



Events around the Bluegrass week of March 10, 2025



St. Patrick's Day, the holiday will be celebrated on Monday, March 17, but festivities will span the entire weekend. This Irish holiday honors **Saint Patrick**, the patron saint of **Ireland**, and is celebrated worldwide. Regardless of heritage, it's said that everyone is Irish on St. Patrick's Day, so don't forget to wear something green on **March 17th!**

There are several traditions and symbols tied to this special day. **The Shamrock**, a symbol of Ireland, is linked to its religious heritage and the abundance of clover plants found across the country. The **Four-Leaf Clover** is rare and considered a symbol of good luck. Each leaf is said to represent hope, faith, love, and happiness. Another popular symbol is the **Leprechaun**, a mythical creature described as a mischievous, solitary shoemaker. Leprechauns are said to hoard gold in hidden pots, which they can reveal if captured, but beware—look away, and the treasure will vanish!

But why green? The tradition of wearing green on St. Patrick's Day is believed to have originated from the playful threat of being pinched by others if not wearing green. Historically, green is associated with the color of spring, the shamrock, and represents hope and nature. It also appears in Ireland's revolutionary flags and in the official tri-color national flag, adopted in 1919. Additionally, Ireland's lush, green landscape has earned it the nickname the **"Emerald Isle,"** with its 40 shades of green celebrated worldwide.

St. Patrick's Day also carries the notion of "the luck of the Irish." Legend has it that if you complete four simple tasks, you might find yourself especially lucky on March 17:

1. Find a four-leaf clover
2. Wear green (so you don't get pinched)
3. Kiss the Blarney Stone
4. Catch a Leprechaun if you can!

In addition to worldwide celebrations, local events include the St. Patrick's Day Parade and the Shamrock Shuffle in downtown Lexington, along with various Irish-themed festivities throughout the day. For those seeking a more immersive experience, several Irish pubs and restaurants around the Bluegrass region offer traditional Irish cuisine, along with the opportunity to enjoy a festive pint of green beer. These pubs are often filled to capacity, making for a lively and culturally rich experience.

Here's a list of some great places to enjoy Irish cuisine in the area:

- [Shamrock Bar & Grille](#) – Richmond Road, Patchen Drive in the Hartland Shopping Center
- [O'Neill's Irish Pub](#) – 2051 Richmond Road
- [McCarthy's Irish Bar](#) – 117 South Upper Street
- [Molly Brooke's Irish Bar](#) – 109 North Limestone
- [Paddy Wagon Irish Pub](#) – 150 East Main Street, Richmond, KY

Celebrate the spirit of Ireland right here in Lexington and enjoy all the fun and festivities that St. Patrick's Day has to offer! **Sláinte!**

Monday, March 10

Keeneland's Morning Works

Monday, March 10 (ongoing)

For more information, check out <https://www.keeneland.com/morning-works-tour>

Location: Keeneland Racecourse, Lexington

Wilderness Trail Distillery Tours

Monday, March 19 (ongoing)

Enjoy one of the newest distilleries on the Kentucky Bourbon Trail! Tours conclude with an outdoor tasting offered Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, check out

https://wildernesstraildistillery.com/bourbon-distillery-tours-kentucky/#_ga=2.188584301.475033086.1663065127-1430386174.1663065127

Location: Wilderness Trail Distillery, Danville, KY

Raven Run Nature Sanctuary

Monday, March 10 (ongoing)

Various hiking trails for you to enjoy! For more information, check out <https://ravenrun.org/>

Location: 3885 Raven Run Way, Lexington

Picnic With Goats

Monday, March 10 (ongoing)

Enjoy a private picnic lunch or dinner with goats on our private farm just 15 minutes from downtown Lexington. Food is brought in from Lexington's top rated restaurants, set just steps from your car. For more information, check out

<https://www.picnicwithgoats.com/>

Location: Lexington

Woodsongs Old-Time Radio Hour

Monday, March 10 (ongoing)

For more information, check out <https://www.visitlex.com/event/woodsongs-old-time-radio-hour%3a-sugar-harp-and-gail-ceasar/22107/>

Location: Lyric Theatre, Downtown

Witness for the Prosecution – Live Theatre

Thursday, March 10 – March 23

For more information, check out <https://www.visitlex.com/event/witness-for-the-prosecution/25136/>

Location: Studio Players, Lexington

Tuesday, March 11**Downtown Walking Food & History Tour**

Tuesday, March 11 (ongoing)

For more information, check out <https://www.visitlex.com/event/downtown-walking-food-%26-history-tour/22193/>

Location: Downtown

Waveland State Historic Site Tea Tuesday

Tuesday, March 11 (ongoing)

For more information, check out <https://parks.ky.gov/explore/waveland-state-historic-site-7805>

Location: Waveland State Historic Site, Lexington

Yoga at The Kentucky Castle

Tuesday, March 11 (ongoing)

For more information, check out <https://www.thekentuckycastle.com/events>

Location: The Kentucky Castle, Versailles, KY

Wednesday, March 12

Mason Cole

Wednesday, March 12

For more information, check out <https://theburlky.com/>

Location: The Burl, Downtown

Food Truck Wednesday

Wednesday, March 12 (ongoing)

For more information, check out <https://www.basehere.com/events>

Location: Base 249, Downtown

KHSAA Girls' Sweet 16 State Basketball

Wednesday, March 12 – March 15

For more information, check out

<https://www.centralbankcenter.com/events/detail/khsaa-2025-girls-sweet-sixteen-tournament>

Location: Rupp Arena, Downtown

Thursday, March 13

Golden Hour Hike to Elk Lick Falls

Thursday, March 13

For more information, check out <https://floracliff.org/visit/>

Location: Floracliff Nature Sanctuary, Lexington

Jazz at the Library – Todd Hildreth All Stars

Thursday, March 13

For more information, check out <https://www.visitlex.com/event/jazz-at-the-library%3a-todd-hildreth-all-stars/25179/>

Location: Central Library, Downtown

Ben Sollee

Thursday, March 13

For more information, check out <https://theburlky.com/>

Location: The Burl, Downtown

Art Walk – Guided Tour

Thursday, March 13 (ongoing)

For more information, check out <https://www.artsconnectlex.org/art-walks.html>

Location: Downtown

Trivia at Town Branch

Thursday, March 13 (ongoing)

For more information, check out <https://lexingtonbrewingco.com/whiskey-spirits/town-branch>

Location: Lexington Brewing and Distilling Co., Downtown

Bourbon Barons Historic Tour

Thursday, March 13 (ongoing)

For more information, check out <https://www.stonefencetours.com/index.php/bourbon-tours/bourbon-tours>

Location: Various locations in the Bluegrass

Nephew Tommy – Comedian

Thursday, March 13 – March 16

For more information, check out <https://www.comedyoffbroadway.com/events/105262>

Location: Comedy Off Broadway, Lexington

Friday, March 14**Chatham Rabbits**

Friday, March 14

For more information, check out <https://theburlky.com/>

Location: The Burl, Downtown

Dance SCAPA

Friday, March 14 – March 15

For more information, check out

<https://www.centralbankcenter.com/events/detail/dance-scapa-4>

Location: Lexington Opera House, Downtown

Cumberland Falls Storytelling Festival

Friday, March 14 – March 16

For more information, check out <https://www.facebook.com/groups/894530391896463/>

Location: Corbin, KY

Saturday, March 15**Lexington St. Patrick's Day Parade and Festival**

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For more information, check out <https://www.visitlex.com/event/lexington-st-patricks-parade-and-festival/25032/>

Location: Downtown

19th Annual Shamrock Shuffle 3K

Saturday, March 15

For more information, check out <https://www.shamrockshuffle3k.com/>

Location: Downtown

A Taste of Ireland

Saturday, March 15

For more information, check out <https://www.transy.edu/calendar/tickets>

Location: Transylvania University, Mitchell Fine Arts Center, Downtown

Lucky in LEX! Improv Comedy

Saturday, March 15

For more information, check out <https://www.visitlex.com/event/lucky-in-lex!-improv-comedy/25201/>

Location: Old North Bar, Downtown

St. Patrick's Sip and Shop

Saturday, March 15

For more information, check out <https://www.visitlex.com/event/st-patricks-sip-and-shop-at-the-greyline/25170/>

Location: Greyline, Downtown

The Official Lucky's St. Patrick's Day Bar Crawl

Saturday, March 15

For more information, check out <https://www.visitlex.com/event/the-official-luckys-st-patricks-day-bar-crawl/24960/>

Location: Wild Cat Saloon, Downtown

Lexington's Best St. Patrick's Day Weekend Bar Crawl

Saturday, March 15

For more information, check out <https://www.visitlex.com/event/lexingtons-best-st-patricks-day-weekend-bar-crawl/25006/>

Location: Various locations in Lexington

Spring Ephemerals Hike, Part I

Saturday, March 15

For more information, check out

https://www.lowerhowardscreek.org/Plan_Your_Visit/Organized_Hikes/organized_hikes.html

Location: Lower Howard's Creek, Winchester, KY

Fayette County Farm Bureau Auction

Saturday, March 15

For more information, check out <https://kyhorsepark.com/event/farm-bureau-auction/>

Location: Kentucky Horse Park, Lexington

USL Super League Women's Home Game – Soccer

Saturday, March 15

For more information, check out <https://www.lexsporting.com/super-league-schedule/>

Location: Lexington SC Stadium, Lexington

Between Two Worlds: The Music of Twin Peaks

Saturday, March 15

For more information, check out <https://theburlky.com/>

Location: The Burl, Downtown

The Amity Affliction

Saturday, March 15

For more information, check out <https://www.manchestermusichall.com/tm-event/the-amity-affliction-w-hail-the-sun-many-eyes-and-solence/>

Location: Manchester Music Hall, Downtown

Downtown Farmers Market

Saturday, March 15 (ongoing)

For more information, check out <https://www.lexingtonfarmersmarket.com/>

Location: Tandy Centennial Park, Downtown

Mini Spring Equinox Market

Saturday, March 15 – March 16

For more information, check out <https://www.creaturesofwhim.com/event-details/mini-ostara-market>

Location: Creatures of Whim, Downtown

Sunday, March 16**Pink Martini featuring China Forbes**

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For more information, check out <https://www.centralbankcenter.com/events/detail/pink-martini-featuring-china-forbes>

Location: Lexington Opera House, Downtown

Classical Music Sunday

Sunday, March 16

For more information, check out <https://www.visitlex.com/event/classical-music-sunday%3a-trio-risoluto/25180/>

Location: Central Library, Downtown

Hell or High Water:

Sunday, March 16

For more information, check out <https://theburlky.com/>

Location: The Burl, Downtown

Jackyl

Sunday, March 16

For more information, check out <https://www.manchestermusichall.com/tm-event/jackyl/>

Location: Manchester Music Hall, Downtown

Distillery District Food & History Tour

Sunday, March 16 (ongoing on Sunday)

For more information, check out <https://www.visitlex.com/event/distillery-district-food-%26-history-tour/23408/>

Location: Downtown