

160 NM Course Pilot Briefing

SPIRIT OF KENTUCKY

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ACROSS THE BLUEGRASS

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)

Heaven's Door Distillery

N38.35006/W85.00799

Bulleit Distilling Co.

N38.21995/W85.14516

James B. Beam Distilling Co.

N37.93107/W85.65246

Boston, KY

N37.77993/W85.67745

Whiskey House of Kentucky

N37.66715/W85.93535

Log Still Distillery

N37.64543/W85.53503

Wilderness Trail Distillery

N37.6201/W84.82607

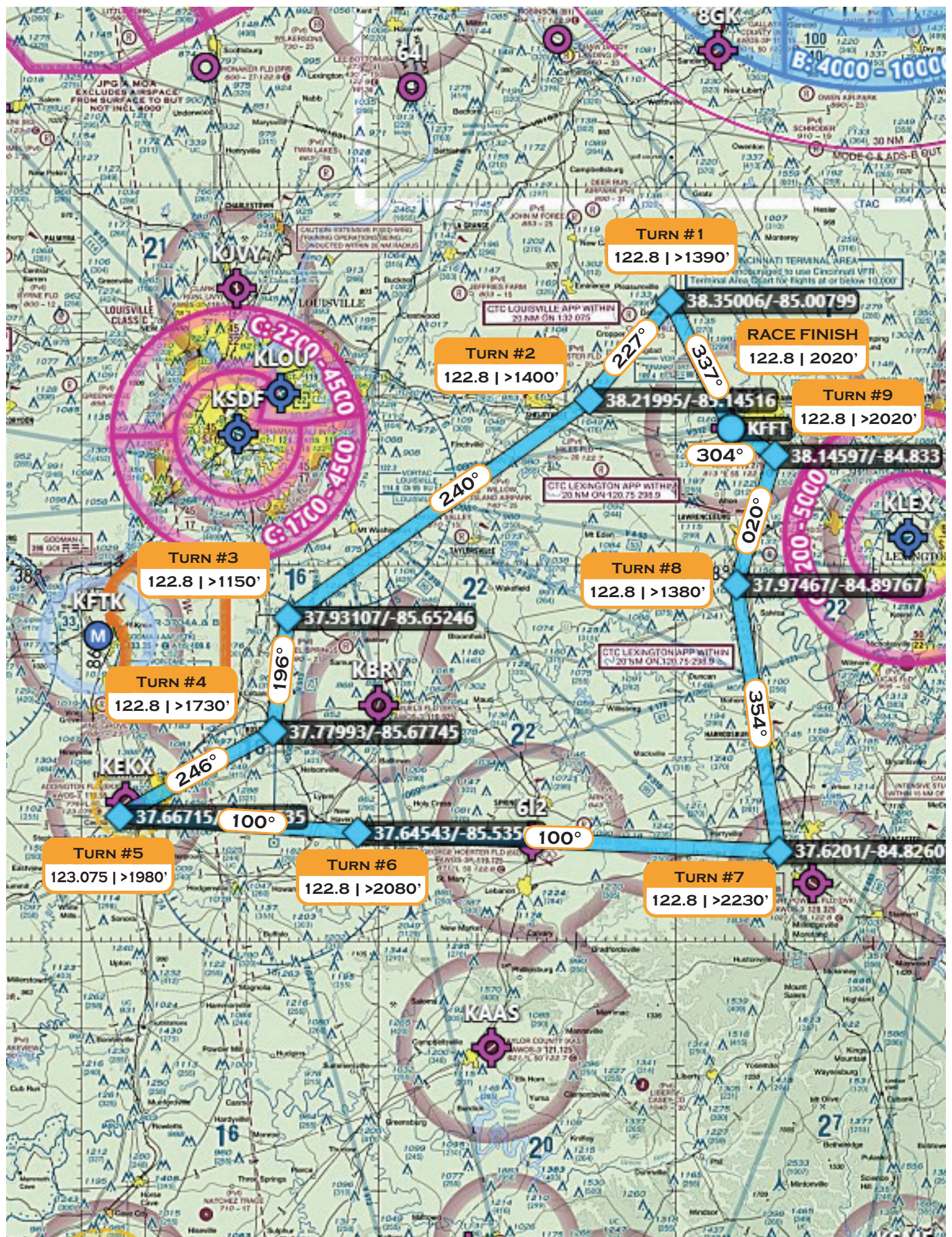
Four Roses Distillery

N37.97467/W84.89767

Castle & Key Distillery

N38.14597/W84.833

Capital City Airport (KFFT)



Turn #1

Heaven's Door Distillery  >1390'  122.8  KFFT



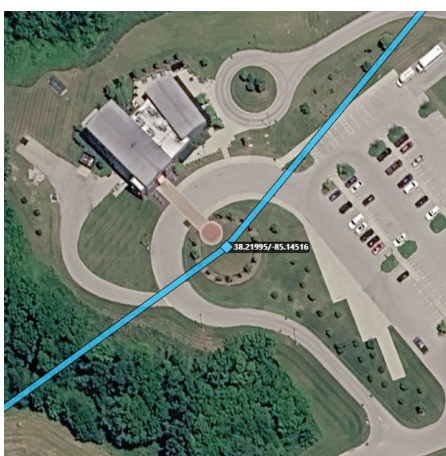
After an initial heading of 337°, your first turn will take place over the scenic countryside of Pleasureville. After a roughly 11 NM leg, you should come across Heaven's Door Distillery, a unique brand partnership between Spirits Investment Partners and Bob Dylan.

Your turning point will be the eastern stillhouse that rests just north of the pond at the road entrance to the distillery.

From here, set on a rough heading of 227° for the second leg of the course.

Turn #2

Bulleit Distilling Co.  >1400'  122.8  KFFT



You'll now be headed southwest on a 10 NM trip to Shelbyville, where you will overfly the Bulleit Distilling Co., known for its modern, sustainable operations on top of its high-rye Kentucky whiskey.

The circular garden feature just to the south of the visitor center will serve as your turning point for this part of the race.

Set a rough heading for 240° and continue working your way southwest for the third leg of the course.

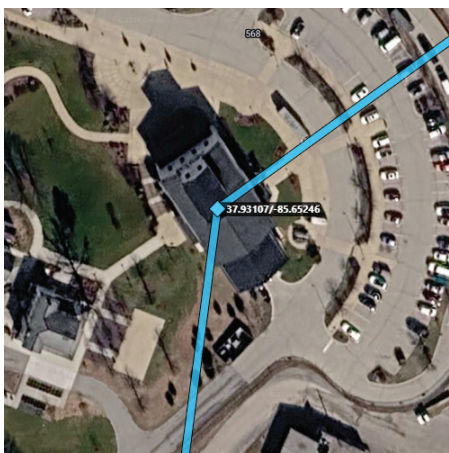
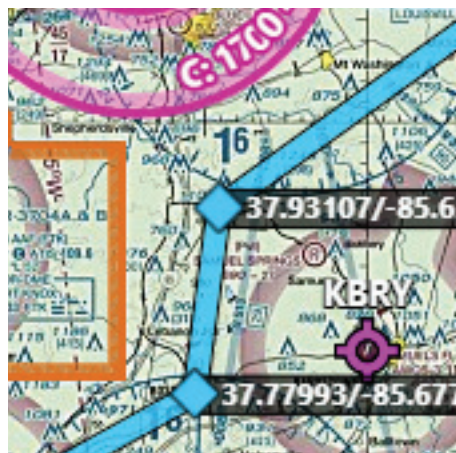
Turn #3

James B. Beam



KFTK Restricted Airspace
to the West of I-65
R-3704 A & B

⬆️ >1150' ⬇️ 122.8 ⬇️ KBRY



After a 29 NM stint in the skies above, you'll soon be over the James B. Beam Distilling Co., who is responsible for crafting nearly half of the world's bourbon, featuring brands like Knob Creek, Basil Hayden, and Bookers - all in addition to their namesake brand.

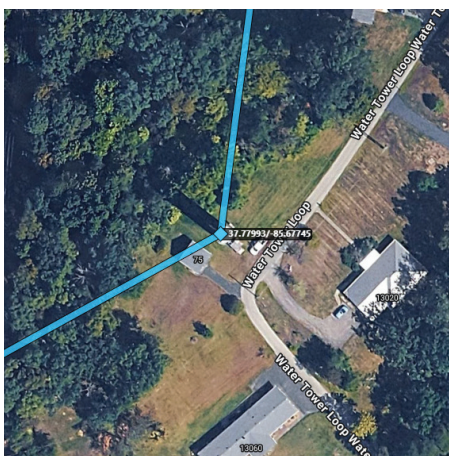
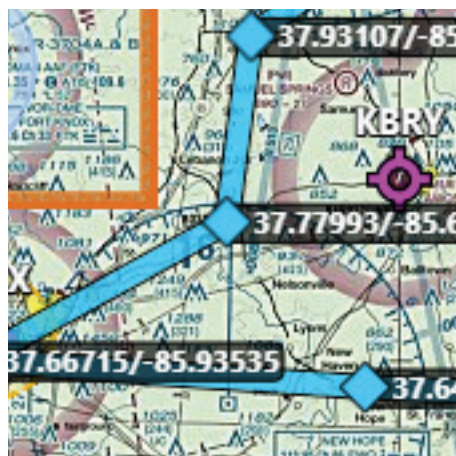
You'll approach their large white visitors center from the northeast side, which will serve as your turning point.

From here, set out on a rough heading of 196° for the fourth leg of the course.

Turn #4

Boston, KY

⬆️ >1730' ⬇️ 122.8 ⬇️ KBRY



You'll be headed almost due south for roughly 9 NM as the course routes you around the sensitive airspace that surrounds Fort Knox.

Keep tracking nearby I-65 from the east, looking for the white, cylindrical water tower that will serve as your turning point in Boston.

Unfortunately, there's not much notable here, so set out on a heading of 246° to get back to the Bourbon Trail!

Turn #5

Whiskey House



KEKX Airspace &
Parachute Jump Area
Ground to 11,000'



Sharp Turn in Excess
of 90 Degrees

⬆️ >1980 ⬆️ 123.075 ⬆️ KEKX



You'll be headed out west for 14 NM while being on the lookout for Whiskey House of Kentucky - a high-tech, custom-focused distillery that provides large-scale, flexible whiskey production for various brands (that they refuse to share).

Their modern bottling plant certainly stands out and will serve as your turning point for this portion of the course.

From here, start working your way east on a rough heading of 100°.

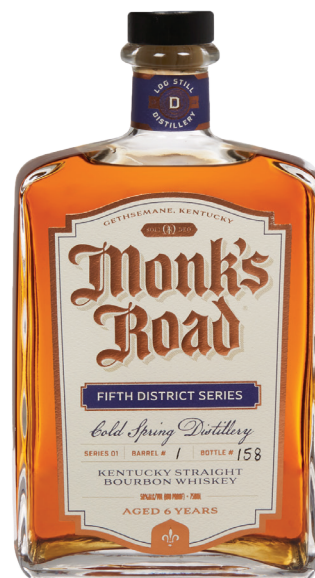
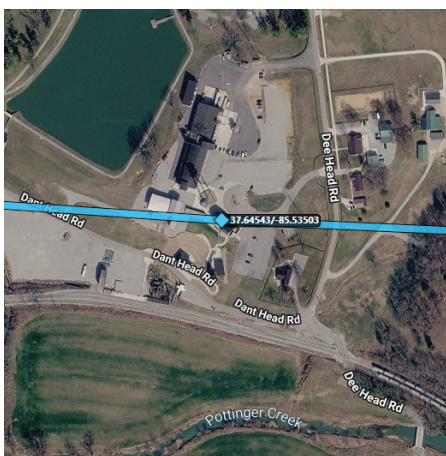
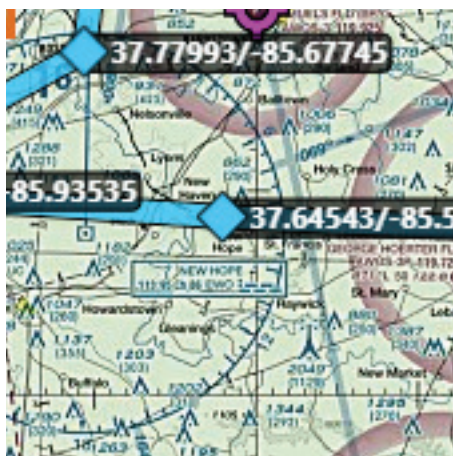
Turn #6

Log Still Distillery



612 Airspace
Directly Underneath

⬆️ >2080' ⬆️ 122.8 ⬆️ KBRY



This 19 NM stretch will take you to New Haven, home of the Log Still Distillery. It's a family-owned, 300-acre destination that not only features great-tasting spirits, but a full amphitheater (The Amp) that constantly attracts a variety of performers.

You'll pass directly over the mains still building and amphitheater, continuing on your 100° heading.

Turn #7

Wilderness Trail

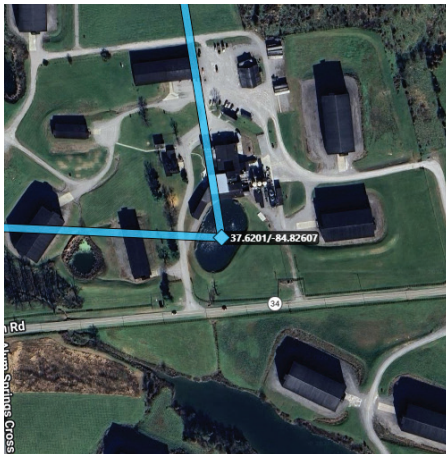
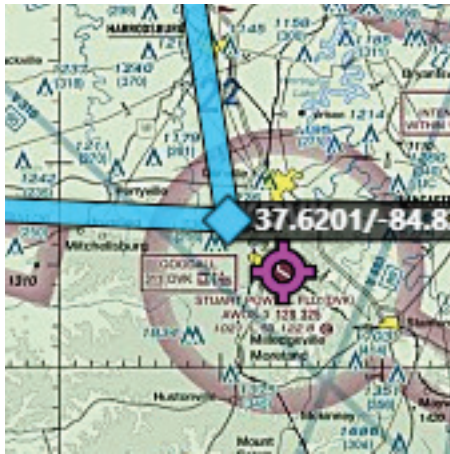


KDVK Airspace
to East of HWY 127



Sharp Turn in Excess
of 90 Degrees

⬆️ >2230' ⬆️ 122.8 ⬆️ KDVK



Get comfy, as you'll be completing the longest stretch of the course (34 NM). You'll eventually wind up in Danville, home of Wilderness Trail. They fuse intricate science with the distilling process founded by experts in fermentation and botany to produce high-quality, small-batch, bottled-in-bond whiskeys using a unique sweet mash.

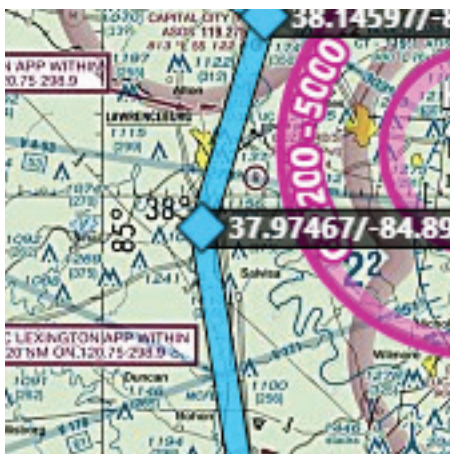
Their visitor center and adjacent pond will serve as your turning point.

From there, set out on northwestern heading of 354° as you begin the journey back to Frankfort.

Turn #8

Four Roses Distillery

⬆️ >1380' ⬆️ 122.8 ⬆️ KFFT



Following HWY 127 from the west will take you directly to Four Roses, famous for utilizing a combination of two mash bills and five proprietary yeast strains to create 10 distinct bourbon recipes. Their visitor center (white building) will serve as your turning point to the final destination on the Bourbon Trail before returning home to Capital City Airport.

Set out on a rough heading of 020° and book it along the final stretch of the Bourbon Trail!

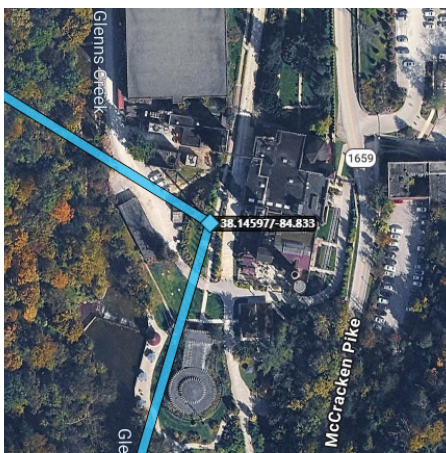
Turn #9



KLEX Airspace
Directly to the East

Castle & Key Distillery

⬆️ >2020' ⬇️ 122.8 ⬇️ KFFT



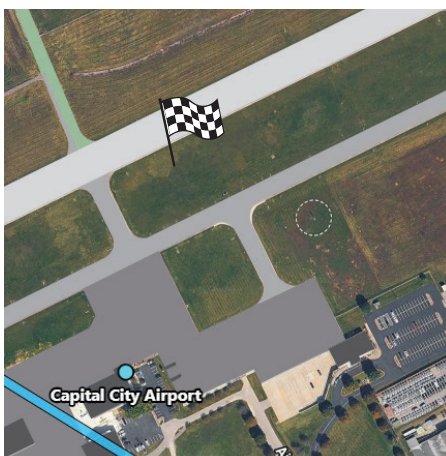
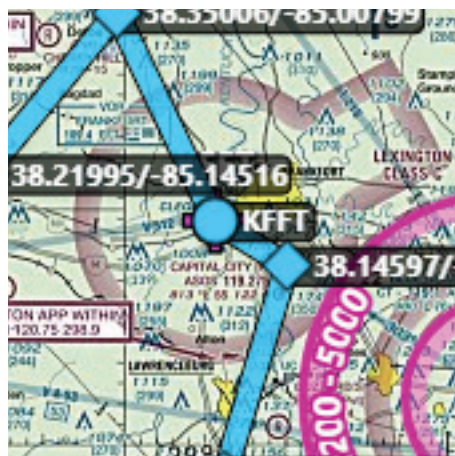
11 NM away and crossing back into Franklin County, you'll find Castle & Key, a historically restored distillery (formerly Old Taylor) known for its castle architecture, sunken gardens, and restored 19th-century springhouse where they work to produce bourbon, gin, and vodka from locally sourced ingredients.

Utilize the water tower near their castle building and make your turn back to Capital City Airport on a rough heading of 304°.

Race Finish

Capital City Airport

⬆️ >2020' ⬇️ 122.8 ⬇️ KFFT



Welcome home! Be sure to call on 122.8 at 5 miles out, which will actually be just before you reach Castle & Key.

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!



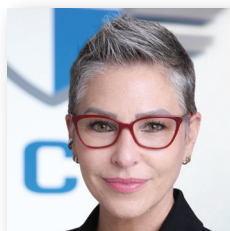
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