

The City of West Point is located at the union of the Ohio River and Salt River in Northern Hardin County, situated between Louisville and Ft. Knox.

In 1796, following the peace treaties signed between the Kentuckians and the Northwestern Indians tribes at Greenville, Ohio, the area became open for permanent settlement, and the town of West Point was officially established. The town was named West Point because at that time it was the westernmost outpost of the so-called English civilization as you came down the Ohio River.



The founder of West Point was James Young, a young Virginian, who owned a land grant on which the town was established. In fact he owned every lot and even the streets in the town. Following a lawsuit over the existing overlapping land grants, the courts recognized him as the proprietor of West Point.

West Point was the essence of river towns with life and commerce centering around the river. West Point has rich military history also. When the Civil War erupted, the Union Army erected a fortification on the hilltop overlooking West Point. It was named Ft. Duffield and its purpose was to protect Louisville from attack by Confederate forces.



In 1903, the War Department established Camp Young in West Point as a temporary training camp. In 1918, during WWI, land was purchased for another installation, which was called Camp Knox. Both Camp Young and Camp Knox were the forerunners of today's Fort Knox, Kentucky, which was established in 1932.

The people of West Point are proud of their rich history. Part of that history includes floods from time to time, but the spirit of the City of West Point prevails. Today, preservation and progress go hand in hand in this small river town on the beautiful Ohio River.

Currently the City of West Point is a thriving community with great prospects. At the present the population is estimated at 1200 citizens. The city is in the process of developing a neighborhood of approximately 200 new homes.

West Point has its own school in the middle of town, West Point Independent School, which is building an addition and doing renovations with 1.9 million dollars that was given to them by former Governor Fletcher.



West Point is a self contained City with its own Police Department, Water/Sewer Department, and Volunteer Fire Department.



West Point is home of its own Industrial Park that is growing rapidly. At the present there are six businesses operating.

West Point has several organizations and clubs consisting of Chamber of Commerce, Lions Club, Masonic Lodge, Friends of Ft. Duffield, American Legion, Sons of the American Legion, Ladies Auxiliary, Concerned Citizens United, Girl Scouts, Homemakers, Senior Citizen Club, PTO, and Historic Home Committee.

HISTORIC West Point



City of West Point

509 Elm Street

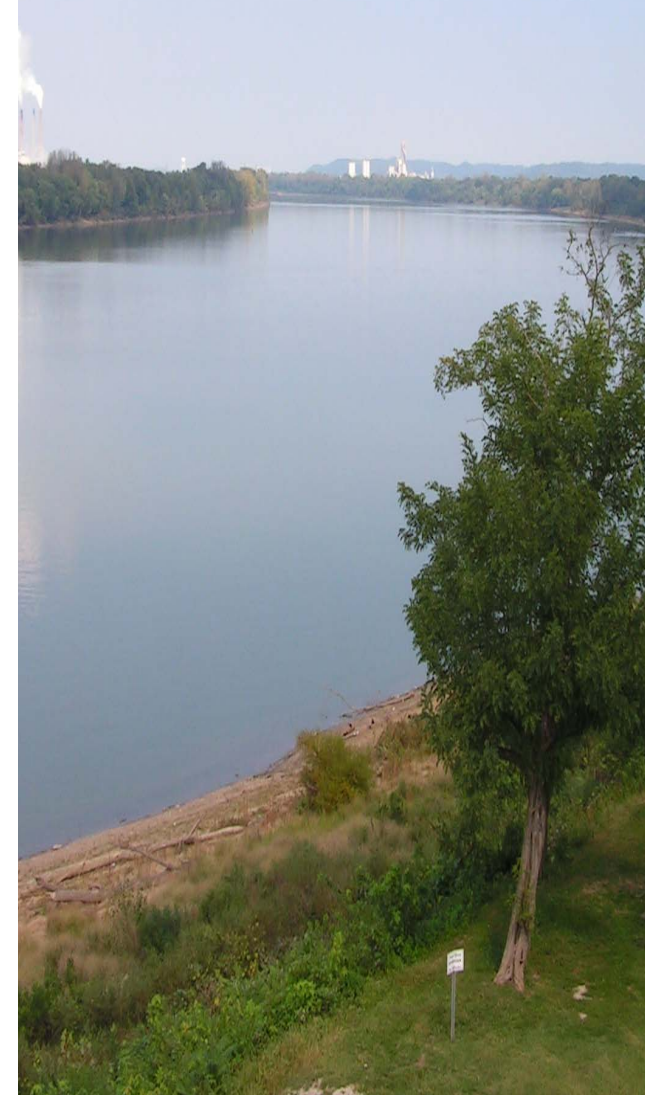
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VISITORS GUIDE



LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

- **FT. DUFFIELD**- You will experience a panoramic view of historic West Point looking across the beautiful Ohio River to the scenic hills of Southern Indiana. Visit the serene gardens of Fort Duffield's Memorial Hill Cemetery which pays tribute to the 61 soldiers who died building the fort. members.aol.com/FtDuffield/fort.html
- **CIVIL WAR DAYS**- Living History Events Memorial Weekend Saturday and Sunday and Labor Day weekend Sunday and Monday.



- **VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK**- Picnic & playground; pavilion available for groups
- **TIAGO FALLS NATIONAL RECREATION TRAIL**- 2 mile hike round trip, steep in places on trail, rugged terrain



- **BRIDGES TO THE PAST**- 2 mile walk round trip, easy hike, handicap accessible



- **SALT RIVER MARINA**- Boat Ramp on Salt River, picnicking and primitive camping & RV camping (no hook ups) Open year round.

- **RIVER DAYS FESTIVAL**- Held annually in July in the Veterans Memorial Park (on the Ohio River). Family festivities, games, food, entertainment, music, rides, small town hospitality. (502) 922-4260



- **MUSIC RANCH**- 407 South Street, West Point, KY 502-922-9393; 866-913-9393 Open Sat 5:30 pm. Musicranch.com



- **OHIO VALLEY RACEWAYS**- "The finest 1/8 mile track in the nation" 634 Katherine Station Rd., West Point, KY (502) 922-4152 ohiovalleydragway.com

- **KNOB CREEK GUN RANGE**- Open year around for your shooting enjoyment. The World's Largest Machine Gun Shoot and Military Gun Show. 690 Ritchey Lane, West Point, KY 502-922-4457 knobcreekrange.com

- **OTTER CREEK PARK** - 2600 acres of outdoor experiences, including hiking, horseback riding, mountain biking, disc golf, camping, cabin rentals, nature center and astronomical observatory. louisvilleky.gov/MetroParks/parks/ottercreek



CHOW HALL & MUSIC RANCH USA
SATURDAY 5:00 DINNER
MUSIC SHOW 7:00
TICK ET INFO
(502) 922-9393

RHONDA'S COUNTRY KITCHEN
SUN-TUES 8AM-2PM
WED-SAT 8AM-8PM
(502) 922-0024

STAR CAFÉ & GRANNY'S ATTIC
THUR-SAT 12-7 PM
SUN 12-5PM
(502) 922-4414

SURROUNDING

ATTRACTIONS

Churchhill Downs- "Home of the Kentucky Derby" churchhilldowns.com, (502) 636-4400 *29 minutes

Frasier International History Museum- You will reconnect from the past and gain a deeper understanding of history. frasierarmsmuseum.org (502) 753-5663 *36 minutes

Holiday World- Rides, water park, food and fun. Holidayworld.com, 1-877-463-2645 *96 minutes

Kentucky Derby Museum- Holds the history and meaning of Churchill Downs & the Kentucky Derby, derbymuseum.org, (502) 637-7097 *30 minutes

Louisville Science Center- Experience science, mathematics, and technology through hands on exhibits and IMAX films. louisvillescience.org (502) 561-6100 *36 minutes

Louisville Slugger Museum- Showcase of major league bats. sluggermuseum.org, 1-877-775-8443 *37 minutes

Louisville Zoo- State Zoo of Kentucky, louisvillezoo.org, (502) 459-2181 *31 minutes

Muhammad Ali Museum- Cultural attraction & education center. alicenter.org, (502) 584-9254 *36 minutes

Paoli Peaks- Skiing and snowboarding facility. paolipeaks.com (812) 723-4696 *92 minutes

Patton Museum- Gallery of Gen. Patton artifacts & other military equipment. generalpatton.org (502) 624-6350 *18 minutes

Six Flags Kentucky Kingdom- Rides, water park, food and fun. sixflags.com, 1-800-727-3267 *29 minutes

Speed Art Museum- Kentucky's oldest and largest art museum. speedmuseum.org (502) 634-2700 * 31 minutes

CHURCHES

Methodist Church- North 6th St. West Point, KY 40177

Baptist Church- North 8th St., West Point, KY 40177

First Baptist- South St., West Point, KY 40177

Christian Church- 707 Main St., West Point, KY 40177

River Of Life- 1056 Railroad Tressel Rd., West Point, KY 40177

Salem Association- 204 S. 8th St., West Point, KY 40177

MEDICAL SERVICES

Jewish Hospital- 200 Abraham Flexner Way, Louisville. (502) 587-4011 *35 minutes

Kosiar Children's Hospital- 231 East Chestnut St., Louisville. (502) 629-6000 *33 minutes

University of Louisville- 545 South Jackson St., Louisville. (502) 562-3000 *33 minutes

U.S. Veterans Medical Center- 800 Zorn Ave., Louisville. (502)895-3401 *38 minutes

ATTRACTIONS

PARKS

Bernheim Forest- www.bernheim.org *43 minutes

Kentucky Horse Park- www.kyhorsepark.com *92 minutes

Lincoln Homestead- 859-336-7461 *84 minutes

Mammoth Cave- www.mammothcave.com *98 minutes

My Old Kentucky Home- www.mammothcave.com *59 minutes

Otter Creek Park- (502) 574-4583 (502) 942-3211 *16 minutes

RESTAURANTS & NIGHT LIFE

Applebee's- (502) 937-3071 *11 minutes

O' Charley's- (502) 447-9203 *25 minutes (270) 763-9075 *32 minutes

Outback- (502) 964-8383 *26 minutes

Rafferty's- (270) 360-0871 *31 minutes

Ruth Chris's Steak House- (502) 479-0026 *36 minutes

Texas Roadhouse- (502) 448-0705 *25 minutes

Tumbleweed- (502) 937-9951 *13 minutes

SHOPPING

Bass Pro Shop- (812) 218-5500 *41 minutes

Jefferson Mall- (502) 968-4101 *25 minutes

Oxmoor Mall- (502)426-3000 *37 minutes

Mall St. Matthews- (502) 893-0311 *37 minutes

The Sammitt Louisville- (502) 425-3441 *47 minutes

Towne Mall- (270) 737-1616 *31 minutes

TRANSPORTATION

Louisville International Airport- 600 Terminal Dr. Louisville, KY www.louintlairport.com (502) 367-4636 *27 minutes

UNIVERSITIES

Eastern Kentucky University- (502) 942-8628 *16 minutes

Elizabethtown Comm. College- (270) 763-2371 *40 minutes

ECC Ft. Knox Campus - (502) 942-0101 *18 minutes

Jefferson Community College- (502) 213-5333 *16 minutes

University Of Louisville- (502) 852-5555 *30 minutes

U of L Ft. Knox Campus- (502) 942-8060 *16 minutes

Western Kentucky University- (502) 769-1614 *18 minutes

* Time is measured from City Hall
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