

U.S. Congressman Hal Rogers



U.S. Congressman Hal Rogers is the visionary and granddaddy of the Lake Cumberland region and other destinations in his 38 county, 5th Congressional District. Since 1981, Hal Rogers has been implementing tourism and educational strategies that are helping his constituents in southern and eastern Kentucky. A firm believer in tourism and the natural assets that southern and eastern Kentucky share, he has set up a number of initiatives (**TOUR SEKY** for example) that have joined counties across his district to share what so many vacationers visiting Lake Cumberland and the surrounding

region have reveled in for generations. Born in rural Kentucky, his tireless effort has created thousands of jobs, brought additional publicity to the region, and created new complimentary tourist destinations, such as **SomerSplash** in Somerset, and the **Hal Rogers Family Entertainment Water Park** in Williamsburg, Kentucky that are a big hit among families and children of all ages.

He is a strong believer that the millions of tourists that come to Lake Cumberland and other destinations within his district cannot find a county line in the road and just want to enjoy the beauty, the sites, and attractions around the destination that they have come to visit. He has encouraged the many counties within his

district to work together, pool resources, and to share their many assets. With this great cooperation, he has brought millions of dollars of funding through grants and appropriations to promote these attractions, to create economic development, and jobs for these rural counties. Congressman Rogers' favorite saying is "A vision without funding is a hallucination!" His incredible foresight and vision have brought scenic corridors into this majestic region, along with scenic byways, improved trails and maps, the **Red Bud Festival** in the spring with over a half a million red buds planted in the last year throughout cities and along scenic highways, plus the grand event of 2010 - the **World Equestrian Games**. This is the first time that the Bluegrass State has held these prestigious international games. Hundreds of thousands of visitors from around the world will come and partake in these world class games and enjoy the many facets of the State of Kentucky. Born and raised in Wayne County, this honorable statesman wanted to make a difference in his home county, beautiful Lake Cumberland, and the region by promoting this awesome destination's assets – beautiful national forests, state parks, hiking, camping, sightseeing, antiques, water recreation, fishing, and hunting, as well as foster education and technology to support this ever-growing industry in the state of Kentucky. Congressman Rogers believes in showing our guests - the potential retiree, or family looking to relocate, the many assets, southern hospitality, and the graciousness of the Lake Cumberland region in hopes that they will tell a family member or friend about their pleasant stay in his home state. Y'all enjoy your visit and come back soon! <http://halrogers.house.gov> • 202-225-4601

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