

115 NM Course Pilot Briefing

SPIRIT OF KENTUCKY

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OCTOBER 3, 2026 | CAPITAL CITY AIRPORT | FRANKFORT, KY

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THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE SPIRIT OF KENTUCKY AIR RACE

Dear racers,

On behalf of everyone here at DreamFlight Charities, thank you for your participation in our inaugural Spirit of Kentucky Air Race. We are honored that you are one of the pilots willing to take a chance on this exciting and brand-new event with us.

Regardless of your course preference, each of our pilots are not only navigating the rolling hills of Kentucky and its renowned distilleries - they're turning a morning in the air into flight training scholarships and hands-on aviation programming for students across our state. Because of pilots like you, more kids get the chance to sit in the cockpit, take to the skies with an instructor, and see a future in aviation as something within reach.

We hope that, amongst your planning and actual race day performance, that you'll also take a moment to get to know our students and better understand the impact you're making. That's the whole reason the Spirit of Kentucky Air Race exists, and it couldn't happen without you.

Thank you again for flying with us!



Drew Underwood
Executive Director



RACE WEEKEND SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday | October 2

3:00 PM Racer Check-In
Courtesy Shuttle to Hotels Available

6:00 PM Racer Reception

Saturday | October 3

8:00 AM Complimentary Breakfast
Race Registration Opens

10:00 AM Mandatory Pilot Briefing

11:00 AM Line-Up & Taxi/Race Start

12:00 PM First Racers Return

1:00 PM Spirit of Kentucky Afterparty
Scoring & Results Verification
*Includes Lunch, Desserts, Silent Auction, Guest Speakers,
and SOKY Air Race Awards Ceremony*



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For all SOKY Air Race Participants,
Courtesy of Capital City Airport

COMMUNICATIONS, EMERGENCIES & RACE RULES

RACE & EMERGENCY FREQUENCY: 122.8

Fortunately, there will be minimal frequency changes along either of our two courses (KEKX utilizes frequency 123.075). That said, immediate aid and notification of any emergencies should be made on the 122.8 frequency.

RACE EMERGENCIES

If a racer is unable to complete the course for any reason, they will radio their intentions to discontinue and return to KFFT or the nearest airport.

In the instance of an in-flight emergency/mayday call, the race will end **immediately**, with all participants returning to KFFT unless working to assist the pilot in question.

PASSING

Responsibility

The pilot of the passing aircraft is solely responsible for the safety of the pass. A pass does not excuse breaking any other event rule, including low-flying limits. There are no supplementary regulations for this event that add further passing rules.

Visual Contact

Passing aircraft: Keep the other aircraft in sight for the whole pass, until it's out of view behind you.

Passed aircraft: When the pass is complete, tell the passing aircraft it's done and that you have them in sight.

Radio Calls (on the race frequency assigned to that part of the course)

Passing aircraft, to start the pass: "Race [number], Race [your number] passing you on your right/left, level / slightly low / slightly high."

Passed aircraft, once the pass is complete: "Race [passer's number], you're clear."

Passing Near a Turn

If you pass before a turn, pass on the side that puts you on the inside of the upcoming turn. For a left turn, pass on the left; for a right turn, pass on the right. Do not pass and then cross in front of the aircraft you just passed.

NEVER pass on the inside during a turn. If you can't be clearly ahead before the turn begins, stay on the outside. Try the pass again once both aircraft are level on the next leg.



The Sport Air Racing League has always been big on fun and small on hassle. Whether you're new or a veteran of the cross country air racing sport, we encourage you to download and review SARL's Rules & Regulations to better understand what they do, how they do it, and why.



TAXI & TIMING INSTRUCTIONS

TAXIING

If you are not stationed there already, please have your aircraft parked on KFFT's east ramp (near the Kentucky Department of Aviation Building prior to the mandatory pilot briefing.

When exiting the ramp for the runway, please utilize A9, turning for departure at either RWY 25 or RWY 7, as designated during the mandatory pilot briefing. Please use the A9 for your return to the parking area at the end of your race.

YOU ARE AIRCRAFT #__ IN QUEUE

Race # ____ will be in front of you, with Race # ____ behind.

RACE START & TIMING

Race timers will be located at midfield. Your race time will start upon crossing that point, with your finish time based upon crossing midfield between the timing area and windsock. Additional instructions for your race finish can be found at the end of the course overview.

WAYPOINT COORDINATES

Capital City Airport (KFFT)

Whiskey Thief Distillery N38.14878/W84.99973

Jeptha Creed Distillery N38.18931/W85.26447

Heaven Hill Distillery N37.79311/W85.46558

Maker's Mark Distillery N37.64658/W85.34893

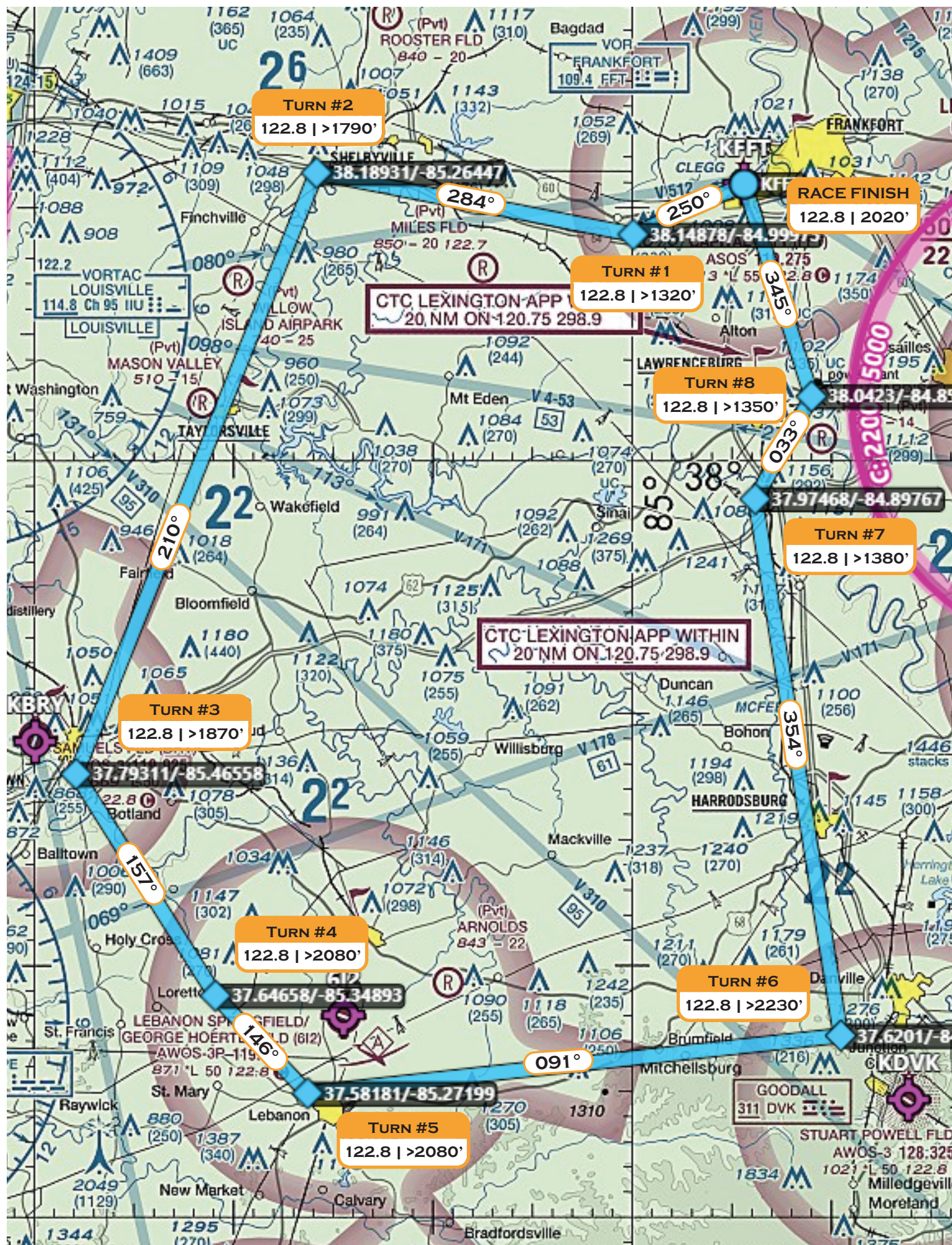
Limestone Branch Distillery N37.58181/W85.27199

Wilderness Trail Distillery N37.6201/W84.82606

Four Roses Distillery N37.97468/W84.89767

Wild Turkey Distillery N38.0423/W84.85057

Capital City Airport (KFFT)



Turn #1

Whiskey Thief Distillery 📍 >1320' 🌡 122.8 🚗 KFFT



Nearing I-64 from a rough heading of 250°, you'll pass over Whiskey Thief, a premier farm-to-bottle distillery known for its immersive "theiving" experience, where guests taste and bottle uncut, unfiltered, single-barrel bourbon directly from the barrel.

Zoom right between their red-roofed still and rickhouse, making your way along I-64 on a rough heading of 284°.

Turn #2

Jeptha Creed Distillery 📍 >1790' 🌡 122.8 🚗 KFFT



After a 13 NM leg, your second turn takes place over Jeptha Creed Distillery in Shelbyville. Situated on the family farm, they're known for their heavy emphasis on utilizing their own farm-raised heirloom Bloody Butcher corn.

Approaching their primary visitor center and gift shop from the east, the building stands out with its unique roof design in comparison to the flat profiles of the surrounding commercial buildings, resting on the southern side of I-64.

From here, set on a rough heading of 210° for the third leg of the course.

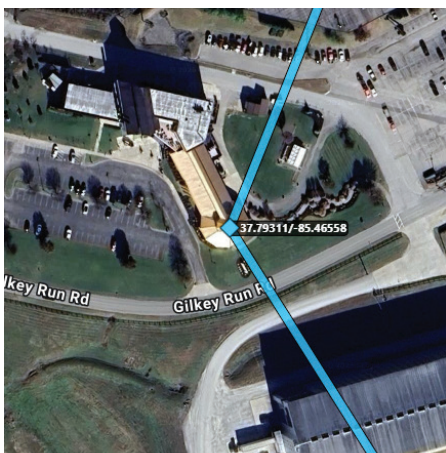
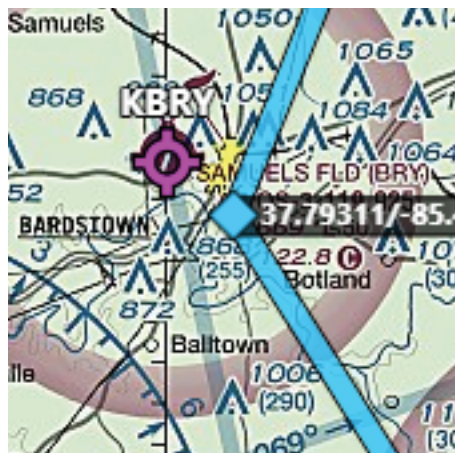
Turn #3



KBRY Airspace
Directly to the West

Heaven Hill Distillery

⬆️ >1870' ⬆️ 122.8 ⬆️ KBRY



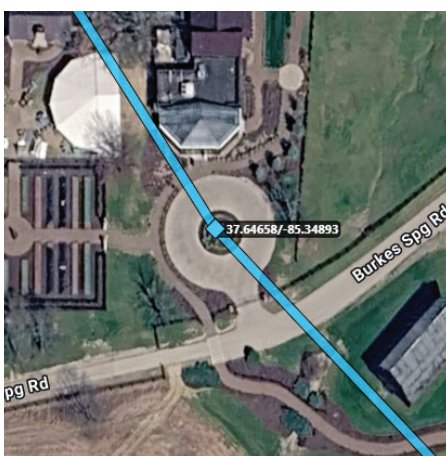
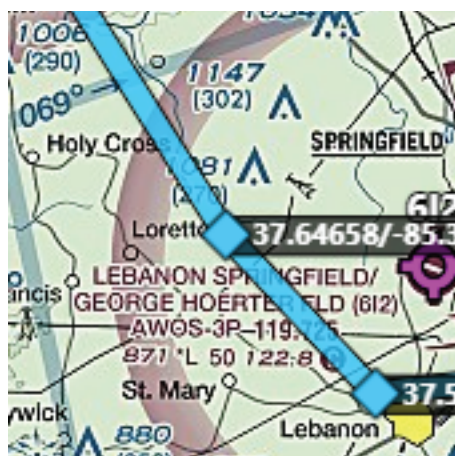
We're headed south on a 26 NM stretch to Bardstown, where you'll find the only remaining family-owned and operating distillery headquartered in Kentucky, Heaven Hill.

The copper roof of the Heaven Hill Bourbon Experience will serve as your turning point, from which you'll continue onward on a rough heading of 157°.

Turn #4

Maker's Mark Distillery

⬆️ >2080' ⬆️ 122.8 ⬆️ 612



A 10 NM leg to the southeast will bring you to Loretto, where one of the most iconic distilleries of Kentucky rests, Maker's Mark. Known for its signature wax seal, wheated recipe, and smooth, non-bitter taste, its facilities have also been recognized as a U.S. National Historic Landmark.

You'll approach their visitor center from the northwest, with your turning point being the small circular drive at its front.

Turn here and set out on a rough heading of 146° for the fifth leg of the course.

Turn #5

Limestone Branch

⬆️ >2080' ⬆️ 122.8 ⬆️ 612



A bit further south (6 NM), you'll come to Marion County. Resting on the Veteran's Memorial Highway, you'll find the Limestone Branch Distillery, founded in 2010 by descendants of the Beam family.

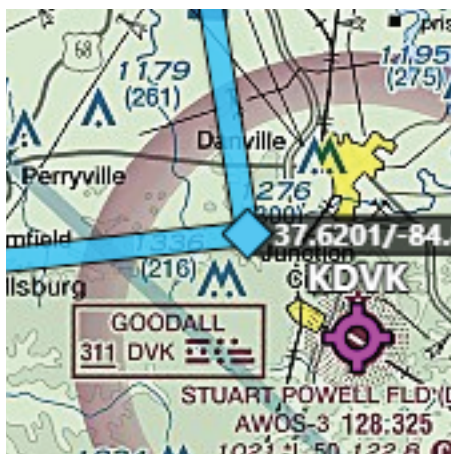
Be on the lookout for their stillhouse and visitors center, which will serve as your next turning point. It is also located just to the right (from your approach perspective) of a larger distillery facility that is still under construction.

From here, set out on a rough heading of 91°, and work your way east!

Turn #6

Wilderness Trail

⬆️ >2230' ⬆️ 122.8 ⬆️ KDKV



This 21 NM leg will bring you to Danville, home of the Wilderness Trail Distillery. Unlike most American whiskeys, they implement a sweet mash fermentation process using all fresh ingredients for each batch as opposed to spent grain from a previous batch.

You'll approach their visitor center from the west, with a noticeable decorative pond immediately to its right, serving as your turning point.

We'll be working a rough heading of 354° now, heading back north toward Frankfort.

Turn #7

Four Roses Distillery

⬆️ >1380' ⬆️ 122.8 ⬆️ KFFT



Another 21 NM leg will bring you to Lawrenceburg, this time passing over the Four Roses Distillery. Their product is famous for utilizing a combination of two mash bills and five proprietary yeast strains to create 10 distinct bourbon recipes.

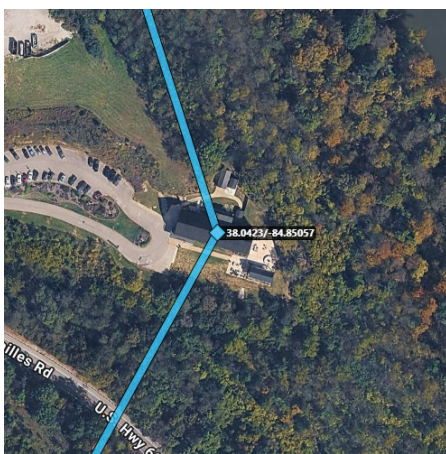
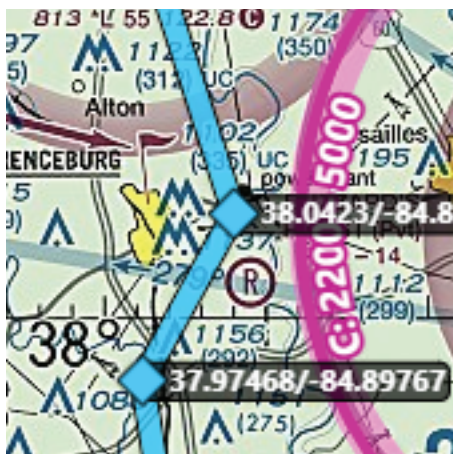
You'll approach the front of their visitor center (white building), serving as your turn point.

From there, set out on a heading of 33° for one final stop before making your way to the finish line at Capital City!

Turn #8

Wild Turkey Distillery

⬆️ >1350' ⬆️ 122.8 ⬆️ KFFT



Crossing HWY 127 from the west will bring you to the scenic countryside of Lawrenceburg, where you'll come across the Wild Turkey Distillery, a site that dates back to 1869.

Be on the lookout for their large visitor center resting on the banks of the Kentucky River - one that features the Wild Turkey logo and brand on its western front. This building will serve as your final turning point.

From here, set out on a rough heading of 345° and race for the finish line!

Race Finish

Capital City Airport

 >2020'  122.8  KFFT



Welcome home! Be sure to call on 122.8 at 5 miles out, which won't be too long after making your turn at Wild Turkey.

The finish point will be midfield between the timing location and just left of the windsock. After finishing your race, turn left to a heading of 250°, flying parallel to the runway on the north side. Descend to pattern altitude (1,800 MSL) here, where there's no pattern traffic.

Once you're back on the ground, take it easy, grab a drink, and be sure to join us at the afterparty!





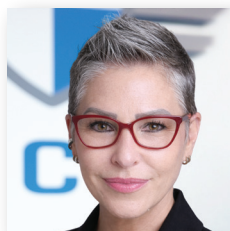
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