

New Contactless Kayak Rentals Coming to Elkhorn Creek by Summer 2025

Georgetown/Scott County, Kentucky launches contactless kayak rentals—easy, affordable access to Elkhorn Creek

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Georgetown/Scott County, Kentucky, is making getting out on the water easier by installing a contactless kayak rental station—coming to Cardome Park, with a second location planned for later this summer. The kayakers are rented

through a partnership between the Georgetown/Scott County Tourism Commission and Georgetown-Scott County Parks & Recreation. Rent Fun stations will provide convenient Elkhorn Creek access for residents and visitors.



“We love helping people discover the natural beauty right here in Georgetown,” said Drew Beckett, Executive Director of the Georgetown/Scott County Parks & Recreation. “This is an easy, affordable way to get outside and enjoy our creek without needing your gear.”

Rent Fun is a leading provider of contactless outdoor equipment rentals with over 100 stations across the United States. Their mobile app-based platform lets users quickly rent and unlock kayaks using their phone. Simply download the app, create an account in seconds, scan the QR code at the station, and hit the water. Rentals include paddles and life jackets, which must be worn at all times while on the water. The system is fully self-service and available daily during park hours.

“This project checks all the boxes—fun, accessible, visitor and community-focused,” said Lori Saunders, Executive Director of Georgetown/Scott Tourism Commission. “We’re thrilled to bring another outdoor activity to life that locals and visitors of all ages can enjoy.”

The effort is part of a broader initiative to invest in quality-of-life amenities for residents while boosting tourism.

“This is an exciting addition for Georgetown,” said Mayor Burney Jenkins. “Making outdoor recreation more accessible supports wellness and adds another reason to visit and explore our city.”

“It’s a great example of what we can accomplish when local agencies work together,” added Judge Executive Joe Pat Covington. “We’re always looking for ways to showcase Scott County’s natural beauty—and this is a perfect fit.”

The Georgetown/Scott County Chamber of Commerce will host a ribbon-cutting celebration at Cardome Park on Thursday, May 8 at 10:00 am.

To learn more about outdoor recreation in Georgetown/Scott County, visit:

www.georgetownky.com

www.gscparks.com

More information about Rent.Fun can be found at:

www.rent.fun

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