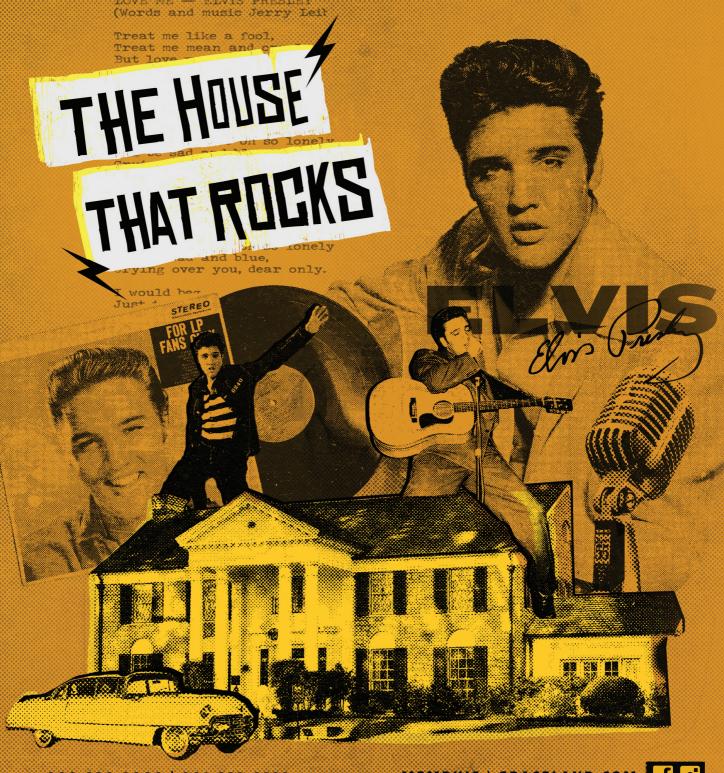




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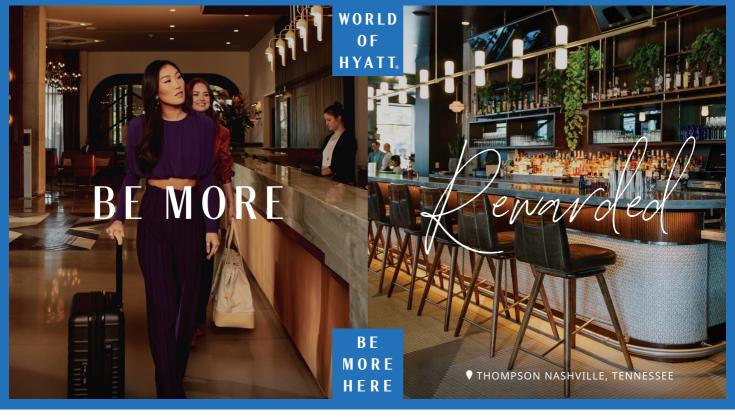
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01 CHEROHALA SCENIC SKYWAY, TN

23.1 miles: 0 hours, 33 minutes

From Tellico Plains, follow the signed turnoff to Bald River Falls, where you can see the cascading water from your car.

02 KNOXVILLE TO GATLINBURG, TN

46.0 miles: 1 hour, 15 minutes

After exploring downtown Knoxville, the Parkway through Pigeon Forge is replete with scores of factory outlet stores, dinner theaters and country music venues.

03 GATLINBURG, TN TO CHEROKEE, NC

35.6 miles: 1 hour, 7 minutes

Take in the impressive view at Campbell Overlook just outside Gatlinburg and enjoy the natural beauty of the Chimney Tops picnic area on the Little Pigeon River.

04 ASHEVILLE, NC TO CHATTANOOGA, TN

208.6 miles: 4 hours, 3 minutes

After experiencing cool and crafty Asheville, you'll pass through the Nantahala Gorge and Ocoee, where white-water rafts seem to outnumber cars.

05 CHATTANOOGA TO KNOXVILLE, TN

130.5 miles: 2 hours, 17 minutes Be sure and ride the Lookout Mountain Incline Railway before leaving Chattanooga.

06 NASHVILLE TO MEMPHIS, TN

228.0 miles: 3 hours, 55 minutes

Memphis produced two musical trailblazers, "Father of the Blues" W.C. Handy and Elvis Presley. Beale Street the city's musical soul—is a must-visit.

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Why does Tennessee feel like home? Because the musicians and music many Americans listened to in their formative years started out in or came directly from Tennessee. Musically, we grew up here.

Stately Memphis was the early 20th-century "Home of the Blues." Colorful Beale Street still seems steeped in the humid refrains of W.C. Handy's music. Blues influenced the motion picture, swing, popular and symphonic music of the 1930s and '40s.

In the mid-20th century, Sun Studio reverberated with the rumbling monotone of Johnny Cash and the innovative rockabilly rhythms of Carl Perkins and Elvis Presley.

Nashville is home to The Grand Ole Opry, which began in the early 20th century and remains alive and pickin'. By the 1990s country recordings dominated the popular music industry.

Superstars sing of love, life and pickup trucks and warn of the consequences of not walking the line. And generations of teenagers listen and learn. Some aspect of the music that flows from Tennessee strikes a resonant chord in nearly everyone.

Exit Here for History

If your travels take you to Tennessee, you'll enjoy tranquil mountain vistas, elegant Southern mansions and pioneer settlements where history is relived on a daily basis. A good place to reflect is Shiloh National Military Park, which preserves the 1862 Civil War battlefield where close to 110,000 soldiers engaged in

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fierce combat. It's eerily peaceful now along this bend in the Tennessee River; the thunder of cannons long since silenced.

Continuing along the gently rolling terrain of middle Tennessee, you might decide to stop in Columbia, where—among an abundance of 19th-century residences—you'll find the ancestral home of President James K. Polk. And just north is the town of Franklin, where plantations and farmhouses were sites in the Battle of Franklin, serving as field hospitals, battlefields, headquarters and places of refuge during the Civil War.

Maybe it's time to take a break and wet your whistle at Jack Daniel's Distillery, just down the road in Lynchburg. You'll be able to sample the sour mash whiskey they've been producing in this holler since 1866 (although the distillery is in a dry county) at the completion of a guided tour.

Mountain Memories

As you journey farther east, take a worthwhile detour to the Museum of Appalachia in Clinton, akin to time



traveling to an early 1800s mountain village. Come sit for a while and visit with the folks as they go about typical pioneer tasks. Reflect on how life has changed since the days of butter churns, looms and other "oldtimey" tools.

A step even further back in Tennessee history can be experienced by a short excursion to Piney Flats. The year was 1791, and the settlement of Rocky Mount was the capital of the "Territory of the United States South of the Ohio River." On a high ridge with clear views of distant mountains and neighboring North Carolina, costumed interpreters welcome visitors into their rustic abodes, eager to share stories and demonstrate frontier crafts and skills.

And since you're in the neighborhood, swing through Great Smoky Mountains National Park, where there's an abundance of side trips to choose from. Roaring Fork Motor Nature Trail winds past falls and rapids as it makes its way through verdant wilderness areas, and the Sugarlands Motor Trail leads to spectacular views of Cades Cove.

Recreation

Tennessee's primary natural features afford unlimited options to outdoors enthusiasts, with the Appalachian Mountain chain defining the state's eastern boundary and the Cumberland River spilling from its Kentucky headwaters in the north-central region.

Boating and fishing are popular activities on the interconnected recreational lakes of the Cumberland system, while sailing and yachting are favorites on Old Hickory Lake, northeast of Nashville. Strange but true: Scuba diving is one of the most popular water sports at crystalline Dale Hollow Lake, reached via SRs 52 and 53 from Celina. The Willow Grove area contains underwater ruins of an abandoned village flooded when the lake was created in the 1940s.

The Cumberland is not the only river of opportunity in the state. J. Percy Priest Lake, southeast of Nashville, has five marinas and more than 15 recreation areas with launch ramps. The lake is stocked with rockfish, which can be caught April through October. Largemouth bass lurk in Cheatham Lake, 25 miles west of Nashville, while Kentucky Lake, a water playground forming the western boundary of the Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area, is long on both boating and fishing enjoyment.

All of the recreational lakes of the Cumberland system offer some type of camping; facilities range from

primitive tent sites to developed areas for trailers. Center Hill Lake, in the rolling hills of central Tennessee east of Smithville, is surrounded with campgrounds furnished with electrical and water hookups. Edgar Evins State Park, near Center Hill Lake dam, has lakeside campsites nestled on wooded slopes. Family camping is especially fun near Cades Cove, one of the most idyllic places in the Smokies.

Horseback riders will find more than 300 miles of trails and a wrangler camp with water, electricity and bath facilities in Natchez Trace State Park northeast of Lexington. Chickasaw, off SR 100 near Henderson, is the only other state park with an equestrian campground.

The Appalachian Trail, accessible from several points in the Smokies, is the granddaddy of hiking paths in eastern Tennessee. Increasingly popular, Justin P. Wilson Cumberland Trail State Park was created in 1998 just for hiking and backpacking. Rocky terrain earns the Cumberland Mountain path a rating of difficult, but other trails of varying lengths and degrees also are open; the 10-mile hike offers views of the Powell River Valley.

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ABOUT THE STATE

POPULATION: 6,910,840 AREA: 42,146 square miles; ranks 36th. CAPITAL: Nashville. HIGHEST POINT: 6,643 ft., Clingmans Dome. LOWEST POINT: 178 ft., Mississippi River. TIME ZONE(S): Eastern/Central. DST.

REGULATIONS

TEEN DRIVING LAWS: Teens with learner's permits must be accompanied by a passenger age 21 or older with a valid license. Driving is not permitted between 10 p.m.-6 a.m. For teens with intermediate licenses, no more than one unrelated passenger is permitted unless one or more of the passengers is age 21 or older and has a valid, unrestricted license, or the additional passengers are siblings. Driving is not permitted 11 p.m.-6 a.m. unless accompanied by a parent or guardian or a licensed driver age 21 or older designated by the parent or guardian, or driving to or from school, work, or hunting and fishing from 4-6 a.m. The minimum age for an unrestricted driver's license is 17. Phone (615) 251-5166 for more information.

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HOLIDAYS: New Year's Day, Jan. 1 ● Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday, Jan. (3rd Mon.) ● Presidents Day, Feb. (3rd Mon.) ● Good Friday, March 29 ● Memorial Day, May (last Mon.) ● Juneteenth, June 19 ● Independence Day, July 4 ● Labor Day, Sept. (1st Mon.) • Veterans Day, Nov. 11 • Thanksgiving and day after, Nov. (4th Thurs. and Fri.) • Christmas Eve, Dec. 24 • Christmas Day, Dec. 25.

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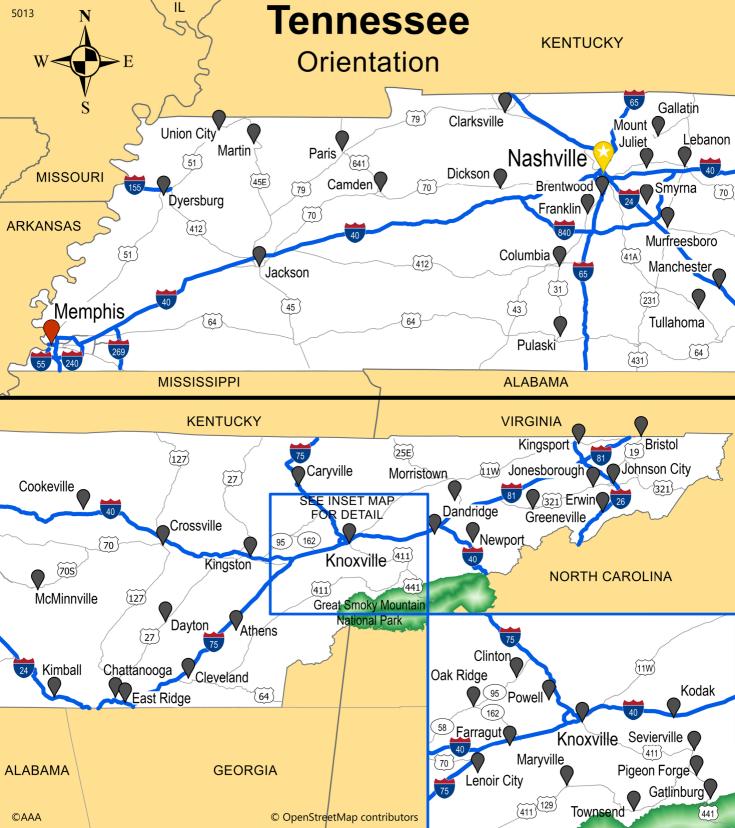
(877) 444-6777 (Campground reservations) **FISHING AND HUNTING REGULATIONS:**

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Great Smoky Mountains 520,408 acres. Equestrian camping, horse rental.														
NATIONAL FORESTS	(See	e pla	ice l	listin	gs.)									
Cherokee 650,000 acres. Eastern Tennessee. Historic. Equestrian camping; horse rental.														
NATIONAL RECREATION A	REA	S (S	See	plac	e lis	sting	s.)							
Big South Fork National River 125,000 acres. Equestrian camping, hunting, white-water rafting; horse trails.														
Land Between the Lakes 170,000 acres. Horseback riding, hunting; off-road vehicle trails.														
ARMY CORPS O	F EN	GIN	IEEF	RS										
Center Hill Lake 38,551 acres 20 mi. e. of Smithville via US 70. Canoeing, hunting; marina.														
Cheatham Lake 10,727 acres 25 mi. w. of Nashville via SR 12. Canoeing, hunting; horse trails.														
Cordell Hull Lake 32,705 acres 50 mi. e. of Nashville off SR 85. Hunting; horse trails.														
Dale Hollow Lake 52,542 acres 3 mi. e. of Celina on SR 53. Canoeing, hunting, scuba diving; horse trails.														
J. Percy Priest Lake 14,200 acres 11 mi. e. of Nash- ville off I-40. Canoeing, hunting; horse trails.														
Lake Barkley 69,626 acres off US 79 near Dover. Hunting, rock climbing, wildlife viewing; monument.														
Old Hickory Lake 22,500 acres 15 mi. n.e. of Nash- ville via US 31E. Archery, bird-watching, hunting, water skiing.														



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Big Hill Pond 4,138 acres 10 mi. w. of Eastview on SR 57. Mountain biking; boardwalk, horse trails, observation tower.														
Big Ridge 3,687 acres 14 mi. n.e. of Norris on SR 61. Basketball court, beach, horseshoe pits, playground, softball field, tennis courts, volleyball court.														
Bledsoe Creek 164 acres 4 mi. e. of Gallatin off SR 25. Bird-watching.														
Booker T. Washington 353 acres 6 mi. n.e. of Chatta- nooga off SR 58. Bird-watching, water skiing; swim- ming pool.														
Cedars of Lebanon 900 acres 8 mi. s. of Lebanon on US 231. Baseball, disc golf, tennis, volleyball; horse rental, swimming pool.														
Chickasaw 14,384 acres 7 mi. w. of Henderson on SR 100. Equestrian camping, tennis; aviary, beach, horse rental, playground.														
Cove Lake 717 acres 1 mi. n. of Caryville on US 25W. Canoeing, kayaking; swimming pool.														
Cumberland Mountain 1,720 acres 5 mi. s. of Cross- ville on US 127. Bird-watching, canoeing, golf (18														



David Crockett Birthplace 105 acres 3 mi. e. of Limestone off US 11E. Historic. Canoeing, kayaking. Edgar Evins 6,000 acres n. of Smithville on SR 96.

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Fall Creek Falls 26,000 acres 14 mi. s.e. of Spencer off SR 30. Bird-watching, boating (no private boats), golf (18 holes); horse rental, playground, swimming pool, zipline course.														
Fort Loudoun 1,200 acres 1 mi. n. of Vonore off US 411. Historic. Bird-watching.														
Fort Pillow 1,642 acres 18 mi. w. of Henning off SR 87 via SR 207. Historic. Bird-watching; museum.														
Frozen Head 24,000 acres 6 mi. e. of Wartburg off SR 62. Scenic. Bird-watching, horseback riding; amphitheater, horse trails, observation tower, playground.														
Harrison Bay 1,200 acres 10 mi. n.e. of Chattanooga off SR 58. Bird-watching, golf (18 holes); marina, playgrounds, swimming pool, tennis.														
Henry Horton 1,141 acres 2 mi. s. of Chapel Hill on US 31 Alt. Historic. Bird-watching, canoeing, disc golf, golf (18 holes), wildlife viewing; swimming pool, trap and skeet range.														
Hiwassee & Ocoee Scenic River 23-mile river section from the Tennessee-North Carolina state line to US 411 2 mi. s. of Delano. White-water rafting; playground.														
Indian Mountain 200 acres off I-75 in Jellico. Bird- watching; playground.														
Long Hunter 2,657 acres 13 mi. s.e. of Hermitage on SR 171, in four units around J. Percy Priest Lake. Scenic. Bird-watching.														



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Meeman-Shelby Forest 13,467 acres 16 mi. n. of Memphis off US 51. Disc golf; horse trail, nature center.														
Montgomery Bell 3,782 acres 6 mi. n. of Burns off US 70. Historic. Golf (18 holes); beach.														
Mousetail Landing 1,247 acres w. of Linden on SR 50. Beach, fishing pier.														
Natchez Trace 48,000 acres 7 mi. n.e. of Lexington off I-40. Archery, basketball, softball, tennis, volleyball; beach, horse rental, playground.														
Nathan Bedford Forrest 2,587 acres 2.3 mi. n.e. of Eva on SR 191. Historic. Backpacking, water skiing.														
Norris Dam 4,030 acres 6.6 mi. n. on US 441. Basket- ball, birding, tennis, volleyball; horse trails, interpretive programs, marina.														
Old Stone Fort 876 acres 1.9 mi. n.w. of Manchester off US 41. Historic. Bird-watching; museum.														
Panther Creek 1,435 acres 8 mi. w. of Morristown off US 11E. Bird watching, softball, tennis, volleyball; horse trails, interpretive programs, swimming pool.														
Paris Landing 841 acres 16 mi. n.e. of Paris on US 79. Bird-watching, golf (18 holes), tennis, water skiing; marina, playground, swimming pool.														
Pickett 19,200 acres 13 mi. n.e. of Jamestown on SR 154. Bird-watching, horseback riding, hunting, tennis; beach, interpretive programs.														



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Pickwick Landing 14,000 acres 15 mi. s. of Savannah off SR 128. Bird-watching, disc golf, golf (18 holes), tennis; beach, marina, swimming pools.														
Reelfoot Lake 25,000 acres 5 mi. e. of Tiptonville on SR 21. Tennis; bird-watching tour, boat cruise, museum, nature center.														
Roan Mountain 2,006 acres 20 mi. s.e. of Elizabethton off US 19E via SR 143. Scenic. Basketball, softball, tennis; amphitheater, children's play area, museum, swimming pool.														
Rock Island 883 acres at Rock Island off US 70S. Basketball, bird-watching, kayaking, softball, tennis, volleyball; playground, waterfalls.														
South Cumberland 25,539 acres 3 mi. e. of Mon- teagle on US 41. Scenic. Basketball, boating (electric motors only), softball, tennis, volleyball; interpretive programs, museum, playground, waterfalls.														
Standing Stone 11,000 acres 8 mi. n.w. of Livingston off SR 52. Basketball, bird-watching, softball, volley-ball; amphitheater, swimming pool, tennis courts.														
Tims Ford 2,200 acres 11 mi. w. of Winchester off SR 50W. Bird-watching, golf (18 holes); marina.														
T.O. Fuller 1,138 acres s.w. of Memphis off US 61. Bird-watching; nature center, swimming pool.														
Warriors' Path 950 acres 5 mi. s.e. of Kingsport on SR 36. Bird-watching, disc golf, golf (18 holes); exhibits, horse rental, marina, playground, swimming pool.														



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Boone Lake 4,520 acres 12 mi. s.e. of Kingsport via SR 75. Wildlife viewing.												
Cherokee Lake 30,300 acres 5 mi. n. of Jefferson City via SR 92. Bird-watching, hunting; swimming beach.												
Chickamauga Lake 35,400 acres 5 mi. n. of Chatta- nooga off SR 153. Hunting; marinas.												
Chilhowee Recreation Area 50 acres 17 mi. e. of Cleveland on US 64, then 7 mi. n.w. on FR 77. Boat- ing (no gas motors); beach, waterfall.												
Douglas Lake 30,400 acres 8 mi. n. of Sevierville via SR 66. Marinas.												
Edwin and Percy Warner Parks 3,100 acres 9 mi. s.w. of Nashville via US 70S and SR 100. Golf (nine holes); nature center, horse trails.												
Kinser Park 225 acres 6 mi. s. of Greeneville off SR 70. Golf, miniature golf, softball, tennis; batting cages, playgrounds, waterslide.												
Melton Hill Lake 5,690 acres 30 mi. w. of Knoxville off I-40. Hunting, jet skiing, water skiing.												
Nickajack Lake 10,370 acres 20 mi. w. of Chatta- nooga off I-24. Jet skiing, water skiing.												
Norris Lake 34,200 acres 7 mi. off I-75 near Norris. Horseback riding, hunting, jet skiing, water skiing; interpretive programs, marinas.												
Observation Knob Park 28 acres 13 mi. s. of Bristol off US 421. Jet skiing; marina, playground.												



Recreation Areas Chart Shaded columns below indicate available services and activities. Image: State of the service o	CAMPING	PICNICKING	HIKING TRAILS	BOATING	BOAT RAMP	BOAT RENTAL	FISHING	SWIMMING	PET FRIENDLY	BICYCLE TRAILS	NATURE PROGRAMS	VISITOR CENTER	LODGE/CABINS	FOOD SERVICE
Rock Creek Recreation Area 13 acres 5 mi. n.e. of Erwin off US 23. Stream-fed swimming pool.														
South Holston Lake 10,053 acres 8 mi. s.e. of Bristol off US 421. Hunting; marinas.														
Steele Creek Park 2,200 acres 3.5 mi. s.w. of Bristol via Volunteer Pkwy. and Broad St. Disc golf, golf (nine holes); amphitheater, exercise trail, nature center, paddleboats, playground, swimming pools, train.														
Tellico Lake 15,900 acres 1 mi. s. of Lenoir City off US 321. Golf; horse trails, marinas.														
Watauga Lake 6,430 acres 8 mi. s.e. of Elizabethton via US 321 and SR 67. Horseback riding; marinas.														
Watts Bar Lake 39,000 acres 9 mi. s.e. of Spring City off SR 68.														



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BUFORD PUSSER HOME AND MUSEUM is off US 64 to 342 Pusser St., following signs. This is the home of the

sheriff known for his dogged pursuit of criminals; he was the subject of the "Walking Tall" movie trilogy. The house contains many original furnishings and features videos highlighting Pusser's career and an interview with his daughter, Dwana. On display is what remains of the 1974 Corvette the sheriff was driving at the time of his fatal crash.

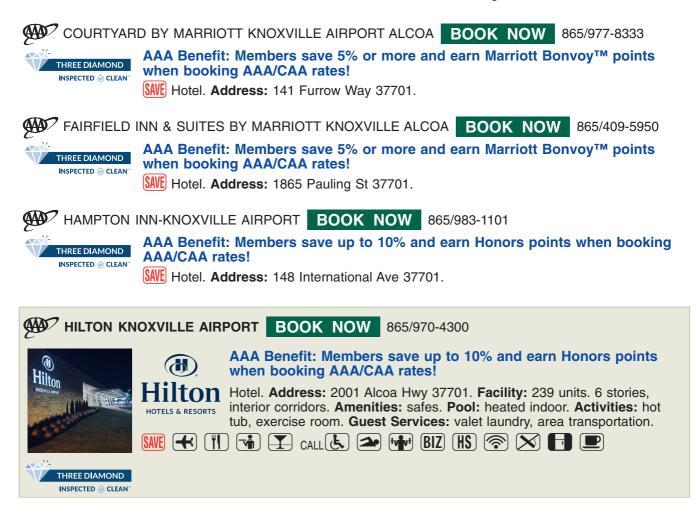
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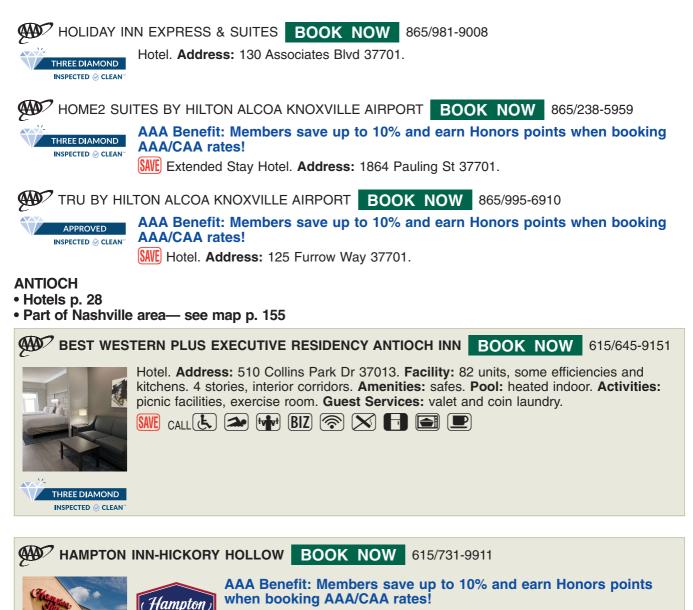
ALCOA

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• Part of Great Smoky Mountains National Park area— see map p. 80

Alcoa is a convenient stopover for travelers visiting Great Smoky Mountains National Park, given its close proximity to the park (just 20 miles away) and its regional airport, McGhee Tyson Airport, which also serves the Knoxville metropolitan area. Distant mountain peaks are visible from Alcoa Highway (US 129). When driving through Alcoa, you may notice something interesting about the street names—many are named after scientists and inventors, including Bell, Newton and Edison.



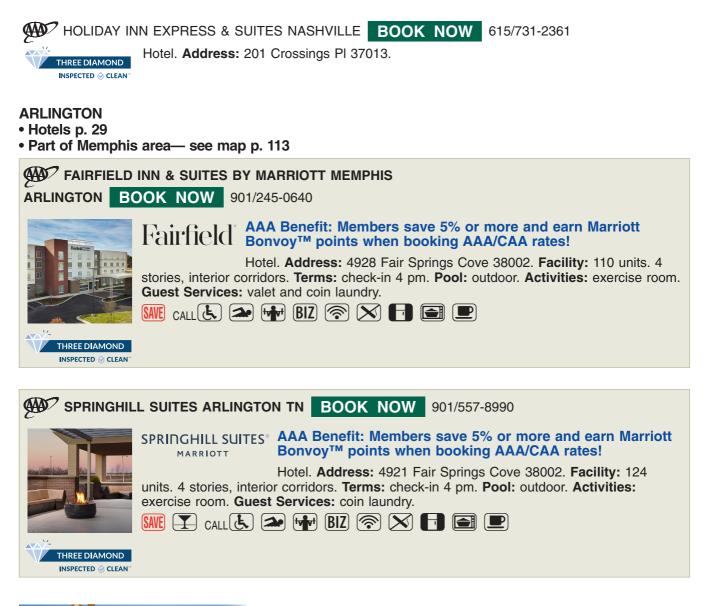


Hotel. Address: 210 Crossings PI 37013. Facility: 85 units. 4 stories, interior corridors. Pool: outdoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest

Services: valet and coin laundry.









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ATHENS

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Athens, founded in 1823, is an agricultural and manufacturing center for such local merchandise as timber products and flour. Tennessee Wesleyan College is in the downtown area.

Athens Area Chamber of Commerce: 13 N. Jackson St., Athens, TN 37303. Phone: (423) 745-0334.

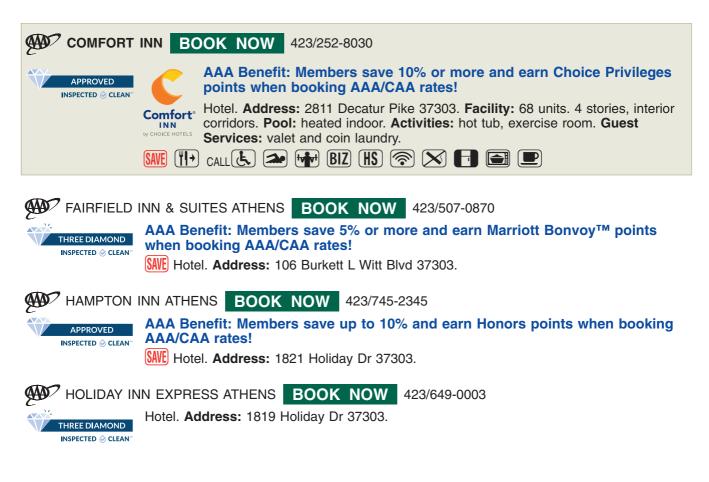
Shopping: The shops in historic Downtown Square specialize in antiques and regional crafts.

THE GARDENS OF SUNSHINE HOLLOW is 4 mi. n.w. of I-75 exit 42 on Riceville-Decatur Rd., 3 mi. s.w. on CR 82, then .5 mi. s.w. to 198 CR 52, following signs. Encompassing more than 20 acres, the site offers walking trails and foot bridges that lead through the gardens and parts

of the surrounding forest. Visitors can observe more than 1,750 varieties of cannas, dahlias, daylilies, hostas, roses and iris. Self-guiding tours are available.

Time: Allow 1 hour, 30 minutes minimum. **Phone:** (423) 745-4289 or (800) 669-2005.

MCMINN COUNTY LIVING HERITAGE MUSEUM is at 522 W. Madison Ave. The museum features regional historical items. The Burns' Room contains a renovated 20th-century industrial exhibit and a general store. Other rooms contain arts and crafts; a display about transportation in the 1800s; a rotating quilt display; children's toys, books and clothing dating 1850-1935; Native American artifacts; an early American church; and a pioneer log cabin. A 4-foot-long model of the USS *Ware* honors Charles R. Ware, for whom the ship was named, and the crewmen. **Time:** Allow 30 minutes minimum. **Phone:** (423) 745-0329.



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• Part of Memphis area— see map p. 113

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BIG SOUTH FORK NATIONAL RIVER AND RECREATION AREA

Approached by SR 297, US 27, US 127 and SR 52, Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area encompasses 125,000 acres on the Cumberland Plateau in northeastern Tennessee and southeastern Kentucky. Ninety miles of the Big South Fork River and its tributaries tumble through gorges carved over millions of years in the sandstone of the Cumberland Plateau. The area's eroded landscape—which contains scenic features such as natural arches, pinnacles, spires, sheer bluffs and huge sandstone overhangs—is said to have the most sandstone arches in the eastern United States.

Although much of the area has been logged, lush vegetation nurtured by the region's humid climate now covers ridges and encroaches on abandoned homesteads, logging camps and mining communities. The National Park Service manages the area for its scenic and recreational value.

General Information and Activities

The park has two visitor centers. The Bandy Creek Visitor Center is 15 miles west of Oneida at the Bandy Creek Campground off Leatherwood Ford Road (SR 297), where hiking trails, playing fields and horse stables are available. The recreation area, open all year, is entered from paved Leatherwood Ford Road or by gravel access roads. Blue Heron Mining Community Visitor Center is open seasonally and is on Mine 18 Road in Stearns, Ky. Within the park are miles of dirt back-country roads, 300 miles of horse trails and hiking trails, including sections of Sheltowee Trace Trail and John Muir National Recreation Trail. Phone (423) 286-7275 for the Bandy Creek Visitor Center or (606) 376-5073 for the Blue Heron Interpretive Center.

Nearly 100 miles of navigable waters, ranging in difficulty from those suitable for beginners to those that should be tried only by skilled white-water canoeists, attract paddlers. Sections of the Big South Fork are dangerous and remote, and canoeists and kayakers should plan their trips with care and prepare for emergencies. The visitor center provides the addresses of commercial rafting concessionaires offering trips on certain stretches of the river.

Other popular activities in the recreation area include swimming, hiking, back-country camping, mountain bike riding, and hunting and fishing in accordance with state and federal regulations. Trails, ranging in difficulty, wind past rock shelters, arches, waterfalls and impressive flora.

Pickett State Park and Forest, next to the national area's western boundary, also offers a broad range of facilities. *See Recreation Areas Chart.*

ADMISSION to the recreation area is free; however, camping fees are charged at all campgrounds. There is a fee for the required back-country camping permits.

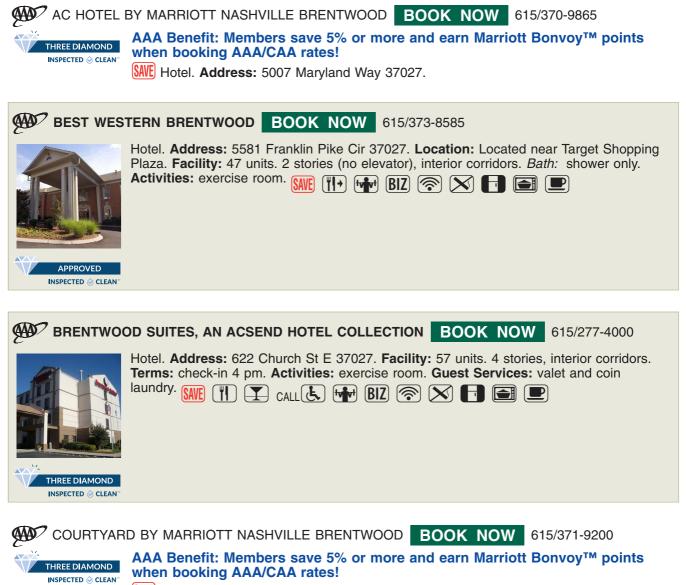
PETS are permitted on leash.

ADDRESS inquiries to the Superintendent, Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area, 4564 Leatherwood Rd., Oneida, TN 37841; phone (423) 286-7275 or (423) 569-9778.

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Considered a suburb of Nashville, the city of Brentwood marks the halfway point between Franklin and Nashville and sits just 10 miles from each metropolis. Primarily a residential/office community, Brentwood is a convenient stopping point for those visiting nearby Lipscomb University, Belmont University or Radnor Lake State Park. Cool-Springs Galleria is 7 miles south on I-65 and features an American Girl store, among other retailers.





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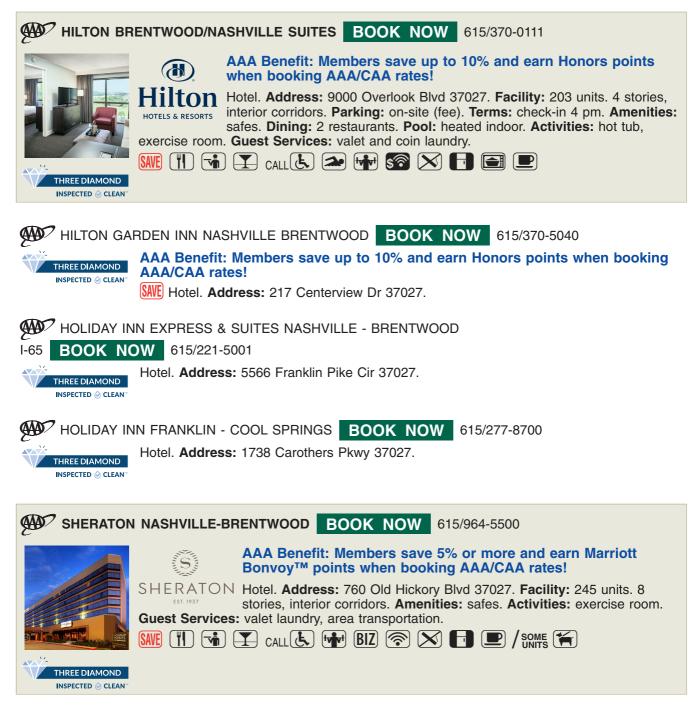
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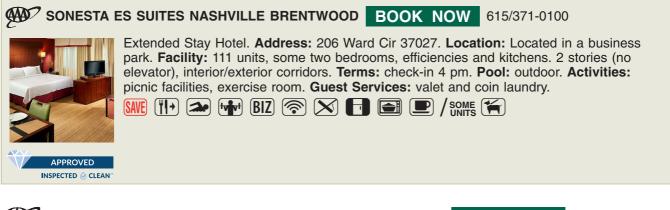
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SAVE Hotel. Address: 5630 Franklin Pike Cir 37027.











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State Street, Bristol's main thoroughfare, is bisected by the Tennessee/Virginia border. The double yellow lines down the street's center denote the dividing line. Although each side has its own government and city services, together they form an important industrial center that manu-

factures metal goods, textiles and electronic products.

Evan Shelby, noted for battling Native Americans and founding what became the city of Bristol, built a stockade here in 1776. Daniel Boone and many other distinguished pioneers bartered in Bristol and planned the campaign that defeated the British at the Battle of Kings Mountain in South Carolina.

Congress declared Bristol the Birthplace of Country Music in 1998 because of the 1927 Bristol Sessions recordings that launched the careers of music legends Jimmie Rodgers and The Carter family. Today, Bristol hosts outdoor concerts between June and October and an annual music festival, Bristol Rhythm and Roots Reunion, in September.

The city has a theater, an arts center and a ballet company. Recreational activities on the Tennessee side are provided by Steele Creek Park and South Holston Dam and Lake. Sugar Hollow Park is on the Virginia side. Both Steele Creek and Sugar Hollow parks provide miles of hiking, biking and walking trails. Area lakes and waterways offer opportunities for fishing and boating.

The Bristol Motor Speedway, a half-mile racetrack 5 miles south on US 11E in Tennessee, is on the NASCAR circuit; phone (423) 989-6900 or (877) 801-3945. Scenic I-81 passes through Bristol and continues 88 miles south to the I-40 junction.

Bristol Convention & Visitors Bureau: 20 Volunteer Pkwy., Bristol, TN 37620. Phone: (423) 989-4850.

THE BIRTHPLACE OF COUNTRY MUSIC MUSEUM is at 520 Birthplace of Country Music Way. The Smithsonian-affiliated museum features permanent and rotating exhibits documenting the impact of the 1927 Bristol Sessions recordings on country music. Themed display stations include interactive music-mixing and listening booths and a kiosk honoring Bristol native Tennessee Ernie Ford. Visitors can watch video profiles of important Appalachian musicians and also view signed instruments once owned by Ralph Stanley, Earl Scruggs and Bill Monroe.

A 70-seat theater screens the 14-minute orientation film "Bound for Bristol," while a 13-minute film about the influence of gospel music on the area's musical heritage is shown in a small second-floor chapel. Live performances and educational programming also are offered year-round at the state-of-the-art facility. **Time:** Allow 2 hours minimum. **Phone:** (423) 573-1927. **GT**



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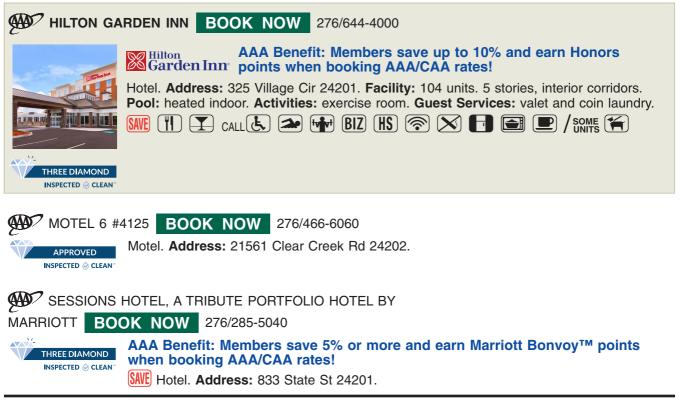
SAVE Hotel. Address: 3135 Linden Dr 24202.



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Resort Hotel. Address: 1000 Hotel Ave 37029.

CAMDEN

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Camden is known for its cultivation of freshwater pearls and production of sorghum. The juice of sorghum, a tropical grass, is cooked to produce a substance similar to cane syrup. In the past, entire communities turned out for "the cooking," often followed by a candy pull.

Kentucky Lake entices recreationalists with fishing, boating, swimming, skiing and other water sports. Hunters frequent the area for ducks, geese, deer and turkey. The Patsy Cline Memorial on Mount Carmel Road marks the site of the 1963 airplane crash that killed Cline and other Grand Ole Opry performers.

Benton County/Camden Chamber of Commerce: 266 US 641 N., Camden, TN 38320. Phone: (731) 584-8395 or (877) 584-8395.

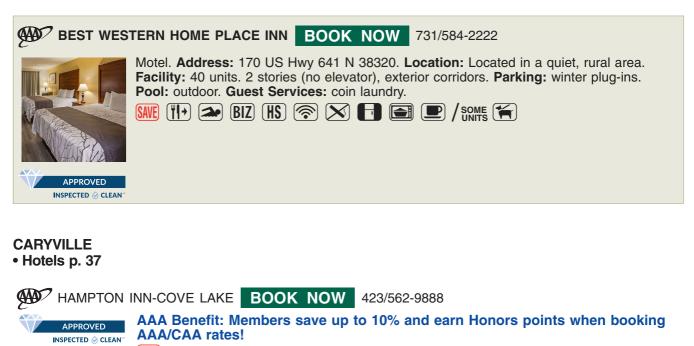
TENNESSEE RIVER FRESHWATER PEARL MUSEUM, FARM, TOUR AND PEARL JEWELRY SHOWROOM is off I-40 exit 133, then 9.2 mi. n. on SR 191 to 255 Marina Rd. A tour of the freshwater pearl farm on Kentucky Lake



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allows guests to see the farm manager shuck mussels to reveal pearls in many shapes and colors. A 3- to 5-hour guided tour also includes lunch, an appearance by a diver and an expert-led discussion about mussels and pearls. A mini-tour, which lasts 1-2 hours, also is available. Free 15minute tours of a museum and showroom are offered to walk-in visitors. All tours begin with an orientation and video presentation.

Phone: (731) 584-7880. GT



SAVE Hotel. Address: 4459 Veterans Memorial Hwy 37714.



CHATTANOOGA

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Chattanooga began in 1815 as a small trading post started by Daniel and John Ross at what is now known as Ross's Landing (near the Tennessee Aquarium). It also served as one of the staging areas for the Cherokee relocation known as the Trail of Tears. Incorporated in 1839, Chattanooga's Creek Indian name means "rock coming to a point," in reference to 2,126-foot-high Lookout Mountain to the south.

During the Civil War Union forces occupied the city. Following this 1863 occupation Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman began his march from Chattanooga, through Georgia, to the sea. The Civil War battles of Lookout Mountain, Chickamauga and Missionary Ridge were fought near Chattanooga. Much of the historic area has been preserved in Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park *(see place listing p. 46)*. Brochures detailing a driving tour of the Chickamauga Campaign Heritage Trail as well as sites along the Blue and Gray Trail and the Tennessee Civil War Trail can be obtained from the visitor center.

The Chattanooga National Cemetery was established in 1863 for more than 12,000 Union soldiers who died in the area. The Andrews Raiders Monument marks the graves of the participants of the 1862 Andrews Raid—known as "The



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Great Locomotive Chase"—in which civilian James Andrews and his band of soldiers commandeered the *General* locomotive in an attempt to disrupt Confederate supplies by severing rail transportation. The monument depicts a replica of the train, which they piloted from Kennesaw to Ringgold, Ga., before being captured and hanged. Andrews' men were the first recipients of the Medal of Honor.

Chattanooga is the southern terminus of a scenic stretch of I-24, which runs 40 miles northeast to Monteagle at the SR 55 intersection.

Lookout Mountain is accessible by SRs 58 and 148 or by the Lookout Mountain Incline Railway *(see attraction listing p. 39)*. Point Park on Lookout Mountain overlooks Chattanooga, Moccasin Bend and the Tennessee River; a visitor center is available. Nearby are Chickamauga Lake and Nickajack Lake*(see Recreation Areas Chart)*. Chickamauga Dam has a visitor lobby.

The Chattanooga riverfront has been revitalized and includes 129 acres of footpaths, pedestrian bridges and a 160-foot lighted pier extending from Ross's Landing into the Tennessee River. At First and Market streets a walkway connects nearby attractions and is adorned with public art. The Passage, a pedestrian link along the riverfront, honors Cherokees affected by the Trail of Tears with water features and six Native American clay symbols.

The restored 1909 Chattanooga Choo Choo train depot at 1400 Market St. contains a hotel, shops and restaurants. A free electric shuttle service provides transportation between the train station and the Tennessee Aquarium (see attraction listing p. 39).

In the Northshore district off Frazier Avenue, visitors enjoy the green, open space of Coolidge Park, which features a restored 1894 Dentzel carousel and an interactive play fountain. Renaissance Park, offering 23 acres of wetland, is off Manufacturers Road and connected to Coolidge Park Landing, a shopping and entertainment complex.

Stringer's Ridge Park is a 92-acre wilderness park featuring multiuse trails, a Civil War cannon and panoramic city views. Trailheads leading to the ridge can be accessed off Bell Avenue, Spears Avenue and Highridge Drive.

Chattanooga Visitors Center: 215 Broad St., Chattanooga, TN 37402. Phone: (423) 756-8687 or (800) 322-3344.

Shopping: Hamilton Place, just off I-75 exit 5 (Shallowford Road), is a mall with more than 150 stores, including Belk, Dillard's and JCPenney. Northgate Mall, north on SR 153 in Hixson, has more than 60 stores, including Belk and Burlington.

Just across from downtown along the riverfront, the NorthShore district includes eclectic, locally owned shops and eateries. The Southside district of Chattanooga has antiques, galleries and eateries, while the Central district is home to Warehouse Row's boutiques, fine dining and cultural attractions. Bluff View Art District, overlooking the Tennessee River, specializes in visual, culinary and landscape arts.

The Chattanooga Market sets up Sundays Apr.-Nov. at the First Tennessee Pavilion, 1829 Carter St., and features specialty foods, crafts, music and locally grown produce; phone (423) 648-2496. Artisans offer local products at the River Market on Saturdays Apr.-Nov. at Aquarium Plaza, 1 Broad St.

AUDUBON ACRES/THE ELISE CHAPIN SANCTUARY is off I-75 exit 3A, 1.1 mi. e. on E. Brainerd Rd. (SR 320), 1.1 mi. s. on Gunbarrel Rd., then .6 mi. s.w. to 900 N. Sanctuary Rd. Part of the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail, the 130-acre wildlife sanctuary includes a restored 18th-century log cabin, the archeological site of a Mississippian-era Native American village and a swinging bridge over South Chickamauga Creek.

More than 5 miles of trails and a visitor center with exhibits that include a bird egg replica collection also are offered. **Phone:** (423) 892-1499.

BESSIE SMITH CULTURAL CENTER is in the Heritage Center at 200 E. Martin Luther King Blvd. The museum houses educational, cultural and historical documents and artifacts that portray African American contributions to Chattanooga and the nation; rotating exhibitions, musical performances and lectures are featured throughout the year. Of special interest is the exhibit about blues great Bessie Smith. **Time:** Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (423) 266-8658.

CHATTANOOGA DUCKS is at 503 Market St. The 1-hour narrated tour takes visitors through downtown Chattanooga and along the Tennessee River aboard a World War II amphibious vehicle. The captain describes the city's history as well as Tennessee's Cherokee heritage. **Time:** Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (423) 756-3825. **GT**

HUNTER MUSEUM OF AMERICAN ART is off US 27N exit 1C; take 4th St. .5 mi. e., then High St. .3 mi. n. to 10 Bluff View. Perched on an 80-foot bluff overlooking the Tennessee River, the museum is noted for its permanent collection of American artwork from the 19th century to the present.

Both the lobby and sculpture garden provide panoramic views of the river and surrounding mountains. Works by Thomas Hart Benton, Jacob Lawrence, Helen Frankenthaler and Andy Warhol can be seen. Permanent displays and changing exhibits are featured in spacious galleries, and special public programming is offered.

Time: Allow 1 hour minimum. Phone: (423) 267-0968.



SAVE INTERNATIONAL TOWING AND RECOVERY HALL OF FAME AND MUSEUM is at 3315 Broad St. The museum displays restored antique tow trucks, industry-related collectible toys, tools, equipment and pictorial histories of manufacturers. Individuals who have contributed to the towing and recovery industry are recognized in the hall of fame. A memorial wall on the grounds honors those who lost their lives in the line of duty. Time: Allow 1 hour minimum. Phone: (423) 267-3132.

LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN INCLINE RAILWAY starts from 3917 St. Elmo Ave., about 3 mi. s. near SR 58S. One of the steepest railways in the world, its gradient reaches 72.7 percent. Views of the surrounding mountains and valleys can be enjoyed along the way. An observation deck at Lookout Mountain Station, the highest overlook on the mountain, also is offered. A display depicts the history of the railway and other Lookout Mountain points of interest.

Time: Allow 1 hour minimum. Phone: (423) 821-4224. **E** (||)

RACCOON MOUNTAIN CAVERNS is 4 mi. w. on I-24 to exit 174, then 1.3 mi, n.w. on US 41 to 319 W. Hills Dr. Visitors may take a 45-minute guided Crystal Palace Tour past cave formations that include shields, three natural bridges, the Hall of Dreams, Grandfather Rock and cave beads, which are unusual stalactites. The underground temperature is a constant 60 F; a jacket and comfortable walking shoes are recommended. Overnight and 1- to 6-hour cave tours also are offered. Gemstone panning is available.

Time: Allow 1 hour, 45 minutes minimum. Phone: (423) 821-9403 or (800) 823-2267. GT 🔊 🖅

RACCOON MOUNTAIN PUMPED STORAGE VISITORS CENTER is off I-24 exit 174, then n. on US 41 (Lookout Valley). The Tennessee Valley Authority power-generating plant is 1,160 feet inside Raccoon Mountain. A mountaintop visitor center offers orientation videos and exhibits about the plant and scenic views of the man-made lake. Mountain biking also can be enjoyed on more than 30 miles of trails, and a fishing area is near the mountain base.

Phone: (423) 825-3100.

REFLECTION RIDING ARBORETUM AND NA-SAVE TURE CENTER is 4.5 mi, e, on US 41/SR 11, s, on Old Wauhatchie Pike, then s. to 400 Garden Rd. The center displays the area's flora and fauna and educates the public about the environment. Such native animals as endangered red wolves, red-tailed hawks, an American bald eagle and great horned owls can be seen. Visitors can walk, bike or drive along the Reflection Riding Loop, a 3-mile road through forests, gardens and wildflower meadows. A 1,400-foot-long boardwalk winds through a hardwood wetland to a tree house, and restored Native American log cabins are available to explore. Canoe rentals also are available.

Pets are not permitted. Time: Allow 1 hour minimum. Phone: (423) 821-1160.

RUBY FALLS is 3 mi. s. on Lookout Mountain Scenic Hwy. (SR 148); from I-24 exit 174 or 178, follow signs to 1720 S. Scenic Hwy. Among the types of formations found along the cave's paved, level walkways are stalactites, stalagmites, columns, drapes and flowstone. The highlight is a 145-foot waterfall, which is 1,120 feet underground and said to be the largest underground waterfall accessible to the public in America. Lookout Mountain Tower at Ruby Falls Castle offers a panorama of the Tennessee River Valley. High Point Zip Adventure offers an obstacle course through treetops.

Comfortable walking shoes are recommended for the tours. Entrance tickets must be purchased online. Time: Allow 1 hour, 30 minutes minimum. Phone: (423) 821-2544. 🔁 (GT) (🍴

TENNESSEE AQUARIUM is at 1 Broad St. On the banks of the Tennessee River, the aquarium highbanks of the Tennessee River, the aguarium highlights the voyage of a drop of water from its origin in the Appalachian Mountains to the Gulf of Mexico.

The River Journey building houses what is said to be the world's largest freshwater aquarium. Galleries include the Tennessee River, home to blue catfish and black crappie; Appalachian Cove Forest with river otters; Delta Country, a swamp with ducks, snapping turtles and alligators; Turtles of the World featuring just some of the 365 species of turtles and tortoises found worldwide; and Rivers of the World with piranhas, sturgeon and an electric eel.

The Ocean Journey building contains a stingray touch pool, jellyfish, sharks and a butterfly garden. In the Penguins' Rock gallery, Macaroni and Gentoo penguins waddle and dive into the water. Lemur Forest houses radiated tortoises and endangered lemurs. Meet panther chameleons, mantella frogs and unusual sea creatures like flashlight fish in the Island Life gallery. The Secret Reef, modeled for the northernmost reef in North America, is home to the Undersea Cavern and thousands of curious saltwater inhabitants such as tiger sharks and stingrays.

An IMAX Theater and a guided behind-the-scenes tour also are offered.

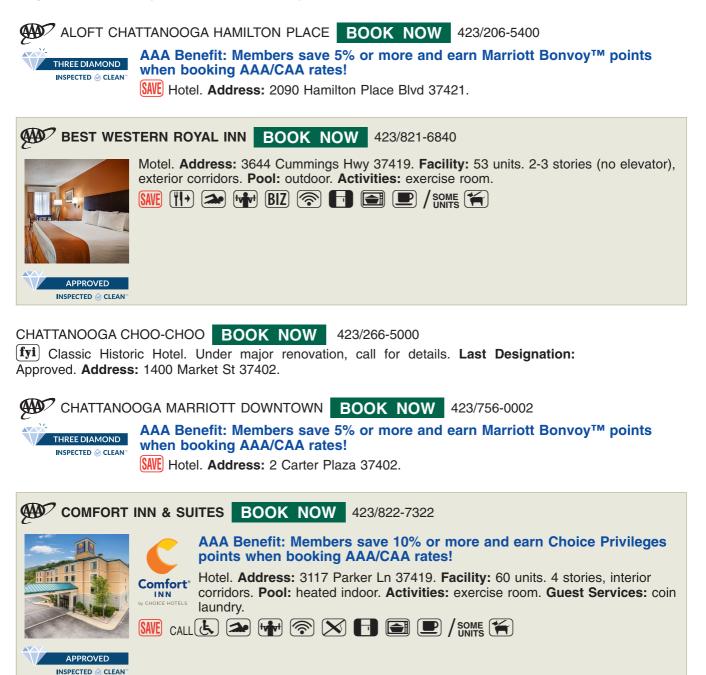
Free shuttle service from around town to the aquarium is available daily on CARTA. Time: Allow 2 hours, 30 minutes minimum. Phone: (423) 265-0695 or (800) 262-0695. GT



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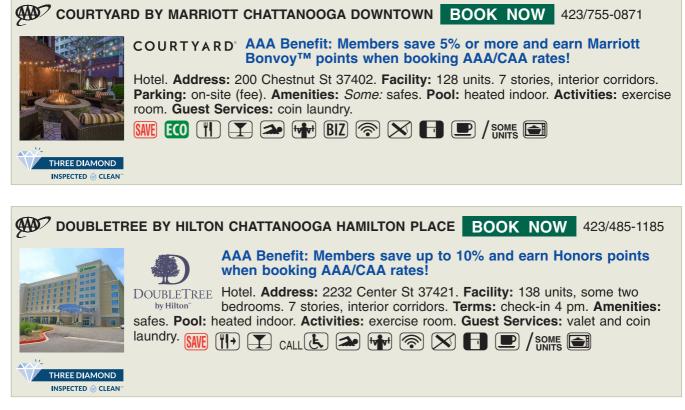
IMAX 3D Theater is at 201 Chestnut St. Larger-than-life films with digital surround sound are presented on a six-story screen, which is part of the Tennessee Aquarium.

Time: Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (423) 266-4629 or (800) 262-0695.









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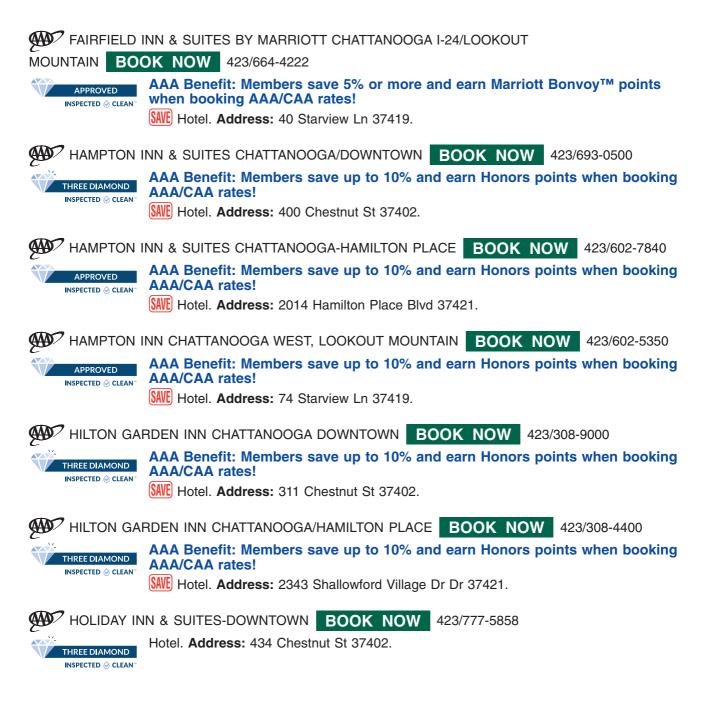
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> Contemporary Hotel. **Address:** 495 Riverfront Pkwy 37402. **Location:** Waterfront. **Facility:** 116 units. 5 stories, interior corridors. **Parking:** on-site (fee) and valet. **Pool:** heated indoor. **Activities:** hot tub, bicycles, exercise room. **Guest Services:** valet and coin laundry.







CHEROKEE NATIONAL FOREST

Elevations in the forest range from 739 ft. at the Ocoee River Dam to 6,286 ft. at Roan High Nob. Refer to AAA maps for additional information.

In eastern Tennessee, Cherokee National Forest is divided into two sections by the Great Smoky Mountains National Park *(see place listing p. 79)*. The 650,000 acres of thickly forested, mountainous terrain are punctuated by deep river gorges, streams and waterfalls. Dominant tree species are pine, hemlock, poplar and oak.

There are more than 200 recreational sites, 12 of which offer boating. More than 600 miles of trails, including the Appalachian Trail, traverse the forest. Activities and facilities include swimming, hiking, camping, horseback riding, interpretive trails, picnicking and wildlife viewing. Whitewater raft trips on the Ocoee River are offered by rafting operators based in Benton, Ducktown and Ocoee.

Find Roan Mountain just off US 19E via SR 143 between the town of Roan Mountain and N.C. SR 261. In mid-June, the uncultivated Catawba rhododendron burst into bloom, forming one of the largest natural rhododendron gardens in the world at nearly 600 acres. Beneath the mountain's 6,327-foot peak, Roan Mountain State Park offers furnished cabins, recreational activities, the Miller farmstead and spectacular views.

The Cherohala Skyway (SR 165), or Overhill Skyway, about 40 miles long, runs from Tellico Plains, Tennessee, east into Robbinsville, North Carolina. Following portions of what was once a Cherokee Indian trading route, the road meanders past the Tellico River and Bald River Falls, over rolling hills and through the Cherokee and Nantahala national forests. The road passes several scenic viewpoints. For additional information contact the Forest Supervisor, Cherokee National Forest, 2800 N. Ocoee St., Cleveland, TN 37312; phone (423) 476-9700.

CHICKAMAUGA AND CHATTANOOGA

Straddling the Georgia-Tennessee border, the 9,000acre Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park commemorates the September 1863 Battle of Chickamauga, the Battles for Chattanooga in November of that same year and 12,000 years of human history on Moccasin Bend. It is the oldest national military park administered by the U.S. National Park Service.

The Battle of Chickamauga occurred after Gen. William S. Rosecrans and 58,000 Union troops crossed the Tennessee River southwest of Chattanooga, forcing the Confederate troops of Gen. Braxton Bragg to abandon the city and move south to protect their Atlanta supply lines. Bragg obtained reinforcements and moved back northward hoping to retake Chattanooga. The two forces clashed at Chickamauga Creek near the Georgia-Tennessee line.

Although victorious, the Confederates suffered heavy losses. The Union forces withdrew to Chattanooga after suffering more than 16,000 casualties. The ensuing Confederate siege of the city almost subdued the Union army. However, bolstered by reinforcements and a new supply route, Union forces resumed the offensive by November.

The 3-day Battle of Chattanooga began Nov. 23, 1863, with Union forces driving the Confederates back to the base of Missionary Ridge and capturing Orchard Knob. When the Union troops assaulted the remaining Confederates in the Battle of Lookout Mountain the next day, the Confederates chose to evacuate the area rather than risk separation from their main line.



The decisive blow came a day later. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant directed the all-day Battle of Missionary Ridge, in which the Confederates were dislodged from strategic points and Union forces gained the steep slopes above the city. The Confederates withdrew after dark; their defeat opened the way to Atlanta and the heart of the Confederacy.

Much of the area in this beautiful park is kept in wartime condition. More than 1,600 markers, monuments, cannons and tablets indicate the battle lines of both sides and recount the story of the area. Self-guiding tours enable visitors to explore the battlefields of Chickamauga, Lookout Mountain and Missionary Ridge. Ranger-led tours also are offered.

Among the points of interest are Orchard Knob, Grant's headquarters during the Battle of Chattanooga; Crest Road, along Missionary Ridge; Wilder Brigade Monument, commanding a good view of the Chickamauga Battlefield and its surroundings; the Brotherton House, a reconstructed prewar farmhouse marking the spot where the Union line was broken; Snodgrass Hill, the scene of the last fighting at Chickamauga; and Snodgrass House, which served as a Union field hospital during the battle.

Chickamauga Battlefield grounds and monuments are open daily dawn to dusk. Visitor center open daily 8:30-5; closed Jan. 1 and Christmas. Free. Phone (706) 866-9241.

BATTLES FOR CHATTANOOGA ELECTRIC MAP AND MUSEUM is at 1110 E. Brow Rd., next to Point Park. A miniature battlefield display with more than 5,000 soldiers and cannons depicts the Battle of Chattanooga. A narrated video presentation describes the historic conflict. **Time:** Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (423) 821-2812.

CHICKAMAUGA BATTLEFIELD VISITOR CENTER is 9 mi. s. of Chattanooga, Tenn., on US 27, near the n. end of the park on Chickamauga Battlefield. A museum has Civil War exhibits and the Fuller Gun Collection, a display of American military shoulder arms. Orientation programs are offered, including a fiber optic map and a video presentation depicting the Battle of Chickamauga. The park also offers maps and a cellphone tour of the battlefield (inquire at the information desk). Ranger-led car caravan tours depart from the visitor center. **Phone:** (706) 866-9241. **GT**

POINT PARK is on Lookout Mountain at 110 Point Park Rd. The park overlooks Chattanooga and the Moccasin Bend National Archeological District on the Tennessee River. The Ochs Memorial Museum and Observatory, the New York Peace Monument and Umbrella Rock are in the park. The Lookout Mountain Battlefield Visitor Center at the north end of E. Brow Road contains the restored James Walker painting "Battle of Lookout Mountain." Ranger-led walking tours are offered.

Phone: (423) 821-7786. GT

CLARKSVILLE

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Founded in 1784, Clarksville was named for Gen. George Rogers Clark, an 18th-century frontier military leader and U.S. Indian commissioner.

The Clarksville Architectural District includes Public Square and Second, Commerce and Franklin streets. The area was destroyed by fire in 1878 and again by tornado in 1999, but many buildings have been restored.

Connecting to the historic district is Cumberland River-Walk, a 1.7-mile riverfront promenade that highlights the city's river heritage with an interpretive exhibit as well as entertainment venues and overlooks.

Professional theater performances and community productions are offered at the 1947 Roxy Regional Theatre; phone (931) 645-7699. Concerts and stage shows find a venue at the Center of Excellence for the Creative Arts on the campus of Austin Peay State University; phone (931) 221-7876.

Fort Campbell, a military reservation near the Tennessee-Kentucky state line, is the home of the 101st Airborne Division of the U.S. Army.

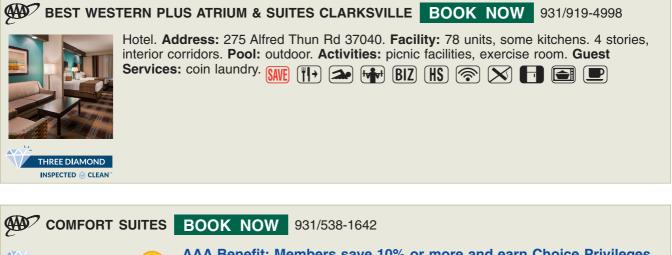
Clarksville-Montgomery County Visitor Center: 180 Holiday Dr., Clarksville, TN 37040-5023. **Phone:** (931) 647-2331.

Self-guiding tours: Walking and driving tour maps are available from the convention and visitors bureau, the Customs House Museum and Cultural Center and RiverWalk.

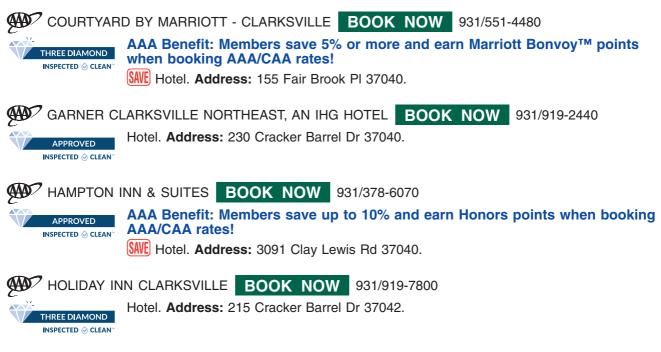
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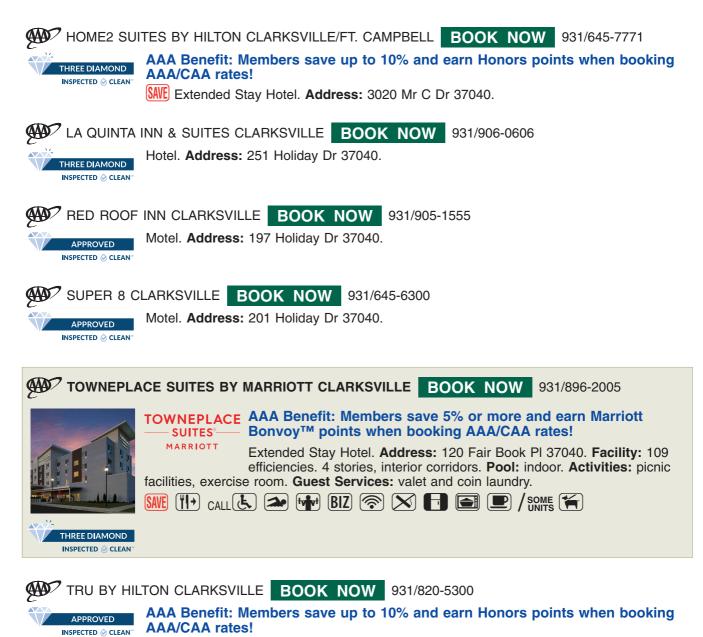












SAVE Hotel. Address: 3030 Mr C Dr 37040.



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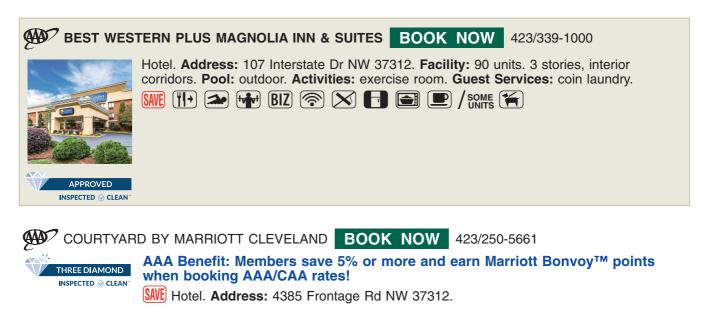
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In the foothills of the Smoky Mountains, Cleveland began in 1836 as a single cabin in the heart of the Cherokee Nation. Six years later, with a population of 400, the town was incorporated and named after Revolutionary War hero Col. Benjamin Cleveland. A reminder of the area's Native American heritage is "The Cherokee Chieftain," a large statue on the grounds of the Museum Center at 5ive Points (200 Inman St.) that is part of Peter Toth's "Trail of the Whispering Giants." Toth's sculptures honoring Native Americans are found in every state.

Cleveland/Bradley Chamber of Commerce: 225 Keith St. S.W., P.O. Box 2275, Cleveland, TN 37320-2275. **Phone:** (423) 472-6587.

Self-guiding tours: Brochures outlining a walking tour of the downtown district are available at the chamber. Points of interest along the route include the Gothic Revival-style St. Luke's Episcopal Church and what is said to be the oldest continuously operating bank building in the state.



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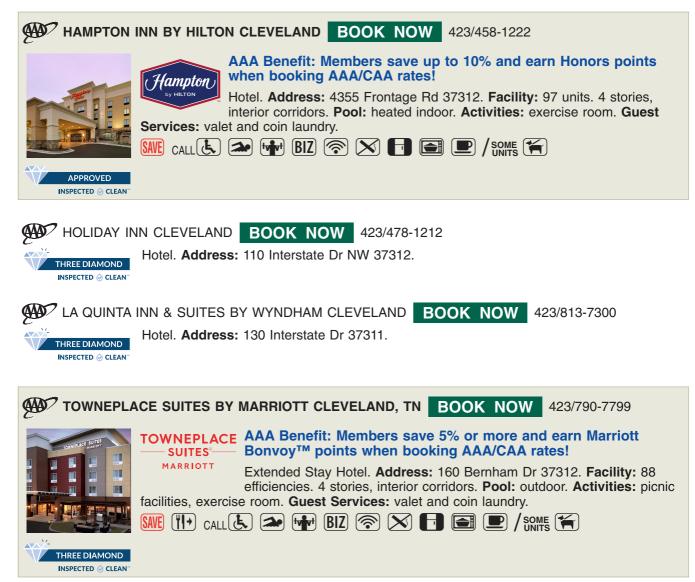
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GREEN MCADOO CULTURAL CENTER, 101 School St., chronicles the events leading to the desegregation of Clinton High School in 1956, a landmark event in the Civil Rights Movement. Exhibits include anti-integration propaganda from the period, recorded personal accounts and a

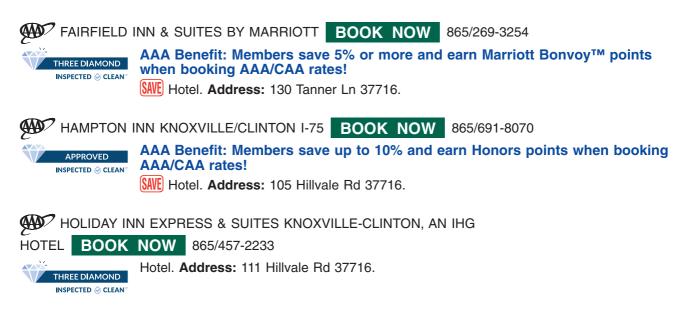
CBS broadcast by Edward R. Murrow. **Time:** Allow 2 hours minimum. **Phone:** (865) 463-6500. **GT**

MUSEUM OF APPALACHIA is off I-75 exit 122 at 2819 Andersonville Hwy. The village-farm complex includes dozens of log structures, two large exhibit buildings with thousands of Appalachian artifacts, gardens and free-roaming farm animals. Musicians perform seasonally, and demonstrations are offered during special events.



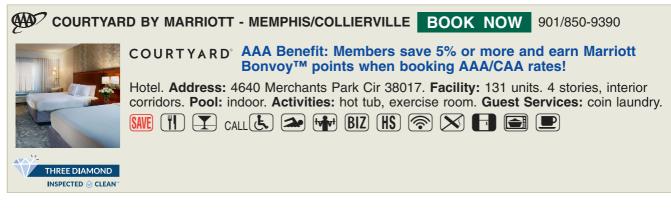
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Also on the grounds is the Appalachian Hall of Fame, which pays tribute to the Appalachian people and their stories. Among the exhibits are Native American artifacts, quilts, baskets, folk art and early handmade musical instruments. Food is available 11-2. **Time:** Allow 2 hours minimum. **Phone:** (865) 494-7680.



COLLIERVILLE

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The settlers who built Columbia on the low limestone bluffs of the Duck River in 1807 were a determined lot. A destructive flood, Native American threats and a series of earthquakes did not frighten them away.

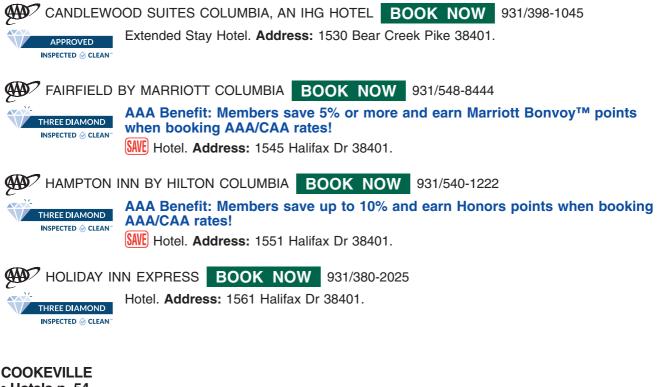
In a region of fertile farmland, bluegrass meadows and wooded hills, Columbia boasts one of the state's richest collections of architecturally significant homes and plantations in five historic districts. In early December historic antebellum and Federal homes are decorated for the holidays and open to the public during the Raury Christmas Historic Homes Tour; phone (931) 381-4822 for ticket information.

Maury County Visitors Bureau: 302 W. 7th St., Columbia, TN 38401. **Phone:** (931) 381-7176 or (888) 852-1860. **PRESIDENT JAMES K. POLK HOME & MUSEUM** is at 301 W. 7th St. The 1816 house is the only surviving residence of the 11th U.S. president besides the White House. It contains items and portraits belonging to the Polks along with many original furnishings from the White House. The adjacent Sisters' House exhibits political and Mexican War memorabilia as well as Mrs. Sarah Polk's fashion accessories.

Note: Front entry into each building requires four steps; ramped entrances are available in the back. The Home Tour includes the upstairs (optional), where there are 20-30 steps up a staircase. **Time:** Allow 1 hour, 30 minutes minimum. **Phone:** (931) 388-2354. **GT**

Polk Presidential Hall is on the grounds of the President James K. Polk Home & Museum at 301 W. 7th St. This former 1882 church features changing exhibits related to the 11th U.S. president, his lifetime and the American presidency. **Phone:** (931) 388-2354.









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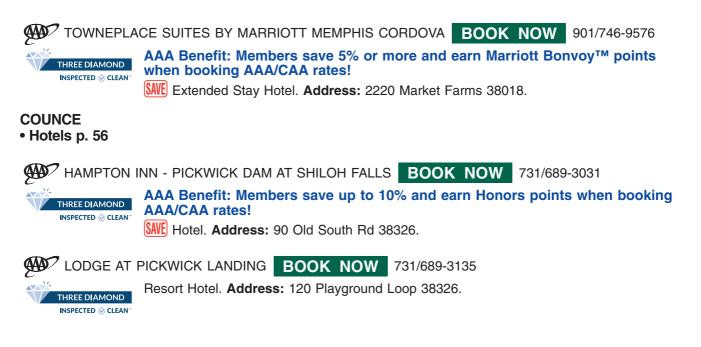
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WINERIES

 Stonehaus Winery is off I-40 exit 320 at 2444 Genesis Rd. Phone: (931) 484-9463.
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Hotel. Address: 560 Peavine Rd 38571.

CUMBERLAND GAP NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

Elevations in the park range from 1,600 ft. at the Cumberland Gap to 3,513 ft. at White Rocks. Refer to AAA maps for additional elevation information.

At the convergence of Kentucky, Tennessee and Virginia, Cumberland Gap National Historical Park covers 24,000 acres of heavily forested, rugged mountains honoring the historic pass.

The gap provides a natural doorway through the mountains. It was first used by migratory animals as a seasonal thoroughfare, then by Native Americans, whose footpaths followed buffalo and deer trails. The westward movement of settlers seemed barred by the Allegheny ridge until April 1750, when Dr. Thomas Walker discovered the gap while seeking the fabled land to the west, the "Kentucke" of Native American lore.

Daniel Boone passed through with a hunting party in 1769, and in 1775 he blazed the Wilderness Road. From 1775 to 1796 the gap could only be used by those on foot or horseback, and although no wagon passed over it during this period, more than 200,000 people made their way through the gap into Kentucky and beyond.

A strategic point during the Civil War, Cumberland Gap changed hands several times without any major battles. Some of the earthwork fortifications remain.

In the 1990s, the 4,600-foot-long Cumberland Gap Highway Tunnel was built; the project also included rerouting US 25E through the tunnel and the addition of new bridges, highway interchanges and parking areas. Although the final cost of this joint effort led by the National Park Service and the Federal Highway Administration was a staggering \$265 million, the construction plan alleviated traffic problems and improved motorist safety while simultaneously restoring the historic appearance of the Cumberland Gap and the Wilderness Road.

General Information and Activities

At an elevation of 2,440 feet, Pinnacle Overlook provides a view into the gap as well as views of the mountain range and parts of three states. It is accessible via a 4-mile paved road from the visitor center. No trailers or vehicles more than 20 feet long are allowed. Shuttle service may be arranged for a small fee when staff is available; reservations are required.

Still a wild area, the park offers approximately 85 miles of hiking trails ranging from relatively easy nature trails to those requiring an overnight trek. Many park features, including Sand Cave, a multicolored sandstone overhang, and White Rocks, a prominent sandstone outcropping, can be reached only by trail. Ridge Trail, a 19-mile-long route offering panoramas of the valley, approaches five primitive campsites, all accessible by foot. The Wilderness Road Campground has 160 campsites, 41 of which have hookups.

Hensley Settlement is a reconstruction of a community that was occupied 1903-51. Reminiscent of a time much earlier than that from which it actually dates, Hensley seems like a community of the late 1700s or early 1800s. The settlement sits atop a mountain in the eastern end of the park. With more than 70 acres of land under cultivation, it has several reconstructed log houses, barns and outbuildings. The site can be reached by an all-day hike or, from mid-May through Oct. 31, via a guided tour that departs the park's visitor center daily. Building interiors may be seen during the 3.5- to 4-hour trip, which includes shuttle transportation to and from the settlement. The cost is \$10; \$5 (ages 0-12 and senior citizens with an Interagency Senior Pass). Phone (606) 248-2817, ext. 1075, for the shuttle tour schedule; reservations are recommended.

It is not advisable to hike alone; overnight camping requires a permit. Trail guides and other information can be obtained at the visitor center. The visitor center also contains a museum, which chronicles the rich history of the gap. Throughout the year ranger-led programs suitable for the entire family introduce visitors to the historical, cultural and natural aspects of the park; phone for a schedule of events.

The park is open daily. Some parking areas close before dusk. The visitor center at the park entrance is open daily 8-5, Memorial Day-Labor Day; 9-4, rest of year; closed Christmas.

ADMISSION to the park is free.

PETS must be restricted at all times, either in vehicles or by leash, and are not allowed in public buildings.

ADDRESS inquiries to the Superintendent, Cumberland Gap National Historical Park, 91 Bartlett Park Rd., Middlesboro, KY 40965; phone (606) 248-2817.



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GAP CAVE is .25 mi. s. of Middlesboro, Ky., on US 25E. Two-hour guided tours of the cave, discovered in 1750, cover a 1.5-mile route and are conducted by lantern light. Rooms and walls are covered with stalactites and stalagmites. Wildlife, including bats and salamanders, can be seen, as can the names of Civil War soldiers carved on the walls.

Note: The guided tour's path includes 183 steps; visitors are advised to wear good walking shoes. No sandals

or open-toed shoes are permitted. Due to the threat of white-nose syndrome to bats, visitors should not wear clothing and footwear that has been worn in other caves unless properly decontaminated.

Time: Allow 2 hours minimum. **Phone:** (606) 248-2817. **GT**

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ME Hotel. Address: 126 Sharon Dr 37725.

DAYTON

In the small town of Dayton during the summer of 1925 the basic principles of education were profoundly shaken. The eyes of the world were on the trial of John T. Scopes, a high-school science teacher accused of teaching evolution as fact rather than theory.

So great were the implications of this landmark case that the greatest legal minds of the day—William Jennings Bryan and Clarence Darrow—served as prosecution and defense attorneys, respectively. Darrow and Scopes lost, but the philosophy of education was never quite the same thereafter. Bryan died in town the Sunday following the verdict. In 1930 the small, Christian, liberal arts college of Bryan was founded in his honor. The 7-day Tennessee Strawberry Festival in early May includes concerts, gospel singing, arts and crafts displays, sports events, parades, fireworks and strawberry foodstuffs.

Rhea Economic and Tourism Council: 107 Main St., Dayton, TN 37321. Phone: (423) 775-6171.

RHEA COUNTY COURTHOUSE & MUSEUM is at 1475 Market St. The Romanesque Revival-style courthouse was the site of the 8-day Scopes trial, the 1925 landmark case that pitted the Darwinian theory of evolution against Biblical creationism. The 1891 courtroom remains much as it was during the trial and is still used today. The Scopes Trial Museum, 2 floors below, contains articles relating to the trial and traces the proceedings from beginning to end. **Time:** Allow 30 minutes minimum. **Phone:** (423) 775-7801.

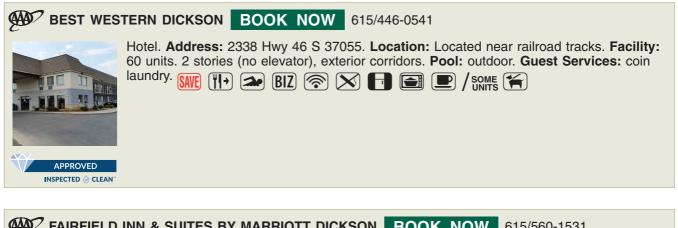
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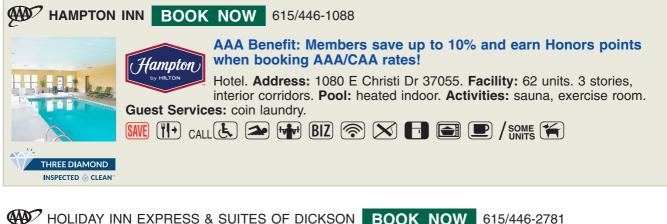
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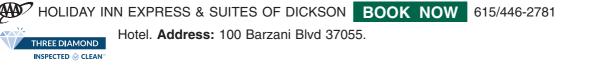


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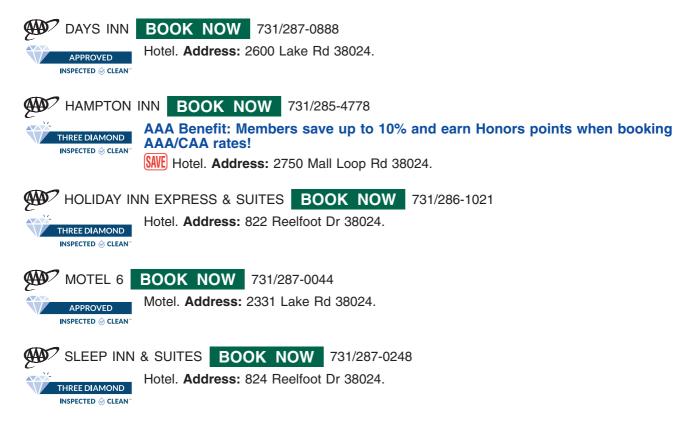






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ERWIN

Erwin is near the Nolichucky River in the northeast portion of the Cherokee National Forest *(see place listing p. 46)*. The northern end of the Nolichucky Gorge, about 250 feet wide, borders the river for about 10 miles.

Until the 1950s a local pottery plant produced about 30,000 pieces of painted and underglaze pottery a day. Some of this pottery and other items of local interest are among the historical displays at the Unicoi County Heritage Museum, phone (423) 743-9449, on the grounds of the Erwin National Fish Hatchery (see attraction listing).

Downtown Erwin is the site of the SUnicoi County Apple Festival in early October, featuring handmade crafts, antiques, live music, a Blue Ridge Pottery show and sale, children's activities and a smorgasbord of food. **Unicoi County-Erwin Chamber of Commerce:** 100 S. Main St., P.O. Box 713, Erwin, TN 37650. **Phone:** (423) 743-3000.

ERWIN NATIONAL FISH HATCHERY is 2 mi. n. on SR 107 at 520 Federal Hatchery Rd. The hatchery produces 15 million rainbow trout eggs from three different strains each year for distribution around the United States. Artificially fertilized eggs are incubated in jars and are later washed and sorted for shipping to other hatcheries. Growing fish are kept in rows of concrete tanks. All phases of the fish-breeding and rearing operations can be seen September through March.

Also on the grounds is the Unicoi County Heritage Museum, with historical displays, pottery and other items of local interest. **Time:** Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (423) 743-4712.

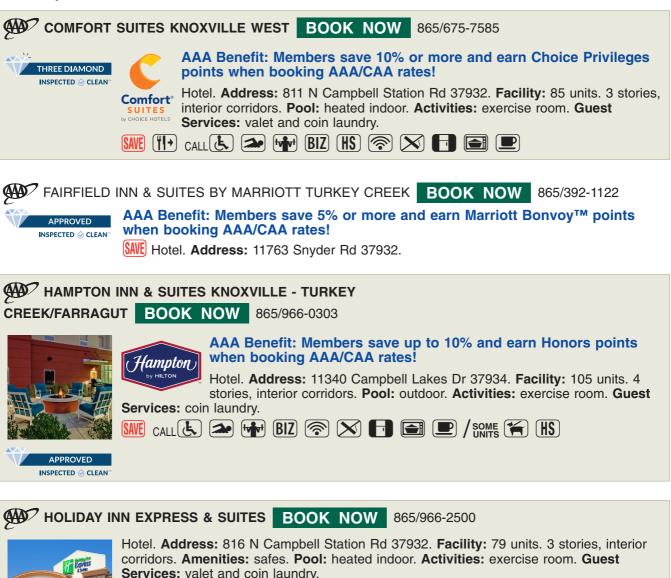




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FORT DONELSON NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD

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On the Cumberland River near Dover, Fort Donelson National Battlefield embraces the area where the first major Federal victory of the Civil War was won. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant began the campaign in February 1862 to gain control of the Mississippi Valley and bisect the South.

When Grant moved 15,000 men up the Tennessee River to Fort Henry, the main Confederate garrison withdrew to Fort Donelson, leaving the remaining detachment to surrender after a short battle. Five days later, Grant moved against Fort Donelson, and a Feb. 13 skirmish had no clear outcome. The following day a Union gunboat attack failed, but Union reinforcements arrived and Grant's army swelled to 27,000 men.

Fearing entrapment, the Confederates rallied to clear the road to Nashville and steadily forced back the Union lines. Escape seemed sure until the Confederate commanders, in confusion, ordered their forces back to their trenches. Grant immediately ordered an advance and gained new ground.

Three Confederate officers with 1,500-2,000 troops managed to escape during the night of Feb. 15, but the following morning Grant issued his famous ultimatum, "No terms except unconditional and immediate surrender." Confederate Gen. Simon Buckner accepted and delivered approximately 13,000 troops as prisoners of war, at that time the largest number ever to surrender in North America. This Confederate defeat resulted in the evacuation of Bowling Green, Ky., Columbus and Nashville, delivering Kentucky and most of middle and western Tennessee into Union hands.

The 554-acre park contains the Confederate-built fort, river batteries, outer defenses, the Dover Hotel where Buckner surrendered to Grant, and a national cemetery. Markers indicate all points of historical interest along a 6-mile driving tour. Dover Hotel open daily 8-4:30. National cemetery daily 8-7, Memorial Day-Labor Day; 8-5, rest of year.

FORT DONELSON VISITOR CENTER is on US 79, 1.5 mi. w. of the Cumberland River Bridge at 120 Fort Donelson Rd. The center offers exhibits and a 15-minute film describing the battle and campaign. **Time:** Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (931) 232-5706 ext. 0 (if prompted).

FRANKLIN

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Satisfying both history buffs and casual sightseers, Franklin upholds small-town traditions as it continues to modernize. Innovative business ventures have breathed new life into many aging structures, including The Factory at Franklin, a complex of industrial buildings retrofitted into



a mixed-use development. Here you'll enjoy antique shopping (there also are plenty of new goodies for sale), bars and restaurants, and live productions (the old boiler room now is home to Studio Tenn, a professional theater troupe).

High-tech, biodiesel-burning buses evocative of the community's former electric-powered trolleys also operate throughout the area. Fixed route service is \$1; 50c (ages 0-4 and 65+); exact change is required. Hop aboard and ride past Victorian architecture in the city's attractive downtown—a historic district now flourishing with chic boutiques and eateries that run the gamut from locally owned mom-and-pop operations to national vendors (yes, even Franklin's quaint Main Street has a Starbucks). Although it's a lively locale to explore any time of year, downtown Franklin lures more than 100,000 people in late April with its Main Street Festival. The longtime event offers a juried arts and crafts show, children's activities and live music.

You'll also discover several well-preserved sites in town, including Historic Carnton Plantation and The Carter House, both of which recall the Battle of Franklin, one of the Civil War's most decisive conflicts. On Nov. 30, 1864, 5 hours of fighting resulted in the death, wounding or capture of more than 6,000 Confederate and 2,000 Union soldiers. The Confederacy lost six generals; seven more were among those wounded or captured. Other reminders of the bloody encounter are the 1823 Masonic Hall, the first three-story building in Tennessee, 115 Second Ave. S., and the 1834 St. Paul's Episcopal Church at 510 W. Main St. Following the battle, both edifices were used as hospitals for injured troops.

While highly protective of their man-made treasures, Franklin residents also conserve plenty of green space. Nine scenic parks present visitors such amenities as nature trails and athletic playing fields. Encircled by a 1-mile paved track, Pinkerton Park at 405 Murfreesboro Rd. connects to downtown Franklin via the Sue Douglas Berry Memorial Pedestrian Bridge. At 705 Boyd Mill Ave., 58-acre Jim Warren City Park features a 2.5-mile walking path, picnic tables and a catch-and-release fishing pond, along with a skate plaza for inline skaters and skateboarders.

Williamson County Convention & Visitors Bureau: 400 Main St., Suite 130, Franklin, TN 37064. Phone: (615) 591-8514 or (866) 253-9207.

Self-guiding tours: Brochures outlining a walking tour of Franklin's 15-block downtown historic district can be obtained at the visitor center. A self-guiding driving tour spotlighting Civil War sites also is available for a fee.

Shopping: The Factory at Franklin, 230 Franklin Rd., a collection of 12 restored Depression-era buildings, now houses shops, galleries and restaurants. Victorian buildings along Main Street have been restored and house antique shops, specialty stores and restaurants. A growing antique district surrounds the intersection of Second Avenue and South Margin Street. CoolSprings Galleria, 1800 Galleria Blvd., offers 150 specialty stores.

FRANKLIN ON FOOT offers guided walking tours of downtown Franklin; most tours depart from 305 Public Sq. During the Classic Franklin Tour, guides escort guests around town on a 2-hour walk that features historic properties and areas. Food, ghost, cemetery, crime and Civil War tours lasting 1.5-3 hours also are offered. **Time:** Allow 1 hour, 30 minutes minimum. **Phone:** (615) 400-3808. **GT**

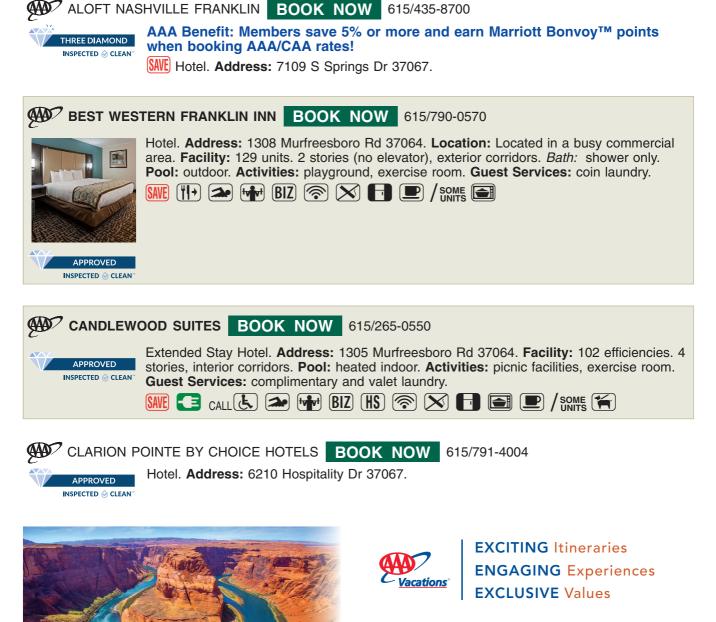
HISTORIC CARNTON PLANTATION AND MCGAVOCK CONFEDERATE CEMETERY is at 1345 Eastern Flank Cir. Confederate troops assembled on the property during the Battle of Franklin, a bloody 5-hour skirmish occurring on Nov. 30, 1864. The wounded and dying were brought to Carnton, which served as a field hospital. Adjacent to this elegant estate owners John and Carrie McGavock established a 1,500-grave cemetery. The 2005 novel "The Widow of the South" is based on the life of Mrs. McGavock. Specialty tours also are offered.

Time: Allow 1 hour, 30 minutes minimum. **Phone:** (615) 794-0903. [GT]

THE LOTZ HOUSE, A CIVIL WAR HOUSE MUSEUM is at 1111 Columbia Ave., just s. of Main St. A 1-hour guided tour of the 1855 home of German immigrant and master craftsman Johann Albert Lotz highlights the turbulent times as well as the owner's talents as a builder through remarkable features for the period such as a wraparound staircase and hand-carved mantels, cartouches, millwork and finials.

Located at ground zero on the Franklin Battlefield, the home is furnished with fine antiques and artwork owned by the Lotz family. In addition, display cases house articles from the Civil War's Battle of Franklin in 1864. **Time:** Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (615) 790-7190. **GT**

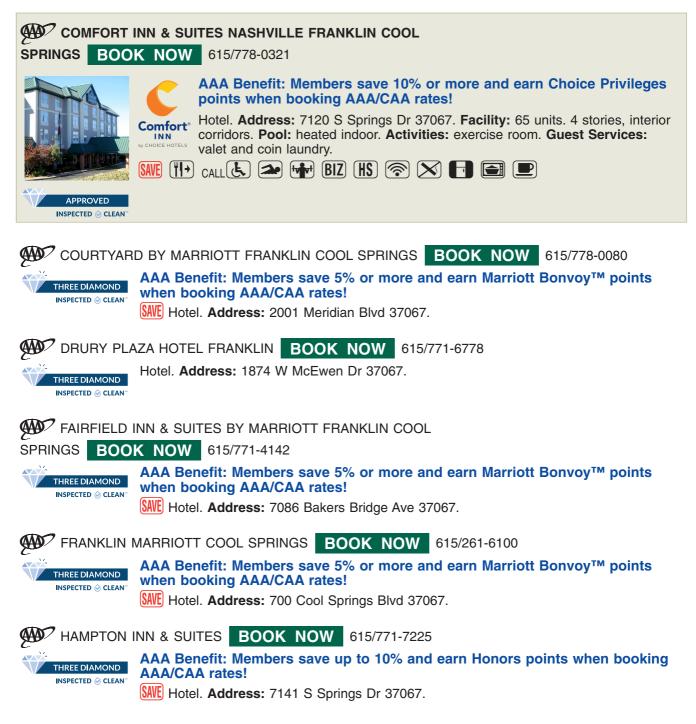




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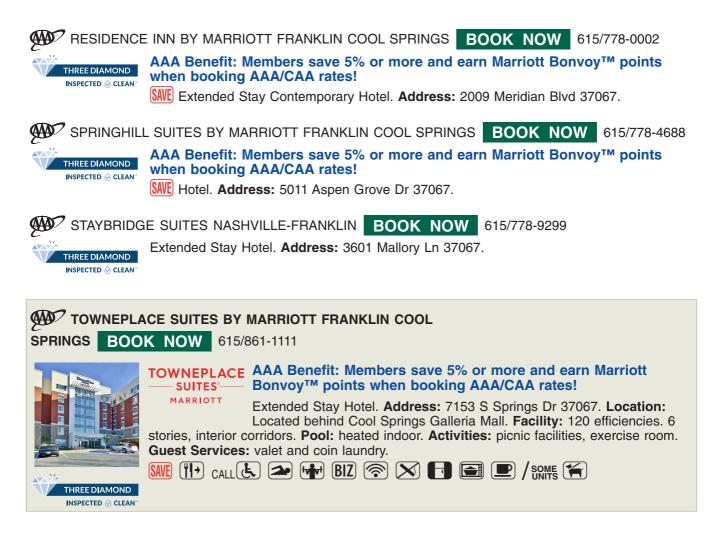






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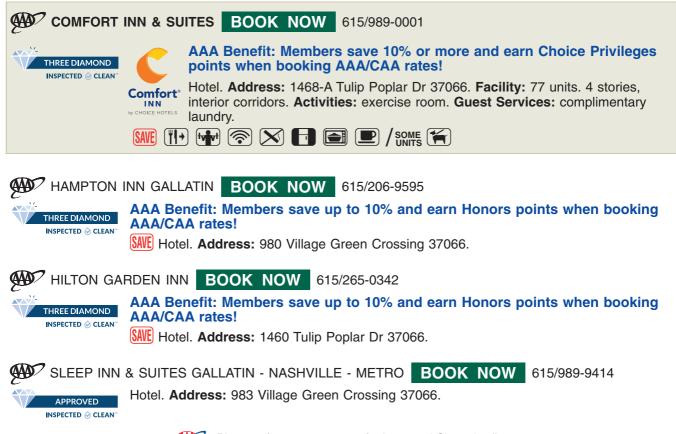
Founded in 1802 and named for Albert Gallatin, secretary of the treasury under Presidents John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, Gallatin is the industrial and agricultural marketplace for Sumner County. Nearby are Bledsoe Creek State Park *(see Recreation Areas Chart)* and Cages Bend Recreation Area.

Gallatin Area Chamber of Commerce: 118 Main St., Gallatin, TN 37066. Phone: (615) 452-4000.

Self-guiding tours: The Sumner County Courthouse and more than 30 restored buildings, many predating the Civil

War, are included in a brochure outlining a historical walking tour of Gallatin's public square area. The square includes both shopping and dining opportunities. The brochure is available at the chamber of commerce.

SUMNER COUNTY MUSEUM is e. on US 25E to 183 W. Main St. Antique automobiles and rifles, Native American artifacts and re-creations of a pioneer kitchen and a tinsmith shop are among the many items contained within the museum. Guided tours are available by appointment. **Phone:** (615) 451-3738. **GT**





GATLINBURG

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Stretching for 2 miles along the banks of the Little Pigeon River at the foot of Mount Le Conte, Gatlinburg is a popular mountain resort. Dogwood trees line the main street, which leads to the entrance of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park *(see place listing p. 79)*. Replicas of late 19th-century trolleys carry passengers in and around Gatlinburg from April through December with reduced winter hours.

Gatlinburg has become an important handicraft center for the Southern Highlands area. At a number of shops in the vicinity visitors can watch craftsmen displaying such outstanding skills as weaving, pottery, broom making, woodworking and furniture making.

Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts offers various programs and courses throughout the year; phone (865) 436-5860. The Gatlinburg Convention Center often hosts public events, including several craft fairs.

Of theatrical interest is Sweet Fanny Adams Theatre, which presents original comedy musicals and vaudevillestyle shows from late April to December. Reservations are recommended; phone (865) 436-4039 or (877) 388-5784.

The 5-mile Roaring Fork Motor Nature Trail begins and ends in Gatlinburg, winding along Cherokee Orchard Road past mountain streams, trees, flowers and numerous homesteads.

Gatlinburg Convention and Visitors Bureau: 811 East Parkway, P.O. Box 527, Gatlinburg, TN 37738. Phone: (865) 436-4178 or (800) 588-1817.

Shopping: Great Smoky Arts & Crafts Community, 3 miles east of downtown, began as a craft show in 1937 and now includes nearly 120 craft shops, studios and galleries along an 8-mile trail.

ANAKEESTA is accessed via a chairlift or gondola which picks up downtown at 576 Parkway. A 14minute ride brings visitors to the summit of Anakeesta Mountain, where family-friendly attractions include Firefly Village, a treehouse-themed area with shops and restaurants; Treetop SkyWalk, an interconnected system of 14 skybridges and elevated viewing platforms; a children's playground; two ziplines; the Rail Runner mountain coaster; Astra Lumina, an enchanted night walk among the stars; and the Forest Memorial Interpretive Tail to honor the victims of the 2016 Sevier County wildfires. **Phone:** (865) 325-2400. **GATLINBURG SKYBRIDGE** is at 765 Parkway. Located in SkyLift Park, the Gatlinburg SkyBridge is said to be the longest pedestrian suspension bridge in North America, stretching 680 feet across a deep valley in the Smoky Mountains. At midpoint, visitors cross 30 feet of glass panels showing the valley 150 feet below. **Phone:** (865) 436-4307.

GATLINBURG SKY LIFT is at 765 Parkway. The cable chair takes visitors from the main street across the river and up the steep incline of 2,300-foot Crocket Mountain. **Time:** Allow 30 minutes minimum. **Phone:** (865) 436-4307.

OBER MOUNTAIN is at 1339 Ski Mountain Rd., accessible via a narrow, steep, winding road off US 441 with limited parking at the main resort; recommended transportation is via the downtown aerial tramway. This themed recreation complex on Mount Harrison includes an indoor ice-skating rink, winter skiing, an alpine slide, the Ski Mountain Coaster, Wildlife Encounter, cafés, water raft rides and a children's amusement area.

A sightseeing chairlift rises to the top of Mount Harrison (3,500 ft.). The view from the summit includes Gatlinburg, Pigeon Forge (see place listing p. 211) and Great Smoky Mountains National Park (see place listing p. 79).

Time: Allow 30 minutes minimum. **Phone:** (865) 436-5423, or (800) 251-9202 for snow updates.

Aerial Tramway departs from 1001 Parkway. The 120passenger tram travels 2.1 miles between downtown and the amusement complex at Ober Mountain, providing breathtaking views of the Great Smoky Mountains. **Time:** Allow 30 minutes minimum. **Phone:** (865) 436-5423.

RIPLEY'S AQUARIUM OF THE SMOKIES is just off the Parkway at 88 River Rd. Boasting 100,000 square feet, the facility houses exotic aquatic life from around the world. Galleries include a simulated tropical rain forest, home to poisonous dart frogs; a coral reef complete with clown triggerfish and regal blue tang; and Stingray Bay, where visitors can touch cownose, spotted eagle and southern stingray. Touch Jellies is one of the Discovery Center's new exhibits where guests can interact with moon jellies.

On display are thousands of exotic sea creatures, including thousands of tropical fish, a giant octopus, sea turtle and giant spider crabs. A submerged acrylic tunnel in the shark lagoon lets visitors get close to 11-foot-long sharks and other ocean predators via a moving glide path. The Penguin Playhouse features African black-footed penguins in an indoor/outdoor habitat featuring clear underwater tunnels for visitors to view the whimsical birds.

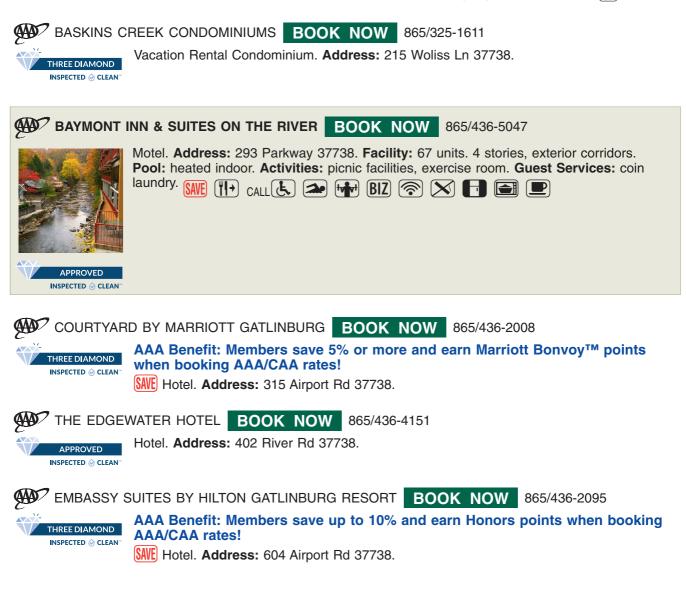


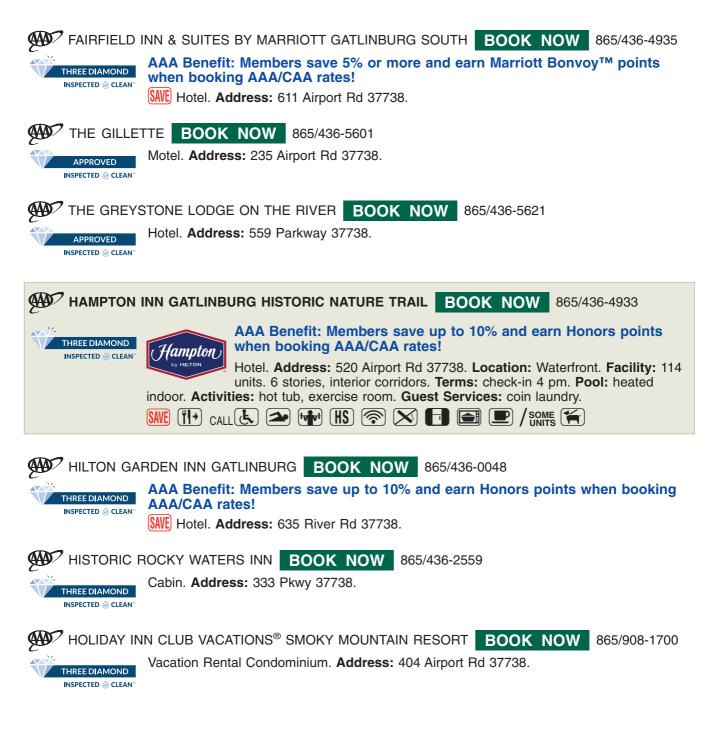
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Animal encounter programs, glass-bottomed boat rides and behind-the-scenes tours are offered. **Time:** Allow 2 hours, 30 minutes minimum. **Phone:** (865) 430-8808 or (888) 240-1358.

RIPLEY'S HAUNTED ADVENTURE is at 908 Parkway. Housed in the former Grimsby and Streaper Casket Co. building, this newly expanded haunted-house attraction features actors and special effects. **Time:** Allow 30 minutes minimum. **Phone:** (865) 430-9991 or (877) 475-3974.

WESTGATE'S WILD BEAR FALLS WATER PARK is at 915 Westgate Resort Rd. This 60,000-square-foot indoor/outdoor water park features slides, tube rides, dumping buckets, spray water devices and a retractable roof. Rental lockers are available. **Time:** Allow 3 hours minimum. **Phone:** (865) 430-4800, 89115. [1]







THREE DIAMOND



DOUBLETREE by Hilton^{*} Hotel. Address: 705 Cherokee Orchard Rd 37738. Facility: 300 units, some two bedrooms. 15 stories, interior corridors. Parking: on-site (fee). Terms: check-in 4 pm. Amenities: safes. Pool: heated indoor. Activities: hot tub, exercise room. Guest Services: valet and coin laundry. *(See ad p. 75.)*





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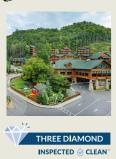
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Vacation Rental Condominium. Address: 915 Westgate Resort Rd 37738. Location: Across from Gatlinburg Welcome Center. Facility: The resort features cabin-style duplexes, plus one and two-bedroom condos that can be expanded to even larger units via connecting room doors. Many rooms have sweeping mountain views from the balcony. 1252 condominiums. 1-5 stories, exterior corridors. Terms: check-in 4 pm. Amenities: safes. Dining: 3 restaurants. Pool: heated outdoor, heated indoor. Activities: hot tub, miniature golf, recreation programs, playground, game room, picnic facilities, trails, exercise room, spa. Guest Services: complimentary laundry.

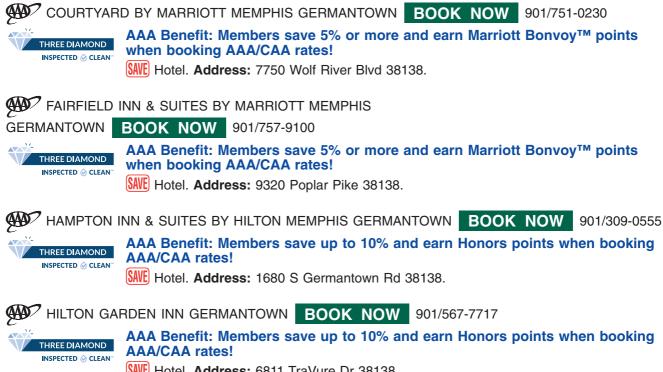


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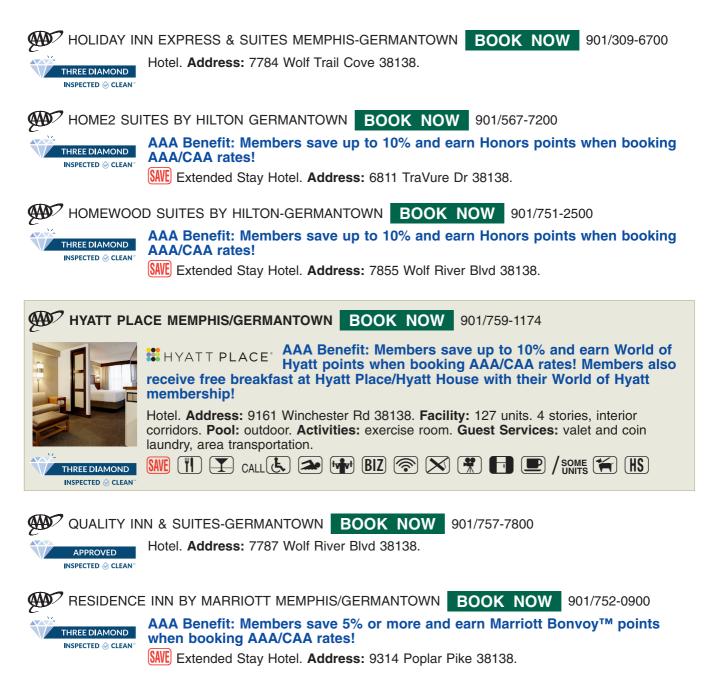
On the eastern edge of Memphis, the city of Germantown is replete with parks and green spaces. When complete, the Germantown Greenway will connect dozens of public areas in a 22-mile pedestrian- and bike-friendly loop around the city; as of 2022 there were 14 miles completed.

Counting Ray Charles and Yo-Yo-Ma among its famous acts, the Germantown Performing Arts Center (1801 Exeter Rd.) presents a full season of entertainment September through May; phone (901) 751-7500.



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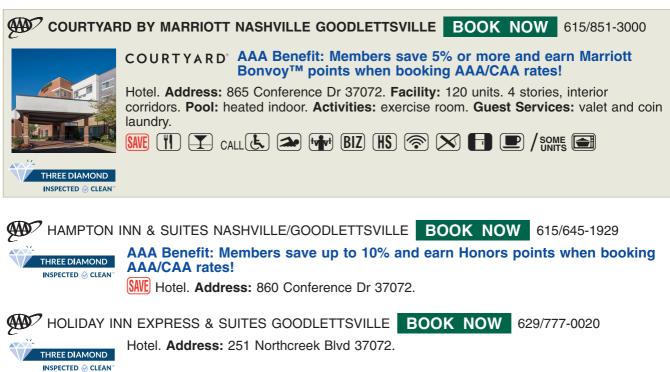
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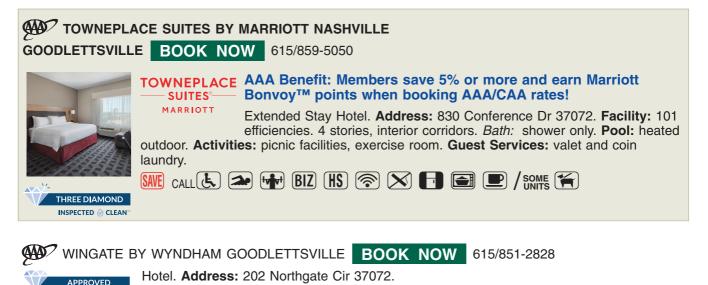
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NATIONAL BIRD DOG MUSEUM is at 505 W. SR 57, .7 mi. e. of jct. SR 18. The museum is dedicated to preserving the history and highlighting the talents of more than 40 breeds of sporting dogs. Paintings, photographs, sculptures and memorabilia depicting the most famous sporting dogs of the 19th and 20th centuries are featured.

In The Field Trial Hall of Fame more than 540 pointing, retrieving and flushing dogs and renowned field trial individuals are enshrined. **Time:** Allow 30 minutes minimum. **Phone:** (731) 764-2058.



Elevations in the park range from 870 ft. along Abrams Creek to 6,643 ft. at Clingmans Dome. Refer to AAA maps for additional elevation information.

Divided between North Carolina and Tennessee, Great Smoky Mountains National Park covers more than 520,000 acres. A blue, smokelike haze hangs over the mountains, hence the name. Newfound Gap Road (US 441) bisects the park, which is 32 miles long and 70 miles wide.

Except for Mount Mitchell and Mount Craig, the highest mountain peaks in eastern North America are found in the Smokies—the most massive mountain uplift in the East and one of the oldest land areas on Earth. Sixteen summits rise more than 6,000 feet, and the main ridge does not drop below 5,000 feet for a distance of 36 miles.

Few places in the United States have such a variety of vegetation. Because the mountains catch the region's copious rainfall, they support an exceptionally wide variety of plant species, including more than 100 native trees. Eastern deciduous trees and red spruce constitute the park's 120,000 acres of old-growth forest. Much of the remainder is second growth.

Northern conifers, mainly spruce and fir, dominate the higher elevations; at intermediate heights grow hardwoods typical of the Northeast. Some mountaintops are covered only with grass or shrubs and thus are known as "balds."

Many streams are bordered with rhododendron, and in certain areas, such as on Gregory Bald, flame azalea grows in profusion. Rhododendron and sand myrtle are scattered throughout the mountain summits and knifeedged ridges. Dogwood and wildflowers usually bloom from mid-March to mid-May; other blossoms create spectacular displays into July.





Great Smoky Mountains

This map shows cities in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park where you will find attractions, hotels and restaurants. Cities are listed alphabetically in this book on the following pages.



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Wildlife was scarce when the park was established in 1934, but hunting has since been outlawed and many species are recovering. Deer often are observed in Cades Cove *(see attraction listing)*, and ruffed grouse, wild turkeys and bears live in the park.

General Information and Activities

The park is open all year. Headquarters and the Sugarlands Visitor Center are 2 miles south of Gatlinburg, Tenn., on US 441. Information about naturalist-led hikes, campfire programs and other park activities can be obtained at Sugarlands as well as at Oconaluftee Visitor Center, near the Cherokee, N.C., entrance.

Park information can be found at Cades Cove Visitor Center, 12 mi. s.w. of Townsend, Tenn. on Cades Cove Loop Road, and Clingmans Dome Visitor Center, 7 mi. s.w. of US 441 on Clingmans Dome Rd.

There are 238 miles of paved and 146 miles of gravel park roads. Newfound Gap Road (US 441), a scenic 33mile-long Cherokee-Gatlinburg route with an elevation of 5,048 feet at the state line, crosses the park. The 469-mile scenic Blue Ridge Parkway in North Carolina links the park with Shenandoah National Park in Virginia. The Balsam Mountain Road, a 9-mile spur, branches off the parkway just north of the Cherokee Indian Reservation. Heintooga Ridge Road, a scenic loop drive, leads to an overlook.

The park has more than 850 miles of horse and foot trails. Leaflets are provided at the start of short self-guiding nature trails. The most heavily used path is the section of the Appalachian Trail that runs the length of the park. Back-country shelters and campsites along the trail are spaced a day's hike apart, and the camping limit is 1 day per site. All shelters and some campsites require reservations. Permits are required for all back-country camping and can be obtained at Sugarlands Visitor Center; phone the backcountry office at (865) 436-1297 for more information.

Waterfalls are plentiful and welcome additions to the park's landscape. Although most require hikes of various lengths to reach, one can be enjoyed from the road: Meigs Falls is 13 miles west of the Sugarlands Visitor Center.

Saddle horses and guides can be obtained in the park. Horseback trails lead from concessionaire-operated

stables at Smokemont, N.C., as well as Cades Cove and two stables near Gatlinburg.

The ascent of Mount Le Conte by foot from Gatlinburg offers awesome views. Lodging on the mountaintop is available by reservation. Also noted for spectacular views are Charlies Bunion, reached by the Appalachian Trail 4 miles east from Newfound Gap, and Tennessee's highest point, Clingmans Dome *(see attraction listing)*.

With 735 miles of streams available, fishing for trout is ideal, although fishing for brook trout is prohibited. Visitors fishing within the park must have a license from Tennessee or North Carolina; these cannot be purchased within the park. Fishing is permitted dawn to dusk; inquire for regulations at the park visitor center.

Most of the many developed campgrounds function on a first-come, first-served basis; however, reservations are recommended May 15-Oct. 31 at Cades Cove and Elkmont, Tenn., and at Smokemont, N.C. For reservations phone the National Park Reservation Service at (877) 444-6777. *See Recreation Areas Chart.*

ADMISSION to the park is free. Parking tags will be required for any vehicle parking for more than 15 minutes. Tags can be purchased on-site or online. Camping fees vary. Reservations can be made up to 30 days in advance.

PETS are permitted in the park's developed areas only if they are leashed, crated or otherwise physically restricted at all times. They are not permitted on trails.

ADDRESS inquiries to the Park Superintendent, Great Smoky Mountains National Park, 107 Park Headquarters Rd., Gatlinburg, TN 37738; phone (865) 436-1200 or (865) 436-1203.

CADES COVE, off Laurel Creek Rd. in Tennessee, is one of Great Smoky Mountains National Park's scenic attractions as well as a historic area. An 11-mile, one-way loop road that circles a cove is popular with bicyclists and is therefore closed to all motor vehicles Saturday and Wednesday from dawn to 10 a.m., early May through late September. Park rangers conduct free tours of the mill area daily during the summer from the Cades Cove visitor center. **Time:** Allow 2 hours minimum. **Phone:** (865) 436-1200.





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CATALOOCHEE is reached via US 276 through Cove Creek Gap, about 21 mi. n. of Waynesville, N.C. Formerly a remote but prosperous farming settlement, Cataloochee declined and its residents were displaced when the park was established in 1934. Several clues to the past remain, including a few homes, a school, a barn, a chapel and a cemetery. Elk, reintroduced to the park in 2001, now populate this highland valley known for its solitude, scenic vistas, good trout fishing and abundant wildlife. A self-guiding auto tour booklet detailing the area's history is available at a roadside box near the valley's entrance. **Phone:** (865) 436-1200.

KUWOHI (FORMERLY CLINGMANS DOME) is 7 mi. s. of Newfound Gap on Clingmans Dome Rd. in Tennessee. Towering at 6,643 feet, it is Tennessee's highest point and the third tallest summit east of the Mississippi River. From the parking lot, an uphill, .5-mile paved trail leads to an observation tower, with a ramp spiraling up to the deck.

Several area trails afford recreational opportunities within the surrounding coniferous rain forest. **Time:** Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (865) 436-1200, option 2, for park road closure information.

NEWFOUND GAP is 16 mi. n. of Oconaluftee Visitor Center on Newfound Gap Rd. (US 441) or 13 mi. s. of Sugarlands Visitor Center on Newfound Gap Rd. in Tennessee. In 1940, President Franklin D. Roosevelt dedicated Great Smoky Mountains National Park at this site, which rests at the road's highest point. Visitors encounter spectacular views and can walk onto the Appalachian Trail. A sign indicates where one can stand to straddle the Tennessee-North Carolina border. **Note:** Newfound Gap Road is subject to closure due to weather conditions. **Time:** Allow 30 minutes minimum. **Phone:** (865) 436-1291.

OCONALUFTEE VISITOR CENTER is at the south park entrance at 1194 Newfound Gap Rd. (US 441) near Cherokee, N.C. Exhibits and information about the park are provided. Next to the center is the Mountain Farm Museum, which captures the feel of a typical 1880s Southern Appalachian farm. A small farmhouse displays the essentials of a late 19th-century pioneer home. A barn, apple house, springhouse, smokehouse and working blacksmith shop also can be explored. **Phone:** (828) 497-1900.

SUGARLANDS VISITOR CENTER is at jct. Newfound Gap Rd. (US 441) and Little River Rd. near park headquarters, 2 mi. s. of Gatlinburg, Tenn. This center provides information, DVDs and exhibits about native plant and animal life. A nature trail and theater also are on site. **Time:** Allow 30 minutes minimum. **Phone:** (865) 436-1291.

GREENEVILLE

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From 1785 to 1788 Greeneville was the capital of the short-lived State of Franklin, which seceded from the state of North Carolina. Tennessee incorporated the town in 1817. A reconstruction of the capitol is on College Street between Church and Spencer streets. Big Spring, the center of the original town, is now a small park.

Named in honor of Revolutionary War general Nathanael Greene, Greeneville was the home of Andrew Johnson, 17th president of the United States. Davy Crockett, frontiersman and Alamo hero, also was born in Greene County. His birthplace is 15 miles northeast of town on US 11E in David Crockett Birthplace State Park. Also of interest is the 1923 Bible Covered Bridge on Warrensburg Road via US 321.

The University of Tennessee Research & Education Center is nearby. Tusculum College, 5 miles east on US 11E, offers campus tours starting at the admissions office in Virginia Hall; phone (423) 636-7300 for reservations.

Greene County Partnership/Chamber of Commerce: 115 Academy St., Greeneville, TN 37743. **Phone:** (423) 638-4111.

Self-guiding tours: The Greene County Partnership/ Chamber of Commerce offers a brochure detailing a selfguiding walking tour; highlights include the Andrew Johnson Tailor Shop and the 1850 St. James Episcopal Church. Pamphlets describing driving and biking tours of Greene County also are available.

MAIN STREET TOURS departs from the General Morgan Inn, 111 N. Main St. The 90-minute A Walk with the President Tour of Tennessee's second-oldest town highlights architecture, notable residents and events, and historic sites. A tour of the 1821 Dickson-Williams Mansion, a Federal home furnished with period antiques, also is available. Tours are limited to 12 people. **Time:** Allow 2 hours minimum. **Phone:** (423) 787-0500.

PRESIDENT ANDREW JOHNSON MUSEUM AND LIBRARY, on Gilland St. on the Tusculum College campus, contains approximately 100 items, including Johnson's top hat, political memorabilia and a copy of one of Abraham Lincoln's life masks. Johnson was a trustee of the college 1844-75. A student-created exhibit, "Reaper: Nettie Fowler McCormick and the Machine that Built Tusculum College," explores the impact of the mechanical harvest machine that built the McCormick fortune, and the contributions of philanthropist Nettie McCormick. In the library are more than 1,300 volumes that belonged to Tusculum's predecessor, Greeneville College, before their merger. **Time:** Allow 30 minutes minimum. **Phone:** (423) 636-7348. [GT]







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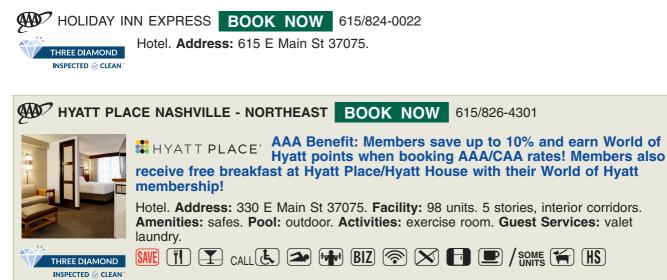
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HERMITAGE

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THE HERMITAGE is at 4580 Rachel's Ln. The twostory Greek Revival mansion was the home of Andrew Jackson, seventh president of the United States. The house originally was built as a brick Federal-style structure 1819-21 and was greatly expanded in 1831. Following a fire in 1834, it was rebuilt in the Greek Revival style, with six massive Corinthian columns lining the front. Following his presidency, Jackson returned to the house and lived here until his death in 1845.

A film about the president is shown in the visitor center, which also houses exhibits related to the Jackson presidency and the history of the enslaved people who lived on the property. "Andrew Jackson: Born for a Storm" is a multi-layered exhibit that focuses on three pivotal stages of Jackson's life: his modest origins as an orphan, his resiliency as a general and his leadership as a President. Costumed guides share stories and lead visitors through the mansion, which houses original Jackson family pieces.

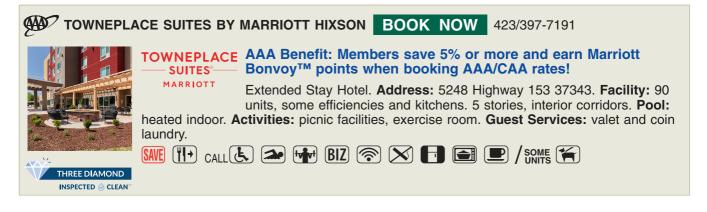
Log cabins where slaves lived and formal gardens where the Jacksons are buried are on the 1,120-acre grounds. Historical buildings and markers can be found throughout the property and hiking trails offer glimpses of varied wildlife. Audio tours interpret more than 40 sites throughout the grounds and visitor center. A multimedia presentation focusing on the historical and archeological significance of the mansion and grounds is available for an additional charge. Seasonal farm and garden tours and interpretive horse-drawn wagon rides also are offered.

Time: Allow 2 hours minimum. **Phone:** (615) 889-2941. **GT** (¶) 🔀 🌾 🛧

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Hurricane Mills is commonly associated with country star Loretta Lynn, who has a ranch in town. Each year in early August the ranch is the setting of the Amateur National Motocross Championship.

LORETTA LYNN'S RANCH, MUSEUM AND HOME is off SR 13 at I-40 exit 143, following signs to 44 Hurricane Mills Rd. The 18,000-square-foot Coal Miner's Daughter Museum contains singer Loretta Lynn's country-western memorabilia and costumes. The Native American Artifact Museum houses more than 5,000 artifacts. Guided tours include her plantation home, a simulated coal mine, a grist mill and a replica Butcher Holler house. Concerts are offered in the summer.

Time: Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (931) 296-7700. **(GT)**



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Once part of the Chickasaw Indians' hunting grounds, the area opened for settlement in 1818. Early residents set aside 30 acres for the city in 1822, naming it in honor of war hero and future U.S. president Andrew Jackson. The frontier town was laid out with broad streets, and when lots were auctioned off, the county court allocated \$20 worth of whiskey to enliven the bidding.

Jackson grew rapidly into a railroading center particularly for cotton—by the 1850s and was a critical supply depot during the Civil War. After both Union and Confederate occupations, Jackson surrendered to Union general John P. Hatch in July 1863.

Jackson Convention & Visitors Bureau: 197 Auditorium St., Jackson, TN 38301. Phone: (731) 425-8333.



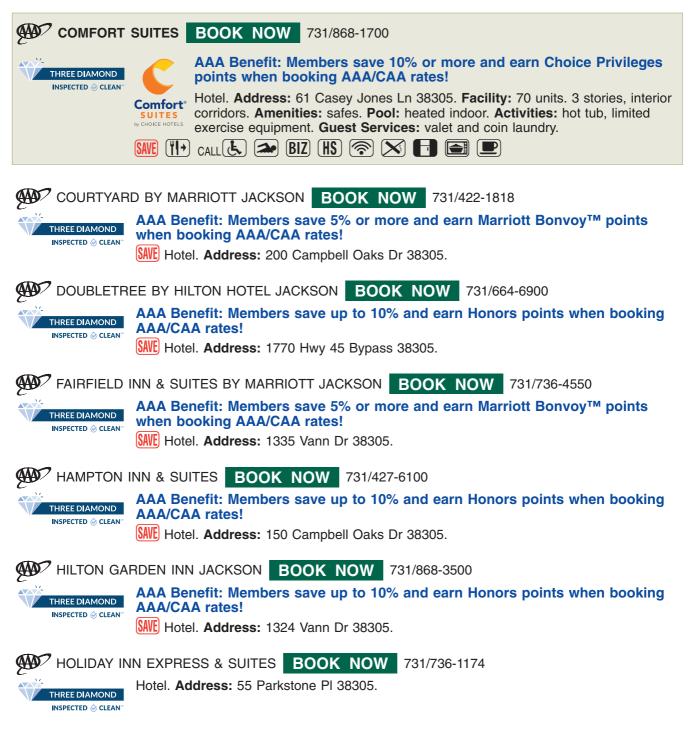
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JOHNSON CITY

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Nestled in the scenic northeastern corner of Tennessee 96 miles from Knoxville, Johnson City was known by at least five other names prior to its 1869 incorporation. Johnson City has grown from a community surrounding the 18th-century St. John's Mill into the largest of the Tri-Cities, which include Bristol and Kingsport.

Along with its historical and agricultural orientation, Johnson City claims a college-town atmosphere. Washington College Academy, established in 1780 and located in Limestone, is the state's oldest educational institution. During the Civil War, Union troops used the school as a stable and as officers' quarters. Also in Johnson City are East Tennessee State University, Milligan College and the Emmanuel Christian Seminary at Milligan College.

A short distance from the city is Fort Patrick Henry Lake, a Tennessee Valley Authority recreation area. Buffalo Mountain Park and Winged Deer Park offer miles of hiking trails; phone (423) 283-5815.

A particularly scenic segment of US 23 runs concurrent with I-181, passing through Johnson City before ending 15 miles northwest at the junction with I-81. A scenic

stretch of US 321 winds 26 miles east from Johnson City to the North Carolina line.

Johnson City Chamber of Commerce/Convention and Visitors Bureau: 603 E. Market St., P.O. Box 180, Johnson City, TN 37605. Phone: (423) 461-8000.

REECE MUSEUM is at 363 Stout Dr. on the East Tennessee State University campus. Changing exhibits focus on aspects of Appalachian history, art and culture. A permanent exhibit on regional music features interactive audio-visual recordings of Appalachian musicians, past and present. **Time:** Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (423) 439-4392.

TIPTON-HAYNES STATE HISTORIC SITE is 1.8 mi. s.e. to 2620 S. Roan St. In 1788 the farm was the site of the Battle of the Lost State of Franklin, which led to its collapse. The farmhouse was enlarged in the early 19th century by John Tipton Jr.; it encases a 1798 log house built by his father, Col. John Tipton. The surroundings include a large barn, corn crib, spring house, smokehouse, nature trails, period gardens and the law office of Landon Carter Haynes, a Confederate senator. There is also a visitor center with a permanent exhibit about the site.

Time: Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (423) 926-3631. **GT**



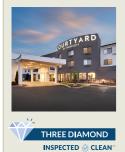
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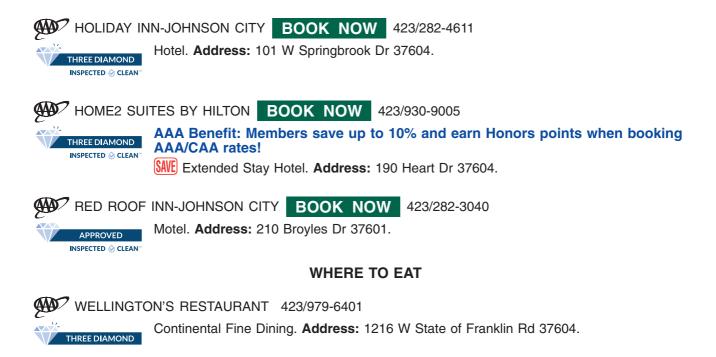
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JONESBOROUGH

The oldest town in Tennessee, Jonesborough was founded in 1779 as the seat of Washington County, an area of North Carolina that encompassed all of present-day Tennessee. In 1784 North Carolina ceded its lands west of the mountains to the United States, and the settlers in Washington County were left without a government. A convention met in Jonesborough in 1785 and created the State of Franklin, with John Sevier as its first and only governor.

Although Franklin was never approved by Congress and it only existed for a few years, the state was the first to be created after the Thirteen Colonies. The constitutional convention and the first two meetings of the General Assembly were held in Jonesborough before the capital was relocated to Greeneville. Today Jonesborough is the seat of a much smaller Washington County. Main Street has a 19th-century atmosphere, with many restored brick stores, four historic churches, brick sidewalks and street lamps that resemble gaslights.

Jonesborough is the home of the International Storytelling Center, which sponsors the National Storytelling Festival the first Friday, Saturday and Sunday in October. During the festival renowned practitioners of this folk art hold visitors spellbound with tales that range from fairy to tall; phone (423) 753-2171 or (800) 952-8392.

Historic Jonesborough Visitor Center: 117 Boone St., Jonesborough, TN 37659. Phone: (423) 753-1010 or (866) 401-4223.

Self-guiding tours: The visitor center has free brochures outlining walking tours of Jonesborough's historic district.



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KINGSPORT

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Led by Dr. Thomas Walker in 1750, the first organized expedition into northeastern Tennessee followed a wellmarked Native American path that crossed the Holston River at Long Island and continued through what is now Kingsport. This was the trail Daniel Boone used in 1769 to mark the beginning of the Wilderness Road to Kentucky.

Native American uprisings halted many attempts to settle the area until 1776, when the Cherokee were defeated in the Battle of Island Flats. Incorporated in 1822, Kingsport was known as Boat Yard because of its many wagon and flatboat freighting agencies. Dramatic growth began in 1909 when the railroad linked the town to the Great Lakes and the Atlantic. During World War I a planned industrial city was built next to old Kingsport.

The Tennessee Eastman Co. (now Eastman Chemical Co.) was among the city's first businesses and is still operating. Eastman is one of the state's largest industrial employers, with a labor force of 7,000.

Surrounded by the Blue Ridge, Cumberland, Clinch and nearby Bays mountains, Kingsport has several parks.

Boatyard-Riverfront Park, on the banks of the north and south forks of the Holston River, includes riverfront paths, a swinging bridge and the historic Netherland Inn. Fishing piers, picnic shelters and playgrounds also are available; phone (423) 229-9457.

Nearby Warrior's Path State Park *(see Recreation Areas Chart)* is on the lake formed by Fort Patrick Henry Dam. More than 8 miles long, The Greenbelt is a linear park system with paved paths for walkers, joggers and cyclists. A 3-mile segment wanders through Boatyard-Riverfront Park.

The Kingsport Renaissance Center, 1200 E. Center St., contains an art gallery and a 350-seat theater, and is the home of the Symphony of the Mountains and the Arts Council of Greater Kingsport as well as the Kingsport Theatre Guild, Art Guild and Senior Center. The renovated 1927 school building is centered on a three-story atrium; phone (423) 392-8427.

Scenic US 23 runs 15 miles southeast from the I-81 junction at the Kingsport city limits to Johnson City.

Kingsport Chamber: 400 Clinchfield St., Suite 100, Kingsport, TN 37660. **Phone:** (423) 392-8800 or (800) 743-5282.



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BAYS MOUNTAIN PARK & PLANETARIUM is 2 mi. w. of I-26 exit 3 on Meadowview Pkwy./Reservoir Rd., then 1.4 mi. n. to 853 Bays Mountain Park Rd., following signs. Programs about the area's ecology are presented at the 3,500-acre nature preserve. The visitor center houses a planetarium and nature and astronomy exhibits. The park also offers 40 miles of hiking trails (25 miles are approved

for mountain biking), where fauna and more than 60 different types of wildflowers can be seen, as well as barge trips, native animal habitats and a variety of other live animal displays.

Pets on leash and fishing are permitted in some areas. **Phone:** (423) 229-9447.



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Resort Hotel. **Address:** 1901 Meadowview Pkwy 37660. **Facility:** Nestled in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, this resort offers a

championship 18-hole golf course and winery. The huge corner rooms (the 45's) are the most requested. 301 units. 5-7 stories, interior corridors. **Parking:** on-site and valet. **Terms:** check-in 4 pm. **Amenities:** safes. **Dining:** 3 restaurants. **Pool:** heated indoor. **Activities:** hot tub, regulation golf, exercise room. **Guest Services:** valet and coin laundry.

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KINGSTON

Kingston had two brushes with fame. The first came in 1797 when the Duke of Orléans, later to become Louis Philippe of France, passed through en route to Nashville on a trip organized by President George Washington. Though it is said the prince enjoyed the wilderness journey, he found it difficult to adapt to frontier living, especially the food served at inns along the way. The second instance occurred when the city was the capital of Tennessee for a day on Sept. 21, 1807.

Covering 39,000 acres, Watts Bar Lake *(see Recreation Areas Chart)* is a popular destination for water sports.

Roane County Visitors Bureau: 1209 N. Kentucky St., Kingston, TN 37763. **Phone:** (865) 376-5572 or (865) 376-2093.



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At the close of the 18th century a flood of settlers burst into Tennessee, transforming the Knoxville outpost on the Tennessee River into a gateway to the West. In 1791 the first territorial governor, William Blount, chose James White's Fort *(see attraction listing)* as the capital of the territory and renamed it for Secretary of War Henry Knox.

Earlier that year the chiefs of the Cherokee Nation met along the Tennessee River and ceded all claims in the wilderness valley to the United States. Knoxville was the territorial capital 1792-96 and the state capital 1796-1811, and again in 1817.

During the Civil War Knoxville was occupied by both Confederate and Union armies. The only major engagement was in 1863, when rebel forces led by Gen. James Longstreet failed to regain the city from Gen. Ambrose E. Burnside's Union troops. The elegant Mabry-Hazen House, 1711 Dandridge Ave., an 1858 Italianate frame house that served as headquarters for both sides during the Civil War, is furnished with original artifacts such as china, silver, crystal and antique furniture. It is open for tours by appointment; phone (865) 522-8661.

During Reconstruction, Knoxville recovered rapidly and has since become the business center of the rich East Tennessee Valley. Knoxville was host of the 1982 World's Fair, a tribute to its emergence as a major metropolis. Today, the city is home to many art galleries, including the Arts & Culture Alliance at 100 S. Gay St., phone (865) 523-7543; The Ewing Gallery, on the University of Tennessee campus at 1715 Volunteer Blvd., phone (865) 974-3200; and the University Downtown Gallery, 106 S. Gay St., phone (865) 673-0802.

The Beck Cultural Exchange Center, (865) 524-8461, is a museum for the research, preservation and display of the achievements of Knoxville's African Americans in east Tennessee, the Southeast and across the country from the early 1800s to the present. The collections include photography, sketches, fine art, newspapers and books.

In Haley Heritage Square, at the corner of Dandridge and Hazen avenues, is a larger-than-life bronze statue of Pulitzer Prize winner Alex Haley holding a copy of his book "Roots." Haley is buried on the grounds of his boyhood home in Henning. Old Gray Cemetery at 543 North Broadway is named for English poet Thomas Gray, who wrote the poem "Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard." The cemetery was established in the 1850s as part of the Rural Cemetery Movement and contains many examples of Victorian art and architecture. The 400-acre University of Tennessee campus plays a vital role in the city's cultural life with its many museums, sports facilities and professional complexes. Thompson-Boling Arena is the university's basketball facility and sports arena, while Neyland Stadium is the site of football games and other entertainment for students and locals.

Knoxville Trolley Lines provides free transportation aboard red trolley buses among various downtown attractions, including the Governor William Blount Mansion, the Knoxville Museum of Art and the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame (*see attraction listings*). Trolley stops for both the trolley system's orange and blue lines are scattered throughout downtown; phone (865) 637-3000.

Volunteer Landing, along the Tennessee River, consists of a 1-mile landscaped walkway, historical markers, waterfalls, fountains and observation decks.

More than 60 miles of marked dogwood trails weave through several of the city's neighborhoods. During the Dogwood Arts Festival in April bus tours of the trails depart from Market Square. Complementing the dogwood trails are garden paths and marked auto routes in neighborhoods with especially colorful floral displays; for more information phone (865) 637-4561.

In late November Chilhowee Park hosts the Stothills Craft Guild Fine Craft Fair, which features holiday gifts and handmade items; phone (865) 320-9636.

Knoxville is the southern terminus of a scenic stretch of I-75, which runs 45 miles north, intersecting with SR 9 before entering Kentucky. A scenic portion of I-40 also begins at Knoxville, running 30 miles east to the I-81 intersection. Knoxville has easy access to 800 miles of trout streams and seven major lakes.

Visit Knoxville Visitors Center: 301 S. Gay St., Knoxville, TN 37902. Phone: (865) 523-7263 or (800) 727-8045.

Self-guiding tours: Brochures available at the visitor center outline the Cradle of Country Music downtown walking tour and Divided Loyalties, a Civil War driving tour.

Shopping: Major shopping malls include Knoxville Center, north off I-640 exit 8 at 3001 Knoxville Center Dr.; West Town Mall, 7600 Kingston Pike off the I-40 West Hill exit; and Turkey Creek, off the I-40 Lovell Rd. exit.

Market Square, downtown between Gay and Walnut streets, offers boutiques, eateries and galleries. At Jackson Avenue and Central Street, the Old City is a vibrant neighborhood featuring renovated 19th-century brick warehouses containing shops, art galleries, coffee houses, antiques stores, restaurants and nightclubs. The District in Bearden, just outside of downtown, has locally owned, upscale specialty shops.



GOVERNOR WILLIAM BLOUNT MANSION is at 200 W. Hill Ave. One of the first frame houses west of the Alleghenies, the circa 1792 house is furnished with original and period pieces. The State of Tennessee came into being in the office of William Blount, governor of the Territory South of the River Ohio and a signer of the U.S. Constitution. Tucked beneath the steel and glass of a modern downtown, the mansion's public gardens are a welcoming retreat. **Time:** Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (865) 525-2375. **GT**

IJAMS NATURE CENTER is at 2915 Island Home Ave. Encompassing 300 acres along the Tennessee River, this park and environmental education center features 12 miles of multiuse trails, meadows, marble quarries, ponds, woodlands and a treetop zipline course. Bike, canoe, kayak and paddleboard rentals are available.

A visitor center houses a bird exhibit, aquatic animal and taxidermy displays and artwork. **Time:** Allow 2 hours minimum. **Phone:** (865) 577-4717.

JAMES WHITE'S FORT is at 205 E. Hill Ave. between Neyland Dr. and Hall of Fame Dr. The fort was the first settlement in this area and was the home of Gen. James White, who founded Knoxville in 1786. The fort consists of seven log houses, each containing pioneer articles and furnishings. Self-guiding tours are available.

Time: Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (865) 525-6514. **(GT)**

KNOXVILLE MUSEUM OF ART is at 1050 World's Fair Park Dr. in World's Fair Park. The fine arts museum focuses on the art and artists of east Tennessee as well as contemporary art. Housed in a three-story glass and pink Tennessee marble building, the museum includes five galleries; gardens; Creative Corner, which features child-friendly activities; and the Ann and Steve Bailey Hall overlooking World's Fair Park, the site of the 1982 World's Fair.

Don't miss the museum's collection of Mrs. James Ward Thorne miniature rooms. Lectures, walking tours, concerts and art workshops are offered. **Time:** Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (865) 525-6101. **GT** MCCLUNG MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY AND CULTURE is at 1327 Circle Park Dr. on the University of Tennessee campus. On display are geological, anthropological, ancient Egyptian, archeological, decorative arts, local history and natural history collections. Exhibits about the Tennessee River Valley include specimens of marine fossils and 12,000-year-old artifacts of early Native American cultures.

The Native Peoples of Tennessee exhibit contains a scale model of a 600-year-old village complete with fiber optic lights. Masterful Mammals showcases some of John James Audubon's prints of North American animals. Temporary exhibits are offered.

Parking passes good Mon.-Fri. are available at the campus information booth; passes are not required Sat.-Sun. **Time:** Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (865) 974-2144.

MUSEUM OF EAST TENNESSEE HISTORY is downtown at 601 S. Gay St. in the East Tennessee History Center. The museum is dedicated to researching, preserving, interpreting and presenting the region's history and culture through permanent and temporary exhibits. The Voices of the Land exhibit explores three centuries of life and culture in the area. **Time:** Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (865) 215-8830.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME is at 700 Hall of Fame Dr. A giant, 30-foot-wide basketball greets visitors at the north end of the building. In the south rotunda, a bronze sculpture of three female players represents the past, present and future of the sport. A historical timeline recounts the first 100 years of women's basketball, and a video presentation provides further history. In a simulated locker room, visitors can listen to a recording of a coach discussing half-time game strategy. An exhibit honors the 1936-86 All American Red Heads, a professional traveling team.

The Hall of Honor highlights the achievements of all inductees, and the High School State Champion display showcases the annual champions for all divisional levels throughout the United States. Visitors can test their basketball skills on three different courts.

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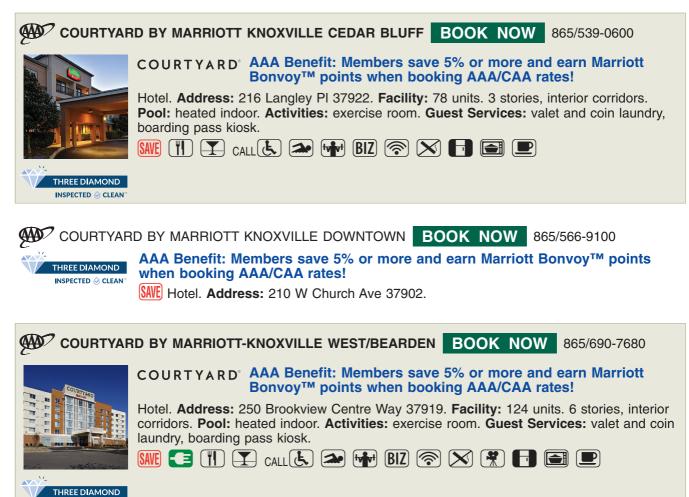
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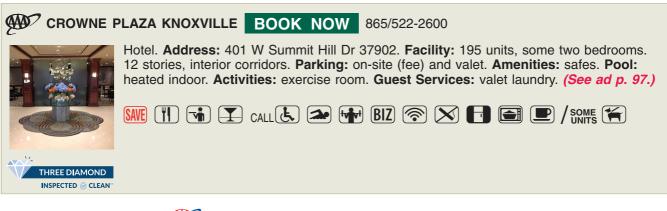






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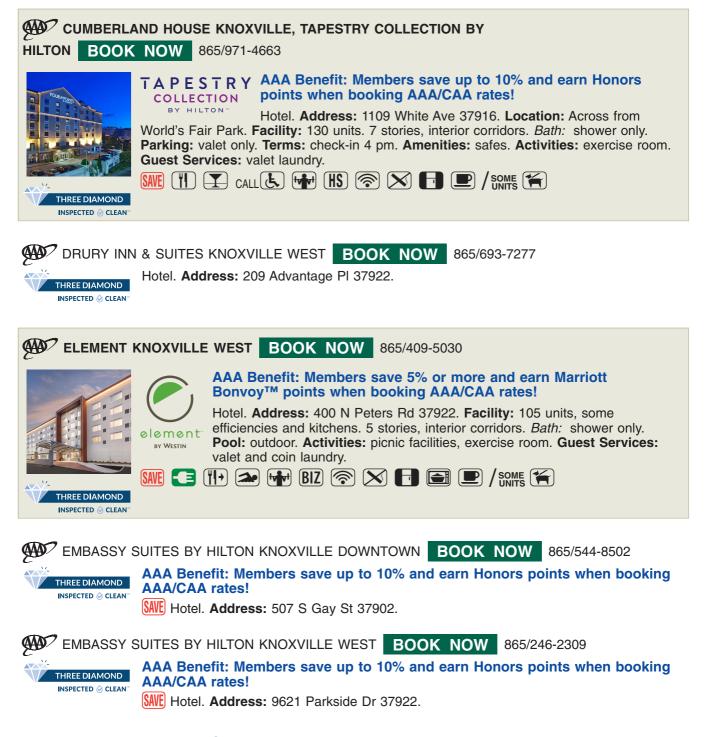


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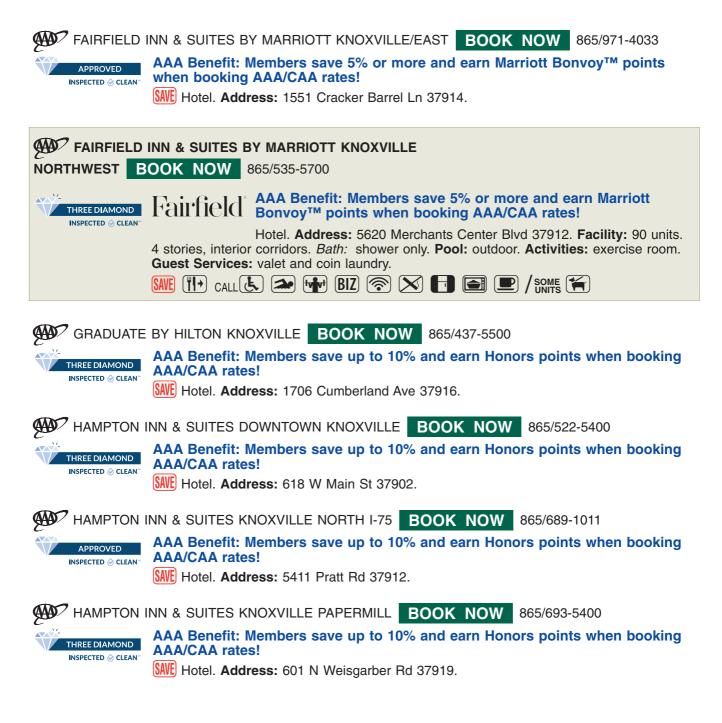
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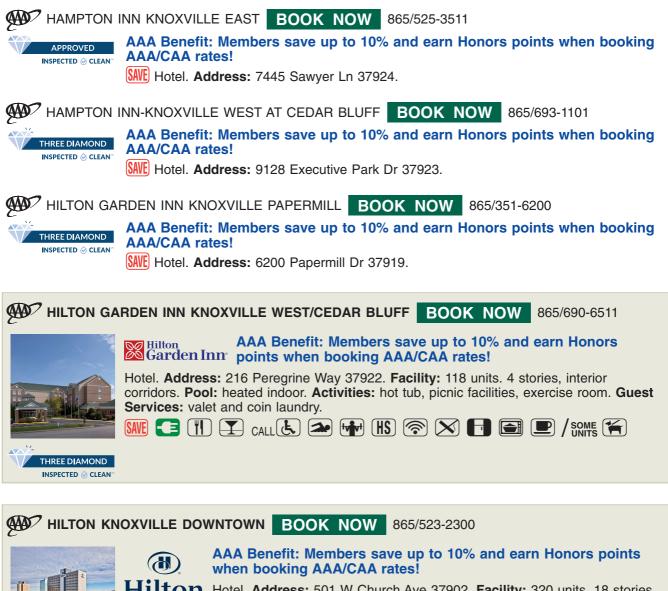
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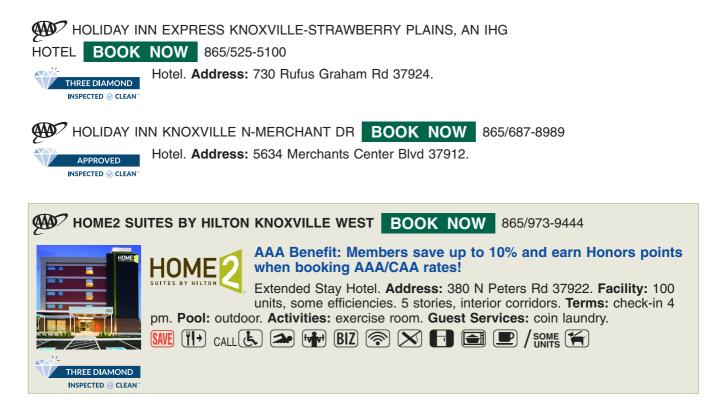
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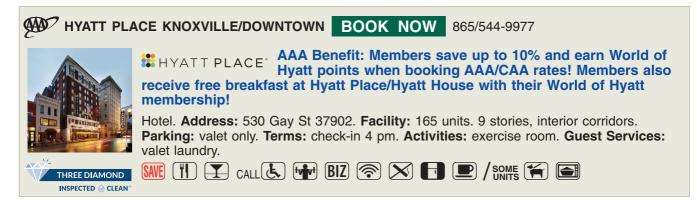
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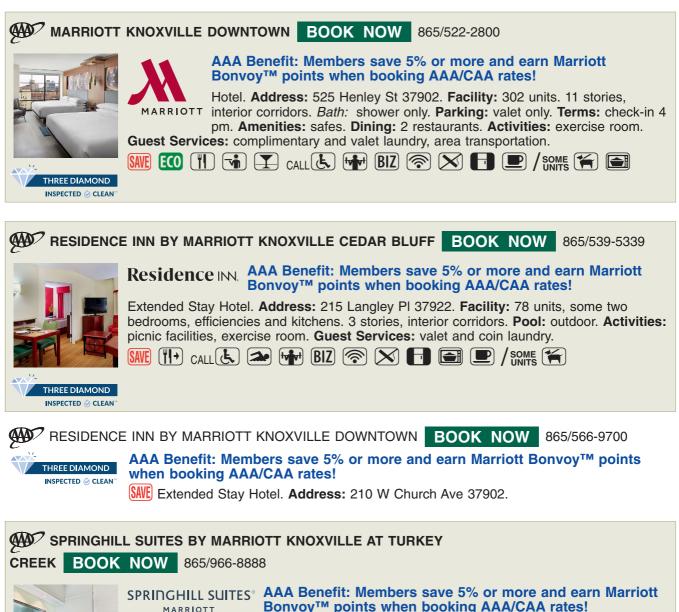
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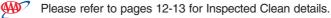
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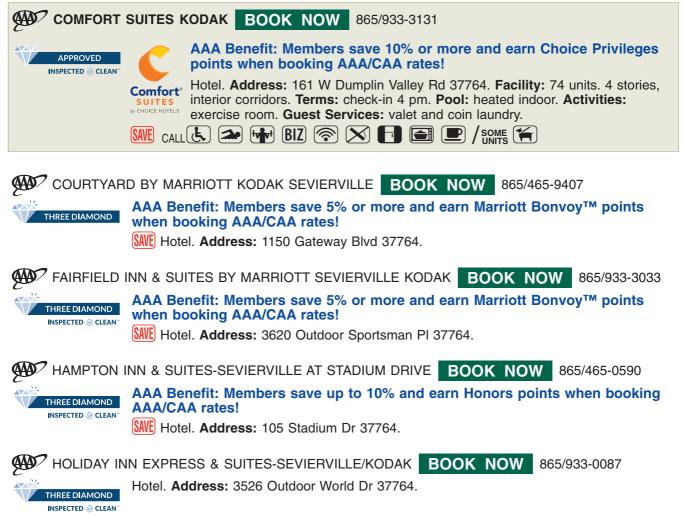


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LAND BETWEEN THE LAKES NATIONAL RECREATION AREA

Between Barkley and Kentucky lakes in western Kentucky and Tennessee, Land Between The Lakes National Recreation Area can be reached from I-24W exit 31 by taking SR 453 south to Woodlands Trace National Scenic Byway and following signs. The 170,000-acre wooded peninsula is managed by the USDA Forest Service. More than 200 miles of hiking, mountain biking and horseback riding trails lead to points of natural and historic interest. Dozens of elk and bison roam a 700-acre restored prairie in the Kentucky portion of the area. Fishing, boating, camping, picnicking and hunting are popular activities. The Turkey Bay Off Highway Vehicle Area offers 100 miles of designated trails.



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The recreation area is served by three visitor centers. The North Welcome Station, near Grand Rivers, and the South Welcome Station, near Dover, Tenn., provide visitor information, including trail maps. The Golden Pond Visitor Center, centrally located at Woodlands Trace and US 68/SR 80, has visitor information and maps, interpretive displays, audiovisual orientation programs and a planetarium (see attraction listing).

The recreation area is accessible daily 24 hours. The North and South welcome stations are open daily 9-5, Apr.-Oct.; Wed.-Sun. 9-5 in Mar. and Nov. The Golden Pond Visitor Center is open daily 9-5, year-round. Closed Jan. 1, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Some activities free. For additional information phone (270) 924-2000 or (800) 525-7077. See Recreation Areas Chart.

ELK & BISON PRAIRIE is 1 mi. n. on Woodlands Trace National Scenic Byway from jct. US 68/SR 80. This 700acre area re-creates the vast prairie that existed here 200 years ago. By prescribed burns and reintroducing plant and animal species that once thrived in the area, the grassland habitat is slowly being reestablished.

Bison, elk, wild turkeys, rabbits, raccoons, hawks, owls and songbirds can be seen. A 3.5-mile paved loop road allows guests to see the prairie from their car and visit interactive interpretive stops. **Time:** Allow 30 minutes minimum. **Phone:** (270) 924-2000 or (800) 525-7077.

GOLDEN POND PLANETARIUM, in the Golden Pond Visitor Center, at the jct. of Woodlands Trace National

Scenic Byway and US 68/SR 80, presents shows on a 40foot-diameter dome screen. An observatory has telescopes available for stargazing June through August. **Time:** Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (270) 924-2233 or (800) 525-7077.

THE HOMEPLACE, 15 mi. s. on Woodland Trace National Scenic Byway from jct. US 68/SR 80, re-creates the lifestyle and farming practices of a mid-1800s family living between the Cumberland and Tennessee rivers. Interpreters dressed in period clothing talk with guests and perform daily activities. Buildings include 16 restored log structures, some relocated from the surrounding area. The interpretive center has an audiovisual presentation and exhibits about farm life. Special events, programs and festivals are held throughout the season.

Time: Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (270) 924-2000, (270) 232-6457 or (800) 525-7077.

WOODLANDS NATURE STATION, n. on Woodlands Trace National Scenic Byway, then e. on Mulberry Flat Rd. following signs, has live animal exhibits, seasonal canoe and kayak rentals, trails and interpretive programming. The Nature Station, within the 5,000-acre Woodlands Nature Watch Area on Lake Barkley, enables visitors to observe wildlife in a natural setting. Special events, programs and festivals are offered weekends March through November, and bald eagle viewing excursions are available during the winter.

Time: Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (270) 924-2000, (270) 924-2299 or (800) 525-7077.

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LEBANON

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THREE DIAMOND

Located 30 miles east of Nashville, Lebanon got its name from early settlers who thought the local cedar trees were reminiscent of those in the ancient city of Lebanon. You'll see an abundance of red cedar trees—in addition to sinkholes, caves and springs—at Cedars of Lebanon State Park *(see Recreation Areas Chart).*

Shopping: Serious shoppers will want to check out Lebanon Outlet Marketplace (1 Outlet Village Blvd.), where Brooks Brothers, Coach, Gap and Eddie Bauer are among the stores.









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LENOIR CITY

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Lenoir City is named after William Lenoir who participated in the Battle of Kings Mountain, a decisive victory for Colonial troops during the Revolutionary War. Later awarded the rank of general, he also served as speaker of the North Carolina senate and as a member of its state convention, which rejected the United States Constitution in 1788 but then ratified it the following year.

As an award for his military service, Lenoir received from the state of North Carolina a tract of land that is now

present-day Lenoir City. In 1810 his son William Ballard Lenoir moved there. The city's name also commemorates the younger Lenoir for his political and commercial contributions to the locale.

Visit Loudon County: 1075 US 321N, Lenoir City, TN 37771. Phone: (865) 986-6822.

Self-guiding tours

Brochures detailing a Civil War driving tour are available at the visitor office.

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LYNCHBURG

Lynchburg is virtually synonymous with Jack Daniel, who built a distillery next to Cave Spring in the 1860s. Along with the well-known distillery, Miss Mary Bobo's Boarding House on Main Street has been a Lynchburg landmark since it opened in 1908. For 77 years Miss Bobo won regional acclaim for her bountiful noontime meal attended by guests such as Jack Daniel and other prominent residents. The traditional dinner is served by reservation only; phone (931) 759-7394.

Lynchburg-Moore County Welcome Center: 182 Lynchburg Hwy., P.O. Box 421, Lynchburg, TN 37352. Phone: (931) 759-4111. JACK DANIEL'S DISTILLERY is at 133 Lynchburg Hwy. (SR 55). This is the nation's oldest registered distillery, dating from 1866. On guided tours, visitors can observe each step of the Tennessee whiskey-making art, including Jack Daniel's charcoal-mellowing process, originally perfected here by Mr. Jack Daniel more than a century ago. Sampling tours allow visitors to taste the final product. Portions of the distillery tours are outdoors and include walking and stairs. Visitors should wear comfortable shoes. Strollers, backpacks and large bags are not permitted; lockers are available. **Phone:** (931) 759-6357. GT



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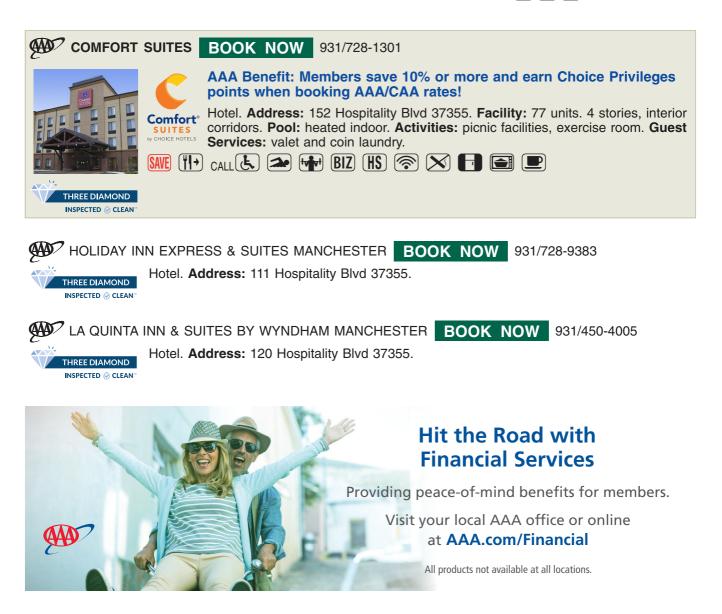
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OLD STONE FORT STATE ARCHAEOLOGICAL PARK is off I-24 exit 110; take SR 53 1 mi. s., then Murfreesboro Hwy. (US 41) .5 mi. n.w., following signs to 732 Stone Fort Dr. The structure is a 2,000-year-old ceremonial site. Cliffs and waterfalls of two rivers have set apart a promontory

on which Native Americans constructed a 1.25-mile perimeter, 50-acre enclosure consisting of long, wall-like mounds. A museum orients visitors to the mound site and its builders.

Recreational activities include hiking and fishing. See Recreation Areas Chart. Time: Allow 1 hour minimum. Phone: (931) 723-5073. \checkmark





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THREE DIAMOND

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• Part of Great Smoky Mountains National Park area— see map p. 80

In 1785 Scot-Irish farmers from Virginia settled along Pistol Creek in the shadow of the Great Smoky Mountains. The settlement was named Maryville, after Gov. William Blount's wife, Mary, when it became the seat of newly carved Blount County 10 years later. Agriculture, lumber production and textile milling sustained the community throughout the 19th century; the economy was boosted considerably in 1914 when the Aluminum Company of America opened a plant nearby, creating hundreds of jobs for area residents.

Maryville is home to Maryville College, a private liberal arts school founded in 1819. The entrance to Great Smoky Mountains National Park *(see place listing p. p. 79)* is 20 miles east via US 321.

Smoky Mountain Tourism Development Authority: 201 S. Washington St., Maryville, TN 37804. Phone: (865) 983-2241 or (800) 525-6834.



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McMinnville was settled on an old Native American war trace between southeastern Tennessee and Kentucky. The Trail of Tears brought almost 10,000 Cherokee through the area in 1838. Native American mounds are found throughout the area. The "Birthing Tree" on the trail received its name from tales of pioneer women—members of traveling wagon trains—giving birth under its branches.

The town's W.S. "Dad" Lively Southern School of Photography, attended by students from all over the country, operated until it was destroyed by fire in 1929. The school drew considerable attention in the early 1900s for its use of a giant camera that required negative plates 60 inches long and 30 inches wide.

Lively's students need not have gone far to find interesting subjects to photograph. Magnificent scenery abounds at nearby Rock Island State Park *(see Recreation Areas Chart)*.

McMinnville-Warren County Chamber of Commerce: 110 S. Court Sq., McMinnville, TN 37110. Phone: (931) 473-6611.





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Then & Now

Beale Street at night. The garish hues of neon-lit signs. The mouthwatering scent of barbecue. The touch of a breeze off the Mississippi. But most of all the sounds, the music. The thrum of an electric guitar, visceral drum beats, a saxophone's mellow moan.

Of course, the musical style most at home on Beale Street is the blues. Here in 1909 bandleader and classically trained musician W.C. Handy published one of the first and most popular blues songs, "The Memphis Blues." A statue of the Father of the Blues holding his trumpet presides over Beale Street in W.C. Handy Performing Arts Park.

It's hard to believe that bustling Beale's historic buildings were virtually abandoned due to hard times in the 1960s and '70s. But thanks to a redevelopment project, the district is one of the city's most visited attractions. Blues legend B.B. King, who saw the rise, fall and rebirth of Beale Street, started here in the 1940s. His flagship club's massive guitar-shaped sign is topped by a golden crown—he was the King of the Blues, after all.

Another of Memphis' musical royal family also holds court on Beale. A statue of a guitar-wielding, hip-thrusting Elvis Presley captures the King of Rock 'n' Roll in midsong, eyes closed, lips apart. Some credit him with not only popularizing rock music but helping to invent the genre—as an unknown 19-year-old he recorded "That's All Right" in a small Memphis studio.

Now a museum near the Beale Street Historic District, Sun Studio is hallowed ground to Elvis fans, but it's also where music legends B.B. King, Johnny Cash, Carl Perkins and Jerry Lee Lewis began their recording careers.

What Beale Street is to blues lovers, Graceland is to Elvis devotees. Modest by today's standards, Elvis' home is the centerpiece of a complex covering many aspects of his life, including his military service, film career and automobile collection. Tours conclude at his gravesite after visiting rooms frozen in 1977, the year of his death.

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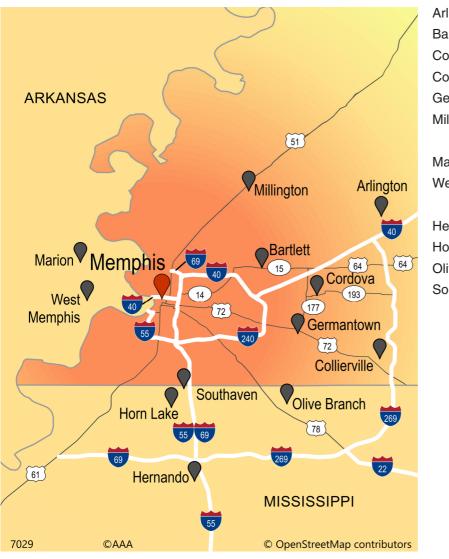






Destination Memphis

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FAST FACTS

ABOUT THE CITY

POP: 646,889 • **ELEV:** 337 ft.

MONEY

SALES TAX: State sales tax is 7 percent; occupancy tax is 6 percent; and Memphis sales tax is 2.25 percent, for a combined lodging tax of 15.25 percent.

WHOM TO CALL

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POLICE (non-emergency): (901) 545-2677

TIME AND TEMPERATURE: (901) 526-5261

HOSPITALS: Baptist Memorial Hospital, (901) 226-5000 • Delta Medical Center, (877) 627-4395 • Methodist North Hospital, (901) 516-5200 • Methodist South Hospital, (901) 516-3700 • Regional Medical Center at Memphis, (901) 545-7100 • Saint Francis Hospital, (901) 765-1000.

VISITOR INFORMATION

Memphis Visitors Center: 3205 Elvis Presley Blvd., Memphis, TN 38116. **Phone:** (901) 543-5300 or (888) 633-9099. The Tennessee State Welcome Center, 119 N. Riverside Dr. (at Jefferson), can provide maps, brochures, calendars of events and area attraction information; phone (901) 543-5300 or (888) 633-9099.

TRANSPORTATION

AIR TRAVEL: Domestic and foreign airlines serve Memphis International Airport (MEM), off I-240 exit 23 (Airways Boulevard). Taxis to major downtown hotels are available for about \$30.

The city's contribution to American music continues at Memphis Rock 'n' Soul Museum, with its comprehensive music history exhibits that trace rock 'n' roll from its rural Mississippi Delta roots through rockabilly, rhythm and blues, and soul. The name Stax comes up a lot in those exhibits, and for good reason. Stax Records developed the Southern Soul sound and was home to greats like Otis Redding, Isaac Hayes and Booker T. & the MGs. The Stax Museum of American Soul Music, on the site of the old Stax Records building, is crammed with memorabilia from the golden age of Memphis soul music.

But Memphis' music heritage lives on outside museum display cases. The city celebrates blues, jazz, country,

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RAIL SERVICE: Amtrak offers passenger service from Central Station, 545 S. Main St.; phone (901) 526-0052 or (800) 872-7245.

BUSES: The Greyhound bus station is at 3033 Airways Blvd.; phone (800) 231-2222.

TAXIS: The major company is Yellow Cab, (901) 577-7777. Fares are metered, with the basic rate \$3.80 for the first mile, then \$1.80 for each additional mile. One dollar is added for each additional passenger. A \$3 surcharge is added to fares originating from the airport.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION: Memphis Area Transit Authority (MATA) buses operate Mon.-Fri. 4:30 a.m.-11:15 p.m., Sat. 7 a.m.-8 p.m., Sun. and holidays 8-5. Base fare is \$1.75, with increases for zones outside city limits; a day pass can be purchased for \$3.50, and covers unlimited bus rides. Ages 65+, students and the physically impaired pay reduced rates with a special MATA ID card. Park 'n' Ride service is available at multiple locations within the city. Not all routes operate nights and Sundays.

The Main Street Trolley operates along Main Street between Shadyac and Butler avenues. The base fare is \$1; 50c (ages 65+ and riders with disabilities). A day pass costs \$3.50, and multiday passes are available. Exact fare is required. Contact MATA for further details; phone (901) 577-2640 or (901) 274-6282.

pop and bluegrass during the Memphis Music and Heritage Festival in September, while the Memphis in May International Festival, a month-long event beginning with the 3-day Beale Street Music Festival, draws thousands to outdoor stages on the banks of the Mississippi.

Also part of the Memphis in May festival is the World Championship Barbecue Cooking Contest, which pits teams such as Natural Born Grillers, Notorious P.I.G. and Sweet Swine O' Mine against each other to win thousands of dollars. Despite the lighthearted names, barbecue in Memphis is serious business and as much a part of the culture as the blues.

Memphis-style ribs and soul-stirring blues go well together, and several Beale Street clubs serve both. But



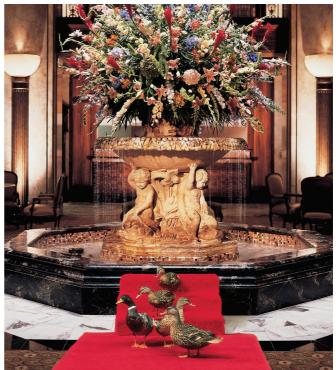
Memphis isn't all about music. It has its share of cultural institutions like the Memphis Brooks Museum of Art, the Memphis Pink Palace Museum and The National Civil Rights Museum at the former Lorraine Motel, site of Martin Luther King's 1968 assassination, now a moving, powerful tribute to the civil rights struggles of the 20th century.

Must Do: AAA Editor's Picks

- Cut your own record at Sun Studio (706 Union Ave.). Said to be the birthplace of rock 'n' roll, this is the small, unimposing studio where a young Elvis Presley, Jerry Lee Lewis and Johnny Cash first recorded their now signature sounds.
- Shop for kitschy Elvis souvenirs at A. Schwab Dry Goods Store (163 Beale St.), or just peruse everything from voodoo potions to vintage clothes. In operation at the same location since 1876, its creaky wood floors hold tables loaded with fascinating knickknacks.
- Ply the muddy waters of the Mississippi River with **Sightseeing Cruises Aboard the Memphis Riverboats** (251 Riverside Dr.)—choosing from narrated sightseeing cruises or evening cruises featuring a barbecue dinner and music.
- Catch live music in the clubs on legendary Beale Street, where W.C. Handy, Louis Armstrong, Muddy Waters and B.B. King introduced the world to the Memphis blues. Although the city was declared "Home of the Blues" in 1977, once vibrant Beale had by then lost much of its appeal, with most of its music halls, saloons, pawnshops and stores shuttered. After a 1980s makeover, it remains a Memphis focal point.
- If you're looking for the best Memphis barbecue, try Memphis' famed dry ribs at the bare-bones, basement-style **Rendezvous** (52 S. 2nd St.). (A heads-up: The waitstaff prides itself on being curt.) Or try a slow-cooked, hand-pulled pork sandwich (topped with coleslaw, of course) at **Corky's Ribs & BBQ** (5259 Poplar Ave.).
- Check out colorful, homespun works in the folk art gallery, examine historic photographs and attend a jazz, soul, gospel or blues concert at the **Center for Southern Folklore** (119 S. Main St.).
- Pay homage to the Civil Rights Movement and to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at the site of his assassination, the Lorraine Motel, and visit The National Civil Rights Museum (450 Mulberry St.).
- No trip to Memphis is complete without a visit to
 Elvis Presley's Graceland (3717 Elvis Presley Blvd.) for a tour of the King's retro-style Graceland Mansion. Check out the King's private airplanes;

his 1955 pink Cadillac; his flashy, custom-made clothing; view home movies; and visit his gravesite while exploring the compound.

- Learn the history of soul music at **Stax Museum of American Soul Music** (926 E. McLemore Ave.), on the site of the original Stax Records, where you can see Isaac Hayes' blue '72 Cadillac, Ike Turner's Fender guitar and a century-old church from the Mississippi Delta.
- Experience the scope of Memphis' music history at the Wemphis Rock 'n' Soul Museum (191 Beale St.), where exhibits include B.B. King's "Lucille" guitar and costumes worn by Johnny Cash and Elvis.
- Peruse paintings from the Italian Renaissance, British portraiture and Baroque, French Impressionist and contemporary collections at Wemphis Brooks
 Museum of Art (1934 Poplar Ave.); the museum's 1916 Beaux Arts building in Overton Park is a work of art itself.
- Explore the history of Memphis and the Mid-South (cultural as well as natural) at **Memphis Pink Palace Museum** (3050 Central Ave.) and become part of the action at the museum's 3D theater and planetarium.



The Peabody Memphis / Courtesy of The Peabody Memphis

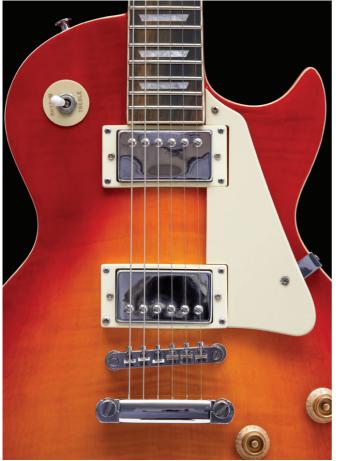


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- Cross a bridge or take a monorail by the riverfront to reach **Mud Island Park** (125 N. Front St.); be sure to check out the full-size boat replicas at the **Mississippi River Museum** and the River Walk, a scale model of every curve of the Mississippi as it flows from Cairo, III., to the Gulf of Mexico.
- Enjoy the elaborate ceremony as the resident ducks at **The Peabody Memphis** (149 Union Ave.), one of the city's most posh hotels, take an elevator from their rooftop palace to the lobby, waddle across a red carpet to a marble fountain and float for 6 hours before repeating the process in reverse.

Memphis 1-day Itinerary

AAA editors suggest these activities for a great short vacation experience. Those staying in the area for a longer visit can access a 3-day itinerary at AAA.com/TripCanvas.



Memphis Rock 'n' Soul Museum / © iStockphoto.com / tacojim

Morning

- Memphis is known for its music and its smoky, slow-cooked barbecue. Today's agenda, centered in the downtown area, introduces you to the city's blues and rock 'n' roll heritage and that aforementioned smoked pork.
- Begin your journey at the W.C. Handy Memphis Home & Museum (352 Beale St.). The celebrated music pioneer, the "Father of the Blues," lived in this unassuming wood-frame shotgun house when he wrote "Beale Street Blues" and "Memphis Blues."
- Derived from the mournful tunes of slaves and sharecroppers, the blues was a major influence on early rock 'n' roll musicians. The SMemphis Rock 'n' Soul Museum (191 Beale St.) traces rock from its rural Mississippi roots through rockabilly, rhythm and blues, and soul. The rock 'n' roll revolution began here when Elvis Presley recorded his first song at Sun Studio. Instruments, costumes and memorabilia document the genre's development.
- For a building that played such a pivotal role in rock 'n' roll history, **Sun Studio** (706 Union Ave.) is remarkably small. An amazing number of future stars recorded in the studio's three-rooms. In addition to Elvis, Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins, B.B. King, Johnny Cash and Roy Orbison began their careers at this landmark. Drop in for a guided tour.

Afternoon

- If you're in the mood for comfort food, head to Blue Plate Café (113 S. Court Sq.), where you can indulge in the Southern tradition of "meat and three" (a meat entrée and three home-style side dishes). Or choose breakfast items; the café is renowned for its biscuits and gravy, omelets and waffles.
- Eclectic describes the **Center for Southern Folklore** (119 S. Main St.). Folk art, crafts and photography document the Southern experience, and visitors can watch shows filmed by the center about the artists and musicians who have kept these regional traditions alive.
- Memphis' musical heritage also includes soul. Stax Museum of American Soul Music (926 E. McLemore Ave.) sits on the site of the former Stax Records, which launched the careers of Isaac Hayes, Otis Redding and Booker T. & the MG's. Displays include one of Tina Turner's sequined dresses and Isaac Hayes' '72 "Superfly" Cadillac Eldorado.
- A visit to Memphis isn't complete without stopping at A. Schwab Dry Goods Store (163 Beale St.), a Beale Street institution since 1876. The dry goods store, still owned by the same family, retains its squeaky floors and aisles stocked with voodoo



supplies, size 74 overalls, lye soap and top hats. If you rummage around, you'll also find reasonably priced Elvis souvenirs.

Evening

- Start your evening with a tradition begun in 1933. The elegant marble fountain at **The Peabody Memphis** hotel (149 Union Ave.) is the site of a twice-daily ritual—the march of the hotel's resident ducks, who travel with their Duckmaster from their rooftop suite to the lobby, waddle across a red carpet to John Philip Sousa's "King Cotton March" and plop into the fountain where they float from 11 until 5, when the ceremony is repeated in reverse. Get there early, as the ritual is wildly popular.
- For dinner sample some of Memphis' famous barbecue. The **Rendezvous**' (52 S. 2nd St.) grill has been smoking since 1948. The restaurant is known for its "dry" ribs, a Memphis specialty (pork ribs are massaged with a special blend of dry spices before being placed on the grill). The restaurant's walls are covered with memorabilia; it can be crowded; and the waiters are characters in their own right.
- For a perfect end to your evening, head to **Beale Street** or return to the Peabody for a nightcap in the hotel's elegant lobby bar.

Top Picks for Kids

Under 13

- Imaginative minds will discover all sorts of fun things to do at **The Children's Museum of Memphis** (2525 Central Ave.) as they play in an indoor tree house, shop for groceries in a pint-sized store, watch honeybees in action and drive a sheriff's car virtually, of course.
- Located in a historic firehouse, the **Fire Museum of Memphis** (118 Adams Ave.) encourages children to climb on and through fire trucks and slide down a brass fireman's pole. High-tech exhibits like a fire simulation room and an animatronic firehouse horse teach fire safety.
- Kids can run, slide and climb their way around Woodland Discovery Playground, an innovative play space within **Shelby Farms Park** (7171 Mullins Station Rd.) in East Memphis. The space includes sand play areas, a grassy lawn, giant slides and rope nets. The park also offers miles of trails, a zipline course and even a buffalo range to explore.
- Memphis Botanic Garden (750 Cherry Rd.) features a kid-friendly zone called My Big Backyard with more than 15 themed play areas and educational activities. From tunnels and rope bridges to puppet shows and

whimsical playhouses, kids and families will love playing together at this garden.

Teens

- The Slave Haven Underground Railroad Museum (826 N. Second St.) is a fascinating experience for teens interested in history. A narrated tour takes visitors through the antebellum home of Jacob Burkle, an immigrant who provided refuge to runaway slaves. A hidden cellar, trap doors and an escape route reveal the home's remarkable past.
- The Stax Museum of American Soul Music (926 E. McLemore Ave.) is a must-see for music fans, with more than 17,000 feet of exhibits and memorabilia celebrating the history of American soul music. Exhibits include a reconstructed Mississippi Delta church to show soul music's gospel roots; period recording equipment and instruments; and Isaac



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Hayes' gold-trimmed 1972 Cadillac. Interactive computer exhibits and listening stations add to the experience, and visitors can even hit the dance floor alongside vintage episodes of "Soul Train."

- Spend a few hours immersed in history at
 The National Civil Rights Museum (450 Mulberry St.), housed in the Lorraine Hotel where Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated in 1968. The museum includes interactive exhibits and a film that tells the story of the African American experience from slavery through the Civil Rights Movement. Emotional—and sometimes graphic—displays bring history to life and encourage discussion.
- The summer music concert series at **Overton Park** (1914 Poplar Ave.) is well-loved by both Memphis residents and visitors. Beginning in late May, free outdoor concerts are offered Thursday through Sunday at the band shell, with shaved ice vendors and food trucks providing snacks and sweet treats. Be sure to bring a blanket and arrive early for a good seat on the lawn.

All Ages

- The **Memphis Zoo** (2000 Prentiss PI.) entertains visitors of all ages with animal shows and more than 3,500 animal residents. Hands-on opportunities include a stingray touch tank, giraffe feedings and camel rides. Be sure to visit the giant panda exhibit where "YaYa" and "Le Le" live among authentic Chinese gardens and architecture.
- No trip to Beale Street is complete without a stop at A. Schwab Dry Goods Store (163 Beale St.). Part general store, part soda fountain, the shop has been a Memphis institution since 1876. Tables are filled with voodoo potions, knickknacks, T-shirts and Moon Pies; an old-fashioned soda fountain serves milk shakes, sundaes and made-to-order sodas.
- If you're looking for fun places to eat, a good time is guaranteed at Huey's Downtown (77 S. Second St.), where patrons are allowed (and encouraged!) to blow frilled toothpicks through a straw into the ceiling. Ask your server to demonstrate their best toothpick-shootin' technique, then nosh on tasty burgers, onion rings, fried pickles and other favorites.

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Arriving

By Car

Except for the downtown business core flanking the river, Memphis is circled by a controlled-access highway, I-240, which intersects with all major approach routes. I-40 is the primary east-west route, linking Memphis with Jackson and Nashville to the east and Little Rock and Fort Smith, Ark., and Oklahoma City to the west. As a bypass it runs convergent with I-240 around the northern edge of the metropolitan area, intersecting with Austin Peay Highway (SR 14) from the northeast and Danny Thomas Boulevard (US 51) from the north.

A freeway extension of the eastern portion of I-40 penetrates inside the I-240 loop as far as Highland Avenue, where it is shunted over to Summer Avenue (US 64/70/79) for a straight westward run toward downtown. On the west, I-40 interchanges with Arkansas-Riverside Drive, Second Street, Third Street and Front Street, the most direct entrances to the downtown area.

The major north-south corridor is I-55. From Jackson, Miss., and other points south it connects with the western leg of I-240, loops around the southwest part of the city and then, having picked up US 61, veers west at an interchange with E.H. Crump Boulevard. From St. Louis and points north, I-55 runs southward along the west bank of the Mississippi River, absorbing US 63 traffic from the northwest.

At West Memphis, Ark., I-55 joins briefly with I-40 before the two divide again to cross the Mississippi and circumnavigate Memphis. US 61 brings light traffic through the southern countryside from Vicksburg, Miss., and US 51 repeats the leisurely pace from Kentucky on the north.

The only other major approach routes are US 72 and US 78. The former provides access from Huntsville and Florence, Ala., angling into the heart of the city via Poplar Avenue. US 78 from Birmingham and Tupelo, Miss., enters Memphis as Lamar Avenue. It interchanges twice with I-240—once at the circumferential highway's southern segment and again on the western leg at E.H. Crump Boulevard.

Getting Around

Street System

As did nearly every facet of the city, Memphis' street plan developed with the river as a focus. Streets form a compass-oriented grid, running parallel or perpendicular to the Mississippi. Major arterials follow a more or less diagonal course as they radiate from the downtown business section.

Except for downtown, where Front, Main and Second through Seventh streets (all parallel to the Mississippi

River) march inland, most streets and avenues are named. Although Madison divides north from south and Main and Florida separate east from west, compass designations are rarely used in Memphis addresses.

Unless posted otherwise, the downtown speed limit is 25 mph. The speed limit is 35 mph on major thoroughfares. Turning right at a red light after coming to a complete stop is legal unless otherwise posted. Similarly, so is turning left from one one-way street onto another. Pedestrians always have the right-of-way, particularly at marked crosswalks. Driving during rush hours, 6:30-9 a.m. and 4-6:30 p.m., should be avoided if possible.

Parking

As in any big city, parking downtown or near the major attractions is often at a premium. On-street parking, when a space can be found, is governed by meters. Commercial garages and parking lots are scattered throughout downtown. Rates average \$2-\$5 per hour, \$7-\$15 for all day.

Shopping

Beale Street, with its raucous blues clubs and brilliant neon signs, is the heart of downtown Memphis' tourist district and the place to go for Blues City T-shirts, Elvis refrigerator magnets and postcards of Graceland and the Peabody Memphis hotel. First-time visitors may be surprised at how compact the district is—it's really just a couple blocks along Beale—so you could conceivably hit all the stores here within a single afternoon. But first on your list should be **A. Schwab Dry Goods Store**, 163 Beale St., a Beale Street institution since 1876.

Yes, they have Memphis souvenirs here. They also have just about anything else you can imagine: sun hats, calendars, clothing, coffee mugs, shampoo, collectible figurines and other knickknacks, Elvis biographies, toys, costume jewelry, candy, hardware, tools and even some voodoo paraphernalia. On the second floor, there's a museum of sorts where you can handle antique items from the old-fashioned general store's past, including ancientlooking adding machines, mysterious iron kitchen gadgets, photos, ledgers and high school yearbooks. Just 5 minutes of sensory overload here and you'll know why the store's motto is, "If you can't find it at A. Schwab, you're better off without it!"

Other shops on Beale worth noting: **Tater Red's**, 153 Beale St., under the neon sign of a skull with hypnotic eyes wearing a top hat. This purveyor of lucky mojos and voodoo dolls will also sell you signed photographs of blues and rock 'n' roll stars and an array of other music collectibles in addition to souvenirs emblazoned with the creepy cartoon image of the store's death's-head logo.

Strange Cargo, across the street at 172 Beale St., has novelty items, some of which are on the risqué side. For



rock 'n' roll merchandise, head to **WE Hard Rock Cafe** at 126 Beale.

Head a few blocks north to **The Peabody Memphis** historic hotel, 149 Union Ave., to check out the elegantly appointed lobby—famous for its twice daily duck parade to and from the centerpiece marble fountain—and the Peabody's upscale gift shops and clothing stores. Foremost among these is another Memphis institution: **Lansky Brothers**, a men's clothier since the late 1940s known for its famous clientele, which has included Elvis Presley as well as Johnny Cash, B.B. King, Isaac Hayes and Jerry Lee Lewis among others. Even if the prices are out of your range, the wall-mounted guitars autographed by various recording stars are worth a look in their own right.

Memphis' historic commercial district along **Main Street** has struggled for a long time, and the smattering of clothing stores, art galleries and furniture stores does not exactly qualify the district as a shopping mecca, but getting around on foot is fairly easy. The street is closed to car traffic between Market Street and Union Avenue, and the early 20th-century buildings are well maintained and many have lovely, ornate facades.

One local favorite on Main Street is **The Peanut Shoppe**, a tiny store that's hard to miss thanks to its 2-story-high "Peanuts" sign in the shape of an arrow pointing to its front door. The clerks here will explain the health benefits associated with each kind of nut (their selection is in no way limited to just peanuts), but for candy lovers, they also have an assortment of caramel- and chocolate-covered nuts as well. Munching on a bag of fresh roasted pecans while strolling through this pedestrian-friendly district is a great way to experience downtown Memphis once you've seen the sights along Beale Street.

Near The National Civil Rights Museum *(see attraction listing p. 125)*, you'll find what's become known in recent years as the **South Main Street Arts District.** Art galleries, trendy clothing boutiques featuring local designers and shops selling hand-crafted jewelry give the district a more urban, sophisticated vibe than you'll experience elsewhere on Main Street. Coffee shops offer a quick cup of your favorite blend or if you have time for a sit-down meal, check out the **Arcade Restaurant** at the corner of Main and G.E. Patterson, Memphis' oldest café, serving Southern home cooking since 1919.

Housed in a pyramid-shaped building just north of downtown, **Bass Pro Shops at the Pyramid** is a sprawling complex featuring an 84,000-gallon alligator swamp, duck aviary, waterfowling museum, bowling alley and a glass-floored observation deck.

If you venture outside of downtown, the **Cooper-Young** neighborhood in **Midtown** just a few miles east of the city center is known for antiques and secondhand clothing shops. Most of the antique stores are along Central Avenue between Cooper Street and East Parkway, a stretch of busy four-lane road not at all inviting to pedestrians.

Across Central Avenue and down a couple blocks toward East Parkway is **Flashback**, a large store specializing in 1950s-era housewares, knickknacks and furniture with a small area for vintage clothing off to one side. You'll find several styles and decades represented here, but mid-century modern rules, so if you're in the market for a kidney-shaped coffee table, a starburst wall clock or a chrome dinette, this is the place to go.

The epicenter of the Cooper-Young District—no surprise here—is the intersection of Cooper Street and Young Avenue a couple blocks south of Central. With trees, Victorian houses, narrower streets and crosswalks, this part of the district offers a more pedestrian-friendly environment, so you'll find it easier (not to mention less hazardous) to browse among the locally owned shops selling used records, used books and funky clothing. The area's also known for its coffee houses and trendy restaurants where you can pause to take stock of your purchases.

Just east of Midtown in the area known as **East Memphis**, two shopping centers worth noting face each other across busy Poplar Avenue. **Oak Court Mall** is anchored by Macy's and Dillard's, while **Laurelwood Shopping Center** features high-end clothing boutiques, art and interior design galleries, jewelry stores, a stationery shop and **The Booksellers at Laurelwood**, an independent book store.

If you continue east on Poplar Avenue, you'll come across a retail landmark of sorts in the Memphis suburb of **Germantown. The Shops of Saddle Creek**, at Poplar and West Street/West Farmington Boulevard, was one of the first lifestyle shopping centers—typified by open-air plazas and immaculate landscaped areas connecting stores rather than enclosed corridors—when it was built in 1987. Burbling fountains and a thick tree canopy provide a lovely setting for the trendy, upscale shops that include Free People, J. Crew, Madewell, Lucky Brand Jeans and Talbots.

Tanger Outlets in Southaven, Miss., has more than 60 outlet stores.

Nightlife

Since an act of Congress in 1977, Memphis has officially been known as the "Home of the Blues." **Beale Street** has been the cherished front door of that home from the beginning, when musical pioneers such as W.C. Handy composed some of the earliest blues songs here in the early 1900s. Originally a bustling commercial district with African American–owned businesses of all kinds, Beale Street fell on hard times until a 1980s revitalization project created today's neon-lit, tourist-friendly version.



Tourists still flock to Beale Street restaurants and bars seeking that soulful sound in renovated brick buildings between **Main and Fourth.** On any given night you might hear rock 'n' roll, jazz, funk and the latest dance club music along with the home-grown blues style so closely associated with Memphis and Beale. You'll have plenty of time to get your groove on, too, as many downtown Memphis bars and night clubs stay open until 2 or 3 a.m. (sometimes as late as 5 a.m.) and are open on Sundays.

Enjoying a prominent corner on Beale and Second, this location of the **B.B. King's Blues Club** chain, 143 Beale St., might disappoint blues purists since the house band is as likely to play rock and funk as traditional blues. But anyone hankering for tasty Southern cooking and a lively atmosphere steeped in blues imagery is bound to leave this Beale Street landmark happy, and that's not to mention the frequent appearances by big-name blues acts. Phone (901) 524-5464.

Across the street at 152 Beale St., **Club 152** adds something different to the Beale Street scene by being both a blues venue and an urban-style dance club. You'll find the main stage on the first floor, which is the venue for both live music and DJ-mixed dance tunes. Phone (901) 544-7011.

At the corner of Beale and Third, is **Rum Boogie Cafe**, 182 Beale St., which has a reputation for rum drinks (hence the name), a respectable beer selection, Memphis-style barbecue ribs, and red beans and rice. Even if you skip the Southern cuisine you can still have a blast grooving to the blues and rock bands playing nightly or ogling the more than two hundred autographed guitars suspended from the ceiling and mounted on the walls. Look for the prized scribbles of George Thorogood, Stevie Ray Vaughan, Sting, Henry Rollins, Kenny Loggins and bands like Aerosmith and The B-52s. Phone (901) 528-0150.

Probably the most eye-catching establishment on Beale is **Silky O'Sullivan's Irish Bar**, 183 Beale St. Massive steel beams support an elaborate three-story brick façade, all that remains of a 19th-century hotel, saloon and gambling den known as the Gallina Building. The old façade is now the entrance to a festive patio, scene of dueling pianos nightly, while blues bands play indoors. This is Beale Street, after all, and even Irish pubs host the blues. O'Sullivan's other claim to fame? A gallon-bucketsized cocktail called "The Diver," to be shared, of course. Phone (901) 522-9596.

Find a seat on the second-floor patio at **Alfred's On Beale** at 197 Beale St., and you'll have a nice view of the goings-on along Beale and can enjoy good Southern comfort food while you people watch. Alfred's books a variety of musical acts but focuses on classic rock 'n' roll and Top 40 faves from the past. On weekends, the large dance floor stays busy late into the night. Phone (901) 525-3711. If you're looking for a place to relax and enjoy a cold one, then walk on over to nearby **Flying Saucer Draught Emporium**, 130 Peabody Pl., which has what can only be called an encyclopedic beer selection. Windows on two sides open up to create something like a patio when the weather is nice, and the spacious brewpub has pool tables and dartboards. Scores of plates displayed on the walls honor local beer connoisseurs—members of the "UFO Club"—who have managed to sample the Flying Saucer's entire beer menu. Phone (901) 523-8536.

The Peabody Memphis hotel, 149 Union Ave., famous for its twice daily duck march through its lobby, is a favorite with tourists. Once you've seen the ducks waddle into the elevator to return to their rooftop pen around 5 p.m., step over to the Peabody hotel bar for a martini and a chance to take in the elegant setting without the crowds. Phone (901) 529-4000.



B.B. King's Blues Club / © Midnight Believer / flickr / CC0



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If you're hungry, exit the Peabody and cross Second Street to **Huey's Downtown**, 77 S. Second St., home of juicy, award-winning hamburgers and delectable onion rings. And you can hone your skill at blowing frilled toothpicks through a straw and into the ceiling, an activity the management surprisingly encourages; your waiter will show you the best technique. On Sunday evenings Huey's features live bands playing blues, rock and soul. Phone (901) 527-2700.

If you want a taste of Memphis nightlife beyond the usual tourist haunts downtown, drive or catch a cab to midtown's **Cooper-Young District**, an eclectic neighborhood popular with Memphians looking for innovative cuisine and cool, laid-back hangouts. **Celtic Crossing**, 903 S. Cooper St., is one such gathering place, an Irish bar with a tree-shaded outdoor patio and live music on Sundays when weather permits. Phone (901) 274-5151.



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Just off the intersection of Cooper and Young, **Young Avenue Deli**, 2119 Young Ave., brings local bands to its stage several nights a week. What's more, the deli's above-average pub fare includes several vegetarian options as well as tasty beer batter fried pickles and homemade french fries. The deli's combination of good food, a large beer selection and live alternative rock, pop and country music is a winning one. Phone (901) 278-0034.

Less than an hour south of Memphis in Tunica, Mississippi, huge casino resorts along the Mississippi River boast headline entertainment, live music and comedy acts along with all the slot machines and poker, blackjack, roulette and craps tables you'd find on the Vegas Strip. Phone the Tunica Convention & Visitors Bureau, (662) 363-3800 or (888) 488-6422.

Big Events

Memphis kicks off the year by honoring the birth of its favorite sons. Fans from around the world flock to the **Elvis Presley Birthday Celebration.** The festival, which spans several days surrounding January 8, includes a concert of the King's tunes performed by the Memphis Symphony Orchestra and an Elvis Presley Day Ceremony, complete with birthday cake.

In mid-January, the city honors another King. The **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. King Day Celebration** features speakers, forums and concerts to honor the late civil rights leader on his birthday.

It wouldn't be Memphis without the sultry sounds emanating from Beale Street, and the **Beale Street Music Festival** in May highlights blues, rock, gospel, R&B, alternative and soul artists from around the country. The 3-day, Mardi Gras-like celebration brings throngs of partiers to the street, and more than 60 musical acts take to stages set up in Tom Lee Park, where Beale meets the Mississippi River.

The music festival is part of the city's most well-known event, the **Memphis in May International Festival.** This monthlong event focuses on a different country and its culture every year. A highlight is the **World Championship Barbecue Cooking Contest**, known as the Super Bowl of Swine, where grill masters gather under a cloud of hickory smoke and compete to prepare the tastiest pork barbecue.

Summer is ushered in with the **FedEx St. Jude Classic**, a key PGA Tour event in June. In mid-August, fans from around the world gather for **Elvis Week**, a weeklong, all-Elvis festival with more than 30 events including bus and house tours, tribute concerts, dance parties, karaoke nights, trivia competitions and a candlelight vigil.

Local and noted artists perform blues, jazz, country, pop and bluegrass music during the **Memphis Music and Heritage Festival**, held over Labor Day weekend. The festival also includes dance, poetry and spoken word performances.



With more than 300 booths featuring art, crafts and gourmet food, the **Pink Palace Crafts Fair**, set in Audubon Park in October, also is a big draw. The family-friendly fair also offers children's crafts, educational exhibits, entertainment and rides.

When the holidays approach, Graceland celebrates in style with the **Christmas at Graceland** event, held from mid-November to early January. The mansion's exterior and interior are made festive with decorations that Elvis himself used when he resided here.

The **AutoZone Liberty Bowl** is held in late December at Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium. And there's no better spot to ring in the New Year than where the blues began. Attend the **New Year's Eve Countdown on Beale Street** for a Guitar Drop and a merry good time.

Sports & Rec

With more than 160 parks, Memphis has the space and facilities to provide recreation for its citizens and visitors. Sprawling 342-acre **Overton Park** contains the Memphis Brooks Museum of Art (*see attraction listing p. 123*) and Memphis Zoo (*see attraction listing p. 124*) as well as a nine-hole **golf** course, a lake, picnic grounds and walking trails.

Golfers have a choice of public golf courses, including Links at Audubon, 4160 Park Ave., (901) 683-6941; Links at Davy Crockett, 4382 Range Line Rd., (901) 358-3375; Links at Fox Meadows, 3064 Clarke Rd., (901) 362-0232; Links at Galloway, 3815 Walnut Grove Rd., (901) 685-7805; Links at Pine Hill, 1005 Alice Ave.; (901) 775-9434; Quail Ridge, 4055 Altruria Rd., (901) 386-6951; and Stonebridge, 3049 Davies Plantation Rd. in Lakeland, (901) 382-1886. Also in Memphis are more than 100 public **tennis** courts, including Leftwich Tennis Center, 4145 Southern Ave., (901) 685-7907.

The city's premier recreation area is the Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park *(see Recreation Areas Chart)*, north of town near Millington. Opportunities for **biking, horseback riding, fishing, swimming, boating, camping** and **hiking** are all available.

The 1,138-acre T.O. Fuller State Park *(see Recreation Areas Chart)* is at the southern city limits. This park has a swimming pool, a picnic area and more than 8 miles of self-guiding nature trails; for more information phone (901) 543-7581.

Shelby Farms Park, a 4,500-acre park northeast of Memphis off I-40 at 7171 Mullins Station Rd., offers biking, fishing and horseback riding and has nature paths, a playground, an amphitheater, a 50-acre bison range, an 18-hole disc golf course, a zipline course, a paved multi-use promenade and a 10-mile urban trail. More than 20 bodies of water include popular Pine Lake and Hyde Lake. A visitor center, 6903 Great View Dr. N., is open daily; a bistro cafe is located in the FedEx Event Center. Paddleboat, canoe, kayak, paddleboard and bicycle rentals are available. A Water Play Sprayground is open in summer; phone (901) 767-7275.

Live and simulcast greyhound and Thoroughbred **racing** can be found at Southland Park Gaming and Racing, 1550 N. Ingram Blvd. in West Memphis, Ark. (pari-mutuel betting is illegal in Tennessee); phone 800-467-6182.

Although not a spectator sport, another form of betting has become a popular recreational activity with Memphians. Many citizens enjoy traveling just south of town to Tunica, Miss., off US 61, where a small city of casinos, some dockside, offers gambling and entertainment.

The **baseball** tradition is upheld by the Memphis Redbirds, a farm club of the St. Louis Cardinals. The Redbirds play at AutoZone Park at 200 Union Ave.; phone (901) 721-6000. Major sports facilities include the Liberty Bowl



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Memorial Stadium and Fairgrounds, (901) 729-4344, and Landers Center in Southaven, Miss., home to the Mississippi RiverKings of the Southern Professional Hockey League; for ticket information phone (662) 342-1755.

The NBA's Memphis Grizzlies and University of Memphis Tigers play **basketball** at the FedExForum, 191 Beale St. at Third Street. For Grizzlies tickets phone (800) 462-2849; for Tigers tickets phone (901) 678-2331.

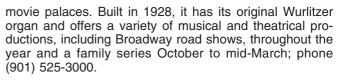
Performing Arts

Memphis offers a variety of cultural activities—ballet, opera, dance, the symphony and professional theater. The arts are supported by several colleges and professional organizations. Many touring companies play Memphis, and there are eight local theater groups.

The Orpheum Theatre, 203 S. Main St. at the corner of Beale, was one of the South's grandest vaudeville and



The Orpheum Theatre / © PatrickRohe / flickr / CC BY ND



The Playhouse on the Square, at 66 S. Cooper in Overton Square, offers professional live theater throughout the year; phone (901) 726-4656.

Performing at the Clark Opera Memphis Center, 6745 Wolf River Pkwy., is **Opera Memphis**, which offers two mainstage performances each year; phone (901) 257-3100 for ticket or performance information. **The Memphis Symphony Orchestra** performs at **The Cannon Center for the Performing Arts**, Poplar Avenue and N. Main Street; phone (800) 726-0915 for the Cannon Center or (901) 537-2500 for symphony tickets. Music and dance performances take place September through May at the 288-seat **Buckman Performing & Fine Arts Center** at St. Mary's Episcopal School, 60 Perkins Ext.; phone (901) 537-1472.

Memphis also has a number of repertory theaters, including the **Circuit Playhouse**, 51 S. Cooper, (901) 726-4656, and **Theatre Memphis**, 630 Perkins Extended, (901) 682-8323.

Big-name bands play at the **Memphis Cook Conven**tion Center. Other headliners appear at **Mud Island Amphitheater**; phone (901) 576-7241 for ticket or performance information. A variety of free outdoor concerts are held in the fall and summer in Overton Park at the **Levitt Shell**, 1928 Poplar Ave.; phone (901) 272-2722.



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BELZ MUSEUM OF ASIAN AND JUDAIC ART is at 119 S. Main St. in the Pembroke Sq. Bldg. Works exemplify 19th-century Chinese art and reflect the opulence of Imperial China during the Qing Dynasty 1644-1911. Many of the elaborate jade sculptures, intricate ivory carvings, period furnishings and textiles have symbolic meanings. Rare minerals, fossils, Russian lacquer boxes and an extensive contemporary Judaic art collection also are showcased. Photographs, testimonials and artifacts from survivors, refugees, and liberators of Holocaust survivors living in Tennessee are on display in the Holocaust Memorial Gallery.

Time: Allow 30 minutes minimum. Phone: (901) 523-2787.



C.H. NASH MUSEUM AT THE CHUCALISSA AR-CHAEOLOGICAL SITE is off I-55 exit 9, .25 mi. e. on Mallory Ave. to Riverport Rd., 4 mi. s.w. to T.O. Fuller State Park entrance, then s. into park to 1987 Indian Village Dr. Also known as the C.H. Nash Museum at Chucalissa, the facility is on the site of a settlement that flourished about A.D. 1000-early 1500s; among the exhibits are prehistoric artifacts, Native American cultural heritage items and hands-on laboratory displays. The village consists of earthen mounds, an interpretive trail and an arboretum.

T.O. Fuller State Park *(see Recreation Areas Chart)* offers camping, hiking and swimming. **Time:** Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (901) 785-3160.

THE COTTON MUSEUM AT THE MEMPHIS COTTON EXCHANGE is at 65 Union Ave. The history of the cotton trade and its influence on regional culture is explored through artifacts, interpretive exhibits, educational programs and multimedia displays. The Cotton Museum Hall of Fame celebrates the achievements of people involved in the world's cotton industry. **Time:** Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (901) 531-7826.

ELMWOOD CEMETERY, at 824 S. Dudley St., is the oldest active cemetery in Memphis. This well-kept Victorian-era garden cemetery and arboretum covers 80 acres and includes hundreds of examples of Victorian cemetery art. Audio tours and tour maps of the cemetery tell about local history and many of the notable Civil War soldiers, politicians, musicians and civil rights activists buried here. **Time:** Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (901) 774-3212.

ELVIS PRESLEY'S GRACELAND is off I-55 exit 5B (Elvis Presley Blvd. S.), 1.5 mi. s. of I-240 at



3717 Elvis Presley Blvd. (US 51S). The Graceland complex is made up of 120 acres dedicated to the life and career of the American legend, Elvis Presley. Visitors can tour his mansion as well as the entertainment complex complete with museums, interactive exhibits, eateries and shops.

The Graceland mansion and grounds are accessible via an audio/tablet tour narrated by actor John Stamos and featuring commentary by Elvis and his daughter Lisa Marie. Visitors can see the Jungle Room, pool room, living areas, kitchen and racquetball building, plus exhibits about Elvis' life at Graceland. The tour ends in the Meditation Garden, where Elvis and family members are buried. Across the street, the entertainment complex, Elvis Presley's Memphis, features exhibits about Elvis' music and movie career, including gold and platinum records, memorabilia and wardrobe at Elvis: The Entertainer Career Museum. The Presley Motors Automobile Museum highlights Elvis' renowned collection of vehicles. His 1955 pink Cadillac, a 1973 Stutz Blackhawk, a six-door Mercedes Benz limousine and a 1975 Dino Ferrari are among the automobiles displayed. Visitors can also tour Elvis' two private airplanes: the Hound Dog II, a Lockheed JetStar, and the Lisa Marie, a customized jet plane with luxurious appointments.

Elvis Discovery Exhibits showcases Elvis' influences and his role in launching a music and pop culture revolution. Highlights include Presley Cycles, Elvis in the Army, Graceland Archives, Welcome to My World exhibit, ICONS: The Influence of Elvis Presley, Lisa Marie: Growing Up Presley, Elvis and His Love of Football and Hollywood Backlot. Immersive experiences allow guests to dress up, pose for photos, play games and partake in a front row Elvis concert.

Time: Allow 3 hours, 30 minutes minimum. Phone: (901) 332-3322 or (800) 238-2000. *(See ad on inside front cover, front cover.)* GT

MEMPHIS BOTANIC GARDEN is in Audubon Park at 750 Cherry Rd. Home of the Goldsmith Civic Garden Center, the garden has more than 25 specialty gardens with roses, irises, wildflowers and magnolias as well as Audubon Lake and a visitor center with changing monthly art exhibits. The Japanese Garden of Tranquility features Red Drum Bridge and Moongazing Pavilion; My Big Backyard includes open play areas and educational activities for children and The Nature Photography Garden is designed to attract wildlife and provides photo opportunities.

Food is available at the on-site cafe Mon.-Sat. 11-2. **Time:** Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (901) 636-4100.

MEMPHIS BROOKS MUSEUM OF ART is in Overton Park just w. of East Pkwy. at 1934 Poplar Ave. Founded in 1916, the museum is said to be one of the largest in the South. A permanent collection of more than 9,000 works as well as traveling exhibitions spans antiquity to the present. The core of the collection includes Italian Renaissance, Northern Renaissance and Baroque paintings; 18th- and 19th-century English and American portraits; works by French Impressionists; American paintings and sculptures; decorative arts; and an African art survey. Special events are offered.

An audio tour is available. **Time:** Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (901) 544-6200.





Memphis Brooks Museum of Art / $\ensuremath{\mathbb{O}}$ Kevin Barre Photography / Memphis Brooks Museum of Art

MEMPHIS PINK PALACE MUSEUM is at 3050 Central Ave. The museum's name refers to the pink marble used in its construction. The 1920s estate was the home of entrepreneur Clarence Saunders, founder of Piggly Wiggly grocery stores. It now is home to the Museum of Science & History (MoSH), the AutoZone Dome at the Sharpe Planetarium and the Giant Screen Theater presenting 2D and 3D movies; MoSH also runs the historic Mallory-Neely House, the Magevney House and the 65-acre Lichterman Nature Center.

The Cossitt Room features artifacts from the original 1930s museum. A life-size replica of the first self-serve Piggly Wiggly store allows visitors to shop like the old days, while the Clyde Parke Miniature Circus is home to jugglers, carnies and parades in motion. The MoSH contains cultural exhibits about life in Memphis from its birth as a frontier river town, through the Civil War to its role in the 21st century. Visitors can view skeletons and skulls of massive apex predators in the natural history sections of the museum.

An exciting exhibit, "Al Artificial Intelligence: Your Mind & The Machine" has interactive tasks that help visitors understand how the brain goes through the learning process. The Lichterman Nature Center is home to presentations focusing on birds, mammals, insects, fossils and geology. Special events are offered throughout the year.

Time: Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (901) 636-2362.

MEMPHIS ROCK 'N' SOUL MUSEUM is 1 blk. s. of Beale St. at the FedExForum, 200 South B.B. King Blvd. The museum examines the lives of such legends as Elvis Presley and B.B. King as well as the city's musical heritage and its contributions to blues, country, rock 'n' roll and soul music.

Photographs, costumes and instruments shed light on rural sharecroppers' musical experiences and the sounds of Sun, Stax and Hi Records performers. Collections showcase the stories of musical pioneers in seven themed areas, including the Social Changes, Soul Music and Rural Music galleries.

A 15-minute orientation film and an audio self-guiding tour of the museum are included with admission. **Time:** Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (901) 205-2533.

MEMPHIS ZOO is in Overton Park at 2000 Prentiss PI. The 70-acre zoo is one of only four in the country where giant pandas reside. Home to more than 3,500 animals representing more than 500 species, the zoo has an aquarium, a tropical birdhouse, an interactive farm, a primate exhibit and shows.

The 3-acre Northwest Passage exhibit features polar bears, sea lions and bald eagles. Cat Country is a 4-acre natural exhibit with lions, tigers and cheetahs. The 4-acre Zambezi River Hippo Camp is home to hippopotamuses, Nile crocodiles, flamingos and okapi. Stingray Bay is a seasonal interactive exhibit where visitors can touch stingrays and sharks. A cellphone tour is available. **Phone:** (901) 333-6500.

MUD ISLAND PARK is downtown on the Mississippi River; it is reached by an automobile bridge or a pedestrian bridge accessed from 125 N. Front St. Bike share stations are located at either end of the pedestrian bridge. Completed in 1982, the park occupies the southern tip of a peninsula—it's not really an island—separating the Mississippi River from the downtown area. The park's newest feature is a 50-foot long MEMPHIS sign erected to celebrate the city's bicentennial. Located at the southern tip



of the island photos with the sign feature the Memphis skyline in the background. The park's main feature is the Mississippi River Museum *(see attraction listing),* which occupies most of the five-story building you enter once you step off the covered pedestrian Skybridge. On the island you'll have a fantastic view of the Memphis skyline and the double arches of the Hernando de Soto Bridge carrying I-40 traffic over the Mississippi into Arkansas.

Outside the museum is the River Walk, a half-mile-long concrete scale model of the Lower Mississippi complete with flowing water, inlaid street maps of major towns and a 1-acre pond representing the Gulf of Mexico. The detailed model depicts Ole Man River's every serpentine twist and turn. It is constructed of layered slabs with each 1-inch layer representing 5 feet of depth. Each 30-inch step you take corresponds to a mile, making you feel like a giant as you walk all the way from Cairo, III., to New Orleans. Signs placed at regular intervals describe interesting landmarks, historic sites and natural features.

Besides splashing barefoot through the River Walk, you can listen to music during concerts held in the park's 5,000-seat amphitheater.

Phone: (901) 576-7241.

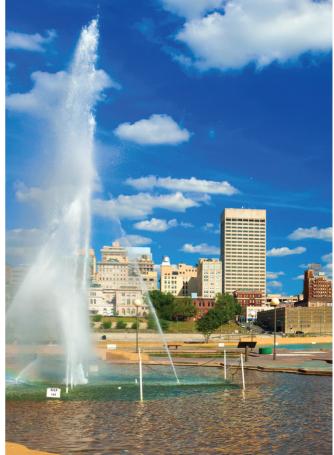
Mississippi River Museum is inside the River Center Building at Mud Island Park. The museum has 18 galleries with more than 5,000 artifacts and a 4,000-gallon freshwater aquarium. Exhibits detail the valley's creation and settlement from Native American inhabitants to European explorers; transportation on the river, with a replica of an 1870s steamboat; the Civil War, with a full-scale Union gunboat; and the development of Delta music from early blues to rock 'n' roll.

Time: Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (901) 312-9190. **(GT**)

THE NATIONAL CIVIL RIGHTS MUSEUM is between Huling and G.E. Patterson aves. at 450 Mulberry St. Housed in two buildings, interpretive exhibits and audiovisual displays tell of the key events in the Civil Rights Movement from the early days of slavery to the present. Interactive exhibits, short films, recorded oral histories and artifacts evoke tensions and emotions prevalent during the period. Housed in the Lorraine Motel, where Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated, the museum features dramatic exhibits that immerse visitors in pivotal moments of the history of civil rights in America, from the first anti-slavery movements to the present day.

Time: Allow 2 hours minimum. Phone: (901) 521-9699.

SAVE STAX MUSEUM OF AMERICAN SOUL MUSIC is at 926 E. McLemore Ave. More than 17,000 square feet of exhibit space contains some 2,000 artifacts that



Mud Island Park / © iStockphoto.com / Davel5957

outline the roots of American soul music. Isaac Hayes' gold-trimmed, blue 1972 Cadillac El Dorado and his 1972 Oscar, Ike Turner's Fender guitar and Otis Redding's suede jacket are among memorabilia on display. Interactive computer exhibits, listening stations and photographs round out the collection.

Time: Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (901) 261-6338 or (888) 942-7685.

SUN STUDIO is at 706 Union Ave. The small recording facility is where such music legends as Johnny Cash, B.B. King, Jerry Lee Lewis, Roy Orbison and Elvis Presley began their recording careers. Blues, rock 'n' roll and country music memorabilia are on display. A guided tour features recorded music and stories relating to the history of the studio.

Time: Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (901) 521-0664 or (800) 441-6249. **GT**



Sightseeing

Boat Tours

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ERBOATS depart from 251 Riverside Dr. at the foot of Beale St. A guide narrates the history of the area as visitors enjoy views of the Memphis skyline from the Mississippi River. Dinner cruises also are offered.

Inquire about refund and weather policies. **Phone:** (901) 527-2628. GT (II)

Bus and Carriage Tours

Horse-drawn carriage tours of the city are available through Carriage Tours of Memphis, 393 N. Main St., (901) 527-7542.

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Walking Tours

There are several sightseeing areas in Memphis, including Victorian Village, Beale Street and Elmwood Cemetery (see attraction listing p. 125). Victorian Village is a collection of 19th-century buildings centering on the 600 block of Adams Avenue. Of the nine churches nearby, the oldest is Calvary Episcopal Church, which dates from 1832. Brochures describing a self-guiding walking tour through Victorian Village are available at the Woodruff-Fontaine House (see attraction listing).

Beale Street, the birthplace of the blues, now features restaurants, shops and music clubs in a three-block entertainment district.

Docent-led walking tours of Elmwood Cemetery are available by appointment; phone (901) 774-3212.

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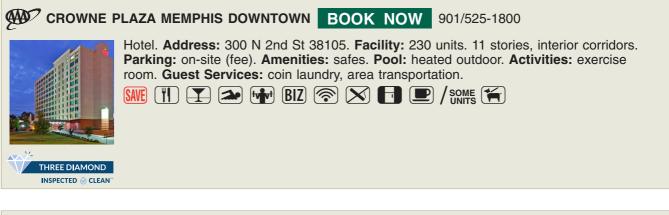
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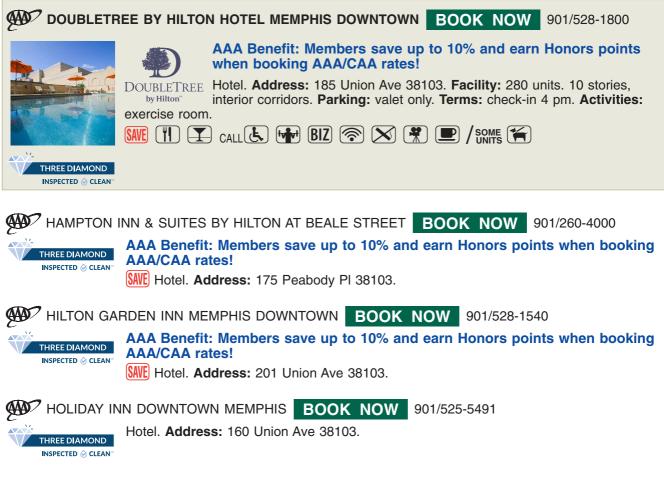
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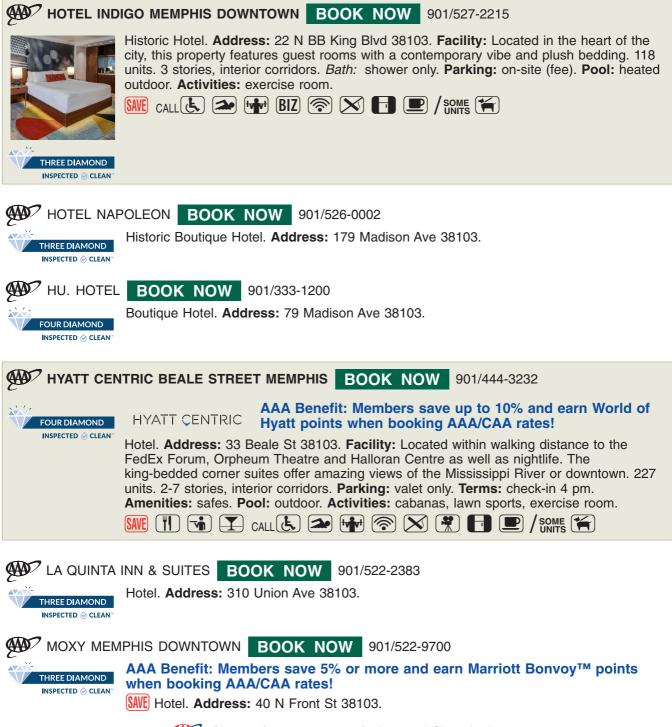














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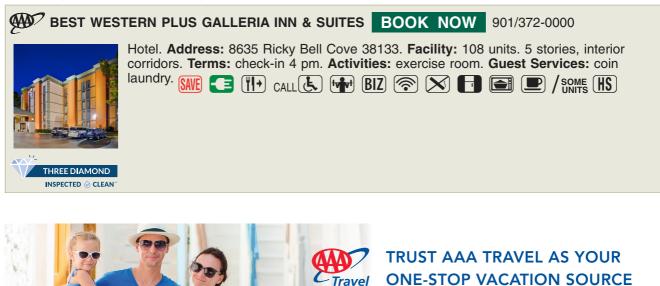
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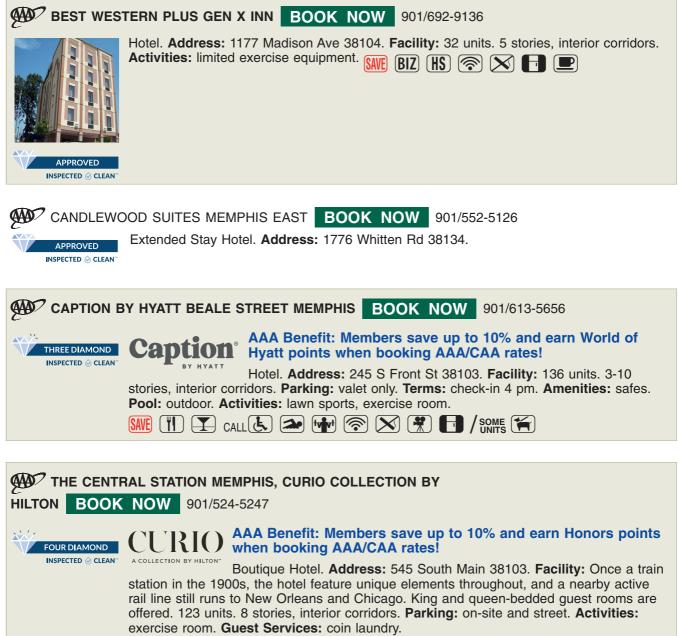
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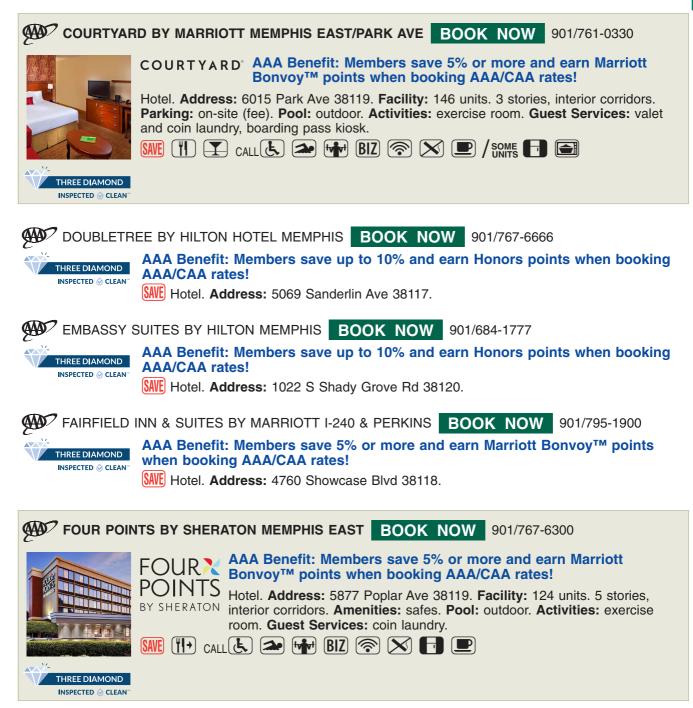




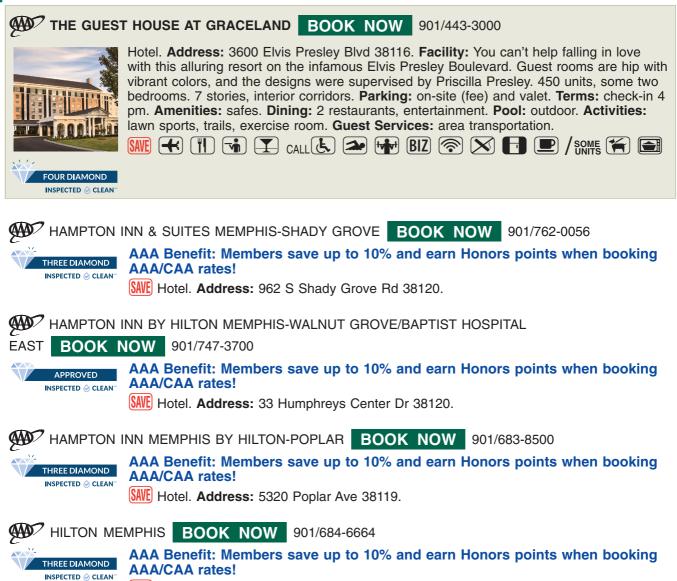
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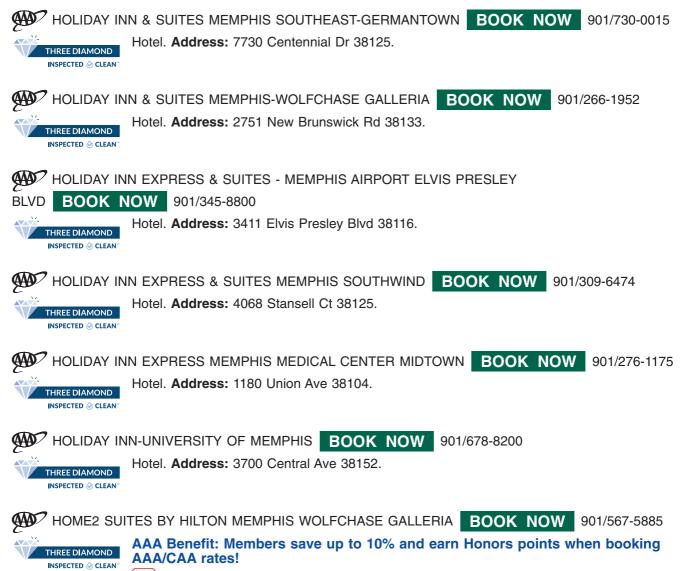






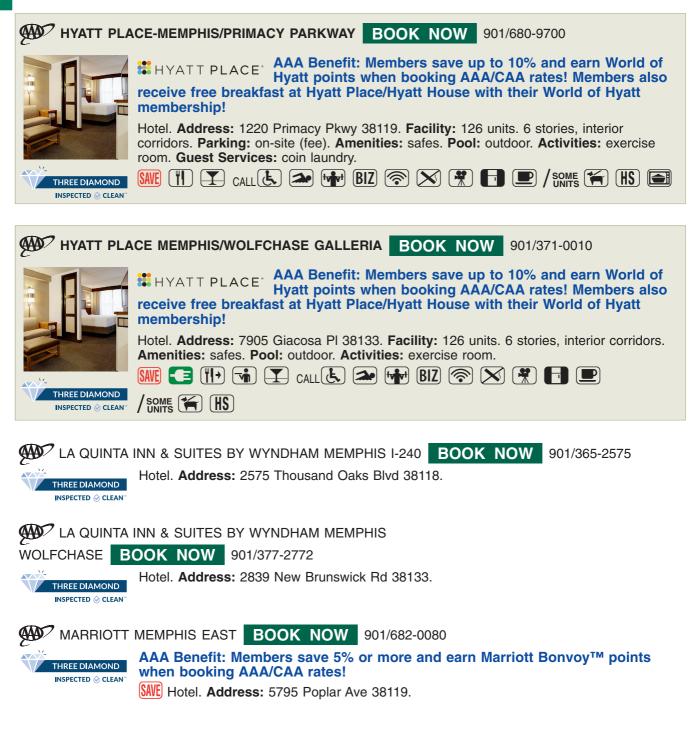
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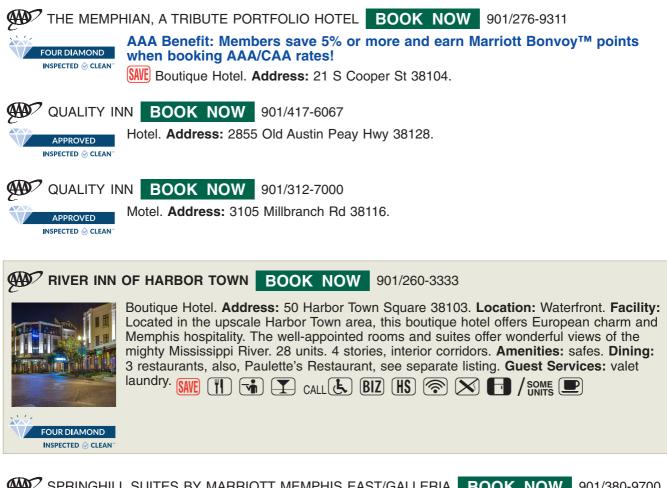


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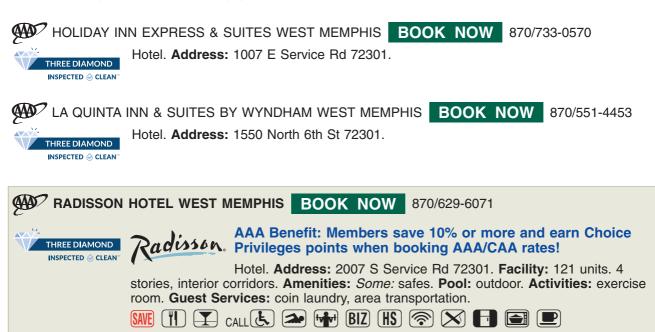
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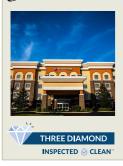
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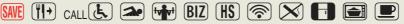
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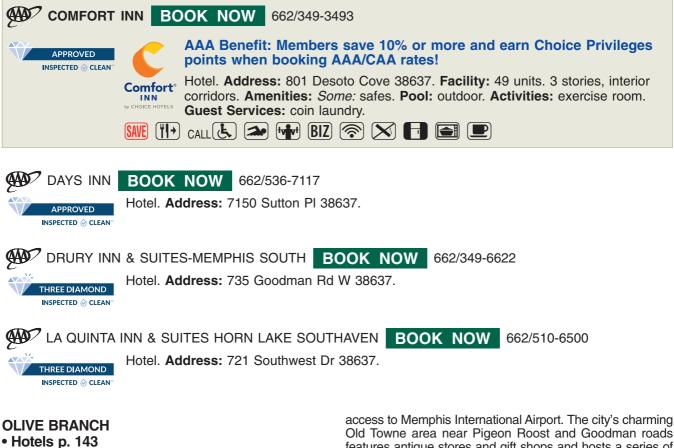
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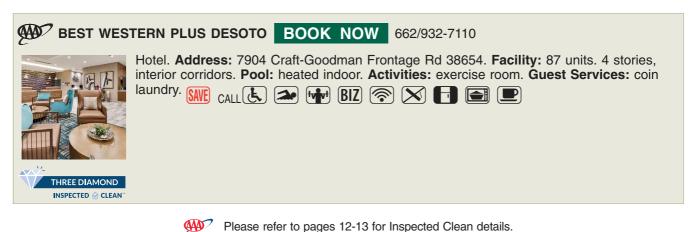


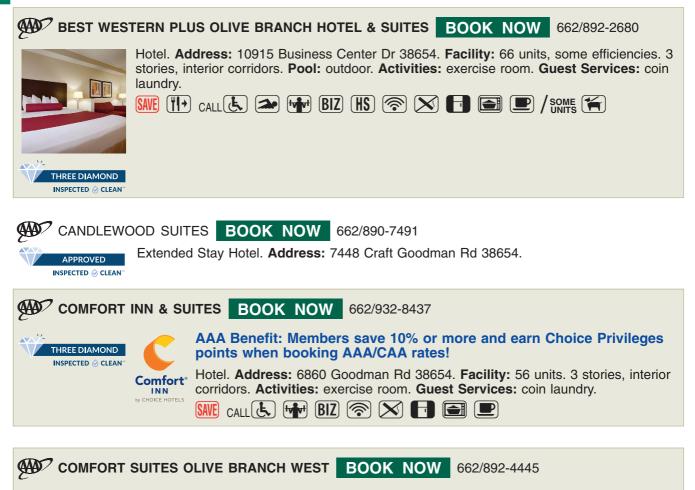


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Old Towne area near Pigeon Roost and Goodman roads features antique stores and gift shops and hosts a series of festivals and concerts throughout the year.

A fast-growing suburb of Memphis, Olive Branch borders the Mississippi-Tennessee state line and offers convenient





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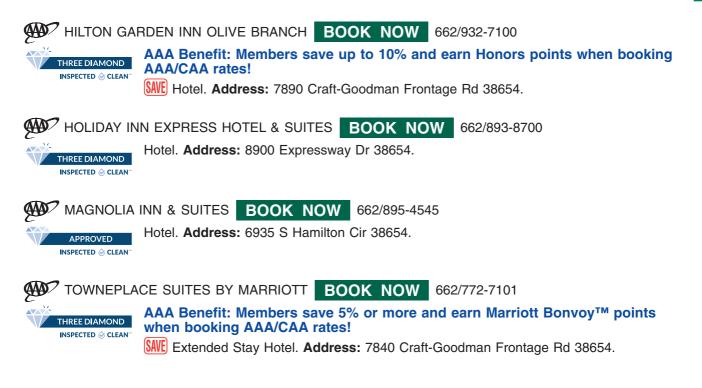
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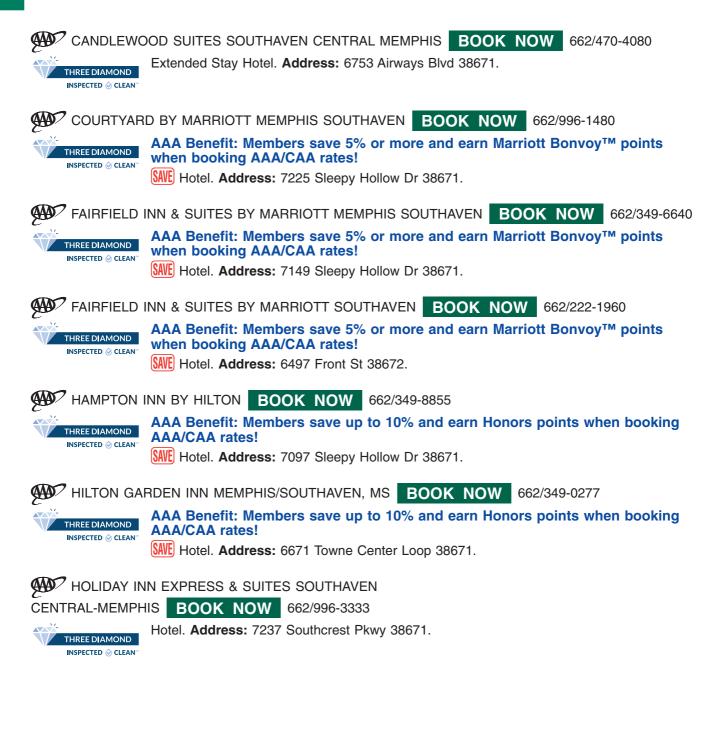
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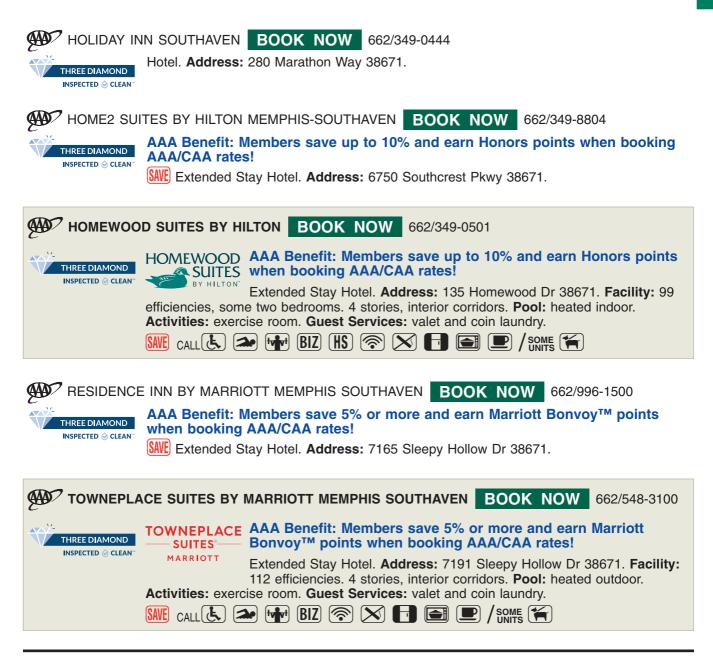
The third largest city in Mississippi, Southaven is a Memphis suburb just inside the Mississippi state line and only a couple miles from Memphis International Airport. Southaven was the boyhood home of best-selling author John Grisham, whose legal thrillers are often set in the area. **Shopping:** Southaven Towne Center, at Airways Boulevard and Marathon Way, features more than 40 retail stores in an open-air mall setting. Tanger Outlets, 5205 Airways Blvd., has more than 60 outlet shops, including Banana Republic Factory Store, Fossil, LOFT Outlet, Michael Kors and Tommy Hilfiger.











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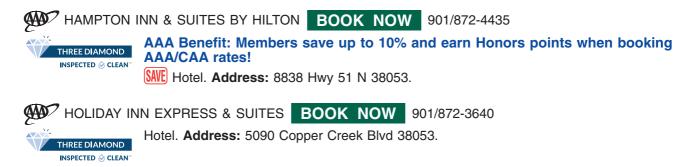


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MONTEAGLE

For more than a century the Monteagle Sunday School Assembly Chautauqua has been a part of this summer resort in the Cumberland Mountains. Lectures, concerts and art classes are held from June to August; phone (931) 924-2286.

The visitor center of the South Cumberland State Park *(see Recreation Areas Chart)*, a 24,550-acre park composed of nine separate areas, is 3 miles east on US 41. Interpretive exhibits depict the park's many natural attractions, including the Great Stone Door, a 150-foot-high rock crevice in the Savage Gulf Natural Area, and the historic Lone Rock Coke Ovens, which converted locally

mined coal to coke, in the Grundy Lakes Recreation Area. The visitor center is open daily 8-4:30.

Other features in the park include the Sewanee Natural Bridge, a gracefully curved stone arch 27 feet high; Foster Falls, near Grundy Lakes, which is 60 feet high; and the Lost Cove Caves in the Carter Natural Area.

Scenic I-24 passes through Monteagle at the intersection with SR 56, continuing 40 miles southeast to Chattanooga.

South Cumberland State Park Visitors Center: 11745 US 41, Monteagle, TN 37356. Phone: (931) 924-2980.

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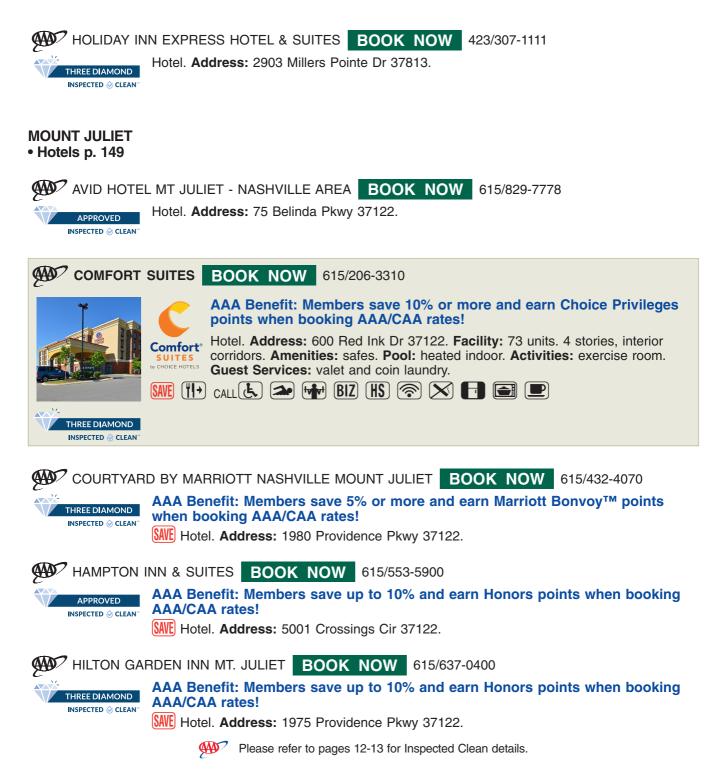
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Despite its central location and its tenure as the state capital 1819-26, Murfreesboro lost the seat of government to Nashville by one vote. A 26-foot obelisk, 3 miles from the public square on Old Lascassas Pike, marks the geographic center of Tennessee.

The 1859 Rutherford County Courthouse on E. Main Street was the site of a dawn attack by Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest and his Confederate cavalry on Union troops encamped within. About 3 miles northwest of town the Battle of Stones River was fought in late December and early January 1862-63 (see Stones River National Battlefield p. 222).

More than 450 Tennessee walking horses are on parade during the International Pleasure and Colt Grand Championship Show in late July. During the annual Uncle Dave Macon Days Music and Arts Festival, which has been held in July, September or October in recent years, music enthusiasts flock to the Fountains at Gateway, 1500 Medical Center Pkwy., for musical performances, jam sessions and other fun things to do. Rutherford County Convention and Visitors Bureau: 3050 Medical Center Pkwy., Murfreesboro, TN 37129. Phone: (615) 893-6565 or (800) 716-7560.

Self-guiding tours: The battlefield and other places of interest in Rutherford County are linked by 13 miles of greenway trails used by bicyclists, hikers and joggers.

BRADLEY ACADEMY MUSEUM AND CULTURAL CENTER is just s. on Broad St. to 415 S. Academy St. The academy is housed in a restored, two-story building where African Americans were formally educated 1918-55. Many exhibits explore the history of 19th-century Rutherford County, the academy and the Civil War, including an exhibit about the recruitment of African Americans into the Union Army. Tour guides tell the story of the Underground Railroad and show visitors through a restored classroom. Rotating artwork by local artists is on display. **Time:** Allow 1 hour, 30 minutes minimum. **Phone:** (615) 962-8773. **GT**

CANNONSBURGH VILLAGE is at 312 S. Front St. Reconstructed and restored Middle Tennessee buildings depict aspects of early Southern life. Included are a blacksmith's shop, log home, church, one-room schoolhouse, general store, gristmill and chapel. **Time:** Allow 30 minutes minimum. **Phone:** (615) 890-0355.



DISCOVERY CENTER is at 502 S.E. Broad St. The hands-on museum features a fire truck; a 2.5-story slide; a "creation station," where children can paint, sculpt and draw; the Nissan Super Center where children can use tools to work on a car; and interactive exhibits focusing on arts, culture, health and the environment. Some 20 acres of wetlands can be explored on boardwalks. Inhabitants of this area include blue herons, muskrats and river otters. Picnic tables are available. **Time:** Allow 1 hour, 30 minutes minimum. **Phone:** (615) 890-2300.

HERITAGE CENTER, 225 W. College St., offers exhibits about the Civil War, the jazz era and notable citizenry. Also available are guided town walking tours that feature historic and architecturally interesting sites. **Time:** Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (615) 217-8013. **(GT)**

STONES RIVER NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD—see place listing p. 222.



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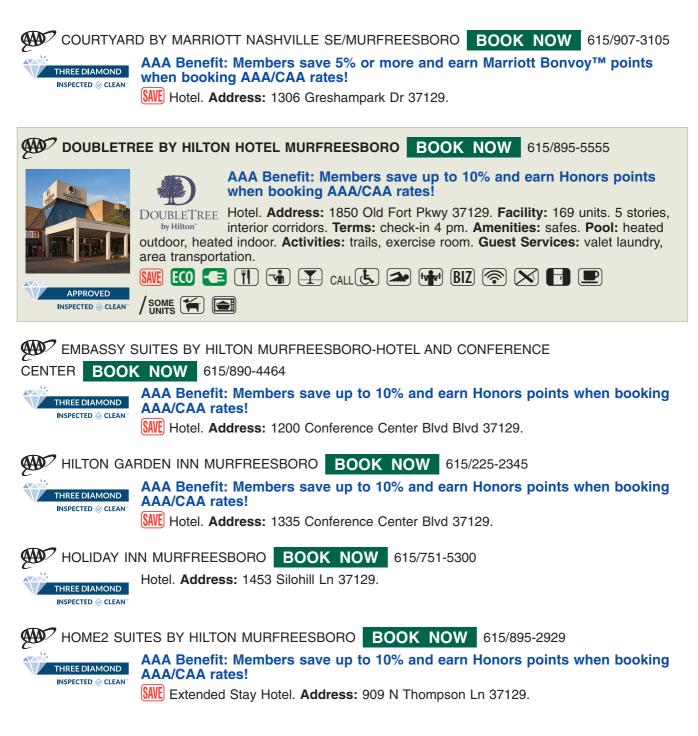
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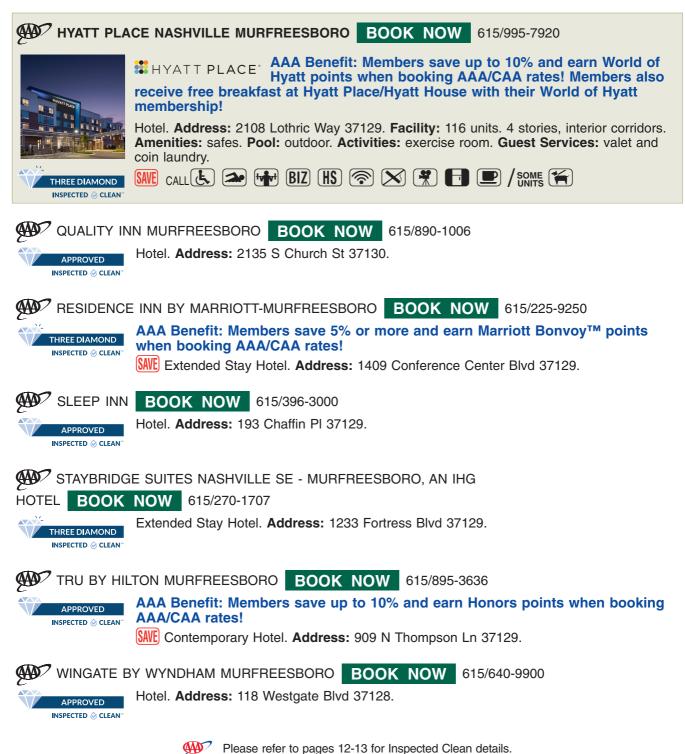
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Then & Now

The barroom is quiet, save for the persistent sounds of clinking bottles and shuffling boots. The young man on stage clears his throat. His eyes are closed as his lips part, but then the lyrics barrel out from somewhere deep inside in his chest, knocking him out of his nervous haze. Finally, with the last strum of his guitar hanging in the air, his long lashes flutter apart, allowing for a few precious glimpses of a thoroughly captivated audience.

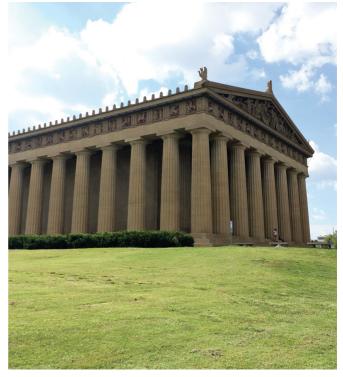
This is Nashville, though the songs aren't always upbeat and triumphant finales don't befall every would-be musician. While health care and publishing are two of the biggest local industries, the lifeblood of the city is music whether it's belted out by boot-wearing country stars or touring indie bands. Your trip is not complete until you experience the wide variety of music in the city.

Though millions of visitors each year seek out Music City's harmonious core, other nicknames suit the Tennessee capital just fine. Home to more than 700 churches, Nashville is sometimes referred to as the "Buckle of the Bible Belt." The United Methodist Publishing House and the Southern Baptist Convention are headquartered here, along with one of the largest publishers of Bibles, HarperCollins Christian Publishing.

As the "Athens of the South," the city's architecture often reflects a strong preference for Greek symmetry. Case in point: a full-size replica of the Parthenon. An impressive classical clone, the columned building is the centerpiece of lush Centennial Park, where Canada geese and their fluffy brood ply the waters of Lake Watauga. Nashville boasts several higher-education institutions, including Vanderbilt University, founded in 1873, and Fisk University, well-known for its renowned African American ensemble, first organized in 1871.

Still, most everyone comes to town to experience the thrill of at least one live performance: an impromptu session in a rustic honky-tonk or a well-oiled revue in a nicely equipped theater. The city's most recognizable tabernacle remains the Ryman Auditorium, or, more appropriately, the "Mother Church of Country Music," where fans seated

The Parthenon / © AAA / Katie Broome

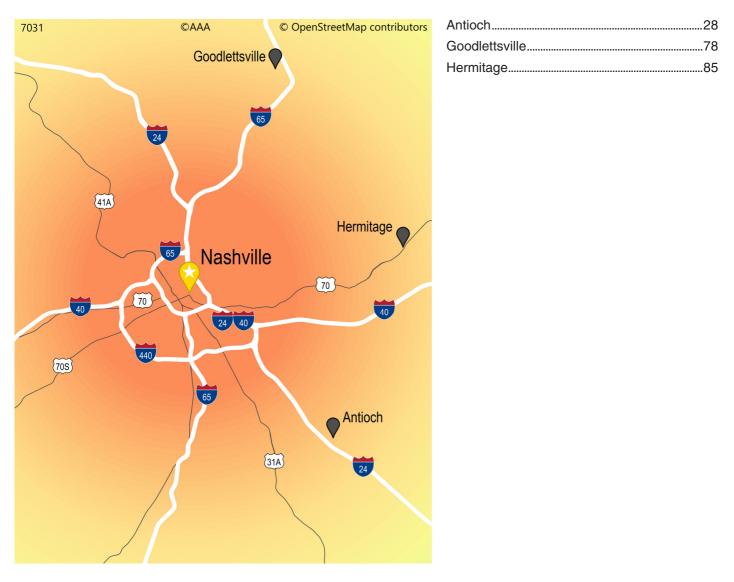


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Ø Destination Nashville

This map shows cities in the Nashville vicinity where you will find attractions, hotels and restaurants. Cities are listed alphabetically in this book on the following pages.



FAST FACTS

ABOUT THE CITY

POP: 601,222 • ELEV: 597 ft.

MONEY

SALES TAX: Tennessee's statewide sales tax is 7 percent; Nashville's sales tax can be up to an additional 2.25 percent, and the city has a 6 percent lodging tax, plus \$2 city tax per night.

WHOM TO CALL

EMERGENCY: 911

POLICE (non-emergency): (615) 862-8600

HOSPITALS: Nashville General Hospital at Meharry, (615) 341-4000 • Saint Thomas Midtown Hospital, (615) 284-5555 • Saint Thomas West Hospital, (615) 222-2111 • TriStar Southern Hills Medical Center, (615) 781-4000 • TriStar Summit Medical Center, (615) 316-3000 • Vanderbilt University Medical Center, (615) 322-5000.

VISITOR INFORMATION

Nashville Convention & Visitors Corporation: 501 Broadway, Nashville, TN 37203. Phone: (615) 259-4747 or (866) 830-4440.

The visitor center at 501 Broadway (at the intersection of Rep. John Lewis Way in the glass tower of the Bridgestone Arena) is open Wed. 10-3, Thurs.-Sat. 10-5 and Sun. 11-5. A second visitor center at 501 Commerce St., Suite 206 is open Wed.-Sun. 11-7; phone (866) 830-4440 or (800) 657-6910.

in restored 19th-century pews now worship the likes of Alison Krauss and Vince Gill.

Revelers roam the entertainment district surrounding the Ryman nightly, eyeballing bands hard at work inside the string of honky-tonks lining Broadway. Along this historic thoroughfare peppered with Western shops and neon signs, street performers pose for photos with tourists. Well-traveled retirees barhop from Tootsie's Orchid Lounge to Legends Corner to Robert's Western World memorabilia-crammed establishments where great country artists continue to stir things up.

A concrete block building on Roy Acuff Place serves as a shrine to Nashville's storied musical past, smack-dab in the middle of the city's \$5 billion entertainment industry. State-of-the-art for its time, RCA Studio B was built in

TRANSPORTATION

AIR TRAVEL: For tourists with airline flights, Nashville International Airport (BNA) is 15 minutes from downtown. Gaylord Opryland (*see attraction listing p. 167*) offers commuter shuttle service from the airport, and most major hotels provide airport courtesy cars and/or shuttle service.

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TAXIS: Cab fare is \$3 to start and \$2 per mile \bullet a \$25 flat fee is charged for transportation between the airport and downtown. Cabs are not easy to hail outside downtown, but they can be ordered by phone. The major cab company is Yellow, (615) 256-0101.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION: Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) has more than 50 city routes, including an airport connection. Exact change is required. The fare is \$1.70; \$1.00 (ages 5-19); 85c (ages 65+ and riders with disabilities). Buses generally run daily 6:15 a.m.-11:15 p.m., depending upon the route. For information phone (615) 862-5950.

The Music City Circuit offers free bus service downtown. The Blue Circuit runs north to south between Bicentennial Capitol Mall and the Schermerhorn Symphony Center. The Green Circuit runs east to west from Riverfront Station to the Gulch. Both routes operate daily.

1957 in a burgeoning district quickly emerging as *the* place to record—Music Row. More than 200 Elvis Presley songs were recorded here, and in recent years the studio has been restored to its former 1970s glory.

Tours of the "Home of 1,000 Hits" are available through the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum, where music plays a part in, well, everything. Visitors drool over the 1928 Weymann strummed by Jimmie Rodgers, "The Father of Country Music." In the hall of fame, bronze likenesses of bygone Grand Ole Opry stars enthrall groups who, just the evening prior, were wowed by contemporary acts at the stage show that first aired on Nov. 28, 1925.

Inspired by Nashville's long broadcasting history, a triangular-braced tower attached to the Bridgestone Arena rises more than 200 feet; its elliptical 100-foot base recalls

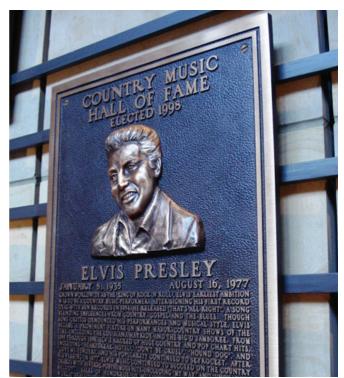


an angled spotlight lighting a stage. The arena's music box-style roof, left ajar, allows the sounds of shows to resonate through downtown.

Must Do: AAA Editor's Picks

- Attend a production of the legendary Grand Ole Opry (2804 Opryland Dr.). Launched in Nashville in 1925, the live radio broadcast continues to introduce many a country musician hopeful to the world. If you're a big fan, sign up for a guided tour of the Grand Ole Opry House; besides learning about the history of the 4,400-seat venue, you'll have the chance to stand at center stage, on the round 6-foot piece of oak wood typically occupied by regulars like Trisha Yearwood and Brad Paisley. Taken from the show's previous home, the Ryman Auditorium, the circle memorializes such Opry royalty as Roy Acuff and Minnie Pearl.
- Spend a neon-illuminated night gallivanting through the Lower Broadway district, Nashville's top spot for live music. Duck into Legends Corner (428 Broadway), Robert's Western World (416 Broadway) or Tootsie's Orchid Lounge (422 Broadway) to hear twangy tunes from up-and-coming music stars. Keep your eyes peeled while honky-tonking downtown—a few celebrity A-listers like Sheryl Crow or Keith Urban might very well be in the crowd.
- Show up for a free line dancing lesson at the Wildhorse Saloon (120 2nd Ave. N.), a three-level, rowdy, boot-scootin' saloon that marked its 1994 opening with a cattle stampede presided over by Reba McEntire. Yee-haw!
- Look through scores of country records and CDs at **Ernest Tubb Record Shop** (417 Broadway), opened in 1947. The store hosts a free country music broadcast—the Ernest Tubb Midnite Jamboree—every Saturday night at the **Texas Troubadour Theatre** (2416 Music Valley Dr.).
- Settle into an oak pew and enjoy a show at the "Mother Church of Country Music," the Ryman Auditorium (116 Rep. John Lewis Way N.). Home of the Grand Ole Opry 1943-74, the storied venue often praised for its stellar acoustics now hosts musical theater performances, concerts and daytime tours.
- Wander the expansive Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center (2800 Opryland Dr.), where nearly 3,000 guestrooms, pulsing nightclubs and several stylish places to eat intermingle with 9 acres of lush indoor gardens and waterways. Then hop aboard the General Jackson Showboat (2812 Opryland Dr.), a four-deck paddle wheeler that plies the Cumberland River.

- Spend an hour or two perusing exhibits at the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum (222 Rep. John Lewis Way S.), chock-full of glittery stage costumes, treasured instruments and all things in between. On top of its eye-catching collection of gold records, interactive displays and relics, the attraction regularly schedules panel discussions with movers and shakers in the music business.
- Take a drive through Music Row, the hub of Nashville's music recording industry. Centered between 16th and 17th avenues and Division and Grand streets, the tree-lined business district embraces hundreds of major record labels, music publishing firms, booking agencies and high-tech recording studios.
- Locate signs of the Dolly Parton incident—the day the buxom songstress drove her car into **Historic RCA Studio B** (1611 Roy Acuff Pl.) while en route to a recording session—during your Music Row expedition. The small and now *slightly* dented building built in 1957 saw the likes of the King of Rock 'n' Roll and such country and pop icons as Willie Nelson, the Everly Brothers and Roy Orbison. Take the guided tour offered by the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum.



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 Discover the prestigious Belle Meade neighborhood, home to impressive estates owned by recording stars and other affluent Music City residents. Located 5 miles southwest of downtown, the posh area boasts elegant remnants from the past, including Belle Meade Plantation (5025 Harding Pike) and Cheekwood Botanical Garden & Museum of Art (1200 Forrest Park Dr.).

Nashville 1-day Itinerary

AAA editors suggest these activities for a great short vacation experience. Those staying in the area for a longer visit can access a 3-day itinerary at AAA.com/TripCanvas.

Morning

Begin your Music City adventure by visiting the
 Ryman Auditorium (116 Rep. John Lewis Way



N.), home to the Grand Ole Opry from 1943 until 1974, when the show relocated to its present 4,400-seat performance house at Gaylord Opryland. Take a daytime tour of the Ryman to learn all about the "Mother Church of Country Music," which originated in the late 1800s as a tabernacle for Christian revivals.

● Walk to the nearby **Country Music Hall of Fame** and Museum (222 Rep. John Lewis Way S.) to peruse interactive exhibits and all kinds of glitzy paraphernalia, from cherished Gibsons to fringed leather jackets. The museum also offers tours of legendary letterpress shop Hatch Show Print as well as Music Row's Historic RCA Studio B, where Elvis Presley, Willie Nelson, Dolly Parton, Roy Orbison and countless others cut singles before the recording facility ceased operation in the late '70s.

Afternoon

- Enjoy a casual lunch in Lower Broadway—the spirited historic heart of downtown where you'll find yourself singing along with street musicians while simultaneously storing a long mental list of honky-tonks you want to check out after dusk. As for chowing down, you'll have your pick of restaurants along 2nd Avenue and Broadway (the area's main thoroughfares), though natives usually pack Jack's Bar-B-Que (416 Broadway), established in 1976.
- Downtown's many souvenir stores house a wealth of country music-themed wares. But if you want something more memorable than a magnet or a commemorative shot glass, peek inside the original **Ernest Tubb Record Shop** (417 Broadway) opened in the 1940s, where you can score some rare vinyl or hard-to-find CDs. Or, you could snag a concert poster reprint from Nashville's historic **Hatch Show Print** (224 Rep. John Lewis Way S.). The cool turn-of-the-20th-century letterpress print shop has created custom designs for everyone from Bob Dylan to Elvis Presley.
- See the **Tennessee State Capitol** (600 Charlotte Ave.) and **Bicentennial Capitol Mall State Park** (600 James Robertson Pkwy.), or head west on Broadway to the **Frist Art Museum** (919 Broadway). The former Art Deco post office building now houses an impressive collection of art from local, regional and international artists.

Evening

 Dine at the expansive S Gaylord Opryland (2800 Opryland Dr.) complex. After eating, you can wander the botanical garden of the Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center or take a 15-minute

Ernest Tubb Record Shop / © AAA / Katie Broome



flatboat ride along canals in the atrium. When you're ready to kick up your cowboy boots, the multifaceted leisure development once again delivers: Several bars and dance halls are on-site.

- If you've already seen the SG Grand Ole Opry (2804 Opryland Dr.), you could opt for a melodious Cumberland River voyage aboard the General Jackson Showboat (2812 Opryland Dr.). The surrounding Music Valley area also offers plenty in the way of live entertainment. Enjoy the dinner show at The Nashville Palace (2611 McGavock Pike) or take in the popular (and free!) Midnite Jamboree, an enduring radio show broadcast from the Texas Troubadour Theatre (2416 Music Valley Dr.) every Saturday evening.
- For late-night revelers who instead choose to prowl Lower Broadway, the Wildhorse Saloon (120 2nd Ave. N.) is a good bet. You can take lessons in two-stepping at the three-level restaurant, concert hall and dance club before hitting up such famous honky-tonks as Legends Corner (428 Broadway), Robert's Western World (416 Broadway) and Tootsie's Orchid Lounge (422 Broadway).

Top Picks for Kids

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- Animal viewing isn't the only thing to do at **Nashville Zoo at Grassmere** (3777 Nolensville Pike). The 66,000-square-foot Jungle Gym calls to little ones who like to slide, climb and crawl. This community-built playground probably doesn't look like the one at school; it has a 35-foot-tall tree house, a dancing water fountain and a large snake tunnel.
- When the weather is nice, water parks are a sure bet for active youngsters. Wave Country (2320 Two Rivers Pkwy.) and Nashville Shores Lakeside Resort (4001 Bell Rd.), in nearby Hermitage, offer slides, pools and water activities. The former has fewer attractions than Nashville Shores but is closer to downtown.
- Enjoy simple pleasures at **Cumberland Park** (592 S. 1st St.). The 6.5-acre riverfront site entices kids with its climbing wall, oversize slide, spray fountains, misting areas and rain curtains. There also are walking trails, picnic areas and a pedestrian bridge. The former roadway over the Cumberland River was spared demolition and is now a walkway with great city views and nighttime illumination.



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Teens

- You don't need to be an avid history or art fan to appreciate **The Parthenon** (2500 W. End Ave.)—a full-scale replica of the ancient Greek temple. The interior holds a nice art collection, but the highlight is the 42-foot statue of the goddess Athena, a re-creation of the one Phidias sculpted in the 5th century B.C.
- Learn about Taylor Swift and other country superstars at the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum (222 Rep. John Lewis Way S.). Historical audio recordings and performances along with instruments, costumes and automobiles tell the history of this music genre.

All Ages

• Amble down **Broadway**'s large thoroughfare between 2nd Avenue and the Bridgestone Arena. This



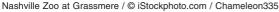
downtown historic area is *the* place for live music. You don't have to frequent the bars or honky-tonks to hear it, either; most doors are propped open to allow the sounds to spill out, and there are plenty of street performers to wow budding musicians. Enjoy the old architecture, duck into souvenir shops and poll the group about which neon sign is their favorite.

- Create some family bonding time by seeing a
 Grand Ole Opry (2804 Opryland Dr.) performance; the radio show that began in 1925 made country music famous. These 2-hour shows welcome a mix of legendary artists, current hit makers and newbies to the stage. The several hundred Opry members and guest artists include Garth Brooks, Martina McBride, Tim McGraw, Willie Nelson and Dolly Parton.
- Have a meal at Aquarium Restaurant (516 Opry Mills Dr.), where each table has a view of a 200,000-gallon aquarium, home to fish, sharks, stingrays and other marine life. The menu has a large seafood section and plenty of chicken and beef options along with a fun underwater-themed kids' menu. Stop by The LEGO Store before leaving the mall.
- Experience science while you travel at
 Adventure Science Center (800 Fort Negley Blvd.) with interactive exhibits or kick back at a planetarium show. Dozens of activities provide practical, relevant and fun ideas related to science topics like health, energy, sound, light, air and space.
- Visit the atrium at the Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center (2800 Opryland Dr.) to see three indoor gardens—the Garden Conservatory, the Cascades and the Delta—and fountain shows "Aqua" and "International Waters" at the Delta Fountain. A waterfall at the lush Cascades is a highlight, and the Delta offers guided flatboat rides. If your vacation coincides with the holiday season, experience Gaylord Opryland's A Country Christmas. Take a carriage rides to see a the grounds' 2 million lights, see ice sculptures at ICE! or ice skate under the stars.

Arriving

By Car

Three major interstates pass through Nashville. Near the heart of the city these highways combine to form a



near circle around downtown. Convenient exits provide easy access to major city streets.

The main north-south route is I-65. Closely parallel is the US 31 corridor, which divides into US 31E and US 31W north of Nashville, US 31 and Alt. US 31 to the south, and I-24 to the west.

East-west access comes primarily from transcontinental I-40. A close companion is US 70, another route that spans a considerable portion of the nation; east of Nash-ville it splinters into US 70N and US 70S.

I-24 runs on a northwest-southeast axis, bringing traffic from other routes in Chattanooga and southern Illinois. A close relative on part of its journey is US 41 and Alt. US 41.

SR 155 (Briley Parkway/Thompson Lane/Woodmont Boulevard/White Bridge Road), a bypass, encircles Nashville and connects all major interstates running through the city.

Getting Around

Street System

Nashville is a fairly easy city in which to navigate, given that the downtown area is ringed by five major interstates: 40, 65, 440, 24 and 840, an outer bypass. The key to deciphering the street system is to remember that the Cumberland River runs north to south, bisecting the heart of the city. The numbered *avenues* run north to south, *west* of and parallel to the river. The numbered *streets* run north to south, *east* of and parallel to the river. East-west streets are generally perpendicular to the river on both sides.

Three vehicular bridges connect the east and west sections of downtown: the Victory Memorial Bridge, Woodland Street Bridge and Jefferson Street Bridge. Broadway (US 70) and Charlotte, Church and Jefferson streets are the principal cross-town routes. The Shelby Avenue bridge—once scheduled for destruction—has been preserved as the John Seigenthaler Pedestrian Bridge, one of the longest pedestrian bridges in the world.

US 41 is the main north-south thoroughfare, though it is separated by the James Robertson Parkway for about a half-mile in the area around the State Capitol. James Robertson Parkway also is the link with Victory Memorial Bridge. South of Demonbreun Street, US 41 (also called 8th Avenue) divides, and the 8th Avenue S. part of the fork becomes US 31. US 41 continues south as Lafayette Street.

Broadway and Jefferson, Charlotte, Church and Demonbreun streets are all downtown access exits off the I-40 loop of the circumferential highway. On the eastern side of the river, Jefferson, Main and Woodland streets and Shelby Avenue are exits off the I-24 loop of the highway.

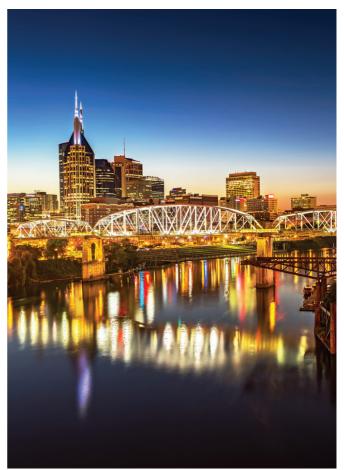
The average speed downtown is 30-35 mph. Right turns at red lights are legal unless otherwise posted.

Parking

On-street parking is convenient at meters, with an hourly rate of \$1.50 in the Central Business District and \$1 in all other areas. Parking garages and outdoor parking lots average \$4-\$12 per hour or \$12-\$25 per day. Valet parking is common for downtown restaurants and hotels.

Shopping

Before you start collecting mementos from your trip to Music City, kick things off with some fancy footwear. Several boot dealers operate in downtown Nashville. Stock up on cowboy boots at **Boot Barn** (318 Broadway) or **Boot Country** (304 Broadway), where there's always a buyone-get-two-free deal going on. Ladies will love the fashionable boot selection at **Betty Boots** (321 Broadway). Once you're outfitted for your travel, break in your new



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gear rambling past honky-tonks and crooning street musicians in the Lower Broadway district between 2nd Avenue and the Bridgestone Arena.

Stores housed in late-19th-century commercial structures along Broadway and 2nd Avenue peddle souvenir magnets and colorful guitar picks, assorted packages of Goo Goo Clusters (made by a local candymaker, the old-school chocolates have nourished sweet-toothed Southerners since 1912) and bold Johnny Cash T-shirts that most often come in black (naturally!). **The Nashville Collection** (120 2nd Ave. N.) stocks music-themed merchandise and souvenirs, as does the **Ryman Auditorium Gift Shop** (116 Rep. John Lewis Way N.). You'll find goods with a rock 'n' roll theme at **Swe Hard Rock Cafe** (100 Broadway).

If you're decked out in a glittery ten-gallon hat or a fringe-riffic suit and are wondering what to do, pick up a few sing-along-perfect tunes at the **Ernest Tubb Record**



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Shop (417 Broadway). In 1947 singer-songwriter Tubb opened the longtime Broadway business, which still holds the stage formerly used during radio broadcasts of the "Midnite Jamboree." The CD- and record-crammed space also showcases a variety of country music memorabilia.

Visitors crane their necks perusing the placarded walls of **Hatch Show Print** (224 Rep. John Lewis Way S.), one of the country's oldest working letterpress print shops. Reproduction posters promoting past performances by such stars as B.B. King, Willie Nelson and Elvis Presley are up for sale, as are T-shirts and coffee mugs emblazoned with memorable Hatch designs. You can even watch posters coming off the presses in the production shop or take a tour to create your own print.

Just a short drive southwest on Broadway is **Hillsboro Village.** This bohemian neighborhood abutting Vanderbilt University features a small shopping and dining district centered on 21st Avenue South. Score a few more unconventional goodies—from distinctive greeting cards to contemporary art pieces—at **A Thousand Faces** (1720 21st Ave. S.), a local favorite.

Less than 2 miles from Hillsboro Village you'll find merchants and places to eat scattered along 12th Avenue South, between Wedgewood Avenue and Gale Lane, in an up-and-coming neighborhood known as **12South**. Trade your air guitar for the real deal at **Corner Music** (3048 Dickerson Pike), *the* place for acoustic essentials since 1976. Continue your shopping spree with a wellcaffeinated stop at **Frothy Monkey** (2509 12th Ave. S.), then head next door to **MODA Boutique** (2511 12th Ave. S.), where a well-curated selection of designer clothing and jewelry awaits.

Nashvillians who prefer indie wails to Southern twangs score vinyl and hard-to-find CDs at **Grimey's New & Preloved Music** (1060 E. Trinity Ln.) where albums from bands such as The White Stripes, the Meat Puppets, and Nick Cave & The Bad Seeds occupy every available nook and cranny. New and vintage stringed instruments await the next great pickers, fiddlers and strummers at **Gruhn Guitars** (2120 8th Ave. S.), in business since 1970. Closer to downtown but still on Eighth Avenue, **Carter Vintage Guitars** (625 8th Ave. S.) offers even more stringed instruments for serious collectors (the price tags are pretty serious, too). And **8th Avenue South**, by the way, is a district known for its antique shops.

Retailers at **Opry Mills** (433 Opry Mills Dr.) outlet mall include Coach, Fossil Outlet, LEGO, Lionel Trains, Polo Ralph Lauren Factory Store, H&M and J. Crew Factory Store.

Fashionistas aching for a no-holds-barred shopping spree should head to **The Mall at Green Hills**, 8 miles southwest of downtown at 2126 Abbott Martin Rd. Anchored by Dillard's, Macy's and Nordstrom, the pristine,



skylight-capped shopping center offers more than 100 specialty stores (upscale merchants include Burberry, Tiffany & Co. and Williams-Sonoma) and nearby restaurants.

Close by, hip urbanites linger inside such shops as Allen Edmonds, Anthropologie, Vineyard Vines and West Elm at **Hill Center Green Hills** (4015 Hillsboro Pike), an open-air, main street-style shopping village. The daughter of Hank Williams Jr. owns the nearby boutique **H. Audrey** (4027 Hillsboro Pike), a popular spot for celebrity sightings.

Also serving Nashville-area mall rats are **RiverGate Mall**, 1000 Rivergate Parkway off I-65 in Goodlettsville and home to Dillard's and JCPenney; and **Lebanon Outlet Marketplace**, 25 miles east at the junction of I-40 and SR 231 in Lebanon at 1 Outlet Village Blvd., featuring 60-plus merchants, including Brooks Brothers Factory Store and Polo Ralph Lauren Factory Store. A suburban retail paradise, **CoolSprings Galleria**, off I-65 at 1800 Galleria Blvd. in Franklin, lures patrons with Belk, Dillard's, JCPenney, Macy's and H&M, in addition to more than 150 specialty shops, including an American Girl store.

After hitting the CoolSprings shopping hub, check out **The Factory at Franklin** (230 Franklin Rd.), a complex of Depression-era factory buildings first built for a stove manufacturing company. While the cavernous space retains its industrial look, patrons of art galleries, restaurants, and clothing and gift boutiques now swarm the site. More shopping awaits you less than a mile away in Franklin's quaint 15-block historic downtown district. Wooden planters and canvas awnings line **Main Street**, along which you'll find fine teas, chic accessories and campy toys. If you love rummaging through collections of rare books, oil paintings and pretty china sets, walk to **Second Avenue and South Margin Street**, where a handful of antique dealers operate.

Fans of the History television series "American Pickers" can shop for antiques and collectibles at **Antique Archae-ology** (1300 Clinton St., Suite 130), located in a 1900s car factory near Marathon Village.

If what you really enjoy is haggling over prices, don't miss the **Nashville Flea Market** at **The Fairgrounds Nashville** (625 Smith Ave.), held the fourth weekend of each month (held the third weekend in December). One mile south of downtown Nashville, the fair attracts bargain hunters in search of arts and crafts, furniture and collect-ibles. Phone (615) 862-8980.

Nightlife

They don't call the Tennessee capital NashVegas for nothin'. Serving as kitschy homing beacons for party-going natives, neon signs illuminate Broadway, otherwise known as the "**Honky Tonk Highway.**" Though smaller and more countrified than Nevada's famous strip, Music City's main drag offers everything from country to rockabilly to bluegrass at down-home bars such as **The Stage on Broadway** (412 Broadway), **Layla's** (418 Broadway) and **Legends Corner** (428 Broadway); as street performers continue the harmonies outside. Phone (615) 726-0504 for The Stage, (615) 726-2799 for Layla's or (615) 248-6334 for Legends Corner.

While exploring Broadway (where the action is centered between the Cumberland River and Rep. John Lewis Way), experience the winning combination of Pabst Blue Ribbon, fried bologna sandwiches and live music at **Robert's Western World** (416B Broadway), a former apparel store that's often heralded as one of the city's best honkytonks; phone (615) 244-9552. Afterward, sidle up to one of three bars at **Tootsie's Orchid Lounge** (422 Broadway)—long the watering hole of choice for Nashville hit makers, Grand Ole Opry icons and up-and-coming talents. With multiple floors and multiple bands playing each



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night, you're sure to stumble onto something good; phone (615) 726-0463.

If you're looking for fun things to do with friends, technoblaring dance clubs and themed bars lure raucous twentysomethings along 2nd Avenue (between Union Street and Broadway). Hit the dance floor at **B.B. King's Blues Club** (152 2nd Ave. N.), or pick up a few new moves at the **Wildhorse Saloon** (120 2nd Ave. N.), which offers line dancing lessons most nights. **Acme Feed & Seed** (101 Broadway) offers three floors of dining and entertainment, including a first floor honky-tonk, a second floor hipster-chic lounge, and a rooftop bar overlooking the city. Phone (615) 256-2727 for B.B. King's, (615) 902-8200 for the Wildhorse Saloon or (615) 915-0888 for Acme Feed & Seed.

Vestiges of a naughty past linger in **Printers Alley.** Long the hub of Nashville's printing industry, the alley also became home to speakeasies, gambling halls and other



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underground establishments around the turn of the 20th century. Though raids by billy club-bearing police officers have slowed since Prohibition ended, late-night debauchery endures in this historic quarter. (Needless to say, infamous Printers Alley isn't for everyone.) Located between 3rd and 4th avenues and Union and Church streets, the alley includes nightspots like the **Bourbon Street Blues and Boogie Bar** (220 Printers Alley) where artists such as James Brown, Matt "Guitar" Murphy and Magic Slim have jammed; phone (615) 242-5837.

If you've had your fill of Lower Broadway nightlife, choose from the selection of restaurants and saloons at the Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center *(see attraction listing p. 170)*, less than 20 minutes northeast of downtown Nashville. After dinner and drinks at the stunning hotel, mosey next door for the show that helped define American country music: the **Grand Ole Opry** (2804 Opryland Dr.). The live radio broadcast has enchanted audiences since Nov. 28, 1925 with an ever-changing lineup of stars such as Dolly Parton, Alan Jackson and Martina McBride.

Stay up late on your vacation and be part of the live audience at the "Ernest Tubb Midnite Jamboree" at the **Texas Troubadour Theatre** (2416 Music Valley Dr.) Airing every Saturday at midnight following the Grand Ole Opry, the country's second-longest running live radio show won't cost you a dime. Phone (615) 585-9301.

Also free is Writers' Night, held every Sunday at 8 p.m. at **The Bluebird Cafe** (4104 Hillsboro Pike). The show features between eight and 10 up-and-comers—who each play three original songs—as well as a guest performance by an experienced Nashville hit maker. Just keep in mind, mum's the word during the gig (The Bluebird's unofficial slogan is "Shhh!"). Also, since seating is first-come, first-served, you'll need to arrive early to snag a spot. If you can't get in on a Sunday, see amateurs take the stage during Monday's open mike night. In addition, reservations are generally accepted for a small fee on Tuesdays through Saturdays, when established musicians perform at the intimate venue; phone (615) 383-1461.

In Nashville's **Gulch district**, an old-school sign outside **The Station Inn** (402 12th Ave. S.), (615) 255-3307, says all you need to know about this local institution, a mecca for bluegrass fans:

- Live Acoustic Music
- Open at 7 p.m.- Music at 9 p.m.
- Pizza/Beer/Snacks

On the opposite end of the nightlife spectrum is **Sambuca** (601 12th Ave. S.) where stylish patrons sip martinis as musicians ranging from jazz crooners to classic rock 'n' rollers take the stage. Enjoy lobster enchiladas or a flatiron steak served with a side of quesadillas, then head up

to Sambuca's posh rooftop patio for after-dinner cocktails and impressive views of Nashville's twinkling skyline; phone (615) 248-2888.

Mercy Lounge (One Cannery Row) is a former foodcanning factory where '80s and '90s crowds cheered on acts such as Iggy Pop, Lenny Kravitz and Jane's Addiction. These days, the intimate second-floor venue packs 'em in with local and nationally touring acts and regular events such as 8 off 8th, a showcase for fledgling artists. On the ground floor is the **Cannery Ballroom**, which hosts larger concerts. Phone (615) 251-3020.

If you find yourself standing in a long line outside the **Exit/In** (2208 Elliston PI.), scan the wall of fame by the entrance. Odds are you'll recognize more than just a few of the names scribbled haphazardly on the side of the building. Since the club's opening in 1971, R.E.M., Johnny Cash, Kings of Leon, Willie Nelson and Bon Iver are just a few who've brought down the house in this dark, standing-room-only dive; phone (615) 891-1781.

With Vanderbilt University as a neighbor, it's no wonder **Elliston Place** (a.k.a. the "Rock Block") and the surrounding area are home to a number of quirky taverns and restaurants including **Broadway Brewhouse** (1900 Broadway). Phone (615) 340-0089.

Big Events

Music celebrations abound in Music City, USA. During the **CMA Music Festival** in early June, barbecues, exhibits and general fanfare envelop downtown Nashville. But let's not forget the live music: Huge crowds of fans pack outdoor and arena concerts performed by country music's biggest celebrities.

The **Tin Pan South Songwriters Festival**, named after New York's Tin Pan Alley, attracts hundreds of songwriters who perform in venues throughout the city in early April. Catch the acts of both legendary and up-and-coming musicians.

Each March 15th, **The Hermitage** celebrates the **Anniversary of Andrew Jackson's Birthday** with a grand display. Folks flock to the president's antebellum mansion for tours of the home and 1,120-acre grounds, where the president and his wife are buried.

Spring also welcomes the **Nashville Film Festival** in mid-April, during which well-known and promising film producers present their works. Cinemas host screenings, and festivalgoers can attend film-related seminars and forums.

One of Nashville's finest traditions is the running of the **Iroquois Steeplechase.** This classic event, held the second



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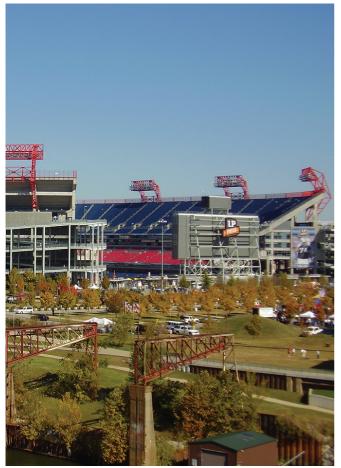


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Saturday in May, has been a major festivity since 1941 and is said to be one of the longest-running steeplechases in the country. Attracting the city's elite, the steeplechase features seven races and is held in **Percy Warner Park**.

If you're looking for fun things to do with friends, the **Tennessee State Fair** in September offers art exhibits, carnival rides, competitions, entertainment and pageants. In October, attend the **Celebrate Nashville Cultural Festival**, an ethnic festival with crafts, exhibits, food and more than 60 dance and music performances on seven different stages.

If your trip is at the end of the year, holiday events take place at Cheekwood Botanical Garden & Museum of Art, the Belle Meade Plantation, the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum, and Loews Vanderbilt Hotel Nashville, but Gaylord Opryland's A Country Christmas, an event featuring the hotel and grounds draped in almost 2



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million lights, is tough to top. The celebration runs from mid-November to early January and features horse-drawn carriage rides, children's activities and a craft and gift fair. ICE!, a frozen wonderland built around life-size ice sculptures, also is a cool part of the celebration.

The Franklin American Mortgage Company Music City Bowl is held in late December at Nissan Stadium.

Sports & Rec

Stroll through **Riverfront Park**, sandwiched between Lower Broadway and the Cumberland River, for views of **Nissan Stadium** (1 Titans Way), where Nashville **football** fans cheer on the **Tennessee Titans**. For tickets phone (615) 565-4200. Vanderbilt University's football team, the **Commodores**, attracts faithful crowds to **Vanderbilt Stadium**; phone (615) 322-4653 or (877) 448-2639 for tickets.

Both the women's and men's Vanderbilt Commodores **basketball** teams are frequently contenders in their conferences, making tickets a valuable commodity; phone (615) 322-4653 or (877) 448-2639.

Baseball fans root for the **Nashville Sounds**, a Triple-A minor league team affiliated with the Texas Rangers. Tickets to their games at **First Tennessee Park** (19 Junior Gilliam Way) are available; phone (615) 690-4487.

Watch the National **Hockey** League's **Nashville Preda-tors** at **Bridgestone Arena**, downtown at Rep. John Lewis Way and Broadway. Phone (615) 770-2000 for Predators ticket information.

Home to the Nashville Soccer Club, a Major League Soccer team, GEODIS Park, 501 Benton Ave., seats at least 30,000 fans; for the front office phone (615) 750-8800.

The J. Percy Priest and Old Hickory reservoirs (see Recreation Areas Chart) and a network of inner-city parks are the mainstay of many sports and leisure activities around Nashville. Family-oriented Cumberland Park includes an open lawn, a river walk, landscaped gardens and play equipment for children. Centennial Park offers picnic areas, a short trail and a dog park. Wooded trails provide shade to joggers and walkers at Edwin and Percy Warner Parks. Radnor Lake State Park, south of Nashville off I-65, has 10 hiking trails of various levels of difficulty, as well as nature walks and plenty of opportunities for wildlife viewing.

Bicycling is enjoyable on the 26-mile **Music City Bikeway** between Percy Warner Park and J. Percy Priest Dam. The trail, which consists of greenway bike paths, shared street routes as well as designated bike lanes, offers scenic views of the Cumberland River, Nissan Stadium and Bicentennial Capitol Mall State Park. Mountain bike trails are located in Percy Warner Park.

A bicycle-sharing option is **Nashville B-Cycle.** Twowheelers may be rented and returned at self-service kiosks



throughout the city, including **Shelby Bottoms Nature Center**. A 24-hour pass costs \$5, which includes rides of up to 1 hour. Additional fees are charged for longer rides. Phone (615) 625-2153 for Nashville B-Cycle information.

The J. Percy Priest and Old Hickory reservoirs are popular spots for **boating**, **water skiing**, **swimming** and other water sports. Children can cool off at Cumberland Park's water play area featuring an interactive splash pad, water jets and rain curtains. Indoor swimming is offered at **Centennial Sportsplex**; phone (615) 862-8480 for the Aquatics Department. Metro Parks and Recreation maintains both outdoor and indoor pools for public use at locations throughout Nashville; phone (615) 862-8400.

The **Harpeth Scenic River**, southwest of the city off US 70, welcomes **canoes** and **kayaks**. For information on canoeing trips in the Nashville vicinity contact the Tennessee Department of Tourist Development, 312 Rosa L. Parks Ave.; phone (615) 741-2159.

Fishing for crappie, bass, catfish and sunfish in the lakes and reservoirs around Nashville is a favorite pastime. For fishing license information, contact the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, phone (615) 781-6500. Licenses also are available at discount stores and sporting goods stores, bait shops and marinas.

Indoor and outdoor **tennis** courts are available at **Centennial Sportsplex Tennis Center**, across from Centennial Park. Metro Parks and Recreation offers free public courts on a first-come, first-served basis; phone (615) 862-8490 for Centennial and Metro Parks. Courts also are available at local high schools and universities.

Nine-hole **golf** courses open to the public include **Percy Warner**, (615) 352-9958, and **Little Course at Aspen Grove**, (615) 790-0222, in nearby Franklin. For 18-hole courses head to **Harpeth Hills**, (615) 862-8493, in Percy Warner Park; **Nashboro Golf Club**, (615) 367-2311; **Ted Rhodes**, (615) 862-8463, on the banks of the Cumberland River; **Two Rivers**, (615) 889-2675, near the Grand Ole Opry; or **Shelby**, (615) 862-8474, in East Nashville.

Just northeast of town in Old Hickory you'll find 18-hole **Riverside**, (615) 847-5074, and **Hermitage Golf Club**, (615) 847-4001. Golfing options in Franklin include **Forrest Crossing**, (615) 794-9400, and **Vanderbilt Legends Club of Tennessee**, (615) 791-8100. **McCabe Golf Course** in West Nashville offers 27 holes; (615) 862-8491.

Performing Arts

One of the most important events in Nashville's history was the building of the **Ryman Auditorium** (see attraction *listing p. 171*). The home of the Grand Ole Opry for 31 years, the stage of the Ryman Auditorium also has been graced by the likes of Enrico Caruso, Katharine Hepburn, Helen Keller and Harry Houdini. In 2015 a \$14 million renovation and expansion project once again put the

Ryman in the spotlight as the city's premier cultural venue; audiences enjoy concerts, musicals and award shows there. The facility also serves as a daytime museum, documenting the Ryman's past through a variety of exhibits and videos.

Built in east Nashville along the Cumberland River in 1974, the **Grand Ole Opry House** in **Gaylord Opryland** is a center for country music shows. For those who prefer down-home cookin' with their music, **Nashville Night Life Dinner Theatre** fills the bill daily; phone (615) 885-4747 or (800) 573-7973 for schedule information.

In the heart of town the **Tennessee Performing Arts Center (TPAC)** has four showcases for top shows and artists: the **Andrew Jackson Hall** for concerts, operas and touring Broadway shows; the **Andrew Johnson Theater** for theater-in-the-round; the **James K. Polk Theater** for theatrical productions, operettas, dance and chamber



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concerts; and the **War Memorial Auditorium** for orchestral and theatrical shows. Phone (615) 782-4000, or (615) 782-4040 for the box office.

Nashville Ballet presents classical and contemporary works at the Tennessee Performing Arts Center as well as at The Martin Center for Nashville Ballet, 3630 Redmon St. In addition to Nashville Ballet, the **Nashville Opera** and the **Nashville Repertory Theatre** are resident organizations at TPAC; call (615) 297-2966 for the ballet, (615) 832-5242 for the opera and (615) 244-4878 for the repertory theater.

The **Nashville Symphony** performs year-round in the **Schermerhorn Symphony Center**, one of only a few major concert halls in North America to use natural lighting; phone (615) 687-6400 for information and reservations.

Colleges and universities in Nashville also offer their share of music, dance and drama productions. Some of the programs are free and many are performed at Vanderbilt University's **Blair School of Music**, (615) 322-7651. The **Nashville Children's Theatre**, 25 Middleton St., specializes in children's productions; phone (615) 252-4675 for the box office. **Chaffin's Barn Theatre**, 8204 SR 100, presents comedies and musicals along with dinner. On the main stage, a platform descends from the ceiling at the start of each show. Phone (615) 646-9977 or (800) 282-2276.

Concerts take place on weekends, mid-May to mid-September at **Centennial Park** and other area parks; for more information phone (615) 862-8424. The open-air **Ascend Amphitheater**, along the Cumberland River at 310 1st Ave. S., hosts concerts April through late October. The amphitheater is also home to the Nashville Symphony in summer; phone (615) 999-9000 for event information.

Downtown art galleries host receptions and art openings during the **First Saturday Art Crawl**, held on the first Saturday of the month at venues along Rep. John Lewis Way.



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ADVENTURE SCIENCE CENTER is reached via I-40 exit 210C (2nd and 4th aves.) or off the I-65S Wedgewood exit, following signs to 800 Fort Negley Blvd. Interactive exhibits and programs explore astronomy, biology, earth science, physical sciences, music and sound, technology and weather.

The SoundBox exhibit highlights the science at the convergence of sound and music. Space Chase explores outer space featuring a simulated walk on the moon, a full-motion simulator (height restrictions apply) and a tour of the solar system. BodyQuest showcases the systems of human body. The Kinetic Climber, inside the Adventure Gallery, allows climbers to learn about the principles of anatomy, physics and engineering all while connected to a magnetic auto belay system while safely maneuvering eight climbing elements.

Additional features include daily live science demonstrations and hands-on displays, including a high-tech makerspace area where visitors can get a taste of coding, 3D printing, vinyl cutting and design. Daily shows at Sudekum Planetarium offer full-dome digital projection, stadium seating and surround sound.

Time: Allow 2 hours minimum. **Phone:** (615) 862-5160.

BELLE MEADE PLANTATION is located 7 miles from downtown Nashville at 5025 Harding Pike. What started as a log cabin and 250 acres grew into one of the largest and wealthiest private estates in Nashville. Guides conduct tours of the 1853 Greek Revival Mansion. Journey to Jubilee Tours focusing on the African American experience are available. Guided Segway tours, food and wine pairings, and bourbon tastings are available for an additional fee. **Time:** Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (615) 356-0501 or (800) 270-3991. **GT**

BICENTENNIAL CAPITOL MALL STATE PARK is off James Robertson Pkwy. between 6th and 7th aves. The 19-acre park was completed in 1996 to commemorate the 200th year of Tennessee statehood. A granite map of Tennessee is imbedded in the concrete plaza; the state's rivers are represented by fountains.

A 2,000-seat amphitheater provides dramatic views of the Capitol to the south, while a plaza contains the Tennessee World War II Memorial. A 95-bell carillon plays Tennessee themed songs on the hour. The visitor center provides information about the park. Picnic tables are available.

Adjacent to the park on 7th Avenue is the Nashville Farmers' Market, open daily 8-6. Access to a multi-use greenway path is available on the 6th Avenue side of the park. **Time:** Allow 30 minutes minimum. **Phone:** (615) 741-5280. **(GT)** $\overline{(AT)}$

CHEEKWOOD BOTANICAL GARDEN & MUSEUM OF ART is 8 mi. s.w. on Harding Rd., s.e. on Belle Meade Blvd., then s. on Page Rd. to 1200 Forrest Park Dr. This 55-acre estate was built by the family of the Maxwell House Coffee fortune and is an example of the Country Place Era of landscape design. An herb garden, a Japanese garden, a water garden and a wildflower garden constitute the botanical area. The Museum of Art, housed in a Georgian-style mansion, includes collections of American and contemporary painting and sculpture, English and American decorative arts and traveling exhibitions.



The 1-mile Carell Woodland Sculpture Trail features works by national and international artists among native trees, shrubs and wildflowers. A garden-scale train made from natural materials operates on the grounds. Seasonal events include Cheekwood in Bloom, featuring a display of more than 150,000 tulips, Cheekwood Harvest featuring some 5,000 mums and an 11-foot-tall pumpkin house, and Holiday LIGHTS featuring more than one million lights and live reindeer. **Time:** Allow 2 hours minimum. **Phone:** (615) 356-8000. **(GT)**

COUNTRY MUSIC HALL OF FAME AND MU-SEUM, 222 Rep. John Lewis Way S., celebrates the origins and heritage of country music. Look closely as you approach the striking edifice and you'll spot a 1950s Cadillac fin (the arch on the structure's right side) and black piano keys (the tall, slim windows along the front).

Once indoors, you'll discover film and audio clips, interactive displays and trivia games, glittery costumes worn by Carrie Underwood and Taylor Swift, and well-traveled instruments that bring history to life in the museum's permanent exhibits. Inside a replica tour bus you'll be able to record your own country track to send to friends and family. The Hall of Fame Rotunda features plaques honoring Country Music Hall of Fame members.

The 1879 print shop, Hatch Show Print, offers guided tours and interactive workshops inside one of the country's oldest working letterpress print shops that continues the handmade tradition of creating posters for artists. Temporary exhibitions, performances and events, songwriting and instrument demonstrations, celebrity audio tours and bus tours to Music Row's Historic RCA Studio B are offered.

Time: Allow 1 hour, 30 minutes minimum. **Phone:** (615) 416-2001, or (615) 256-2805 for Hatch Show Print. **GT (1)**

FRIST ART MUSEUM is at 919 Broadway; the parking lot is entered from either Broadway or Demonbreun St. In an impressive Art Deco structure that once housed the main Nashville post office, the Frist offers changing exhibitions featuring local, national and international art spanning many time periods. The second floor includes the newly renovated Martin ArtQuest, an interactive multigenerational art-making gallery.

Time: Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (615) 244-3340, or (615) 744-3247 for tour schedule information. (GT) (T)

GAYLORD OPRYLAND is 10 mi. n.e. via the Opryland and Music Valley Dr. interchanges on Briley Pkwy., which connects I-40 and I-65, following signs to 2800 Opryland Dr. The complex, which incorporates a collection of entertainment, recreation, hospitality, shopping



Frist Art Museum / © AAA / Katie Broome

and broadcasting attractions, includes the Grand Ole Opry House, the *General Jackson S*howboat, Opry Mills Mall and Madame Tussauds Nashville. Also included is Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center with its upscale water experience, SoundWaves, featuring indoor and outdoor water attractions. **Phone:** (615) 889-1000 or (866) 972-6779.

Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center is 10 mi. n.e. via Music Valley Dr. interchange (exit 12) on Briley Pkwy. to 2800 Opryland Dr. The hotel features three interior garden spaces under glass roofs: The Garden Conservatory is a botanical garden with more than 10,000 tropical plants; the Cascades is a lushly planted area with waterfalls and fountains; the Delta covers 4.5 acres and is highlighted by a water system with flatboats; and Sound-Waves, featuring indoor and outdoor water attractions.



Gaylord Opryland's A Country Christmas celebrates the holiday season from mid-November to late December with spectacles such as ICE!, where visitors can step into a wonderland carved by expert artisans out of two million pounds of colorful ice. Other highlights include ice skating and tubing, holiday games, special entertainment, gingerbread decorating and evening strolls through the resort where more than 3 million holiday lights are displayed. **Phone:** (615) 889-1000.

Grand Ole Opry shows are performed in the Grand Ole Opry House, 2804 Opryland Dr., for most of the year or downtown at the Ryman Auditorium, 116 Rep. John Lewis Way N., during the winter. Since 1925, country's best have mesmerized audiences at the Opry, the live radio show that made country music famous. While performances from both legendary honky-tonk entertainers and the latest country music acts are the norm, if you go (and while in Nashville, you really *must*), you'll also enjoy bluegrass bands, comedians and gospel artists.

The list of current Grand Ole Opry members includes such stars as Kelsea Ballerini, Brad Paisley, Dolly Parton, Marty Stuart and Carrie Underwood, all of whom return regularly to sing on the same spot—a round, 6-foot piece of oak wood at center stage. Cut from the Ryman Auditorium *(see attraction listing p. 171)*, the show's home 1943-74, the circle pays tribute to the Opry's storied existence and its bygone talents—everyone from Roy Acuff to Patsy Cline.

Backstage tours of the Grand Ole Opry House offer visitors an up-close look at the celebrated venue and its themed dressing rooms. Post-show and VIP tours also are offered. **Time:** Allow 2 hours, 30 minutes minimum. **Phone:** (615) 871-6779 or (800) 733-6779. **GT**

GEORGE JONES MUSEUM is at 128 2nd Ave. N. Memorabilia and displays cover the life and career of country music legend George Jones. An interactive booth allows visitors to sing along with Jones, and a 40-seat theater with rocking chairs shows clips of the star's concert appearances and interviews. A rooftop bar affords nice views along with live music. **Phone:** (615) 818-0128.



HISTORIC TRAVELLERS REST is 6 mi. s. on I-65 to exit 78B (Harding Pl.), .25 mi. w. to Franklin Rd., .5 mi. s. to Lambert Dr., then e. following signs to 636 Farrell Pkwy. Although it was later expanded, the original four-room house was built in 1799 by John Overton, a Tennessee Supreme Court judge and a presidential advisor to Andrew Jackson. During the Civil War Battle of Nashville, the estate served as headquarters for the Confederate army. Exhibits include "A Past Uncovered: The Story of the Enslaved People of Traveller's Rest" and "Battle of Nashville."

Time: Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (615) 832-8197. **(GT**)

THE JOHNNY CASH MUSEUM is downtown at 119 3rd Ave. S. The museum, which features the largest archive of Johnny Cash memorabilia in the world, showcases the musician's life and legacy with a combination of images, artifacts and technology. The collection includes handwritten lyrics, costumes, instruments, art and letters. Some of Cash's family members and friends have contributed pieces to the museum. Visitors also can create a personal souvenir by taking a photo with Johnny Cash thanks to a green screen.

Time: Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (615) 256-1777.

LANE MOTOR MUSEUM is .3 mi. s. off I-24 exit 212 on Fessler's Ln., then .4 mi. s.e. to 702 Murfreesboro Pike. The collection of more than 150 automobiles and motorcycles, including amphibious, competition and military vehicles, are displayed in rotating exhibits in a former commercial bakery. Primarily arranged by country of origin, the mainly European collection features older vehicles such as a 1924 Citroën 5CV as well as recent additions, including a 2007 Renault Mégane. An art gallery and children's play area also are on-site.

Time: Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (615) 742-7445.

MUSICIANS HALL OF FAME & MUSEUM is at 401 Gay St. on the first floor of the Nashville Municipal Auditorium. Exhibits celebrate the achievements of musical pioneers and the session musicians and recording studios across the U.S. that helped make them famous. On display are photographs, platinum and gold albums, and instruments used during recording sessions for such artists as Johnny Cash, Chet Atkins, Garth Brooks, Elvis Presley, Jimi Hendrix and Bruce Springsteen.

The interactive Grammy Museum Gallery details the history of the Grammys and features digital drum sets, guitars and other instruments for visitors to try. **Time:** Allow 45 minutes minimum. **Phone:** (615) 244-3263.

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSIC is at 510 Broadway. This museum chronicles the contributions of African American music to American culture with 56,000 square feet of exhibits including artifacts, clothing, memorabilia and technology.

Guests begin their journey in the Roots Theater where a short film about the history of Black music in America



sets the tone. From there, the Rivers of Rhythm corridor offers large interactive touch screens and an animated timeline that links American history with American music history. The music continues as it guides guests through such galleries as Wade in the Water (the history, influence and survival of religious music), Crossroads (chronicles how blues changed the music world), A Love Supreme (a look at the history of jazz), One Nation Under Groove (documents the history and influence of rhythm and blues) and The Message (tells the story and evolution of Hip-Hop music and culture).

For an additional dollar, guests can receive an RFID bracelet to register with their email address. While moving through the museum, they can hold the RFID bracelet over each interactive station's sensors to save playlists and videos to enjoy at home.

Time: Allow 1 hour, 30 minutes minimum. Phone: (615) 301-8724.

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PATSY CLINE MUSEUM is at 119 3rd Ave. S., on the second floor. The museum features memorabilia from country music artist Patsy Cline including stage costumes, photo albums, letters and records. Visitors may walk through a re-created room with furnishings from Patsy's home. **Time:** Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (615) 454-4722.

RYMAN AUDITORIUM is at 116 Rep. John Lewis Way N.; the lobby and main entrance faces 4th Ave. N. Built as the Union Gospel Tabernacle in 1892 by riverboat captain Thomas Ryman, the auditorium was named in his honor posthumously. The Ryman is most famous for being home to the Grand Ole Opry live radio show from 1943-74. Today the Ryman opens its doors for guided and self-guiding tours, year-round concerts and Grand Ole Opry shows (Opry at the Ryman) during the winter season (Nov.-Jan.).

Daytime tours offer a chance to walk around the 2,362seat auditorium, fully restored after an \$8 million renovation in the 1990s. Displays and exhibits highlight the building's storied history and feature costumes worn by Ryman performers. Visitors can cut their own CDs at a recording studio inside.

Guided backstage tours are available. **Time:** Allow 1 hour, 15 minutes minimum. **Phone:** (615) 889-3060. **GT** (1)

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY FINE ARTS GALLERY is at 1220 21st Ave. S. The gallery's collection encompasses more than 7,000 pieces of African, American, Asian, Egyptian, Etruscan, European, Greek, Oceanic and Pre-Columbian art. While many exhibitions feature works from this collection, traveling exhibits often are presented throughout the year. **Time:** Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (615) 322-0605.

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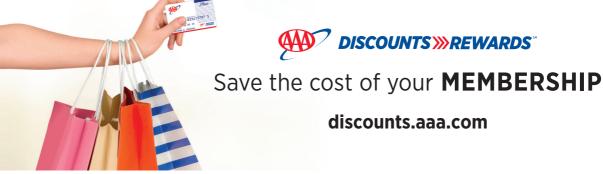
General Jackson Showboat is one of the many exciting things to do in Nashville.

Bus Tours

Sightseeing excursions with stops at the major attractions and/or tours of the stars' homes are offered by several companies, including NashTrash Tours, which can be reached at (615) 226-7300.

Walking Tours

REALLY ENTERTAINING TOURS departs from the s.w. corner of Rep. John Lewis Way S. and Broadway. The Live Nashville! Walking Tour takes visitors on a historical tour of downtown. Bar crawl tours and pedicab tours also are offered. **Time:** Allow 1 hour, 30 minutes minimum. **Phone:** (615) 436-2087.

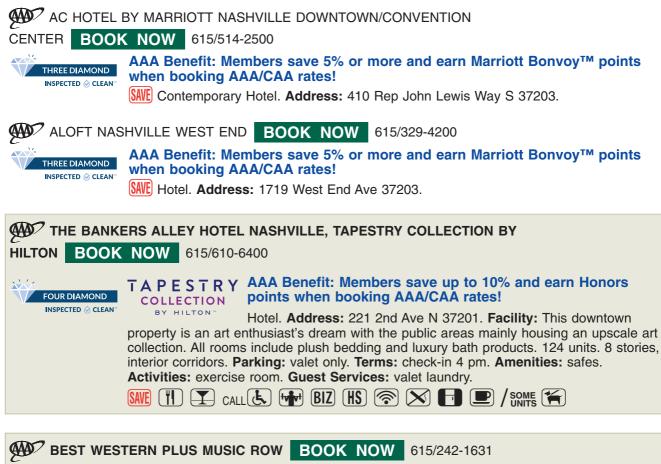




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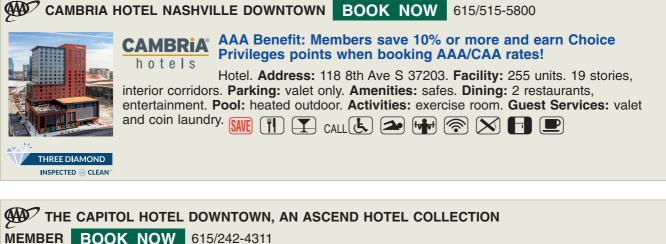


Hotel. **Address:** 1407 Division St 37203. **Facility:** 102 units. 5 stories, interior corridors. **Parking:** on-site (fee). **Amenities:** safes. **Pool:** outdoor. **Activities:** exercise room. **Guest Services:** valet and coin laundry.













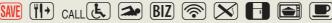


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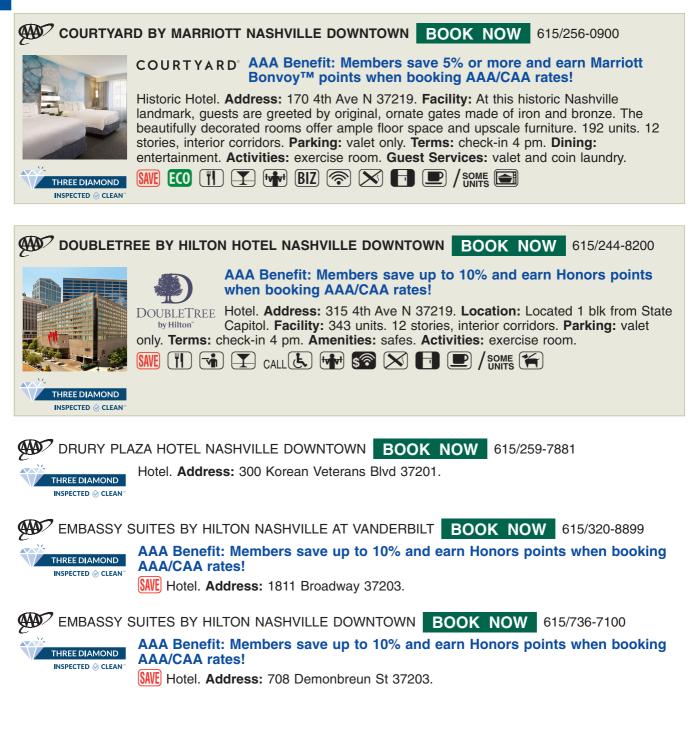


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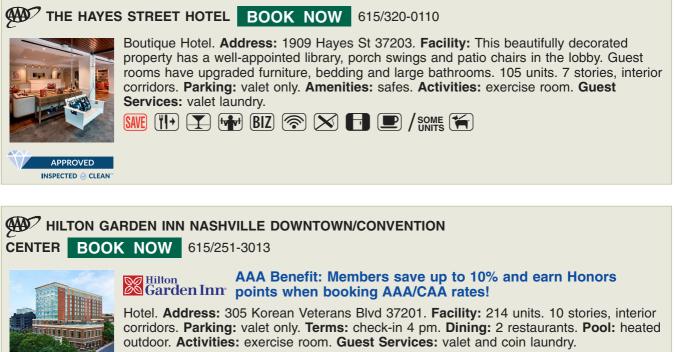
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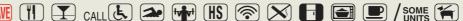




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Hotel. **Address:** 1715 Broadway 37203. **Location:** Next to a regional hospital and college campus. **Facility:** 194 units. 9 stories, interior corridors. **Parking:** on-site (fee) and valet. **Terms:** check-in 4 pm. **Pool:** heated indoor. **Activities:** exercise room. **Guest Services:** valet and coin laundry.







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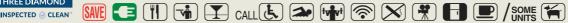




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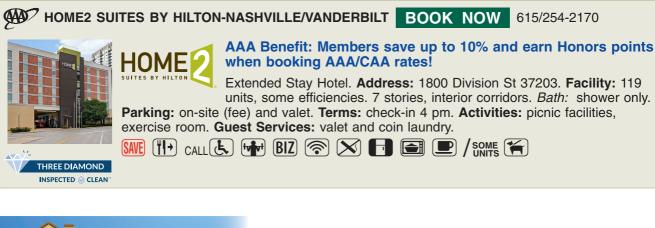
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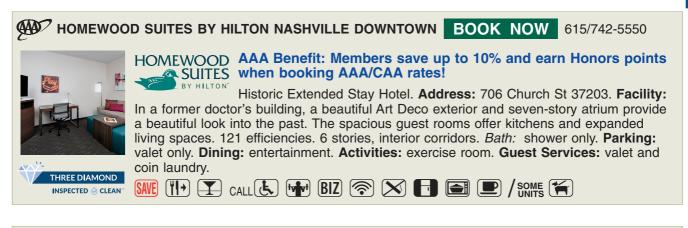
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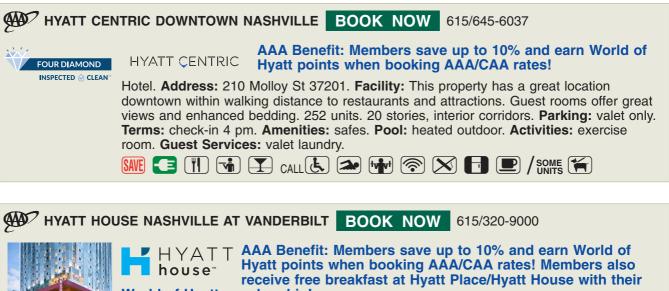
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Boutique Contemporary Hotel. **Address:** 1808 West End Ave 37203. **Facility:** This former office building features a keen view on art, aesthetics and ecology that defines its ambience. Guest rooms are unique with upscale features, including rain shower heads and custom artwork. 250 units, some two bedrooms, three bedrooms and kitchens. 16 stories, interior corridors. *Bath:* shower only. **Parking:** on-site (fee) and valet. **Terms:** check-in 4 pm. **Amenities:** safes. **Dining:** entertainment. **Activities:** exercise room, massage. **Guest Services:** valet laundry.





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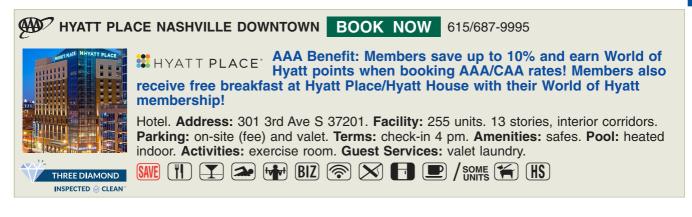
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Extended Stay Hotel. **Address:** 2100 Hayes St 37203. **Facility:** 201 units, some efficiencies. 15 stories, interior corridors. **Parking:** on-site (fee). **Amenities:** safes. **Pool:** heated outdoor. **Activities:** exercise room. **Guest Services:** valet and coin laundry, area transportation.

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Hotel. Address: 401 Korean Veterans Blvd 37203. Facility: Guests are immediately greeted with a luxurious atmosphere at this Nashville centered hotel. Guest rooms offer touchless quest experiences, artistic

bathroom floors and lavish bedding. 297 units. 21 stories, interior corridors. Parking: valet only, winter plug-ins. Terms: check-in 4 pm. Amenities: safes. Dining: 3 restaurants, also, Yolan, see separate listing. Pool: heated outdoor. Activities: exercise room, spa. Guest Services: valet laundry.



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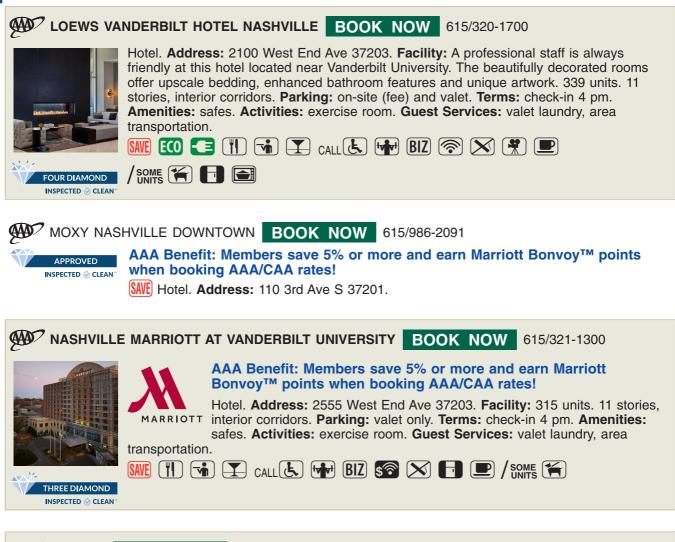


Boutique Contemporary Hotel. Address: 2021 Broadway 37203. Facility: This unique property is perfectly situated near multiple Nashville attractions. The custom artwork, plush bedding and beautiful views provide an upscale experience. 180 units, some efficiencies. 8 stories, interior corridors. Parking: on-site (fee) and valet. Terms: check-in 4 pm. Amenities: safes. Dining: Henley, see separate listing, entertainment. Pool: heated outdoor. Activities: bicycles, picnic facilities, exercise room. Guest Services: valet laundry.



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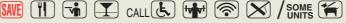




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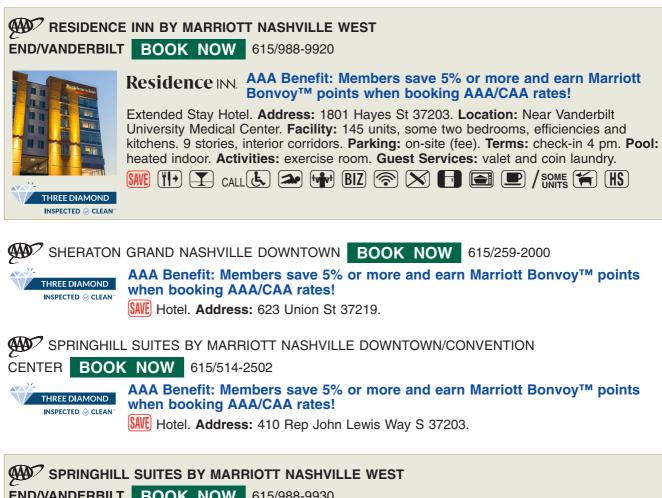


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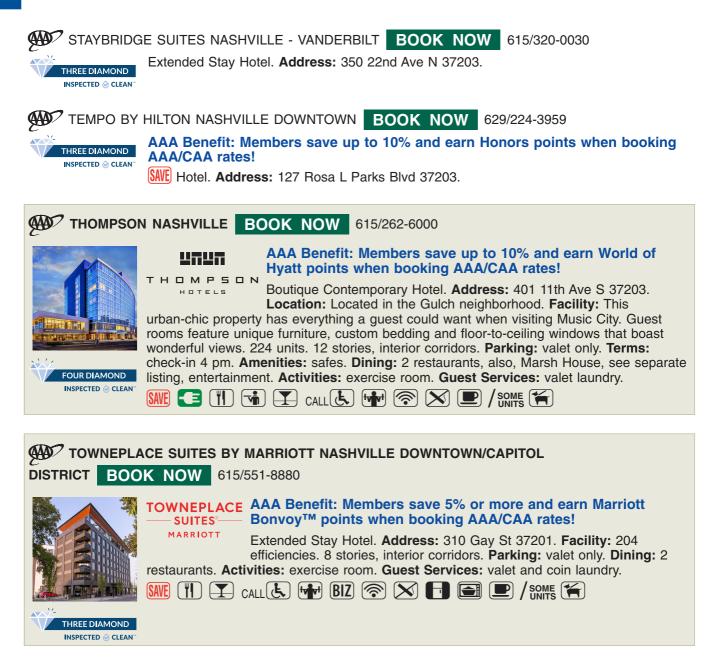


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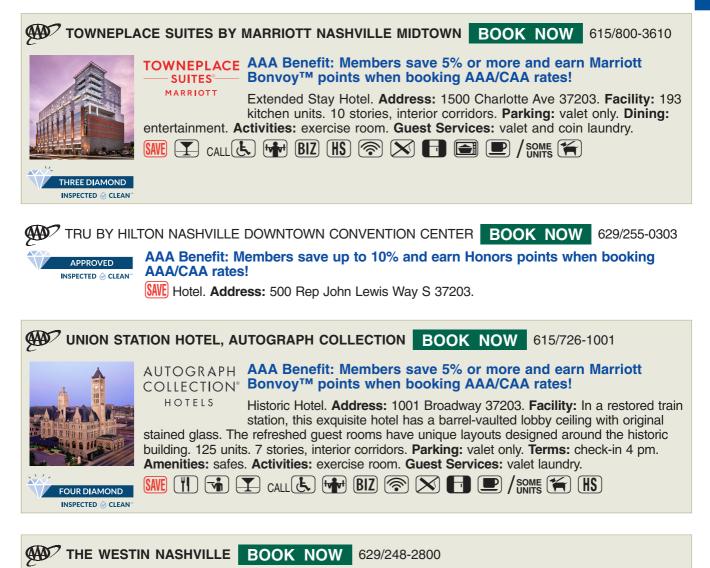
Hotel, Address: 1800 West End Ave 37203, Location: Near Vanderbilt University Medical Center. Facility: 100 units. 9 stories, interior corridors. Parking: on-site (fee). Pool: heated indoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: valet and coin laundry.













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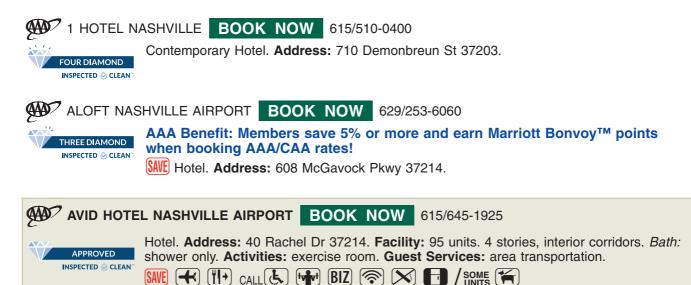
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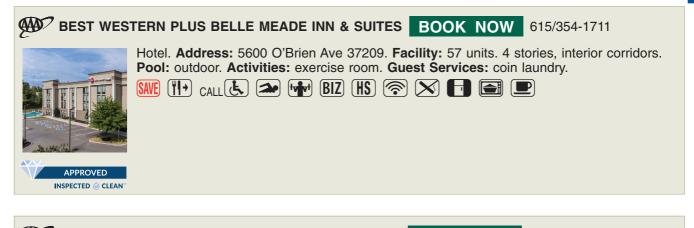
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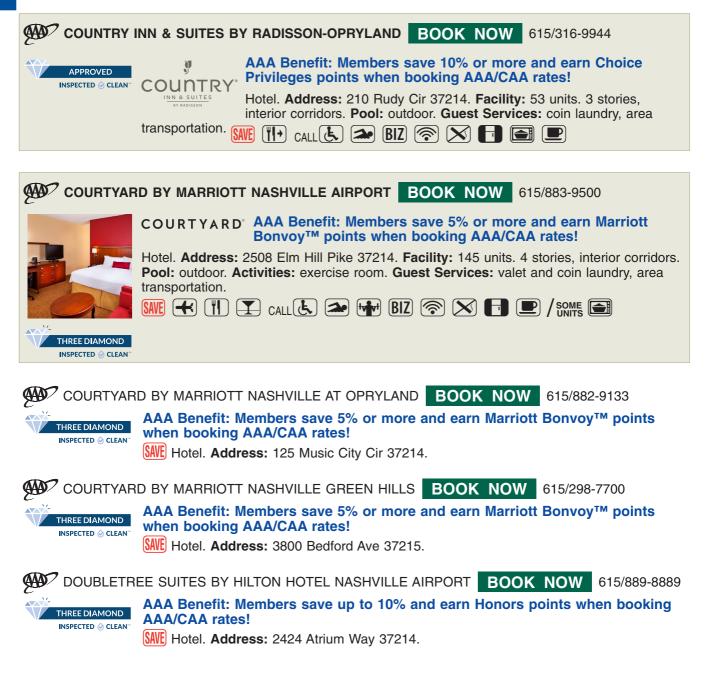
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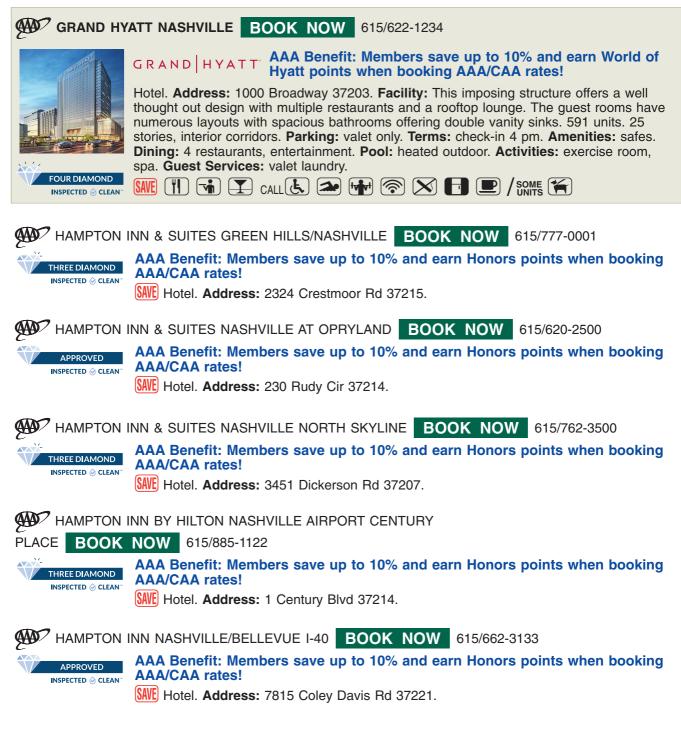
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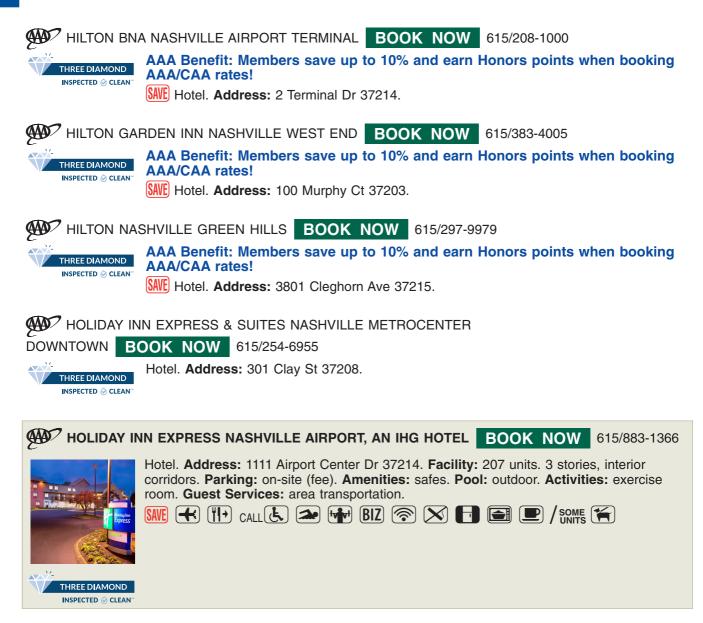
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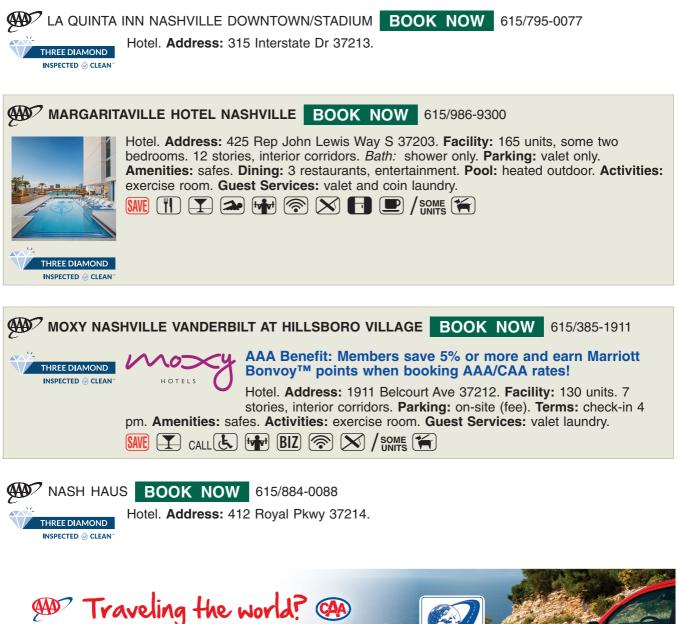
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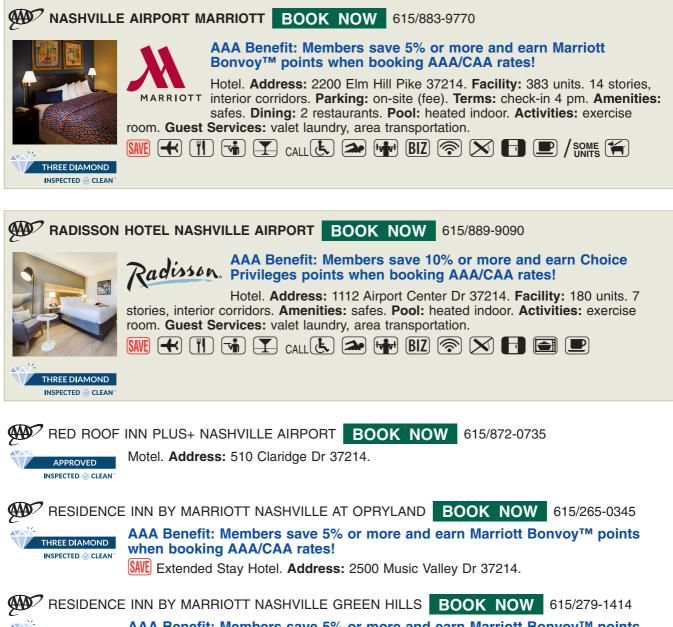


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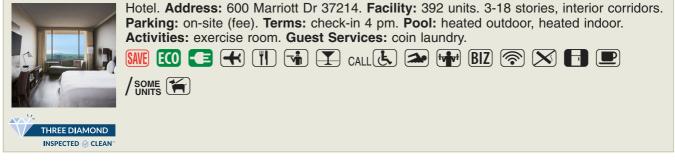


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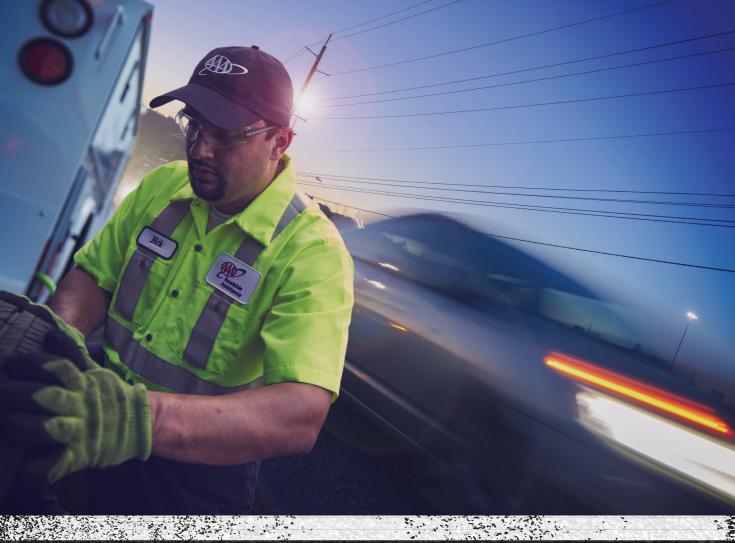














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NATCHEZ TRACE PARKWAY

The Natchez Trace Parkway angles southwest to northeast for 444 miles across Mississippi, Alabama and Tennessee. The road commemorates the Old Natchez Trace, which began as a Native American footpath leading between the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations. Later this path became a postal road and pioneer trail. Then known variously as Nashville Road, Natchez Road and Chickasaw Road, it was instrumental in linking the lower Mississippi and southern Ohio river valleys. The parkway extends from Natchez to just south of Nashville.

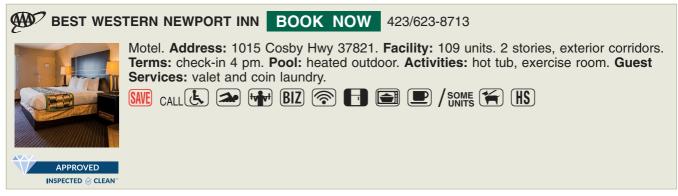
Wayside exhibits, self-guiding nature trails and interpretive signs highlight locations that tell the history of the parkway. Emerald Mound, said to be the second largest ceremonial mound in the country, is 11 miles northeast of Natchez, on a road about a mile off the parkway at Milepost 10.3. The visitor center in Tupelo, at Milepost 266, shows a 15-minute video and has displays about the Natchez Trace. It is open daily, 8-5. Closed Christmas. There are picnic areas at various points along the route. For further information contact the Supervisor, Natchez Trace Parkway, 2680 Natchez Trace Pkwy., Tupelo, MS 38804; phone (800) 305-7417.

Note: Points of interest along the parkway are listed in Milepost order from south to north. Because it is often difficult to reach rangers at the individual sites, the most helpful phone numbers are the two listed above.

CHICKASAW VILLAGE SITE is n.w. of Tupelo, Miss., between I-22/US 78 and West Main Street at Milepost 261.8. The area was the location of a fortified Chickasaw Indian village. Foundation markers and interpretive panels explain the site. An exhibit shelter and audio station tell the story of the Chickasaw; a nature trail identifies some of the plants they used for food and medicine. **Time:** Allow 30 minutes minimum. **Phone:** (800) 305-7417.

MOUNT LOCUST is 15 mi. n.e. of Natchez, Miss., at Milepost 15.5. Built in 1779, the inn was a popular stop for travelers on the Natchez Trace in the mid-1800s. It now contains historical exhibits. Rangers give informative talks regarding Mount Locust, the Old Trace and its modern counterpart, the Natchez Trace Parkway. **Time:** Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (800) 305-7417.

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A complete city built during World War II for workers of the Clinton Engineer Works (CEW), Oak Ridge is important for its part in the Manhattan Project, which resulted in the production of the first atomic bomb and the invention of the nuclear reactor. Until March 1949 access to the area was restricted, and some installations are still closed to the public. The city is the site of continued energy research, development and production sponsored by both government and private industry.

With a staff of approximately 4,400 researchers, the Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) performs research for the Department of Energy in areas such as neutron science, high-performance computing, additive manufacturing, new energy resources and national security. Public bus tours departing from the American Museum of Science and Energy *(see attraction listing)* include a tour of the ORNL's Graphite Reactor.

The East Tennessee Technology Park on SR 58 provides a view of the former Oak Ridge Gaseous Diffusion Plant, where uranium was enriched for use as fuel in nuclear reactors and nuclear weapons 1943-85. The plant now serves as a base of operations for the Oak Ridge Environmental Management Program.

In Alvin K. Bissell Park The Secret City Commemorative Walk, at the corner of S. Tulane Avenue and SR 95 (Oak Ridge Turnpike), features bronze plaques that recount the history of Oak Ridge and its World War II-era, top-secret government plants.

The International Friendship Bell, a tribute to Manhattan Project workers and a token of peace from Oak Ridge citizens to Hiroshima victims, stands off Badger Avenue in A.K. Bissell Park. Jackson Square Historic Park, a revitalization of the original government town site, contains restored buildings, specialty shops, historic displays and a small botanical garden. A 2,000-meter flat-water regatta course on the Melton Hill area of the Clinch River is the site of rowing competitions each year. Walking, jogging, skating and bicycling can be enjoyed on a trail skirting Melton Lake.

Counterbalancing the sciences with the performing arts is the Oak Ridge Playhouse in Historic Jackson Square. Founded in 1943, this group re-creates Broadway and off-Broadway favorites throughout the year; for schedule and ticket information phone (865) 482-9999.

The Secret City Festival brings live music and entertainment to town in June, with a WWII re-enactment, history exhibits, Manhattan Project site tours, antiques and food among the offerings.

Oak Ridge Convention and Visitors Bureau: 1400 Oak Ridge Tpke., Oak Ridge, TN 37830. **Phone:** (865) 482-7821.

AMERICAN MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND EN-ERGY 3.6 mi. e. of SR 95 at 115 E. Main St. This museum houses exhibits that focus on Oak Ridge scientific innovations and the history of the World War II Manhattan Project; it serves as an introduction to basic science and nuclear energy.

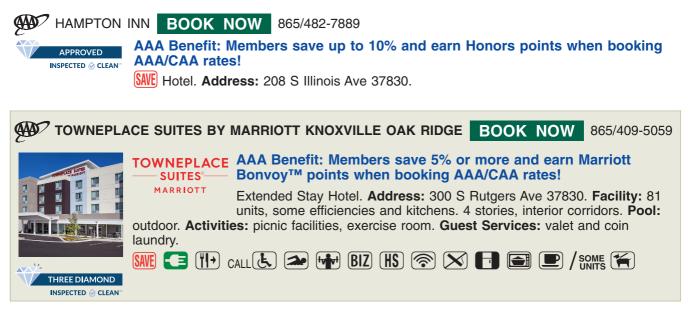
The self-guiding tour allows visitors to explore aspects of energy and science through live demonstrations, interactive exhibits, models and audiovisual materials. A 20minute video presentation covers the history of Oak Ridge.

A guided 3-hour bus tour of the U.S. Department of Energy's Oak Ridge Facilities is offered and departs from the museum; stops include the Y-12 New Hope Visitor Center, New Bethel Baptist Church and Cemetery, the Graphite Reactor at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory and East Tennessee Technology Park overlook. Passengers must be U.S. citizens and participants under 10 are not permitted.

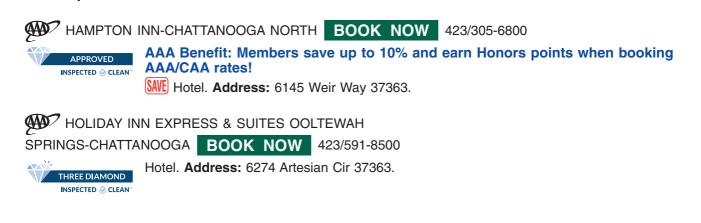
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UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE ARBORETUM is 3 mi. s.e. on SR 62 to 901 S. Illinois Ave. With 250 acres, the arboretum presents more than 800 species of trees, shrubs and flowering plants threaded by more than seven miles of nature trails. Pines, magnolias, azaleas, dogwoods and hollies are some of the major collections. Special groupings feature flora from Asia, Europe and the western United States. Trail guides, displays, brochures and other publications are available at the visitor center. Pets are not permitted. **Phone:** (865) 483-3571.



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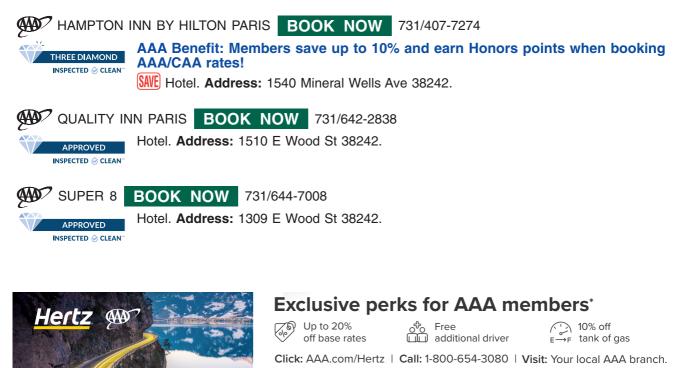
Paris, named in honor of the French aid received during the American Revolution, was an antebellum trading center for the surrounding plantations. Today the town accommodates dozens of industrial plants and medical facilities. Two edifices are of note: The first is the 60-foot replica of its namesake's most recognizable structure, the Eiffel Tower, at the entrance to Memorial Park; the tower is lighted most nights. The second is the 1896 Courthouse, the second oldest working courthouse in the state.

As a growing recreational center, Paris profits from its proximity to Paris Landing State Park (see Recreation Areas

Chart) on Kentucky Lake. More than 5 tons of catfish are the basic ingredient of the World's Biggest Fish Fry, held the last full week in April at the Henry County Fairgrounds. Other activities at this event, which draws more than 100,000 from around the world, include parades, a rodeo, a catfish race, an arts and crafts show and a carnival.

Paris-Henry County Chamber of Commerce: 2508 E. Wood St., Paris, TN 38242. **Phone:** (731) 642-3431 or (800) 345-1103.

PARIS-HENRY COUNTY HERITAGE CENTER, 614 N. Poplar St., is housed in Cavitt Place, an Italian Renaissance Revival mansion built in 1916. The area's history is presented through such rotating items as photographs, uniforms and weapons. **Phone:** (731) 642-1030.



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PIGEON FORGE

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• Part of Great Smoky Mountains National Park area— see map p. 80

The roots of Pigeon Forge reach back to the late 1700s when travelers from the Carolinas followed the Great Indian Path through the Smoky Mountains to settle here. Isaac Love established an iron forge in 1820 and his son, William, built a tub mill 10 years later.

The "Pigeon" in Pigeon Forge derives from the passenger pigeons that fed on the nuts of the beech trees along the banks of the river. Though hunted by Native Americans, the species sharply declined as more Europeans settled in the region. The "Forge" came from the forge on the east bank of the river. The town was primarily a farming community until 1940, when the adjacent Great Smoky Mountains National Park, whose headquarters is 10 minutes away, was dedicated.

From early November through February, Pigeon Forge decorates itself with 5 million holiday lights during Winterfest. Also offered are lectures taught by nature experts, seminars and hikes in Great Smoky Mountains National Park, and cowboy performers celebrating the American West.

Pigeon Forge Department of Tourism: 1950 Parkway, P.O. Box 1390, Pigeon Forge, TN 37868. **Phone:** (865) 453-8574 or (800) 251-9100.

Shopping: Shopaholics swear by the factory outlet stores. They include The Shops of Pigeon Forge and Pigeon River Crossings. Both are near the Parkway off US 441. Those looking for rock 'n' roll souvenirs stop by We Hard Rock Cafe, 2050 Parkway.

Shopping can also be found in the area's entertainment complexes. Consider Christmas Place, The Island in Pigeon Forge and Walden's Landing. The Old Mill, still an operational gristmill producing meal and flour daily at 175 Old Mill Ave., houses a complex of shops selling antiques, crafts, candy and gifts and a general store.

ALCATRAZ EAST CRIME MUSEUM is at 2757 Parkway. More than 100 interactive exhibits for all ages explore the history and evolution of crime, law enforcement, crime scene investigation and the penal system. Among the displays are John Dillinger's car, personal effects of Al Capone, whiskey stills used during Prohibition, Ted Bundy's VW Beetle and the white Ford Bronco from the O.J. Simpson car chase. **Phone:** (865) 453-3278.

THE COMEDY BARN THEATER is at 2775 Parkway. The theater offers a family-friendly, country variety ensemble in which audience members are encouraged to participate. Ventriloquists, comedians and magicians are included in this high-energy music comedy show. Barnyard

animals, domestic pets and live music make up the Amazing Animals—Exotic Animal & Pet Show. A Christmas show also is offered.

Time: Allow 1 hour, 30 minutes minimum. **Phone:** (865) 428-5222 or (800) 295-2844.

DOLLY PARTON'S STAMPEDE DINNER ATTRACTION is 1 mi. n.e. on US 441 at 3849 Parkway. The program includes 32 horses, trick riders, music, comedy, dancers, singers and audience participation themed around a friendly North/South rivalry. It starts with traditional Smoky Mountain music in the nonalcoholic Dixie Belle Saloon.

The main show runs in a 35,000-square-foot arena and includes an aerial act, a 32-horse and rider performance and a four-course feast. A special holiday show, "A Dixie Family Christmas," runs early November through January 1. **Time:** Allow 2 hours, 30 minutes minimum. **Phone:** (865) 453-4400.

DOLLYWOOD is 1.5 mi. n.e. off US 441 at 2700 Dollywood Parks Blvd. The 150-acre theme park evokes the homespun fun and traditions of the Smoky Mountains. Conceived and operated by Dolly Parton, the Smoky Mountains family adventure offers craft demonstrations, award-winning entertainment, seasonal festivals and more than 50 rides and attractions.

The Wild Eagle steel wing coaster, the Thunderhead wooden coaster, Lightning Rod coaster themed after a 1950s-era hot rod, Whistle Punk Chaser junior roller coaster, a coal-fired steam train ride, the FireChaser Express coaster that launches passengers backward and forward, various water rides, children's rides and a large aviary dedicated to eagles are popular. Visitors also will enjoy Drop Line, a 200-foot-tall free-fall attraction; Dragonflier, a coaster mimicking the flight of the playful creature; and The Tennessee Tornado with its 128-foot drop. The gigantic Big Bear Mountain, the park's longest coaster at 3,990 feet, circles Wildwood Grove at 48 MPH while taking adventurers on a wild ride in search of the elusive Big Bear.

Live performances take place daily. Dolly shares her story as she takes visitors on a breathtaking journey through the Great Smoky Mountains in the film "Heartsong."

Allow a full day. **Phone:** (865) 428-9488 or (800) 365-5996.

DOLLYWOOD'S SPLASH COUNTRY is 1.5 mi. n.e. off US 441 at 2700 Dollywood Parks Blvd. The 35-acre water park features speed slides, a four-story water coaster, a 8,000-square-foot leisure pool, three children's activity areas, a lazy river float ride, single and double tube slides, a white-water rafting adventure, corkscrew slides, a



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6-lane TailSpin Racer and a 25,000-square-foot wave pool. **Time:** Allow 2 hours minimum. **Phone:** (865) 428-9488 or (800) 365-5996.

THE GRAND MAJESTIC THEATER, 2330 Parkway, features music-themed variety shows suitable for all ages. Performances include The Soul of Motown, highlighting the music of soul legends Sam Cooke, Stevie Wonder, Aretha Franklin, The Temptations and The Drifters. The Hit Parade Dinner & Show features hits from the 1950s-60s, rock, disco, country, bluegrass and gospel music and a tribute to the U.S. Armed Forces. An optional dinner is served 1 hour prior to most shows. Holiday shows and several other dinner and non-meal theme shows are presented.

Time: Allow 2 hours minimum. **Phone:** (865) 774-7777.

HATFIELD & MCCOY DINNER FEUD is at 119 Music Rd. The show presents a fictionalized account of one of the most well-known feuds in the country with singing, dancing and joking around elaborate sets and music. During the pre-show, a home-style meal is served.

Time: Allow 2 hours minimum. **Phone:** (865) 908-7469 or (800) 985-5494.

MEMORIES THEATRE is at 2141 Parkway. Tribute shows feature artist impersonations of great performers, both past and present. The Elvis and Friends Legend Show showcases Elvis and music legends Buddy Holly, Michael Jackson, Willie Nelson, Carrie Underwood and many more. Other shows include Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons, ABBA and Magic Spectacular. **Time:** Allow 2 hours, 30 minutes minimum. **Phone:** (865) 428-7852 or (800) 325-3078.

TITANIC PIGEON FORGE is at 2134 Parkway. The museum strives to tell the story of the *Titanic* in a historically accurate manner, re-creating the vessel's atmosphere with some 20 interactive exhibit galleries. The building is half-scale to the original ship and contains a full-size scale model of the famous grand staircase. Visitors can see hundreds of artifacts from the disaster as well as letters, photographs and other articles on loan from survivors' families.

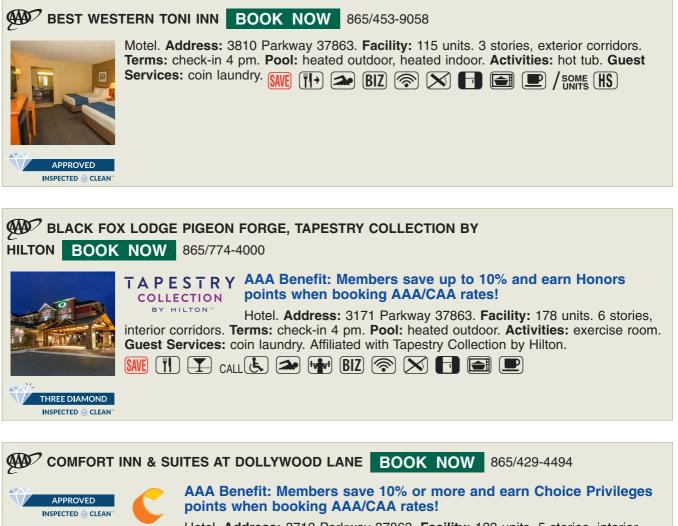
Time: Allow 2 hours minimum. **Phone:** (800) 381-7670.

WONDERWORKS, 100 Music Rd., has an exterior that makes the building appear to be upside down. It features more than 100 interactive and engaging science-related exhibits, including an earthquake experience, a 4D theater, a bubble lab, a 50-foot indoor ropes challenge course and a virtual roller coaster ride. A laser tag maze and an arcade also are available. "The Wonders of Magic" amazes in the evening.

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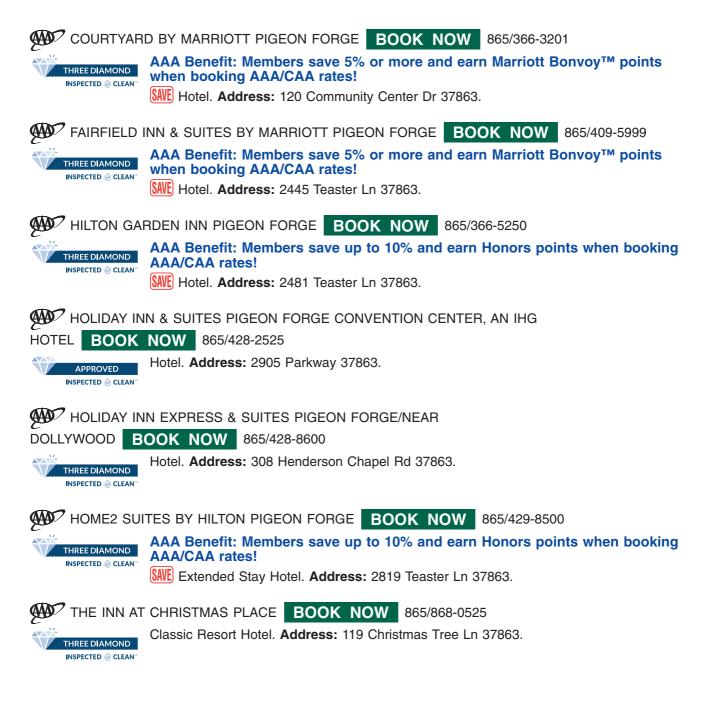




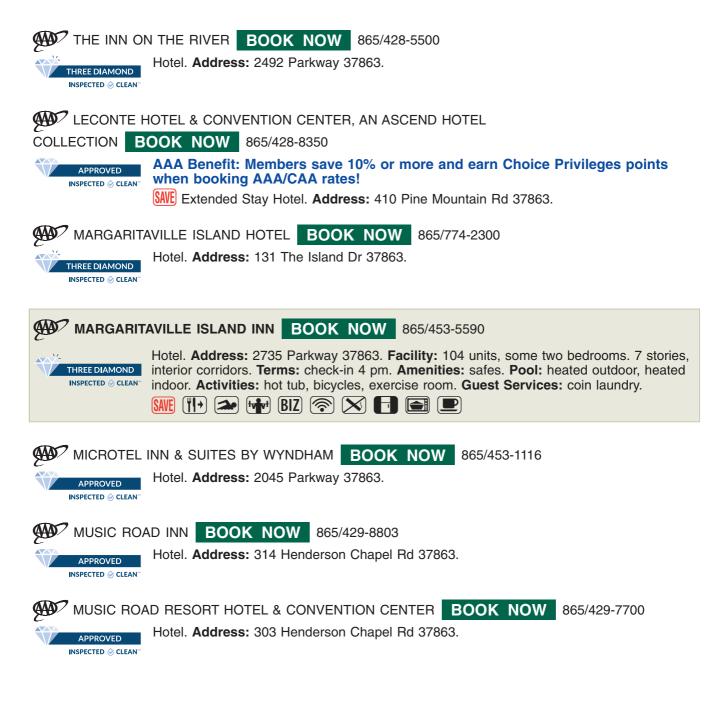


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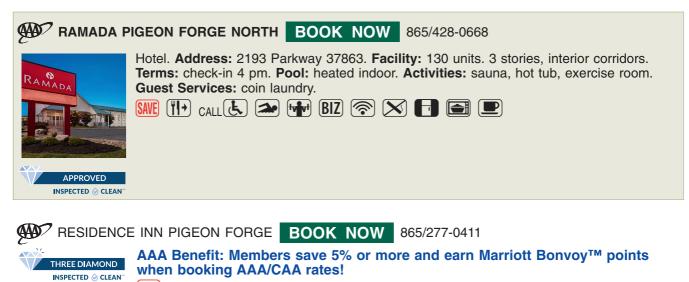
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PINEY FLATS

ROCKY MOUNT is s.w. on US 11E to 200 Hyder Hill Rd. The log farmhouse served as the capitol of the Territory of the United States South of the Ohio River when President George Washington appointed William Blount as the territorial governor in 1790. The site was Blount's center for state affairs until a new capitol was built at Knoxville in 1792. Rocky Mount, built 1770-72, has been restored to its original appearance. Costumed guides portray members of the Cobb family, who first settled in Rocky Mount, and conduct living-history tours explaining the many original furnishings in the main building; they also demonstrate pioneer crafts and skills in the kitchen, weaving cabin, barn and blacksmith shop.

A museum and visitor center depicts the history of eastern Tennessee, with emphasis on the period 1763-1880. **Phone:** (423) 538-7396 or (888) 538-1791. **GT**



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SEVIERVILLE

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Founded in Cherokee territory in 1785, Sevierville (Severe-ville) was named for John Sevier, who later became Tennessee's first governor. Sevier negotiated a treaty with Native Americans who ceded to European settlers the land between the French Broad River and the ridge separating the Little Tennessee and Little rivers.

Today Sevierville is a bustling tourist town known for its proximity to Great Smoky Mountains National Park (the city lies just 14 miles north) and its many nearby recreational activities. Douglas Dam, 11 miles northeast of town on SR 66, impounds Douglas Lake (see Recreation Areas Chart) on the French Broad River.

Internationally known singer, songwriter and entertainer Dolly Parton was born in Sevierville in 1946. A life-size

Dolly Parton statue sits on the lawn of the Sevier County Courthouse, 125 Court Ave., and depicts a barefoot Dolly sitting on a rock with her guitar.

Shopping: Tanger Outlets, at 1645 Parkway, has more than 100 outlet stores.

SMOKY MOUNTAIN DEER FARM AND EXOTIC PET-**TING ZOO** is 6 mi. e. on US 411N (Dolly Parton Pkwy.), then 2 mi. n. on Walnut Grove Pl. to 478 Happy Hollow Ln., following signs. Visitors can safely walk among, feed and pet deer, dromedary camels, kangaroos, pygmy goats and zebras. Also on the grounds are miniature horses, guanacos, Rocky Mountain elk, reindeer, miniature donkeys, emus, Watusi and other animals. Pony and horse rides are offered (weather permitting).

Time: Allow 1 hour minimum. Phone: (865) 428-3337, or (865) 429-2276 for the riding stable. $\overline{---}$

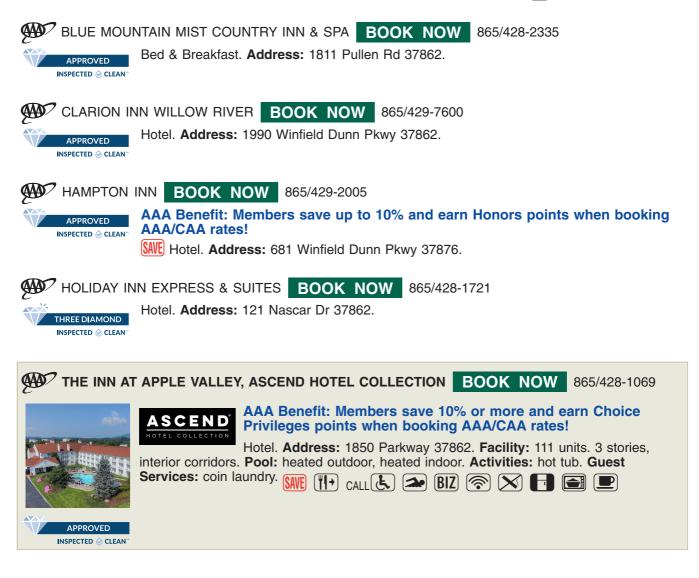


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TENNESSEE MUSEUM OF AVIATION is 2 mi. n.e. of US 441/SR 448 on US 411 N. (Dolly Parton Pkwy.), then s.e. (toward Newport) 1 mi. to 135 Air Museum Way. Airworthy warbirds are the focus of this 50,000-square-foot facility at the Gatlinburg Pigeon Forge Airport. The Hangar features a collection of aircraft

fighters, trainers, helicopters, engines, cockpits and military vehicles. The Exhibit Gallery contains artifacts tracing aviation and military history.

Time: Allow 1 hour, 30 minutes minimum. **Phone:** (865) 908-0171 or (866) 286-8738. **GT**





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Synonymous with Shelbyville is the Tennessee walking horse, raised and trained on many farms and stables within a 4-mile radius of town. More than 2,000 of these dignified high-stepping horses perform at the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration during late August and early September.

Shelbyville/Bedford County Chamber of Commerce: 100 N. Cannon Blvd., Shelbyville, TN 37160. Phone: (931) 684-3482 or (888) 662-2525.



Ten miles southwest of Savannah, the 4,200-acre Shiloh Battlefield preserves the site of the first major Western battle of the Civil War: The Battle of Shiloh, fought April 6-7, 1862. The park contains 156 monuments, more than 200 cannons, a national cemetery and more than 600 historic tablets.

After the fall of Fort Donelson (see Fort Donelson National Battlefield p. 63), Union Gen. Ulysses S. Grant moved his army up the Tennessee River, where he awaited reinforcement. Unannounced, Confederate general Albert Sidney Johnston struck first in a surprise attack that drove Union forces 2 miles toward the river.

The intense battle raged all day, and Johnston was mortally wounded near the Peach Orchard. Grant's reinforcements, the Army of the Ohio commanded by Don Carlos Buell, arrived during the night. The next day the outnumbered Confederates, commanded by Gen. P.G.T. Beauregard, were driven back. In the afternoon they retreated to Corinth, Miss.

More than 109,000 soldiers, most of them inexperienced recruits, battled at this site. After 2 days 23,746 were dead, wounded or missing, making the Battle of Shiloh the bloodiest fight since the war's beginning. It also was a turning point in Union strategy; Grant said afterwards, "I gave up all idea of saving the Union except by complete conquest."

Union dead, originally interred on the battlefield, were subsequently moved to the national cemetery at Pittsburgh Landing. The Confederate dead still lie in mass burial trenches, five of which are marked.

Points of interest on the battlefield are marked, and a 12-mile auto tour has 20 stops with wayside exhibits. Shiloh Indian Mounds National Historic Landmark features several preserved prehistoric mounds.

Also part of the park, Corinth Battlefield's visitor center, Corinth Civil War Interpretive Center, features interactive exhibits and multimedia presentations that examine topics such as slavery, the military importance of railroads and Reconstruction. The center is 23 miles southwest of Shiloh Battlefield in Corinth, Miss.; phone (662) 287-9273.

SHILOH BATTLEFIELD VISITOR CENTER, off SR 22 at 1055 Pittsburgh Landing Rd., contains artifacts, exhibits and maps relating to the battle. Shiloh: Fiery Trial, a 49minute film, is shown every hour. Interpretive programs are conducted Memorial Day-Labor Day. Time: Allow 2 hours minimum. Phone: (731) 689-5696.

SMYRNA

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Smyrna began in 1851 as a way station on the Nashville and Chattanooga Railroad line. The remnants of two forts built to protect the railroad against the Union army are visible at the edge of town.

Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce—Smyrna: 315 S. Lowry St., Smyrna, TN 37167. Phone: (615) 355-6565.



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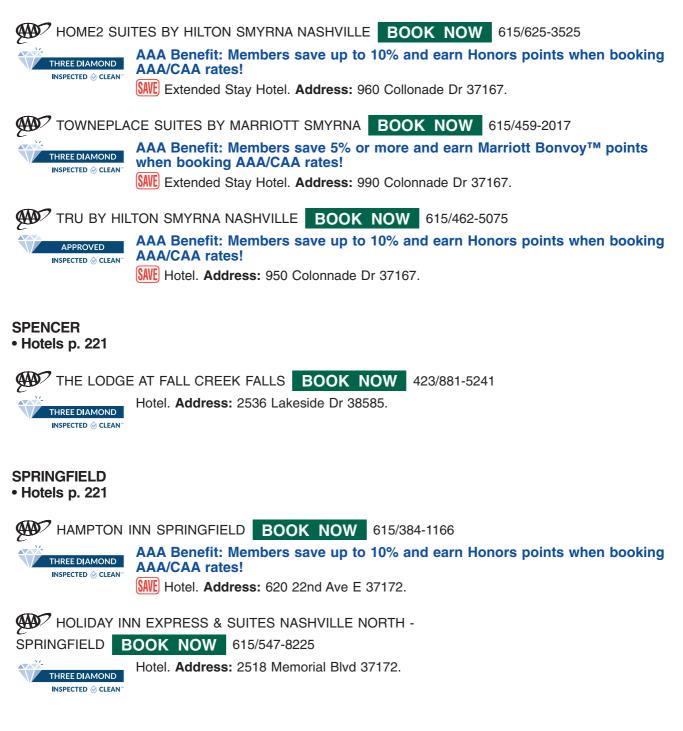
SAM DAVIS HOME AND PLANTATION is at 1399 Sam Davis Rd. The restored mid-19th-century frame structure was the residence of Sam Davis, a 21-year-old Confederate soldier who was captured behind enemy lines and hanged after refusing to inform on a fellow soldier. The 160-acre grounds contain outbuildings, slave quarters,

period gardens, a family cemetery, visitor center and museum. The lives of the enslaved people who lived on the farm are depicted in the exhibit "Recovering Their Story: The African Americans on the Davis Plantation."

The home can be visited by guided tour only. **Time:** Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (615) 459-2341. **GT**





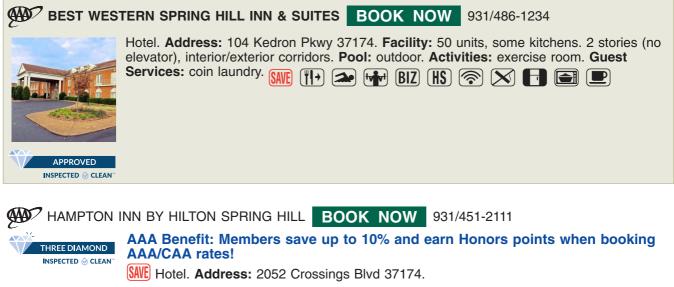




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SPRING HILL

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STONES RIVER NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD

In the northwest corner of Murfreesboro on Old Nashville Highway, the 650-acre Stones River National Battlefield occupies a portion of the actual battlefield site. The fiercest fighting during one of the bloodiest battles of the Civil War took place at the Battle of Stones River, fought Dec. 31, 1862, to Jan. 2, 1863. It marked the Union offensive that trisected Confederate territory.

After the Battle of Shiloh (see Shiloh National Military Park p. 219) and the fall of Corinth, Miss., the Union army's plan to drive a wedge through Tennessee and Georgia from Nashville was postponed by Confederate general Braxton Bragg's invasion of Kentucky. Following the Battle of Perryville, Bragg withdrew to Chattanooga and moved northwestward to Murfreesboro.

By Dec. 30, Gen. William Rosecrans' Union forces from Nashville faced the Confederates near Stones River. At dawn on the 31st the Confederates struck and, with staggering losses, forced the main Union army back to the Nashville Pike. Jan. 1 was quiet, but the next day the Confederates again made a costly attack; Union artillery stopped their drive. The following day the Confederates withdrew to Tullahoma.

The Battle of Stones River placed Union forces in control of another section of middle Tennessee. One of the nation's oldest intact Civil War monuments and a landmark of the battlefield, the Hazen Brigade Monument, was constructed in 1863 by the survivors of the fight for Hell's Half Acre in the Round Forest, a significant location of the battlefield so named because of the intense fighting there.

Visitors can follow a 45-minute auto tour route or the 4.5-mile paved scenic Stones River Greenway hiking trail, which runs from the McFadden Farm Unit to Fortress Rosecrans. A visitor center offers exhibits as well as an orientation program, a museum and an audio or cellphone tour. Interpretive programs are offered daily, May through October. Battlefield open daily dawn-dusk. Museum and visitor center open daily 8-5; closed Thanksgiving and Christmas. Free. Phone (615) 893-9501.



STONES RIVER NATIONAL CEMETERY occupies 20 acres of the Stones River National Battlefield in Murfreesboro; a visitor center is across the road from the cemetery. Containing the remains of more than 6,100 Union troops (2,562 of them are unidentified) killed at Stones River and other nearby battlefields, the graveyard was established in 1865. **Phone:** (615) 893-9501.

SWEETWATER

THE LOST SEA ADVENTURE is e. on SR 68, following signs to 140 Lost Sea Rd. This 4.5-acre underground lake, stocked with rainbow trout, is reached via a .75-mi. walk on sloping pathways and explored by glass-bottom boat. Rock and mineral deposits and cave flowers can be seen in Craighead Caverns. During the Civil War Confederate soldiers mined the caverns for saltpeter, a mineral used in gunpowder. Later, settlers stored food in the 58-degree-Fahrenheit cave. In the 1900s townsfolk created the Cavern Tavern, a natural party room.

Old Sweetwater Village, across from the main entrance of Lost Sea, is a re-creation of an 18th-century village. Log cabins feature a general store, a blacksmith shop, a candy shop and craftsmen demonstrating such traditional skills as glassblowing.

Time: Allow 1 hour, 15 minutes minimum. **Phone:** (423) 337-6616. **GT** H

TOWNSEND

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• Part of Great Smoky Mountains National Park area— see map p. 80

Townsend folk take their town's nickname seriously. There are no huge hotels, celebrity-chef restaurants, theme parks, outlandish attractions or entertainment strips in the tiny village dubbed "the Peaceful Side of the Smokies," which explains why there is a good measure of tranquility.

On the back doorstep of Great Smoky Mountains National Park (see place listing p. 79), Townsend contrasts sharply with touristy Gatlinburg see place listing p. 71), which lies near the park's main entrance on US 441. Although the national park is the main attraction for seekers of recreation and relaxation, visitors have innumerable opportunities in the Townsend area to commune with nature on an intimate level, whether it's tubing on the Little River, exploring the underground passageways of Tuckaleechee Caverns (see attraction listing), or gasping at the awesome scenery from atop Foothills Parkway. The park entrance on SR 73 in Townsend is the unofficial gateway to Cades Cove, arguably the most beautiful and most visited place in the Smokies.

Simplicity is the standard when it comes to lodging and food. Choices include creekside campgrounds, hundreds of log cabins and cottages tucked away in secluded valleys and a few updated motels that have stood the test of time. Mealtime options follow suit, with family-owned restaurants serving no-frills country fare such as barbecue and slaw, fried brook trout and fries, or chicken-fried steak with mashed potatoes.

Smoky Mountain Visitor Center: 7906 E. Lamar Alexander Pkwy., Townsend, TN 37882. **Phone:** (865) 448-6134 or (800) 525-6834.

Shopping: A variety of shops on the main drag (E. Lamar Alexander Parkway/US 321 and SR 73) satisfy the casual bargain browser. Dad can set a spell in a rocking chair on the front porch of Apple Valley Country Stores & Cafe while Mom peruses the selection of quilts, braided rugs, homemade fudge, mountain-music CDs, local history books and rooster-motif kitchenalia. Dogwood Craft Mall, 8455 SR 73, has a couple of rocking chairs for non-shoppers and an assortment of antiques, collectibles and local arts and crafts for those inclined to spend a few bucks on a souvenir. Trillium Cove, 117 Painted Trillium Way, comprises a collection of gift and jewelry shops.

If you're in the market for a musical instrument, stop at Wood-N-Strings Dulcimer Shop and watch a master craftsman make dulcimers and ban-jammers. Musicians host free back-porch pickin' sessions Saturday evenings May to September.

utdoors enthusiasts can get fishing gear at Little River Outfitters and hiking and camping supplies at The Backcountry.

GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS HERITAGE village with historic buildings, including cantilever barns, a chapel, a sawmill, a smokehouse and a wheelwright shop. Two galleries display Native American and early settler artifacts dating from 10,000 BC to the 1930s and highlight the five national parks in East Tennessee. A transportation display chronicles transportation from horse-drawn buggies to motorized vehicles. A seasonal concert series takes place in a 500-seat amphitheater. Festivals, lectures and other events are offered year-round. **Time:** Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (865) 448-0044.

TUCKALEECHEE CAVERNS is 3 mi. s. of SR 73 (US 321) to 825 Cavern Rd. Although the caverns were known to the Cherokee Indians long before the first settlers arrived, they were not opened for public touring



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until 1953. For many years, locals congregated in summer near a sinkhole in Dry Valley where temperatures were mysteriously cooler than anywhere else. Two young Townsend boys found an opening near the sinkhole and spent many years crawling around underground. Throughout college they dreamed of creating a tourist attraction and later worked construction jobs in Alaska to earn startup money for their business venture.

The pair spent four years clearing passageways and building concrete walkways by lantern light. One year after the opening, experienced cave explorers discovered a large room the size of a football field with 24-foot stalagmites. Today the Big Room is part of a 1-mile-long lighted walking tour that also includes a 200-foot-high double waterfall and several smaller waterfalls, a clear stream running throughout and such formations as ribbon flowstone, capillary tubes and onyx.

Cavern temperatures remain a chilly 58 F year-round. **Phone:** (865) 448-2274. (GT)



TULLAHOMA

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Tullahoma served as the Confederate winter headquarters under Gen. Braxton Bragg in January 1863, after the bloody and indecisive battle at nearby Stones River (*see Stones River National Battlefield p. 222*). Six months later the town fell to Union forces under Gen. William Rosecrans.

The University of Tennessee Space Institute, a research institution and graduate school for engineers and scientists, conducts advanced studies in aerospace science and technology. The institute is 10 miles southeast on Woods Reservoir.

Tullahoma Area Chamber of Commerce: 135 W. Lincoln St., P.O. Box 1205, Tullahoma, TN 37388. Phone: (931) 455-5497.

BEECHCRAFT HERITAGE MUSEUM, 570 Old Shelbyville Hwy., offers several hangars filled with vintage aircraft. Paintings and photographs in the O.A. Beech Gallery and Chapel pay tribute to Olive Ann Beech, who co-founded Beech Aircraft Corp. with her husband, Walter H. Beech.

Displayed in a restored log cabin, the Thaden Collection consists of awards, documents, memorabilia and photographs that relate the life of Louise M. Thaden, one of America's first female pilots. **Time:** Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (931) 455-1974.

GEORGE DICKEL DISTILLERY TOUR is at 1950 Cascade Hollow Rd. Guides relate the history of a whiskey distillery, in operation since 1870. Its time-honored methods of production include using fresh spring water readily available due to the plant's location on the Cumberland Plateau—and chilling the whiskey prior to the charcoal-mellowing process.

A working post office as well as a visitor center featuring antiques and photos also are on-site. **Time:** Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (931) 857-4110 or (888) 342-5359. **(GT)**





UNION CITY

Two railroad tracks-one east-west and the other northsouth, running nearby-inspired the city's name. The area also saw minor action during the Civil War. Nowadays Union City acts as the town seat of Obion County and boasts a revitalized downtown and modern amenities.

Obion County Chamber of Commerce: 214 E. Church St., Union City, TN 38261. Phone: (731) 885-0211.

DISCOVERY PARK OF AMERICA is at 830 Ev-erett Blvd. is a 100,000-square-foot museum on a erett Blvd. is a 100,000-square-foot museum on a 50-acre heritage park. Centered prominently outside is a 100-year-old church, discovered in middle Tennessee and purchased specifically for the park, as well as an 18thcentury schoolhouse, a working gristmill, a rail depot with five full-size antique train cars, a replica 1700s public square and a frontier settlement with log cabins.

Ten learning galleries inside the Discovery Center feature everything from a working Gutenberg printing press and the Wright brothers' first airplane to a 22,000-gallon aguarium with sea life and a STEM Landing exhibit featuring a rocket engine and a Blue Angel airplane. Military enthusiasts will want to check out the collection of military vehicles-including a PT-17 Stearman bi-plane suspended from the ceiling-and climb into a Vietnam-War era helicopter.

An outdoor playground, an indoor children's art gallery and a giant slide housed in a 60-foot-tall replica of a human body are kid-friendly favorites. Viewing the aguarium from inside a bubble and climbing into a Vietnam War-era helicopter in the Military Gallery are other family favorites. Special exhibits available for an extra fee include an earthquake simulator, a starship theater and a 120-foot viewing tower with a glass elevator and glass floor panels. The park often hosts educational traveling exhibits, as well.

Time: Allow 6 hours minimum. Phone: (731) 885-5455. $(\Pi) = \overline{A}$

WHITE HOUSE

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WHITWELL

CHILDREN'S HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL AND PAPER

CLIP PROJECT is at 1 Butterfly Ln. at Whitwell Middle School. To better grasp the number 6,000,000—the number of Jews exterminated by the Nazis—a middleschool class studying the Holocaust began collecting paper clips, which were worn by Norwegians to protest against Nazi occupation in World War II. A German rail car contains 11 million paper clips, while another 11 million are in a monument honoring the children of Terezin.

Letters and artifacts are available for viewing via student-led tours and at the Holocaust Resource Library during school hours. **Time:** Allow 45 minutes minimum. **Phone:** (423) 658-5631. **GT**

WINCHESTER

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Winchester lies east of Tims Ford Dam and Reservoir, an immense Tennessee Valley Authority project that provided rural electrification in 1970. Since then the project has provided a focus for recreation in Franklin County, of which Winchester is the county seat. Tims Ford State Park *(see Recreation Areas Chart)* covers 10,700 acres and offers varied recreational opportunities. Davy Crockett's farm, Kentuck, once occupied a site south of Winchester near Belvidere.

Late April brings the High on the Hog Festival to town, which features a barbeque contest, carnival and motorcycle poker run.

Franklin County Chamber of Commerce: 44 Chamber Way, P.O. Box 280, Winchester, TN 37398. Phone: (931) 967-6788.





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