



KENTUCKY HORSE RACING & GAMING

Kentucky's Safe Bet

2026 Race Dates Calendar

January

2026



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				Turfway 1	Turfway 2	Turfway 3
4	5	6	Turfway 7	Turfway 8	Turfway 9	Turfway 10
11	12	13	Turfway 14	Turfway 15	Turfway 16	Turfway 17
18	19	20	Turfway 21	Turfway 22	Turfway 23	Turfway 24
25	26	27	Turfway 28	Turfway 29	Turfway 30	Turfway 31

February

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Turfway	5 Turfway	6 Turfway	7 Turfway
8	9	10	11 Turfway	12 Turfway	13 Turfway	14 Turfway
15	16	17	18 Turfway	19 Turfway	20 Turfway	21 Turfway
22	23	24	25 Turfway	26 Turfway	27 Turfway	28 Turfway

March

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Turfway	5 Turfway	6 Turfway	7 Turfway
8	9	10	11 Turfway	12 Turfway	13 Turfway	14 Turfway
15	16	17	18 Turfway	19 Turfway	20 Turfway	21 Turfway
22	23 Oak Grove	24 Oak Grove	25 Turfway	26 Turfway	27 Turfway	28 Turfway
29	30 Oak Grove	31 Oak Grove				

April

2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	Keeneland 3	Keeneland 4
5	Oak Grove 6	Oak Grove 7	Keeneland 8	Keeneland 9	Keeneland 10	Keeneland 11
Keeneland 12	Oak Grove 13	Oak Grove 14	Keeneland 15	Keeneland 16	Keeneland 17	Keeneland 18
Keeneland 19	Oak Grove 20	Oak Grove 21	Keeneland 22	Keeneland 23	Keeneland 24	Churchill Downs 25
Churchill Downs 26	Oak Grove 27	Oak Grove Churchill Downs 28	Churchill Downs 29	Churchill Downs 30		

May

2026



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					Churchill Downs 1	Churchill Downs 2 <i>Oak Grove (Optional)</i>
3	Oak Grove 4	Oak Grove 5	6	Churchill Downs 7	Churchill Downs 8	Churchill Downs 9 <i>Oak Grove (Optional)</i>
Churchill Downs 10 Oak Grove	Oak Grove 11	<i>Oak Grove (Optional)</i> 12	13	Churchill Downs 14	Churchill Downs 15	Churchill Downs 16 <i>Oak Grove (Optional)</i>
Churchill Downs 17	Oak Grove 18	Oak Grove 19	20	Churchill Downs 21	Churchill Downs 22	Churchill Downs 23
Churchill Downs 24	Churchill Downs 25 Oak Grove	Oak Grove 26	27	Churchill Downs 28	Churchill Downs 29	Churchill Downs 30
Churchill Downs 31						

June

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Oak Grove 1	Oak Grove 2	Churchill Downs 3	Churchill Downs 4	Churchill Downs 5	Churchill Downs 6
Churchill Downs 7	Oak Grove 8	Oak Grove 9	Churchill Downs 10	Churchill Downs 11	Churchill Downs 12	Churchill Downs 13
Churchill Downs 14	Oak Grove 15	Oak Grove 16	Churchill Downs 17	Churchill Downs 18	Churchill Downs 19	Churchill Downs 20
Churchill Downs 21	Oak Grove 22	Oak Grove 23	Churchill Downs 24 <i>Oak Grove (Optional)</i>	Churchill Downs 25	Churchill Downs 26	Churchill Downs 27
Churchill Downs 28	Oak Grove 29	Oak Grove 30				

July

2026



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 <i>Oak Grove (Optional)</i>	2 Ellis Park	3 Ellis Park	4 Ellis Park
5 Ellis Park	6 Oak Grove <i>Ellis Park (Optional)</i>	7 Oak Grove	8 <i>Oak Grove (Optional)</i>	9	10 Ellis Park	11 Ellis Park
12 Ellis Park	13 Oak Grove <i>Ellis Park (Optional)</i>	14 Oak Grove	15	16	17 Ellis Park	18 Ellis Park
19 Ellis Park	20 <i>Ellis Park (Optional)</i>	21	22	23	24 Ellis Park	25 Ellis Park
26 Ellis Park Red Mile	27 Red Mile <i>Ellis Park (Optional)</i>	28 Red Mile	29	30	31 Ellis Park	

August

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						Ellis Park 1
Ellis Park 2 Red Mile	Red Mile 3 <i>Ellis Park (Optional)</i>	Red Mile 4	Red Mile 5		Ellis Park 7	Ellis Park 8
Ellis Park 9 Red Mile	Red Mile 10 <i>Ellis Park (Optional)</i>	Red Mile 11	Red Mile 12		Ellis Park 14	Ellis Park 15
Ellis Park 16 Red Mile	Red Mile 17 <i>Ellis Park (Optional)</i>	Red Mile 18	Red Mile 19 Sandy Ridge	Sandy Ridge 20	Ellis Park 21 Sandy Ridge	Ellis Park 22
Ellis Park 23 Red Mile	Red Mile 24 <i>Ellis Park (Optional)</i>	Red Mile 25	Red Mile 26 Sandy Ridge	Sandy Ridge 27	Sandy Ridge 28 <i>Kentucky Downs (Optional)</i>	Kentucky Downs 29
Red Mile 30 Kentucky Dows	Red Mile 31 <i>Kentucky Downs (Optional)</i>					

September

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Red Mile <i>Kentucky Downs (Optional)</i>	2 Red Mile <i>Kentucky Downs (Optional)</i>	3 Kentucky Downs	4 Sandy Ridge <i>Kentucky Downs (Optional)</i>	5 Kentucky Downs Sandy Ridge
6 Red Mile Kentucky Downs	7 Red Mile Kentucky Downs	8 Red Mile <i>Kentucky Downs (Optional)</i>	9 Red Mile Kentucky Downs	10 Churchill Downs	11 Churchill Downs	12 Churchill Downs
13 Red Mile Churchill Downs	14 Red Mile	15 Red Mile	16 Churchill Downs	17 Churchill Downs	18 Churchill Downs	19 Churchill Downs
20 Red Mile Churchill Downs	21 Red Mile	22 Red Mile	23 Churchill Downs	24 Churchill Downs	25 Churchill Downs	26 Churchill Downs
27 Churchill Downs	28	29	30			

October

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				Red Mile 1	Red Mile Keeneland 2	Red Mile Keeneland 3
Keeneland 4	5	6	Keeneland 7	Keeneland 8	Red Mile Keeneland 9	Red Mile Keeneland 10
Red Mile Keeneland 11	12	13	Keeneland 14	Keeneland 15	Keeneland 16	Keeneland Cumberland Run 17
Keeneland Cumberland Run 18	Cumberland Run 19	Cumberland Run 20	Keeneland 21	Keeneland 22	Keeneland 23	Keeneland Cumberland Run 24
Cumberland Run Churchill Downs 25	Cumberland Run 26	Cumberland Run 27	Churchill Downs 28	Churchill Downs 29	Keeneland (Breeder's Cup) 30	Keeneland (Breeder's Cup) 31

November

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Churchill Downs Cumberland Run	2 Cumberland Run	3 Cumberland Run	4 Churchill Downs	5 Churchill Downs	6 Churchill Downs	7 Churchill Downs
8 Churchill Downs Cumberland Run	9 Cumberland Run	10 Cumberland Run	11 Churchill Downs	12 Churchill Downs	13 Churchill Downs	14 Churchill Downs
15 Churchill Downs	16	17	18 Churchill Downs	19 Churchill Downs	20 Churchill Downs	21 Churchill Downs
22 Churchill Downs	23	24	25 Churchill Downs	26 Churchill Downs	27 Churchill Downs	28 Churchill Downs
29 Churchill Downs	30					

December

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Turfway	3 Turfway	4 Turfway	5 Turfway
6	7	8	9 Turfway	10 Turfway	11 Turfway	12 Turfway
13	14	15	16 Turfway	17 Turfway	18 Turfway	19 Turfway
20	21	22	23 Turfway	24	25	26 Turfway
27	28	29	30 Turfway	31		