

Marvel in all things miniature at the Great American Dollhouse Museum in Danville, Kentucky.

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Miniature Fun

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Tucked away in charming Danville, Kentucky is one of the most unique museums in the world that offers some of the tiniest items you will ever see. The Great American Dollhouse Museum accommodates more than 200 dollhouses and other displays that are all furnished in an excruciatingly detailed manner. You will notice one tiny detail after another, such as a beautifully handmade tiny quilt, a meticulously created Campbell's soup can, a delightfully rendered display of cut coconuts — all equally amazing.

Although there are other dollhouse museums throughout the world, this one is unique in that

it has a focus on American social history in miniature, making the large viewing area both educational and fascinating. The different displays give you a glimpse of such iconic items as a tiny antebellum sun hat tossed casually on an equally tiny chair, and an outdoor southwest market so detailed that you'll feel you can reach through the glass and handle the miniscule fruits and vegetables.

A complete miniature Kentucky town from the early 1900s offers astonishing features in the mansions, including one that depicts the havoc a young boy has wrought in a day of play by strewing his stamp collection over the kitchen and leaving a soccer ball in the koi pond. There's even a display with a mock cave and forestland full of fairies, elves, witches, trolls and dragons ensconced in the caverns. — *Jan Ross*