

# ARK

## ENCOUNTER

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### America's Next Big Tourist Attraction

The green rolling hills of northern Kentucky is the location of America's newest major theme park—the Ark Encounter. On 800 beautiful acres off I-75 in Williamstown (south of Cincinnati), the builders of the successful Creation Museum have constructed a one-of-a-kind historically themed attraction, with a huge full-size Noah's Ark as the centerpiece.

Opened on July 7, 2016, the \$100 million first phase of the park presents, in an entertaining, educational, and immersive way, a number of historical events surrounding an immense 510-foot-long, 80-foot high wooden Ark, which is now the largest free-standing timber-frame structure in the world. It measures almost two football fields and stands 5 stories high.



The Ark Encounter when all phases are complete. Phase one, with the life-size Ark and zoo (to the right), opened July 7, 2016.

The Ark Encounter is designed to be family oriented, historically authentic, and environmentally friendly. Included in the experience are the Ararat Ridge Zoo, daily animal shows, zip lines, an extensive interactive children's area, live entertainment, a themed restaurant, and shopping, including many fair-trade items.

The Ark is based on the dimensions recorded in the Bible (Genesis 6) and was designed in accordance with sound established nautical engineering practices of the biblical era. In addition to getting help from Amish workers using their impressive woodworking skills, construction workers, both Amish and non-Amish, used a variety of modern-day techniques and tools to build this enormous ship.



**The Ark as it was nearing completion in June.**

Through the construction of a massive full-scale Noah's Ark, the Ark Encounter presents America and other nations with a reminder of the Bible's account of the Ark and the

faithfulness of Noah. Many of

the talented team members who built the high-tech, family friendly Creation Museum 45 minutes away were also on board for the Ark Encounter.

Additional future phases for the attraction include a Walled City, the Tower of Babel, a first-century Middle Eastern village, a journey in history from Abraham to the parting of the Red Sea, a walk-through aviary, and more. This new attraction, within a one-day drive of almost two-thirds of America's population, is positioned to become a destination that will capture the world's attention, with an estimated yearly attendance of at least 1.4 million visitors, up to 2.2 million.

Discover more at [ArkEncounter.com](http://ArkEncounter.com) (e.g., photos and videos of the construction, including drone footage).