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Once a week, I hop in my car and make the 45-minute drive to Danville to visit my mom. Since I live on the south side of town, it's easiest for me to just get on the Bluegrass, get off at the Harrodsburg exit, take the bypass around Harrodsburg and end up just outside Danville. I don't mind the trip at all – I enjoy spending time with my mom, and Danville has a lot to offer for a day trip.

One of the first things I always do when I arrive or on my way out of town is drop by Burke's Bakery. I'm not sure how long Burke's has been in Danville, but I know they were there in the early 70s when I was the Children's librarian at the Danville Public Library and the cakes, cookies and doughnuts are just as delicious as they were back then. Homemade, fresh and wonderful, they are well worth a stop on Main Street. Burke's is one of the few places that don't take debit or credit cards, so make sure you bring your cash with you. But you

won't need much; their prices are surprisingly reasonable.

Save those cookies because you will want them after you have lunch at Freddie's Restaurant. For several years, Freddie's was located on Main Street, but they have recently moved over to Fourth Street. They are tucked away on a side street and are a little difficult to find but well worth your time. Everything I have ever ordered at Freddie's is delicious, mainly because they make everything fresh, including the delicious marinara sauce. Order the sampler platter with several choices including their incomparable lasagna and you will be very pleased with your choice.

After lunch and dessert, one of my favorite shopping places is the QVC store in Danville. This store sells all kinds of things from QVC – everything from clothes and jewelry to luggage and kitchen items. You never know what you might find, and it's always fun to check it out. I almost always find something to buy there

and found a beautiful, red wool car coat on my last visit for only \$30. The prices are great.

If shopping is not your idea of a good time, that's no problem in Danville because there are plenty of other things to do. Head to downtown Danville and take a stroll around Constitution Square where you can find all kinds of interesting, historical buildings and little shops. The Great American Dollhouse Museum is also close by. If you didn't get quite enough sweet items at Burke's Bakery, now is the time to stop by Twisted Sister Cake Shoppe and get some wonderful cupcakes or a freshly made cake.

If it's early in the summer, you might be able to attend Danville's famous Brass Band Festival from June 7 - 10. In the evening, you can pay a visit to Danville's famous winery, the Chateau du Vieux Corbeau Winery to purchase a bottle of wine to take home. Open that bottle, have a glass and begin to make your plans for the next visit to this lovely little town.