

Red Bird Narrative

Leaving the Kentucky Artisan Center, turn left onto KY 595 and proceed to Interstate 75 South. Turn left onto I-75 South and travel 36.0 miles to exit 41. Take exit 41 and turn left to travel east on KY 80 to the Hal Rogers Parkway (formerly Daniel Boone Parkway). Continue on the Hal Rogers Parkway to the Hyden Spur and KY 118 exit.

Travel up the steep hill of Tim Couch Pass and turn right on Thousandsticks Branch Road. At the first fork in the road, bear right and at the second fork, bear left. You will come to a two-story house on the right with a basketball court in the front and Participant 22, **Edna Pace**. She likes to create her artwork with acrylics, pen, and ink. *At her studio, you can view acrylic paintings of Eastern Kentucky landscapes with strong historical backgrounds.* Travel to US 421/80 and turn left towards downtown Hyden. Turn left onto Dryhill Road and left onto Hickory Street. Turn right onto School Street after driving up the steep incline. Participant 21, **Saint Christopher's Chapel**, will be on your left side. Located on Hospital Hill, you can look out onto the unique town of Hyden from this historic chapel. *Saint Christopher is said to be a patron saint of the Frontier Nursing Service nurses.*

Continue back to US 421/80 and turn left. Continue on US 421/80 and turn left towards Hyden, Kentucky. Turn left onto Hurricane Road and right onto Wendover-Camp Creek Road. Follow the river to Participant 20, **Frontier Nursing Service Bed and Breakfast**, on the left. Built in 1925, the Frontier Nursing Service building was the first clinic and post office in this area. *It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and designated as a Kentucky Landmark.* Make your way back to US 421/80 and head South for approximately 29.2 miles to Harlan, KY. Turn left onto Clover Street immediately following the BP Gas Station. You will also see a sign on the right side of the road pointing towards the Business District on the left. Turn left and following the Chevron Gas Station will be Participant 16, **Mullins Gallery and Frame Shop**. The owner, David Mullins, is a self-taught artist that concentrates on oils, acrylics, and watercolor pieces. *He enjoys a rustic and rural style to his artwork.* Drive back to US 421 and continue traveling south. When you come to the Harlan Village Center Mall on the right, turn into the parking lot. Enter the mall entrance beside the Subway and the participant will be straight ahead and to the right. Here you will discover Participant 17, **Artist's Attic**.



St. Christopher's Chapel

Founded in 2000, this place showcases over fifty participants. *Artist's Attic prides itself on holding new exhibits monthly and offering painting classes for all ages.*

Continue south on US 421 to Martin, KY. At the green sign for Martin's Fork, turn left and continue on 421, now going north. Turn left at the Highway 987 junction. You will begin to see signs for the Stone Mountain Boat Dock. Turn left onto Highway 3099 and travel approximately 2.0 miles to Participant 18, **Cranks Creek**. *This lake is owned and operated by Harlan County and is a beautiful stop to take*



in Kentucky's pristine scenery. Continue past Cranks Creek to Participant 19, **Martin's Fork Recreational Lake**. The lake is a project of a federal water resources development by the Nashville District of US Army Corps of Engineers. *With over 300 acres of space, you can partake in swimming, picnicking, fishing, and even hunting.*

Drive back to Highway 421 and head north back towards downtown Harlan. Continue on US 421 to Highway 119. Turn left at the stoplight and journey towards Pineville, KY. When Hwy 119 ends at US 25E South, turn left and head towards Middlesboro, KY. Turn right onto Route 74 and head west on Cumberland Avenue. After traveling 3.5 miles, you will come to the Yellow Creek School on your right side. Turn left onto Upper Gibson Lane and cross the railroad tracks. The fourth house with the blue tin roof on the left is Participant 11, **David Dunn**. Born and raised in Middlesboro, Dunn is a self-taught artist. *He likes to focus on woodworking, making wooden bowls of cedar, sassafras, walnut, cherry, and Kentucky coffee.* Get back on Cumberland Avenue and drive back towards downtown Middlesboro. Turn left at 35th Street and the right onto Dorchester Avenue. Participant 10, **Glacier Girl "The Lost Squadron" Museum**, will be on your left side. The museum

holds the P-38 Tomcat Squadron, from World War II. *After a crash landing, the plane was buried under 260 feet of ice. Fifty years later, the Lost Squadron was rescued and a museum was established for people to learn how a determined group of people overcame astonishing odds to finally rescue one of the P-38's of the Lost Squadron.* Travel back to Cumberland Avenue and continue your drive to 29th Street and Pumpkin Alley. Turn right and Participant 26, **Glass from the Avenue**, will be the brick house on the right. The owner, Teresa Howard, is passionate about working with stained glass. *She loves the array of textures and colors glass can create. Her work is showcased in Hindman and Pineville, KY.* Turn right onto Cumberland Avenue and resume driving towards downtown again. Just before 22nd Street, Participant 8, **Bell County Tourism Commission Visitors Center**, will be on your right side. *Stop in this tourism office and let the friendly folks of the visitors center guide you to attractions, lodging, restaurants, and events around Bell County.* Advance to Cumberland Avenue again and turn right onto 21st Street. The yellow home on the left side of the road will be Participant 5, **Grapevine Inn Bed and Breakfast**. The house was built



Glacier Girl "The Lost Squadron" Museum

in 1904 and now has been restored into a picturesque bed and breakfast. *There are four guest rooms to choose from and breakfast can be served bedside.* Back on Cumberland Avenue; turn on the next road, 20th Street. Make a right and within a half block will be Participant 4, **Downtown Gallery for the Arts**, on your left side. The gallery was created in 2003 to represent local artisans with a wide range of talents. *It houses artwork from fifteen local artists who participated in everything from painting, weaving, pottery, and woodworking.*

Stay on 20th Street and cross over Cumberland Avenue to the north side of 20th Street. Proceed to the stop sign and



turn left onto Edgewood Drive. (This is a one-way street.) Proceed uphill to Participant 6, **Saint Mary's Episcopal Church**, on the left side. This church is listed on the Kentucky and National Register for Historic Places. *The church building is a Gothic frame structure of the Victorian Era and brings in photographers and tourists alike.* Resume your drive up the hill. Drive straight through the stop sign and then right at the following stop sign. Bear right onto Arthur Heights Drive. Arthur Heights will make a loop on the left side. At the fork in the road, turn left and Participant 7, **RidgeRunner Bed and Breakfast**, will be on your left side. This 1890's Victorian mansion overlooks the quaint town of Middlesboro. *With four rooms to lodge in, this bed and breakfast also has a library, parlor, and porch where guests can relax and converse over hot tea or cold lemonade.*

(To make your way back to Cumberland Avenue, you will need to take a different route because of the one-way street.) Follow the loop back to the main drive of Arthur Heights and turn right. Turn left at the stop sign, then right at the next stop sign. You will now be on 25th Street. This will run into Cumberland Avenue again.

Turn left to head east on Cumberland Avenue. On your right side will be Participant 9,

Avenue Café and Antiques.

This small café offers scrumptious home-cooking and daily specials. *Open for lunch, be sure to stop in and try their chicken salad, homemade soups, salads, and desserts.* Travel towards US 25E and turn right at the stoplight. Watch for signs for the Cumberland Gap National Historic Park. Take the ramp on your right and turn right again at the stop sign. The road will run into the Visitor's Center. You will be at Participant 1 and 2, **Cumberland Gap National Park** and the **Southern Highland Craft Guild Gift Shop**. The park is home to 20,000 acres of gorgeous Kentucky land. *The park provides seventy miles of hiking trails, forty miles of trails open to horse riding, and twelve miles of bicycling trails. The gift shop is located on the second floor of the visitor center. It is a non-profit educational organization of over 800 craftspeople living and working in the mountainous regions of nine Southern states.* You will also find Participant 3, **Wilderness Road Tours**, available inside the park. All tours originate at the visitor's center. *Sightings of wildlife, including deer, black bear, and even the bobcat can be expected.*

Get back on US 25E and head north. You will drive past Middlesboro and head towards Pineville, KY. Turn left onto



Cumberland Gap National
Historical Park

Route 190 and head south. Route 190 will fork to the left heading west towards Frakes, KY. Travel approximately 18.0 miles. Participant 14, **Henderson Settlement**, will be on the right side of the road when you get into town. You will see the administration building on your right side following the Frakes Clinic. Henderson Settlement is the only United Methodist Mission in the United States with an Agricultural Ministry. *Guests of all ages are welcome. Established in 1925 as a "settlement school," meals are*



served in a large dining room for transients, guests, and staff, Monday through Friday. Also located within the Henderson Settlement is Participant 15, the **Log House Craft Shop**. It is also located on the right side of the road. This shop began as a way for local people to use their talents to produce income for their families. Now over 60 crafters market their crafts through the Henderson Settlement Craft Shop.

Take Route 190 back the way you came, heading north.

When you come to the intersection to head west on Route 190, turn left. On the left side of the road ahead will be Participant 13, **Clear Creek Baptist College**. Founded in 1926, the mission for the school was to bring Christian education to the mountains for educational, recreational and religious purposes.

Recreational activities accessible include hiking, sightseeing, worshipping and music. If you continue past the college on Route 190 and into the beautiful Kentucky Ridge State Forest, you will run into

Participant 12, **Pine Mountain State Resort Park**.

This state park was the first established in Kentucky back in 1924. *The lodge and trails are embellished by beautiful rockwork crafted by stonemasons of the Civilian Conservation Corps of the 1930s.* Proceed back on Route 190 and head north towards US 25 E. Turn left at the stoplight when Route 190 ends.

Drive on US 25 E North through Pineville, KY and onto Barbourville, KY. Five miles north of Barbourville on your right will be Participant 25, **Kentucky Community Crafts**. This participant offers crafts for viewing and purchasing and also community workshops to learn how to make crafts. *Featured items included in the gift shop are the Village Shop Fudge, Indian Horse Pottery (which is made on site), baskets, hand woven rugs, lye soap, candles and crafts.* Turn left out of Kentucky Community Crafts

and drive back towards Pineville, KY. After entering Pineville, turn left onto Highway 66/221. You will see a sign for Red Bird Mission: 24 miles. When you reach the stop sign, turn left to continue on Highway 66. On the left side of the road will be



Red Bird Mission Craft Store offers

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Participant 23, **Red Bird Mission Craft Store**. You will see a sign for the Red Bird Mission Conference Queensdale Center. Bear to the right and the craft store will be located in the rear building. The Red Bird Mission Craft Store offers one-of-a-kind craft and furniture items made by over 200 Appalachian craft people. *The Red Bird Mission team has been working with craftspeople for many years helping create economic opportunities by teaching business skills and providing a market for those who produce quality handicrafts in the mountain tradition.*

To leave this last participant and complete the Red Bird Trail, turn left onto Highway 66 and head towards the Hal Rogers Parkway. Turn right to stay on Hwy 66, then two lefts to continue towards the parkway. At the parkway ramp, bear to the right towards London, KY. Take the I-75 North ramp to head back to the Kentucky Artisan Center in Berea, exit 77.

