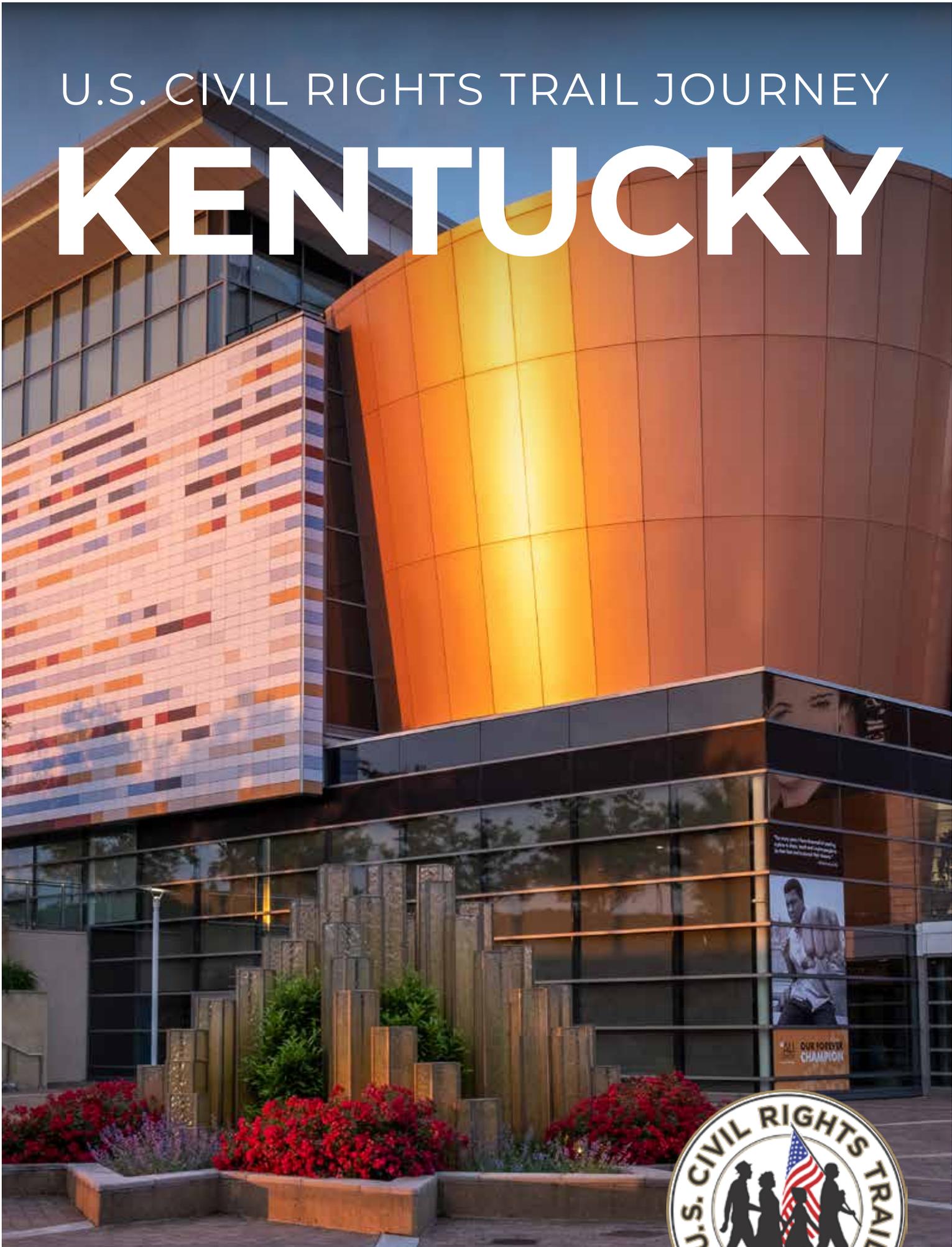


U.S. CIVIL RIGHTS TRAIL JOURNEY

KENTUCKY





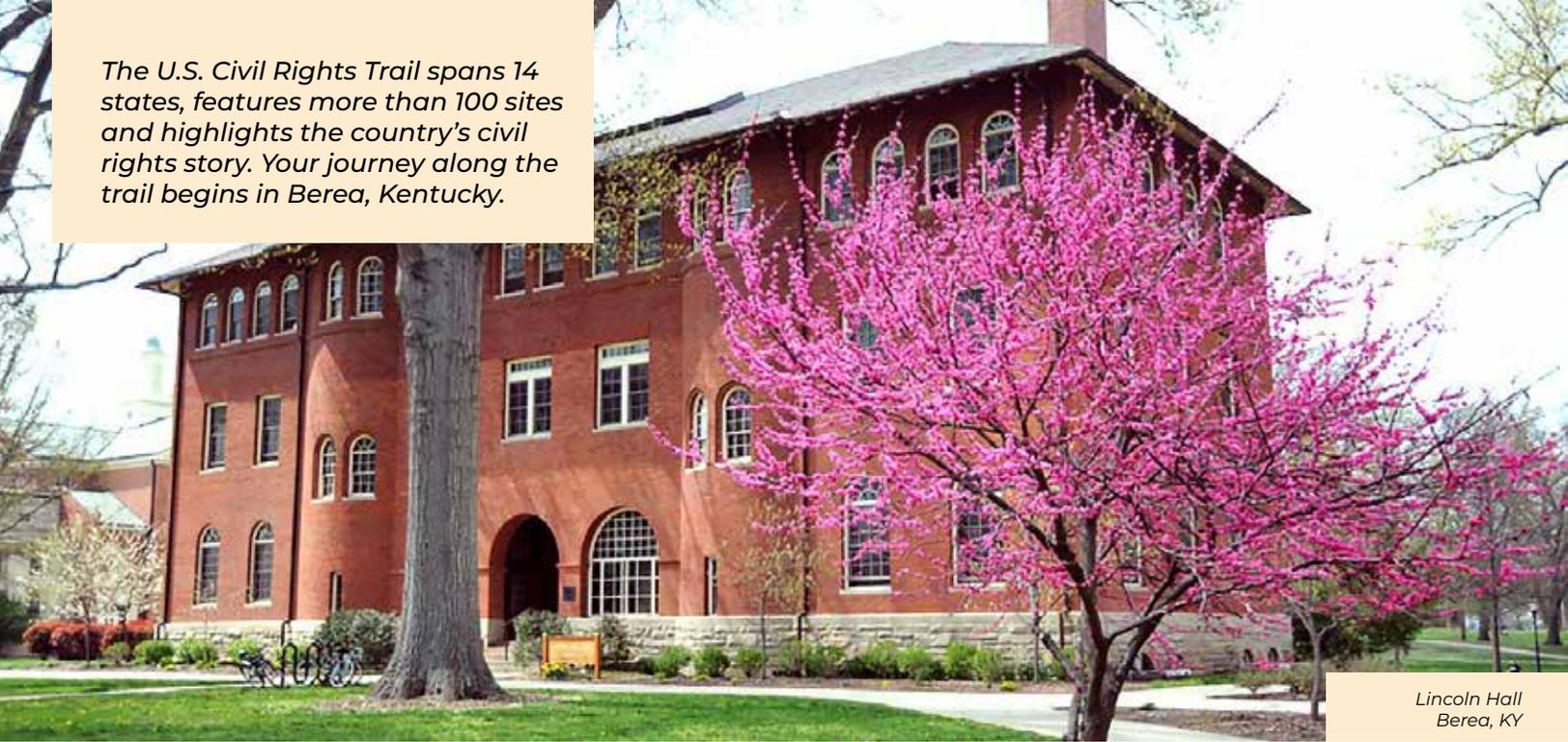
Berea - Simpsonville (1 hr. 19 mins.)

Simpsonville - Louisville (27 mins.)

Louisville - Bowling Green (1 hr. 46 mins.)

Bowling Green - Russellville (28 mins.)

The U.S. Civil Rights Trail spans 14 states, features more than 100 sites and highlights the country's civil rights story. Your journey along the trail begins in Berea, Kentucky.



Lincoln Hall
Berea, KY

DAY 1 – BEREA TO LOUISVILLE

Berea College > Whitney M. Young Jr. Birthplace

Begin your journey in Kentucky at Berea College in Berea, established in 1855 by abolitionists as the first integrated and coeducational institution of higher learning in the state.

Berea College

When the Day Law passed in Kentucky in 1904, integrated education was outlawed, forcing the college to segregate and establish the Lincoln Institute for its African-American students. Visit Lincoln Hall where in 1970, students staged a civil rights sit-in in the president's office. And explore the campus that for nearly 50 years was a critical place of higher learning for African-Americans and responsible for developing many of Kentucky's most prominent African-American teachers and educators. One of those educators was Carter G. Woodson, creator of "Negro History Week," now recognized as Black History Month in the U.S.

From Berea, journey on to Simpsonville.

Whitney M. Young Jr. Birthplace

Visit the birthplace of civil rights leader Whitney Young Jr., located on the grounds of the Lincoln Institute. Young was instrumental in developing the National Urban League into a formidable civil rights organization and pushing for socioeconomic improvements for African-Americans. He was a recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom.



Whitney M. Young Jr. Birthplace
Simpsonville, KY



Downtown
Louisville, KY

DAY 2 – LOUISVILLE TO BOWLING GREEN

Downtown Civil Rights Trail > Muhammad Ali Center

Begin the second day of your Kentucky civil rights journey in Louisville with a morning walk on the Louisville Downtown Civil Rights Trail.



Louisville Downtown Civil Rights Trail
Louisville, KY

Downtown Louisville Civil Rights Trail

Visit the sites identified by historical markers located throughout the heart of the downtown business district, detailing the stories of a series of lunch counter sit-ins and demonstrations in the 1960s.

Muhammad Ali Center

Next, explore the Muhammad Ali Center (a 15-minute walk or 5-minute drive from the trail), a museum and center established by “The Greatest” himself, along with his devoted wife, Lonnie Ali. Start your visit in the state-of-the-art orientation theater with an immersive movie experience featuring a synopsis of the life of Muhammad Ali. From there you can begin to explore the fifth-floor exhibits, including the extensive and exceptionally detailed civil rights exhibit. You won’t want to miss the opportunity to do some “shadow boxing” with the champ as he teaches you the intricate techniques of “float like a butterfly, sting like a bee.” Afterward, take in one of the ever-changing arts exhibits in the gallery space and the Olympic exhibit featuring Ali’s carrying of the torch in the 1996 Olympic Games.



Muhammad Ali Center
Louisville, KY

DAY 3 – RUSSELLVILLE

SEEK Museum at The Bibb House > SEEK Museum in The Bottom > Payne-Dunnigan House > Alice Allison Dunnigan Statue

For your final day, head to Russellville to visit the SEEK Museum. (Tours must be scheduled in advance.)

SEEK Museum at The Bibb House

You'll begin with The Bibb House, home of Maj. Richard Bibb, a slave owner from Virginia. Delve into exhibits that detail the lives of Bibb and his family and explore the lives of the enslaved people who resided there.

SEEK Museum in The Bottom

The Bottom, located in a National Register historic district and post-Civil War African-American neighborhood, is home to the main campus of the SEEK Museum. The museum includes the 1810 Morton-Kimbrough House, the 1880 Cooksey House and the 1890 Orndorff-Townsend House. Exhibits here focus on the lives of African-Americans after the Civil War, encompassing mob violence and segregation.

Payne-Dunnigan House

The Payne-Dunnigan House on East Sixth Street is a media center in honor of Alice Dunnigan. Dunnigan was a noted journalist, author and civil rights leader who was the first African-American female to receive White House credentials and the first Black female member of the Senate and House of Representatives press galleries. You may then tour the exhibits in the Payne-Dunnigan House to learn more about Dunnigan, a Logan County native.

Alice Allison Dunnigan Statue

Finally, you'll visit the bronze statue of Alice Allison Dunnigan, located in the park adjacent to the Payne-Dunnigan House.

This concludes your U.S. Civil Rights Trail journey in Kentucky.



SEEK Museum
Russellville, KY