

KENTUCKY TOURISM, ARTS, AND HERITAGE CABINET DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

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State Parks

- Drive tourism
- Support job creation
- Strengthen economic impact
- Preserve our history

Continued Strategy

- Partner with local governments
- Conditions/easements to protect resources, require parks operations to continue
- Develop innovative ownership/ management/operational tools
- Ensure our natural & historical resources are preserved & enhanced for generations to come.



Benefits Local Communities

- Local governments typically best suited to address deferred maintenance needs at parks, support recreation programming & events
- Local citizens should have the most input in operating their parks

Not a New Approach

- Reached similar agreements with Constitution Square State Historic Site (2012) & Ben Hawes State Park (2010)
- Also closed four golf courses: Rough River Dam (2013), KenLake (2013), Jenny Wiley (2012), Lake Cumberland (2006)

KENTUCKY DAM VILLAGE STATE RESORT PARK

- Calvert City Airport downgraded to "airstrip" status – needed extensive repairs
- City is building hangers to accommodate 10+ private aircrafts, adding aviation fuel service
- Improvements are designed to support economic development in Western KY & reestablish the airstrip as an FAA approved airport







MY OLD KENTUCKY HOME STATE PARK

- Amphitheater had history of structural, electrical issues unsafe to occupy closed
- Agreement between state & Nelson Co. Fiscal Court empowered local leaders to make safety/structural repairs needed
- Repairs were done by Nelson Co. for a fraction of what it would have cost the state
- The Show Went On! (Stephen Foster Story)
- State & county partnering on a complete reconstruction this off season







JENNY WILEY STATE RESORT PARK

- Jenny Wiley amphitheater was closed due to electrical & structural issues
- The state leased theater to the city, which has made the necessary repairs to reopen the facility
- Idle swimming pool at Jenny Wiley leased to the City of Prestonsburg.
- City working to make repairs for a fraction of the cost to the state – plans to reopen pool in Spring 2019







LAKE MALONE STATE PARK

- A local charitable foundation paid to demolish the park's dilapidated dock replaced it with a new one
- The dock is back in business serving boaters
- Created significant savings for local management







KINCAID LAKE STATE PARK

- The state leased the park's golf course to Pendleton Co.
- County made improvements & kept the course open for public play
- Created significant savings for local management





SUCCESS STORIES

OTHER PROJECTS IN THE WORKS:



LEVI JACKSON STATE PARK

- London officials want to operate and manage the park
- State working on an agreement to transfer park to City of London

WILLIAM WHITLEY HOUSE STATE HISTORIC SITE

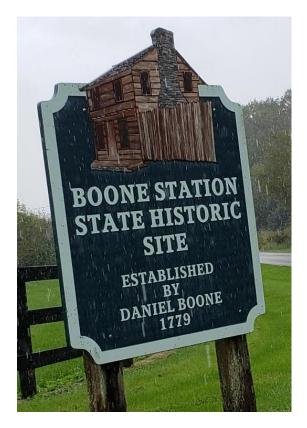
 Management by Lincoln County Historical Society will increase public access to the Whitley House and provide additional funding for its continued preservation

OTHER PROJECTS :



BOONE STATION

- (Not to be confused with Fort Boonesborough) 47 acres in Southeastern Fayette County
- Deeded to Dept. of Parks in 1992 by the Will of Robert Strader
- Will says that if the Dept. of Parks does not develop the property "as a historic state park" within 15 years of when the state inherited the property (1992), then ownership of Boone Station is deeded to David's Fork Baptist Church in Lexington



BOONE STATION





- Two old, dilapidated tobacco barns that pose a serious safety concern for visitors
- A few signs & interpretive panels some put there by Dept. of Parks, some by KY Historical Society
- Three picnic tables, a single porta-toilet
- A marker that lists names of Daniel Boone's relatives; little evidence to suggest these relatives actually buried at this site.