

Driving Tour in Washington County (Featuring Historic Homes & Country Roads)

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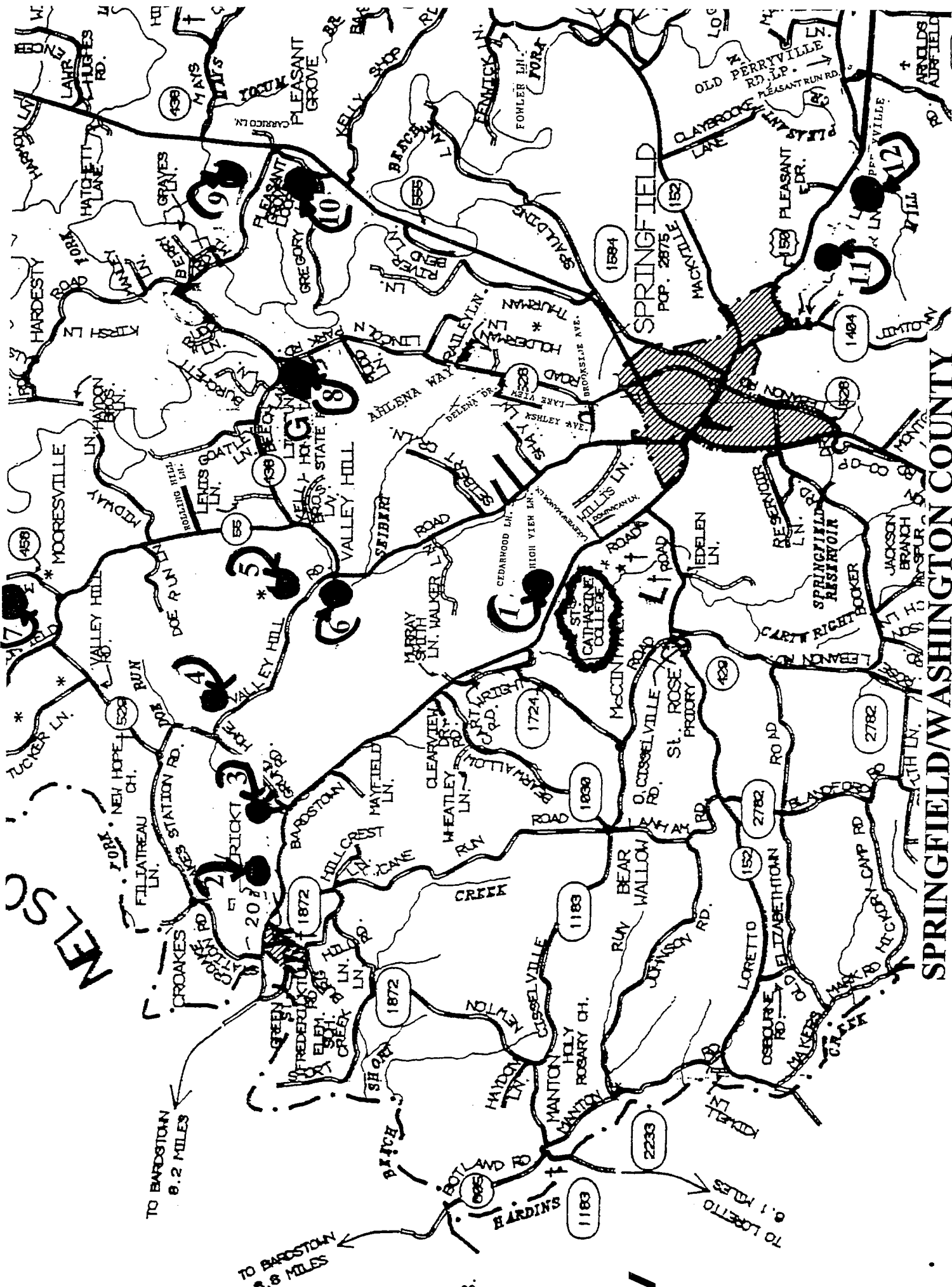
1. Startin' across from St. Catharine College on Hwy. 150, you'll find Walton's Homestead- the estate of the founder of Washington County.
2. Drive on down Hwy. 150 West towards Bardstown and 5.4 miles down the road you'll come upon Parker's Landing on the right- a farm maintained just like it was in the 1800's. Beautiful place
3. Turn around at Parker's Landing and head back toward Springfield on HWY150 and look for a road on the left called "GRUNDY HOME ROAD". It's a little over a half-mile up from Parker's Landing. Take a left onto Grundy Home Road. 'Bout a half mile up the lane you'll see "The Sweetheart Bridge" on the left. Richard Montgomery built this bridge for his wife Patty. Ya might wanna stop and hear the creek a flowin'- it's a wonderful sound here at The Sweetheart Bridge.
4. Travel on past the bridge about a mile and you'll drive over Cartwright Creek. You wanna veer to the right after crossing the bridge- this here is Valley Hill Road. Right up on the left you'll see a beautiful sight- Glenmar Plantation. While travelin' along, keep lookin' on the left side of the road and see if you can spot the tree that looks just lik' a donkey. Darndest thing you'll ever see! Our famous Donkey Tree!
5. Movin' on down Valley Hill Road about two miles, you'll come upon the old Grundy Homestead on the left. The Grundy's settled in this area 'round 1792. Been here ever since.
6. Little more than half a mile down Valley Hill Road past the Grundy Homestead, you'll see the Valley Hill Store on the right.
7. Right after the Valley Hill Store, you'll have to stop because this road ends at Hwy. #55. Be sure and look real careful at the stop and turn left onto #55. This road is gonna take you to the longest covered bridge in Kentucky. After ya get on #55, go 'bout 4 miles to Hwy. #458 East. Take a right onto #458 and go 'bout 2 and a half miles. You'll see Mt Zion Covered Bridge on the left--all 280 feet of her! You're welcome to take a walk about the bridge. When you've finished your visit, come on back the same way ya came and take a left after you get back to Hwy. #55.

8. After getting back on #55, drive three miles 'til you see Hwy # 438. Take a left onto #438 and drive 1.7 miles. You'll come upon Lincoln Homestead State Park. Here at the park you'll see the golf course, the Lincoln Homestead Cabins & Gift Shop. The cabins are a real treat 'cause you get to see the cabin where Abraham's parents were married in addition to one that belonged the President's grandfather-also name ABE. (If ya wanna golf, you'll need to go to the Intersection of #458 and #528, turn right onto #528 and the Clubhouse is about a mile up the road.)
9. To continue the riding tour, stay on #458 by veering to the left after passing the Lincoln Cabins. It's a beautiful drive along some of the prettiest country in KY. "Bout three miles past the cabins you" see a beautiful "Purple House" on the right. This large Greek Revival house has an earlier log house underneath the frame exterior.
10. After passing the Purple House, start lookin' for a road on the right called Pleasant Grove Loop. Turn right on Pleasant Grove Loop and go 'bout half a mile and you'll come upon the Pleasant Grove Presbyterian Church on the right. This beautiful country church was built in 1836 and has the most serene, lovely cemetery. Ya might wanna stop and sit awhile. After leaving the church, keep going down Pleasant Grove Loop 'til it ends at Hwy. #555 (only .3 mile). Turn right onto #555 and drive on back to Springfield 4.5 miles. Turn left at the first stoplight at Hwy. #528. This road will bring ya back into town to the Courthouse (Cross Main & Hwy # 150.) Stop and rest a bit and take a peek into the Lincoln Legacy Museum located in the 1816 Courthouse and learn more 'bout our 16th President. Take a left on #150 (East Mains), drive a few blocks and turn right at the caution light. This road is still #150 and is called Perryville Rd.
11. 'Bout a mile and a half past the caution light, start lookin' to your right and you'll see one of our newest additions to Washington County, Tommy & Bonnie Hamilton's beautiful Silverton Hill's Horse Farm.
12. About a mile past the horse farm, you'll see a sign for the Maple Hill Bed & Breakfast. Turn right at the sign and drive up the hill to see one of the most beautifully restored Antebellum Period homes in Kentucky and see the beautiful alpacas grazin' there.

Should you get lost along this route, just stop and ask for directions.

Washington County folks are some of the most gracious in the nation-and would be glad to help you out.

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