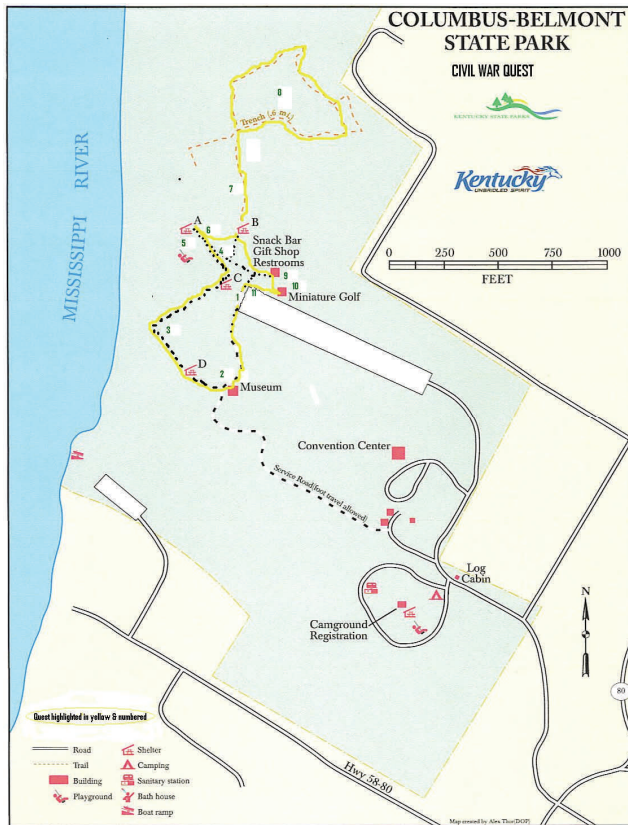


Columbus-Belmont State Park was built on top of the bluff by the Civilian Conservation Corps during the 1930s. In addition to a wonderful view of the Mississippi River the park has a newly renovated museum featuring 1864 photographs of Union soldiers stationed at Columbus, the largest Civil War cannon in Kentucky, Polk's six ton sea anchor with a chain of twenty pound links, and the remains of infantry trenches and Fort DeRussy/Halleck.

As you face the end of the park parking lot you will see before you paths leading to shelter houses, picnic tables, the anchor & chain, the mounted 32 pdr cannon, and a magnificent view of the river 180 feet below. To your right will be paths taking you to the snack bar, the gift shop, the public rest rooms, and the remains of Fort DeRussy/Halleck. To your left is a path leading up a small hill to a restored earthwork fort and to the park museum just beyond it. (Special event – 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in Oct. - Civil War Days Reenactment)



Directions: The park is located 36 miles southwest of Paducah on KY 58 and KY 123/80. The Quest begins in the parking lot next to the Civil War Museum. For more information go to <http://parks.ky.gov/findparks/recparks/cb/>



Kentucky Questing sites can be found across the Commonwealth. Go to <http://eeinkentucky.org> to find one near you.

## Columbus Belmont State Park Civil War Quest

Kentucky Department of parks

One of the things you will learn on this Quest is the fascinating role the Mississippi river played in the Civil War.

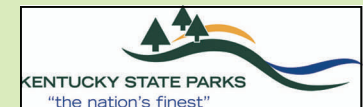
**Approximate time for Quest:** 45 minutes

**Type of trail:** sidewalk and nature trail

**Difficulty level:** moderate

**Type of Quest:** historical

**Length of quest:** approximately one mile



# Welcome to Columbus Belmont State Park



1. Your Quest begins in the parking lot,  
Let us know your favorite spot.
2. Go left on the side walk to the Civil War Museum and its history,  
Now the rest of the tour will be no mystery.
3. Follow the bluff walk to the Gazebo,  
It was built by the C.C.C.\* many years ago.
4. Down the hill and around the corner,  
You will find a Civil War anchor and Cannon.  
Look to the opposite for children's recreation.

\* The C.C.C. stands for the Civilian Conservation Corps: During the Depression of the 1930's, people were hired by the federal government to build parks, bridges and other infrastructure. Many of their projects can still be seen in our parks today.

5. You now have a view of the great Mississippi River,  
Columbus Belmont Sate Park is at the heart of the Great Mississippi Road Endeavor..
6. Take a rest at the C.C.C. Shelter,  
With all these fireplaces, you won't need a heater!
7. Down the sidewalk to the left you will find,  
The earthworks and trenches the Confederate soldiers left behind.
8. Today we call the area Arrowhead Point but in times way back,  
The South called it Fort DeRussy, the north, Fort Hallack.
9. Now that you are leaving the trenches,  
You should take a rest at the nearest park benches.  
Located at the snack bar and gift shop,  
Which are only a skip and a hop.

10. Try our Putt-Putt, if golf is your game,  
You will find the holes are not all the same!  
If camping is your passion,  
Our campground is in fashion.
11. Your history walk is about to end,  
We hope you have enjoyed it and made a new friend!

