

THE VISION

To create a greater awareness and appreciation of the role coal has played in our past, the impact it currently has and what role it will play in our future.

Where Are We Today?

A group of state, county, city and interested citizens have come together to provide the resources to develop a coal legacy trail in western Kentucky.

Partners

Kentucky State Parks
Owensboro Area Museum of Science & History
Sunlite Music Studio
WMTH Corporation
Rick Miller, Local Historian
Sara McNulty, Coal Mine Family Historian
Gary Emord-Netzley, Photographer
Kentucky Heritage Council
Kentucky Historical Society
Kentucky Coal County Coalition
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Communities in:

- Daviess County
- Hopkins County
- Union County
- Henderson County
- Ohio County
- Mclean County
- Hancock County
- Muhlenberg County
- Webster County



IMMEDIATE GOALS

GOAL 1: Develop an underground coal mine exhibit in the basement of the Owensboro Museum of Science and History (OMSH) building and a participatory exhibit upstairs featuring current machinery used in coal extraction and coal's importance in our futures as an energy source.

GOAL 2: Develop the George H. Rudy Mines and Co. Interpretive Center and walking trails at Ben Hawes State Park

GOAL 3: Develop a Western Kentucky Coal Legacy Driving Tour through nine counties which will include directional and interpretive signs, brochures, website and CD/DVD's guided tours.

GOAL 4: Expand the Western Kentucky Coal Legacy oral history project to include other mines in Western Kentucky.

*Both the Owensboro Museum of Science and History (OMSH) building and the George H. Rudy Interpretive Center will serve as central hubs to direct visitors to other coal sites throughout both west and east Kentucky and promote the western Kentucky Coal Driving Tour and Coal Legacy project. Other satellite hubs will be developed all along the route.

Get Involved by Contacting

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COAL TRAIL



The impact of coal
yesterday, today
and tomorrow.