LOCATION GUIDE

Fort Campbell, Kentucky

Housing, BAH, schools, gates, contacts and two-state know-how for the home of the 101st Airborne Division.

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Your current duty station	Fort Campbell, KY	Location
BRANCH	**BAH AREA**	**MAIN GATE**
Army	Fort Campbell, KY	Gate 4 · 41A

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WELCOME

Fort Campbell at a glance

Fort Campbell straddles the Kentucky–Tennessee line, with most of the land in Tennessee and the mailing address in Kentucky. Clarksville is next door and Nashville is about an hour away.

FACT	DETAIL
Location	Christian and Trigg counties, KY, and Montgomery and Stewart counties, TN
Nearest cities	Clarksville, TN (next door), Hopkinsville, KY, Nashville (about 1 hr)
Major units	101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), 5th Special Forces Group, 160th SOAR
Size	About 105,000 acres; about 30,000 Soldiers and 51,000 family members
Founded	1942
BAH housing area	Fort Campbell, KY
On-post housing	Campbell Crossing (Lendlease)
Hospital	Blanchfield Army Community Hospital

Getting here

OPTION	DETAIL
Nashville International (BNA)	About 1 hour via I-24; the post has no airport shuttle
By car	I-24 to US-41A (Fort Campbell Blvd); Gate 4 at Oak Grove is open 24/7
Time zone	Central time on both sides of the state line

Two states, one post

Kentucky or Tennessee changes your schools, car registration and spouse taxes. Check which state an address is in before you sign.

COUNTDOWN

Before you arrive

About two-thirds of families live off post. Apply for housing, request a sponsor and get on the child care list the week orders arrive.

As soon as you have orders 90+ DAYS OUT

- [ ] Apply for on-post housing with Campbell Crossing
- [ ] Request a sponsor from your gaining unit
- [ ] Call the School Liaison about schools
- [ ] In EFMP? Call EFMP now: (270) 798-2727
- [ ] Look up your BAH for Fort Campbell
- [ ] Request child care on MilitaryChildCare.com
- [ ] Decide: Kentucky or Tennessee side
- [ ] Join local military spouse groups

Book the move 60 DAYS OUT

- [ ] Schedule household goods or plan your PPM
- [ ] Reserve on-post lodging inside Gate 4
- [ ] Start the off-post rental or home search
- [ ] Gather school, shot and IEP/504 records
- [ ] Check flood zones near the Cumberland River

Final prep 30 DAYS OUT

- [ ] Print orders, your leave form and copies
- [ ] Install the Signal app for your in-processing platoon
- [ ] Book a DEERS/ID card appointment if needed
- [ ] Set up utilities and internet at the new address

Severe weather

Spring brings tornadoes and strong storms, and summers are hot and humid. Pick a shelter spot as soon as you move in.

DAY ONE

Arrival and in-processing

Soldiers report to the 1LT J. Robert Kalsu Reception Company, open 24/7. Report in duty uniform during the day.

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Kalsu Reception Company

2443 20th Street. Reception desk 24/7: (270) 461-1498. Sponsorship NCOIC: (931) 346-9773.

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Newcomers Orientation

Every Thursday, 8 AM to 2 PM at ACS, 1501 William C. Lee Road. Spouses welcome.

Bring with you

- Orders and any amendments, with copies
- Your CAC and dependents' IDs
- Travel receipts and PPM weight tickets
- Signed absence request (leave form)
- Marriage and birth certificates for dependents
- Lease or mortgage papers, if you have them

Gates to know

GATE	NOTES
Gate 4 (TC Freeman)	Off US-41A at Oak Grove; open 24/7
Gates 7, 10 and Sabre	Open 24/7; Gate 7 has the commercial lane
Gate 1 (Tiny Town Rd)	5 AM to 9 PM daily
Visitor Control Center	Gate 7, Building 7199; 24/7; (270) 956-4488

Visitor passes at Gate 7

All visitor passes now come from the Gate 7 center. Visitors can also request passes online ahead of time.

WHERE TO LIVE

On-post and off-post housing

Campbell Crossing manages family housing on post, and utilities are included. Off post, most families choose Clarksville, TN or Oak Grove, KY.

On post CAMPBELL CROSSING

- Waits run from a few weeks to several months
- DoDEA schools, PreK–12, are on post
- Priority depends on rank and family size
- Campbell Crossing: (931) 431-9003

Off post PICK BY COMMUTE

AREA	COMMUTE	TYPICAL 3BR RENT
Clarksville, TN	10–25 min	$1,500–$2,000
Oak Grove, KY	5–15 min	$1,300–$1,700
Hopkinsville, KY	20–30 min	Lower than Clarksville
Sango / St. Bethlehem, TN	25–45 min	Newer homes; popular schools
Cadiz, KY / Dover, TN	30–45 min	Rural; more land

Use the Housing Services Office

The off-post Housing Services Office can review a lease before you sign and help with landlord problems: (270) 798-3808.

THE NUMBERS

2026 BAH and rent vs. buy

Fort Campbell BAH is set by the Fort Campbell, KY housing area — the same rates on both sides of the state line. Monthly rates below.

GRADE	WITH DEPS	WITHOUT
E-1 to E-4	$1,743	$1,470
E-5	$1,815	$1,593
E-6	$2,100	$1,671
E-7	$2,244	$1,743
E-8	$2,400	$1,878
E-9	$2,580	$1,956
W-1	$2,121	$1,731
W-2	$2,307	$1,875
W-3	$2,499	$1,968
W-4	$2,610	$2,130

GRADE	WITH DEPS	WITHOUT
W-5	$2,751	$2,277
O-1	$1,857	$1,668
O-2	$2,097	$1,794
O-3	$2,496	$1,995
O-4	$2,793	$2,250
O-5	$3,006	$2,334
O-6	$3,030	$2,478
O-1E	$2,271	$1,812
O-2E	$2,472	$1,938
O-3E	$2,634	$2,091

Source: DoD 2026 BAH rates via FedRateCalc

Double-check your rate before you budget — BAH changes every January: travel.dod.mil/Allowances/Basic-Allowance-for-Housing/BAH-Rate-Lookup/

Some high-cost areas also pay CONUS COLA: travel.dod.mil/Allowances/CONUS-Cost-of-Living-Allowance/

Rent or buy?

- Clarksville is one of the fastest-growing cities in Tennessee, and rents have climbed
- Many families buy — homes rent easily to the next Soldier when you PCS
- Kentucky towns often cost less than Clarksville
- Summer electric bills can run $250–$300

KIDS

Schools and child care

DoDEA runs PreK–12 schools on post, including Fort Campbell High School. Off post, your address — and your state — decides the district.

DISTRICT OR SCHOOL	SERVES
DoDEA (on post)	PreK–12 for families living on post: (270) 439-1927
Clarksville-Montgomery County Schools	Clarksville and Sango, TN: (931) 648-5600
Christian County Public Schools	Hopkinsville and Oak Grove, KY: (270) 887-7000
Other options	Trigg County (KY), Stewart County (TN), private schools

School Liaison

Call (270) 798-9219 for district maps, enrollment help and IEP or 504 transitions.

Military Interstate Compact

Kentucky and Tennessee are members — it helps with placement and graduation rules.

Austin Peay State University

In Clarksville, with programs for spouses and teens.

Child care

- Request Child Development Center care on MilitaryChildCare.com as soon as you have orders
- Youth programs run before and after school and in summer
- Family Child Care homes on post fill gaps
- Fee assistance can help with off-post care

FAMILY LIFE

Spouse, family and Kentucky & Tennessee rules

Spouse support

- ACS Employment Readiness helps with job searches and federal applications
- Kentucky and Tennessee offer licensing help for military spouses
- Clarksville and Nashville have growing job markets
- MyCAA can fund certificates for eligible spouses

Family programs

- ACS: (270) 798-9322
- Relocation Readiness: (270) 956-2676
- EFMP: (270) 798-2727
- Thursday newcomers orientation at ACS

Kentucky & Tennessee rules for military families

TOPIC	WHAT TO KNOW
Tennessee income tax	Tennessee has no tax on wages
Kentucky income tax	Kentucky doesn't tax active-duty military pay; it does tax other income, like spouse wages
Spouse income	Spouses who keep another legal residence may be exempt under MSRRA
Driver's license	Service members and dependents with a valid home-state license can keep it
Vehicle registration	Nonresident service members can keep home-state registration

OFF DUTY

Living here

You'll need a car. US-41A connects the gates to Clarksville and Oak Grove, and it backs up at PT hours.

Climate

Hot, humid summers, mild winters with some ice, and stormy springs.

Shopping

Exchange and commissary on post. Wilma Rudolph Boulevard in Clarksville has the main retail.

On post

Don F. Pratt Museum, golf, lakes, fitness centers and MWR events.

Day trips

DESTINATION	DRIVE	WHY GO
Dunbar Cave State Park	~20 min	Cave tours and trails in Clarksville
Port Royal State Park	~25 min	History and the Red River
Land Between the Lakes	~45 min	Elk and bison, camping and boating
Nashville	~1 hr	Music, the Opry and pro sports
Mammoth Cave National Park	~1.5 hr	The world's longest known cave system
Lynchburg	~2 hr	Small-town Tennessee
Chattanooga	~3 hr	Aquarium and Lookout Mountain
Louisville	~3 hr	Churchill Downs and the Slugger Museum

KEEP THIS HANDY

Key contacts

Phone numbers change — call ahead to confirm hours before you drive over.

OFFICE	PHONE
Reception Company (24/7)	(270) 461-1498
ACS	(270) 798-9322
EFMP	(270) 798-2727
Transportation (HHG/PPM)	(270) 798-7151
School Liaison	(270) 798-9219

OFFICE	PHONE
Campbell Crossing	(931) 431-9003
Housing Services Office	(270) 798-3808
Blanchfield appointments	(270) 798-4677
Lodging (inside Gate 4)	(270) 439-2229
Visitor Control Center	(270) 956-4488

Add your own

ID CARD OFFICE

MILITARY POLICE

VET CLINIC

SPONSOR

Links

Fort Campbell home page · Fort Campbell MWR · Kentucky military tax exemptions · BAH Rate Lookup · Plan My Move

Sources: Fort Campbell Welcome Packet (Dec 2025) and gate hours; Military OneSource Fort Campbell; Kentucky Dept. of Revenue; DoD 2026 BAH rates via FedRateCalc.

READY FOR THE FULL PLAYBOOK?

Go step by step with the kits.

Worksheets, trackers and a complete binder setup for every stage of your move.

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WORKSHEET

Plan your landing

My housing budget

ITEM	AMOUNT
My monthly BAH	$
Rent or mortgage	$
Utilities (estimate)	$
Renter's or homeowner's insurance	$
Left over (BAH minus costs)	$

Neighborhood comparison

AREA / ADDRESS	RENT OR PRICE	COMMUTE TO GATE	SCHOOL DISTRICT	NOTES

First-week checklist

- [ ] Report to the Reception Company
- [ ] Update DEERS; get dependent IDs
- [ ] Turn in travel and moving paperwork
- [ ] Register with Child and Youth Services
- [ ] Attend Thursday newcomers orientation
- [ ] Enroll in TRICARE at Blanchfield
- [ ] Enroll kids in school
- [ ] Pick your storm shelter spot