvement, security and peace of mind, affordability, or convenience and easy living--Williamsburg has something for you. There's a reason why we say Williamsburg "Feels Like Home," and we'd love to show you firsthand.

