



## 2014

### Notable Annual Adventure Events

*Kentucky is full of adventurous opportunities. Many locations and groups host special events throughout the year, in all regions of the commonwealth. Below are just a few of the upcoming events in 2014.*

#### **Kentucky Century Challenge Returns in 2014**

The popular cycling event from 2013 is back and better in 2014. This event is collaboration among four of the most popular cycling events in Kentucky: The **Redbud Ride April 11-13**, The **Horsey Hundred May 23-25**, the **Preservation Pedal June 21** & the **Hub City Tour on September 13**. New for this year is the Hub City Tour in Elizabethtown that will replace the Old Kentucky Home Tour as the 4<sup>th</sup> and final leg of the Challenge. Riders must preregister this year, there will be no on site registration. 800 is the cutoff number for free or reduced cost jerseys. Please note that there is no limit to the number registering, but that only the first 800 will be offered a free or reduced cost jersey. Riders completing all four rides (among the first 800 registrants) will receive their jersey free of cost, and riders completing 3 of 4 rides (among first 800 registrants) will receive their jersey at a discounted rate of \$30. Registration is available through April 4, and more information may be found at <http://www.kentuckytourism.com/outdoor-adventure/centurychallenge.aspx>. Be sure to support and thank the following sponsors for making this event happen: [Graviss McDonald's Restaurants](#), [Bullmoose Brothers Bicycles](#) of Elizabethtown, [Main Street Bikes](#) of Shelbyville, the [London – Laurel County Tourist Commission](#) and [Insurance Works](#) of Lexington.

#### **2013 Kentucky Hunting and Fishing Licenses Expire February 28**

##### **Hunting Seasons**

Sportsmen need to mark their calendars and make sure they purchase their new hunting and fishing licenses for the 2014-2015 license season. Current licenses expire February 28. For up to date information on all hunting and fishing regulations, visit the Department of Fish and Wildlife's website at [www.fw.ky.gov](http://www.fw.ky.gov).

#### **Unbridled Adventure Race Series returns to Kentucky State Parks**

The popular adventure racing series that highlights some of Kentucky's most popular State Parks is back in 2014. The series begins at Lake Barkley State Resort Park on June 7 and is a six hour race. Next is an eight hour race at Pine Mountain State Resort Park on August 16. The third and final leg of this series is also one of the most popular adventure races in the eastern United States, the twelve hour Red River Gorge American Classic, or "Fig XI" at Natural Bridge State Resort Park. Developed by Flying Squirrel Adventures, registration information and more detailed race information is available online at [www.flyingsquirreladventures.com](http://www.flyingsquirreladventures.com).



### **Knott County Spring Trail Ride – May 2014**

One of the most popular trail riding events in Kentucky, the Spring Trail Ride will take place the first weekend in May. Admission is \$20 for all three days, and children under 12 get in free. Many folks spend the entire week camping out before the big ride. Several rides of various lengths will take place over the weekend, and there is always great food and fun.

### **2014 NASP National Tournament – May 9-10**

The 2014 National Archery in the Schools Program will once again hold its National Tournament at the Kentucky Exposition Center in Louisville, Kentucky. This tournament hosts middle school and high school competitors from all over the country as they compete for National recognition. NASP continues to grow and attract more young people throughout Kentucky and the United States.

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

### **Horsey Hundred – May 24-26**

The Horsey Hundred continues to be one of the most popular rides in the Commonwealth. The Bluegrass Cycling Club hosts a fabulous event for cyclists to experience the best riding central Kentucky has to offer. Head quartered in Georgetown, Kentucky, there will be the traditional 100 mile ride as well as options for 25 and 75 miles. The 2014 Horsey Hundred is the second leg of the Kentucky Century Challenge. Register for the Horsey Hundred at: [www.bgcycling.org](http://www.bgcycling.org)

### **National Trails Day 2014**

National Trails Day is the first weekend in June, and features plenty of great trail based activities all across Kentucky, and the nation. Make plans to head to your favorite trail and help out with clean up and maintenance, go on a guided hike or just spend some time out in the great outdoors.

<http://www.americanhiking.org/national-trails-day/>

### **Preservation Pedal – June 21**

Preservation Kentucky sponsors this popular cycling event in June. Held in a different community every year, 2014 will bring the event to Winchester & Clark County. This year's ride will feature four rides from 25 to 100 miles. The Preservation Pedal is once again part of the Kentucky Century Challenge.

<http://www.preservationkentucky.org>

### **Old Kentucky Home Tour – September 6-7**

This popular cycling event departs from E.P "Tom" Sawyer Park in Louisville and offers three separate routes to historic Bardstown, Kentucky. It includes routes of 55, 72 and 102 miles. 2014 will mark the 37<sup>th</sup> annual running for this event, which is hosted by the Louisville Bicycle Club.

<http://www.louisvillebicycleclub.org/OKHT>



### **Hub City Tour – September 13**

Elizabethtown's premier cycling event is brought to you by the Central Kentucky Wheelmen every September. 2014 is a special year for the Hub City Tour as it fills the last ride in the Kentucky Century Challenge. [www.ckwheelmen.org](http://www.ckwheelmen.org)

### **Pennyriple Area Cyclists Challenge – September**

#### **Coal Country Off Road Festival – September**

The annual fall event sponsored by the Bell County Holler Crawlers and held at the Wilderness Trail Off Road Park has been moved to September. Each year, the fall event in Bell County has been growing in popularity. This event will feature the nationally acclaimed Haunted Forest Trail, as well as live music entertainment, vendors, great food and plenty more.

[http://www.facebook.com/events/157665131054283/?group\\_id=0](http://www.facebook.com/events/157665131054283/?group_id=0)

#### **Knott County Fall Trail Ride – October**

This annual trail ride has become one of the largest trail riding events in the Southeast. There are hundreds of miles of trails on the 43,000 acre at the Mine Made Paradise Adventure Park. There is plenty of music, food and fun to go along with the great riding. [www.knottcountyadventure.com](http://www.knottcountyadventure.com)

#### **Governor's Autumn Bicycle Ride Across Kentucky (GABRAKY) – October**

Cyclists may ride all four days, or choose to ride one day. Each day will cover approximately 60 miles. Proceeds go to benefit the Grande Theater, a community-arts theater in downtown Frankfort. The 2014 event is limited to 100 participants. Registration is required for this event, and a link may be found on the GABRAKY website. [www.gabraky.com](http://www.gabraky.com)