

# Welcome to our 2016 Gathering! Driving Directions:

## **Morning:**

We'll be leaving at 8:30 to go to the site of the 1775/1779-1780 Hinkston/Ruddles Station Fort & Battle site.

We'll go S. on 27, out of town (Cynthiana) for about 3 miles.

Turn left (E.) at the road where you'll see "Airport" on a green sign.

Turn right on 982 after 1/2 a mile.

Then left on Old Lair Pike (another 1/2 mile).

We'll go through a tunnel, then over a bridge. (That bridge is over the South Fork of the Licking River. 1 1/2 miles upstream is the fort site. A few miles beyond that is the confluence of Stoner & Hinkston Creeks. A few miles up Stoner Creek is Martins Station.)

A mile past the bridge, we'll turn right into the farm. The site is 1/2 mile on a rough gravel/dirt road. (The River will be on your right, you'll also pass the crypt where the massacred settlers were buried. We'll visit this on the way out.)

We will gather near the Hinkston/RS monument.

Please be respectful of the site owners. you will meet them today. They are very supportive of RAMSHA. My cell # is (859)230-5194 if you get lost.

Approximately 10:15, we will leave for Fort Boonesborough. You can follow me (country roads) or follow your GPS.

Returning out Old Lair Rd, turn left (S.) onto Rt 27.

(As we approach Paris, you will see the Martins Station sign on the left. It is about a mile directly E. of the sign.)

We can stop at the Paris Walmart for restrooms, if you like.

We will be taking Rt. 627 out of Paris, through Winchester, all the way to Fort Boonesborough. (Winchester was the site of Strodes Station.)

After crossing the Kentucky River, you'll need to turn left, park in Boonesborough's lower lot and shuttle up to the recreated \*fort. We'll meet at the settlers monument at 11:30 in front of the fort.

## **Evening:**

We will leave the park around 5pm and drive to Lower Howard's Creek. Go towards the river (back towards Winchester), cross the bridge, turn right, \*\*then right again, follow the signs for Halls on the River.

\*The recreated fort is not on the original site, that was down by the river. During the day, you can visit that. Or possibly we can stop by there in the evening as we leave Fort BB.

\*\* Two rights don't make a wrong, but they do make a left. At this point, you will be heading downstream next to the KY River.

For GPS: "Fort Boonesborough State Park" should put you in the neighborhood.

For GPS: Look for "Halls on the River".

## Here is the schedule for this year's RAMSHA Gathering: Saturday, June 18, 2016.

The day will begin with a visit to Ruddles Station (Cynthiana, KY) and end in the vicinity of Fort Boonesborough State Park (Winchester/Richmond, KY).

Here are places & times for the day:

### Morning

- 8:00am - meet up in Cynthiana, KY in the Walmart parking lot, right next to McDonalds. Come early if you want a cup of coffee.
- We will leave promptly at 8:30 to go to Ruddles Station site.
- 9:00am - 10:15 - ceremony at Ruddles Station site / visit vault if feasible (on private property).

If you have to miss the morning, meet us at the Fort Boonesborough State Park recreated fort. Be aware, the private Ruddles Station farm property will only be open to our group during our assigned time.)

### Afternoon

- 11:30 - meet at the [Settler's Monument](#) in front of Boonesborough, introduction to the Fort site, recognition of our pioneer ancestors, several of whom are listed on the monument (and at least one more that should be).
- 12:00 - lunch (food stand) & enjoy fort & event attractions at Ft. Boonesborough including 18th century Surveyor & several authors.
- 1:00 - Music Concert by RAMSHA's President [Jonathan Hagee, Colonial Balladeer](#), featuring British Isles Ballads & Pub Songs from 1780 in the 1780's Tavern Blockhouse.
- 2:00 - enjoy fort & Descendant's Day event including KY Secretary of State Land Office speaker - Early land acquisition/Patent process.
- 3:00 - RAMSHA's own LaRoux Gillespie - in the Orientation Blockhouse - will present the story of Christian Spears, the Burgers and many of the other Ruddle's Settlement captives.
- 4:00 - Private RAMSHA meeting - in the Orientation Blockhouse. (Not on the BB schedule.) Sharing stories, organization news, officer reports.

### Evening

- 5:30pm - short hike/visit to Lower Howard's Creek (Many of our ancestors were at other forts before Ruddles & Martins Stations, this is the beautiful preserved pioneer/Indian route from BB to Ruddles & Blue Licks. You will be walking in the footsteps of our ancestors & the British & Indians).

Here are some [photos](#) from a trip we took a few years ago on Lower Howard's Creek.

- 6:00pm supper at historic/scenic "Halls on the River", site of pioneer settlement (frontier land route traveling N. from BB towards ). Restaurant is right next to trailhead.