

3-Day Example Itinerary

Day 1

1:00P Breaks Interstate Park for lunch in the Mountain View “Rhododendron Restaurant”. **\$11.95 per person**, including drink and tax, three meats, three vegetables, salad, drink and desert. Tip not included.

2:15P Breaks Interstate Park ‘Grand Canyon of the South’ overlook tour. Conveniently located around 35 minutes from Pikeville City on the Kentucky/Virginia state line, the Breaks Interstate Park is lovingly known as the ‘Grand Canyon of the South’. Like many beautiful locales within Pike County, Breaks Interstate Park provides visitors with outdoor adventure and first hand nature experiences that they will never forget. At the center of this marvelous locale resides a 250 million year old, 1600 feet deep canyon that is the largest canyon east of the Mississippi, which contains more than 13 miles of hiking trails. Each hiking trail typically is no more than 1 mile long, but by being interconnected.

3:30P Depart for Pikeville and The Big Sandy Heritage Museum.

4:15P Arrive at the Big Sandy Museum - \$5 per person.



Hatfield-McCoy feud relics on display.

Big Sandy Heritage Museum: Hatfield-McCoy Exhibit. The Big Sandy Heritage Museum serves two audiences: Hatfield McCoy Feud Enthusiasts, and those who wish to learn more about Pike County/Appalachian culture.

While the Hatfield McCoy exhibits are the most popular, the Appalachian culture exhibits, which include exhibits on Daniel Boone, President Garfield, the coal and railroad industry, and the "8th Wonder of the World" Pikeville Cut-Thru, a marvel of man-conquers-earth engineering, are also quite popular. All of them are interesting, but being able to see bullets that were actually fired in the Hatfield McCoy Feud is a one-of-a-kind experience, that is tremendously historic.



Photo: Clan leader "Devil Anse" Hatfield. (Hillbilly Chic)

The Hatfield McCoy Feud exhibit includes life-size wax mannequins of the two clan leaders, "Devil Anse" Hatfield and Randolph McCoy. These mannequins were custom-made in Philadelphia, and include authentic reproductions of the firearms they would have used during the feud era. Framed paintings of the two men by the late Bert Diamond, a Pikeville resident, are another museum display that you won't see anywhere else. Printed articles on the feud are also on display, such as local newspaper cartoons depicting the two clans as hillbillies wallowing with pigs, and as well as other articles that contributed to the sensationalism of the feud.

Two showcases are devoted to authentic feud artifacts, exhibiting bullets and items dug up from the McCoy home place, which was destroyed by the Hatfields during the New Years Massacre. A warrant that was subsequently issued to track down the Hatfields and arrest them (leading to one of them being hanged in Pikeville) is also on display. One of the most interesting items has to be the "Everlasting Friendship" certificate, signed and sealed in 1924 by the governors of

both Kentucky and West Virginia, officially ending the feud with the opening of a highway between the two states. More roads have been built since then, and today, the West Virginia/Kentucky state line is easily traversable by visitors seeking to experience Hatfield-McCoy heritage. In fact, a question we get all the time from visitors is, "Are you a Hatfield, or a McCoy?" We reply, "Neither, that's why they trust us to tell the story without bias."

5:00P Arrive at the Hilton Garden Inn of Pikeville and check in - baggage to their rooms.

5:30P Relax Time or Walking Tour. For those that need stretch their legs, a tour guide will be offering a walk down our historic shopping district, Pikeville Second Street. Your attendees can expect friendly faces and beautiful, clean streets, with unique shopping options including Mickey's Menagerie, Rustic Roots on Second, CC Belle and Ritchie's Gifts for that one-of-a-kind gift for someone back home, or a little something for yourself. Along the way to shopping we will showcase our beautiful, clean city and its history. Eight blocks total - **guided tour at No Fee for motor coaches.**

6:30P Buffet Dinner at the Hilton Garden Inn banquet room with live music by local artist Jason Goble or Seth Ferguson beginning at 7:15P. Featuring House Salad with assorted dressings, Boneless Southern Fried Chicken, Sliced Beef in Gravy, Southern Style Green Beans, Red Skin Mashed Potatoes, Dinner Rolls, Chef's Choice Dessert, Tea, Coffee, Water.

8:30P Hit the elevator button and off to a great night of rest.

Day 2

7:00A - 8:00A Breakfast. Hilton Garden Inn Banquet room.

8:00A Leave for Country Music Highway Museum. On the way, we will watch a video of Loretta Lynn welcoming the attendees to Eastern Kentucky and telling what has been going on in her life the past few years.

9:00A Country Music Highway Museum. The Country Music Highway Museum features 14 exhibits displaying memorabilia from the many US 23 country music stars who call Eastern Kentucky their home. Exhibits include Loretta Lynn, Chris Stapleton, Dwight Yoakam, Billy Ray Cyrus, Tom T. Hall, Keith Whitley, Larry Cordle, Rebecca Lynn Howard, Gary Stewart, Hylo Brown, Crystal Gayle, Ricky Skaggs, Patty Loveless, and The Judds. **\$4 per person.**

9:45A Leave for Mountain Home Place Tour.

10:00A Mountain Home Place \$5.00 each. 1850-1875 Living History Farm. **\$5 per person.**

“A visit to the Mountain Home Place is a historical learning experience as well as fun. The Welcome Center contains the Museum of Appalachian History and a Gift Shop with treasures featuring arts and crafts. The Mountain Home Place Farm offers unique experiences from touring 1850’s buildings such as a blacksmith, barn, and cabin to getting up close and personal with the livestock, having an old-fashioned wedding at the Fishtrap Church, or attending a concert at the outdoor theater. The adventures are endless at the Mountain Home Place.

The buildings include the McKenzie double-pen family cabin, a one-room schoolhouse, a double crib barn, and the old Fish Trap United Baptist Church. The original Lemaster house is being used as a working blacksmith shop, with a smithing presentation also available. The gardens and fields are surrounded by split-rail fencing with scenic views of the Appalachian Mountains. Interpreters dressed in authentic period costumes perform daily chores, give demonstrations, and discuss early farming life in Appalachia. This is truly an authentic experience, as a variety of vegetables and herbs are grown every year on the farm, and the animals are tended to as if it were the 1850’s.

The administrative building at the Mountain Home Place houses a gift shop that offers unique gifts for visitors. Among those gifts are Appalachian crafted items, seasonal produce, hand-painted gourds and hand-sewn dolls and toys replicated from the 1850-1875 time period. The signature handmade quilts that depict various styles of quilting are a local favorite.

Visitors will enjoy an award winning video narrated by Johnson County native Richard Thomas (John Boy Walton), detailing the life and history of early Appalachian Settlers in our 150 seat auditorium.”

11:30A Lunch in the Auditorium. Available for lunch setup or we could use the picnic pavilion. We could cater pulled pork BBQ and other types of sandwiches for lunch, including bags of chips and baked beans and Cole slaw. Catered meal on the grounds could **run from \$12 to \$16 each including tax, tip and drinks.**

12:30P Bathroom break before departing for Butcher Holler.

12:45P Leave for Webb General Store.

1:00P Arrive at Webb’s General Store for Loretta Lynn’s Butcher Holler Tour. Located in Van Lear, the general store is over 100 years old and is currently owned by Loretta Lynn’s niece, Connie Webb.

Previously known as the Number 5 Store, because of the Number 5 mine located nearby, this store was portrayed in the movies “Coal Miner’s Daughter”, “Let It Be War”, and “Fifth Hollar”.

1:05P Butcher Holler Tour. Butcher Holler is in Johnson County, Kentucky and home of the world’s most famous coal miner’s daughter, Loretta Lynn. Her birthplace and family home is nestled between two fog shrouded mountains up a “holler” in Van Lear, Kentucky. Loretta, her sisters Peggy and Crystal Gayle, sang songs with attitude and pride. They brought their brand of country music to an admiring public, and gained fame and fortune for themselves and new respect for coal miners everywhere. A shuttle will run back and forth until all have toured the cabin property. **\$5 per person.**

2:45P Leave Butcher Holler.

3:00P Travel the Country Music Highway Scenic Byway back to Pikeville.

3:45P Arrive at the Pikeville Cut-Through Project, an engineering marvel. No fee for motor coaches.
The Pikeville Cut-Through Project is an astonishing engineering wonder that has been called “the eighth wonder of the world” by The New York Times. Spearheaded by former Mayor William C. Hambley, the Pikeville Cut-Through Project officially began in November of 1973 with the purpose of relieving the barrage of flooding that the City of Pikeville experienced each year prior. The Cut-Through Project also provided the City of Pikeville with more room for development, due to the relocation of the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River away from downtown Pikeville, and relieved the City of congestion caused by the railroad and the three highways that passed through it. This tour will lead your attendees past the original site of the river, which stretched around the City of Pikeville, creating a horseshoe shape, and will stop at the Pauley Bridge, which is a historic WPA project. The tour will continue down into Cassady Boulevard, where we put the remnants of the removed earth leftover from the Pikeville Cut Through Project, with the tour passing the swinging bridge and Pikeville Lake, back around the to the hotel.

4:30P Arrive at hotel for downtime.

5:00P Leave Hotel for dinner.

5:05P Dinner in Pikeville.

6:25P Leave for Dueling Barrels Brewery & Distillery.

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8:00P Return to Hilton Garden Inn Hotel of Pikeville.

Day 3

6:30A-7:30A Breakfast buffet in banquet room.

7:00A Luggage out.

8:00A Depart hotel for Hatfield and McCoy Historic Sites.

8:35A Historic Hog Trial Site. No fee for coach.

The Hog Trial and the stabbing of Ellison Hatfield at this historic cabin sparked several key flare-ups in the Hatfield-McCoy feud. In 1878, Randolph McCoy accused Floyd Hatfield of stealing his pig. A trial was held at the cabin, which belonged to the local justice of the peace Anderson "Preacher Anse" Hatfield, with the pig being determined to be owned by Floyd Hatfield (The main witness was later killed by the McCoy's). In 1880, "Devil Anse" Hatfield's son and Randolph McCoy's daughter met by chance at the cabin, and began an illicit romance; more tragedy followed. Then in 1882 a fight broke out at the cabin between three of Randolph McCoy's sons, who stabbed and shot Ellison Hatfield, who would later die from his wounds (He was stabbed more than 27 times). This quickly led to even greater bloodshed.

The cabin is considered so important that it was completely rebuilt in 2012 on its original foundation. Its cement steps have vaguely visible footprints, said to be the grand children of Preacher Anse.

9:15A Depart for the Historic McCoy Well Site.

9:30A Arrive at The McCoy Well Site. No Fee for motor coach – group photo at the McCoy Well.

Randolph McCoy, leader of the McCoy clan, and his family lived here until New Years Day 1888, when the Hatfield gang attacked and burned down his cabin. During the New Years Day Attack, the Hatfields wanted to kill Randolph McCoy, but he escaped. They do kill one of his sons and one of his daughters during the attack, and nearly beat his wife to death, all to presumably leave no witnesses. Randolph was too weak to counterattack (he had lost five of his children to the feud), so he moved the remainder of his family several miles west to Pikeville, where he spent his remaining years operating a ferry.

Visitors to this day travel to the McCoy homeplace to drink from the hand dug McCoy Well, and get their photo with a newly installed eight-foot-tall hand carved wooden statue of Randolph McCoy. The property's current owner, a Hatfield descendant himself, welcomes visitors. Visitors enjoy a truly unique photo-op at the well, which is decorated with feud related items such as pigs, hearkening back to an earlier Hatfield-McCoy confrontation. Hatfield-McCoy relics, such as bullets, pieces of burnt wood left over from the cabin are now on display at the Big Sandy Heritage Center in Pikeville, KY, all drawn from this tremendously historic property.

10:15A Return to Pikeville for early lunch before departing for home.

11:00A Cassady Blvd. for lunch. McDonalds, Arbys, Steak n' Shake. Lunch on their own.

12:00 Noon - Restroom time before departing.

12:15P Depart Pikeville for home.