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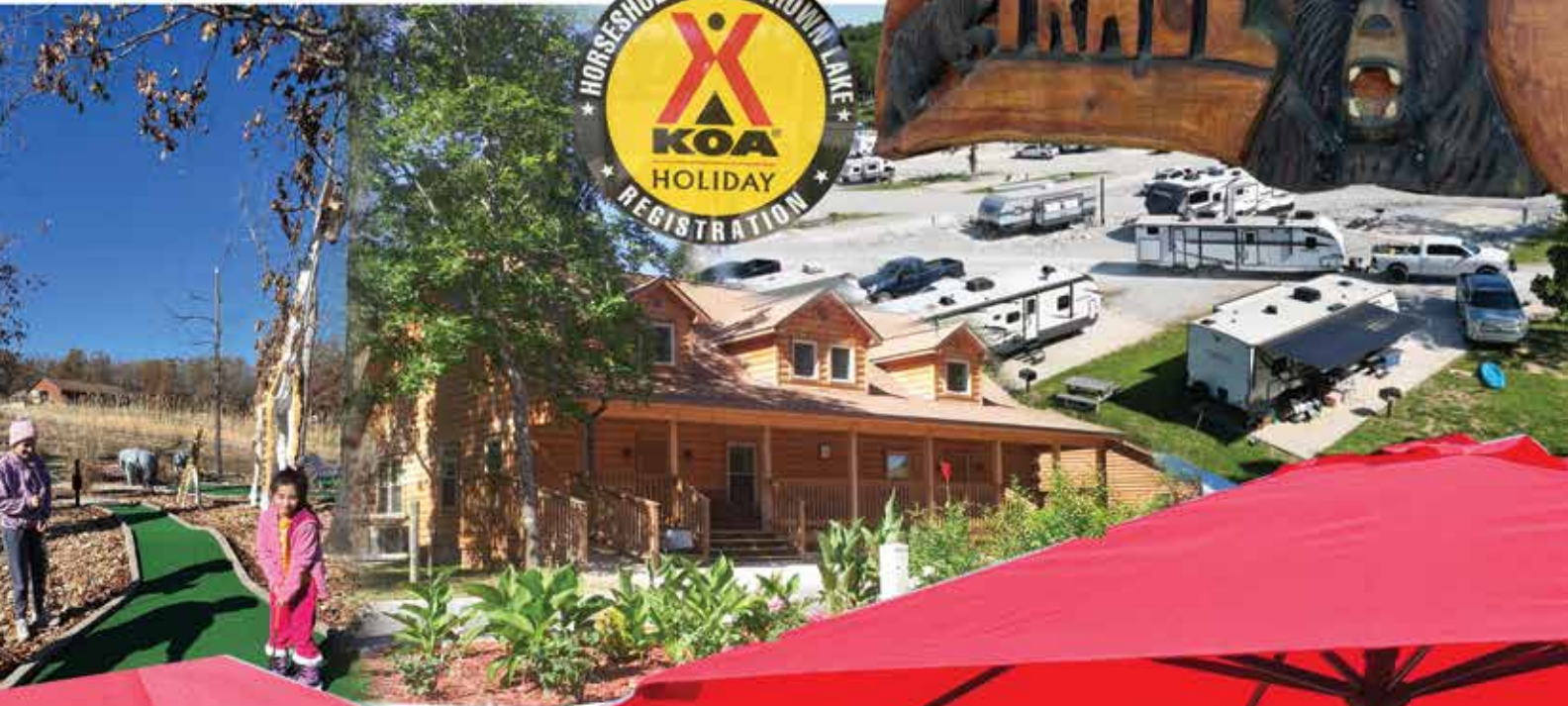
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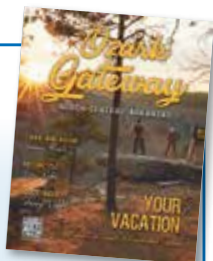
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enjoy the outdoors year-round. The 13,000-acre wooded landscape features seven man-made lakes, several natural springs, streams and the South Fork River that's ideal for fishing and floating. Cherokee Village also boasts two golf courses, swimming pools, recreation centers, trails, pickleball, tennis and a private shooting range. Visit the Village's bustling farmers' market, vibrant art center or one of the many hiking and biking trails.

Annual events such as the Independence Day firework show, Spring River Farmers' Market, Oktoberfest and Christmas In the Village bring the community together. On April 26, 2025, Cherokee Village will host the fifth annual Arkansas Pie Festival featuring some of the best pies and bakers from across the state.

# CALENDAR 2025

**April 20**  
Easter Egg Hunt at CVFD, 2 pm

**April 26**  
Arkansas Pie Festival at Cherokee Village Town Center

**May & June**  
ACNA Spring Music at the Gazebo on Thursday Evenings

**May 24**  
Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast at Cherokee Village City Hall

**May 24 - July 26**  
Farmer's Market Saturdays at Town Center

**June 7**  
Kevin King Memorial Golf Tournament, South Golf Course, Cherokee Village. 870-847-0323 for entry

**July 4**  
CFVD Pancake Breakfast at Baseheart Station, 6 pm

Thunder on Thunderbird, Fireworks at Thunderbird Lake

**September & October**  
ACNA Fall Music at the Gazebo on Thursday Evenings

**October 4**  
Oktoberfest and Fall Farmers Market at ACNA and Spring River Innovation Hub

**October 31**  
Trunk or Treat at Cherokee Village City Hall

**November 29 & December 1**  
Christmas in the Village at ACNA and Cherokee Village Town Center

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Northern Sharp County, known as the "Spring River Country," has been a popular vacation destination since the 1880s when the first railroads brought city residents into the area to enjoy the cool waters and natural beauty of the Spring River.

Hardy now boasts the Hardy Civic Center building conveniently located on Main Street which is available to rent for events, by contacting Hardy City Hall at 870-856-3811.

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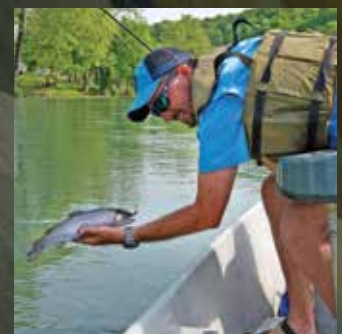
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- March 29-30**  
Gun and Knife Show
- April 15**  
2025 SRACC Awards Banquet at Hardy Civic Center 870-856-3210
- June 7**  
Kevin King Memorial Golf Tournament, South Golf Course, Cherokee Village. 870-847-0323 for entry
- June 28**  
Spring River Open Golf Tournament 870-856-3210
- September 13**  
Spring River's Got Talent at Hardy Civic Center 870-856-3210
- September 27**  
Hardy Homesteaders Day at Loberg Park , Hardy History Association: 870-847-3295
- September 27-28**  
Homesteaders Day
- September 27-28**  
Treasures in the Ozarks
- November 1-2**  
Gun and Knife Show
- November 8**  
Business Expo/Holiday Extravaganza at Hardy Civic Center 870-856-3210
- December 6**  
Ash Flat Christmas Parade, 870-994-7324
- December 13**  
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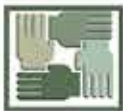
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# CALENDAR 2025

- March 7-8**  
VFW Post 7831 Gun Show
- March 22**  
Bluebird Day 10am, Mammoth Spring State Park Pavilion (Reservations Req.)
- March 24-28**  
Arkansas Spring Break
- April 5**  
9am-12pm Annual Rabies Clinic w/ Dr. Langley (Simmons Bank)
- April 25-26**  
Mammoth Spring Citywide Yard Sale
- April 19**  
Lions Club Easter Egg Scramble, Mammoth Spring State Park 1pm near the ball field
- May 10**  
Tourism Day Celebration- Mammoth Spring Welcome Center 10am-3pm
- June 6-8**  
Arkansas Free Fishing Weekend (Noon Friday- Sunday Midnight)
- June 14**  
Movie in the Park- Mammoth Spring State Park near the ball field
- July 7-12**  
Old Soldiers and Sailors Reunion Sponsored by local VFW Post 7831 Mammoth Spring State Park
- August 16**  
Legacy of the Spring Program- Mammoth Spring State Park 10am at WC
- August 30**  
Mammoth Spring Chamber of Commerce 41st Annual Antique and Classic Car Show- Gates open at 7am Mammoth Spring State Park ball field
- September 20**  
Movie in the Park- Mammoth Spring State Park near the ball field
- October 18**  
10am, Pavilion Mammoth Spring State Park "Falloween" Pumpkin carving contest and Hayride
- October 25**  
Mammoth Spring Spooktacular 3:30pm-7pm Downtown Main St.
- December 6**  
Mammoth Spring Christmas Parade 6pm Downtown Main St.
- December 12-13**  
VFW Post 7831 Gun Show
- December 13**  
Railroad Christmas Celebration- Evening Christmas Caroling- Lighted Spring Lake Hike 5pm, Coco w/ Santa at the Depot including picture

## Explore Mammoth Spring: Nature's Masterpiece in the Ozarks

The centerpiece of this charming town is Mammoth Spring, a National Natural Landmark and the largest Spring in Arkansas. Producing a staggering nine million gallons of water per hour feeds the Spring River, offering excellent fishing opportunities, boating, and floating.

Mammoth Spring isn't just a natural wonder; it's also a site rich in history and played a critical role in the area's development. In the 19th century, it powered a mill and later a hydroelectric plant that supplied electricity to local residents.

Visitors to the park can view remnants of the Frisco Railway Depot, which once connected Mammoth Spring to major trade routes and is now a museum that transports visitors back to the town's early days. The depot showcases the history of the railways, the Spring, and the local area, making it a must-see for history enthusiasts.

After you visit the Spring, tour the Mammoth Spring National Fish Hatchery Aquatic Conservation Center at 302 Fish Hatchery Lane.

Mammoth Spring offers a quaint downtown area filled with charming local shops, cozy cafes, and friendly faces. Be sure to visit during one of the town's annual festivals, such as the Mammoth Spring Car Show or Spring River Canoe Race. These festivals bring together locals and visitors for fun-filled events celebrating the area's natural beauty and community spirit.



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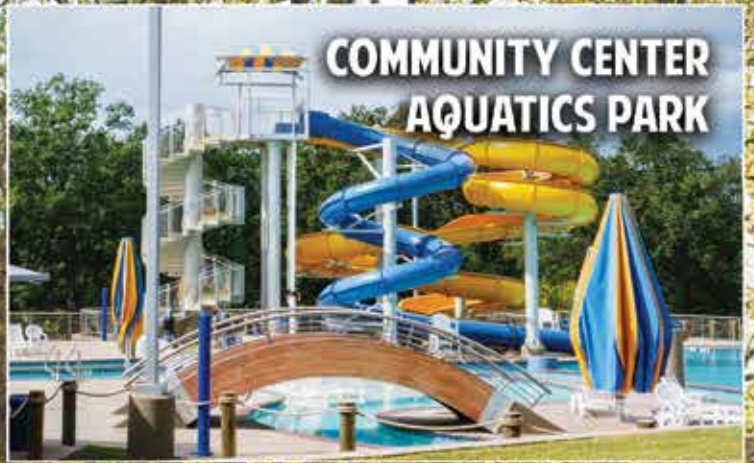
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INDEPENDENCE COUNTY

# Batesville



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Founded in 1821, Batesville is Arkansas' oldest city. The town's rich history is evident in its beautifully preserved architecture and historic landmarks, not to mention the magnificent White River that flows through the area.

The scenic White River is and has been the lifeblood of the town, offering a variety of recreational activities for visitors. Those who like to float, kayak, fish, or swim can do all of the above in the Poke Bayou, which also feeds back into the White River.

For those interested in historic architecture, a stroll through Downtown Main Street will give you a chance to see charming 19th-century buildings, now home to unique shops, cafes, and art galleries.

Visitors can also enjoy the Old Independence Regional Museum, which showcases artifacts and exhibits the area's role in Arkansas' early development. It offers a fascinating look at life during pioneer days, the Civil War, and the impact of the river on the region's growth.

Just south of town, race fans can visit the Mark Martin Museum and get a stunning look into the life of the race car driver who grew up in the area and began his career there.

Batesville may be a small town, but it offers two major educational institutions: Lyon College and the University of Arkansas Community College at Batesville (UACCB).

Batesville profoundly holds the title of "Christmas Capitol of Arkansas," offering one of the most enchanting holiday experiences in the state. Each year, the city transforms into a winter wonderland, with millions of sparkling lights decorating Riverside Park, overlooking the White River that runs right through the heart of the city. Visitors can enjoy carriage rides, ice skating, holiday train rides, hot cocoa, and even a Ferris wheel.

Batesville is also home to Lyon College and the University of Arkansas Community College at Batesville (UACCB).

Lyon College, founded in 1872, is one of the state's premier liberal arts colleges. It is renowned for its rigorous academics, vibrant student life, and strong Scottish heritage, which is celebrated annually with its Scottish Festival.

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## February 6, March 6, April 3

## May 1, June 12, August 7

## September 4, October 2

## November 6, December 4

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## March 19, April 16, May 21

## August 20, September 17

## October 8-15, November 19

Homeschool Class, noon - 4pm Talk about the 1960s in our "Decades of Progress" program. \$15 per child. Snacks included. Ages 5 - 18. Parents can stay or drop off children.

## April 12

FAMILY DAY at Old Independence Regional Museum, 10am - 2pm, Re-enactor (Mark Blakely) talks about life on the White River 200 years ago, an abundance of crafts and water experiments, and free admission

## June 3-6

DAY CAMP, Join Old Independence Regional Museum to learn about Food Through the Ages, complete with plenty to eat, engaging activities, intriguing experiments, and loads of fun with your friends

## June 11

2025 Business Expo, 11am - 3pm, The largest trade show in North Central Arkansas, held in June, it features food, health and wellness, entertainment, clothing, furniture, mowers, ATVs, and much more

## December 10

Homeschool Craft Class, noon - 4pm, Join us for a great craft day for your children to create and bring home beautiful crafts to share during the holiday season. \$15 per child. Snacks included. Ages 5 - 18 Parents can stay or drop off children.

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# Independence County, located in north-central Arkansas, is one of the state's most historically significant regions.

Established in 1820, it is among the oldest counties in Arkansas, named to honor the spirit of American independence. With its rich history, thriving industries, and vibrant communities, Independence County offers a fascinating blend of heritage and outstanding landscapes

The county covers approximately 772 square miles and is characterized by rolling hills, fertile farmlands, and the winding White River, which has been vital to the region's development. The river serves as a natural resource for irrigation, recreation, and transportation, enhancing the county's agricultural and economic activity.

Independence County consists of several cities and towns, each contributing uniquely to the county's character.

## **Batesville**

As the county seat, Batesville is the cultural, educational, and economic hub of Independence County. Founded in 1821, it holds the title of the oldest existing city in Arkansas. Batesville is home to Lyon College, a private liberal arts institution, and offers a thriving downtown area with historic architecture, boutique shops, and community events. The city balances its rich historical roots with modern advancements, including industrial growth and healthcare facilities.

## **Newark**

Situated near the White River, Newark is known for its deep agricultural roots. It has historically relied on farming and livestock production, with its proximity to the river enhancing irrigation opportunities. The town serves as a gateway to natural recreational areas and is a close-knit community.

## **Cave City**

Located in the northern part of the county, Cave City is famous for its watermelon production, earning it the nickname "Watermelon Capital of the World." Its annual Watermelon Festival draws visitors from across the state, celebrating the town's agricultural heritage.

## **Southside**

Southside is a growing community located near Batesville. With its proximity to the county seat, Southside has become a residential area with increasing access to services, schools, and recreational facilities.

## **Pleasant Plains**

This small town in the southern part of the county offers a quieter lifestyle and serves as a gateway to Independence County from the south. Its agricultural and rural character reflects the county's historical reliance on farming.

Independence County is a destination for outdoor enthusiasts. The White River provides opportunities for fishing, boating, and kayaking, while the Ozark foothills offer hiking and scenic beauty. Historical landmarks, such as the Old Independence Regional Museum in Batesville, showcase the county's rich past, attracting visitors interested in Arkansas history.

Independence County's residents are known for their strong sense of community. Events like the Cave City Watermelon Festival and Batesville's Independence Day celebrations bring people together, fostering a sense of pride in local traditions.

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- June 7**  
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- September 6**  
Bethesda community wide yard sale
- September 13**  
Sulphur Rock Trolley Car Days, 10 am
- September 27**  
Cushman Miners Day  
Cushman Pavilion, 10 am-11pm
- October Friday and Saturday nights, October 31, November 1, 2**  
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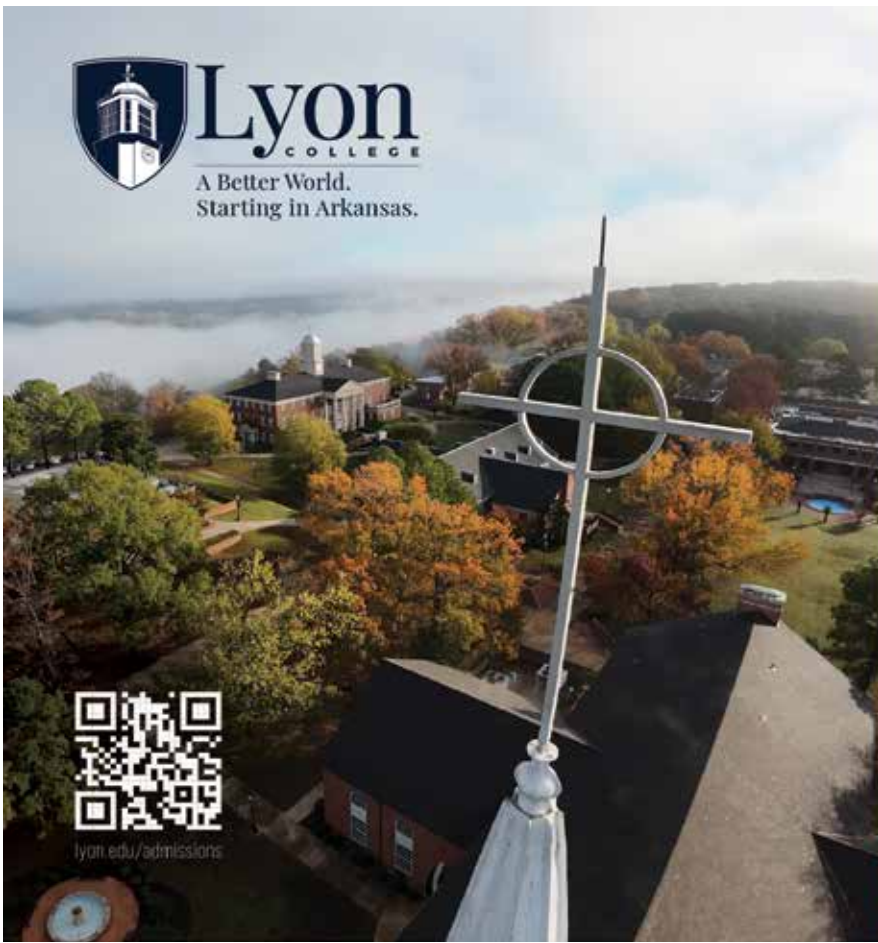
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The Depot Days Festival is a showcase of local, regional, and national talent and is free to the public. Enjoy food from one of several food trucks or stop by one of our downtown restaurants for some local flavor. Be sure to wear your dancing shoes!

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- April 5**  
Newport's 150th Sesqui-centennial Celebration, Front Street Park, Downtown Newport, [www.facebook.com/MonsterNightsNewport](http://www.facebook.com/MonsterNightsNewport)
- April 25-27**  
Jackson County Community Theater, The Odd Couple, ASU-Newport [www.facebook.com/JacksonCoTheatre](http://www.facebook.com/JacksonCoTheatre)
- May 9-10**  
Tuckerman Hometown Days, Tuckerman City Park, [www.facebook.com/tuckermanhometowndays](http://www.facebook.com/tuckermanhometowndays)
- June 6-7**  
Delta Arts Festival & Delta Music Jam, Downtown Newport, [www.facebook.com/Blue-Bridge-Center-for-the-Delta-Arts](http://www.facebook.com/Blue-Bridge-Center-for-the-Delta-Arts)
- June 20-22**  
Jackson County Community Theater, Oklahoma!, ASU-Newport, [www.facebook.com/JacksonCoTheatre](http://www.facebook.com/JacksonCoTheatre)
- July 25**  
Jackson County Community Theater, Summer Camp Musical – Aristocrats Kids, ASU-Newport, [www.facebook.com/JacksonCoTheatre](http://www.facebook.com/JacksonCoTheatre)
- September 20**  
Depot Days Festival & Monster Kids Fest, Downtown Newport, [www.facebook.com/MonsterNightsNewport](http://www.facebook.com/MonsterNightsNewport)
- October 24-26**  
Jackson County Community Theater, ASU-Newport, The Addams Family, [www.facebook.com/JacksonCoTheatre](http://www.facebook.com/JacksonCoTheatre)
- December 11**  
Newport Christmas Parade, Malcolm Avenue, [www.newportarchamber.org](http://www.newportarchamber.org)
- December TBA**  
Jackson County Community Theater, Christmas Cabaret at The Vault, [www.facebook.com/JacksonCoTheatre](http://www.facebook.com/JacksonCoTheatre)
- December 1-20**  
Holiday Festival of Trees, Tech Depot, [www.newportarchamber.org](http://www.newportarchamber.org)

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The Jackson County Veterans Memorial is also located in the downtown Front Street Park to honor our veterans, past and present, who have sacrificed in service to our country. Learn more at DRIVE Newport or Monster Nights on Facebook.

The early-day "rock 'n' roll train" steamed out of Memphis in the 1950s and roared into Jackson County nightclubs like the Silver Moon and Porky's Rooftop in

Newport, Bob King's King of Clubs in Swifton and other honky-tonks along Hwy. 67, changing life forever around the world. Music legends such as Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins, Roy Orbison, and Sonny Burgess all frequented the venues along the highway when Rock music was in its infancy.

Three rivers, wooded areas and numerous lakes provide great outdoor activities for all ages throughout Jackson County. Outdoor enthusiasts flock to the area during duck and deer

hunting seasons, and the fishing is spectacular. Public and private preserves, plus lodging facilities, are available.

Jacksonport State Park tells the story of this historic White River port, one of the oldest steamboat landings in north Arkansas. In the park's 1872 two-story courthouse, visitors can learn more about the historic building itself. Don't miss the remarkable views of the White River from the Visitor Center, featuring exhibit space, a park store, a resource library and a multi-purpose room. The focus of

the unique exhibits at the Visitor Center is the town's history, with emphasis on the steamboat and transportation industry, which made Jacksonport a thriving river port. The park also includes picnic areas, sandy beaches, a pavilion, playground, the Tunstall Riverwalk, a boat launch ramp and 20 Class A campsites (50-amp service) with restroom/shower facilities. The park offers special interpretive programs and workshops year-round. Visit [www.arkansasstateparks/jacksonport](http://www.arkansasstateparks/jacksonport).

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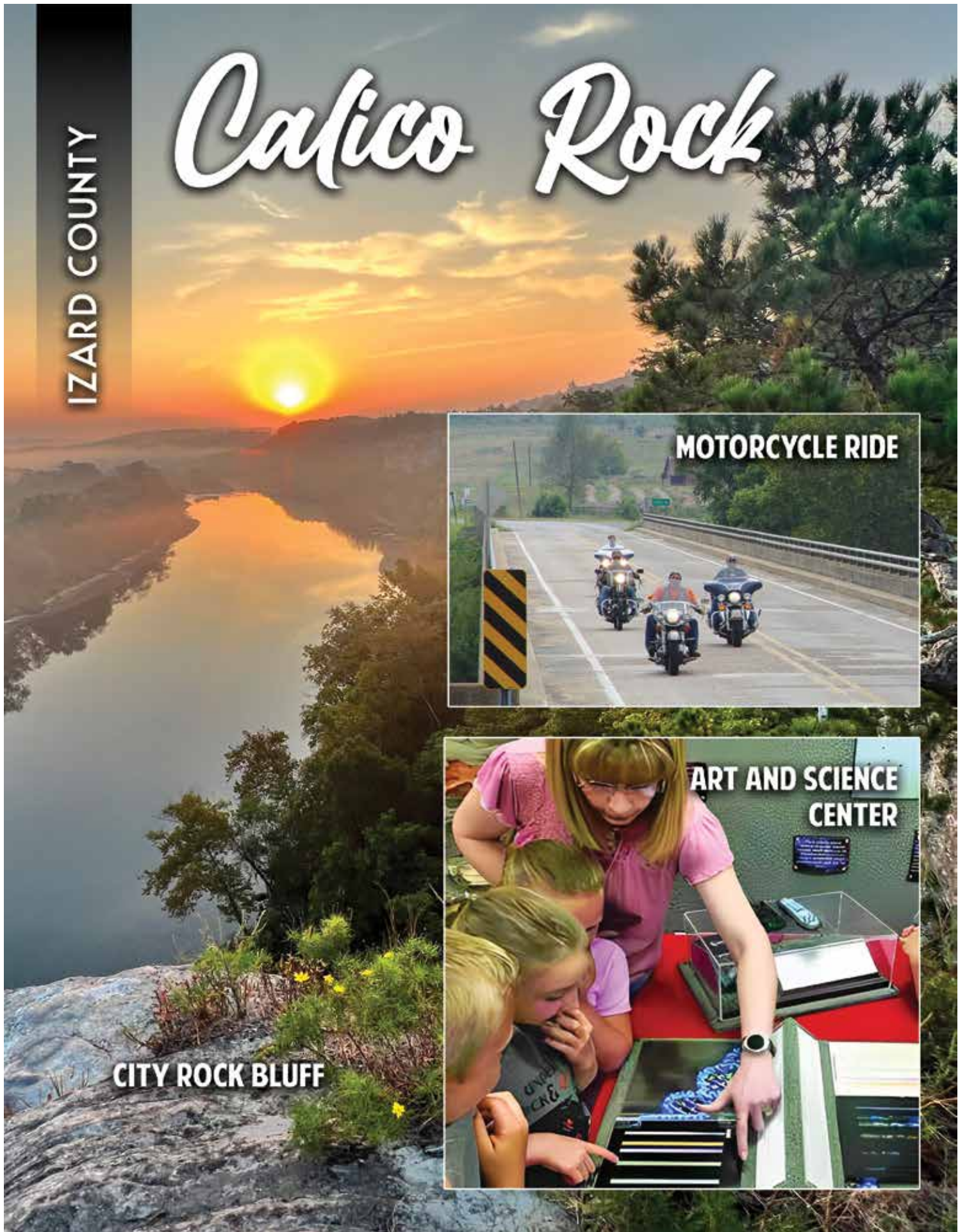
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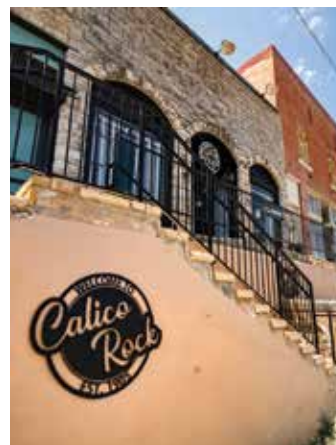
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The Nook 80Peppersauce Alley

**April 26**  
White River Car Show,  
Calico Rock High School  
Parling Lot

**June 13-14**  
Lions Club Rodeo, Tip  
Wiseman Arena Earl King  
Park

**June 14**  
Lions Club Parade, Time  
TBA

**July 3**  
Lions Club Fireworks,  
Sunset Earl King Park

**October 31**  
Treat or Treat, Main Street

Trunk and Treat, High  
School Parking Lot

**November 14-15**  
Mistle Toe and Holly, The  
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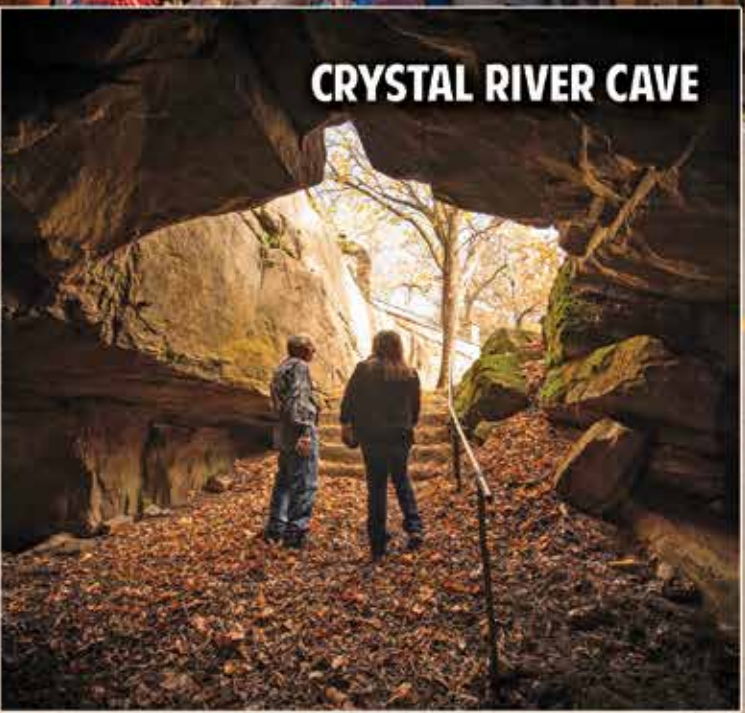
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**Celebrating its 45th year, the 2025 festival officials are looking to draw thousands into Cave City for the celebration.** This three-day event, July 24-26th, will include entertainment, a 5K run, pancake breakfast, parade, activities for kids and adults, and of course a free melon

feast, courtesy of the registered watermelon growers. There will also be a prize melon auction, and the proceeds will be donated to a charity. In 2017, the festival was inducted into the Arkansas Food Hall of Fame by the Department of Arkansas Heritage and in 2019, the event was voted festival of the year for the Ozark Gateway Region. It's a taste - and an experience you don't want to miss. **Follow the Cave City, Arkansas Facebook page for events and information on other area events. You can also visit [www.cavecitywatermelonfestival.com](http://www.cavecitywatermelonfestival.com) for the latest updates.**

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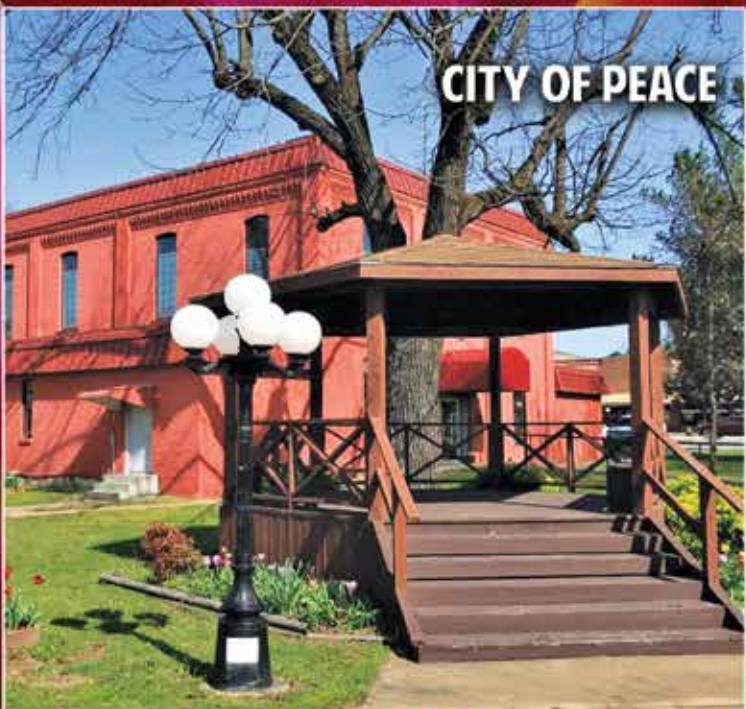
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Known as "The City of Peace", Salem is a quaint town that was established in 1839 after Mr. William P. Morris came to the area from Batesville. This Salem is not to be confused with the three other Salem's in Arkansas. This sweet little town has a population of less than 15,000 and is located in Northcentral Arkansas, just a few miles from the Missouri line.

If you like sports, Salem is home to Preacher Roe Park and the Fulton County Recreational Complex offering baseball, softball fields and a walking trail. Preacher Roe Park was named after the famed baseball player, "Preacher" Elwin Roe who is from Fulton County. Salem also has the Fulton County Trap Range also located adjacent to the city park and Fulton County fairgrounds.

Six popular golf courses are located in the area and Salem is less than 25 miles from Lake Norfolk, which offers water skiing, swimming and boating facilities. The scenery is as spectacular as the fishing on the Southfork, Spring, and Strawberry Rivers and they are good float streams. The Salem City Park and Lake offers playgrounds, picnic areas and a walking trail and a fishing dock. The park joins the Fulton County Fairgrounds which offers recreational and sporting events and trade shows throughout the year and has a limited number of camping sites are available.

If you are planning a visit to the Natural State or Southcentral Missouri, be sure to include Salem in your travel agenda. For more information, contact the Salem Chamber of Commerce at 870-895-5565 or email: [fultoncountyfair1@gmail.com](mailto:fultoncountyfair1@gmail.com).

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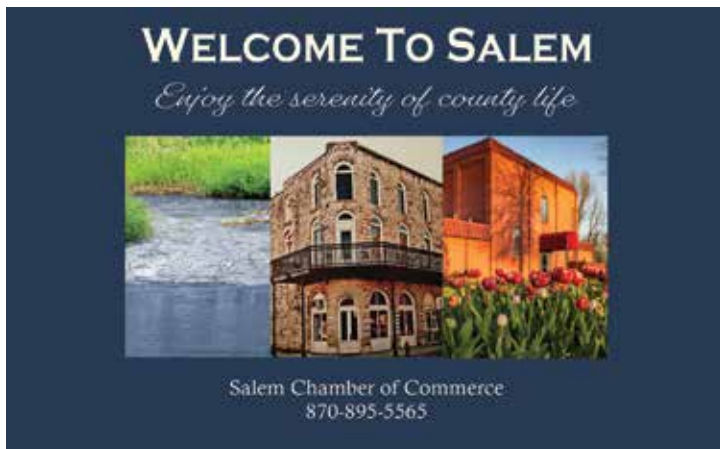
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Salem will be the place to be during later March and the month of April to see thousands of tulips in bloom. Visit Salem, Arkansas to see this amazing display of 10,000 tulips in Salem. For more information contact the Fulton County Master Gardeners, 300 Havenwood Road, Viola AR 72583 or telephone 870-458-2058. Email [fultoncountyfair1@gmail.com](mailto:fultoncountyfair1@gmail.com) or call the Salem Chamber of Commerce at 870-895-5565. The exact dates depend on the weather.

# CALENDAR 2025

## March and April

Tulips and Spring Flowers in Salem

## April 11-12

Salem Home and Garden Show, Fulton County Fairgrounds. Spaces available. Vendors contact Renae at Mustard Seed Nursery and Landscaping. 870-656-7724 or [mustardseedmamma@yahoo.com](mailto:mustardseedmamma@yahoo.com). Profits will benefit Fulton County Master Gardeners

## April 11-12

Spring Community Wide Yard Sale and Business Sidewalk Sales. A list of yard sale addresses will be available. 870-895-5565 or [fultoncountyfair1@gmail.com](mailto:fultoncountyfair1@gmail.com)

## May 23-24

Annual Fulton County Homecoming Festival. Street dance, open street market, food trucks, Apple Pie 5K Run, Squirrel Race, Car Show, Horseshoe Pitching, Terrapin Race, Corn Hole Tournament, Music and Parade. Contact Fulton County Homecoming Festival, Post Office Box 649 Salem AR 72576, 870-895-5565, or [fultoncountyfair1@gmail.com](mailto:fultoncountyfair1@gmail.com).

## May 26

Veteran's Memorial Service. Salem VFW Post 9177, 11 am at Post Home on Hwy 395 North.

## July 4

Salem Chamber of Commerce Fireworks - Food trucks and music, Watch from the Salem City Park or the Fulton County Fairgrounds. Contact the Salem Chamber of Commerce, 870-895-5565, [fultoncountyfair1@gmail.com](mailto:fultoncountyfair1@gmail.com)

## July 11-19

106th Annual Fulton County Fair. Carnival (tentative), pageants, talent contest, bingo, creative arts exhibits, livestock shows, rodeo, truck pull, demolition derby, and special days honoring Veterans, Seniors and Kid's Day, Cookie Jar Scholarship Auction, and Junior Livestock Auction. Contact Fulton County Fair Association, Post Office Box 910, Salem, AR 72576, telephone 870-895-5565, or [fultoncountyfair1@gmail.com](mailto:fultoncountyfair1@gmail.com).

## September 26 - 27

Fall Community Wide Yard Sale & Business Sidewalk Sales. A listing of yard sale addresses will be available. 870-895-5565 or [fultoncountyfair1@gmail.com](mailto:fultoncountyfair1@gmail.com)

## October 11

Salem VFW and Auxiliary Community Fun Day and Car Show, 870-396-9777, or [www.vfwpost9777.com](http://www.vfwpost9777.com).

## October 31

Salem Chamber of Commerce Trunk or Treat, Court Square

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# Horseshoe Bend



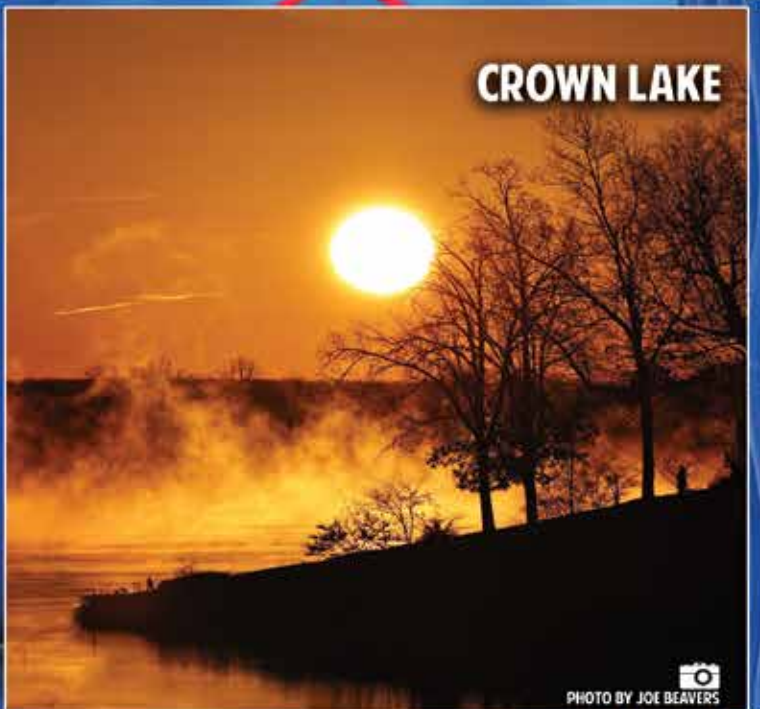
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# Horseshoe Bend is named for the large loop or horseshoe bend in the nearby Strawberry River.

The best kept secret in north Arkansas is Horseshoe Bend. Nestled in the foothills of the Ozark Mountains on the Strawberry River, this quaint town is the perfect place to find rest, relaxation, and recreation.

The crown jewel of the town is the 640-acre Crown Lake. On Crown Lake, water lovers can participate in a variety of activities, including swimming, kayaking, paddle boarding, water skiing, and tubing. Crown Lake is best known for good fishing, but it is not the only sought-after fishing hole in the area. Besides Crown Lake and the Strawberry River, fishing enthusiasts can also visit one of the smaller fishing lakes – Diamond, Pioneer, and North Lake.

There are plenty of activities for young and old alike! Golfers have their choice between two golf courses; a par-3 executive course and a

full-length 18-hole course. Citizens and guests can pitch horseshoes and play miniature golf at Crown Lake Resort and Spa. The town has several stores, a library, two resorts, a community theater, a spa, and several restaurants.

The citizens of Horseshoe Bend take pride in the community spirit and the ability to offer a memorable experience for all who come to visit. The Music in the Mountains show occurs every third Saturday of the month, and during summer, the Farmers' Market occurs every Wednesday. Every year, the town celebrates Dogwood Days in April, and Independence Day is celebrated every 4th of July with a parade and amazing fireworks. The annual Christmas parade occurs on the first Saturday in December. There are many more events that happen throughout the

year, thanks to the numerous civic groups which are active in Horseshoe Bend. All of these events embrace the unique Ozark culture of small-town pride and fellowship.

The largest town in Izard County with 2,400+ residents, Horseshoe Bend is accessible

to the state's most scenic highways. The town is centrally located and just a 3-hour drive to Little Rock, Memphis, and Branson. With its gorgeous views, slower pace of life, and laid-back charm, Horseshoe Bend is the perfect place to stay a week or a lifetime.



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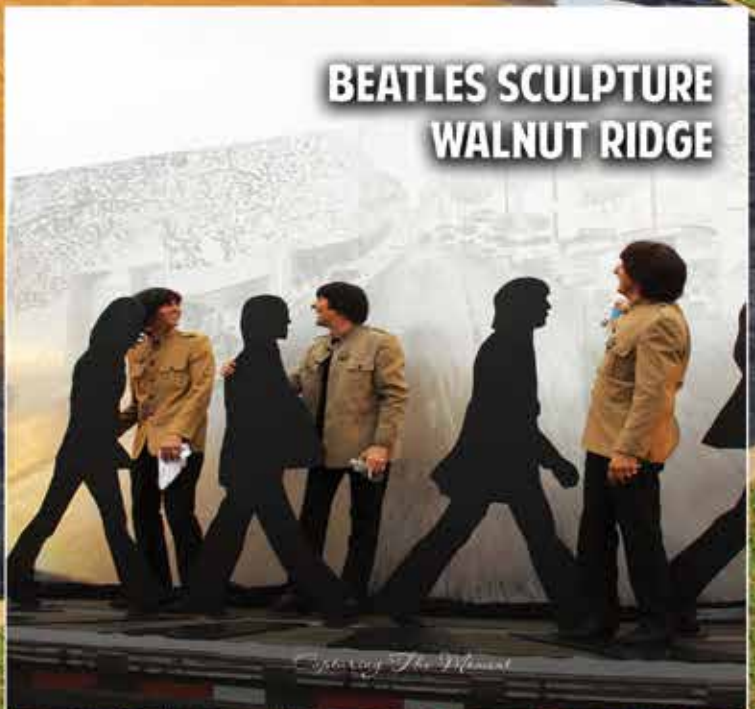
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# CALENDAR 2025

**May 1, 2, & 3**  
Yard Sale Trail

**May 10**  
Spring Craft Fair

**September 4, 5 & 6**  
Yard Sale Trail

**September 20**  
Beatles at the Ridge Music Festival

**October 11**  
Fall Craft Fair

**October 31**  
Abbey Road Trunk or Treat

**November 2**  
Christmas Open House



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YouTube:  
Beatles at the Ridge

Special thanks to Carrie Mae Snapp and Shelby Wayland for the photos from the Beatles 1964 stopover in Walnut Ridge.



Locals remember fondly the sensation created when the Beatles visited Walnut Ridge Airport in September 1964, and Walnut Ridge has made itself a must-see stop for Beatles fans. Beatles Park is a 20' x 10' Beatles sculpture featuring life-sized silhouettes of the famed British rockers. The sculpture is hand-etched in metal and recalls the Abbey Road album cover.

Beatles Park is located along (where else?) Abbey Road, formerly SW 2nd Street. It's why we say that downtown Walnut Ridge is "Where Abbey Road Meets the Rock N' Roll Highway!"

Rockabilly pioneers are memorialized at the Guitar Walk, a massive walk in the shape and color of an Epiphone Casino electric guitar. The walk is lined with interesting displays about nine rockabilly musicians who once frequented the area, including Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash and Jerry Lee Lewis.

An audio tour is included, and your tour guide is none other than Sun Studios recording legend Sonny Burgess. Sonny shares insightful bits of history about each of the performers at the tribute, and snippets of their music are included, too!

Each September, downtown Walnut Ridge springs to life for

the Beatles at the Ridge music festival. The festival includes two stages for entertainment, with vendors and activities spanning several city blocks. Check out [www.BeatlesAtTheRidge.com](http://www.BeatlesAtTheRidge.com) for details.

Jackson Farm, located between Smithville and Black Rock, is a family-owned agritourism destination offering seasonal activities such as a pumpkin patch, corn maze, farm animals, and festival food. Established in 2015, the farm aims to provide families with fun, educational, hands-on agricultural experiences, fostering an

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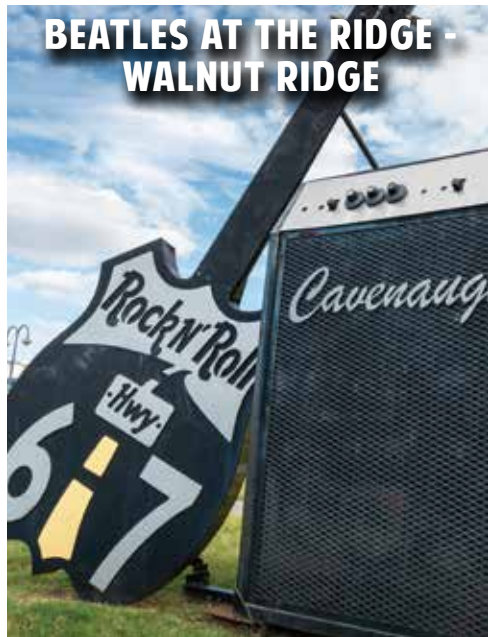
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At Christmas, Stewart Park in Walnut Ridge lights up with a vivid trail of holiday scenes. The trail is over a mile long, all lined with entertaining and beautiful Christmas lights. And it's free! Wings of Honor WWII Museum is located at the Walnut Ridge Airport. It contains an impressive collection of displays and artifacts, including weapons, uniforms, and vehicles. The museum takes visitors back to the days when Army fliers trained for combat here at the former Walnut Ridge Army Flying School.

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For more information on your visit to Lawrence County, visit [www.DowntownWalnutRidge.org](http://www.DowntownWalnutRidge.org) or contact the Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce at (870) 886-3232 or on the web at [www.lawcochamber.org](http://www.lawcochamber.org).



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year.

Melbourne has served as the county seat of Izard County since 1875. This small town has a lot to offer residents and visitors. From unique shopping and restaurants to fairs and festivals you will fall in love with this quaint community.

Each May Melbourne comes to life with their annual Pioneer

Day festival that is filled with fun activities for the entire family. Whether you want to enjoy a fun rodeo or a festive parade you will fall in love with this special event.

Located in the heart of the city is Ozarka College. Ozarka College is a two year accredited public community college with its main campus in Melbourne, Arkansas and satellite campuses in Mountain View, Ash Flat, and Mammoth Spring. The college serves the populations of Izard, Stone, Fulton, and Sharp counties. Ozarka College operates as a two-year public post-secondary institution offering associate level degrees and technical certificates as well as basic adult education and workplace skills training. Students enjoy the small town feel of this community college.



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Melbourne is a small town located in the heart of Izard County in the Ozark Mountains. Known for its picturesque natural beauty, it offers residents and visitors access to outdoor activities like hiking, fishing, a lush golf course and airport! With a population of just over 1,500 people, Melbourne maintains a close-knit, rural charm while being near the larger towns of Batesville and Mountain View. The town serves as a peaceful retreat, offering a slower pace of life and a welcoming community.



# CALENDAR 2025

- April 5**  
City wide yard sale
- May 3**  
74th Annual Pioneer Day
- July 4**  
Fireworks, Izard County Fairgrounds
- October 4**  
Fall city wide yard sale
- December 6**  
Christmas parade

For more on the community of Melbourne, check out the official website at [www.mymelbournearkansas.com](http://www.mymelbournearkansas.com).  
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The beautiful town of Pocahontas is where the Arkansas Delta meets the foothills of the Ozark Mountains.

Rich in natural resources, Randolph County's five rivers offer excellent canoeing and kayaking opportunities. Search SeeRandolphCounty.com or call 870-892-3956 for more information. Though known throughout the Southeast United States for hunting and fishing, Randolph County also boasts a burgeoning arts community with playhouses, a music scene and artisans as well as a number of historical sites. Residents appreciate the perks of small-town living while taking advantage of big city amenities including a variety of fitness activities including an indoor/outdoor aquatic center with Water Park and state of the art tennis courts.

**HISTORY AND HERITAGE**

Several of the state's earliest historical sites are located within Randolph County and the surrounding area. These landmarks offer a glimpse into daily life as a settler of the Arkansas territory as well as Arkansas's early statehood and the Civil War. Downtown Pocahontas, first settled in 1813, contains a 17 block National Historic District whose structures date back to 1860 and are centered on the 1872 Courthouse, the state's outstanding example of Victorian Italianate Architecture. Pocahontas is also the site of the Civil War River Walk Memorial Trail along the Black River in Overlook Park where the story of the some 40,000 CSA and Union troops headquartered here (including the headquarters for all Confederate troops west of the Mississippi) is related on historic markers. Arkansas's first Quilt Trail, with full size images of heritage quilts, is located on the sides of buildings in the National Historic District.

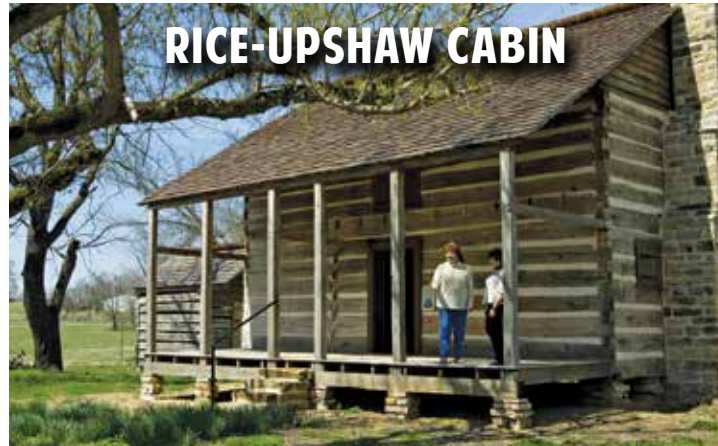
Heritage events occur throughout the year. Historical cemetery tours, haunted tours and hayrides, concerts, local history, plays which include musical and dance programs. Numerous historical markers

scattered throughout the city and county tell the tales of various important events and people. It requires some research, but visitors can also discover the events and performers who were seminal in the evolution of Rock and Roll and who performed on our stretch of Highway 67 during the 1950s, namely Elvis Presley, Bill Black, Johnny Cash and Roy Orbison.

Just outside of Pocahontas, Davidsonville Historic State Park was established in 1957 to preserve and protect the

town of Davidsonville, which existed from 1815-1830 and sits on the historic registry. Along with a museum, the park also includes a newly renovated campground with 20 RV sites and 10 sites for tent camping.

Davidsonville was the location of Arkansas's first post office, courthouse and land office. Though very little of the town is still in existence, excavations by the Arkansas Archaeological Survey over the past 30 years have uncovered thousands of artifacts.



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**November 1**  
Novemberfest, 10 am - 8 pm, downtown Pocahontas (first Saturday in November)

**December 4**  
Christmas Parade, 6 pm

**December 20**  
Downtown Network Christmas Giveaway, register at pocahontashdn.org



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**ARTS AND CULTURE**

Downtown Pocahontas is home to the works of local artists including at Black River Beads and Pottery which features pottery and lamp-work beads.

Pocahontas is home to the North Marr Arts District and the state's largest historic district. The North Marr Arts & Entertainment District (NoMa) is a 4-block area downtown that begins with healthy and fresh fare, Marr Street Productions, which features live music and dance.

On the next block, The Downtown Marr Street Playhouse, offers a variety of live stage plays in a coffee shop atmosphere, while the Opera House art park provides outside seating in a garden atmosphere.

Pocahontas contains three city parks with camping, walking trails and pavilions. Overlook Park provides visitors and residents alike with walking trails and exercise and The Marr Street playground

equipment on the bank of the beautiful Black River. Riverfront Park offers RV parking, a boat ramp and opportunities for fishing.

Along with arts and culture, downtown Pocahontas is home to several historical sites and monuments. Futrell's Pharmacy sits on the oldest pharmacy site in the state (since 1852) and includes a working soda fountain for customers and visitors. It's also home to the state's longest running Barbershop, which has served residents since 1893.

**NATURE AND SPORTING**

Randolph County is where the Ozark Mountain foothills meet the Arkansas Delta. Because of the unique geographic makeup, Randolph County contains both high ridges, deep valleys and great lone hills along with remains of wetland and cypress swamps along the Black and Current Rivers. Randolph County is an ideal location for outdoorsmen with five rivers for fishing and both private and public



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hunting grounds. With species representing both the Ozark Mountains and the Mississippi Delta region, Randolph County offers a truly amazing variety of trees and plants alike. Fall color here is outstanding most years, and the blooming dogwood, redbud, and other native flowering trees combine with the spring green foliage of the oak/ hickory forest in late March and early April to put on a show well worth traveling to see.

Surrounding Pocahontas are Davidsonville Historic State Park (Powhatan Historic State Park, Lake Charles State Park, and Mammoth Spring State Park are all located in adjoining counties) as well as national and Arkansas Heritage Trails.

Motorcyclists rave about the Five River Rumble-a motorcycle trail that features curves and the beautiful landscape of the eastern Ozarks, winding across the five beautiful spring fed rivers of Randolph County. Hikers, bikers and motorists enjoy the

45 miles of the National trail System's route across Randolph County on the 1938 Benge Route of the Trail of Tears.

Randolph County is home to several of the state's favorite resorts. Shady River Resort and James Ranch Lodge and Event Center are located on the beautiful, free-flowing Eleven Point River and they offer visitors the opportunity to experience the beauty and peacefulness of north east Arkansas outdoors. Current River Beach Resort, a vacation spot since the 1930s, has one of Arkansas's outstanding sandy river beaches, water sports, fishing, and cabin rentals.

Trukees Canoe and Cabin Rental provides canoe, kayak and tube floating services on the Eleven Point River and offers cabin rentals on the Eleven Point and Spring Rivers. In addition, numerous Airbnb and VRBO offerings are available in Randolph County. Coming soon in 2025! River Shore's Fishing Guide Service

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The **WONDER HORSE** is a popular children's toy that was invented by William Baltz of Pocahontas William Baltz, also known as Bill, patented the Wonder Horse, named after Arkansas' nickname at the time, the "Wonder State." The Randolph County Museum in Pocahontas has a large display dedicated to the Wonder Horse, including several early models. The original Wonder Horse is still in the Baltz family.



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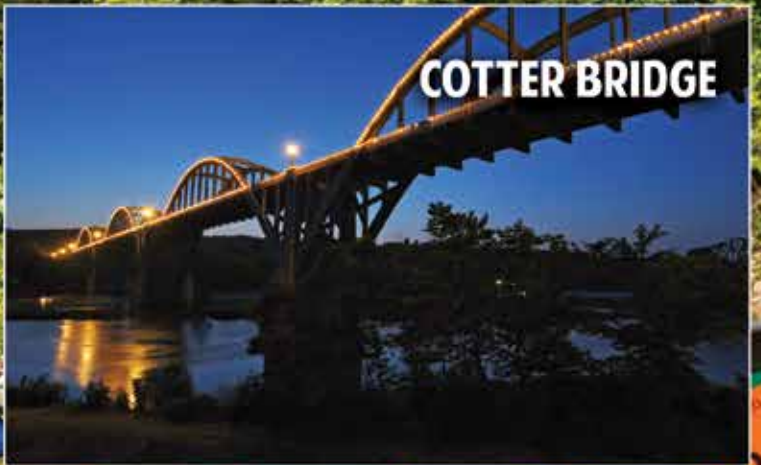


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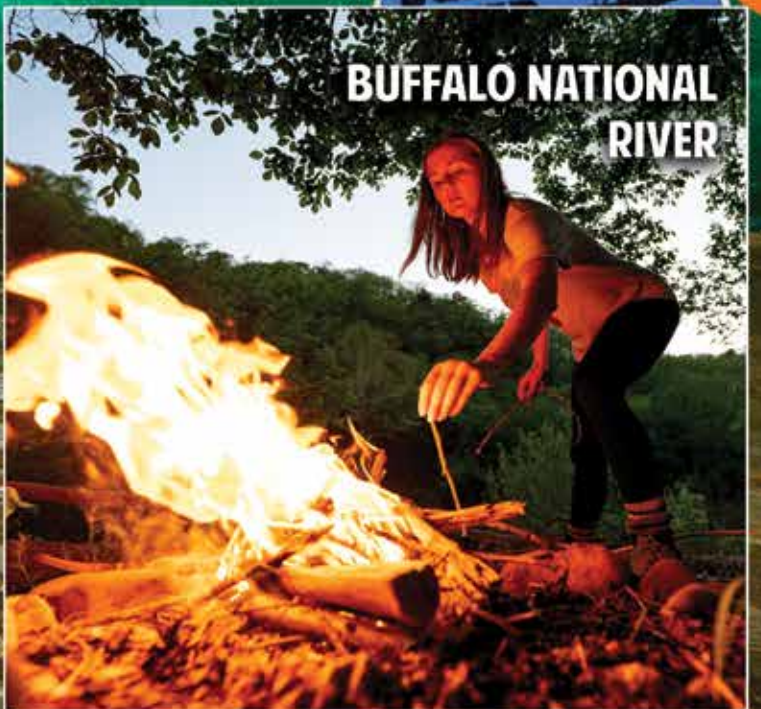
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The Ozark Mountain region of Arkansas offers year-round adventures such as world-class trout fishing on the White River, and trophy bass, striper and panfish action on Norfolk and Bull Shoals lakes.

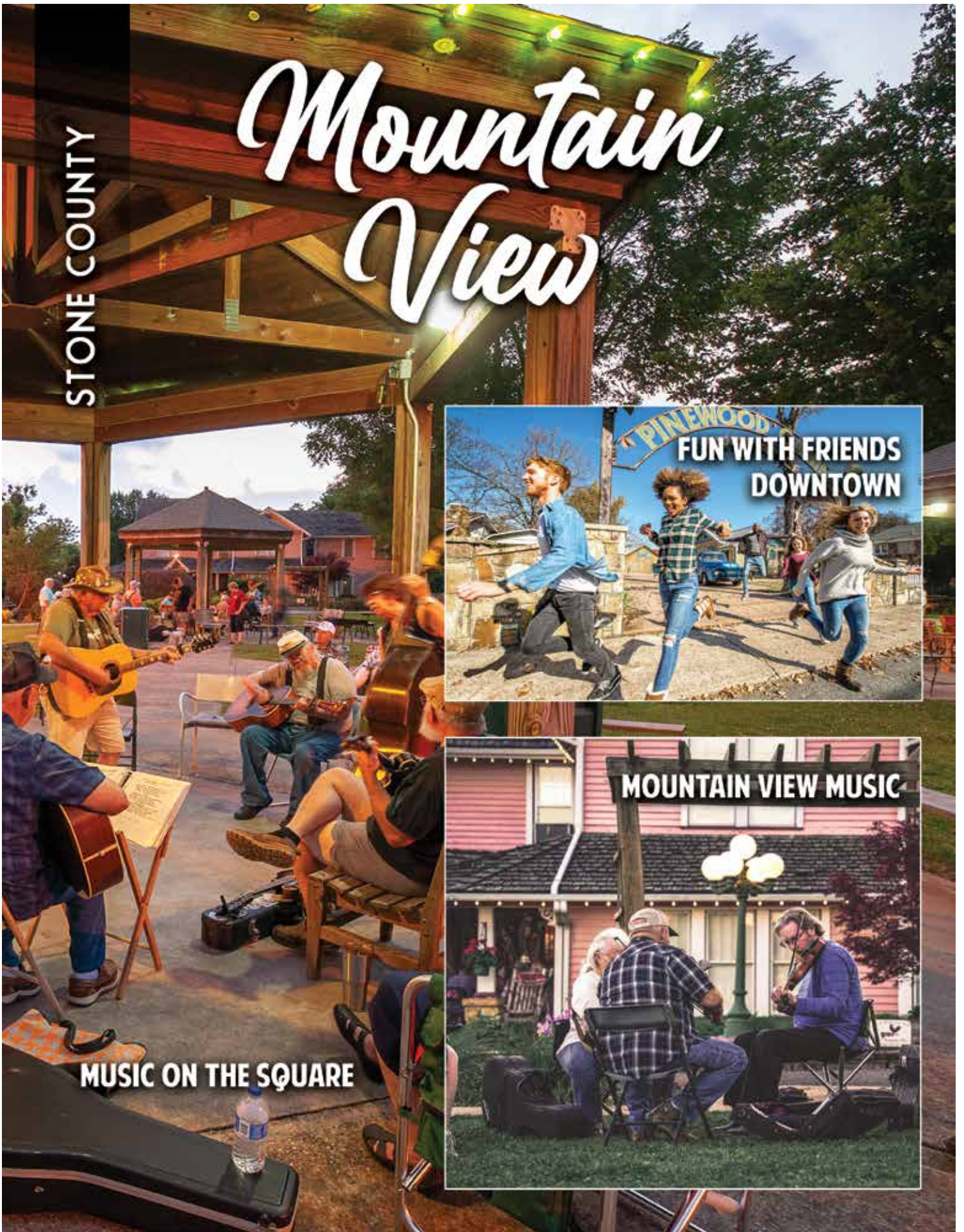
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The thought of Mountain View may evoke scenes of people gathered around the town’s court square — fiddles, guitars and banjos in hand — playing the tunes that give reason to why the Stone County city is named the “Folk Music Capital of the World.”

The joy of music is fostered by the Music Roots program in schools, by Ozark Folk Center programs, and by the abundant

music jams that take place throughout town, but music isn’t the only attraction that brings people to Mountain View and Stone County.

At the Ozark Folk Center State Park you can experience Ozark mountain culture through old-time folk music, artisan crafts, and medicinal herb and flower gardens. See an evening show at the Ozark Highlands Theater or experience an

afternoon in the Craft Village where master artisans in 20 unique shops create and sell one-of-a-kind handmade crafts. Open April 2 through October 26, check the schedule of events at [OzarkFolkCenter.com](http://OzarkFolkCenter.com).

Special events offered in this unique place in the mountains include: Arkansas Folk Festival each April, Mountains Music & Motorcycles in August, Off the Beaten Path Studio Tour in September, and Arkansas Bean Fest and Championship Outhouse Races in October.

Nestled in the beauty of the Ozarks, our town invites you to unforgettable moments. Picture strolling along serene riverbanks, exploring mountain trails, fishing in the White River and camping under star lit skies. Every Friday and Saturday night from April to September, enjoy live music on the historic courthouse stage. Don’t forget the historic Pickin’ Park where you can bring your instrument of choice and have an impromptu picking party.



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- July 4-6**  
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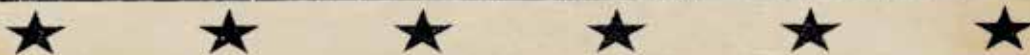
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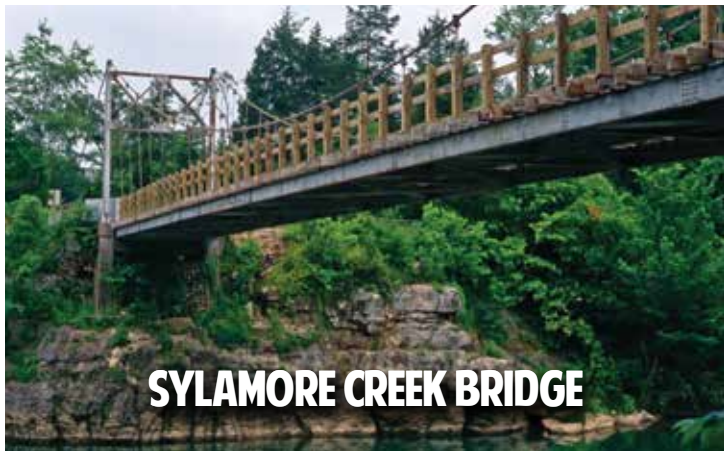
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# OZARK FOLK MUSIC

**They don't call Mountain View a Folk Music Capital for nothing.** You're likely to find fiddlers and banjo players gathering for an informal jam session on the front porch of the Wildflower Bed & Breakfast near the court square during festival weekends like Folk Festival in April. Old-time mountain music, or Ozark "folk" music as it's often called, is simply the tunes and songs people have played in these hills for centuries. The musicians don't play for fortune or fame. They play for the love of the music and the community that plays together, stays together.





## The Living Cave can hardly be described in words!

You must visit the caves to truly understand and appreciate their beauty. Entering the world of the underground is always a thrilling experience. We hope this site helps to showcase some of the wonderful and majestic sights you'll see during your visit. There are two different tours offered at the caverns; the **Dripstone Trail**, and the **Discovery Trail**. Led by knowledgeable Forest Service Guides, the tours wind through water-carved passages, including an underground river and the world's largest flowstone. Each trail is a little different in intensity and visitors should be aware of each trail they decide to take.

The **Dripstone Trail** tours are available year-round. The time you should allow for this tour is 1 hour. On this tour you will experience a constant 58 degrees F (so bring a sweater or light jacket) and know that the humidity is close to 100 percent. This trail is accessible to strollers and wheelchairs with strong assistance. This tour covers 4/10 of a mile in an hour. It is an easy walk with two seating areas along the trail for you to rest should you need to. There are only 50 stair steps to be negotiated on the entire tour but for those that can not manage them there are alternate trails that can be used, bypassing some formations. In this section of the cave bats are rare so don't worry about running into them.

The **Discovery Trail** is another of the tours that is available at Blanchard Springs Caverns. This tour will last 1 1/2 hours. This one is a bit more complex than the Dripstone Trail. It is in the lower portion of the Caverns. There are nearly 700 stair steps on this tour so if you have walking or health problems this one isn't for you.

The **Wild Cave Tour\*** where visitors go to the undeveloped sections of the middle level. This is a 3 to 4 hour tour. In order to participate with this tour you will need to be in good physical shape, wear sturdy boots, and be ready to get dirty! You will climb very steep slopes, crawl on hands and knees, pass under low ceilings, and travel through red clay. If this isn't something you are prepared for, pass on this tour. Otherwise, join in and have a blast! The tour ends at the Titans, a group of tall spectacular columns. Hard hats, knee pads, gloves, lights, and coveralls are provided. The Wild Cave Tour is limited to a minimum of 2 but no more than 12 people per tour. Participants must be at least 10 years old. A responsible adult must accompany children 10 to 12 years old.

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## OZARK FOLK CENTER CRAFT VILLAGE



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Mountain View Music and Nightly Lodging is a hub for some of the best folk musicians, many of whom reside here in Mountain View - the Folk Music Capital of the World. Mountain View Music is not your typical music store, from picking on the front porch to youth and bluegrass bands rehearsing in the main room. They are a home for the folk music community. Spend the night upstairs in The Music Loft for a front-row seat to the activities on the square, across the street from the pickin' park, where gazebos and large shade trees provide attractive sites for impromptu evening jam sessions. Local musicians routinely bring out their fiddles, banjos, and dulcimers to delight visitors.

**Stone County Courthouse** with its stone wall-bordered courtyard is the focal point of the courthouse square and the many

activities that take place in downtown Mountain View. During the week it's the center of all the county business. Locals gather every day at the downtown hardware store to visit and share the latest news. The courthouse features a permanent outdoor stage where musicians play on Saturday nights during the warm months and where events are staged during the many festivals on the square.

**The Twisted Mule**, located on the historic square in downtown Mountain View, Arkansas, is a charming store that offers a unique selection of handmade and locally sourced products. Known for its rustic, small-town vibe, the store features a variety of artisanal items, including custom-made jewelry, home decor, and a selection of gifts that reflect the spirit of the Ozarks. The Twisted Mule also showcases local crafts and one-of-a-kind pieces, making it a perfect spot for finding special souvenirs or gifts that embody the area's creativity and culture. The store's cozy, welcoming atmosphere draws both locals and tourists, adding to the

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appeal of downtown Mountain View as a destination for unique shopping experiences. Whether you're looking for something special or simply exploring the square, the Twisted Mule is a must-visit spot for anyone visiting the area.



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Come to Mountain View in September for the **Off the Beaten Path Studio Tour**. This free self-guided driving tour will take place on **September 11-13**. On this special weekend over 30 artists offer visitors an up-close and personal look at how and where they create their distinctive pottery, jewelry, painting, photographs, leatherwork, woodwork, furniture, baskets, and much more. Visit with the artists, see work in progress, and purchase locally produced art and crafts

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