



## Freedom's Road Newsletter

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### *"Second Cousin"*



483 miles, just an easy two day ride down I-75 from the H-I-M headquarters in Holly, Michigan is probably one of the best kept riding secrets you'll ever experience.

We've all heard of, and some folks have been lucky enough to take the great rides out west like Sturgis, Monument Valley Utah, Royal Gorge Colorado and even further north up into Montana's Glacier Park, the Pacific Northwest and the Canadian Rockies. As breath-taking as these rides are they cost gobs of cashola and time which are commodities some of us just don't have a lot of.

Growing up watching the Duke's of Hazard and Daniel Boone, whenever Kentucky is mentioned visions of moonshine, shotgun wedding to your second cousin and men wearin' coonskin caps would conjure up in my mind. This modern day Hollywood delusion couldn't be further from the truth. Cumberland Falls, located in Corbin Kentucky, offers all the riding adventure any biker could want. Cumberland Falls State Park offers just about anything you could want from horseback riding, white water rafting, hiking, fishing and everything in between, just to name some of the stuff. But the main attraction is the falls, nicked named the *"Niagara of the South"*.



The falls are one of only two waterfalls in the world that have what is called *"A Moonbow"*. The other one is Victoria Falls in Africa. The *"Moonbow"* is exactly what the name says, a rainbow that can be seen when the moon is full, on a clear night. If you plan this trip be sure to call before hand to get the schedule for the best viewing. If for no other reason these falls are worth the trip. And talk about bang for your buck, a tent campsite that includes water and electric at each camp site, clean restrooms, super showers the falls and a huge pool is only 12 bucks a night! If you didn't do anything other then see the falls it would be money well spent!

If you absolutely insist you have to spend big bucks to have a great trip they do offer cabins from \$109 to \$229 a night and also rooms at the DuPont Lodge for \$89 to \$99 a

night and yea, the falls and pool are included with those too. For more info, do a web search: Cumberland Falls Resort Park or call (606) 528.4121.

Trying to describe this adventure is impossible, it's something that has to be experienced to appreciate; you have a very unusual waterfall that is 125 feet wide and drops 68 feet down creating a mist similar to Niagara Falls. Due to the way the falls are situated the mist causes the "Moonbow" when conditions are right, on top of that you have a great inexpensive park, and the coolest roads you'll find anywhere. So if you are looking for a great ride that won't cost ya an arm and a leg, a ride you can easily do in a week, then take a serious look at the "Niagara of the South" you'll never be sorry you did!

If all that ain't enough to peak your interest, there are the "Cumberland Twisties" located all around Corbin. These are some of the best riding roads I have ever been on, bar none! They meander through some of most spectacular mountain terrain you'll find anywhere, crossing mountain streams as they wind and twist up and down. No, they're not the intense adrenalin, white-knuckle ride of the Dragon, but they are without a doubt, super enjoyable rides that allow you to take in the awesome serene beauty of the area. Be fore warned though, if the sign says 15 MPH pay heed to it.

Being pretty much "GPS challenged" I generally rely on good area maps to explore the vicinity I wanna ride. Prior to leaving I did some Google mapping and stumbled on a really cool map by Kevin Bray. It's one of the best maps I have seen and I highly recommend reviewing it. Kevin has done a bang up job of marking and giving clear directions to about a dozen cool "Twisties" rides, all close to the park. Do a web search: maps.google.com, in the Google Search bar, Cumberland KY, then Cumberland Twisties. You should get: "Cumberland Twisties-A Great Motorcycle Adventure in Eastern Kentucky Mountains". It is a 'public map' by Kevin Bray. This is only one of the many that are out there!

I gotta believe late August or early September would be a great time to be there!

Gotta scoot! Gotta get packed! **Utah is callin'!**

Hope to see ya on the road! "Upright that is!"

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*"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Rom 10:13*