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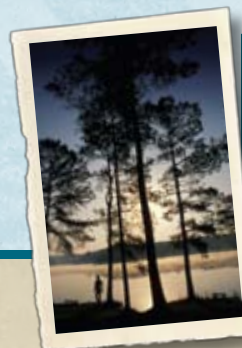


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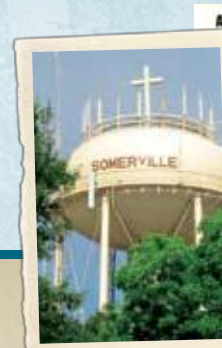
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Turn to page 22 to see a map of the self-guided driving tour.

WELCOME TO THE
WALKING TALL TRAIL

Read the story behind the trail on page 42.



Get ready to explore West Tennessee like you've never seen it before on the Walking Tall Trail. On the surface, it's a collection of **CHARMING SMALL TOWNS**, mom-and-pop eateries, courthouse squares and barbecue gems. Dig a little deeper and you'll uncover the fascinating stories, people, and places that have shaped American history and culture.

It's a trail defined, in part, by the stories of the larger-than-life figures with ties to the area. W.C. Handy, B.B. King and many more blues legends got their start on Beale Street; **ROCKABILLY PIONEERS** like Carl Perkins, country legend Eddy Arnold and international icon Elvis Presley all have their roots here. You'll visit the home of **RAILROAD LEGEND** Casey Jones, and learn how President Andrew Jackson and frontiersman David Crockett are tied to these towns. Connect with powerful figures in American history like author Alex Haley; uncover the stories of the Queen of the Confederacy, the sharp shooter and the 1,000-pound man. Get to know the trail's namesake and a fascinating figure of the American South, **SHERIFF BUFORD PUSSER** of McNairy County. He famously fought crime along the Mississippi state line in the 1960s and has been depicted in four major motion pictures, two TV movies, and a TV series.

The trail explores the history of African-Americans in the South, with sites that tell the stories of slavery and war, early freedom and the blues culture, and the struggle for civil rights. It's also a **BARBECUE LOVER'S DREAM**, with

opportunities to sample this authentic culinary art and its subtle regional differences — we guarantee it's worth as many stops as you care to make.

You'll find these towns dotted with markers detailing the skirmishes and turf struggles of the Civil War. These stories aren't confined to the battlefields — homes, churches, and courthouses have stories to tell from their days as headquarters, hideouts and hospitals. You'll also visit what is arguably the best-preserved Civil War battle site in the South at **SHILOH NATIONAL MILITARY PARK** — the site where one of the bloodiest conflicts of the war raged for two cold, wet days on the banks of the Tennessee River.

The Wolf, Hatchie and Beech Rivers also cut through the Walking Tall Trail, along with many lakes, five State Natural Areas and five Tennessee State Parks, recognized as the best in the nation. From sunsets over farmland to the wildlife on the river banks, West Tennessee's **QUIET NATURAL BEAUTY** is an attraction on its own.

This is truly a trail for Tennessee explorers, for those who love the charm of a small town square, the satisfaction of a down-home meal, the ghosts of America's history, and the adventurous spirit of a good road trip.



TAKING IN THE TRAIL

These 360 miles are full of historic sites, preserved homes and museums that bring the stories of the Walking Tall Trail to life. Many of them require advance reservations, admission or both to experience our history. And while some of our historic homes open their doors to visitors, some remain as they have for over a century: **private residences**. Please be respectful of the private land and homeowners on our tour.

And don't forget to visit your favorite online review sites (like TripAdvisor.com or Yelp.com), and help us blaze a trail to these wonderful hidden gems.

Pictured on cover: Rockabilly Highway Mural, Selmer; Shiloh National Military Park, Shiloh; Casey Jones Railroad Museum, Jackson. Pictured above: Natchez Trace State Park, Wildersville; Water tower, Somerville; Walking Tall movie poster (1973); Hilton's Jacks Creek Bar-B-Q, Luray; Sun Studio, Memphis.

Symbol Key:



AFRICAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE



CIVIL WAR



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GREAT OUTDOORS



LAND TRUST FOR TENNESSEE



LIVE MUSIC VENUE



LODGING



MOTORCYCLE ROUTE



NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES



PICTURE SPOT



TENNESSEE MAIN STREET PROGRAM

(R) RIGHT

(L) LEFT

Find more information at WalkingTallTrail.com.

MEMPHIS

The city of Memphis was originally settled by the Spanish in the late 1700s. It was officially founded in 1819 by a group of property investors that included Andrew Jackson, and named for the ancient capital of Egypt. The area proved tough to develop, with natural disasters, epidemics, and competitions with neighboring cities presenting challenges to the first residents. When the railroad came to town in 1842, Memphis began to grow, and by the 1860s, the city's railroads connected it to the Southeast and Midwest. The city grew to 12 times its size in those 20 years, with many German and Irish immigrants shaping the culture. Once a slave trading center in the 1850s, the city has been an important landmark for African-American cultural experience as well as a crucial battlefield in the fight for civil rights. Memphis is the birthplace of Holiday Inn and FedEx, the famous home of Elvis Presley and Beale Street, and a popular destination for visitors from around the world.

Points 1-8 and 196 are located in Memphis.



DIRECTIONS

119 N. Riverside Dr.
Memphis
901-543-6757

Turn R out of pt. 1. Turn R on Riverside Dr., L on Beale St., R on Main St., L on Butler St. to Mulberry St. and pt. 2.
450 Mulberry St.
Memphis, 901-521-9699

Abbreviation Key:

R RIGHT
L LEFT
N NORTH
S SOUTH
E EAST
W WEST
Int. INTERSECTION

1. I-40 Welcome Center

2. National Civil Rights Museum – (L) Housed in The Lorraine Motel, the assassination site of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., this award-winning museum brings the American Civil Rights Movement to life. Exhibits focus on landmark events like the Montgomery bus boycott and the Memphis sanitation strike, as well as more recent struggles and achievements following King's death. *Audio tours available. Guided tours with advance request.*



“The Great American Pyramid” arena in downtown Memphis is 321 feet tall — the third largest pyramid in the world. It is a 60 percent replica of Egypt’s Great Pyramid of Cheops.

3. Memphis Rock ‘n’ Soul Museum – (R) This exhibition about the birth of rock and soul music was created by the Smithsonian Institution and tells the story of musical pioneers who overcame racial and socio-economic barriers to create the music that shook the entire world.



Beale St.
Memphis
901-529-0999

143 Beale St.
901-524-KING (5464)

144 Beale St.
901-527-9060

162 Beale St.
901-521-1851

163 Beale St.
901-523-9782

183 Beale St.
901-522-9596

197 Beale St.
901-525-3711

352 Beale St.
901-527-3427

4. Beale Street – The blues are alive and well today on historic Beale Street. Dance to the music of live bands in open-air **W. C. Handy Park**, or spend a night sliding in and out of its famous spots.



From 2nd to 3rd Streets, Beale Street is closed to vehicles. Park and walk to see the attractions, restaurants, shops, clubs and museums. Here are a few highlights:

B.B. King's Blues Club – This Beale Street original features live music nightly. It's open for lunch, dinner and late-night entertainment.



A young musician named Rufus King hitchhiked to Memphis in 1947 and earned the name “Blues Boy,” which he shortened to “B.B. King.”

Blues City General Store – Find the perfect Memphis souvenir here.

King's Palace – Stop at this cozy little joint for jazz and Southern delicacies.

A. Schwab – This Memphis landmark features merchandise from basic plumbing supplies and voodoo potions to 44 kinds of suspenders.



In the early 1900s, “Conjure” Doctors – African-Americans practicing a form of voodoo – brought their mixtures, charms, and graveyard or “goober” dust from the cotton fields to peddle on Beale Street. The potions and powders were purported to cure diseases and ward off trouble.

Silky O'Sullivan's – It's always St. Patrick's Day in this 100-year-old saloon.

Alfred's – Great food, live music and the best dance floor on Beale.



TRIPADVISOR.COM: *I love to listen from the rooftop cafe at Alfred's. On Beale Street it's all about the music — both legends and undiscovered talent.*

W.C. Handy House Museum – Moved here from its original South Memphis location, this museum houses the desk where “The Father of the Blues” wrote his greatest hits.

158 Lt. George W. Lee St.
901-522-0130

Head N on S. 3rd St. toward Peabody Pl. Turn R onto Union Ave. Turn R on S. Bellevue Blvd. Turn R on E. McLemore Ave. to pt. 5
926 E. McLemore Ave.
Memphis
901-946-2535

Return to S. Bellevue Blvd. and turn R to go S. S. Bellevue Blvd. becomes TN-35/US-51/ Elvis Presley Blvd.
3717 Elvis Presley Blvd.
Memphis
901-332-3322

Ground Zero Blues Club – Get a taste of the Delta blues and BBQ at this restaurant, co-owned by actor Morgan Freeman.



5. Stax Museum of American Soul Music – (R) This is the only soul music museum in the world. It sits on the site of the original Stax Records, the studio where music icons like Isaac Hayes, Wilson Pickett, the Staple Singers, Otis Redding and others recorded career-launching hits.



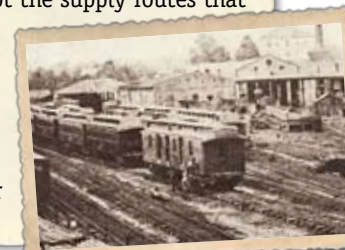
6. Elvis Presley's Graceland® – (R) Walk in the footsteps of the King of Rock 'n' Roll while enjoying video, photos, personal mementos, movie memorabilia, stage costumes and more. Tour Elvis' home, Graceland Mansion, on an audio-guided tour featuring commentary and stories by Elvis and his daughter Lisa Marie. Explore the Elvis Car Museum, Elvis' custom jets and the Elvis Presley: Fashion King Exhibit and more. Don't miss the on-site restaurants and Elvis gift shops.



Elvis Presley won three Grammy Awards, all for his gospel music.

MEMPHIS-CHARLESTON RAILROAD

This railroad served as an important connection between the eastern and western portions of the South, connecting the Atlantic coast to the Mississippi River. Before the railroad, goods and passengers traveled by water or long land routes, and the railroad provided a speedy alternative, connecting Memphis to New York in just under 80 hours. The traffic and business it brought to Memphis contributed to rapid growth in the mid-1800s. The M&C was the site of many Civil War battles, including the Battle of Shiloh, as Union forces sought to disrupt the supply routes that connected Southern states. The railroad suffered heavy damages during the war. During the reconstruction, railroads consolidated, and the M&C became a part of the Southern Railway System. Today, it is still an important line as part of Norfolk Southern, one of the major railway systems in the U.S.



MEMPHIS MUSIC HISTORY

Memphis is known throughout the world to have played an important part in America's music history. The blues, rockabilly, rock 'n' roll, jazz, gospel, and rhythm and blues were all born or significantly shaped here, and much of it started on Beale Street. This was the cultural and economic center for African-Americans coming from all over the Mississippi Delta area in the 20th century. The clubs on Beale Street will be forever associated with the Memphis blues sound, developed by artists like B.B. King and Muddy Waters. Artists like Elvis Presley, Jerry Lee Lewis, Roy Orbison, Carl Perkins, and Johnny Cash mixed the music of the rural South with the urban sounds of Memphis, creating a new style recorded and popularized with the help of Sam Phillips (pictured L) at historic Sun Records. Another important label, Stax Records, gave rise to the R&B sound with artists like Otis Redding (pictured R) and Isaac Hayes. The Memphis music scene also played a significant part in creating distinctive gospel and jazz sounds that continue to influence artists today.



Retrace route on Elvis Presley Blvd. Turn L on Union Ave. Turn R onto Marshall Ave. Pt. 7 is on corner of Marshall Ave. & Union Ave.
706 Union Ave.
Memphis
901-521-0664

7. Sun Studio – (R) Sam Phillips' Sun Studio is ground zero for rock 'n' roll's explosion onto the world stage. Literally packed with memorabilia, the “Birthplace of Rock 'n' Roll” lets you hear historical outtakes and even touch Elvis' first microphone. Experience the stories that put legends like Johnny Cash, Carl Perkins, Jerry Lee Lewis and others on the map.



8. Memphis Zoo – (L) This 100-year-old zoo is home to more than 3,500 animals representing over 500 different species. Visit giant pandas Ya Ya and Le Le, the Once Upon a Farm exhibit, and the Teton Trek, featuring grizzly bears, elk and timber wolves. Covering 70 acres in the middle of Overton Park, this wild experience is just minutes from downtown Memphis.



Head N on Marshall Ave. Turn R onto Madison Ave. Turn L on McClean Blvd. Turn R onto Prentiss Pl. to pt. 8.
2000 Prentiss Pl.
Memphis
901-333-6500

NASHOBA

In the 1820s, a young Scotswoman named Frances Wright founded the utopian community of Nashoba near today's Germantown. It was an experimental colony, created to teach Southern slaves to be self-sufficient. The colony was controversial in the community, and Wright left Tennessee to promote the experiment abroad. When she returned, she found the residents sick, poor, and in worse living conditions than they had known as slaves. Wright abandoned the colony, returning three years later to offer them a life of freedom in the form of a one-way trip to Haiti. They accepted, ending the failed Nashoba experiment.



Head W on Prentiss Pl. Turn R at Marie Moss Ln. Turn L on Poplar Ave. Turn L on Germantown Rd. to pt. 9.

2290 Germantown Rd. Germantown 901-754-5540

Pt. 10 is across street from pt. 9.

Germantown Rd. & West St. Germantown

To go directly to pt. 13, go L (N) on Germantown Rd. Turn R at Poplar Ave. Go 9 miles, turn R at Walnut St.

OFF-TRAIL

From pt. 10, turn R (S) on Germantown Rd., turn L on Old Poplar Pk./Poplar Pk. Turn R on Honey Tree Dr. to pt. 11.

3085 Honey Tree Dr. Germantown, 901-757-7375

Return to Old Poplar Pk./Poplar Pk. and turn R. Turn R to merge with US-72/W. Poplar Ave. Go 4.6 miles. Turn L on Peterson Lake Rd. Turn L at Shelton Rd. Turn R onto Wolf Ridge Dr. Take 3rd R toward Johnson Park Dr., then turn R onto Johnson Park Dr. to pt. 12.

Johnson Park 419 Johnson Park Dr. Collierville

Retrace route to US-72/W. Poplar Ave. and turn L to head W. Go approx. 0.2 mile to corner of Walnut St. and pt. 13.

- 9. Germantown Commissary – (L)** Locals know this is the place for hickory-smoked, slow-cooked, Memphis-style BBQ and ribs. Voted one of the “Top 10 U.S. BBQ Restaurants” by *Playboy* magazine.



- 10. Germantown Depot – (R)** Find this 1868 Memphis-Charleston Railroad depot in “Old Germantown,” situated on high ground where the area’s first settlers made their homes. Today, it’s home to the Tennessee Shakespeare Company, and houses a great collection of railroad memorabilia. Notice the markers identifying the original buildings and sites.



- 11. Fort Germantown – (R)** This was the site of a Civil War fort built by the Union Army to guard the Memphis-Charleston Railroad, a vital Confederate supply route. The site is marked by cannon replicas.

- 12. Collierville Greenbelt System –** With more than 60 miles of trails and sidewalks, this system connects Collierville’s parks, schools, neighborhoods, and commercial districts offering recreation in a natural setting. Start exploring at **Johnson Park**.



BACK ON TRAIL

See directions to pt. 13 at pts. 10 & 12.

W. Poplar Ave. & Walnut St. Collierville 901-457-2770

- 13. Civil War Markers in Tom Brooks Park – (R)** During the Civil War, Union invasions of Georgia, Alabama or Mississippi had to cross through Tennessee because of its location over the deep South. In 1862, the main forces of the Confederacy were forced below Tennessee, and Collierville (like much of the state) was under Federal control through the remainder of the war. There are two markers here: The Battle of Collierville and Chalmers’ Collierville Raid.



During the Civil War, Tennessee was the last state to leave the Union and the first state to rejoin after the war ended.

Park in the Collierville Historic District, and walk to visit points 14-18.

Continue S on Walnut St. Turn L on Mulberry St. Churches are located around sq.

- 14. Collierville Historic District Churches –** Stroll through downtown and read the historical markers detailing the unique and interesting histories of the town’s churches, including the Methodist “Sanctuary on the Square” (pictured top), St. Andrew’s Episcopal, former First Baptist, Collierville Christian and Collierville Presbyterian (pictured).



COLLIERVILLE

Situated so close to the Tennessee-Mississippi line, it’s no surprise that Collierville was once located in both states simultaneously due to a surveyor’s error in the early 1830s. Built on land belonging to Jesse R. Collier, the town was incorporated in 1850, and was originally located a few miles east of where it is today. Following the bloody Civil War Battle of Collierville in 1863, the town was burned to the ground. The second town of Collierville was incorporated in 1870 at the present location, built around the historic town square. In the 1900s, Collierville became a cotton trade center and was known as the dairy capital of West Tennessee. In the mid-1900s, manufacturing brought economic opportunity and growth to the area. Today, Collierville’s Historic District, with its local shops, restaurants, and history lessons, is a popular stop for locals and visitors alike.

Points 12-20 are located in Collierville.



- 15. Collierville Historic Square –** Stop and enjoy this charming square, lined with independently owned local businesses like coffee shops, restaurants and bookstores. In the center, you’ll find **Confederate Park**, with its sidewalks laid out to form a Confederate flag. Visit the log cabin here — it’s an 1851 stage coach rest stop.



“Father of the Blues” W.C. Handy once performed in this Collierville park. Handy is well loved all over Shelby County; Memphis honors the former resident with a park and museum on Beale Street (see point 4).



Pt. 16 is located at pt. 15.

Corner of Washington St. & Main St.

Pt. 18: 125 N. Rowlett St. Collierville 901-853-1666

OFF-TRAIL

From sq., go W on W. Poplar Ave. Turn L at S. Byhalia Rd. Turn R at Collierville Rd. to pt. 19.

4674 Merchants Park Cir. Collierville, 901-854-8240

Turn L onto E. Shelby Dr. Turn L at S. Byhalia Rd. Take 1st R to rejoin E. Shelby Dr. Continue onto Progress Rd. Veer L at Mt. Pleasant Rd. Pt. 20 is on corner of Mt. Pleasant & Keough Rds.

BACK ON TRAIL

From pt. 18, return to Main St. and turn R. Turn L on South St. Turn R on Mt. Pleasant Rd. and go about 0.5 mile. Pt. 20 is on corner of Mt. Pleasant & Keough Rds.

Mt. Pleasant Rd. & Keough Rd. off Hwy 72, Collierville

- 16. Battle of Collierville Historical Marker –** Learn the story of the Battle of Collierville, a Confederate attack on the town occupied by Union soldiers and used as an important Union supply base.

- 17. Collierville Mural –** Just across from the square, this mural depicts the town’s history. The artwork covers the Masonic Lodge south wall.



- 18. Collierville Historic Depot –** This is believed to be the third depot located in Collierville since the Memphis-Charleston Railroad was originally chartered in 1852. Today, the depot is the office for **Main Street Collierville**, a non-profit group that preserves the area. Pick up a *Collierville Historic District Walking Tour* brochure here.



- 19. The Avenue Carriage Crossing – (L)** The Avenue offers a dynamic mix of premier national retailers, select local merchants and specialty restaurants in an open-air, pedestrian-friendly setting.

- 20. Magnolia Cemetery – (L)** Nestled among the large magnolia trees from which it received its name, this is the final resting place for Civil War



ROSSVILLE

Rossville is one of the oldest towns in Fayette County, named for the land owner who gave the property for its first buildings, Thomas M. Ross, in 1859. Like many of the area’s early towns, Rossville was occupied by Union soldiers for several years during the Civil War, which left many of its buildings in great disrepair and left the task of rebuilding to the town’s residents. An 1844 flood, the Yellow Fever epidemic of the late 1870s, and a 1922 fire that claimed an entire section of the town were all setbacks

the early residents overcame in establishing the town. Today, it’s a friendly community just outside of Memphis with many beautiful historic homes and easy access to the Wolf River.

Points 21-26 are located in Rossville.



Turn L on Mt. Pleasant Rd. and go 0.8 mile. Turn R onto Poplar/TN-57 and go 8 miles to Rossville. Pass pt. 21 along route.

- 21. “Mississippi” Fred McDowell Historical Marker – (L)** On your way to Rossville, you’ll pass this marker for one of America’s eminent blues artists, born in Rossville in 1904. His style was rooted in the Delta blues tradition with a signature bottleneck guitar technique. “I make the guitar say what I say,” said McDowell. “If I play ‘Amazing Grace’, it’ll sing that too.” His influence spread beyond blues to gospel and popular artists.



From TN-57 in Rossville, turn L on TN-194/Main St. to pt. 22.

Main St. Rossville 901-853-4544

- 22. Rossville Historic District –** The 33 buildings and homes that contribute to the beautiful Historic District of Rossville date from before the Civil War to 1945. Every June, the Historic District Association sponsors its Tour of Homes. Park near the gazebo and stroll around the area for your own impromptu walking tour.



When the Memphis-Charleston Railroad was built from Memphis to Moscow and La Grange in 1853, Mr. Ross gave land on which to locate a community along the rail line. The town of LaFayette was moved several hundred yards north and renamed Rossville.



Pt. 23 is at gazebo in downtown Rossville.

Continue on TN-194/ Main St. over Wolf River. TN-194 becomes Rossville Rd. Turn immediately R into parking area to access pt. 24.

Wolf River Conservation Area: 901-457-2770

Head back S on TN-194 to return to downtown Rossville and pt. 25.

460 Main St.
Rossville
901-853-2586

Continue S on TN-194/ Main St. toward TN-57. Turn L on TN-57, and head E.

- 23. Civil War Skirmish Historical Marker – (R)** Confederate General Nathan Bedford Forrest, returning from Jackson, skirmished with Union troops at the Wolf River and along the Memphis-Charleston Railroad on December 27, 1863.

- 24. William B. Clark Boardwalk – (R)** This 1,500-foot gravel and elevated nature trail runs along the Wolf River into a **State Natural Area** that includes Lily Lake. Stop here for a peaceful break and take advantage of bird and wildlife viewing year-round.



- 25. Wolf River Café – (R)** This café sits on the site once occupied by Rossville's gas station, a favorite spot for dime Cokes and penny candy. The current restaurant has been a local favorite for over 20 years. The two businesses behind the café are housed in the town's **original fire station and jail**, which held only two prisoners at a time.



URBANSPOON.COM: *Wolf River Café is out in the middle of nowhere, but it's still totally worth it. The catfish is great...*

WOLF RIVER

The land where the Wolf River (once called Riviere a Margot) meets the Mississippi has hosted many settlements, including Native Americans, French and Spanish explorers, and early American settlers who built the forts that would eventually grow to become the city of Memphis. The river is named for a Native American guide who mysteriously disappeared along the river while assisting French explorer La Salle's party in the late 1600s. Over the years, the quality of the water and the health of the environment surrounding the Wolf has been greatly affected by urban growth and industrialization. In the 1960s, it was even dammed and diverted due to its foul odor, and a stretch near Memphis was eventually pronounced "dead" by scientists. In the mid-1880s, the Wolf River Conservancy was founded, and through collaborations with several other environmental groups, the organization has helped to restore and preserve the Wolf's natural beauty. In 1997, it was designated an American Heritage River.

Pt. 26 is at City Hall on corner of TN-57 & TN-76. 14075 Hwy 57
Rossville

OFF-TRAIL

From TN-57, turn L on TN-76 to Williston. Turn L on TN-193. Pt. 27 is on corner of TN-193 & Railroad St.

Corner of Hwy 193 & Railroad St.
Williston

Retrace route to TN-57 and turn L. Continue to La Grange.

BACK ON TRAIL

Continue on TN-57 through Moscow to La Grange.

Located N and S of Main St./TN-57.

370 Fourth St.
La Grange

- 26. Battle of Moscow Historical Markers – (L)** Confederate cavalry ambushed a Union cavalry unit along the Memphis-Charleston Railroad here on December 4, 1863. The Union cavalry, including United States Colored Troops, managed to fend off the multi-pronged assault.

- 27. W.C. Crawford General Store – (L)** This Antebellum commercial structure looks straight out of a movie set — a rare survivor and a great example of Italianate storefronts in rural towns in the mid-1800s. Since 1869, this family-owned building has served as a post office, museum and meeting hall. It is currently closed for business, but worth the short trip up Hwy 76 to the town of Williston.



- 28. Downtown La Grange –** This Antebellum center of Southern wealth, culture, and education was originally a Chickasaw village named "Itey Uch La" meaning "Cluster of Pines." Markers along Hwy 57/ Main Street detail the town's origin and history, from Native American trading post to Union stronghold during the Civil War. Today, it has only about 200 inhabitants who care for the beautiful historic buildings along Hwy 57.



- 29. Historic Homes & Buildings of La Grange –** La Grange is home to many beautifully restored historic structures (some private residences), concentrated on Main Street/ Hwy 57 and the few blocks to the north and south. Take your own detour off Main — the homes are visible from the street.



Tiara's first owner left Tennessee for Illinois, where he laid out an exact replica of the town of La Grange, and even called it by the same name.

- 30. Tiara – (Private Residence)** This impressive 1845 Antebellum home gets its name from the cupola that sits like a crown at the top. In 1900, a tornado struck La Grange and blew the beautiful



LUCY HOLCOMBE PICKENS: QUEEN OF THE CONFEDERACY

Growing up in La Grange, Lucy Holcombe helped define the cultural stereotype of the "Southern belle" — a beautiful and well-educated young socialite with many suitors, including Colonel Francis Wilkinson Pickens — a lawyer and a secessionist twice her age. She paid him little attention until he accepted a position as the ambassador to Russia, promising international travel. Living abroad as the ambassador's wife, her French and Russian language skills helped her develop a close friendship with Czar Alexander II and Czarina Maria, who became the godparents of her daughter. As tensions between the North and South rose back home in the U.S. in the 1860s, Lucy and the colonel moved back to the South just as secession was becoming a reality. The colonel was elected governor of South Carolina, and Lucy became known as "Lady Lucy," selling precious jewels she had received from the Russian royal family to support the "Lucy Holcombe Legion." She is one of the only women whose likeness has appeared on national currency, gracing the Confederate one-dollar and one-hundred-dollar bills.

290 Pine St.
La Grange

23105 Hwy 57
(at Poplar St.)
La Grange

- 31. Westover of Woodstock –** This is the site of the former home of **Lucy Holcombe Pickens**, known as the "Queen of the Confederacy." After the family left the area in 1849, the home (pictured as it once stood) was used as a dormitory for the neighboring La Grange Female College.



- 32. La Grange United Methodist Church –** This church was, like most public buildings in La Grange, confiscated by Federal troops for military use during the Civil War. In 1900, a terrific cyclone struck the town, destroying the original, pre-Civil War church. Another church was constructed on the site, but was destroyed by the tornado of 1926. The church was rebuilt once again in 1928, and still holds services each Sunday.



The Tennessee Civil War Trails System spotlights the personal stories and history of the area through interpretive markers. You'll see several on the Walking Tall Trail.



190 Second St.
La Grange

- 33. The Old Parsonage – (Private Residence)** This 1839 home is a good example of the Plantation Plain style home common in Antebellum Tennessee. It was a private home until the end of the 19th century, when it became property of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. The house served as a parsonage until 1940, when it became a private residence once again.



35 Second St.
La Grange
731-764-2545

- 34. Immanuel Episcopal Church –** This structure is a near-exact replica of the Episcopal Church in Warrenton, North Carolina. Built by slaves on donated land in 1842, the church was first used as a hospital for Union soldiers and the pews used to make coffins for the dead. During a renovation, workmen revealed where patients had written their names, addresses and Bible verses on the walls.



14600 La Grange Rd.
La Grange
901-878-1246

- 35. La Grange Civic Center –** La Grange Female College once stood on this site, founded in 1854 and considered the most successful educational facility in the town. The building burned in 1921 and La Grange Elementary School was built in its place. It now serves as City Hall.



1440 La Grange Rd.
La Grange

- 36. Tyrone Place – (Private Residence)** Originally named Avenue of Cedars, this 1834 Greek Revival, raised cottage-style home was re-named by Mr. and Mrs. James McNamee, whose ancestors hailed from Tyrone County, Ireland. Spared from destruction during the Civil War, General William T. Sherman's Union Army reportedly



Continue on La Grange Rd. to pt. 37.
La Grange Rd.
La Grange

To go off trail to pt. 38, you will continue N on La Grange Rd.

To go off trail to pt. 39, head S on La Grange Rd. (back towards TN-57).

To stay on main trail to pt. 40, head S on La Grange Rd. (back towards TN-57) and turn L on TN-57.

OFF-TRAIL

Continue N on La Grange Rd. Turn R at Rube Scott Dr. Turn L at Buford Ellington Rd. Continue R onto Ames Dr. to pt. 38.

4725 Buford Ellington Rd.
Grand Junction
901-878-1067

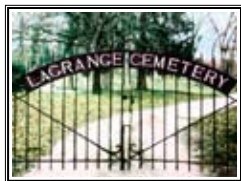
Retrace your route to La Grange Rd. and turn L.

To visit pt. 39, continue S on La Grange Rd./Main St.

To rejoin main trail at pt. 40, turn L at TN-57.

Did You Know?

37. La Grange Cemetery – (R) Charles Wills, Union officer of the 103rd Illinois Infantry, describes the beauty of this cemetery in his memoirs, as well as the 160 Confederate graves marked by soldiers' initials on small pieces of wood. According to Wills, they were destroyed by Union soldiers — likely for firewood during the severe winter of 1863-64. The cemetery still serves the community today and is maintained by the La Grange Cemetery Assoc.



38. Ames Plantation – (L) This 18,400-acre plantation is home to a wealth of 19th-century history pertaining to the settlement and culture of southwestern Tennessee. It is privately owned and operated, and functions as one of the Research and Education Centers for the University of Tennessee's Agricultural Experiment Station system. During the Heritage Festival each October, visitors can imagine life in the 1800s through re-enactments, demonstrations, and the historical buildings and furnishings of Heritage Village. In February, the plantation hosts the National Field Trial Championship for All-Age Bird Dogs.



Man's best friend often accompanied troops into battle, helping to locate and recover bodies afterward. When Union Lieutenant Louis Pfeiff was killed at Shiloh, his dog stayed at his unmarked grave for 12 days until his widow arrived.

39. Mineral Slough Boardwalk & Winbon C. Cowan Trail – (R) Interpretive markers identify native trees along the 600-foot long, elevated boardwalk and 1,500-foot walking trail, located in **Ghost River State Natural Area**. This site offers excellent bird watching year-round.



From the intersection of La Grange Rd./Main St. & TN-57, head S on Main St. which becomes Yager Dr. Turn R onto Beasley Dr. just before crossing the bridge.
Beasley Drive
La Grange

Retrace route to Yager and turn L. Head N toward TN-57 and turn R.

BACK ON TRAIL

From TN-57, turn R on Walnut St. to pt. 40.

190 Walnut St.
La Grange

Return to TN-57 and turn R, heading E to pt. 41.

40. The Allen Cogbill Home – (R) (Private Residence) A large, State Champion Water Oak tree spreads its branches over this two-story 1847 home and its grounds. The Cogbill family owned Cogbill's General Store from the mid-1800s until very recently, housed in a small white building at La Grange Road and Hwy 57.



In the early 1800s, a white farmhand earned around \$8.50 per month, while a white female domestic worker earned about \$1 per week. A slave could be owned for just two-thirds the cost of white labor.

Continue E to on TN-57 to pt. 41.

23615 Hwy 57
La Grange

41. Hancock Hall – (L) (Private Residence) Soon after it was built in 1857, Yankee officers took possession of this house and remained there until the end of the Civil War, permitting the family to use three first-floor rooms. Union General Hurlburt made the front lawn his headquarters in 1862, and though they held vastly different political views, Union General Ulysses S. Grant visited often and recounted a pleasant dinner with the home's owner, Dr. Pulliam, in his memoirs.



SLAVES IN WARTIME

On his way to Vicksburg in the fall of 1862, Union General Ulysses S. Grant and his troops were delayed in Grand Junction by thousands of refugee slaves begging for his protection. He directed Chaplain John Eaton of the 27th Ohio Infantry to form "Contraband Camps" for them on the abandoned corn and cotton plantations. He employed them harvesting the crops abandoned by plantation owners as Union forces swept through the area, and supervised the hiring of African-American workers by the property owners who remained. The former slaves were paid to cut wood for Union steamers and even given muskets and enlisted in the Union Army. The sale of the crops and military wages they earned collectively funded basic supplies, cabin construction, hospitals and opportunities the former slaves had never known. Grant established other camps in West Tennessee, a system that, according to his memoirs, eventually evolved into the Freedmen's Bureau.



See Walking Tall Trail map on page 22.

Continue E to on TN-57 to pt. 42.
23840 Hwy 57
La Grange

42. Twin Gables – (R) (Private Residence) The original two rooms of this house were built in 1834 by Thomas Gloster Anderson. During the Civil War, it was owned by Professor John Rennie Blake of La Grange Presbyterian Synodical College and occupied by Union soldiers. The current and past owners have left their own creative mark on the home.



Continue E to on TN-57 to pt. 43.
24045 Hwy 57
La Grange

43. Gable Villa – (L) (Private Residence) Originally built north of La Grange, this home was a gift from John Walker Jones to his daughter, Ann Eliza and her husband, William Alfred Turner, around 1850. It stood unused for many years but remained in the family until it was sold by Martha Turner Carter, great-granddaughter of John Walker Jones, and moved to its present location in La Grange.



Continue E to on TN-57 to pt. 44.
24545 Hwy 57
La Grange

44. Woodlawn – (L) (Private Residence) A veteran of the War of 1812, Major Charles Michie chose this site in 1828 for his stately Greek Revival style home. In 1862, it became the Western Tennessee headquarters for General Sherman, and was used as an emergency hospital during the Civil War. Many of the original furnishings have been reacquired, dating back to the early and mid-1800s.



Did You Know?

Grand Junction gets its name from the meeting of the Southern and Illinois Central Railroads.



Continue E to on TN-57, Turn L to stay on TN-57, then turn R to stay on TN-57 into Grand Junction.
505 W. Hwy 57
Grand Junction
731-764-2058

45. National Bird Dog Museum – (R) This museum houses information, art, photography, and memorabilia representing a variety of pointing dog and retriever breeds, hunting, field trial



BATTLE OF DAVIS BRIDGE

In October of 1862, the Civil War had consumed West Tennessee. Union troops already occupied Bolivar, and General Ulysses S. Grant ordered his soldiers to move behind the Hatchie River, capture Davis Bridge, and trap the Confederate soldiers who were retreating from their defeat at the Battle of Corinth in Mississippi. It was not a decisive victory, but Union troops took control of the bridge — though most of the Confederates had escaped and crossed the river. About 500 men were killed from each side. The second-largest battle fought in West Tennessee, Davis Bridge marked the end of the Union forces' Corinth Campaign that started at Shiloh.



activities and shooting sports. The facility is designed for the enjoyment of all who appreciate the special partnership between man and dog. Dog lovers, don't forget to check out the gift shop.

Continue E on TN-57 to pt. 46.
107 Hwy 57
Grand Junction
731-764-3308

46. Junction Café – (R) A local favorite offering country dining and comfort food at its very best.



Continue E on TN-57. Turn R on Hardeman St. to pt. 47.
250 Hardeman St.
Grand Junction
731-764-2711

47. Big Al's Country Kitchen – (R) Stop in for the daily special, and save room for at least one of their homemade desserts.



FACEBOOK
FAN
FAVORITE

Mmmmmmm, it all sounds good (at Big Al's)! I'll take one of everything. :)

Return to TN-57 and head E. Enter the town of Middleton and turn L on Main St. Go 1.6 miles to pt. 48.

111 Main St.
Middleton
731-376-0788

Retrace route to TN-57 and turn L. In Pocahontas, turn R on Pocahontas Rd. and stay straight to continue on Essary Springs Rd. approx. 1 mile to pt. 49.

Davis Bridge Memorial Foundation
731-658-6554

48. Crabapple Corners – (L) This tea room also has unique jewelry and beautiful merchandise for sale.

49. Davis Bridge Battlefield – (L) Following the Battle of Corinth, a battle occurred at Davis Bridge on October 5, 1862. The retreating Confederate Army under Generals Sterling Price and Earl Van Dorn met General Edward Ord and his Union troops here, where an all-day battle ensued for the bridge. A gravel road on site leads down to the Hatchie River.



Did You Know?

The Hatchie is a designated State Scenic River, listed by the Nature Conservancy as one of the 75 last great remaining places on earth.

Retrace your route to TN-57 and turn R, heading E. Turn R at John Howell Rd. to pt. 50.

1435 John Howell Rd.
Pocahontas
731-645-7967

Note: The old pond is accessible by 4-wheel drive only.

- 50. Big Hill Pond State Park – (R)** This beautiful park is situated at the junction of Tuscumbia River and Cypress Creek (off Hatchie River). Stop for history, hiking, horseback riding trails, playgrounds, picnic spots, fishing in Travis McNatt Lake and camping. Or just take a peaceful drive through the park.



Did You Know?

During the Civil War, Tennessee supplied more soldiers for the Confederacy than any other state except Virginia, and more for the Union than all the other Southern states combined.

Pt. 51 is inside pt. 50. Return to TN-57 and turn R, heading E.

- 51. Battle of Davis Bridge / Young's Bridge –** While you're in the state park, rejoin the Battle of Davis Bridge, which first engaged over the Hatchie River at point 49. Young's Bridge over the Tuscumbia River was the Confederates' fallback position, and much of the fighting actually took place between the two rivers.



Did You Know?

Hwy 57 runs parallel to the Mississippi state line, home to many colorful and dangerous characters in the late 1960s. Among the establishments in the area during that time was the Shamrock Motel, site where Sheriff Buford Pusser shot and killed Louise Hathcock after she threatened him with a gun. Members of the "Dixie Mafia" retaliated with an ambush that killed Pusser's wife. The White Iris was another establishment in the area, and the specialties of both businesses were bootleg whiskey, beer, gambling and a variety of other vices.



From TN-57, turn L on US-45N, stay R to continue on US-45N to pt. 52.

Hwy 45, Selmer
731-645-4353

Head N on US-45N. Turn R on TN-142E, turn L at sign for pt. 53.

2074 Hwy 142
Selmer
731-645-4823

- 52. Pappy John's BBQ – (L)** Taste some authentic West Tennessee BBQ on your way into Selmer.



- 53. Hockaday Handmade Broom Shop & Museum – (L)** Here in this small shop next to his home, Jack Martin makes incredible handmade brooms of all kinds, using broomcorn grown on this farm and the same equipment his grandfather used in the early 1900s. Today, Jack's brooms are sought-after pieces of

SELMER AND BETHEL SPRINGS

The charming small town of **Selmer** is the seat of McNairy County, named after Selma, Alabama. Originally, the county seat was located in the town of Purdy, a prosperous little village just a few miles to the west. Its residents refused to let the railroad come through their town in the late 1800s, and as a result, the railroad was constructed through Selmer. The railroad brought rapid growth to Selmer and made it a natural choice for the county seat, while the town of Purdy felt an immediate decline. Today, Selmer is a great Tennessee town with character and charm, known for its slugburgers, legendary Sheriff Buford Pusser, and the famous rockabilly mural on the square.

Just north of Selmer you'll find **Bethel Springs**, known as Bethel Station during the Civil War. It was incorporated in 1927 and named for a cold, clear spring that ran near the town.

Points 52-60 and 64-65 are located in Selmer.

Points 61-63 are located in Bethel Springs.



functional art, from the simplest brooms to pieces with carved handles and dyed bristles. You can find the brooms at select Whole Foods stores, or hear jazz drummers all over the country playing with his handmade drum brushes. Stop in for a truly unique experience.



Retrace your route to US-45 and turn R. Follow US-45/64/E. Court Ave. to downtown Selmer and park near sq. for pts. 54-59.

W. Court Ave. & 2nd St.

- 54. Rockabilly Highway Mural –** In September of 1954, American music icons Elvis Presley and Carl Perkins met for the first time in McNairy County. This dimensional mural highlights the meeting's musical significance and celebrates the county's rockabilly history.



170 W. Court Ave.
Selmer
731-645-3472

- 55. McNairy County Courthouse –** Sheriff Buford Pusser's office here is open for viewing during normal business hours, featuring some of the furniture and

equipment he used, as well as other memorabilia. Stop in and see where the legendary lawman spent his days.



Court Ave. & 3rd St.
Selmer
731-645-6671

- 56. Pat's Café –** This downtown institution has served short-order meals to three generations of residents. No visit to Selmer is complete without one of Pat's famous slugburgers.



Did You Know?

Slugburgers take their name from the slang word for "nickel," referring to their low cost during the Great Depression. Slugburgers were invented when diner cooks used soybeans or potato flour to get more burgers from a pound of ground beef.

114 N. 3rd St.
Selmer
731-646-0018

- 57. McNairy County Museum –** Experience area history through military artifacts from the Civil and World Wars and items representing the county's rural heritage.



Court Ave. & 4th St.
Selmer

- 58. The LATTA Welcome & Cultural Center**

Opening in 2011, this center will house the McNairy Regional Alliance, as well as Arts in McNairy. Stop by for tourist information, theatre productions and cultural displays.



Did You Know?

The Arts in McNairy (AiM) Artisan Trail features some of Southwest Tennessee's best working folk artists, history, and cultural events. Pick up a trail guide at the LATTA building, the McNairy County Chamber of Commerce, or any Southwest Tennessee Tourism Visitors Center.

103 S. Front St.
Selmer
731-645-6070

- 59. Rockabilly Café –** Brush up on your rockabilly history at this fun restaurant, where each table tells the story of a different music pioneer and breakfast is served all day. Try homemade pimento cheese, a slugburger, or the famous "Elvis" sandwich — peanut butter and banana. They'll even grill it for you. *Open 6 a.m.-2 p.m.*

From downtown Selmer, go NW on US-45/64/ W. Court Ave. and continue traveling N. Veer R at Y onto Old US-45/Peach St. to pt. 60.

543 Peach St.
Selmer
731-646-1190

- 60. North End Café – (R)** Sheriff Buford Pusser was called to this location on Christmas Day 1968 when Charles "Russ" Hamilton threatened his landlord. Hamilton was a dangerous man; he was convicted of killing a McNairy County officer years earlier. When Pusser arrived, Hamilton fired, hitting the grip of Pusser's revolver and wounding the sheriff. Buford returned fire and killed Hamilton. Today, the building is a small restaurant.



Continue N on Old US-45/ Peach St. to pt. 61.
Corner of Old Hwy 45 & Buena Vista Rd.
Bethel Springs

- 61. Hurst Nation Historical Marker – (L)** This area was once the "Hurst Nation," a section of northwest McNairy County owned by Fielding Hurst, his siblings and allied families during the Civil War. The Hursts were publicly Unionist — a sentiment so strong that Fielding Hurst led a unit of his own family members and residents of Hurst Nation to serve with the Union Army. **The old Hurst home is private property and not at this site.**



HURST NATION

Fielding Hurst was a staunch Unionist in McNairy County during the Civil War. He and his extended family formed the "Hurst Nation," collectively becoming the county's largest landholders. From the Hurst Nation came an informal unit of Union scouts, reporting back to Federals in Nashville. Fielding's demands to formally organize the regiment were met, and he officially served as the head of the Sixth Tennessee Cavalry (USA). The unit received little in the way of arms and supplies, however, and Hurst began operating the unit without the input of Federal authorities. Tensions ran high between the Hurst Nation and the surrounding pro-Confederate secessionists, and his family was targeted in small attacks. He retaliated by executing the people he believed to be responsible, getting the attention of Confederate General Nathan Bedford Forrest. The personal battle between the two escalated to include Hurst's burning of the city of Jackson and many Confederate homes and businesses in Brownsville. Following the war, Fielding Hurst became an exaggerated and highly disliked figure among the Confederates, especially in the community surrounding the Hurst Nation. His former home and grave just outside of Bethel Springs are still targets of vandalism, a century and a half later.

L: Fielding Hurst, R: Nathan Bedford Forrest



Turn L at Buena Vista Rd.
Turn R at Church St. to
4th St. to pt. 62.
57 Fourth St.
Bethel Springs
731-934-9336
Return to Buena Vista Rd.
and turn R to head W.

- 62. Bethel Springs Presbyterian Church & Cemetery – (R)** The tiny town of Bethel Springs is named for this church, the oldest in the county. Confederate soldiers are buried in the adjoining cemetery.



Bethel Springs High School was the meeting place of music legends Carl Perkins and Elvis Presley in 1954. Perkins and his band were in nearby Chester County and traveled to Bethel Springs to hear Presley perform. Afterwards, the two met and talked for a bit — what seemed like any other night was a significant event in the course of rockabilly music.

- 63. Ada's Country Store – (R)** Visit Ada's for a little bit of everything: browse the great selection of Amish and Mennonite cookbooks, homemade breads, jams, jellies, health

Continue W on Buena Vista Rd. and turn R onto US-45 and head N to pt. 63.

9653 Hwy 45N
Bethel Springs
731-934-9310

BUFORD PUSSEY

Serving as the 1962-64 Adamsville Police Chief and as McNairy County Sheriff for the maximum three consecutive terms (1964-70), Buford Pusser was famous for his unconventional brand of law enforcement and his successful campaign against moonshiners, gamblers, prostitution and organized crime on the Tennessee-Mississippi line. Early on, he was known for the large wooden stick he carried — for destroying moonshine stills, as well as for self-defense in the rural communities of West Tennessee. While a hero to most, Pusser's work also made dangerous enemies and invited several assassination attempts, including a drive-by shooting in 1967 that left Pusser severely injured from a shot to the face; one of the bullets meant for Buford killed his wife, Pauline. His story reads like a larger-than-life superhero, with tales of fighting off six men at once, wrestling and defeating a black bear, even jumping onto the hood of a speeding car and subduing its driver through the broken window. During his six years in office, Sheriff Pusser was shot eight times, knifed seven times, killed two people in self-defense and destroyed 87 whiskey stills in one year alone. His hero status hit the silver screen with the movie *Walking Tall*, a top-five grossing film in 1973. Just a year later, he was tragically killed in a fiery car crash on Highway 64, driving home from a press conference announcing that he would play himself in the second *Walking Tall* movie. The Buford Pusser legend lives on with a recent *Walking Tall* film starring Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson as a character modeled after Pusser, released 30 years after his death.



Continue S on US-45
Bypass, turn L on
Townhouse Rd. to pt. 65.
205 Henco Dr.
Selmer
731-645-3255

Retrace route to
US-45 Bypass and turn
L. Continue E, past point
where US-45 becomes
US-64, to pt. 66.
Hwy 64 & Lawton Rd.
Lawton



You have to admire a man who was willing to take the risks and actions he did to better his community! I think the fact that he saw what had to be done and wasn't intimidated speaks volumes!

See Walking Tall Trail map on page 22.

foods, cheeses, Amish rocking chairs and other hard-to-find items.



Hoop cheese, once a Southern staple, is a traditional farmers' cheese. Today, you won't find it just anywhere — these semi-soft wheels of creamy goodness can't be mass-produced. It pairs well with fruit, and little shops like Ada's are a great place to find it.



Go S on US-45 to pt. 64
US-45 & Higginbottom Rd.
Selmer

- 64. Cherokee Trail of Tears Historical Marker – (R)** In 1830, President Andrew Jackson signed the Indian Removal Act, requiring all Native Americans to leave their homes and move west of the Mississippi River. In 1838, those who had not relocated voluntarily were rounded up and marched west, crossing through McNairy and Hardeman Counties. About a quarter of the 16,000 Cherokees died on the march from what is now Chattanooga into Kentucky and on to what we know as Oklahoma. Look for the marker on your right as you head south on Hwy 45.

- 65. Henco Furniture/Main Street USA – (L)** Visit this unique furniture showroom featuring replica storefronts, streetlamps, trees, and even water fountains in the "town square." Each department of the store is located in a different "building" along the indoor Main Street setting. People come by the busload to stroll the shops and eat at the **Whistle Stop Café**, located inside.



- 66. Buford Pusser Monument & Crash Site – (L)** On August 21, 1974, Sheriff Buford Pusser died in a fiery crash four miles west of Adamsville when his Corvette left the road, hitting an embankment. The crash site is marked with a monument, and Hwy 64 has been named the Buford Pusser Highway in his honor.



ADAMSVILLE

The Adamsville area was originally surveyed by David Crockett and named for George G. Adams, the first settler of what began as a Native American trading post. The town grew in the mid-1800s when settlers came from the east; one area was even referred to as "North Carolina" because so many people had moved from there. During the Civil War, Union troops occupied the town, which was just a collection of cabins and dirt roads at the time. Officially incorporated in 1870, the community was heavily agricultural until the 1940s when the textile industry came to the area, employing many women as shirt-makers. Adamsville was famously the home of Buford Pusser, sheriff of McNairy County. Today, it calls itself the "Biggest Little Town in Tennessee," and exudes down-home charm and hometown pride.



Points 67-70 are located in Adamsville.



Confederate soldiers marched this route along what is now Hwy 64/Main Street from Bethel Springs to Purdy to Adamsville to Crump and on to the Battle of Shiloh. As you travel part of their path, notice the markers along the way that tell their story.

Continue E on US-64.
It becomes US-64/
W. Main St. outside
Adamsville. Pt. 67 is
unmarked at triangle of
W. Main St., Old Cemetery
Rd. and Old Stage Rd.
303 Old Stage Rd.
Adamsville

Return to Hwy 64/
W. Main St. and turn L
into downtown Adamsville
to pt. 68.
114 W. Main St.
Adamsville
731-926-0524

Continue E on US-64/
E. Main St. to pt. 69.
211 E. Main St.
Adamsville
731-632-3398

- 67. Adamsville Cemetery – (L)** Thousands of visitors stop to pay tribute to McNairy County Sheriff Buford Pusser and his family members here each year.



- 68. Gibbs Oil & Gas Collectibles Museum – (L)** Celebrate the all-American road trip with a visit to this collection of old gas pumps, porcelain gas and oil signs, old oil cans, and automobile culture memorabilia. Hours vary, please call ahead.



- 69. Old Home Motel – (R)** The motel was built in 1960 by Joe and Juanita Richardson, who were like family to Sheriff Buford Pusser. It was in Room 110 that the sheriff lived for over four months in the 1970s when fire damaged his home. Ms. Juanita still runs the hotel and visitors enjoy seeing photos and hearing her stories about the sheriff.



Continue E on US-64/
E. Main St. Turn R on
Walnut St. Turn R on
Pusser St. to pt. 70.
342 Pusser St.
Adamsville
731-632-4080

Following a tragic house fire that destroyed his home, Buford Pusser rebuilt on the same site. The current home has seven outside doors, ensuring that he would never be trapped inside. He also insisted on making his bedroom underground, feeling safer in a room with no windows.



- 70. The Buford Pusser Home & Museum – (R)** Part museum and part memorial, this brick ranch home contains original furnishings, photos, guns and memorabilia of Buford Pusser and his family, including the recently added burned frame of the Corvette he was driving when he died. The documentation in this attraction is incredibly thorough, and knowledgeable guides can tell you everything you want to know about Pusser's life. While you're here, visit the gift shop and pick up your own famous Walking Tall Stick along with a map to other significant sites in the life of this legendary lawman.



Coon Creek Science Center, just north of Adamsville, is one of the most significant fossil sites in North America and one of the top 20 in the world. 73 million years ago, most of West Tennessee was part of the Gulf of Mexico and the fossils at Coon Creek were left when the water receded. It is home to Tennessee's Official State Fossil, *Pterotrigonia thoracica*, a bivalve mollusk similar to a clam, oyster and scallop.



Retrace your route to
US-64/E. Main St. and
turn R. Turn R on TN-225.
Turn L on Hagy Ln. to
pt. 71.
1140 Hagy Ln.
Shiloh
731-689-3327
Retrace your route to
TN-225 and turn L.

- 71. Hagy's Catfish Hotel** – This restaurant, on the banks of the beautiful Tennessee River, is run by the third generation of the Hagy family and is one of the oldest family-owned restaurants in the country. Step inside to learn more about **Mr. Garfield's cabin**, which now sits in the parking lot. Garfield was a former slave and caretaker for the Hagys' original home.



BATTLE OF SHILOH

April 6 and 7, 1862 marked the bloodiest days to date in American history at the Civil War Battle of Shiloh, with 24,000 soldiers from both sides killed. The battle began when Confederate soldiers attacked Union troops while they were eating breakfast at their camp outside of Savannah, a stop on their long march to Corinth, Mississippi. Taken by surprise, the Union troops retreated. The Confederates stopped to eat some of the food left behind and loot the Union camp, delaying their advance. As the battle started, Union General Ulysses S. Grant was eating his own breakfast at Cherry Mansion in Savannah. He heard the gunfire and sent additional troops to the point on the Tennessee River opposite the battlefield. The Confederates continued to aggressively charge the Union line and seemed to be closing in on a victory by nightfall. The soldiers endured a horrible night of thunderstorms and cold, with the dead and injured scattered all around the battlefield in the rainy dark. The next morning, the Confederates continued their attack, unaware that Union reinforcements were arriving to support Grant's weary men. The Union Army made a strong advance that morning, before the scattered Confederate troops had time to organize, and the Union regained most of the ground they had lost the day before. While the Confederates awaited reinforcements that would never come, fighting continued throughout the day, with the Union Army slowly advancing. By the end of the day, the Confederates had exhausted their ammunition and suffered heavy losses. They retreated to Corinth unpursued by the exhausted Union Army. The next morning, Union troops caught up with the Confederates at Fallen Timbers, about six miles down the road. Led by General Nathan Bedford Forrest, Confederates aggressively charged the Union in a last effort that dissuaded them from following further.

The battle itself, like most Civil War battles, was confusing and chaotic, and soldiers found it difficult to determine which side others were on. Confederate troops wore uniforms of varying colors, and suffered staggering losses to friendly fire. Many Civil War experts believe that Confederate General Albert Sidney Johnston was accidentally killed by his own troops during the Battle of Shiloh.

Did You Know? As you head down Hwy 22, you're driving parallel to the Tennessee River, one of the only north-flowing rivers in the United States.

72. Shiloh National Military Park – (L) Nearly 24,000 soldiers were killed, wounded, or captured in the Battle of Shiloh, fought here when the Confederate forces took the Union Army by surprise before dawn at the place where they had stopped to rest on

their march to Corinth, Mississippi. Visit one of America's best-preserved battlefields, with 151 monuments, 217 cannons and more than 450 historic tablets. A 10-mile self-guided driving tour starts at the visitors center, beginning with a short video. Stop to take the tour, visit the gift shop, or just take a drive through the park for beautiful views of the Tennessee River.

73. Shiloh Indian Mounds National Historic Landmark – (L) On a bluff overlooking the Tennessee River, this is the site where a Native American town stood over 800 years ago. Some of the rectangular mounds you see today were platforms for the town's important buildings, and the round-topped mounds were burial sites for the society's leaders and important members. Take the 1-mile walking trail and see wayside exhibits and over three dozen individual house mounds, one of the only places in this area of the country where prehistoric home remains are still visible above ground. Learn more about the people who lived here at the Tennessee River Museum in Savannah (point 82).

Pt. 73 is located at pt. 72.

Leaving pt. 72, return to TN-22S and turn L to continue S. You'll pass pt. 74 on route to pt. 75. 95 Hwy 22 Shiloh

74. Johnston's Last Bivouac Civil War Marker – (L) This marks the site where Confederate commander General Albert Sidney Johnston camped after meeting with his top generals April 5, 1862, before the Battle of Shiloh. Awakened the next morning to the sound of musketry, Johnston rode to the opening battle and was killed just hours later.

Did You Know? In 1967, a caller lured Sheriff Buford Pusser from his home to investigate a false disturbance on New Hope Road in Michie (near Shiloh). His wife, Pauline, rode along on the call. A black Cadillac ambushed them, putting 11 bullets into Pusser's car, severely injuring him and killing Pauline. The tragic incident only strengthened Pusser's resolve to put an end to crime at the state line.

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA)

Even by Depression standards, Tennessee was in bad shape in 1933. Change was needed, and it came in the form of the Tennessee Valley Authority, one of the most innovative, ambitious, and comprehensive projects of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal. While it encountered setbacks, failures and criticism, TVA developed fertilizers, taught farmers to improve crop yields, replanted forests, controlled forest fires and improved habitat for wildlife and fish. The most dramatic change came from TVA projects like Pickwick Dam on the Tennessee River, generating electricity that made life easier and farms more productive. The TVA impacted the state by bringing electricity that drew industries to the region, providing desperately needed jobs in hard economic times.

From TN-22S, turn L on TN-57 and follow signs to pt. 75. You'll turn R to stay on TN-57, then L on Park Rd. Hwy 57 & Park Rd. Pickwick Dam 800-250-8615 Restaurant: 731-689-3129 Pickwick Belle: 877-936-BELLE Backtrack to TN-57 and turn R on TN-128 heading N to Savannah.

75. Pickwick Landing State Park – (L) The 1,400-acre park offers excellent fishing, boating, swimming, and hiking, plus a marina and golf course. Make a night of it at the Park Inn, cabins, or campsites, or catch a meal at the Restaurant. While you're here, make plans to cruise Pickwick Lake on the Pickwick Belle, an authentic paddle wheel riverboat.

Did You Know? Pickwick was named after Charles Dickens' novel, The Posthumous Papers of the Pickwick Club (also known as The Pickwick Papers).

See the Food & Wine section on page 18 for restaurant information.

URBANSPOON.COM: We had such a good time and the food, oh it was just fantastic. The Broken Spoke is by far, my favorite restaurant in Pickwick.

From TN-128/Pickwick St., turn L on Brazelton St., L into driveway to pt. 77. 990 Pickwick St. Savannah 731-926-4882

77. Worleybird Café – (L) This tribute to Hardin County's own Darryl Worley is filled with country music memorabilia and serves a down-home cookin' buffet.

Continue N on TN-128/ Pickwick St. Turn L on Cherry St. S. to pt. 78. Cherry St. S. Savannah

78. Savannah Cemetery – (L) This is the site where Alex Haley's grandparents, Queen and Alex, are buried. Queen worked in nearby Cherry Mansion, and Alex ran the Cherry family's ferry boat across the Tennessee River. Also buried here is Mary Elizabeth Patterson, best known for her role as "Mrs. Matilda Trumbull," Little Ricky's babysitter on the classic television series, I Love Lucy.

Retrace your route to TN-128/Pickwick St. and continue N to pt. 79. 485 Pickwick St. Savannah, 731-925-8339

Turn R onto TN-128/ Pickwick St., then R onto US-64/Main St. Turn L to stay on US-64/Wayne Rd. to pt. 80. 470 Wayne Rd. Savannah 731-925-5586

79. K&T Shoes – (R) Stop here for great famous-brand shoe bargains for the entire family.

80. Greene's Interiors & Antiques – (R) Browse furniture, fixtures, gifts and accessories in this friendly shop, in business for over 20 years.

Two Trail of Tears routes came through Savannah, one by land and one by water.

Park and walk to visit points 81-83.

Turn L on US-64/ Wayne Rd. and stay R to continue on US-64/ Main St. to pt. 81. Park near Main St. and walk to visit pts. 82 & 83.

81. Downtown Savannah – (R) Park and walk around the town square to visit its historic courthouse and unique shops and restaurants, including the Uptown Bistro Bar & Grille and Grace Hyde & Co.

SAVANNAH

Savannah is the largest town on the Tennessee River, and its Main Street leads right down to the banks, where a ferry used to transport passengers back and forth. It's the seat of Hardin County, created from land ceded by the Chickasaw in 1818 and named for Joseph Hardin, a Revolutionary War officer and early Tennessee legislator. As the largest town near Shiloh, Savannah has a rich Civil War history and its residents take great pride in preserving its heritage and Southern charm.

Points 77-84 are located in Savannah.

495 Main St.
Savannah
800-552-3866
731-925-8181

Brochure for pt. 83
available at pt. 82.
495 Main St.
Savannah

82. Tennessee River Museum – Located next door to the courthouse and home to the **Hardin County Convention & Visitor's Bureau**, this is a great place to explore the history of the lower Tennessee River Valley. You'll see exhibits on prehistoric times, Native American mound builders, the Civil War and steamboats. Learn about the Tennessee River and its influence on the land, people and heritage of Tennessee.



83. Savannah Historic District & Tour – While you're at the Tennessee River Museum, pick up a brochure for a self-guided walking tour of the beautiful homes and buildings in downtown Savannah. Markers along the way help tell the fascinating stories of the town.



Queen Haley, grandmother of Roots author Alex Haley, worked as a domestic in the Cherry Mansion. Her story inspired Queen, the 1993 Golden Globe-nominated mini-series starring Halle Berry.



Go W on US-64/Main St.
Veer R onto W. Main St. to
dead-end at pt. 84.

265 W. Main St.
Savannah
731-925-8111

84. Cherry Mansion – (L) (Private Residence) This mansion was the home of W.H. Cherry, a wealthy pro-Union Savannah merchant. During the Civil War, Union General Grant made the home his headquarters for six

ALEX HALEY

The region around this trail has produced many famous Americans, including world-famous author Alex Haley. Drawing on the stories of his extended family, Haley created *Roots: The Saga of an American Family*, the story of African-American slaves in the South. The 1976 book won a Pulitzer Prize and its television adaptation won over 145 awards, including 9 Emmys. Haley is buried on the grounds of his grandparents' home in Henning, on the Great River Road Byway & Trail, and a statue honoring him stands on the White Lightning: Thunder Road to Rebels Trail in Knoxville, the largest monument to an African-American in the country. On the Walking Tall Trail, you'll visit the burial site of his paternal grandparents, Alex and Queen Haley, when you take the Savannah Historic District Tour.



Retrace route to
US-64 and turn R to cross
the Tennessee River.

Head W on US-64. Turn
L on Crump Landing Rd.
Stay L to continue on
Crump Landing. Veer R
onto Riverside Ln. and it
dead-ends to pt. 85.

935 Riverside Ln.
Crump, 731-632-4484

YAHOO.COM: Best catfish served anywhere! The place is really dated like nothing has changed since the '60s but the food more than makes up for it! Highly recommend!

85. River Heights Restaurant – Enjoy the view of the beautiful Tennessee River from this popular eatery.



One of Tennessee's oldest existing one-room log schools is in Scotts Hill, near Lexington. Doe Creek, built during the Reconstruction Era following the Civil War, was made of hewn poplar logs carried to the site by a team of oxen. It has been restored and is now a small museum.



Retrace your route to
US-64 and turn L heading
W to Adamsville. Turn R
on TN-22 heading N. In
Lexington, TN-22 becomes
Broad St. Pt. 86 is at
corner of Broad St. &
Main St. (across from
courthouse).

26 S. Broad St.
Lexington
731-967-0306

Go E on Main St. to
pts. 87 & 88.

58 S. Main St.
Lexington
731-968-3239

Pt. 88 is near int. of
Main St. & Natchez
Trace Dr. Go N on
Natchez Trace Dr.

86. Beech River Cultural Museum – (R) Learn more about the geology, native inhabitants, early settlers and Civil War history of Henderson County. Don't miss the reconstructed log cabin inside.



87. Lexington Town Square – Stop and experience this small town square's shops and restaurants.



88. Stewart's Coffee Corner – (R) In 1878, Stewart Drug Store was one of two drug stores in Lexington, when the population was only 350. Today, it's a soda shop serving sandwiches, shakes and malts. Take home a bag of fresh-roasted Stewart Coffee, roasted right here in town.



See Walking Tall Trail map on page 22.



The nearby town of Darden was named for one of its famous residents: Mills Darden (1798-1857), a man whose weight reached 1,000 pounds. Darden was also about seven feet six inches tall and physically active until his final years, when he had to be pulled around town in a wagon. In 1850, it required 13.5 yards of fabric to make his coat.



OFF-TRAIL

Continue N on Natchez
Trace Dr., which becomes
TN-114, to pt. 89.

24845 Natchez
Trace Rd.
Wildersville, 731-968-3742
800-250-8616

Turn R on Pin Oak Lodge
Rd. to Pin Oak Lodge.

567 Pin Oak Ln.
Lexington, 731-968-8176
800-250-8616

Restaurant: 731-968-3742

Return to TN-114/Natchez
Trace Dr. and head N.
Turn L at Wildersville Rd.
Turn L onto Expy Church
Rd. Turn R on TN-22 to
pt. 90.

20650 Hwy 22N
Parker's Crossroads
731-968-1191

New Location Spring 2011:
20945 Hwy 22N

Head S on TN-22 back to
Lexington. Turn R onto
US-412/W. Church St.
Turn R onto Eastern Shores
Dr. to pt. 91.

BACK ON TRAIL

From pt. 88, going N on
Natchez Trace Dr., turn
L on Church St. which
becomes US-412/
W. Church St. Turn
R onto Eastern
Shores Dr. to pt. 91.

149 Eastern Shores Dr.
Lexington, 731-968-2126

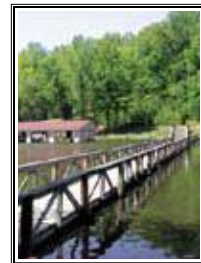
Return to US-412/
W. Church St. and turn
R. Turn R onto Bob
Henderson Rd. which
dead-ends to pt. 92.

Bob Henderson Rd.
Lexington, 731-968-6191

Return to US-412 and turn
R to head W to pt. 93.

10880 Hwy 412W
Lexington, 731-968-0420

89. Natchez Trace State Park – With 48,000 acres of scenic woodlands, the state park includes four lakes, a swimming beach, the 47-room **Pin Oak Lodge & Restaurant**, cabins, a group lodge, camping areas, picnic sites, playgrounds, a ball field, a regulation pistol firing range, picturesque hiking trails, a wrangler camp, 250 miles of horse riding trails, a park store and an archery range.



90. Parker's Crossroads Civil War Battlefield – (R) On New Year's Eve in 1862, Confederate General Forrest and his men were confronted by two Union brigades commanded by General Jeremiah C. Sullivan. Relive the battle that followed at the Parker's Crossroads Battlefield, with two walking trails and a free, self-guided driving tour available at the information center. (Note new location Spring 2011.)

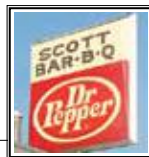


91. Henderson County Chamber of Commerce (L)

92. Beech Lake – (R) This lake is part of a six-lake watershed with a total of 3,000 acres of surface area and 100 miles of shoreline, providing a variety of outdoor recreation activities.



93. Scott's-Parker's Bar-B-Q – (L) This legendary spot has been serving locally raised, whole-hog BBQ since



The town of Lexington is the seat of Henderson County, named in honor of Lexington, Massachusetts, where the first battle of the Revolutionary War was fought. During the Civil War, Henderson County was divided, sending regiments to both sides of the conflict. East of the Highland Ridge, the landscape is hilly; west of the ridge, the land was suitable for plantation farming. The ridge split the county between Union sympathizers to the east and Confederates to the west.

Points 86-88 and 91-93 are located in Lexington.



Return to US-412 and
continue W toward
Jackson. Turn L onto
Cotton Grove Rd. to pt. 94.
Cotton Grove Rd.
Jackson

94. Cotton Grove Community – (R) In 1812, several families formed a settlement here in what became Madison County. In 1821, they grew the first cotton in the county, and by 1854, the area included a post office and stagecoach stop. Today, only the road and the Baptist church retain the Cotton Grove name.

Continue SW on Cotton
Grove Rd. and cross over
pt. 95. For parking area,
turn L on Leeper Ln., L
on Hurts Chapel Rd., L on
Lowell Thomas Dr.

TWRA Office
56 Lowell Thomas Dr.
Jackson
731-423-5725

Continue SW on Cotton
Grove Rd. to pt. 96.

Cotton Grove Rd.
Jackson
731-424-1279

Continue SW on Cotton
Grove Rd. to N. Parkway E/
Paul Coffman Dr. and
turn R. The road becomes
Flex Dr. and dead-ends at
US-70.

95. Lake Graham – This peaceful 575-acre man-made lake, operated by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, offers small boat rentals, boat ramps, fishing, bait, tackle and a picnic area.



96. Salem Cemetery Battlefield – (R) Approximately 1,000 soldiers engaged in the battle between Confederate General Forrest's cavalry and Union troops here in 1862. Take the self-guided tour and visit monuments honoring Union and Confederate soldiers killed in battle. The cemetery is also the resting place of Adam Huntsman, who defeated David Crockett in 1836 for a role in Congress, influencing Crockett's decision to leave for Texas where he died in the Battle of the Alamo.



WALKING TALL TRAIL CONTINUES IN JACKSON ON PAGE 27.



FOOD & WINE



ALONG THE WALKING TALL TRAIL

Here are just some of the many places to eat along the Walking Tall Trail. Find more options at WalkingTallTrail.com. Restaurants are listed here by town, in the order it appears on the trail.

MEMPHIS

Bangkok Alley – One of four area locations said to serve the best thai in town. 121 Union Ave. 901-522-2010. (Also visit 2150 West Poplar Ave., Collierville. 901-854-874.)

Beale Street – (See pg. 2, pt. 4) Lots of variety including:

Alfred's – 197 Beale St. 901-525-3711.

Ground Zero – 158 Lt. George W. Lee St. 901-522-0130.

King's Palace – 162 Beale St. 901-521-1851.

Silky O'Sullivan's – 183 Beale St. 901-522-9596.

Charlie Vergos Rendezvous – World-famous for their charcoal-broiled pork ribs. Closed Mon. 52 S. Second St. 901-523-2746.

Gus's World Famous Fried – A don't-miss for fried chicken fans. 310 S. Front St. 901-527-4877.

The Trolley Stop Market – Breakfast, lunch and dinner including daily specials and homemade pizza. Farmers Market with 80+ local food and artisan vendors. 704 Madison Ave. 901-526-1361.

GERMANTOWN

Elfo's Restaurant – Tuscan cuisine and outstanding Italian wines. 2285 S. Germantown Rd. 901-753-4017.

Germantown Commissary – (See pg. 4, pt. 9) 2290 Germantown Rd. 901-754-5540. (sandwich pictured in BBQ box)

Did You KNOW

The word barbecue derives from the Caribbean word barabicu meaning "sacred fire pit."

West Street Diner – Fresh, hot food and friendly service. 2076 West St. 901-757-2191.

COLLIERVILLE

Café Piazza – Amazing local pizza right on the square. 139 S. Rowlett St. 901-861-1999. (pictured)



Square Beans Coffee – Cozy spot for coffee or lunch. 103 N. Center St. 901-854-8855.

The Silver Caboose Restaurant & Soda Fountain – Traditional Southern fare and takeout market. 132 E. Mulberry St. 901-853-0010.

ROSSVILLE

Wolf River Café – (See pg. 6, pt. 25) 460 Main St. 901-853-2586.

GRAND JUNCTION

Big Al's Country Kitchen – (See pg. 9, pt. 47) 250 Hardeman St. 731-764-2711.

Junction Café – (See pg. 9, pt. 46) 107 Hwy 57. 731-764-3308.

MIDDLETON

Crabapple Corners – (See pg. 9, pt. 48) 111 Main St. 731-376-0788. (pictured)

Crossroads Country Kitchen – Down-home cooking. 143 Tennessee Ave. E. 731-376-0609.



RAMER/SELMER

North End Café – (See pg. 11, pt. 60) 543 Peach St. 731-646-1190.

Pappy John's BBQ – (See pg. 10, pt. 52) Hwy 45. 731-645-4353.

Did You KNOW

The Oxford English Dictionary cites the first recorded use of the word barbecue in the English language in 1697.

Pat's Café – (See pg. 11, pt. 56) Court Ave. & 3rd Ave. 731-645-6671.

Risner's Restaurant – Serving steak, quail and all-American fare. Hwy 45 & Hwy 57, Ramer. 731-645-5648. (pictured)



Rockabilly Café – (See pg. 11, pt. 59) 103 S. Front St. 731-645-6070.

Whistle Stop Café at Henco Furniture – (See pg. 12, pt. 65) 205 Henco Dr. Industrial Park. 731-645-3255.

ADAMSVILLE

Kokomo's '50s Diner – '50s-style burgers, shakes and malts. 740 Hwy 64. 731-632-1958.

Saw Meal Restaurant & Steakhouse – Known for home cooking and giant slices of cake and pie. 142 E. Main St. 731-632-5111.

SHILOH/PICKWICK DAM AREA

Freddy T's Restaurant & Beach Club – Get a taste of the tropics at this unique family restaurant and adjoining nightclub. 12750 Hwy 57S, Counce. 731-689-3099.

Hagy's Catfish Hotel – (See pg. 13, pt. 71) 1140 Hagy Dr., Shiloh. 731-689-3327.

YAHOO.COM: The best catfish I have ever eaten. All you can eat! and inexpensive. Worth the trip and you get the Shiloh battlefield as an extra.

Jon's Pier – A great gathering place near Pickwick Lake. 11805 Hwy 57S, Counce. 731-689-3575.

Mombie's Pizza – Chicago-style pies and Tennessee-style hot wings. 7405 Hwy 57, Counce. 731-689-3800.

Pickwick Landing State Park Restaurant – (See pg. 15, pt. 75) Southern-style cooking served buffet style. Hwy 57 & Park Rd., Pickwick Dam. 731-689-3129. (pictured)



Redwood Hut – Great BBQ, catfish and ice cream. 6340 Hwy 57, Counce. 731-689-3637.

The Broken Spoke – "Home of the Big Ass Steak." 7405 Hwy 57, Counce. 731-689-3800.

SAVANNAH/CRUMP

Hickory Pit – Another great stop for BBQ lovers. 555 Main St., Savannah. 731-925-2268. (pictured in header)

River Heights Restaurant – (See pg. 16, pt. 85) 935 Riverside Ln., Crump. 731-632-4484.

Uptown Bistro Bar & Grill – Bistro fare in the heart of downtown Savannah. 390 Main St., Savannah. 731-926-1911.

Worleybird Café – (See pg. 15, pt. 77) Down-home cookin' buffet. 990 Pickwick St., Savannah. 731-926-4882.

LEXINGTON/HENDERSON COUNTY

Cafe Magnolia – Delicious meals, cozy atmosphere, friendly service. 10850 Hwy 100, Scotts Hill. 731-549-3737.

Natchez Trace State Park Restaurant in Pin Oak Lodge – (See pg. 17, pt. 89) Southern-style cooking served buffet style. 567 Pin Oak Ln., Lexington. 731-968-3742.

Scott's-Parker's BBQ – (See pg. 17, pt. 93) 10880 Hwy 412W, Lexington. 731-968-0420.

ROADFOOD.COM: The juiciest, most tender pork that I've ever eaten. The flavors are simple, perfectly seasoned with good smoky flavor. Perhaps this pork is more about what it lacks than what it contains; there are no gamey, liquid smoke-y, artificial flavors. The pork is juicy with just the right amount of fat...



Stewart's Coffee Corner – (See pg. 16, pt. 88) 58 S. Main St., Lexington. 731-968-3239.

JACKSON

Asahi Japanese Steakhouse – Enjoy the fun and flair of Japanese Tappanyaki cooking. 1364 Vann Dr. 731-664-6442.

Baker's Rack – (See pg. 27, pt. 104) 203 E. Lafayette St. 731-424-6163.

Baudo's Italian Restaurant – Authentic Italian cooking for over 40 years. 559 Wiley Parker Rd. 731-668-1447.

Brooks Shaw & Son Old Country Store – (See pg. 29, pt. 119) 56 Casey Jones Ln. 731-668-1223. (pictured on pg. 22 header)

Brooksie's Barn – BBQ, catfish and country buffet. 561 Oil Well Rd. 731-664-2276.

Carriage House Antique Market & Café – (See pg. 29, pt. 116) 195 Carriage House Dr. 731-664-6678.

Catfish Cabin – (See pg. 32, pt. 132) 1290 S. Highland Ave. 731-427-7573.



WEST TENNESSEE BBQ

Just as the landscape and culture is distinctive in East, Middle, and West Tennessee, the style of barbecue changes as you travel the state. Rural West Tennessee is known for "whole hog" barbecue, served sandwich-style, the result of a smoking process that requires an entire day of carefully watched cooking. The smokers can be as varied as the sauces, ranging from high-tech box smokers to open fire pits. Every barbecue joint will claim to have the best sauce recipe, and many restaurants bottle and sell their creations, traditionally a mix of spices in a base of tomato, molasses, and vinegar. Out here on the Walking Tall Trail, you'll find plenty of opportunities to give it a try — expect your barbecue to be served with a side of old-fashioned cole slaw, a lot of napkins, and the promise of fall-off-the-bone tender goodness. Take the trail in the spring and catch Memphis in May — World Championship Barbecue Cooking Contest and Festival. See page 26 for more information.

If you're hungry for BBQ, look for this symbol in the Food & Wine section.



Dixie Castle – Great steaks and diner food. 215 E. Baltimore St. 731-423-3359.

Flatiron Grille – Voted "Jackson's Best Fine Dining Restaurant" (pictured) and also home to **Arcuri's Italian Bistro** 160 Vann Dr. 731-668-3528.



Green Frog Coffee Co. – (See pg. 27, pt. 101) 112 E. Baltimore St. 731-554-7336.

Los Portales Authentic Mexican – Four Jackson locations: 127 Old Hickory, 731-664-6217; 1652 S. Highland, 731-424-2484; 6 Stonebridge Blvd., 731-664-4434; 19 Stonebrook Pl., 731-661-9041. (Also visit 1700 W. Market St., Bolivar. 731-212-3040.)

Miss Ollie's Piano Bar – (See pg. 27, pt. 103) 111 E. Lafayette St. 731-868-1120.

Neely House – (See pg. 31, pt. 128) Call for daily lunch menu. 575 S. Royal St. 731-554-CAFE.

Old Town Spaghetti Store – "Food, Fun and Rissata!" Home of the Country Italian Grill. 550 Carriage House Dr. 731-668-4937.

HENDERSON/LURAY

Bell's Drive-In – (See pg. 33, pt. 139) 204 Church St., Henderson. 731-989-2816.

Besso's Gelato & Coffee – (See pg. 33, pt. 141) 116 W. Main St., Henderson. 731-989-9202.

Chickasaw State Park Restaurant – (See pg. 35, pt. 151) Southern-style cooking served buffet style. 20 Cabin Ln., Henderson. 731-989-5141.

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MORE FOOD & WINE



HENDERSON/LURAY CONTINUED

Hilton's Jacks Creek BBQ – (See pg. 34, pt. 148) 10 Hwy 22 Alt. N., Luray. 731-989-4140.

Did You KNOW

In the southeastern U.S., the word barbecue is most often used to refer to roast pork.

Siler's Old Time BBQ – (See pg. 34, pt. 149) 6060 Hwy 100E, Henderson. 731-989-2242. (sign pictured in BBQ box on pg. 19)

Snookum's Beef House – Local favorite for great steaks. 806 E. Main St., Henderson. 731-989-3490.

BOLIVAR/WHITEVILLE

Backermann's Bakery & Cheese Shoppe – (See pg. 38, pt. 174) 260 Hwy 64, Whiteville. 731-254-8473.

Brownstone Coffee House – (See pg. 36, pt. 160) 103 Main St., Bolivar. 731-658-7295.

Opal's Pink House Restaurant – Down home-cooking. 213 S. Main St., Bolivar. 731-658-8935. (pictured)



SOMERVILLE/OAKLAND

Brad's BBQ – Steak, BBQ and catfish in the West Tennessee tradition. 6540 Hwy 64, Oakland. 901-466-0545.

Main Street Eatery – (See pg. 39, pt. 181) 13075 N. Main St., Somerville. 901-465-0065.

S & P Coffee Café – (See pg. 41, pt. 192) 7029 Hwy 64, Oakland. 901-465-4643.



The Hut – BBQ, catfish and burgers in a friendly atmosphere. 16920 Hwy 64, Somerville. 901-465-5912.

WoodBridge General Store – (See pg. 39, pt. 178) 109 W. Court Sq., Somerville. 901-273-8003.

WINERIES

Tennessee has 38 wineries statewide, and our trails practically lead you to their door. These three are along the Walking Tall Trail.

Century Farm Winery – (See pg. 30, pt. 122) Open daily. Live music, Sat. night, mid-April-Sept. 1548 Lower Brownsville Rd., Jackson. 731-424-7437.

Old Medina Winery – (See pg. 27, pt. 99) Open daily. Music festivals, monthly. 2864 Old Medina Rd., Jackson. 731-256-1400.

TRIPADVISOR.COM: Tonight I made my first trip to the Old Medina Winery and now I'm wondering: "What took me so long?" The service was great and we really enjoyed the live music.

Old Millington Vineyard & Winery – 14 miles north of Memphis. Open Wed.-Sun. Live music, Sun. afternoon, April-Oct. 6748 Old Millington Rd., Millington. 901-873-4114.

Find more Food & Wine at WalkingTallTrail.com.



WHAT DID WE MISS?

The information in this brochure represents just a few treasures along Tennessee backroads. Check out WalkingTallTrail.com for complete travel planning along this trail. While there, you'll see a link to Facebook where you can share your experiences on the Walking Tall Trail. You can also post reviews on sites like Yelp.com or TripAdvisor.com. Be a trail blazer — help us build our trails and keep them updated.

LODGING



ALONG THE WALKING TALL TRAIL



There are many wonderful places to stay along the Walking Tall Trail. Find a complete list at WalkingTallTrail.com. Accommodations are listed in trail order, beginning in Memphis. Call ahead for most lodging reservations.

Madison Hotel – AAA Four Diamond Award winner and Conde' Nast Top 75 U.S. Hotel, near downtown. 79 Madison Ave., Memphis. 901-333-1200.

Peabody Hotel – Four-star hotel, just off Beale St. 149 Union Ave., Memphis. 901-529-4000. (pictured)

Did You KNOW

The famous Peabody Ducks descend from their penthouse suite at 11 a.m. and walk the red carpet to the lobby's lavish fountain. At 5 p.m., after swimming all day, they reverse their trip.



The Inn at Hunt Phelan – Luxury accommodations in an 1828 Antebellum mansion. Four-star restaurant. 533 Beale St., Memphis. 901-525-8225.

Old Home Motel – (See pg. 13, pt. 69) Vintage motel near Buford Pusser Home & Museum. 211 E. Main St., Adamsville. 731-632-3398. (pictured in header)

Pickwick Landing State Park – (See pg. 15, pt. 75) Inn, cabins and campsites. Hwy 57 & Park Rd., Pickwick Dam. 800-250-8615.

Natchez Trace State Park – (See pg. 17, pt. 89) Pin Oak Lodge, cabins, campsites and group lodge. 567 Pin Oak Ln., Lexington. 800-250-8616, 731-968-8176.

Highland Place Bed & Breakfast – Elegant Colonial Revival mansion, renovated and refurbished. 519 N. Highland Ave., Jackson. 731-427-1472.

Peaceful Oaks Bed & Breakfast – Two-bedroom/one-bath suite with retro kitchen and living area on 36 secluded acres; outdoor pool. 636 Barnes Rd., Jackson. 731-783-1990.

Chickasaw Chalet – (See pg. 35, pt. 152) Two-bedroom cabins in Chickasaw State Forest. 115 Chalet Ln., Henderson. 731-983-6000.

Chickasaw State Park – (See pg. 35, pt. 151) Cabins, campgrounds and group lodge. 20 Cabin Ln., Henderson. 800-458-1752.

MERCHANTCIRCLE.COM: The cabins are perfect in every way, it is so peaceful and relaxing in this quiet little getaway, you just don't want to leave. One of my favorite things to do is to sit on the large front porch in the rocking chairs drinking coffee with family and friends after we cook and eat a large breakfast.

The Cottage at Stillwaters Farm – (See pg. 34, pt. 150) Two bedrooms; full kitchen for a perfectly peaceful rural getaway. 375 Oak Grove Ln., Henderson. 731-989-4251.

Magnolia Manor Bed & Breakfast – (See pg. 35, pt. 157) Stay a night or two in this historic Civil War home with period furnishings and hundreds of fascinating stories. 418 Main St., Bolivar. 731-658-6700. (pictured)



Victory Ranch – 550 acres of rolling hills and woodlands with one of the nation's top outdoor adventure areas. Camping and retreat facilities. 4330 Mecklinberg, Bolivar. 731-659-2880.

The Old Church House Bed & Breakfast – 80-year-old renovated Methodist Church features three guest rooms and massage therapist on site. 14655 Hwy 194, Oakland. 901-466-1503. (pictured)



Find **Camping** on pg. 24.

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Beech Lake, L.D. Brasher; Pg. 19: Germantown Commissary BBQ, "Biskuit"; Flatiron Grille, Flatiron Restaurants; Pg. 20: Opal's Pink House, Bill Hickerson, Jackson; Wine, Century Farm Winery; Pg. 21: The Faith Room, Old Church House Bed & Breakfast; Pg. 25: Corn Maze, Jones Orchard; Pumpkins, Falcon Ridge Farm; Pg. 26: Salem Cemetery Battlefield Dedication, Assoc. President Malcolm Wilcox; Pg. 27: Old Medina Winery, oldmedinawineclub.com; Madison County Courthouse, Bill Carey (tnhistoryforkids.org); Hudson & Saleebey, Miss Ollie's Piano Bar, Downtown Jackson; Pg. 28: Library, Jackson/Madison County Library; "The Ned," Wanda Rapp-City of Jackson; Pg. 30: Cypress Grove Nature Park, Robert Hill; Century Farm Winery, Century Farm Winery; Britton Lane Battlefield, Britton Lane Battlefield Association; Carl Perkins Civic Center, Wanda Rapp-City of Jackson; Pg. 31: (& pg. 43) Carl Perkins, Screen shot for Jamboree (1957) Warner Brothers; Jackson Fairgrounds Park, Wanda Rapp-City of Jackson; Pg. 32: Vintage Bemis, Bemis Historical Society; Pg. 34: Eddy Arnold, Walden S. Fabry Studio, Nashville; Bolivar photos courtesy of Bill Hickerson, Jackson: Manor House and Mallory Manor (pg. 35), Farmers Market and Simon Bolivar Bust (pg. 36), McNulty Forest, McNeal Place, Wright House and Presbyterian Church (pg. 37); Bolivar photos courtesy of gono.com: Presbyterian Manse (pg. 35), Polk Cemetery (pg. 37), Levi Joy Baker House (pg. 38); Pg. 36: Hardeman County Courthouse, Bill Carey (tnhistoryforkids.org); Pg. 37: Sharecroppers, Ernest Withers (tnhistoryforkids.org); Pg. 38: Little Courthouse, Barb Chambers-Hensley (barbarasgraphicdesign.com/thepillars.org); Pg. 39: Downtown Somerville, Fayette County Chamber of Commerce, Somerville; Fayette County Courthouse, Bill Carey (tnhistoryforkids.org); Herb Parsons, Sam Venable; Pg. 40: Tent City, Ernest Withers (tnhistoryforkids.org); Pg. 41: Pink Palace Museum, Memphis CVB; Pg. 42: Mound Builders and Union Soldiers from the collection of the Tennessee State Museum; The Battle of Shiloh, Harper's Weekly; Pg. 43: W.C. Handy, Carl Van Vechten. Elvis Presley and Graceland, ©EPE, Reg. U.S. Pat. & Tm. Off.

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LEARN MORE ABOUT HISTORY IN THE WALKING TALL TRAIL AREA



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Hurst's Wurst: Colonel Fielding Hurst and the Sixth Tennessee Cavalry U.S.A. by Kevin D. McCann

Lightning Warfare: Forrest's First West Tennessee Campaign — December 1862 by Dr. Lonnie E. Maness

Shiloh: The Battle That Changed the Civil War by Larry J. Daniel

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SELF-GUIDED DRIVING TOUR

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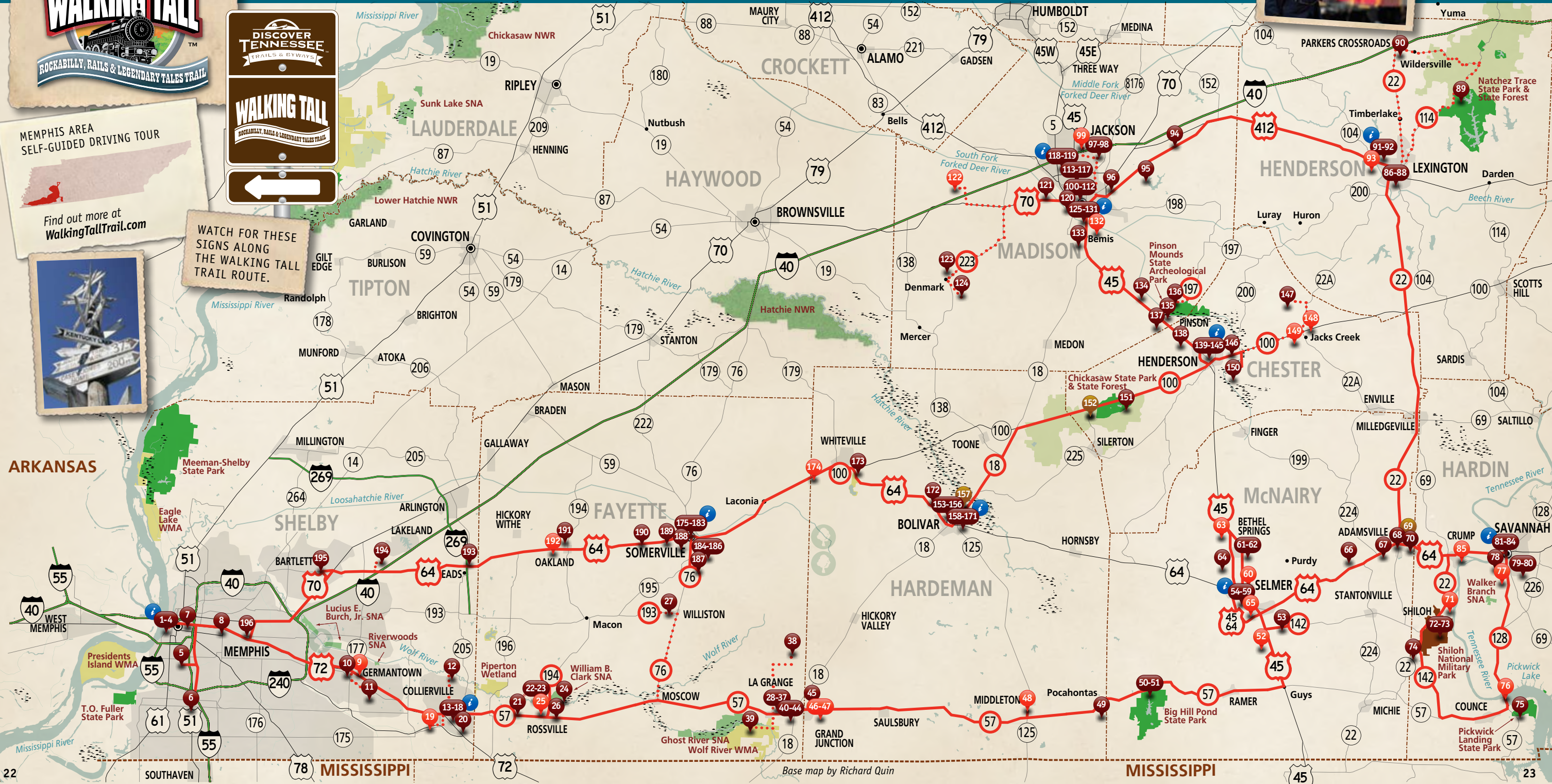
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Numbers in red circles correspond to numbered **Food & Wine Points of Interest** throughout this guide.
Numbers in brown circles correspond to numbered **Lodging Points of Interest** throughout this guide.
Additional Food & Wine and Lodging options are listed on pages 18-21.

- 1 Point of Interest
- 2 Food & Wine Site
- 3 Lodging Site

- Visitor Information
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All locations on map are approximate. Map is not to scale.



ENJOY THE GREAT OUTDOORS



ALONG THE WALKING TALL TRAIL



Tennessee is filled with outdoor adventures and the Walking Tall Trail has opportunities at every turn. This guide provides you with several options; find more at WalkingTallTrail.com.

CAMPING

(Also see State Parks)

Beech Lake Family Camping Resort – Hookups, cabins, marina, recreation facilities, general store. 495 Beech Lake Campground Rd., Lexington. 731-968-9542.

Parker's Crossroads RV Park & Campground – Hookups, Wi-Fi, cabins, swimming pool, laundry. 22580 Hwy 22N, Yuma. 731-968-9939.

TVA Pickwick Dam Tailwater Campground – Hookups, heated showers, flush toilets, boat ramp. 1845 Wharf Rd., Savannah. 800-882-5263.

GOLF COURSES

Chickasaw Golf Course – 9555 Hwy 100, Henderson. 731-989-4700.

Fair Oaks Golf Course – 220 Fair Oaks Dr., Oakland. 901-466-1445.

Jones Creek Golf Course – 2993 Paul Coffman Dr., Jackson. 731-425-8620.

Pickwick Landing Golf Course – (See pg. 15, pt. 75) Park Rd., Pickwick Dam. 731-689-3149

Shiloh Golf Course – 2915 Caney Ranch Rd., Adamsville. 731-632-0678.

Shiloh Falls Golf Course – 205 Clubhouse Ln., Pickwick Dam. 731-689-5050.

Woodland Hills Golf Club – 2 Clubhouse Dr., Pinson. 731-988-5311.

STATE PARKS & NATIONAL PARKS

Big Hill Pond State Park – (See pg. 10 pt. 50) 1435 John Howell Rd., Pocahontas. 731-645-7967.

Did You KNOW

The old Big Hill Pond was created in 1853 when dirt was removed to build a levee across river and creek bottoms for the Memphis-Charleston Railroad.



Chickasaw State Park – (See pg. 35, pt. 151) 20 Cabin Ln., Henderson. 800-458-1752.

Pickwick Landing State Park – (See pg. 15, pt. 75) Hwy 57 & Park Rd., Pickwick Dam. 800-250-8615.

Pinson Mounds State Archeological Park – (See pg. 32, pt. 136) 460 Ozier Rd., Pinson. 731-988-5614.

Natchez Trace State Park – (See pg. 17, pt. 89) 24845 Natchez Trace Rd., Wildersville. 800-250-8616, 731-968-3742.

Shiloh National Military Park – (See pg. 14, pt. 72) 1055 Pittsburg Landing Rd., Shiloh. 731-689-5696.

STATE NATURAL AREAS (SNA)

Ghost River SNA – (See pg. 8, pt. 39) 600-foot long, elevated boardwalk and trail. Marked canoe trail. Parking at Yager and Bateman Bridges, Beasley Rd. at Mineral Slough, Leatherwood Rd., and WMA* gravel parking areas. Managed by TWRA** and Wolf River WMA. 901-878-0855.

Did You KNOW

Ghost River, a section of the Wolf River, received its name from the loss of current as the water "flows" through open marshes and bald cypress-water tupelo swamps.

Lucius E. Burch, Jr. SNA – Hiking, bird watching, wildlife viewing. On Wolf River in Germantown. Part of and managed by Shelby Farms Park, 500 Pine Lake Dr., Memphis. 901-382-0235.

Riverwoods SNA – Walking trail. On Wolf River in Germantown, off Kimbrough Blvd. 901-757-7376.

William B. Clark SNA – (See pg. 6, pt. 24) Interpretive boardwalk, boat ramp. On Wolf River in Rossville, off Hwy 194, north of Wolf River Bridge.

LOCAL PARKS & TRAILS

Collierville Greenbelt System – (See pg. 4, pt. 12) Start at Johnson Park, 419 Johnson Park Dr., Collierville.

Cypress Grove Nature Park – (See pg. 30, pt. 121) Hwy 70W, Jackson. 731-425-8316.

Parker's Crossroads Battlefield – (See pg. 17, pt. 90) 20650 Hwy 22N, Parker's Crossroads. 731-968-1191.

West Tennessee Research & Education Center – (See pg. 30, pt. 120) 605 Airways Blvd., Jackson. 731-424-1643.

RIVERS & LAKES/FISHING & BOATING

(Also see State Parks)

Beech Lake – (See pg. 17, pt. 92) Bob Henderson Rd., Lexington. 731-968-6191.

Hatchie River – (See pg. 9, pt. 49) Pocahontas area.

Jackson Fairgrounds Park – (See pg. 31, pt. 131) Public fishing lake. 800 S. Highland Ave., Jackson. 731-425-8384.

Pickwick Belle Riverboat – (See pg. 15, pt. 75) Boards at Pickwick Landing State Park, Pickwick Dam. 877-936-BELLE.

Pickwick Lake – (See pg. 15, pt. 75) Pickwick Dam Area.

Lake Graham – (See pg. 17, pt. 95) 56 Lowell Thomas Dr., Jackson. 731-423-4937.

Mud Island River Park – See to-scale replica of Mississippi River; take a "1,000-mile" journey to the "Gulf of Mexico" and rent a pedal boat. Mississippi River Museum includes exhibits on early settlers, Civil War, blues music and more. 125 N. Front St., Memphis. 901-576-7241. (pictured)



Tennessee River – (See pgs. 14-16) Shiloh/Savannah Area.

Whiteville Lake – TWRA family fishing lake. Boat ramp, playground, restrooms. 2 miles south of Whiteville, off Hwy 64. 731-423-5725.

Wolf River Canoe Trips – Moscow. 901-877-3958.

FARMS IN THE AREA

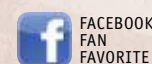


Stop at a Century Farm and learn about its history, get lost in corn maze, pick your own (PYO) produce or purchase from one of our orchards. These are just a few of the homegrown attractions along the Walking Tall Trail. For complete list, go to WalkingTallTrail.com.

MEMPHIS AREA

✱ **Davies Manor Plantation** – (See pg. 41, pt. 194) 9336 Davies Plantation Rd., Bartlett. 901-386-0715.

Jones Orchard – Family fruit farm. Multiple locations in Millington. **Market & Kitchen:** Produce, jams, jellies, relishes, home-baked products. Meals served daily. 7170 Hwy 51N. 901-873-3150. **Market:** 6850 Singleton Pkwy. 901-872-0703. **PYO:** 6824 Big Creek Church Rd. 901-872-2923. **Corn Maze:** Oct. 6880 Singleton Pkwy.



FACEBOOK
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FAVORITE

We picked apples, peaches and pears up at your orchard this morning. Had a great time — and you have some of the nicest employees around!

Priddy Farms – Pumpkins, Oct.; Christmas trees and greenery, hayrides and train rides, Thanksgiving-Christmas Eve. 4595 N. Germantown Rd., Bartlett. 901-314-0670.

Uncle Fudd's Fun Farm – Greenhouses and hanging baskets, spring; Pumpkins, gourds, hayrides and train rides, petting zoo, fall. 12635 Galloway Levee Rd., Arlington. 901-867-0740.

Windermere Farms & Apiaries – Only certified organic farm in West Tennessee. PYO blackberries, blueberries, strawberries. Honey available. 3060 Woodhills Dr., Memphis. 901-386-2035.

ROSSVILLE/SOMERVILLE

Tom's Farm – Corn maze, hayrides, pumpkins, gourds. Oct., daily. 1665 Murrell Rd., Rossville. 901-853-0997.

Martha's Blueberry Farm – PYO blueberries. 8870 Jernigan Dr., Somerville. 901-465-9175, 901-465-3708.

WHITEVILLE/TOONE

Byler's Berries – PYO strawberries. 385 Ferguson Rd., Whiteville. 901-299-0498.

Falcon Ridge Farms – Tennessee Walking Horses; seasonal activities. Spring & fall. 22630 Hwy 18N, Toone. 731-658-5200.



✱ **Robertson Farm** – (Private Residence) Rare African-American Century Farm founded in 1888 by former slave. Hardeman County.

Did You KNOW

A Century Farm is a farm that has been continuously owned by a family for 100 years or more. There are 74 certified Century Farms in the 8 Tennessee counties that make up the Walking Tall Trail.

SELMER/GUYS

Austin Farms – Pumpkins, baled hay, decorative gourds. 1789 New Hope Rd., Guys. 731-645-7398.

*Century Farm

Duncan Christmas Tree Farm & Gifts – 186 Hester Rd., Selmer. 731-645-5769.

Hockaday Broomcorn Farm – (See pg. 10, pt. 53) 2074 Hwy 142, Selmer. 731-645-4823.

The Pumpkin Patch – Pumpkins, ornamental corn, gourds, hay. Oct. Hwy 45S, Selmer. 731-645-7740.

SAVANNAH

Coleman Farms – Peaches. 85 Orchard Ln. 731-925-9710.

Culbertson Farms – Seasonal produce. Late spring-early fall. 200 Gillis Rd. 731-925-4872.

Did You KNOW

West Tennessee is cotton country – one of the state's top five agricultural products.



JACKSON

✱ **Donnell Century Farm** – Fall festival, train rides, corn maze, market, animals. Oct., Sat. & Sun. 3720 Hwy 70E. 731-424-4526.

Family Tree Farms – Pumpkin patch and fall activities. 1581 Mifflin Rd. 731-736-0603, 731-616-1146.

✱ **Spivey Farm** – Home to Century Farm Winery (See pg. 30, pt. 122) 1548 Lower Brownsville Rd. 731-424-7437.

Woolfolk Farms – Corn maze. Oct. 526 Hartmus Ln. 731-423-2583.

PINSON

Beechwood Farm – PYO strawberries and corn. 551 Ozier Rd., 731-988-5472.

HENDERSON

✱ **Burns-McKinnon Farm** – (Private Residence) When Union soldiers overtook the Burns' property during the Civil War, Bettie Burns hid the hogs and cows. She could not hide the horses and the men took most of them. Bettie followed the Yankees to Pinson and persuaded them to return what they had stolen. Chester County.

Busby Farm – Pumpkins. 6450 Enville Rd. 731-989-5827.

Stillwaters Farm – (See pg. 34, pt. 150) Exhibition farm and nature preserve with variety of gentle farm animals and plentiful wildlife; working hay farm. 375 Oak Grove Ln. 731-989-4251.

For wineries along the Walking Tall Trail, see page 20.

LAND TRUST FOR TENNESSEE

The Land Trust for Tennessee is a statewide, private non-profit organization whose mission is "to preserve the unique character of Tennessee's natural and historic landscapes and sites for future generations." The Land Trust for Tennessee works with communities and government partners to permanently conserve these unique areas. For more information, visit Landtrusttn.org or call 615-244-LAND.

FESTIVALS & EVENTS IN THE AREA

JANUARY

Elvis Presley Birthday Celebration – Memphis – Graceland

FEBRUARY

National Bird Dog Field Trial Championship – Grand Junction

MARCH

Arts in McNairy Artisan Trail – Selmer – 3rd weekend

Parker's Crossroads Battleground Memorial Lantern Walk

APRIL

Africa in April – Memphis – Beale Street

Casey Jones Day – Jackson

International Rockabilly Music Festival – Jackson

MAY

Memphis in May: Beale Street Music Festival, World Championship Barbecue Cooking Contest, Sunset Symphony

Henderson County Folk Festival – Lexington – 2nd Sat.

Bemis Reunion Days – Jackson – Bemis Theatre, 3rd weekend

SHERIFF BUFORD PUSSEY MEMORIAL FESTIVAL

Adamsville, Wed.-Sat. before Memorial Day



JUNE

Sunset on the Square Concert Series – Collierville – 7 p.m., Thurs. & Fri., June-July

Chickasaw State Park Frontier Days – Henderson

Miss Tennessee Scholarship Pageant – Jackson

Rockabilly Highway Revival – Selmer

Shannon Street Blues & Heritage Festival – Jackson

JULY

Festival of the Lakes – Lexington – Beech Lake, July 4 weekend

Pickwick Landing State Park Fourth of July Fireworks

Fourth of July Celebrations – Many towns along Walking Tall have a July 4th event. Visit WalkingTallTrail.com to learn more.

Bluegrass Festival – Savannah – 1st weekend

AUGUST

Elvis Week – Memphis – Graceland, Mid-Aug.

Jackson Starlight Symphony – First Presbyterian Church

SEPTEMBER

African Street Festival – Jackson – Labor Day weekend

Memphis Music & Heritage Festival – Labor Day weekend

Hockaday Broomcorn Festival – Selmer – 3rd Sat.

Archaeofest – Pinson Mounds State Archaeological Park

Casey Jones Old Time Music Festival – Jackson

See WalkingTallTrail.com for a complete event listing.



Darryl Worley's Tennessee River Run – Hardin County – Pickwick Landing State Park and Downtown Savannah

Fayette County Cotton Festival – Somerville

Germantown Festival – Germantown

Main Street Music Festival – Adamsville

Rosecreek Village Villagefest – Selmer

Savannah Sunset Symphony – Cherry Mansion

West Tennessee State Fair – Jackson

OCTOBER

Ghost Tours at Magnolia Manor – Bolivar – All month

Immanuel Episcopal Church Annual Harvest Eucharist Service & Picnic – La Grange – 2nd Sun.

Ames Plantation Heritage Festival – Grand Junction

Chester County BBQ Festival – Henderson

Needles-n-Pins Quilt & Craft Sale – Bethel Springs

NOVEMBER

Celtic Fest – Jackson – Casey Jones Village, 1st weekend.

W.C. Handy Birthday Celebration – Memphis – Mid-Nov.

Arts in McNairy Artisan Trail – Selmer – 3rd weekend

Christmas at Graceland – Memphis – Late Nov.-early Jan.

DECEMBER

Christmas in Pickwick Landing State Park – Mid-Dec.

Salem Battlefield Annual Dedication – Jackson – Mid-Dec.

Lighting of Chickasaw State Park – Henderson



Tennessee's Civil War Sesquicentennial will commemorate the 150th anniversary of Tennessee's participation in the American Civil War. Tennessee ranks second in the country in number of battlefields, and presents a unique and powerful history to enthusiasts and curious visitors.

You'll also see signs along the Walking Tall Trail marking the Tennessee Civil War Trails, a collection of significant sites designed to help preserve and tell the complete story of Tennessee's Civil War legacy. To learn more about the Civil War Trails, visit tnvacation.com.



WALKING TALL TRAIL CONTINUED FROM PAGE 17.

OFF-TRAIL

Go N on US-70. Stay L at Dr. F. E. Wright Dr. Turn R on BancorpSouth Pkwy. to pt. 97.

250 BancorpSouth Pkwy. Jackson 731-425-8237

After driving through pt. 97 on BancorpSouth, turn L into parking area of pt. 98.

4 Fun Pl. Jackson 731-988-5299

From Fun Pl., turn R on Ridgecrest Rd. Ext. Cross over Dr. F. E. Wright Dr. and continue W on Ridgecrest Rd. Turn R on Campbell Rd. Cross over I-40, road becomes Old Medina, to pt. 99.

2864 Old Medina Rd. Jackson 731-256-1400

Retrace route to Dr. F. E. Wright Dr. and head S to US-70. Continue SW on US-70 and rejoin trail at pt. 100.

BACK ON TRAIL

If you stayed on trail after pt. 96, continue SW on US-70 into downtown Jackson. Turn R onto S. Church St. and L onto E. Baltimore St. to park near pt. 100. Walk to visit pts. 100-110.

118 E. Baltimore St. Jackson 731-554-2079

112 E. Baltimore St. Jackson 731-554-7336

97. West Tennessee Healthcare Sportsplex – (L) On over 70 acres of land adjacent to Pringles Park, these 17 fields are used for baseball and softball games and tournaments.



98. Pringles Park – (L) The Jackson Generals, a Class AA professional baseball team affiliated with the Seattle Mariners, play in the 6,000-seat stadium.

Did You Know? All Pringles potato chips made in the United States are made right here in Jackson at the Pringles plant on Hwy 70.



99. Old Medina Winery – (R) Formerly Lauderdale Cellars, this full operation winery grows grapes and makes its own brand of wine. Stop in for a free tasting, and in the fall, watch grapes being crushed and pressed.



Park on Jackson's historic square and stroll. You'll find plenty of museums, eateries and shops to visit, including points 100-110.

100. New Southern Building – This 1927 former hotel has been restored to its original beauty, and now hosts parties, receptions, and events throughout the year. Make sure to notice the intricate woodwork and paneled walls in the lobby — great care has been put into authenticity.



101. Green Frog Coffee Co. – Catch a cup of specialty coffee or enjoy a scoop of homemade ice cream in this unique eatery. It's all freshly made, including soups, sandwiches, pies, and the famous "Fricken Sandwich."



URBANSPOON.COM: REAL food made on site, and the ice cream is the best in town.

100 E. Main St. Jackson



102. Madison County Courthouse – It was here that Congressman David Crockett angrily

JACKSON

This Tennessee town gets its name from the soldiers and relatives of General Andrew Jackson who lived in the area in the early 1800s. By the 1840s, the town had become a cotton depot for the region and was quickly transforming into a railroad town, with as many as five railroads carrying passengers and freight through the city. As the railroads moved in, the town grew quickly and became an established market for lumber, farm products, and furs. During the Civil War, Jackson alternated between Confederate and Union occupation, and served as an important supply base due to its strong railroad infrastructure. Today, the town is best known for two of its legendary residents, rockabilly musical pioneer Carl Perkins and heroic railroad conductor Casey Jones.

Points 94-122 and 125-133 are located in Jackson.



addressed a crowd in 1835, proclaiming, "The rest of you can go to hell, for I am going to Texas." A year later, he was killed at the Alamo. Though additions and renovations have changed its size and appearance, elements of the original 1820s courthouse still stand beneath its 1930s facade.



Did You Know?

As Jackson's first lots were sold in 1822, the court allowed \$20 to supply the auctioneer's whisky in order to "enliven the bidding."

111 E. Lafayette St. Jackson 731-868-1120

203 E. Lafayette St. Jackson 731-424-6163

212 N. Liberty St. Jackson 731-427-2690

103. Miss Ollie's Piano Bar

– This swanky spot is a welcome addition to downtown. It's perfect for smooth music, lively conversation and even a little dancing.



104. Baker's Rack – Pop in for breakfast or lunch at this downtown favorite, famous for their specials and desserts.

105. Yesterday's Antiques & Ceramics – Find jewelry, collectibles and more here, where even the shopping experience will take you back to days gone by.

YAHOO.COM: Massive inventory and folks you can trust! The premier place to shop for antiques in historic Jackson. The Byrums are a wonderful couple who run a stunning shop filled with items collected from across the globe.

ROCKABILLY GREATS

Rock 'n' roll music traces its roots back to rockabilly — the early blend of country, blues and jazz. It was born here in West Tennessee, where the Delta blues met the country twang in the early 1950s. Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins, Elvis Presley, and Johnny Cash, who formed the 1956 impromptu "Million Dollar Quartet" (pictured), as well as Roy Orbison and Buddy Holly are just some of the famous names who first came on the music scene with this rockabilly sound. Sun Records, a Memphis record label headed by Sam Phillips, was the first to take a chance on bringing rockabilly music into the mainstream and defining the rebellious beginnings of rock 'n' roll culture. Rockabilly's popularity in America declined in the '60s for a number of reasons, including Elvis Presley's induction into the U.S. Army, the deaths of Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and the Big Bopper, and changing musical tastes. It may not top the charts today, but rockabilly has become an undeniable cornerstone of American music. Musicians, enthusiasts and followers of all ages keep the style alive and kicking all over the world.



305 E. College Ave.
Jackson
731-425-8367

106. Discovery Museum of West Tennessee –

Learn area history through the free, family-oriented exhibits and programs housed in a former Carnegie Library.



107. International Rockabilly Hall of Fame –

This site celebrates rockabilly — where early rock 'n' roll meets "hillbilly" music — made popular in the early 1950s by acts like Buddy Holly, Elvis Presley, Bill Haley, W.S. "Fluke" Holland, Rayburn Anthony, Carl Mann, and of course, Jackson's famous son, Carl Perkins. A mural outside pays tribute to rockabilly's greats. Inside, see memorabilia, photographs, and learn about the people behind the music.



108. Greyhound Bus Station – This 1938 bus station still welcomes and bids farewell to passengers.



407 E. Main St.
Jackson
731-427-1573



Public libraries are a great source of local information, including genealogy research. Hundreds of people come to the Jackson/Madison County Library (pictured) each year to trace their own family trees in the area. Another great genealogy resource is the Johnnie Tribble Shepard Archives, located in Jackson's Union University library.



Jackson/Madison County
Library: 731-425-8600
Union University Library:
731-668-1818

314 E. Main St.
Jackson
731-425-8397

109. West Tennessee Cultural Heritage Museum –

Stop in to this museum, owned by James E. Wolf and his wife, soul singer Denise LaSalle. Take a self-guided tour and view the collection of civil rights memorabilia, old radios and equipment, photos of the owners with celebrities and other curiosities. Gospel Power 97.7 FM broadcasts from the building, with the potential to reach over a million listeners. Group tours by appointment.



428 E. Main St.
Jackson
731-265-9800

110. The Ned –

Officially known as the Ned R. McWherter West Tennessee Cultural Arts Center, locals simply call it "The Ned," and know it as the best place to experience the finest musical and stage acts. Exhibits fill the lobby gallery.



Popular Tennessee politician Ned Ray McWherter served as the 46th governor of the state from 1987 to 1995.

Return to car; turn R
onto Highland Ave., then
L onto Lafayette St. to
pt. 111.

215 W. Lafayette St.
Jackson

W. Lafayette St. &
New Market St.
Jackson
731-425-8310

111. Jaxon Recording Studio – (R) Whether your talent is country, rock 'n' roll, rhythm and blues, or gospel, the professionals here can record, video and edit your musical projects.

112. West Tennessee Farmers Market – (R) Get fresh, locally grown produce directly from farmers and enjoy special events, like the Shannon Street Blues & Heritage Festival every June.

113. Northwood Avenue Historic District – (R) Take a side trip to see Tudor Revival, Colonial Revival, and other beautiful 1900-1949 architecture.



Return to W. Lafayette
St. and turn L heading E.
Turn L onto US-45/
N. Highland Ave. to go N
approx. 1.2 miles. Turn
R on Northwood Ave. to
pt. 113.
1-38 Northwood Ave.
Jackson

Return to US-45/N.
Highland Ave. and turn
R heading N. Go about 1
mile to pt. 114.
1573 N. Highland Ave.
Jackson
731-422-1591

114. First Presbyterian Church – (L) Approaching this church, you'll drive through a **State Certified Arboretum** on its grounds. The church's carillon is dedicated to the soldiers of Jackson and Madison County who offered and gave their lives for our country. The bells themselves were founded and tuned in France in the late 1940s. They chime regularly, and offer the spectacular prelude to the Jackson Starlight Symphony, a free annual concert on the church lawn.



A carillon is a musical instrument consisting of at least 23 bronze bells tuned in chromatic order. They are usually housed in a tower and played from a keyboard.

Pt. 115 is located at
pt. 114.

115. Memorial Hall – (L) This 1918 home was built by Clarence Pigford. The home and grounds, named Chevy Chase, were donated to the First Presbyterian Church in 1951. Prior to Chevy Chase, this piece of property was known as Willow Banks, and in 1824 was the home of Confederate Colonel William H. Stephens. Today, this beautiful building is used by the church for meetings and special events.



Madison County furnished more soldiers to the Civil War than it had voters.

Continue N on US-45/
N. Highland Ave. approx.
1.9 miles and turn L on
Carriage House Dr. to
pt. 116.

195 Carriage House Dr.
Jackson
731-664-6678

116. Carriage House Antique Market & Café – (R) This 15,000-square-foot store has a variety of antiques, collectibles and decor. After you shop, visit the café for sandwiches, soups, salads and desserts.



CITYSEARCH.COM: (Carriage House) offers a wide variety of items, and I always leave with something new. Their food is exquisite and I visit often to enjoy the wonderful chicken salad or fresh strawberry salad.

Continue W on Carriage
House Dr. to pt. 117.
350 Carriage House Dr.
Jackson
731-664-6600

117. Yarbros' Antiques – (L) This shop is known for its great selection of antiques and unique furniture.



Continue W on Carriage
House Dr. for less than
1 mile and cross over
US-45. Turn R then L
on Casey Jones Ln. to
pt. 118.
30 Casey Jones Ln.
Jackson
731-668-1222

118. Casey Jones Home & Railroad Museum – (L) In April of 1900, a brave railroad engineer named John Luther "Casey" Jones sacrificed his own life for the lives of his passengers in the now legendary train wreck near Vaughan, Mississippi. Today, Casey Jones Village is one of the state's top 10 tourist attractions, celebrating the life of one of Jackson's favorite sons.



According to the family Bible, Casey Jones was born in 1863. His tombstone has his birth year as 1864 — it was donated by out-of-town railroad enthusiasts who misunderstood the date.

Continue on Casey Jones
Ln. to pt. 119.
56 Casey Jones Ln.
Jackson
731-668-1223

119. Brooks Shaw & Son Old Country Store & The Shoppes at Casey Jones Village – (L)

This popular site is a combination of famed Southern family restaurant, charming gift and confectionery shoppe, authentically recreated 1890s ice cream parlor and



CASEY JONES

Casey Jones left his Kentucky home at age 15 bound for the railroad, landing in Jackson with the Mobile & Ohio. In April of 1900, Casey and his fireman, Sim Webb, left Memphis an hour and a half late on a run to Canton, Mississippi. Casey was known for his ability to "get there on the advertised," however, and the train miraculously approached its destination only 2 minutes behind schedule. As Casey and Sim rounded a blinding curve into Vaughan, Mississippi, Sim saw caboose lights on the main line ahead. "Jump, Sim, JUMP!" were Casey's last words — he stayed at the brake to slow the train as much as possible while the engine slammed through four cars before leaving the track. No other person was killed or injured in the crash that took his life. Casey's legend spread from railyard to railyard, and an engine wiper in Canton memorialized him in a catchy tune that became one of the most famous American songs of the day. Today, the restored home of Casey Jones is a public museum, dedicated to the personification of heroism and the ideal of work and duty, even at the risk of death.



fudge shoppe, take-out restaurant and country store with thousands of antiques.

YELP.COM: ...the real treasure in this store is the candy section. They carry some of the coolest candies that can be found. Rock candy, uniquely shaped lollipops, and a huge variety of pre-packaged and bulk candy.

Turn R onto US-45 Bypass. Pt. 120 will be on your R at int. of Bypass & US-70. 605 Airways Blvd. Jackson 731-424-1643

- 120. West Tennessee Research & Education Center – (R)** Established in 1907 and known for its studies on ornamentals, turf grasses, agronomic and horticultural crops, the center is the oldest in the University of Tennessee system. Drive through the gardens; check out the unusual sculptures.



OFF-TRAIL

From here, you can choose to head west on Hwy 70 and see points 121 and 122. Keep going even further off trail for points 123 and 124.

Continue W on US-70 to pt. 121. Hwy 70W Jackson 731-425-8316

- 121. Cypress Grove Nature Park – (L)** Stop here to get a feel for West Tennessee's natural landscape. This park contains 165 acres of pristine river bottom land, as well as an interpretive nature center, an observation tower, fishing areas and picnic tables.



Continue W on US-70 approx. 6 miles. Turn R at Huntersville Providence Rd. Go approx. 1.6 miles (crossing over I-40) and continue L onto Lower Brownsville Rd. to pt. 122. 1548 Lower Brownsville Rd. Jackson 731-424-7437

- 122. Century Farm Winery – (R)** Located on the Spivey Farm*, this winery performs the complete, "vine to wine" cycle. Visit for free tastings, tours, and a tranquil country atmosphere.



These small towns hold centuries of history. Organizations like Big Black Creek Historical Association (working in the communities of Denmark, Mercer, Leighton and Woodland) and others like it around the state are made up of volunteers dedicated to preserving the stories and sites that have shaped the area.

Retrace your route back to US-70 and turn L to head E on US-70. Turn R on TN-223. Denmark-Jackson Rd. and go approx. 4.7 miles to pt. 123. Denmark-Jackson Rd. Denmark

- 123. Denmark Presbyterian Church – (L)** Located near the site of the Civil War's Battle of Britton Lane, this 1854 church was built by slave labor and originally housed Masonic Lodge #154. After the battle, it was used as a prison for Union soldiers who had surrendered. It is undergoing renovation and will house a Civil War museum.



A plaque in Denmark Presbyterian Church reads, "One Sabbath morning during the Civil War, two young soldiers of the Seventh Tennessee Cavalry occupied this pew with their sweethearts. When Federal soldiers surrounded the church and searched the building, the two soldiers escaped capture by hiding under the hoop skirts of the young ladies."



Continue SW on TN-223/Denmark-Jackson Rd. Turn L onto Britton Ln. and go about 4.2 miles to pt. 124.

280 Britton Ln. Denmark 731-935-2209

Turn L to retrace your route on Britton Ln. to TN-223 and go 7.7 miles back to US-70. Turn R on US-70/Airways Blvd. and go 4.7 miles. Turn R at TN-186S/US-45 Bypass and go 1.6 miles. Turn R at US-45/S. Highland Ave. to pt. 125.

BACK ON TRAIL

To stay on trail after pt. 120, continue on US-45 Bypass and turn R on US-45/S. Highland Ave. to pt. 125.

400 S. Highland Ave. Jackson 731-425-8580

- 124. Britton Lane Battlefield – (R)** This field became a Civil War battlefield in 1862, when Union and Confederate troops accidentally met here. They battled for four hours, and 87 Union soldiers were imprisoned in the Denmark Presbyterian Church. The site includes a mass Confederate gravesite and a log cabin used as a hospital during the war.



- 125. Carl Perkins Civic Center – (L)** A true multipurpose building, it is named after Jackson's own rock 'n' roll music pioneer, Carl Perkins, who spent his adult life in Jackson. The main-stage auditorium seats 2,200 and hosts



ANDREW JACKSON

Andrew Jackson was Tennessee's first homegrown president, born to Irish immigrants and known for his fiery temper and daring spirit. In the 1790s, he was instrumental in negotiating the Jackson Purchase, an agreement with the Chickasaw Indians that officially allowed the settlement of West Tennessee. Jackson and others quickly established the town of Memphis, and he began his political career as the state's first member of the House of Representatives. Among his many military accomplishments, he successfully led an unconventional band of soldiers to an amazing victory in New Orleans that forced the British out of Louisiana in 1814. His reputation as a hero and his down-home roots were key pieces of the campaign that helped Jackson become the 7th U.S. President in 1828, backed by a grass-roots group known as the Democratic Party.



CARL PERKINS

The son of West Tennessee sharecroppers, Carl Perkins received a hand-me-down guitar as a young boy and learned to play it in the classic rhythm and blues style, also finding inspiration in the bluegrass sound of Bill Monroe. By the time he was a teenager, Perkins had blended the two sounds and formed the Perkins Brothers Band, a huge hit in Jackson and a pioneer of the rockabilly genre. Hearing Elvis Presley on the radio singing Bill Monroe's "Blue Moon of Kentucky," Carl made a beeline for Sun Records in Memphis in 1954 to audition for Sam Phillips, champion of this emerging country-meets-blues sound. Perkins released his first single, "Movie Magg" on the label and continued writing and recording songs, including one inspired by a boy telling his prom date not to step on his "Blue Suede Shoes," which held the #2 spot on the pop and R&B charts for four weeks, simultaneously topping the country charts. Perkins and his brother were on their way to New York City to perform the song on the *Ed Sullivan Show* when they were in a car accident, both sustaining serious injuries that left them hospitalized. Elvis famously covered the song, but out of friendship, waited until after Perkins' version had peaked. Perkins eventually left Sun Records and signed with Columbia. He wrote "Daddy Sang Bass" for his friend Johnny Cash, a song that held the #1 spot on the country chart for six weeks in 1968 and became a staple for Cash. On a tour of Britain, he met four of his biggest fans: The Beatles. They would go on to record more tunes by Perkins than by any other outside writer, including "Everybody's Trying to Be My Baby" and "Honey Don't." He toured with Johnny Cash from 1967-75 before starting his own touring band with his sons in the 1980s. He was inducted into the Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame in 1987 and died in 1998 at age 66.



Pt. 126 is across street from pt. 125. S. Highland Ave. at Hwy 45 Bypass Jackson 731-425-8399

a multitude of events, including the annual Miss Tennessee Scholarship Pageant.

- 126. Unity Park – (L)** This small park was dedicated in 2001 as a memorial to those who lost their lives in the 1999 tornadoes that devastated the area, and as a tribute to the spirit of unity in Jackson/Madison County. The park itself was hit by a tornado in 2003 — a storm so strong it picked up one of the giant concrete spheres and deposited it nearby.



Pt. 127 is behind pt. 125. 197 Auditorium Dr. Jackson 731-425-8333



127. Jackson Convention & Visitors Bureau (R)

Find more information at WalkingTallTrail.com.

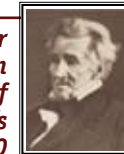
Turn R onto (one way) US-70/Chester St. Take immediate R onto Royal St. to pt. 128.

575 S. Royal St. Jackson 731-554-2929
Restaurant: 731-554-CAFE

- 128. Neely House – (R)** Formerly known as the Murphy Hotel, this 1911 building is situated directly across the street from the former NC&StL Railroad passenger depot and once boasted "modern" conveniences like "hot and cold running water in every room." The building has been completely restored, and now houses offices and a restaurant.



Here in this spot in 1840, former U.S. President Andrew Jackson (1829-37) was the guest of honor at a BBQ. The town's namesake spoke before 10,000 listeners, and was accompanied by future U.S. President James K. Polk (1845-49) and U.S. Senator Felix Grundy.



Pts. 129 & 130 are across street from pt. 128. 582 S. Royal St. Jackson 731-425-8223

- 129. NC&StL Train Depot – (L)** The Nashville, Chattanooga, & St. Louis Railroad brought passengers to Jackson's South Royal depot to partake of the town's mineral waters, eat popcorn supplied by a local character named "Popcorn Johnny" and gather for live music. The depot contains photos, artifacts, and memorabilia as well as two authentic cabooses and a dining car.



604 S. Royal St. Jackson

- 130. Electro Chalybeate Well – (L)** In the late 1800s, workers discovered a vast underground river of mineral water while constructing Jackson's first modern waterworks. The miracle spring became known for its curative powers and still flows today in an 1800s-style gazebo and park.



Continue S on S. Royal St. Turn L at US-45/S. Highland Ave. and go .03 mile to pt. 131. 800 S. Highland Ave. Jackson 731-425-8384

- 131. Jackson Fairgrounds Park – (L)** This park includes grandstand facilities, a .25-mile track and public fishing lakes. It hosts events all year — make a stop on the first Saturday of the month to find your treasure at the flea market.



BEMIS VILLAGE

Named for company owner Judson Moss Bemis, this "company town" was planned and built around the Bemis Brothers Bag Company's cotton mill. To keep the 12-factory company self-contained and self-dependent, the 1900 mill was built near the fields where the cotton was actually grown and only three miles away from the main line of the Illinois Central Railroad, also vital to the company's success. Residents enjoyed wide, shaded streets, running water, and electricity; public facilities like a YMCA, schools, and the auditorium; even a mercantile that provided groceries and general merchandise at a reduced cost to employees. The mill gave the people steady employment and a place to call home — the company built the town's houses and rented them to workers and their families for very reasonable rates. In a 1926 book about his life, Judson Bemis is quoted as saying to his work force, "On our part we are trying to give you clean,

healthy homes to live in, and a clean, healthy factory to work in. Now, on your part, the operatives should give the proprietors the maximum service possible for the maximum or largest wages that we can afford to pay."



Continue S on US-45S/
S. Highland Ave. Turn L
on Will McKnight Dr. to
pt. 132.

1290 S. Highland Ave.
Jackson
731-427-7573

132. Catfish Cabin – (L) Carl Perkins was one of the original owners of this restaurant, and it's still locally owned after 27 years. Enjoy a bottomless basket of hushpuppies and a bowl of slaw while you wait for your main course.



URBANSPOON.COM: I've always thought of Catfish Cabin like seafood with a southern twist. You won't find better hushpuppies, slaw, fried fish or fried popcorn shrimp anywhere around Jackson.

Continue S on US-45S/
S. Highland Ave. Turn R
on Bemis Ln. Turn R on S.
Missouri St. to pt. 133.

2 S. Missouri St.
Jackson
731-424-0739

133. Bemis Mill Village Museum – (R) The museum, inside the historic Bemis Theater and Auditorium, houses exhibits and memorabilia that tell the story of this mill town forged out of the cotton fields in 1900. The neighborhood behind the theater still contains the row houses built for the mill's workers. Open by appointment only.



Retrace route back to
US-45S/S. Highland Ave.
and turn R. Go 4.9 miles
to pt. 134.

3313 Hwy 45S
Pinson
731-422-5340

134. Uncle Bubba's Antiques – (L) Find your own treasure in this roadside collection of antiques and interesting items. Closed Sun.



Continue S on US-45S.
Turn L on TN-197/
Ozier Rd. to pt. 135.
Hwy 45S at Ozier Rd.
Pinson

135. Artesian Well – (L) Like trail point 130, this spring water was thought to have curative properties. It is still bubbling today.



OFF-TRAIL

Continue on E on
TN-197/Ozier Rd. for
about 2 miles to pt. 136.
460 Ozier Rd.
Pinson
731-988-5614

Backtrack on TN-197/
Ozier Rd. to US-45S and
turn R to continue S on
US-45S to pt. 135.

136. Pinson Mounds State Archeological Park – (R) This 1200-acre site is the largest mound group of the Middle Woodland period in the U.S., with the second-highest mound in the country. These 15 earthen mounds were used as a ceremonial site for a Native Americans tribe that predates any of the tribes we know today.



BACK ON TRAIL

Return to US-45S via
TN-197/Ozier Rd. Pt. 137
is across Hwy.
4028 Hwy 45, Pinson
731-988-5870

Continue S on US-45S to
pt. 138.
3455 Hwy 45
Henderson
731-989-2643

137. Busy Bea's Antiques – (R) After you've seen some of the oldest signs of Native American life, check out the antiques here. The shop is inside Bray's Furniture Store; entrance is in the back.



138. Duck's Market – (R) This 1966 market offers a unique selection of gifts, pottery (including Fiesta), fireworks and a large selection of cement statues and fountains. Pick out a garden stone, a place setting or a brick of bottle rockets.

PINSON MOUNDS

Pinson Mounds are believed to have been among the most important places in North America during the Woodland Era (1000 BC to 1000 AD). This protected ancient Native American site spans 500 acres and includes over 17 mounds, including Saul's Mound, measuring 72 feet high. Because they pre-date written history, little is known about how or why the mounds were constructed, but experts believe they were built by hand and used to observe key agricultural milestones and ceremonies related to the earth's natural calendar. Spring and Fall Equinox sunrises line up directly with other mounds when viewed from the top of Saul's Mound, for example, a feature common in mound sites throughout North America. However, some of the mounds were used for burial, and in those mounds archaeologists have discovered remains and jewelry made of materials that would have come from as far as the Great Lakes and the Gulf of Mexico, proving the existence of extensive ancient trade routes during the Woodland Era.



See Walking Tall Trail map on page 22.

Continue S on US-45S to
light at int. of US-45S &
Main St. Turn L onto
Main St. and continue to
stop sign at Church Ave.
Turn R to pt. 139.
204 Church Ave.
Henderson
731-989-2816

139. Bell's Drive-In – (R) Operating here since 1954, Bell's has been serving "the best burgers this side of heaven" for over half a century, and has received the "Best Hamburger Award" given by the *Tennessee Cooperative Magazine* for six consecutive years. If you come around lunch time, expect a wait — it's a local favorite. Don't leave without trying one of their award-winning milkshakes. Closed Sun.



Sue Shelton White grew up on Church Street in Henderson, and later became an important figure in the Women's Right to Vote Movement of the early 1900s. She later helped design the U.S. Social Security System under President Franklin D. Roosevelt.



On Church Ave., head back
toward Main St. and cross
over Main St. to pt. 140.
150 N. Church Ave.
Henderson

140. Henderson Cemetery – (R) Dr. J.D. Smith, Sr., credited with developing the city of Henderson in 1871, is buried here. It is also the final resting place for several veterans, including N. B. Hardeman of Freed-Hardeman University (point 146) and Hubert T. McGee, the architect of the Pink Palace in Memphis (point 196).



Park and walk to visit points 141-145.

Turn L out of pt. 140
and return to int. of
Church Ave. & Main St.
Turn L onto Main St. into
downtown. Park near
pt. 141.
116 W. Main St.
Henderson
731-989-9202

141. Besso's Gelato & Coffee – Take a break in this European-style coffee shop, named in honor of the owner's Italian grandparents. Enjoy a scoop of gelato or sip a fresh cup of coffee, and notice the tables made from the barrels Grandpa Besso used to age his homemade Italian wine.



Front St.
Henderson

142. Historic Front Street – This was the site of a Mobile & Ohio Railroad station, and also home to Henderson's first businesses in the 1800s. Today, the street continues to thrive with



HENDERSON

Originally a railroad stop in the 1850s on the Mobile Railroad, this quaint small town was originally known as Dayton, and later renamed Henderson Station. During the Civil War, the Confederate States of America (CSA) operated a major recruitment center in the current Front Street area. The town and its railroad depot were later occupied by the Union, and in 1862 it was attacked by Confederate guerrillas, who burned it to the

ground. The women of the town took action to extinguish the fire and aid the Union troops. Today, Freed-Hardeman University is an anchor of this charming town, and like many of Tennessee's small communities, most locals can trace their connection to Henderson back through many generations.

Points 138-146 and 149-152 are located in Henderson.



unique shops like **LaVon's Timeless Treasures**, **Happy Kids Consignment Shop** and **Robertson's Trading Post**.



Henderson's classic Main Street and its shops created the backdrop for several scenes from Walking Tall, the 1973 film about the life and career of Sheriff Buford Pusser.



131 North Ave.
Henderson
731-989-2732

143. First United Methodist Church – This church was organized and built on the current lot in 1872. It burned in 1890, and was rebuilt in 1892. The exterior was used for funeral scenes in the 1972 filming of *Walking Tall*, and congregation members participated in scenes.



130 E. Main St.
Henderson
731-989-5222

144. Chester County Chamber of Commerce

133 E. Main St.
Henderson

145. Chester County Courthouse – The current courthouse was built in 1914 after the first two burned. Several scenes from the original *Walking Tall* movie were filmed here, including the memorable courtroom scene.



Return to car and continue
E on Main St. to pt. 146.
158 E. Main St.
Henderson
731-989-6000

146. Freed-Hardeman University (FHU)/Roland Historical Room – (R) Between 1869 and 1908, this school produced teachers, preachers, businessmen, and others during the Reconstruction Era. In 1907, the name was changed to the West Tennessee Christian College with A.G. Freed as president and N. B. Hardeman as vice president, and the university was renamed in their honor in 1919. FHU has been formally affiliated with the Churches of Christ since 1923, and hosts over 2,000 students from 31 states and 21 foreign countries today. Roland Historical Room is located in the Old Main Building. Open Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m.-3 p.m. or by appointment.



The Roland Historical Room on the Freed-Hardeman campus contains nearly 30,000 objects and 500 linear feet of documents covering 140 years of university history.

OFF-TRAIL

Continue E on Main St. for approx. 2 miles. Turn L on TN-100E for approx. 5.3 miles. Turn L onto TN-22 Alt. N. and L onto Smith Rd. to drive by pt. 147.

1290 Smith Rd.
Luray

147. The Hamlett-Smith House – (L) (Private Residence) Joel F. and Florina Hamlett built this Greek-style home in 1867 from material found on their cotton plantation. Martha Eliza Smith, owner from 1908 until her death in 1990, was a friend of President Franklin D. Roosevelt and his wife Eleanor who were once guests in the home.



Return to TN-22 and turn R. Pt. 148 is on corner of TN-22 Alt. & TN-100W.
10 Hwy 22 Alt. N.
Luray
731-989-4140

148. Hilton's Jacks Creek Bar-B-Q – (L) Traditional Chester County BBQ has been served on this corner as far back as locals can remember. This unassuming spot has even been featured in *Southern Living* magazine. A historical marker across the street gives more history on the Jack's Creek area. *Closed Mon.*



SERIOUSEATS.COM: Jacks Creek... it is the best. Nothing better than a greasy whole hog BBQ sandwich with cole slaw and vinegar based hot sauce.



Just south of Jack's Creek on Hwy 22 is the community of Sweet Lips, often included in lists of odd town names around the U.S., along with Toad Suck, Arkansas and Nothing, Arizona.



Turn R to head W on TN-100W to pt. 149.
6060 Hwy 100E
Henderson
731-989-2242

Continue W on TN-100 for approx. 3.4 miles and turn L onto Talley Store Rd. Turn R on Oak Grove Ln. which dead-ends to pt. 150.

149. Siler's Old Time BBQ – (L) For a taste of true tradition, stop at Siler's. Local legend has it that this place has been a BBQ pit in some form or fashion for over 150 years. It honors the old-time smoke ways of the "whole hog" method and uses sorghum molasses in place of corn syrup. The restaurant is "open when the hog is on, closed when the hog is gone." *Open Thurs.-Sat.*



BACK ON TRAIL

From pt. 146, continue E on Main St for approx. 2 miles. Turn L on TN-100E. Turn R onto Talley Store Rd. Turn R on Oak Grove Ln. which dead-ends to pt. 150.
375 Oak Grove Ln.
Henderson
731-989-4251

150. Stillwaters Farm – Rich and Valeria Pitoni operate this secluded but friendly farm, home to goats, sheep, turkeys, dogs, horses, and one very social donkey. Valeria makes wonderful natural soaps and gourd artwork here, too — you'll see her wares at places like Neely House (point 128) and West Tennessee Farmers Market (point 112). Stillwaters happily welcomes visitors, just call on your way over and make sure someone's home. With a little advance planning, you can spend a night or two in **The Cottage** on the grounds.



Return to Talley Store Rd. and turn L. Turn L on Jacks Creek Rd. and turn R to stay on Jacks Creek. Turn L on TN-100W for approx. 9 miles to pt. 151.

20 Cabin Ln.
Henderson
800-458-1752
Restaurant:
731-989-5141

151. Chickasaw State Park & Riding Stables – (L) The park takes its name from the historic Chickasaw tribe of Native Americans that used this area as their hunting ground until their removal via the Trail of Tears (see point 64) in 1837. The park is situated on some of the highest terrain in West Tennessee and offers **cabins**, campgrounds, a group lodge, gift shop, a **restaurant**, playgrounds, fishing, hiking, swimming, horse stables, boating and much more.



Return to TN-100W and turn L to head W approx. 2 miles to pt. 152.
115 Chalet Ln.
Henderson
731-983-6000

152. Chickasaw Chalet – (L) Legend has it that during the Civil War, Confederate General Forrest utilized this land as a campground and defensive location for his operation against the Union. Nestled in the rolling woodland hills of Chickasaw State Forest, these two-bedroom cabins have fully-equipped kitchens, washer/dryer units and hot tubs.



Continue W on TN-100 for approx. 6 miles. Turn L on TN-18S for approx. 8 miles to Bolivar. (TN-18S becomes Main St.)

Continue S on Main St.
525 N. Main St.
Bolivar

153. Bolivar Historic Districts – As you tour Bolivar, you'll pass through three districts on the National Historic Register: the **Bills McNeal District**, **North Main District**, and **Court Square District**.

154. Manor House – (R) (Private Residence) This 1849 home was built by John Fentress. It's an unusual home — not only is the kitchen detached from the house, which was fairly common, but so is the main dining room.



155. Mallory Manor – (R) (Private Residence) This 1870 "piano box" residence — a style of one-story architecture named for its resemblance to a box-shaped piano — was built by Willis & Sloan Architects for Dr. James Mask.



Several buildings in this area have been attributed to architect Fletcher Sloan. His firm, Willis, Sloan & Trigg designed court-houses in Bolivar, as well as in Holly Springs and Oxford, Mississippi, in the mid-1800s.



156. Presbyterian Manse – (R) (Private Residence) This 1869 cottage with twin chimney posts is thought to be the first home in Bolivar designed by noted architect Fletcher Sloan.

157. Magnolia Manor Bed & Breakfast – (L) Built in 1849 with bricks handmade by slaves, this house and quarters were home to the Austin Miller family, whose son Charles served as Tennessee's secretary of state. During the Civil War, Generals Grant, James McPherson and Sherman used the home as their Union headquarters, making decisions here that directed the war's course. The inn's owner and countless guests have experienced paranormal activity on a



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Bolivar

BOLIVAR

Now the seat of Hardeman County, the town of Bolivar was originally named Hatchie Town, situated on the banks of the Hatchie River. In 1825 the name was changed to honor Simon Bolivar, liberator of Colombia and Venezuela. Bolivar began as a trading post, where the Chickasaw tribe would gather to trade with the area's first settlers. Bolivar's early residents expected a canal to be built through the town, connecting the Hatchie and Tennessee Rivers, making the town an important stop between East Tennessee and New Orleans. The canal never materialized, but Bolivar's location near the navigable Hatchie put it on the water route between West Tennessee and New Orleans. The town was Union-occupied through much of the Civil War, and its carefully-preserved historic districts feature Antebellum homes and structures that help tell Bolivar's story. Its festivals and community events lend a special flavor to this rural gem.



Points 153-172 are located in Bolivar.

regular basis, and ghost tours are available to the public during October. *Tours available with room reservations.*

Did You Know

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One of the great stories of Magnolia Manor takes place during the Civil War. During dinner, Union General Sherman (shown here in a painting at the manor) made a remark that deeply offended the Confederate lady of the house, and General Grant insisted he apologize. After a forced apology, an angry Sherman headed upstairs, nicking the banister several times with his sword. The marks are still visible today.



Continue S on Main St., approaching town sq. to pt. 158.

219 N. Main St. Bolivar 731-658-6005

158. Luez Theater - (R)

This still-operating theater was built in the 1940s and run by Louise Mask, a local spinster known as "Miss Louise." She was a legendary town figure who did not tolerate giggling, talking or sitting too close together — she patrolled the aisles and frequently followed through with her threats to stop the movie and turn on the house lights whenever anyone stepped out of line.



100 N. Main St.
Bolivar
731-658-9300

103 Main St.
Bolivar
731-658-7295

Continue S on Main St. to pt. 161.
114 S. Main St.
Bolivar
731-658-6554

Continue S on Main St. Turn R onto W. Lafayette St. to Washington St. and pt. 162.
Corner of Washington St. & W. Lafayette St.
Bolivar
731-659-1711

Pt. 163 is on opposite corner from pt. 162.
223 W. Lafayette St.
Bolivar
731-658-6348

159. Hardeman County Courthouse - (L)

The center of Bolivar's downtown district, this structure dates back to 1868. On its grounds you'll find a monument to the Civil War soldiers that came from Hardeman County — possibly the first monument of its kind in West Tennessee.



Did You Know

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The bust of Simon Bolivar in front of the Hardeman County courthouse was a gift from the people of Venezuela.



160. Brownstone Coffee House - (R)

Enjoy lunch or a coffee stop in this beautifully restored shop on the square in downtown Bolivar.



161. Hardeman County Chamber of Commerce (R)

162. Bolivar Farmers Market - (R)

Beginning in the 1930s, locals looked forward to Barter Day, a weekly event for merchants and farmers to trade goods and services. Most items were traded on the court square, but livestock were traded where the farmers market stands today. Enjoy some of the area's best local produce and crafts in this open-air, post-and-beam structure made of Douglas fir timbers. *Open April to Dec.*



163. St. James Episcopal Church & Ingram Hall - (R)

This 1869 structure was built to replace an original 1840 chapel. Materials from the first church were used to construct Ingram Hall, located directly behind the main building and still used as a chapel and worship space during the winter months, when the larger church is a challenge to heat.



Did You Know

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\$20,000 in gold was buried under a rose bush in the garden of The Pillars for safe-keeping at the start of the Civil War.

Go S on S. Washington St. to pt. 164. (Driveway is around corner on Bills St.)

Corner of Washington St. & Bills St.
Bolivar
Group tours:
731-764-6243
APTA: 731-518-7148

164. The Pillars - (R)

This was the home of John Houston Bills, who was known as one of the richest men in West Tennessee in the 1800s. He kept a diary during most of his life (now housed at the University of North Carolina), detailing the lives of the citizens and events in Bolivar during the 1800s. This 1831 home stayed in the Bills family for 140 years and is now a museum owned and maintained by the APTA. *Tours by appointment only.*



Did You Know

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McAnulty Forest across from The Pillars may not catch your eye, but it is significant — it's the last piece of virgin forest in West Tennessee, with white oaks estimated to be 450 years old. (Private Property)



Turn R onto Bills St. and L onto Union St. to pt. 165.

Corner of Bills St. & Union St.
Bolivar

165. McNeal Place - (L) (Private Residence)

This 1856 Tuscan style villa's architecture makes it a true Tennessee gem. The gorgeous Spanish ironwork around the porch is just one of many well-preserved details. Notice the west porch — this is where the McNeal family sat and prayed as they listened to the cannons during the Battle of Shiloh in April of 1862.



Continue S on Union St. to pt. 166.

Corner of Union St. & Matilda St.
Bolivar

166. Polk Cemetery - (R)

The cemetery was established in 1845 by an uncle of U.S. President James K. Polk as the family burial ground. Of special interest is the epitaph of Ezekiel Polk, grandfather to the president, which caused quite a stir during James K. Polk's campaign.



Head N on S. Union St. Turn R on W. McNeal St. to pt. 167.

303 McNeal St.
Bolivar
731-659-1100

167. The Columns - (R) (Private Property)

This home, built before the Civil War and used as a hospital by Union troops, was purchased by the George T. Ingram family in 1909. The landscape features a

formal English Boxwood garden, with boxwoods that are over 100 years old. The home is preserved by the Bolivar Historical Foundation, established by its final resident, Elizabeth Ingram, just before her 102nd birthday. *Tours by appointment.*



Continue E on W. McNeal St. to pt. 168.

301 McNeal St.
Bolivar

168. Wright House-Ashley Hall - (R) (Private Residence)

This 1867 home was built by E.R. Smith, and research suggests that the architect was likely Fletcher Sloan. The house has been moved from its original site.



Continue E on McNeal St. Turn L on S. Washington St. Turn R on W. Lafayette St. Turn L onto S. Main St. Turn R onto E. Market St. to pt. 169.

203 E. Market St.
Bolivar
731-658-4571

169. First Presbyterian Church - (L)

This 1853 church is the oldest church structure in Bolivar, and still contains most of its original furnishings, including a late 1800s pipe organ. During the Civil War, Union and Confederate soldiers alike worshipped in



WEST TENNESSEE SHARECROPPERS

During the reconstruction period following the Civil War, many West Tennessee residents faced neglected fields and failing industries. Freedmen were moving to the North or to the cities in search of work, making careers in iron and steel working, railroads, or domestic service, leaving a gaping void in the labor force that made the cotton industry hum before the nation divided. Farmers forced to start over and the freedmen that remained were hired by land owners to "sharecrop," an arrangement in which the workers and their families became tenants of the farm, working the land in return for a place to live and seeing little or no money for their dawn-to-dusk efforts. Regardless of their race, sharecroppers were typically indebted to everyone — the land owner, the tenant (if the farmer was renting land), and the local mercantile. Without monetary gain for their work, sharecropping proved to be a vicious circle from which few could escape. As late as 1935, 63 percent of West Tennessee's farmers were tenants.



these pews, including Union General Lew Wallace, who lived across the street at the Levi Joy Baker House. *Tours by appointment.*

Did You Know

Lew Wallace authored the 1880 novel Ben-Hur: A Tale of the Christ. It became the best-selling American novel, (replacing Harriet Beecher Stowe's 1852 Uncle Tom's Cabin) until being outsold by the 1936 publication of Margaret Mitchell's Gone with the Wind. When the 1959 film version starring Charlton Heston was released, it earned 11 Academy Awards and caused Ben-Hur book sales to surpass Gone with the Wind.



Pt. 170 is 2 doors down from pt. 169.
215 E. Market St.
Bolivar
Group tours:
731-764-6243
APTA: 731-518-7148

170. The Little Courthouse Museum – (L) This 1824 structure was the first courthouse in Bolivar, and thought to be one of three remaining log courthouses in the country. The museum offers changing exhibits relating to area history. *Open 2nd & 4th Sat. each month, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.*



Did You Know

The Association for the Preservation of Tennessee Antiquities (APTA), is the oldest statewide non-profit historic preservation group in Tennessee and the fourth-oldest in the U.S. The organization has preserved and maintained Tennessee's historic sites since 1951.



Pt. 171 is across street from pt. 170.
216 E. Market St.
Bolivar
(Market St. is US-64)

171. Levi Joy Baker House – (R) (Private Residence) During the Civil War, this 1838 home served as living quarters for Confederate General Rufus Polk Neely, and later, the headquarters of Union General Wallace.



Head W on US-64/Market St. for approx. 1.2 miles to pt. 172.
1350 W. Market St.
Bolivar
731-658-2220

172. Timeless Tribute Monuments & Antiques – (R) Find your treasure in this unique shop, focused on celebrating, documenting, and memorializing life events, from monuments and memorials to wedding items and jewelry. Shop for antiques, collectibles and more. *Closed Sun.*



Did You Know

Western State Mental Hospital (1889) just outside of Bolivar, was the last state mental hospital to be built in Tennessee. In the 1960s, it housed over 2,000 patients.



Continue W on US-64/W. Market St. Follow signs for US-64 (approx. 10.3 miles total) to pt. 173.

1815 Hwy 64
Whiteville
731-254-8321

173. Culver's Flea Market – (R) Ready to hunt for treasure? This friendly flea market is the place. If the big bear is still there, it's a great photo opp!



Continue W on US-64 to pt. 174.

260 Hwy 64
Whiteville
731-254-8473

174. Backermann's Bakery & Cheese Shoppe – (L) It's worth the visit to this Mennonite family store just to inhale the heavenly smell of freshly baked breads and treats. Stop in for cheeses, specialty breads, jellies, ciders, soaps, tonics, cookbooks and bulk items. Pick up a bottle of Yoder's Good Health Recipe — a natural tonic to treat and relieve everything from arthritis to acid reflux.



THETRAVELINGTWOsome.COM: Backermann's is an outstanding destination for great food. We filled a cooler full of food to take back home with us — from spices to snacks, from breads to pastries — we scored at Backermann's! We also stopped by their deli for a fresh sandwich prepared by the man who runs the place, Mr. Earl Yoder.

SOMERVILLE ACCOMMODATION LINE

Many railroad lines have come and gone in this area of West Tennessee, functioning as vital parts of the community and providing a valuable link between small towns and bigger ones. The Somerville Accommodation line ran from the late 1850s to about 1930, leaving Memphis each late afternoon and spending the night in Somerville before returning the next morning. The conductor, fireman, and others in the crew became legendary characters in the community, and its arrival and departure each day were a part of life's routine in Somerville, with people visiting the depot each night just to see who was coming into town. It is likely that the Accommodation brought the yellow fever epidemic of 1878 in a box of contaminated ladies' hats shipped from New Orleans to Memphis.

Continue W on US-64W for approx. 11.5 miles to pt. 175. Turn R at W. Court Sq. to park.

13145 N. Main St.
Somerville
901-465-8690

16746 Hwy 64
Somerville
901-482-0246

111 W. Court Sq.
Somerville
901-273-8003

1 Court Sq.
Somerville

104 W. Market St.
Somerville
901-465-3971

175. Somerville – Take a break from driving at the shops and restaurants in this quaint small town. It's home to Fayette County's Annual Cotton Festival in September.



176. Fayette County Chamber of Commerce

Points 177-182 are all located within the block and go clockwise around the square:

177. Mona Lisa Art & Jewelry – This gallery and shop features original and custom jewelry by local craftswoman Laurie Bartholomew, as well as paintings by Garen Schroeder.



178. WoodBridge General Store – Find unique gifts at this eclectic shop inside a 1900s building with original Frank Lloyd Wright glass. It also serves sandwiches, ice cream, and one of the best burgers in town. *Live music Fri., 7 p.m. Closed Sun.*



179. Fayette County Courthouse – The county's first courthouse was built in Somerville in 1825 with a four-sided clock designed to keep perfect time. It burned down in 1925. This beautiful new structure was completed in 1926, and a clock of the same make was placed on the dome.



180. Farmers Hardware & Home Furnishings – In the late 1800s, this store carried everything from wagon wheels to nails. Today, it's still a family-operated hardware store and furniture showroom whose motto is "125 years behind the times." See antiques



HERB PARSONS SHOWMAN SHOOTER

"Go hunting with your boy today and you won't have to hunt for him tomorrow," a popular philosophy among hunting families, is credited to Herb Parsons, legendary sharpshooter and showman from Somerville. He's known as the "greatest shooter who ever lived," and was one of the last great exhibition shooters — expert marksmen (and women like Phoebe Moses, AKA Annie Oakley) who gained celebrity status starring in traveling wild west shows and demonstrations sponsored by gun makers, popular from the mid-1800s until the mid-1940s. Parsons got his start in 1929 as a salesman for Winchester, where he perfected not only his aim but his stage presence. He was a natural showman, talking and cracking jokes while he performed. He later served as a gunnery instructor during World War II. Stories about Parsons' abilities are legendary, including using a mirror and two rifles to hit two targets in the same instant. One reviewer wrote that "Bullets flew out of his rifles and words out of his mouth in a steady stream." Parsons, who died in 1959, was a national duck-calling champion and avid hunter, and remains a legend today among gun enthusiasts.



collected over the last century, and be sure to ask the staff about the building's stories — like the one about finding pre-Civil War bullets in the store's walls.

13075 N. Main St.
Somerville
901-465-0065



181. Main Street Eatery – Family owned and operated in a 1920s-era building, this local favorite specializes in homemade desserts and home-cooked meats and vegetables. Famous for "Mom's Recipe" chicken salad, this humble spot was voted "Fayette County's Favorite Restaurant" three years in a row by Readers' Choice Awards.



11 E. Market St.
Somerville
901-465-7301



182. Fair Theatre – In October of 1935, the projector at the Fair Theatre was turned on for the first time in the new theatre building by Mr. and Mrs. Norman Fair. The town purchased the theater in 1999, and used grants and donations to accomplish the extensive renovations needed to host the variety of events it does today.





Just north of Somerville's square on East Street is the home of Showman-Shooter Herb Parsons, the greatest exhibition shooter of rifles and shotguns in history. (Private Residence)



203 W. Market St.
Somerville

183. Saint Thomas Episcopal Church – (L) This church was organized in 1834, and the building was erected in 1858 making it is the oldest house of worship in Somerville. Its arches and parapets reflect its American Gothic Revival design.



From sq., head S on TN-76/S. Main St. to pt. 184.

12940 S. Main St.
Somerville

184. First Presbyterian Church – (L) This landmark proudly boasts two firsts: it was the first church established in Somerville, and the first Presbyterian congregation in the county. It has always occupied this site as a gateway into town. The present building, with its dominant Norman tower, was constructed in 1895.



Continue on S on TN-76/S. Main St. to pt. 185.

12850 S. Main St.
Somerville

185. Frogmore – (L) (Private Residence) Dr. Josiah Higgason, who built Frogmore in 1829, died in 1860, leaving behind his wife and four daughters. During the Civil War, Federal forces quartered at the house found a pistol there, and threatened to burn the home. Mrs. Higgason revealed her late husband's Masonic medal around her neck, saving the house from destruction. Dr. Higgason was a charter member of the Somerville Masonic Lodge.



Tennessee had the second-most battles in all of the Civil War. Virginia had the most.

186. Magnolia Place – (L) (Private Residence) Named for its 125 year-old Great Grandiflora Magnolias, this 1912 Colonial home was built on the lot where the original house burned. The slave quarters of the first house still stand.



Continue S on TN-76/S. Main St. to pt. 186.
12760 S. Main St.
Somerville

Continue S on TN-76/S. Main St. approx. 1.4 miles to pt. 187.

Hwy 76S & La Grange Rd.
Somerville

187. Tent City Historical Marker – (L) When the Fayette County Civic and Welfare League conducted the first voter registration drive among African-American citizens in the rural South, many who participated were forced from their homes. This marker stands on the spot of the "Tent City" encampment that became their refuge. *See box below.*

188. Somerville City Cemetery – (L) This cemetery dates back to March 1825.



Head back N on TN-76/S. Main St. approx. 1.3 miles and turn L onto Church St. Turn R onto Somerville St. to pt. 188.

S. Somerville St.
Somerville



Somerville is the summer home of "Santa Mike," the Authentic, Licensed, Real-Bearded Santa Claus. You might see him around town out of "uniform," always with a touch of red. (Private Residence)



Continue N on Somerville St. Turn L to head W on US-64/W. Fayette St. approx. 0.5 mile to pt. 189.

16030 Hwy 64
Somerville
901-465-2609

189. Tennessee Pewter – (L) This studio and shop handcrafts tableware, accessories, and jewelry with a perfect pewter patina. Their work received first-and second-place honors in a competition at the Museum of Modern Art in New York City, and their coffee services and water pitchers are part of a permanent museum display. *Tours by appointment.*



TENT CITY

Leading up to the 1960 presidential election, voters prepared to choose between John F. Kennedy and Richard Nixon. In Fayette County, voting became a challenge for African-Americans as white residents tried to prevent them from voting, and circulated a list of those who tried. They were refused service by local merchants, terminated from employment, evicted from their homes, denied medical care, and constantly threatened by locals. Hundreds of African-American tenant farmers were evicted from white-owned farms in the winter, just after harvest, as the cold set in. A small plot of land donated by Shepherd Towles became known as "Tent City" and was home to these citizens who had no homes, no money, and no food. The story spread quickly throughout the state, where other African-American citizens were actively engaging



in sit-ins and desegregating bus lines and lunch counters. In 1959, the Fayette County Democratic Executive Committee was charged with failing to let African-Americans vote in the Democratic primary, the first federal lawsuit brought under the 1957 Civil Rights Act.

Continue W on US-64/W. Fayette St. approx. 0.5 mile to drive past pt. 190.

15480 Hwy 64W
Somerville

190. Woodburn Plantation – (L) (Private Residence) This historic property is located on both sides of Hwy 64. The large, 1850 Antebellum home retains the Neo-Classical facade typical of the Greek Revival influence of that period. The family-run farm is still fully functioning.



Continue W on US-64/ approx. 8 miles. Turn R onto TN-194 to pt. 191.

14780 Hwy 194
Oakland

191. Oakland Presbyterian Church – (L) Built in 1889, most of this original structure still remains. Original doors and hardware grace the entrance, and ornate wooden pews, Gothic-style stained glass windows and hand-carved pulpit capture the era in which the building was constructed.



Return to US-64W and turn R to pt. 192 in shopping area.

7029 Hwy 64
Oakland
901-465-4643

192. S & P Coffee Café – (L) Sip a cup of java in this locally owned cafe, or savor a panini sandwich and slice of cake. *Open til 3 p.m.*



Continue W on US-64 approx. 7.5 miles to pt. 193.

12322 Hwy 64
Eads
901-867-0743

193. Eads Antiques – (R) At this location for 14 years, this fun, friendly shop has one-of-a-kind decorative and garden finds. *Closed Sun.*



OFF-TRAIL

From US-64W, turn R onto New Brunswick Rd. Take immediate R to stay on New Brunswick Rd. Turn R onto Davies Plantation Rd. to pt. 194.

9336 Davies Plantation Rd.
Bartlett
901-386-0715

Retrace route to US-64 and continue W toward Bartlett/Memphis.

BACK ON TRAIL

Continue W on US-64 to pt. 195.

194. Davies Manor Plantation – (L) This 1807 plantation home is perhaps the oldest building in all of West Tennessee. It sits on a designated Century Farm* and is certified by the National Wildlife Federation as an official Backyard Wildlife Habitat. The property includes a Native American mound dating back 2,000 years. *Closed Sun. & Mon.*



195. Historic Old Bartlett – This railroad and stage-coach town dates back to 1829. Explore the shops and restaurants of the Bartlett Station area or take a break in the park.



YELLOW FEVER

In 1873, the Mississippi River brought yellow fever to Memphis, a city prone to epidemics due to poor sanitation. Over 25,000 people fled the city. Most never returned, causing the city to lose its charter. About 20,000 stayed, 14,000 of whom were African-Americans. Most of the remaining whites died, but only 1,000 African-Americans perished, thanks to a natural resilience to the mosquito-transmitted disease. For the first time, African-Americans were the racial majority in Memphis, holding leadership positions and jobs formerly reserved only for whites. This made Memphis different from other Southern cities at the time — this was the era of Beale Street, the birth of the blues, and Robert Church, the first African-American millionaire. Yellow fever not only changed the city's population; it shaped its culture.

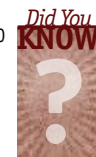


196. Pink Palace Museum – (R) Trace Memphis' development from the time of Spanish explorers through the Civil War and the deadly yellow fever epidemics. The museum also hosts a number of touring exhibits throughout the year.



Head E on US-64/ Stage Rd. Turn R onto Bartlett Blvd. Go approx. 3 miles, turn R onto US-70/Summer Ave. Go approx. 6 miles, turn L onto Highland Ave. Turn R onto Central Ave. to pt. 196.

3050 Central Ave.
Memphis
901-320-6320



In 1916, grocery shopping meant placing an order for a clerk to fill. A Memphis man named Clarence Saunders arranged a self-serve grocery with one long, winding aisle and named it "Piggly Wiggly," the world's first supermarket. See a replica at the Pink Palace Museum, Saunders' former home.



Visiting our precious region helps us preserve and tell our stories — thanks for visiting, and no matter where your travels take you next, **keep on tapping your toes and Walking Tall!**



THE STORY BEHIND THE WALKING TALL TRAIL

This is the story behind the stops: watch it unfold behind the town squares, rivers and railroads that set the stage for Walking Tall's fascinating history.

[BEFORE 1800]

MOUND BUILDERS & EXPLORERS

Two thousand years ago, the Walking Tall Trail was inhabited by Native Americans of the Woodland and Mississippian periods, known as the **"mound builders"** for the large, earthen structures they built for their homes and ceremonial sites. The highest mound of this period in the United States is located at Pinson Mounds near Jackson, indicating that this area held a special importance in the culture. Later came the Chocktaw and Chickasaw tribes, who were here when Spanish explorer Hernando DeSoto arrived on the banks of the Mississippi River near modern-day Memphis in the mid-1500s. The French arrived in the late 1600s, building forts along the Mississippi River to secure the fur trade. Continued conflict with the Chickasaws inspired the French to construct heavily fortified Fort Assumption near present-day Memphis. Over the next century, the area would be claimed by the Spanish, the French, the original Native American tribes and the American government. In 1783, the state of North Carolina opened its loosely claimed "Western Territory," for settlement, honoring land grants given to Revolutionary War veterans as payment for military service. At the time, this was mostly Chickasaw territory, and the early settlers came to their own agreements with the tribe as they claimed their land. Tennessee achieved official statehood in 1796.



[1800]

GROWING WEST TENNESSEE

In 1818, the American government officially "purchased" the land of the Western Territory from the Chickasaw for \$300,000 in a sale and treaty negotiated by soon-to-be **President Andrew Jackson** and Revolutionary War Colonel Isaac Shelby. Settlers rushed to the area from Middle Tennessee, Virginia, South Carolina, North Carolina and Kentucky, eager to stake their claims. It didn't take long for towns and communities to form; in fact, lots went on sale for the city of Memphis just two years after the Jackson Purchase was completed. Towns like Somerville and La Grange began to grow around plantations and smaller-scale farms, both profitable and dependent on slave labor. The Wolf, Hatchie, and Tennessee Rivers were essential to the towns' development. Plantation owners depended on the **waterways to ship their goods** and receive materials, and grain mills operated on the creeks that fed the rivers.



"Railroad fever" fell over the Memphis area in the mid-1800s, as eager private investors led the charge to connect West Tennessee's towns with cities outside the region. Many of the first lines followed the trade routes of the Chickasaw — their well-worn paths followed the natural landscape and established safe and strategic routes for year-round travel. One of the first and most crucial lines of the time was the **Memphis-Charleston Railroad**, whose activity played a major role in further developing the small towns along the Walking Tall Trail. The railroad brought opportunity to these rural areas, as their natural resources became more accessible and businesses sprouted up, capitalizing on the railroad activity.

[1860s-1900]

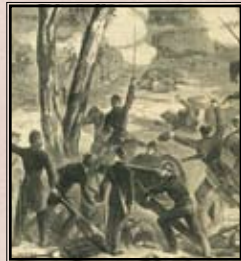
THE GRAYS & THE BLUES

As tensions mounted around the Southern states' secession from the Union, Tennessee was the last to secede in 1861. The state's sympathies were divided, but most of West Tennessee sided with the Confederates due to the farm owners' dependence on slave labor; active pockets of Union activity thrived closer to the Tennessee River. One of the most famous Union strongholds was known as the Hurst Nation, an area near Bethel Springs that not only sympathized with the Union cause, but produced a renegade band of Union scouts that terrorized the area, even burning the city of Jackson. The towns on the



Walking Tall Trail were often occupied by **Union soldiers**, stationed there to secure access to the vital railroad supply lines that linked the North and South. The presence of the railroad and the opposing forces invited ongoing conflict, leading to frequent skirmishes. When the fighting stopped, it was up to the towns' women to care for the wounded and bury the dead, often converting private homes, churches, and schools into hospitals.

The **Battle of Shiloh**, the most well-known conflict on the trail and one of the Civil War's bloodiest, took place in 1862 near Savannah. The Union Army was camped at Pittsburgh Landing on their way to Corinth, Mississippi, where they anticipated confrontation with Confederate forces. In a surprise attack, Confederates moved north to meet the Union troops as they paused on their trek. The two-day battle raged along the banks of the Tennessee River in the rainy cold, and by its end, 24,000 Americans were dead, wounded, or missing.



As the war continued in West Tennessee, many plantation and farm owners were forced to abandon their land, leaving their slaves to fend for themselves. Union forces moving through the area set up small **"contraband camps"** for the slaves and their families, and employed or enlisted many to help seal the Union's victory. Following the war's end in 1865, former slaves in this agricultural area had few opportunities as freedmen. Most chose to stay on the farms as sharecroppers, and others headed to Memphis or other northern cities in search of work.

In the early 20th century, the Beale Street area of Memphis began to take shape as a bustling marketplace lined with businesses, nightclubs, and services by and for African-Americans. Blues legend **W.C. Handy** wrote the first blues song there in 1909, and a landmark was born — the street would be declared "The Home of the Blues" by an act of Congress in the 1970s. Out on the Walking Tall Trail, manufacturing companies began to arrive in these small towns, where they could find workers in the communities, raw materials in the fields, and transportation for their goods on the rivers and railroads. The railroad produced many colorful characters at the turn of the century, including Jackson's legendary Casey Jones. He embodied the life of a dedicated engineer, dying with "one hand on the whistle and one hand on the brake" as his train crashed and his passengers walked away unharmed.



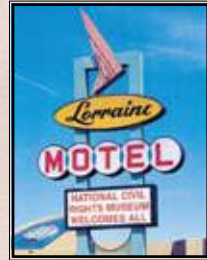
[20th CENTURY]

LEADERS & LEGENDS

In 1938, the efforts of the Tennessee Valley Authority — part of President Roosevelt's New Deal — arrived in West Tennessee. Pickwick Dam harnessed the power of the Tennessee River, generating electricity that changed lives and strengthened industry in the area. Around this time, a young **Carl Perkins** picked up a second-hand guitar and combined the rural rhythm and blues sounds of his childhood with a bluegrass twang, joining the ranks of the early rockabilly pioneers. Perkins topped both the country and R&B charts with the 1950s hit "Blue Suede Shoes," later recorded by his friend **Elvis Presley**. The pair secured Memphis and West Tennessee's title as the birthplace of early rock 'n' roll.



The 1960s were a turbulent time in American history, and West Tennessee was no exception. Crime was rampant along the Tennessee-Mississippi state line, with moonshine production, gambling rings, prostitution and other illegal activities thriving in this remote and rural area. McNairy County Sheriff **Buford Pusser** set out to change that, famously taking to unconventional measures to "clean up" the state line, despite the risk of harm to himself and his family. Several films have been made about his life and tragic death, including *Walking Tall*, filmed along this route in the 1970s. Back in Memphis, West Tennessee was at the center of the national Civil Rights Movement in 1968, when Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated by James Earl Ray at the **Lorraine Motel**. The tragic event sparked riots locally and across the country, turning up the tension in the struggle for African-Americans' equal rights.



[1980-TODAY]

WELCOME TO WEST TENNESSEE

In the 1980s, West Tennessee put new emphasis on inviting visitors to the area, making efforts to share and appreciate the region's natural beauty and historic treasures. The city of Memphis and outlying towns began to revitalize and preserve public spaces and riverfront areas. Beale Street, the musical heart of the city, underwent transformation into an open-air tourist attraction featuring live music, dancing and food every night of the week; millions of fans flocked to West Tennessee when Elvis Presley's Graceland officially opened to visitors in 1982.

The 1980s and '90s were a time of preservation and revitalization in the communities along the Walking Tall Trail as well, with court squares and historic buildings receiving much-needed attention from loving locals. During this time, several railroad lines consolidated and still contribute to the steady hum of industry here; the trail's music and Civil War history lives on in the many museums and preserved sites. Today, the places that make up the Walking Tall Trail retain their individual charm, both shaped by and vitally part of West Tennessee's rich history and culture.

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