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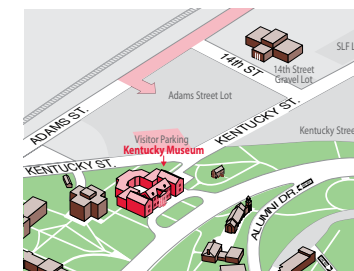
Hours

Wednesday - Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Closed Sunday - Tuesday, & WKU holidays

Admission is free of charge. Group tours, WKU class visits, and Classroom Close Study of Collections must be scheduled in advance. Reservations are filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. Please call 270-745-2592.

Location & Parking

Address: 1444 Kentucky Street, Bowling Green, KY



Parking is available in the "Kentucky Building Lot" (next to the museum) and the "Adams Street Lot" (next to CVS) in spaces marked with "Kentucky Museum Visitor" signs. Visitors must sign in at the front desk parking log.

Share your experience

Most of our galleries are photography friendly, and we welcome sharing of visitor photos and stories via social media.

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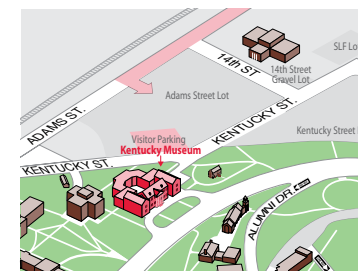
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Discover

We provide many opportunities to discover and enjoy the museum, including:

- WKU class tours or classroom close study of collections.
- A wide array of exhibitions on art, history, and culture.
- WKU class tours and close study of collections sessions.
- Community lectures and workshops.
- Community events, including the Hammer-In (October) and Christmas in Kentucky (December).



What's New?

Our exhibits change periodically, and we offer year-round educational and public programs. To see what's coming up, visit us online and click on "Experience" for programs and "Exhibits" to view current and upcoming exhibitions.

» Attention Faculty «

We offer a variety of in-class and co-curricular activities.

To learn more, please visit:
wku.edu/kentuckymuseum/facultyresources.php

Investigate

Our holdings include a variety of artifacts relating to life and traditions in South Central Kentucky. Some come from close to home, while others were collected from faraway places. Each tells a unique story about Kentucky and its connections to the world.

Notable artifacts include an Egyptian sarcophagus, Babylonian cuneiform tablets, Shaker furniture, paintings by Joe Downing, *The Four Seasons* statues, a Cornett Rocker, a Philadelphia Chippendale tea table, Flow Blue and Ironstone ceramics, and Margaret Younglove Calvert's *Tumbling Blocks* quilt.

Our collections are available in exhibits and programs, as well as online through KenCat. Accessible by anyone with an Internet connection, KenCat provides tools to search and browse our collections along with the holdings of WKU Special Collections Library.

Visit kencat.wku.edu to search our collections.

» Attention Researchers «

We offer appointments to close study artifacts for scholarly research and publication. For more information or to request an appointment, call 270-745-6260.

Friends

Free admission, exhibitions, programs, and collections care are funded by people like you. Our Friends program empowers supporting these initiatives, while receiving exclusive benefits such as:

- Quarterly e-newsletter.
- Monthly event and exhibit opening announcements.
- Invitations to members-only experiences.

To join the Friends, visit wku.edu/kentuckymuseum/donate.php and click "Join the Friends".

