

# EXPLORE

TODD COUNTY, KY

Small town charm, historic treasures, tasty eateries.

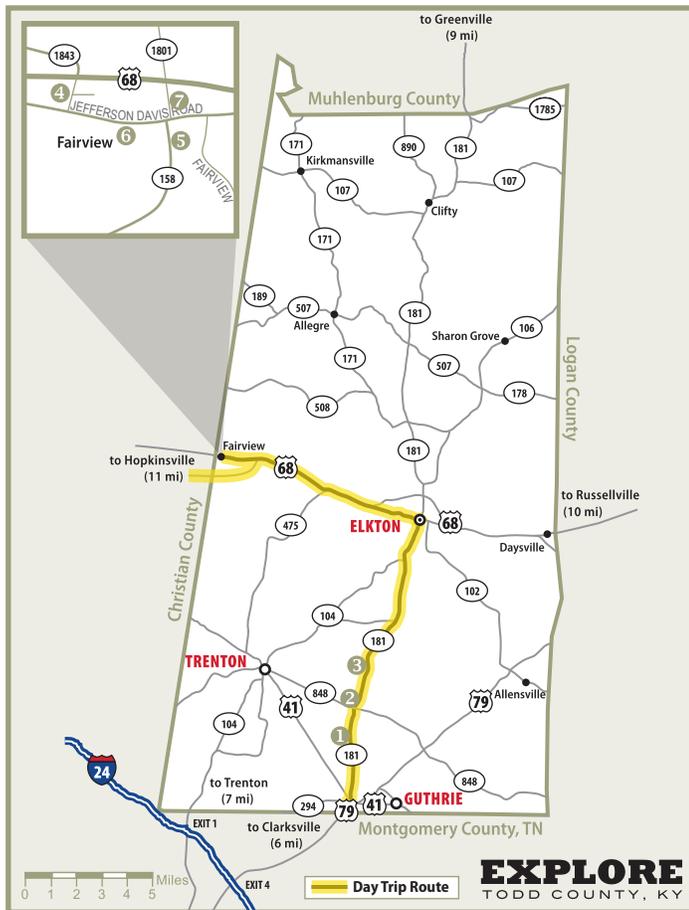
# The Amish Experience

## Day Trip

### Todd County is home to the oldest Amish settlement in Kentucky.

Founded in 1958, the "Guthrie community" is home to "electric" New Order Amish that originate from a now-defunct Amish church at Stuarts Draft, Virginia. Though they dress plain, use the horse-and-buggy, and speak Pennsylvania Dutch, New Order Amish differ somewhat from Old Order Amish in that they tend to have a greater focus on missions and outreach and are generally liberal on technology – such as the use of electricity in homes, and tractors and other modern machinery on their farmsteads. While New Order Amish dot the rural landscape in southern Todd County, a growing settlement of Old Order Mennonites exist in the northwestern portion of the county near Fairview.

Spend a day in Todd County experiencing the Amish/Mennonite tradition. You will find a humbled and industrious people that produce all types of goods – abundant in both quantity and quality.



Have questions? Stop in the Historic Todd County Courthouse Welcome Center, located in the center of Elktion's Public Square.

## SAMPLE ONE-DAY ITINERARY

Starting in southern Todd County near Guthrie, travel north on State Hwy 181 until you come to **1 The Country Pantry** 9115 Guthrie Road. Here you will find "the hard to find", with all types of bulk foods, spices, sausages, cheese, Piedmontese beef, country fresh milk and barnyard eggs.

Optional: Continue north and you will notice **2 Penchem Tack Store** 7925 Guthrie Road, a popular stop for the horse enthusiast. A leather-lovers paradise, this full line saddle shop has quality name brand saddles, tack, harnesses, farrier products and Redwing shoes.

The next stop on the itinerary is the ever popular **3 Schlabach's Bakery** 6255 Guthrie Road. Stock up on fresh baked bread, cinnamon rolls, pies, cakes, cookies, jams, pure honey, sorghum and more. Also, on the lawn, stroll through Schlabach's inventory of locally made outdoor furniture.

After spending the morning with our New Order Amish friends in southern Todd County, head on over to the Fairview Community. Along the way, don't be surprised to see Old Order Mennonites working the fields or even on the road with a team of horses in front. If you are ready for a bite to eat, there are a number of lunch options in Elktion, or you can grab a sandwich in Fairview at **4 Dutch Kuntry Grocery Store** 225 Vaughn's Grove Fairview Road. Their deli is spectacular! Enjoy lunch at Dutch Kuntry under the gazebo or head over to the picnic area at the **5 Jefferson Davis State Historic Site**. Looking for an address? Just gaze up in the air and find a 351 ft. obelisk reminiscent of the Washington Monument!

Staying in Fairview, begin the afternoon portion of your day trip at **6 Country Lane Quilts** 10837 Jefferson Davis Hwy. The vast selection of handmade Amish/Mennonite quilts are simply works of art! Fabric, quilting supplies and quilting services are also available.

With still plenty of time before you head home, stop by **7 The Country Barn** 112 Britmart Road. This Mennonite-operated farm market and garden center features farm fresh produce in season, heirloom vegetables, flowers, trees, a large selection of perennials, hanging baskets, and seasonal favorites like pumpkins and mums.

We hoped you've enjoyed your day trip to Todd County. Come back soon!

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