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Kids Love Kentucky: A Parent's Guide To Exploring Fun Places In Kentucky With Children...Year Round!



Synopsis

KIDS LOVE KENTUCKY - A Parent's Guide to Exploring Fun Places in Kentucky With Children...Year Round! Discover places from Boone to Burgoo, from Caves to Corvettes, and from Lincoln to the Lands of Horses. Nearly 500 listings in one book about "family-friendly" Kentucky travel. 5 geographical zones. 186 pages. --This text refers to an alternate Paperback edition.

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Customer Reviews

It's time to make those annual momentous decisions where to spend spring and summer vacation? Your family time is valuable. Regardless of what's going on around you, don't give up on this year's vacation plans. Just simplify your trips by going to a few of the hundreds of sites that surround you. But how can you decide which places are "kid-friendly" and a good value? Well, the authors of a best-selling travel guide series know. After 1000 hours researching and writing KIDS LOVE KENTUCKY, 2nd Edition, parents George & Michele Zavatsky's experiences can help. "Many families still take vacations, but shorter and closer to home" says author George Zavatsky. His wife and co-author adds "The problem is choosing little clusters of sites that will entertain and engage your children." They both conclude: "Entertaining children really shouldn't be so hard; that's why we researched and updated this book." After the tremendous success of their best-selling travel books, the couple spent a year taking children on excursions to all of the most unique places in Kentucky. The updated KIDS LOVE KENTUCKY guidebook has many enhancements making it very user-friendly. There are more

detailed regional maps, new and enhanced descriptions, and more listings with domain websites. All the listings have been kid-tested and the new descriptions include great hints on what kids (ages 2-15) like best! Going to an area of Kentucky you're not familiar with? Just go to the "Favorites" listing by region (5 geographical zones) and you can't go wrong. Now too, the publisher's website posts quarterly updates of major changes to the book. This keeps the book current for several years after publication. The publishers goal is to keep the books inexpensive and easy to use over and over again. In Kentucky, kids can discover places from Boone to Burgoo, from Caves to Corvettes, and from Lincoln to Lands of Horses. It'll tell you how Appalachian and Pioneer folks lived and even how to pow-wow with Native Americans. You'll know where to go to stand side-by-side a Braille printer (and even get to try your hand at it), steer a boat, blow the whistle of a train or learn the secrets of yummy filled chocolates. Another weekend you'll have all the travel details you need to go behind the scenes of car assembly or learn the secrets to perfect pottery and woven linens (secret: it takes loads of practice!). Of course, there's plenty of details on nationally known sites like skipping stones in creeks near Abe Lincoln's Boyhood Homes or purchasing a raccoon "Boone" cap while pretending to protect your family and keep peace with the Natives. There's lots of kid-friendly info on famous caves (even one you take a boat ride through!), singing a tune at My Old Kentucky Home and gazing at beautiful horses. Getting back to nature is easy when you stay overnight in a wigwam, get inches away from a real shark, pet wallabies and kangaroos, see a prehistoric alligator turtle, hear the roar of humungous cascading falls, stroll through a bird paradise, or walk across a Natural Bridge. If you're hungry, KIDS LOVE KENTUCKY knows where to be a candy taste-tester, dine on "hot browns" & burgoo, or tell you how to eat your way through apple, barbeque, chicken, sorghum, and pumpkin festivals. Nearby many historical sites are unusual theme restaurants including a real log cabin and a stagecoach stop. When you're full, take a relaxing train, boat or bike ride along well-planned paths past pieces of history. The book provides all the details a family needs to know (i.e. maps, descriptions, phone numbers, websites, prices) to save lots of time. It's a wonderful resource to make short vacation plans or get to know your hometown better. Best of all, if you have a limited budget, don't worry & the book has found lots of places to visit for little or no charge! Other "Kids Love" titles available for: Ohio, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Indiana, Virginia & West Virginia. --This text refers to an alternate Paperback edition.

"Where to go?, What to do?, and How much will it cost?", are all questions that they have heard

throughout the years from friends and family. These questions became the inspiration that motivated them to research, write and publish the "Kids Love" travel series. This adventure of writing and publishing family travel books has taken them on a journey of experiences that they never could have imagined. They have appeared as guests on hundreds of radio and television shows, had featured articles in statewide newspapers and magazines, spoken to thousands of people at schools and conventions, and write monthly columns in many publications talking about "family friendly" places to travel. George Zavatsky and Michele (Darrall) Zavatsky were raised in the Midwest and have lived in many different cities. They currently reside in a suburb of Columbus, Ohio. They feel very blessed to be able to create their own career that allows them to research, write and publish a series of best-selling kids' travel books. Besides the wonderful adventure of marriage, they place great importance on being loving parents to Jenny & Daniel. --This text refers to an alternate Paperback edition.

love the book.....my 10 year old granddaughter and I are going to breyer fest in Lexington.....book has good tips thanks

Parenting can be so frustrating ... especially when your kids seem bored and are begging for creative ideas on something fun to do. Most of the time you end up at the local playground or amusement center for lack of better ideas. "Entertaining children shouldn't be so hard. We wanted to make having fun family time easy. So, we researched and wrote this book" say parents/authors George and Michele Zavatsky. After 1000 hours of research and publishing, the result is their book, KIDS LOVE KENTUCKY. This book is part of a regional best-selling series including other titles for Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Pennsylvania. KIDS LOVE KENTUCKY has kid-tested descriptions including great hints on what kids like best. This guide contains almost 200 pages packed full of 500 some places and events specifically designed for children between the ages of 2 - 15. Kids can discover places from Boone to Burgoo, from Caves to Corvettes, and from Lincoln to Lands of Horses. It'll tell you how Appalacian and Pioneer folks live(d) and even how to pow-wow with Native Americans. You'll know where to go to stand side-by-side a Braille printer (and even get to try your hand at it), steer a boat, blow the whistle of a train, or learn the secrets of yummy chocolates. Another weekend you'll have all the travel details you need to go behind the scenes of car assembly or learn the secrets to perfect pottery and woven linens (Secret: it takes loads of practice!). Of course, there's plenty of details on nationally known sites like skipping stones in creeks near Abe Lincoln's Boyhood Homes or purchasing a raccoon "Boone" cap and pretending to provide for your

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The books by these authors do not provide any sort of useful information about what attractions their kids did and did not prefer, and why. There is no explanation of why certain attractions are even listed in the books, and which seem not to be very kid-oriented. Read my full review of Kids Love Indiana, and save your money.

I purchased this book after checking it out at the library. Living in Central Kentucky with two young boys, I expect that this book will be a resource that we'll use for years to come. I especially like having someone else's opinion on the "kid friendliness" of a place and knowing ahead of time specifically what they have to offer.

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