

Travel Information

The link below gives directions to Murray, Kentucky and Murray State University from the northeast (Bluegrass Parkway/Western Kentucky Parkway), east (I-24, 68/80), north (I-24), south (I-40), or west (I-57).

Directions to Murray State



If you are traveling from the Nashville airport, consider taking Briley Parkway as you leave Nashville (a map is below), and follow I-24 west (which really goes mostly north) to Exit 65 (Cadiz, Kentucky), then follow the directions at the link below for 68/80 until you reach Murray. You will find it quicker to use the new Route 80 rather than Route 94 (described below). The newer route does not appear on many older maps or direction-providing websites.

Tips concerning direction-providing websites (most relevant to drivers from Nashville): many of these do not display or label correctly the relatively new (2004) four-lane highway 80 that runs from Kentucky Lake bridge to US 641. Some sites label with 80 the old route, currently renamed 402. Some sites direct you to go on highway 94, a slower alternative. Furthermore, many paper maps prior to 2006 do not show the new 80.

We have found that Google Maps is the only one accurate in this respect, and directs Nashville travelers to Murray via the new highway 80, which, in our experience, is the fastest route. We also



You will find the four-lane highway 80 missing on many other maps. This is from the newest Kentucky official map

agree with the routes provided by Google Maps from other airports (other websites probably give the correct routes for these as well).

An alternative to Google's directions through Nashville: take Briley Parkway (155) instead of going through Nashville on I-40, as you may encounter less traffic there. The Briley Parkway exit is only about 1 mile after getting on I-40 West if you are leaving the Nashville airport.



Here are some maps:

Map	From	Comments
Partial Murray (329KB)	SEARCDE 2007 organizers	prints full-size on letter sheet, shows hotels, restaurants, relevant campus buildings
Campus map	Murray State University	Flash-based map, print by right-clicking on map
Murray map (290KB)	Kentucky Transportation Cabinet website	intended for a large sheet of paper
Murray map (1.01MB)	City of Murray website	intended for a large sheet of paper, perhaps too many details
Official Kentucky map (54.7MB)	Kentucky Transportation Cabinet website	intended for a large sheet of paper, huge file

The last three maps can be reduced to print on a letter-size sheet, but then smaller items, such as street names, become invisible. An alternative is to zoom in on an area in Acrobat Reader, and print just the zoomed in area, which Acrobat Reader allows.