

Kentucky African American Heritage Trail - Site Nomination Form

Deadline for Submissions: December 31, 2025

The Kentucky African American Heritage Trail showcases and celebrates places of historical, cultural and social significance related to the African American experience in Kentucky. We invite you to nominate historically and culturally significant sites that have a potential for **tourism engagement** including public access, visitor readiness, storytelling potential and community benefit. If you know of a site that deserves consideration, please complete this form as thoroughly as possible.

Section 1: Contact Information (for person submitting this form)

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Section 2: Site Information

Name of Site: _____

Address or Site Location: _____

County: _____

GPS Coordinates (if known) _____

Site Website or Social Media (if applicable): _____

Is the site publicly accessible? Yes _____ No _____ By appointment only _____

Type of Site (check all that apply):

- ☐ Historic Building
- ☐ Church or School
- ☐ Homeplace or Farm

- ☐ Business or Organization
- ☐ Burial Site or Cemetery
- ☐ Monument or Marker
- ☐ Natural or Cultural Landscape
- ☐ Event Location or Gathering Site

Other (please describe) _____

Section 3: Historical and Cultural Significance

Brief Description of Site (100 – 200 words): *(What is the site, and why is it important?)*

Key Individuals or Events Associated with the Site:

Time Period of Significance (e.g., 1800's, Civil Rights Era, etc.)

- ☐ Pre-Civil War
- ☐ Reconstruction
- ☐ Early 20th Century
- ☐ Civil Rights Movement
- ☐ Post – 1970's
- ☐ Other: _____

Is the site currently listed on any historic registry (local, state or national)?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please specify:

What makes this site unique to Kentucky's African American heritage?

Section 4: Tourism Potential & Visitor Readiness

Is the site currently open/receive visitors or accessible to the public?

- ☐ Yes, regularly
- ☐ Yes, by appointment
- ☐ Occasionally (special events, etc.)
- ☐ Rarely or never
- ☐ Unknown

Tourism Readiness (check all that apply):

- ☐ Onsite signage or interpretive materials
- ☐ Tours available (guided or self-guided)
- ☐ Parking available
- ☐ Restrooms nearby
- ☐ ADA accessible
- ☐ Nearby amenities (restaurants, lodging, etc.)
- ☐ Community events or programming
- ☐ Interest from local tourism office or chamber
- ☐ Other: _____

Describe the visitor experience (What will visitors learn, feel, or take away):

Section 5: Ownership and Condition

Who owns the site?

- ☐ Individual
- ☐ Non-profit
- ☐ Government Agency
- ☐ Unknown
- ☐ Other: _____

Is the owner aware of this nomination? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not sure

Current condition of the site:

- ☐ Well preserved
- ☐ Needs minor repair
- ☐ In poor condition
- ☐ Ruins or foundations only
- ☐ Other: _____

Section 6: Supporting Materials

Please include a minimum 3 – 5 **current** images of the proposed site with this application.
(Required)

Please include any of the supporting materials (outlined below), if available:

- ☐ Historic photographs
- ☐ Current photos of the site
- ☐ Newspaper articles or archival materials
- ☐ Oral history accounts
- ☐ Letters of support
- ☐ Any additional documentation

Section 6: Certification

I certify that the information provided here is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Submission Instructions:

Deadline for submission: December 31, 2026

You may upload digital materials or submit completed form to:

Email: Kimberly.clay@ky.gov

Mail: **Kentucky African American Heritage Trail Program**

Attn: Kimberly Clay
Kentucky Department of Tourism
500 Mero Street, 5th FL
Frankfort, Ky 40601

For questions or assistance, contact: Kimberly Clay at 502-892-3235 or
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