

Mobility by Rail, Water, Air or Public Transportation

What other mobility options do Woodford Countians have?

In addition to the road and street circulation systems of the cities and county, several other transportation systems and facilities must also be addressed in analyzing the complete mobility system. Within Woodford County, these additional systems include rail, waterways, airport, and public transportation.

Rail

The Norfolk Southern Corporation offers branch line rail service to Versailles. The nearest intermodal facilities are available in Georgetown, 18 miles northeast of Versailles. Norfolk Southern maintains two rail lines, one in the northern part of the County and the other running through Versailles, for freight service.

Waterways

The Kentucky River is only considered navigable for commercial traffic through Pool 4 that ends at Frankfort, downstream of Woodford County. A six foot navigable channel is maintained between Carrollton and Frankfort for commercial traffic. Responsibility for locks and dams upstream of Frankfort, including Pool 5 along the Woodford County boundary, has been transferred from the Corps of Engineers to the State of Kentucky. The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KTC) is responsible for monitoring and maintenance activities.

The River is popular for pleasure boating, canoeing and kayaking, and there are several outfitters in the region that provide equipment for use on the Kentucky River. There is one boat launching facility to the River located along the Woodford County

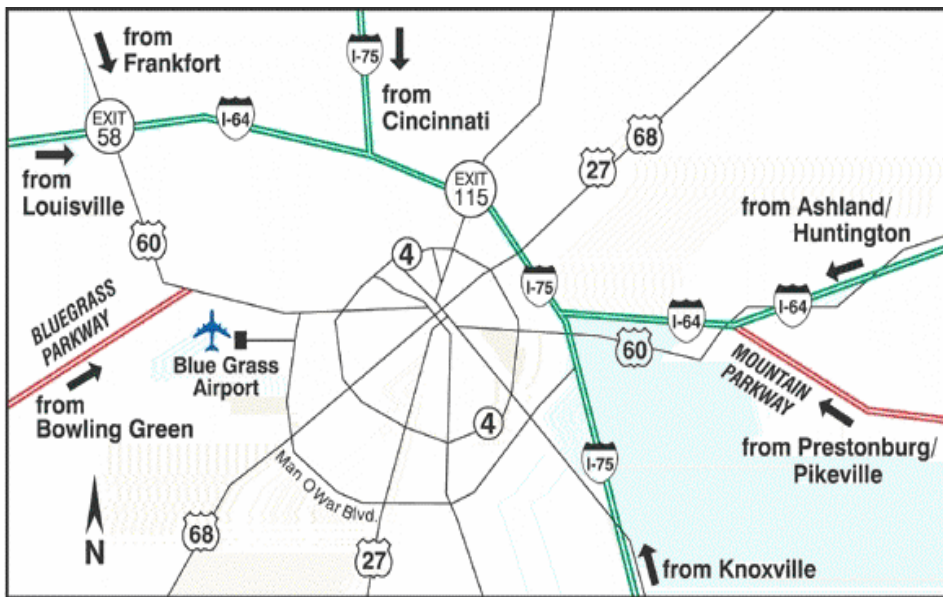
boundary. This facility is known as the Cummins Ferry Ramp and is located between Locks 6 and 7.

Air Transportation

There are no public or private airports within Woodford County. The nearest scheduled commercial airline service is located at the Blue Grass Airport, which is four miles west of Lexington on US 60 and approximately 8 miles east of Versailles. The Blue Grass Airport is currently undergoing a number of facility improvements designed to accommodate additional carriers and service to new markets. The Airport managers just received approval for a \$5 million grant to expand carrier related facilities.

The proximity of the Airport to Woodford County is certainly a plus in terms of business access to other markets as well as freight handling capabilities. This opportunity should be considered in terms of the potential to support agricultural and heritage tourism as well as expansion of the industry without a roof – the horse farms of Woodford.

Commercial airline service is also available at Louisville International Airport, approximately 65 miles northwest of Versailles in Louisville, and at the Greater Cincinnati Airport, whose location is in northern Kentucky, approximately 80 miles north of Versailles.



Public Transportation

The County and the cities of Versailles and Midway do not operate local public transportation systems of any type. One private taxi company serves the greater Versailles area between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., weekdays only.

Private bus carriers do not provide direct service to Woodford County. However, Greyhound bus service is available through Lexington or Louisville.

