

**BUSHWHACKING ON THE RUSSELL FORK 2010  
ELKHORN CITY, KENTUCKY**

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## Elkhorn City -- Adventure where nature meets culture

Welcome to Elkhorn City. Elkhorn City sets at the mouth of the fabulous "Breaks of the Big Sandy" within 3 miles of the **Breaks Interstate Park**. In fact, **Daniel Boone's** first steps in Kentucky in 1767 were near Elkhorn City, in the potter flats area of the Breaks Park. A historical highway marker is located at Patty Loveless and East Elkhorn Street across from the Dollar General Store.

The small town of Elkhorn City has long been one of the best-kept secrets of the Appalachian Mountains. Lying at the confluence of the **Russell Fork River** and Elkhorn Creek between three mountains, its layout and scenic appeal has delighted countless travelers on their way to the breaks interstate park.

It is the home town of **Patty Loveless** the famous country music artist.

**Artists Collaborative Theatre, (ACT)** makes it home on Patty Loveless Drive. **ACT** is a year-round community theatre celebrating our local east Kentucky talent through quality performing arts programming: theatre, music, and dance. **ACT** also has an active Educational Arts Program for all ages.

Lighted walkways through downtown include a paved track along the river front, which also serves as a bird and duck sanctuary which is part of the **Blue Line Trail**, a downtown trail which is decorated with numerous **art murals**. The picturesque iron bridge spanning the Russell fork river that once routed carriages and early autos into the downtown area is the center piece of the trail.

The **Railroad Museum**, near the north end of the bridge, is a rare facility that celebrates and preserves Elkhorn City's early days as a railroad town. The museum, run entirely by volunteers and donations, has been lauded in news features across the Appalachian region as a must-see. Both railroad enthusiasts and tourists enjoy this public treasure.

**Elkhorn City hosts many festivals each year.** Among them is the apple Blossom festival in May, the Fourth of July celebration, and Christmas in the City. The Apple Blossom Festival attracts visitors from throughout the region for crafts, music, rides, and tours. The Fourth of July celebration named "Fourth on the fork" brings residents together for fun on the Elkhorn City beach along the Russell fork river. From the riverside, a fantastic fireworks display may be viewed as it emanates from high on one of hills overlooking town.

Year round **white water paddlers** come from all over the country to challenge the 200 feet per mile descent of the Russell fork gorge. In October, rafters come to take on the gorge. Visitors and enthusiasts hike into the gorge that splits the breaks interstate park and the pine mountain range to witness the skill and tenacity of those accepting the challenge.

**1776 Trans American bicycle trail** travels through Elkhorn City along highway 80 and West Russell Street. Hundreds of bicyclist uses this trail to travel across the United States during the summer months.

Elkhorn City's newest attraction is the **Pine Mountain Trail**, a purposed linear state park and hiking and horseback riding trail that will begin in Elkhorn City and follow the crest of Pine Mountain 120 miles to Jellico Tennessee. The Trail head is past City Hall on Carson Island Road past the Blue Hole Pay lake.

**Blue Hole Pay Lake and Campground** is located on Carson Island toward the eastern end of the City near City hall. The pine mountain trail's northern trail end is also located on Carson Island near the pay lake.

There are numerous Kentucky highway historical makers in town that show the unique history of the area. The **William Ramey marker** is located at the caboose at the corner of Patty loveless and Russell streets. The **Richard potter marker** is located across from City hall on highway 80 going toward the breaks. Richard Potters sons all road with the confederate Kentucky 10<sup>th</sup> cal very, trembles Yankee chasers and had numerous run with the union 39<sup>th</sup> while home on leave in the area. The **Elkhorn City's Railroads marker** is located at the railroad museum on Pine Street near Main Street.



**Sunday May 30**

8:30	Breakfast At the Mess Hall
10:00 Am	Prayer Service                      "Shall We Gather At the River" Held On Battlefield
11:00 Am	Officers Call
11:30 Am	Camps Open, Railroad Museum Open, Sutlers Open
12:00 PM	Memorial Service at Cemetery
1:30	Battle Lineup
2:00 PM	Battle                      Camps Open after Battle
5:00 PM	Dinner on Your Own

**Ongoing demonstrations during event**

**Wild Bill Ramey** – local legend wild bill Ramey will be hanging around the mess hall. *He might* even try and tell you some lies about the rimes being union in the civil war.

**Anthony Hawkins** ---- local author Anthony Hawkins will have civil war artifacts on display Anthony's collection was found locally. He is also the author of "the battle of Richmond"



***ACT Presents The Magic Well by Mike Odom***

***The Magic Well*** is the extraordinary story of a Eastern Kentucky father and son's journey towards reconciliation as they struggle with the decision of whether or not to sell their family land to a coal company. Full of humor, good story-telling and love, this play will strike a chord with all Appalachian families. The play is written by former Pike County resident Mike Odom, a retired military Colonel and Pikeville High School graduate. Artists Collaborative Theatre is proud to produce *The Magic Well* as part of their second season in their downtown Elkhorn City facility. *The Magic Well* is directed by Jason Justice and Cody Anderson. Performances run through June 6, 2010, Thurs –Sat @ 7:30PM and Sun. @ 3PM. All tickets are \$8.00

**\$1.00 off ticket price for Re-enactors and Family members during Event**

**Meet the president and generals, (ladies tea and grand military ball on sat.)**



Dennis Boggs as President Abe Lincoln

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Dane Brewer as Gen. US Grant

Dane Alden brewer was born in Gatesville, Texas in 1946 and was educated in West Virginia. He attended college in Washington county Virginia. His father was an artillery officer in Africa during wki and gave his life in defense of our nation. This inspired Mr. Brewer's interest in the military history of the United States. He and his daughter, Lori Nicole Brewer, established a civil

war reenactment organization, the 37th Virginia volunteer infantry, company a, godson rifles in 1989. Sadly Mr. And Mrs. Brewer lost their daughter, Lori Nicole brewer, in 1998. However, her legacy lives on in the spirit of the members of the Godson rifles. The Godson rifles became the first nationally recognized civil war reenactment organization in southwestern Virginia when they gained membership to and nor group the army of northern Virginia (an) in 1993. Captain Brewer added a federal portrayal to the confederate portrayal in 1999. He portrays the federal general us grant and has performed for area schools and historical reenactments since 1999.

James Young as Gen. Lee and Barbara Young as Mary Lee



Danny Buckner will be portray Gen. Stonewall Jackson

**THE ELKHORN CITY AREA HERITAGE COUNCIL INC.**

The Elkhorn city area heritage council inc., a nonprofit civic organization, was officially incorporated on feb. 9, 1999.

***The mission of the council is to protect and preserve the history, culture and natural beauty of the Elkhorn city area and surrounding communities.***

The Heritage Council meets the third Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. At the Elkhorn city library. The group frequently has special meetings to accommodate guest speakers or to update ongoing projects. All meetings are open to the public.

**Websites:**

[www.elkhorncity.org](http://www.elkhorncity.org)

[www.russellfork.info](http://www.russellfork.info)

**Experience your heritage**



**Membership application**

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes I would like to be a member of the Elkhorn city area heritage council, Inc.

Membership dues of \$10.00 is enclosed

My additional gift of \_\_\_\_\_ is also enclosed

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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