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There are 30 miles of trails to ride, walk or run on the grounds of Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill.



Historic Hospitality

SHAKER VILLAGE OF PLEASANT HILL | PLEASANT HILL, KENTUCKY

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Head to America's largest restored Shaker community for an interesting historical experience relating to these innovative individuals who believed in civil rights and equal rights for women long before those issues became commonly accepted. It's an outing that promises to be not only educational, but also fun for everyone. Located in Pleasant Hill, Kentucky, about 25 minutes from Lexington, Shaker Village covers an astonishing 3,000 acres of rolling meadowlands and forests and is a National Historic Landmark.

Lovely, large mini suites are available at the inn, and there are also hotel rooms and private cottages. Dine on regional Kentucky dishes at the Trustee's Office Dining Room — where kids will enjoy fabulous desserts, such as brown sugar chess pie, take a guided tour of the community with interpreters, browse craft shops or take an hour-long, narrated riverboat

cruise on the paddlewheel Dixie Belle along the Kentucky River, where blue herons or turtles may be spotted.

Shaker Village manages more than 1,000 acres of restored prairies, so wildlife and migrating bird populations are plentiful along the many hiking trails. If you have a horse, you can bring it along to enjoy the riding trails and board

it in comfort at the stable. Daily activities include demonstrations of singing and music, wagon rides and farm activities, such as collecting eggs and feeding chickens, learning about the plentiful garden (which provides food for the dining room), sheep shearing and learning how the Shakers used that wool for spinning and weaving. — JAN ROSS

