

SELF-GUIDED DRIVING TOUR

TOP SECRET

PROTON BEAMS TO UTOPIAN DREAMS TRAIL

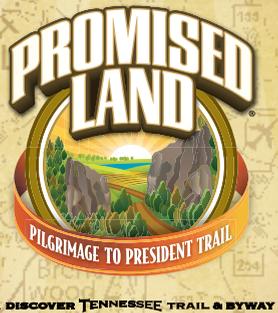


A DISCOVER TENNESSEE TRAIL & BYWAY
 TNTRAILSANDBYWAYS.COM • 1-800-GO2-TENN

DISCOVER TENNESSEE ON THE PROMISED LAND.

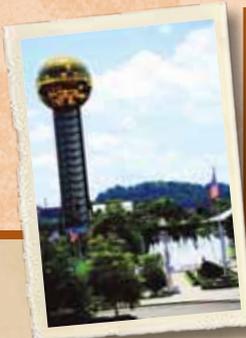


READY FOR A TENNESSEE ROAD TRIP? We've got you covered on the new, self-guided driving trails of the Discover Tennessee Trails & Byways. On the Promised Land Trail, you'll follow in the footsteps of Tennessee's first settlers, visit the home of U.S. President Andrew Jackson, soak up the charm of a small-town square and so much more. Pick up a self-guided map at the **Nashville Welcome Center** or visit **PromisedLandTrail.com**. You'll find the directions, stops and stories that make the Promised Land Trail a one-of-a-kind Tennessee road trip you won't want to miss.



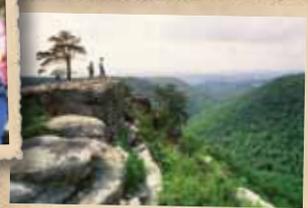
For complete visitor information on Tennessee, call 1-800-GO2-TENN or visit tnvacation.com.

Paper contains 10% recycled content.



Welcome to the Top Secret Trail.

SEE THE DRIVING TOUR MAP ON PAGE 14.



Find your next adventure on the Top Secret Trail, a journey through some of East Tennessee's **BEAUTIFUL SCENERY** and best-kept secrets. You'll start your trip in Knoxville, then set off into the Upper Cumberland Plateau and the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains, where you'll explore the area's culture, marvel at the landscape, and sample some home cooking.

Visit **FASCINATING TOWNS**, from the "Secret City" of Oak Ridge and its atomic mysteries to Harriman and Rugby, both built on the principles of their founders. Enjoy the historic character of the town squares, general stores, and local museums on the route. Appreciate the **APPALACHIAN HERITAGE** exhibited in the region's arts and crafts, and tap your toes to the sweet sounds of **AMERICANA MUSIC** flowing from venues and shops along the way. You'll also learn about coal mining and how desegregation in the 1960s played out in the rural mid-South.

With natural areas and **NINE STATE PARKS**, this trail is an outdoor adventurer's dream. You'll find back-to-nature activities for every type of traveler, from picnics with a view to challenging hikes through the foothills; peaceful scenic drives to rugged off-road ATV trails. You'll also encounter hundreds of **MILES OF SHORELINE** for fishing, hiking and boating along three of East Tennessee's most famous lakes: Norris, Watts Bar and Dale Hollow.

There's something for everyone on the Top Secret Trail, just waiting to be discovered.

TAKING IN THE TRAIL

- These 465 miles are full of historic sites, preserved homes and museums that bring the stories of the Top Secret Trail to life. Many of them require **advance reservations, admission**, or both to experience our history.
- Many historic buildings open their doors to visitors. Many properties remain as they have for over a century: **private residences**. Please be respectful of the private land and homeowners on our tour.
- This is a drive that promises an off-the-beaten-path Tennessee experience. What we can't promise is steady **cell phone service**. Don't be surprised if you don't always have a signal.
- The Top Secret Trail features long, beautiful stretches of scenic driving. Make sure you **fill your tank** and **use the restroom** in the towns along the way. There will always be a "next town" on the route, but it may not be within the next few miles.
- Summer through early fall is a great time to stock up on local produce at farm stands along the trail. Many stands are cash-only, so **visit the ATM** before you hit the road.
- 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.

The colorful stories and interesting facts you'll find along the Top Secret Trail have been uncovered with the invaluable help of county tourism partners and historians in these communities.



Pictured on cover: American Museum of Science & Energy, Oak Ridge; Obed Wild & Scenic River; Christ Church Episcopal, Rugby. Pictured above: World's Fair Park, Knoxville; Dale Hollow Lake; Museum of Appalachia, Clinton; Big South Fork National Recreation Area; Pickett State Park, Jamestown.

Symbol Key:



AFRICAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE



CIVIL WAR



FESTIVALS



FOOD & WINE



GREAT OUTDOORS



LAND TRUST FOR TENNESSEE



LIVE MUSIC VENUE



LODGING



MOTORCOACH-FRIENDLY



MOTORCYCLE ROUTE



NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES



PICTURE SPOT



(R) RIGHT (L) LEFT

Find more information at TopSecretTrail.com.

KNOXVILLE

The 1786 settlement known as White's Fort (see point 107) was renamed Knoxville in 1791 to honor the first U.S. Secretary of War, Henry Knox. For a time, the city served as Tennessee's state capital. In the early 20th century, Knoxville's quarries supplied pink marble to much of the country, earning it the nickname "The Marble City." Today, Knoxville is the third-largest city in the state and the largest city in East Tennessee. Offering museums, historic homes, fine dining, entertainment, a world-class zoo, and the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame (point 106), Knoxville boasts big-city attractions with small town charm and rests in the beautiful foothills of Great Smoky Mountains National Park.



DIRECTIONS

Start at:

301 S. Gay St.
Knoxville
865-523-7263

Abbreviation Key:

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

From pt. 1 parking lot, turn R onto S. Gay St. Turn R onto Wall Ave. to pt. 2. Between Gay St. & Walnut St., from Wall Ave. to Union Ave., Knoxville

Turn R on Walnut St., turn L on Summit Hill Ave. After int. of Summit Hill Ave. & Henley/Broadway, take 1st R on L&N Station Dr. At stop sign, turn L on World's Fair Park Dr. to pt. 3. 913 Clinch Ave. Knoxville
Park & walk to visit pts. 3-5; parking available at Holiday Inn garage or next to pt. 5.

1. Knoxville Visitor Center

You couldn't ask for a better start to the Top Secret Trail. Welcome to the home of visitor info, the **Uniquely Knoxville gift shop** and **WVX radio**. Pick up brochures, coffee or lunch, and watch a free live music performance Monday through Saturday at noon — *WVX's Blue Plate Special*.



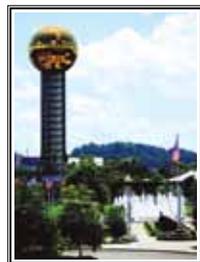
2. Market Square

This square has served as a **farmers market**, a commercial center, a political stage, and a cultural crucible since 1854. Today, you'll find something for everyone; dine, shop, play, and stay in this revitalized area.



3. World's Fair Park

Explore the site of the 1982 World's Fair, a six-month exposition emphasizing energy: alternative and clean sources of it, as well as conservation. Visit the 1905 **L&N train station**, the **East Tennessee Veterans Memorial** and the



Interstate Access:
I-40E, exit 388 to Henley St.

Tennessee Amphitheater. You can't miss the world-famous **Sunsphere** — one of the only two remaining original Fair structures; it now houses offices and an observation deck with an amazing 360° view of the city. The site is a popular event venue and hosts the **Brewers' Jam** craft beer and music festival in October.



The 1982 World's Fair operated from May 1 to October 31 and received 11 million visitors.



World's Fair Park Dr. makes a loop encircling pts. 4 & 5; pts. 4 & 5 are N of Clinch Ave.
1060 World's Fair Park Dr.
Knoxville
865-522-2049

4. Candy Factory – (R) Built in 1917 by Littlefield & Steere, this respected local candy company has customers across the nation. Next door, you'll find the **Knoxville Convention Center** and **park**, home to an extensive collection of artwork and host of outdoor concerts and festivals.



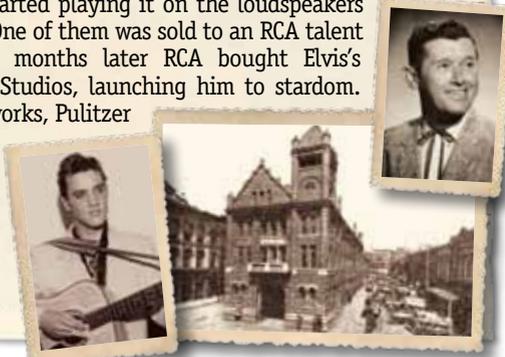
Pt. 5 is next to pt. 4.
1050 World's Fair Park Dr.
Knoxville
865-525-6101

5. Knoxville Museum of Art – (R) Get your fill of awe-inspiring works of contemporary 20th- and 21st-century art in four galleries dedicated to design, emerging artists, a wonderful permanent collection



MARKET SQUARE

Market Square (point 2) has witnessed its fair share of aspiring stars. Around 1870, influential *New York Times* publisher Adolph Ochs started out here as an apprentice typesetter for the old *Knoxville Chronicle*; groundbreaking fiddler Roy Acuff (pictured R) began his career here as well, playing for local crowds and radio broadcasts in the 1920s. In the summer of 1954, a new record by an unknown singer named Elvis Presley (pictured L) was selling by the hundreds after a merchant started playing it on the loudspeakers on Market Square. One of them was sold to an RCA talent scout, and several months later RCA bought Elvis's contract from Sun Studios, launching him to stardom. And in their early works, Pulitzer Prize-winning novelists James Agee and Cormac McCarthy both described the rich tapestry of historic Market Square.



From pt. 5, continue N on World's Fair Park Dr. Turn L on 11th St., turn R on Cumberland Ave. Enter pt. 6 on L to begin your exploration through "Big Orange Country." A free parking pass is required to park on campus.

Neyland Stadium
Thompson-Boling Arena
Phillip Fulmer Way
Frank H. McClung Museum
1327 Circle Park Dr.
865-974-2144
UT Gardens
Corner of Neyland Dr. & Jacob Dr.
865-974-8265

6. University of Tennessee (UT) – Founded in 1794, UT was the first non-sectarian institution of higher learning established in the U.S. It boasts an expansive campus with grand architecture. Drive or stroll the area and enjoy these highlights: **Neyland Stadium**, **Thompson-Boling Arena**, the iconic **Torchbearer Statue** in Circle Park, **Frank H. McClung Museum** featuring decorative arts and natural and local history, and the **UT Gardens**.



"Rocky Top" is not the official fight song of UT, but was unofficially adopted when its Pride of the Southland Band made it a part of their routine in the 1970s.



On campus, turn L onto Volunteer Blvd. (toward river), turn L onto Lake Loudon Blvd. Turn L onto Neyland Dr. to pt. 7.

956 Volunteer Landing Ln.
Knoxville
Three Rivers Rambler:
865-524-9411
Tennessee Riverboat Co.:
865-525-7827, 800-509-2628
NavCal River Rides:
865-765-3407
Volunteer Princess Cruises:
865-541-4556
Outdoor Knoxville Adventure Center
900 Volunteer Landing Ln.
865-523-0066

From pt. 7, turn L onto Neyland Dr. Continue on Neyland Dr. to int. with Kingston Pk. Turn L onto Kingston Pk./US-70 to pt. 8.
2728 Kingston Pk.
Knoxville
865-637-3163

7. Volunteer Landing – (R) Ignored for years after the riverboat era, the Tennessee Riverfront now supports this landscaped walkway featuring a restaurant, boarding for **Three Rivers Rambler train rides**, the **Star of Knoxville excursion riverboat**, **NavCal River Rides** and the **Volunteer Princess yacht**. The landing is also an anchor of Knoxville's **bicycle/pedestrian greenway system**, which stretches deep into West Knoxville. Rent a bike or a boat at **Outdoor Knoxville Adventure Center**.



8. Crescent Bend

Also known as the **Armstrong-Lockett House**, the oldest house west of downtown was built in 1834 by wealthy planter **Drury Payne Armstrong** and was once the centerpiece of a 600-acre



THE SECRET CITY

How can 75,000 people keep a secret? Oak Ridge (point 9) seemed to be built overnight in 1942. Nestled in the valley between two ridges, far from the ocean (and therefore Japan and Germany), and powered by Norris Dam (point 88) not far away, this was the chosen site of the now-famous Manhattan Project during World War II. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers acquired nearly 60,000 acres and displaced thousands of families in order to enrich and produce uranium in secret. They brought in engineers, scientists and workers in the top of their fields, whose questions were many and answers were none. The location, purpose and population were all top secret; the city didn't even exist on a map. The workers were prohibited to discuss their duties — not to their coworkers, families, or neighbors. They used code names and wore special badges. It wasn't until the attacks on Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945 that they realized the purpose of their mission: creating the atomic bomb.



farm. Explore this exquisite home's century antique furniture, decorative arts and collection of English silver from ca. 1640-1820. Walk around the magnificent fountains and terraces overlooking formal Italian gardens.

Turn L onto Kingston Pk./US-70. Go W for approx. 10 miles, following signs to Oak Ridge.

9. Oak Ridge – This "Secret City" once housed more than 75,000 people at the peak of the Manhattan Project, the top-secret mission to develop the atomic bomb. People in neighboring towns had no idea that the town even existed. Every resident over 12 wore a badge at all times, and no visitors were allowed without prior approval. Military police manned the gates, and guardhouses were set up along the fence line surrounding the site; three remain today. Stop along the way for great photo ops or visit one of two replicas at the American Museum of Science & Energy (point 11) or the Children's Museum of Oak Ridge (point 15).



Oak Ridge did not even exist on a map until it was added in 1946, four years after WWII.



From Kingston Pk./US-70, turn R onto TN-162N. Go approx. 7 miles, exit onto Bethel Valley Rd. Pass guardshack on R, turn R onto Scarboro Rd. Go 0.7 mile, turn L onto Portal Rd. to pt. 10. 602 Scarboro Rd. Oak Ridge 865-576-7781

- 10. New Hope Center at Y-12 National Security Complex – (L)** Get a glimpse at the history of Y-12 at this site through artifacts, videos, and knowledgeable Y-12 historians. This is as close as a visitor can get to what some call “the nation’s Fort Knox of nuclear weapons.” Today, the Y-12 National Security Complex is a premier manufacturing facility dedicated to making our nation and the world a safer place. Y-12 was one of the original Manhattan Project facilities built to help end World War II (WWII) by developing the fuel for the world’s first atomic bomb.



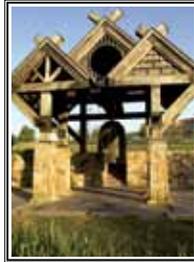
From pt. 10, turn L onto Portal Rd., turn L onto Scarboro Rd. At 2nd light, turn L onto Illinois Ave./TN-62. Turn R onto Tulane Ave., turn L into pt. 11 parking lot. 300 S. Tulane Ave. Oak Ridge 865-576-3200

- 11. American Museum of Science & Energy – (L)** Telling the story of Oak Ridge, the Manhattan Project and the atomic age in vivid detail, this is a great place to learn the significance of this small community’s efforts in changing the world. Take part in hands-on activities and get an in-depth look of the movement that made this area into what it is today.



Exit pt. 11, turn R onto access road beyond picnic area. At stop sign, turn R onto Badger Ave. Curve around to next R into parking area for pt. 12. Badger Ave. Oak Ridge Info: 865-482-7821

- 12. International Friendship Bell – (R)** A gift from the citizens to their city for Oak Ridge’s 50th birthday celebration, this was the first monument between a U.S. Manhattan Project city and Japan. The bell serves as an expression of hope for everlasting peace, designed in Oak Ridge and cast in Japan from solid bronze. The artwork on the traditional Japanese bell depicts commonalities between Tennessee and Japan including official flowers, trees, and birds and symbolizes international friendship. The bell, in AK Bissell Park (point 13), is easily accessible so all citizens of the world can ring the bell for peace.

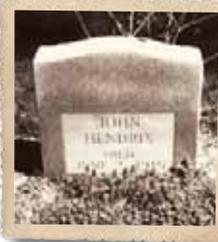


Exit R onto Badger Ave., at stop sign, turn R onto ORAU Way. Turn R onto Oak Ridge Trmpk./TN-95, take 2nd R into Oak Ridge Civic Center parking lot for pt. 13. Between Badger Ave., ORAU Way & Oak Ridge Trmpk. Oak Ridge Info: 865-482-7821

- 13. AK Bissell Park – (R)** Learn more about Oak Ridge’s WWII history with a stroll through this park named after the city’s first mayor. The **Secret City Commemorative Walk** on the east end of the park was built in 2005 and pays homage to the businesses and workers

“THE PROPHET OF OAK RIDGE”

According to local lore, mystic John Hendrix (1865-1915), prophesied the establishment of Oak Ridge some 40 years before construction began. He told those who would listen that “in the woods, as I lay on the ground and looked up into the sky, there came to me a voice as loud and as sharp as thunder. The voice told me to sleep with my head on the ground for 40 nights and I would be shown visions of what the future holds for this land... And I tell you, Bear Creek Valley someday will be filled with great buildings and factories, and they will help toward winning the greatest war that ever will be. And there will be a city on Black Oak Ridge and the center of authority will be on a spot middle-way between Sevier Tadlock’s farm and Joe Pyatt’s Place. A railroad spur will branch off the main L&N line, run down toward Robertsville and then branch off and turn toward Scarborough. Big engines will dig big ditches, and thousands of people will be running to and fro. They will be building things, and there will be great noise and confusion and the earth will shake. I’ve seen it. It’s coming.”



of the Manhattan Project whose efforts helped end the war. Each June, the park is home to the annual Secret City Festival, featuring the South’s largest WWII reenactment. You might also spend some time in the **Oak Ridge Library**, researching more about this historic town in the Oak Ridge Room.



Exit L onto Oak Ridge Trmpk./TN-95, turn R onto Robertsville Rd. Turn R immediately into parking lot for pt. 14. 102 Robertsville Rd. Ste. C/Traffic light 11 Oak Ridge 865-482-7821

14. Oak Ridge Welcome Center

- (R)** This original Manhattan Project building was once home to the Midtown Community Center, also known as Wildcat Den — a recreation hall and hang out for most of the youth living “behind the fence.” Today, you can pick up area brochures and see a **recreated dorm room** as well as original maps, photos and artifacts from the Manhattan Project.



Exit R onto Robertsville Rd. Take 2nd R onto Highland Ave., turn L onto W. Outer Dr. Turn L into parking lot for pt. 15. 461 W. Outer Dr. Oak Ridge 865-482-1074

- 15. Children’s Museum of Oak Ridge – (L)** Whether you’re a child or a child at heart, this museum offers a unique hands-on way of learning about the Appalachian and Manhattan Project heritage of East

Tennessee. Play in a child-size doll house, experience the wonders of a rain forest or be the conductor of a train, it’s only up to your imagination.



Exit L onto W. Outer Dr. At light, turn L onto Illinois Ave./TN-62. Turn R onto Oak Ridge Trmpk./TN-95. At light, turn R onto Jefferson Ave. Turn L into Jefferson Center to pt. 16. 22 Jefferson Cir. Oak Ridge 865-482-1141

- 16. Jefferson Fountain – (L)** One of the best kept secrets in town, this spot offers home-cooked breakfast and lunch, as well as hand-dipped milkshakes. Specialties include the famous “Y-12 Breakfast” and “Myrtle Burger.” A part of Jefferson Pharmacy, this restaurant offers a warm sense of community. While you’re here, shop for knick-knacks, historic books, Oak Ridge souvenirs and old fashioned candy.



Take Jefferson Ave. back to Oak Ridge Trmpk./TN-95, turn R. At TN-95 & TN-58 split, follow signs to TN-58 (Kingston). Go approx. 9 miles, follow silver signs for “Excursion Train.” Turn R into Heritage Center (former K-25 plant). Take 1st L inside plant, cross railroad tracks, look for “Wheat” station. Hwy 58 Oak Ridge 865-241-2140

- 17. Secret City Scenic Excursion Train – (R)** Take this one-of-a-kind trip that runs through the heart of the K-25 facility, one of the plants built for the Manhattan Project to enrich uranium for the atomic bombs that ended WWII. Enjoy the scenic East Tennessee countryside, part of which was featured in the 1999 movie *October Sky*, starring Jake Gyllenhaal. *Train runs select weekends, Feb.-Dec.*



Exit pt. 18, turn R onto TN-58. Take immediate L into parking area for pt. 18. Hwy 58 Oak Ridge

- 18. K-25 Overlook/East Tennessee Technology Park – (R)** This overlook and park is located across from the now idle K-25 gaseous diffusion plant. Displays and video tell the story of the plant from its Manhattan Project days to the end of the Cold War.



Nearby Bradbury Community Center in Kingston is a great place to hear foot-stompin’ bluegrass music every Tuesday or third Saturday night. At Hwy 326/Gallagher Road and Hwy 70, go east on Hwy 70 for approximately 2 miles; turn left on Buttermilk Road for approximately 2.9 miles. Info: 865-376-4201.



Go S on TN-58 for approx. 6 miles (under I-40 road becomes TN-326/Gallagher Rd.). At int. with US-70, turn R onto US-70/Kingston Hwy. Go approx. 3.8 miles, turn L onto TN-58/S. Kentucky St. to pt. 19. Hwy 58 Landing Park S. Kentucky St. Kingston See *Outdoors* listing on pgs. 16 & 17 for recreation & marinas on pt. 19.

- 19. Watts Bar Lake – (R)** One of the South’s largest and most scenic lakes, Watts Bar provides over 39,000 acres of water and 800 shoreline miles for outdoor adventure. Enjoy world-class fishing, lakeside resorts, dining, boating, swimming and more. Kingston has a perfect vantage point to view the lake near the intersection of Hwy 58 and Hwy 70 with picnicking areas available.



Exit R to continue S on TN-58/S. Kentucky St. Go 0.5 mile to pt. 20. Fort is at rear of parking lot. 1225 S. Kentucky St. Kingston 865-376-3641

- 20. Fort Southwest Point – (R)** Built in 1797, this fort became the headquarters and home to a large number of federal troops, stationed to protect the travelers crossing Cherokee territory and to ensure that they did not illegally settle on Cherokee-owned lands. Several treaties with the Native Americans were negotiated and signed on this site. This is the only pioneer-era fort in Tennessee reconstructed on its original foundation, complete with barracks, blockhouse, cabins, palisade walls and a museum. *Free tours, Tue.-Sat., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.*



HISTORIC AVERY’S TRACE

In 1787, in an effort to encourage settlers to move west into the new territory of Tennessee, hunter Peter Avery was commissioned by the mother state of North Carolina to cut a trail approximately 300 miles long through the wilderness. The trail was to stretch into the Cumberland Settlements from Clinch Mountain in East Tennessee (near Fort Southwest Point, point 20, in Kingston) to French Lick, which would later be called Nashville. The pioneering settlers came with North Carolina land grants, which they earned in service or purchased from veterans or speculators. They camped along the way and occasionally were fortunate to find families living in the area to give them shelter and food. Because a portion of Avery’s Trace passed through Cherokee land, tribe members began demanding tolls for use of the road. After many travelers were killed along the route by the Cherokee, North Carolina legislature ordered militia details, commanded by General John Sevier, to provide armed escorts when large enough groups had gathered at the Clinch River to head west. Hwy 70W from Kingston up to Monterey follows the early route of historic Avery’s Trace.



Exit L onto TN-58/
S. Kentucky St., go N
for 1 mile to pt. 21. Turn
R onto E. Cumberland St.
to park. Museum
entrance is on this
side of courthouse.

119 Court St.
Kingston
865-376-9211

21. Old Roane County Courthouse – (R) One of only seven remaining Antebellum courthouses in the state, this 1855 structure combines Greek Revivalist and Federalist styles, using native lumber and bricks made on site by slaves. No nails were used in the original structure. Now owned by the Roane County Heritage Commission, it houses the **Roane County Museum** and archives.



Founded in 1799, Kingston is one of Tennessee's oldest cities. It was the state capital for one day on September 21, 1807.

22. Gibson Girls Southern Goodies – (L) This tea room and bakery is located in a lovely, authentic Civil War-era mansion dating back to 1848. Legend has it that Confederate General P.G.T. Beauregard rebuked an aide here; spurred by anger and alcohol, the aide then ran his large sword through one of the heavy wooden doors, which still stands today. **Lunch, Mon.-Sat.; brunch, Sun.**



From E. Cumberland St.,
head SE (away from
TN-58/N. Kentucky St.)
to 1st stop sign. Turn L
onto N. 3rd St., go 2
blocks to pt. 22. Parking
available behind house.

411 N. 3rd St.
Kingston
865-376-0150
888-376-0150

23. Roane County Visitor's Bureau

(L) Stop in for a restaurant guide, current events listing, area brochure and map; the view of Watts Bar Lake is worth a visit on its own. Enjoy the lakeside picnic table while planning your next stop. **Office open Mon.-Fri., 8a.m.-5p.m.; info available 24/7.**



Exit R onto
N. 3rd St. At 1st
stop sign, turn R
onto E. Spring St. At
next int., turn R onto
TN-58/N. Kentucky St. Go
0.8 mile to pt. 23.

1209 N. Kentucky St.
Kingston
865-376-4201
800-FUN-IN-TN

24. RedBones on the River – (R) This restaurant has the best views of Watts Bar Lake with a full menu and bar, two outside dining areas, and live music on most weekends. Be sure and start with the fried green bean appetizer!



Return S on TN-58/
N. Kentucky St. for 1
mile. Turn R onto US-70/
Race St., go 0.6 mile to
pt. 24.

316 W. Race St.
Kingston
865-376-9696

URBANSPOON.COM: I love the food and service (here), the beef tips are to die for and the chicken strips are bigger than the plate, my kids love that.

Continue W on US-70/
Race St. for approx. 11
miles. Veer L, merge with
US-27/Gateway Ave.
to go SW into Rockwood.
Turn R at light #5 (W.
Rockwood St.) to pt. 25.

W. Rockwood St.
Rockwood

**Park & walk to visit
pts. 25 & 26.**

Yonder Hollow Productions:
865-250-6718

25. Downtown Rockwood – This quaint historic area is filled with antique and specialty shops, home cooking and fine dining — all within a city block. Time your visit just right and you'll catch **Yonder Hollow**, a live bluegrass show the first Saturday night of each month. Downtown is also the first stop on the Rockwood Christmas Home Tour held the first weekend in December; see many of the area's historic homes.



Park and walk to visit point 26.

225 W. Rockwood St.
Rockwood
865-354-0234

26. Live & Let Live Drugstore – This spot is home to an old-fashioned soda fountain, complete with its original green marble counter from the 1890s. Stop and enjoy an ice cream cone or "Cherry Smash," or a classic chocolate milkshake made the old fashioned way.



From W. Rockwood St.,
return to US-70/27/
Gateway Ave., turn R.
Go SW for approx. 0.5
mile, turn L onto
Nelson St. Turn R onto
Kingston Ave. to pt. 27.
500 S. Gateway Ave.
Rockwood
865-376-4201

Head NE on Kingston Ave.
for approx. 0.8 mile to
view homes on National
Historic Register.
Turn L onto E. Strang St.
back to US-70/27/
Gateway Ave.

27. Tennessee Highway Patrol (THP) Museum – (L) This 1936 Craftsman-style building is believed to be the oldest THP station in East Tennessee. Because Kingston Avenue was once the major connector to much of East Tennessee, this facility was used until 1952 to patrol the Dixie Highway. It now houses a museum honoring the highway patrol. Featuring a native Crab Orchard stone exterior, there are only two of its kind in the state. The other one is in Crossville, a stop on the Promised Land: Pilgrimage to Presidents Trail.



Turn R to go NE on
US-70/27/Gateway Ave.
Stay on US-27 for 7 miles
toward Harriman. Turn R
onto Ruritan Rd./TN-29,
go 0.2 mile to pt. 28.

316 Ruritan Rd. (Hwy 29)
Harriman
865-882-8867

28. Rocky Top General Store – (R) This authentic working general store is part shop and part museum, offering a little bit of just about everything. Each out-of-towner gets a welcome, a bag of fresh popcorn, a brochure, and a calling card — just ask for David Webb or his daughter Debbie. If the front porch turns into a spontaneous stage, grab a rocker and enjoy some live bluegrass.



Exit L onto Ruritan Rd./
TN-29. Turn R to continue
N on US-27/S. Roane St.
to pt. 29.

Roane St./Hwy 27
Harriman

29. Harriman – Established as a utopian town in 1890 by the East Tennessee Land Company, this community was founded on "the belief in temperance can be commercialized for business profit and the betterment of mankind." People came by horse and wagon, train, riverboat and foot to reach the town's "Great Land Sale" in February of 1890. Most towns grew gradually over a period of time; Harriman exploded from just two farms to a city of nearly 4,000 residents in just two years.



Cross river, at end of
bridge, turn R onto
Emory Dr. At 3-way stop
go straight, pt. 30 is on
immediate R.

100 Emory Dr.
Harriman
865-882-8867

30. Riverfront Park – (R) Home of the Tennessee Polk Salad Festival, this park has war memorials, a fountain, picnic shed and gazebo. Stretch your legs on the walking trail along the banks of the Emory River.



"Polk salad," "poke sallet" and "poke salad" all refer to the same dish, made from parts of the poke weed. The plant is toxic, but young leaves collected before they turn red are edible if boiled for five minutes, rinsed and reboiled. The song "Polk Salad Annie" was made famous by Elvis Presley; Harriman uses this spelling. You can also attend the Poke Sallet Festival in Gainesboro on the Ring of Fire Trail.



TEMPERANCE IN TENNESSEE

Temperance, by definition, is moderation or self-restraint in action or statement. It was also used to describe a social movement in the mid-1800s that urged the reduced use of alcoholic beverages by criticizing excessive alcohol use and promoting complete abstinence. In the late 1800s the movement reached Tennessee. Harriman, known as "The Town that Temperance Built," was originally envisioned where "no manufacture, storage or sales of intoxicating liquor or beverages" would take place. The American Temperance University was founded in 1893, but as the Civil War grew in intensity, the movement lost its momentum. The Temperance Building (point 31) still stands today and houses Harriman's government offices and Heritage Museum.



Exit L onto Emory Dr.
Retrace route to US-27/
N. Roane St., turn R. Go
0.3 mile to pt. 31 on
corner of Roane St. &
Walden St. Turn R onto
Walden St. to park.

802 N. Roane St. (Hwy 27)
Harriman
865-882-3122

31. Temperance Building/Harriman Heritage Museum – (R) This museum is housed in the magnificent brick Temperance Building, once home to the American Temperance University. You'll find a wide assortment of artifacts, photos and memorabilia to help you get a glimpse into Harriman's past. **Open by appointment.**



Pt. 32 is directly behind
pt. 31 on Walden St.
601 Walden St.
Harriman

32. Harriman's Carnegie Library – (R) Philanthropist Andrew Carnegie helped fund more than 3,500 libraries in the U.S. By the early 20th century, a Carnegie Library was often the most imposing structure in many small American communities. Built in 1909, the interior of this century-old Greek Revival building features gilt embossed columns, oak archways, decorative woodwork and a painting of Carnegie himself.



Pt. 33 begins 1 block
SW of Walden St.
on Morgan St., E to
Sewanee St., N to
Georgia Ave. and SE on
Trenton St. including
every street in between.
Morgan Ave. to Georgia
Ave., Trenton St. to
Sewanee St.
Harriman

33. Cornstalk Heights Historic District – This beautiful district features over 100 homes and structures listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Visitors can take walking tours and view the Victorian architecture common during the period after the "Great Land Sale" of 1890. To experience life inside the homes, don't miss the Historic Harriman Christmas Tour held the second weekend in December. To hear chilling stories about some of these residences, attend the Haunting of Harriman, a guided walking tour held the second weekend in October.



After driving through
pt. 33, return to US-27/
N. Roane St. Pt. 34 is
between Walden St. &
Queen Ave. in center
of town.

421 N. Roane St.
Harriman
865-354-3000, ext 4856

34. Princess Theatre – (L) This historic theatre is one of only a few Art Deco theatres still standing today. It is now the **Princess Performing Arts, Education & Conference Center**, offering movies, plays, live music and education year-round.



Leave Harriman by going N on US-27/Roane St./TN-61. Veer R to stay on TN-61/Harriman Hwy, go E for approx. 15 miles to pt. 35.

35. Oliver Springs – Founded in 1830 and first known as Winter's Gap, this town was later named after Richard Oliver, its



first postmaster, and the natural mineral springs that were nearby. A resort hotel was built near the springs, catering to wealthy guests from all over the nation who came to drink and bathe in the water. Sadly, the grand resort burned in 1905 but the ticket booth still stands at point 36. Oliver Springs now caters to off-road enthusiasts.

At light, turn R onto Winter Gap Rd. Take 2nd R onto Walker Ave. to pt. 36

610 Walker Ave.
Oliver Springs
865-435-2509

36. Railroad Depot Museum – (L) An 1897 train depot, this public library and museum houses historical artifacts and historic photos, as well as the original hotel ticket booth. Visit a restored Southern Railway caboose, horse-drawn fire wagon and 1950 Oliver Springs fire truck next door.



Exit L onto Winter Gap Rd. Return to US-27/TN-61, turn R; road becomes TN-62/Tri-County Blvd. Go 0.1 mile, take 1st L onto Windrock Rd. to pt. 37.

555 Windrock Rd.
Oliver Springs
865-435-1251

37. Coal Creek Off-Highway Vehicle Area – (L) Here, you'll find 72,000 acres of off-road adventure for the entire family with picturesque views of Tennessee's mountains and valleys. Explore over 300 miles of trails for hikers, ATVs, off-highway vehicles (OHV), motorcycles, mountain bikes and horses. See Outdoor listing on page 17 for OHV rental info.



From point 37, get a great view of the 18 windmills standing 260 feet tall along two miles of ridge-line atop Buffalo Mountain. As the 135-foot-long blades spin, they provide 29 megawatts of green energy and power for 3,780 homes.



Retrace route on Windrock Rd., turn R onto TN-62/Tri-County Blvd. Turn R onto TN-62/Knoxville Hwy, go 4 miles to Coalfield. Turn L onto Fairview Rd., go approx. 0.5 mile to stop sign. Turn L onto Coalhill Rd., go approx. 0.2 mile. Turn L onto Jerry Jones Rd./Ball Field Rd. to pt. 38.

112 Jerry Jones Rd.
Coalfield
865-435-4275

38. Back Valley Public Library: The Smallest Library in the USA – (R) This 1956 building measures just six feet by five feet, and served as the town's library for many years. Founder Dot Byrd used the \$200 courtesy



OFF-TRAIL

To go off trail from pt. 38, retrace route to TN-62/Knoxville Hwy, turn L. Go 4 miles, turn R onto TN-116 (to Petros) to drive pt. 39. Turn L to stay on TN-116, continue NE, turn R to stay on TN-116. Go SE to Laurel Grove. Turn R onto TN-330, go SW back to Oliver Springs. Pick up TN-62/Knoxville Hwy to go W out of Oliver Springs to rejoin main trail enroute to pt. 40.



39. Devil's Triangle – This is the most legendary motorcycle ride in the area, beginning at **Brushy Mountain Prison** on Hwy 116 heading back to Oliver Springs. The gorgeous 72-mile route is recommended for experienced and adventurous riders.



Brushy Mountain State Prison (state property) opened in 1896, and housed many infamous inmates until its closure in June 2009, ending a reign as the oldest operating penitentiary in Tennessee. Its castle-like structure was built from stone mined by the prisoners from a quarry on the property. The area's mountainous terrain allowed for very few escapes, one of which lasted less than two days for James Earl Ray (pictured), the assassin of Reverend Martin Luther King Jr.

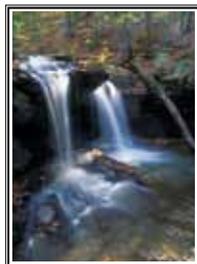


BACK ON TRAIL

To stay on main trail from pt. 38, retrace route to TN-62, turn L. Go W for approx. 9.6 miles, turn R onto Flat Fork Rd., go approx. 4 miles to pt. 40.

964 Flat Fork Rd.
Wartburg
423-346-3318

40. Frozen Head State Park – (R) These 24,000 acres contain some of the richest wildflower areas in the state, as well as one of the highest peaks in the state at 3,324 feet. In the winter, "Frozen Head" is often covered with snow or ice, even though the sun may be shining. Stroll or hike over 50 miles of foot trails with waterfalls and rock shelters, bring a picnic, or plan for **camping**. Seven thousand acres have been set aside for hunting; TWRA* regulations apply. Events throughout the year include Wildflower Walks in April; the Echo in the Mountain Bluegrass Festival in May and Heritage Days in August celebrating traditional Appalachian music and crafts. *This is an access point for the Cumberland Trail State Scenic Trail, learn more at point 42.*



check she received as a guest on the *Tonight Show with Johnny Carson* to start a bank account for the construction of the library, opened in 1994. Today, it sits in the shadow of a newer facility. Stop in to learn the entire story of the famous little library here.

41. Wartburg – Founded in 1845 by 15 families of German-Swiss settlers, the town is named for the Wartburg Castle in Germany (pictured). Many area residents still hold the dream of replicating that famous castle here on a hilltop overlooking the city.



Return to TN-62, turn R. Go approx. 2 miles, just before TN-62 merges with US-27, turn R onto Hillcrest St. to pt. 42.

112 Hillcrest St.
Wartburg
423-346-5740

42. Morgan County Chamber of Commerce/Visitors Center



(R) This is not only a great place to find info on the area, it's also an entry point for the **Justin P. Wilson Cumberland Trail State Park**, a linear state park following the **Cumberland Trail State Scenic Trail**. When completed, the trail will run from Cumberland Gap National Historical Park at the Tennessee/Kentucky border to Signal Point, a Civil War site perched above Chattanooga. The 300-mile route offers locations for hiking, **camping** and fishing; Wartburg is the only town through which the trail passes.



Exit R onto Hillcrest St., turn R onto US-27/Morgan Co. Hwy. Go approx. 0.5 mile, turn L onto Kingston St. Go 2 blocks pt. 43.

415 N. Kingston St.
Wartburg

Park & walk to visit pts. 43-45.

43. Morgan County Courthouse – (R) This 1904 courthouse has undergone several renovations, most recently in 2010. When you walk the perimeter, you will be walking on the **Cumberland Trail State Scenic Trail**.



Park and walk to visit points 44-45.

205 N. Kingston St.
Wartburg

44. Tanners Cafe, Sundries & Antiques – Don't miss this Wartburg institution, dating back to 1923. The store is housed in a 1906 bank building that still features the original vault. In its early years, trains brought workers to and from the nearby Gobey coal mines and specifically to the store on Saturday nights. Facilities were set up in the back where the men could bathe. Over the years, the store has become a spot for antiques and other treasures; grab a stool at the counter and have a milkshake or banana split. *Closed Wed. & Sun.*



RUGBY

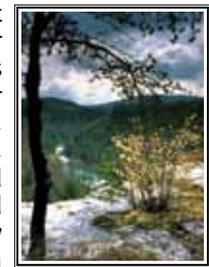
It's known as one of the most authentically preserved historic living communities in America: the would-be utopia of Rugby (point 46). The town is perched at the top of the Cumberland Plateau, founded in 1880 by British author and social reformer Thomas Hughes as a "cooperative, class-free, agricultural community for younger sons of



208 N. Maiden Ln.
Wartburg
423-346-6294

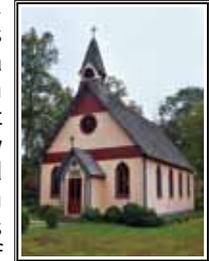
45. Obed Wild & Scenic River Visitors Center –

(R) Learn all about this National River and its four streams — Daddy's Creek, Clear Creek, Emory River, and the Obed River, offering a rugged landscape of wild land and water found in few places in the Eastern U.S. Find info about the area, known for its spectacular gorges with 400-foot cliffs and tons of outdoor adventure, including hunting, hiking, and fishing; canoeing and kayaking; **camping** and picnicking; even rock climbing on the sheer sandstone bluffs. For a tamer experience, Lily Bluff Overlook provides a great view of the rugged river.



Return to car, return to Kingston St. Head N to return to US-27/Morgan Co. Hwy, turn L. Go N for approx. 22 miles to Elgin. Turn L onto TN-52/Rugby Hwy toward pt. 46.

46. Rugby – Nestled between the Big South Fork National Recreation Area and the Rugby State Natural Area, the town of Rugby is a rare example of a rural community with its original blueprint still intact. Perfectly preserved and restored to the utopian vision of its founder Thomas Hughes, it is one of the most authentically preserved historic villages in America.



Go E for 7 miles on TN-52/Rugby Hwy to pt. 47.

47. Historic Rugby Visitors Center

5517 Rugby Hwy
Rugby

Visitors Center,
Harrow Road Café and
Commissary:
888-214-3400

Spirit of Red Hill Nature
Art & Oddiments:
423-628-2991

Carriage House Gallery:
423-628-6569



(L) Begin your tour of would-be utopia here, where you'll watch a short film and take a guided tour of four original buildings.

As you explore, don't miss **Harrow Road Café, Rugby Commissary Museum Store, Spirit of Red Hill Nature Art & Oddiments** and **Carriage House Gallery**.



Continue NW on TN-52W/Rugby Hwy for 11.4 miles. Turn L onto Northrup Falls Rd., go 1.1 miles to pt. 48.

Northrup Falls Rd.
Jamestown
931-879-5821

48. Colditz Cove State Natural Area – (L)

Explore this 165-acre natural area, and take the 1.5-mile trail loop to beautiful Northrup Falls. It's one of the state's most stunning waterfalls, plunging more than 60 feet over a protruding rock ledge into a scenic, narrow gorge along Big Branch Creek. The waterfall is named for the family who settled here and operated a mill above the falls in the 1800s.



Retrace route on Northrup Falls Rd. to return to TN-52/Rugby Pk., turn L. Go 0.7 mile, Rugby Pk. becomes Michigan Ave. Continue W for 3 miles, turn L onto US-127S/TN-28/S. York Hwy to pt. 49.

2965 S. York Hwy
Jamestown
931-879-9519

49. Highland Manor Winery – (L) Tennessee's oldest winery is known for producing award-winning, handcrafted wines. Take home a few bottles of your favorites, but be warned: you are limited to only one bottle of their most popular Muscadine Wine — if you want more, you'll have to



HWY 127 CORRIDOR SALE

This annual event is a dream come true for bargain hunters, junk junkies, and trash-to-treasure seekers. The "World's Largest Yard Sale" stretches over 650 miles and five states: Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky, Ohio and it's still growing! Hundreds of thousands of people join in the hunt each year. If you're on the Top Secret Trail in late summer, don't miss this incredible sale. It's held the first Thursday through Sunday in August; the event's headquarters are located at the Fentress County Chamber of Commerce in Jamestown (point 51).



Retrace route N on US-127N/TN-28N/S. York Hwy, go 1.3 miles. Turn L onto US-127N/S. York Hwy, go 2.4 miles. US-127N/S. York Hwy becomes Main St. in downtown pt. 50.

50. Jamestown – Established in 1828, this small town and the county it sits in are named for prominent politician James Fentress.

The town itself was built on the site of a semi-permanent Cherokee village, and was later known as Sand Springs for its bubbling freshwater springs around the city. Explore the square and see the last remaining spring in **Mark Twain City Park**, just northeast of the courthouse.



John Marshall Clemens was a prominent citizen of Jamestown in the 1830s; he moved his family to Missouri in 1835, where his wife gave birth to their fourth child, Samuel Longhorn Clemens — otherwise known as Mark Twain.



At int. of Main St. & Central Ave., turn L onto W. Central Ave. to pt. 51.

114 W. Central Ave.
Jamestown
931-879-9948

51. Ye Ole Jail Museum – (R) Constructed from local sandstone, this structure was used as a jail from 1900-1979. Original cells are intact for visitors to crawl in, close the door, and see what it was like to be behind the old bars. The site also houses the Fentress County Chamber of Commerce.



The Upper Cumberland Plateau has produced two astronauts: Jamestown-born Roger Crouch (top) was a payload specialist on two missions traveling 7,800,000 miles in 314 orbits of the Earth. Michael McCulley (bottom), a Livingston Academy graduate, piloted the crew that launched the Galileo spacecraft on its six-year journey to study the planet Jupiter.



OFF-TRAIL

To go off trail from pt. 51, continue W on W. Central Ave./TN-52W for 6.8 miles. Turn R onto Livingston Hwy/TN-52, go 12.5 miles. Turn L onto TN-85E, go 6.1 miles. Turn R onto Shiloh Rd., go 2.6 miles to pt. 52.

642 Shiloh Rd., Crawford
931-445-2072

Retrace route on Shiloh Rd. to TN-85E, turn L. Return to TN-52W, turn L. Go approx. 9.3 miles to rejoin main trail in Livingston.

52. Jack Stoddart's Art Studio & Jammin' at Hippy Jacks Recording Studio – (R) "Hippy Jack" works hard to preserve the work of Americana singer-songwriters through a public television music



BACK ON TRAIL

To stay on main trail from pt. 51, continue W on W. Central Ave./TN-52W for 6.8 miles. Turn R onto Livingston Hwy/TN-52, go 21.2 miles into Livingston. Turn R onto Roberts St., go 0.1 mile. Turn R onto E. University St. to pt. 53.
506 E. University St.
Livingston
Info: 800-876-7393

Return on E. University St. to Roberts St., turn L. Turn R on E. Main St. to pt. 54.
222 E. Main St.
Livingston
931-823-6421

Exit L out of parking lot onto Broad St. (pt. 54 is between Main & Broad Sts., both 1-way). Go less than 1 mile to pt. 55.
100 E. Court Sq.
Livingston
Info: 800-876-7393

318 W. Broad St.
Livingston
931-403-0909



Listen up trail travelers, beautiful Overton County is the "Home of Americana Music."

Continue on E. Broad St. to W. Broad St. to pt. 56.

318 W. Broad St.
Livingston
931-403-0909

56. Overton County Heritage Museum – (R)

Step into history in this renovated jail that tells the story of Overton County from its earliest explorers to the present. Exhibitions include: WPA/CCC* relief projects of the 1930s, African-American history, the Alpine Institute, schools, the Civil War and other rotating displays.



The historic Okalona Church and schoolhouse was built in 1867, in a community then known as Olga. The town was named for a little girl from the Okalona Native American tribe and the church was built on the Okalona village site; fragments of pottery and other relics have been excavated here. Okalona Road is off Hwy 293 between Hwy 84 and Hwy 111 near Rickman, south of Livingston.



53. Governor A.H. Roberts Law Office – (L)

Tour the preserved original law office of A.H. Roberts, the 35th governor of Tennessee. He was instrumental in helping pass legislation giving women the right to vote.



54. Overton County Chamber of Commerce

Walk around this picturesque square, rich in history and filled with antique stores, restaurants and gift shops. The original 1835 Overton County Courthouse was burned by guerrillas during the Civil War to cover up evidence of pro-Confederate acts, and was rebuilt ca. 1868. Learn more at the site's Civil War Trails marker.



Head W on W. Broad St., it becomes W. Main St. Turn R onto TN-85/Hilham Hwy. Turn L onto O'Neal Rd. to pt. 57.
486 O'Neal Rd.
Livingston
931-823-8375

57. Holly Ridge Winery & Vineyard – (L) Since 1998, this family-owned and operated business has been producing award-winning

wines from grapes grown in sloping vineyards on the property. Holly Ridge places great emphasis on viticulture, using only the highest quality grapes; they currently grow 14 different cultivars. Tour the beautiful acreage and taste for yourself, then choose a wonderful wine to take home.



Return to TN-85, turn L. Turn L on Old Union Rd. to pt. 58.
Old Union Rd.
Hilham
800-876-7393

58. Old Union Meeting House – (L) This 1830 log church is one of the oldest in the county. It has always been a nondenominational Christian church; when religious groups began building their own churches, the "Union" established here was split.



Some believe point 58 is haunted; locals report strange lights when the building is empty and unexplained piano music.

TOP SECRET TRAIL CONTINUES ON PAGE 19.



FOOD & WINE



ALONG THE TOP SECRET TRAIL

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

KNOXVILLE

Calhoun's

Casual; BBQ and "Best Ribs in America!" Locations along trail: 400 Neyland Dr., 865-673-3355
6515 Kingston Pk., 865-673-3377
10020 Kingston Pk., 865-673-3444

Copper Cellar Restaurants

Fine dining; locations along trail: 1807 Cumberland Ave., 865-673-3411
7316 Kingston Pk., 865-673-3422

Freezo

A 1930s walk-up. Beans, cornbread, chili, tamales and ice cream. 1305 N. Central St., 865-637-6500

Long's Drug Store

Soda-fountain and lunch counter, since 1956. Breakfast too. 4604 Kingston Pk., 865-588-0581

Magpies

City's best-known specialty bakery. 846 N. Central St., 865-673-0471

The Crown & Goose

(In Old City, see pg. 26, pt. 103) Authentic London gastropub. 123 S. Central St., 865-524-2100

Time Warp Tea Room

A modern coffee shop, 1950s pin-ball arcade and British motorcycle museum serving tasty sandwiches. 1209 N. Central St., 865-524-1155

OAK RIDGE

Big Ed's Pizza

Known for excellent pizza, great sauce and unique atmosphere. 101 Broadway, 865-482-4885

Buffalo Grille & Bar

Dine on buffalo and ostrich burgers, shoot pool and hear local bands. 205 Oak Ridge Tpke, 865-481-0515

Homeland Foods Café

Polish, German and variety of comfort foods; international beers. 154 Talmeda, 865-483-4818

Hot Bagel Company

Fresh bagels, breakfast treats and delicious sandwiches.

1155 Oak Ridge Trmpk., 865-482-2435

Razzleberry Lab & Kitchen

Sorbets and ices made from fresh fruit; \$5 lunch specials. 201 Historic Jackson Sq. 865-481-0300

Riverside Grill

Delicious dining with beautiful views of Melton Hill Lake. 100 Melton Lake Peninsula 865-862-8646

The Soup Kitchen

Signature chilis (chili, chips & cheese), specialty soups and more. 47 E. Tennessee Ave., 865-482-3525

KINGSTON

2 Chefs Deli & Bakery

500 Race St., 865-376-4480

Crow's Nest at Blue Springs Marina

3952 River Rd., 865-376-7407

Gibson Girls Southern Goodies

(See pg. 6, pt. 22) 411 N. 3rd St., 865-376-0150
888-376-0150

Handee Burger

The place for breakfast; come back at lunch for little square burgers! 407 N. Kentucky St., 865-376-2186

Kittrell's Kitchen

1190 Gallaher Rd., 865-376-3060

Market Street Fountain

"Super Fun Food" in a lively atmosphere; fountain favorites. 1000 Ladd Landing Blvd. 865-248-8039

Mama Mia's Pizzeria

Try Lottie's "secret" sauce. Pasta sandwiches, pizza-by-the-slice. 705 W. Race St., 865-376-5050

RedBones on the River

(See pg. 6, pt. 24) 316 W. Race St., 865-376-9696

The Wave Cafe

Hwy 58, 865-717-6630

Whitestone Country Inn

Elegant restaurant overlooking Watts Bar Lake and Smoky Mountains; reservations required. 1200 Paint Rock Rd., 865-376-0113

ROCKWOOD

El Patron Mexican Restaurant

104 S. Gateway Ave., 865-354-0366

Junior's Restaurant

214 W. Rockwood St., 865-354-2802

Live & Let Live Drugstore

(See pg. 6, pt. 26) 225 W. Rockwood St., 865-354-0234

Pizza Station

107 S. Gateway Ave., 865-354-1100

Rockwood Street Grill

215 W. Rockwood St., 865-354-8298

HARRIMAN

Bob's Burgers

Voted "Best Burgers". 3215 Roane State Hwy, 865-882-5300

Cancun Mexican Restaurant

1889 S. Roane St., 865-882-6590

Caney Creek Marina

Lakeside restaurant, live music. Open weekends. 3745 Roane State Hwy, 865-882-4042

Chuck's Deli

Best hoagies in the county! 836 Unaka St., 865-882-5140

Don Eduardos Mexican Grill

1202 N. Kentucky St., 865-248-8286

El Cantarito 2 Mexican Restaurant

1011 N. Roane St., 865-590-0369

Good Ol' Days Diner

'50s-inspired diner. Closed Wed. 2807 Roane State Hwy, 865-882-6100

Gondolier Italian Restaurant/Pizza

1822 Roane State Hwy, 865-717-0277

Los Primos Mexican Restaurant

1712 S. Roane St., 865-590-1300

Pizza Station

701 N. Roane St., 865-882-0408

OLIVER SPRINGS

Captain Tom's Bar-B-Que

Best ribs around! 1202 E. Tri-County Blvd. 865-435-4466

WARTBURG AREA

Angie's Restaurant

Entertainment Thurs. & Fri. 107 N. Kingston St., 423-346-7000

El Patron Mexican Restaurant

3688 Morgan Co. Hwy, 423-346-4644

Frozen Head Grille

1253 Knoxville Hwy, 423-346-8004

Partner's Pizza & Deli

1276 Knoxville Hwy, 423-346-6437

Pilot Mountain Diner

6687 Morgan Co. Hwy, Lancing 423-628-6200

RUGBY AREA

Lou's Café

105 Clyde Freels Rd., Sunbright 423-628-9164

Harrow Road Café

1882-revival restaurant featuring British Isles specialties and traditional Tennessee cooking. Breakfast, lunch and dinner. (See pg. 10, pt. 47) 5545 Rugby Hwy, 423-628-2350

JAMESTOWN

Bacara's Family Restaurant

(See pg. 21, pt. 72) 329 Wheeler Ln., 931-879-7121

Pizza America

103 Norris St., 931-879-6558

WHAT DID WE MISS?

The information in this brochure represents just a few treasures along Tennessee backroads. Check out TopSecretTrail.com for complete travel planning along this trail. While there, you'll see a link to Facebook where you can share your experiences. 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.

AREA LODGING



There are many wonderful hotels, cabins and bed & breakfasts (B&B) along Top Secret. Find a complete list at TopSecretTrail.com. Accommodations are listed in trail order, beginning in Knoxville. Call ahead for most lodging reservations.

The Oliver Hotel

(On Market Square, see pg. 2, pt. 2) 407 Union Ave., Knoxville 865-521-0050

For a complete list of Knoxville lodging go to Knoxville.org/Stay.

For a complete list of Oak Ridge lodging go to OakRidgeVisitor.com.

Whitestone Country Inn

1200 Paint Rock Rd., Kingston 865-376-0113, 888-247-2464

Tennessee Lakefront Cottages

1800 Indian Shadows Dr., Ten Mile 423-334-3377, 800-597-1952

Scenic River Inn

915 Main St., Wartburg 423-346-5733

Between Two Rivers B&B

885 Genesis Rd., Lancing 423-965-4464

1880 Newbury House B&B

5517 Rugby Hwy (Hwy 52), Rugby 423-628-2441, 888-214-3400

Grey Gables B&B

5809 Rugby Hwy (Hwy 52), Rugby 423-628-5252

Old Allardt Schoolhouse B&B

1860 Michigan Ave., Allardt 931-879-8056

Standing Stone State Park Cabins

(See pg. 19, pt. 60) 1674 Standing Stone Park Hwy Hilham, 931-823-6347
800-713-5157

Cedar Hill Resort & Marina

705 Cedar Hill Rd., Celina 800-872-8393

Holly Creek Resort & Marina

2659 Holly Creek Rd., Celina 800-844-8862

Horse Creek Resort

703 Horse Creek Dock Rd., Celina 800-545-2595

Willow Grove Dock & Resort

11045 Willow Grove Hwy, Allons 931-823-6616

Sunset Marina

(See pg. 20, pt. 64) 2040 Sunset Dock Rd., Byrdstown 800-760-8550

Charit Creek Lodge

Big South Fork Area 299 Dewey Burks Rd., Jamestown 931-879-2776

Pickett State Park Cabins

(See pg. 21, pt. 71) 4605 Pickett Park Hwy Jamestown, 931-879-5821
877-260-0010

Trails End Campground & Cabins

3269 River Rd., Huntsville 423-663-3944

Twin Cove Marina

(See pg. 23, pt. 84) 1835 Ridge Rd., Caryville 423-494-3629

Clinch River House

526 New Clear Branch Rd., Lake City 865-426-2715

Clinch River Lodge

125 Lovely Bluff Rd., Lake City 865-599-1115

Norris Dam State Park Cabins

(See pg. 24, pt. 88) 125 Village Green Cir., Lake City 865-426-7461, 800-543-9335

Cabin on Cedar Ridge

169 Scruggs Cemetery Rd., Clinton 865-494-3248

Skunk Ridge Farms B&B

1203 Mountain Rd., Clinton 865-494-0214

For camping, see pages 16 & 17.

FOOD & WINE CONTINUED

Pork Ryan's BBQ

583 E. Central Ave., 931-879-4444

The Boutique

104 N. Main St., 931-879-8585

West End Café

306 W. Central Ave., 931-879-6611

GRIMSLEY

B-B-Q Shack

5650 S. York Hwy, 931-863-5757

Coffee Time Café

5515 S. York Hwy, 931-863-5577

CLARK RANGE

Rock-A-Billy Café & Soda Fountain

Hwy 1275, 931-863-3880

Ron's Restaurant & Pizzeria

6812 S. York Hwy, 931-863-8227

BYRDSTOWN

Dixie Café

(See pg. 20, pt. 67) 31 Courthouse Sq., 931-864-6535

Farmhouse Restaurant

(See pg. 20, pt. 68) 9201 Hwy 111, 931-864-4070

Sunset Marina Restaurant

(See pg. 20, pt. 64) 2040 Sunset Dock Rd., 800-760-8550

PALL MALL

Forbus General Store

(See pg. 20, pt. 69) 3902 N. York Hwy, 931-879-5427

ONEIDA

County's BBQ

18041 Alberta St., 423-215-0572

ElRey Mexican Restaurant

19816 Alberta St., 423-286-6100

Firehouse Pizza

18668 Alberta St., 423-286-9000

Phillips Drive-In

18499 Alberta St., 423-569-4002

Preston's Longhorn Steak House

19787 Alberta St., 423-569-4158

Tray's V Chinese Restaurant

19840 Alberta St., 423-569-9888

HUNTSVILLE AREA

Fireside Restaurant

408 Baker Hwy, 423-663-3234

Flonnie's Drive-In

122 Glass House Rd., 423-663-2998

Panda Restaurant

447 Baker Hwy, 423-663-2900

Perdue's Texaco Kitchen

12617 Scott Hwy, Helenwood 423-569-3533

CARYVILLE

Quick Stop BBQ

(See pg. 23, pt. 86) 267 John McGhee Blvd. (Hwy 116) 423-566-3655

Rickard Ridge BBQ at

Cove Lake State Park

(See pg. 23, pt. 85) 131 Goose Ln. 423-907-8202

Scotty's Hamburger

(See pg. 23, pt. 82) 159 Main St., 423-562-2976

Twin Cove Marina

(See pg. 23, pt. 84) 1835 Ridge Rd., 423-566-0976

CLINTON

Golden Girls Restaurant

Country cooking, daily specials. 2211 N. Charles G. Seivers Blvd. 865-457-3302

Harrison's Bar & Grill

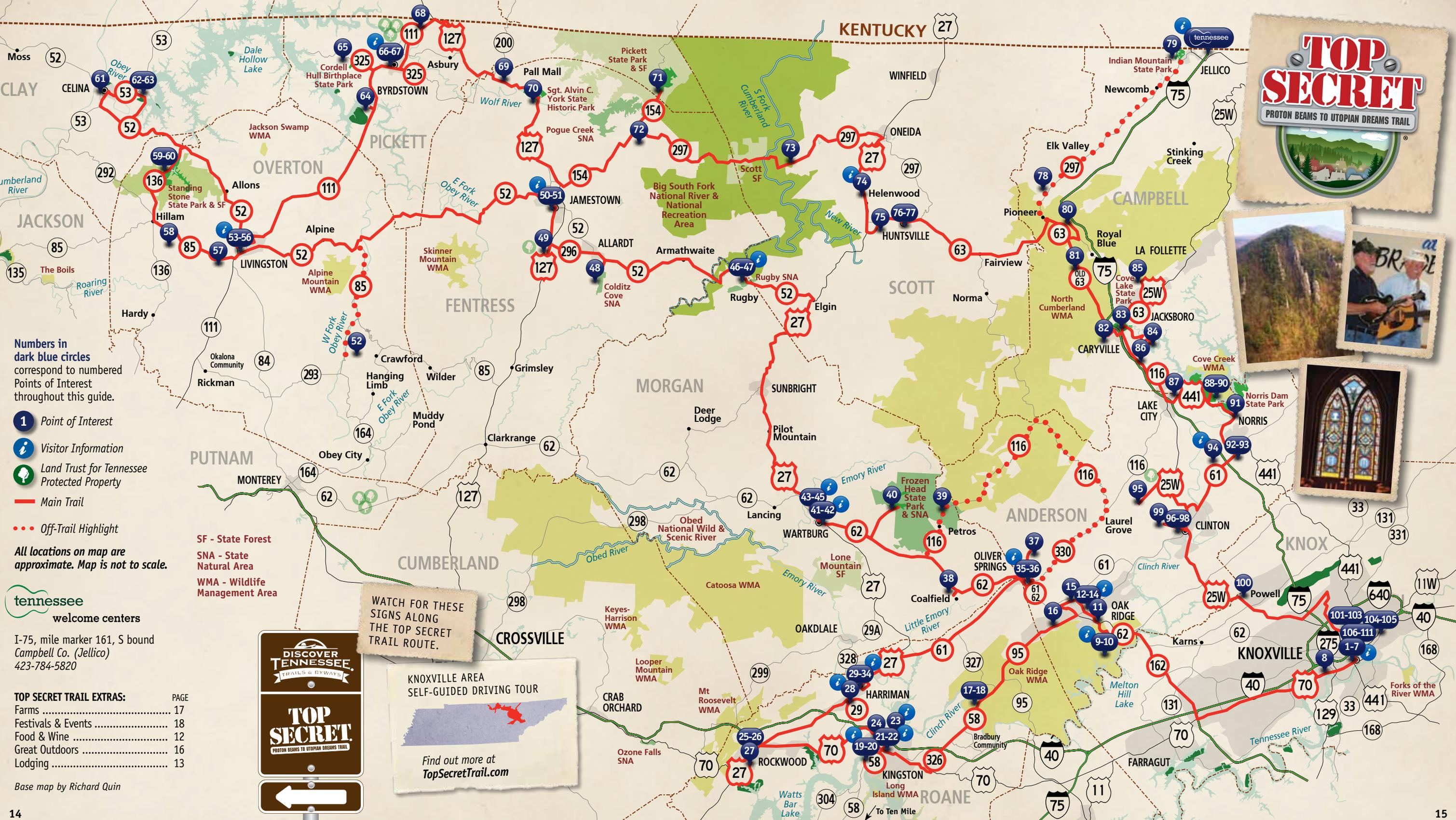
Great food, comfortable atmosphere 110 Hillvale Rd., 865-463-6368

Hoskins Drug Store

(See pg. 25, pt. 98) 111 N. Main St., 865-457-4

TOP SECRET

PROTON BEAMS TO UTOPIAN DREAMS TRAIL



- Numbers in dark blue circles correspond to numbered Points of Interest throughout this guide.
- 1** Point of Interest
 - i** Visitor Information
 - 🌿** Land Trust for Tennessee Protected Property
 - Main Trail
 - ...** Off-Trail Highlight

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

tennessee welcome centers

I-75, mile marker 161, S bound
Campbell Co. (Jellico)
423-784-5820

TOP SECRET TRAIL EXTRAS:

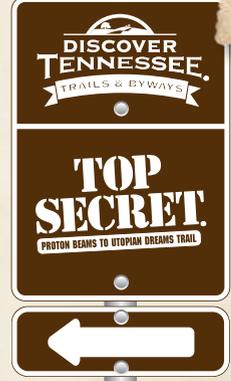
Farms	17
Festivals & Events	18
Food & Wine	12
Great Outdoors	16
Lodging	13

Base map by Richard Quin

WATCH FOR THESE SIGNS ALONG THE TOP SECRET TRAIL ROUTE.

KNOXVILLE AREA SELF-GUIDED DRIVING TOUR

Find out more at TopSecretTrail.com





The Top Secret Trail has outdoor opportunities at every turn. This guide provides you with several options, but for more ways to enjoy the great outdoors, go to TopSecretTrail.com.

STATE PARKS, FORESTS & NATURAL AREAS (SNA)

Colditz Cove SNA
(See pg. 10, pt. 48)
Northrup Falls Rd., Jamestown
931-879-5821

Cordell Hull Birthplace State Park
(See pg. 20, pt. 65)
1300 Cordell Hull Memorial Dr.
Byrdstown, 931-864-3247

Cove Lake State Park
(See pg. 23, pt. 85)
110 Cove Lake Ln., Caryville
423-566-9701

Frozen Head State Park & SNA
(See pg. 8, pt. 40)
964 Flat Fork Rd., Wartburg
423-346-3318

Indian Mountain State Park
(See pg. 22, pt. 79)
143 State Park Cir., Jellico
423-784-7958

Justin P. Wilson Cumberland Trail State Park
(See pg. 9, pt. 42; pg. 23, pt. 85)
220 Park Rd., Caryville
423-566-2229

Lone Mountain State Forest
15 miles of trails for hiking, horseback riding and mountain biking.
302 Clayton Howard Rd., Wartburg

Norris Dam State Park
(See pg. 24, pt. 88)
125 Village Green Cir., Lake City
865-426-7461

Pickett State Park & Forest
(See pg. 21, pt. 71)
4605 Pickett Park Hwy, Jamestown
931-879-5821, 877-260-0010
Forest Info: 931-879-5170

Sergeant Alvin C. York State Historic Park
(See pg. 21, pt. 70)
2609 N. York Hwy, Pall Mall
931-879-6456

Standing Stone State Park & Forest
(See pg. 19, pt. 60)
1674 Standing Stone Park Hwy, Hilham
931-823-6347, 800-713-5157

CAMPING

(Also see State Parks)

Caney Creek RV Resort
3615 Roane State Hwy
Harriman, 865-882-4042

Fox Inn Campground
2423 Andersonville Hwy, Clinton
888-803-9883

Lillydale Campground
985 Lillydale Rd., Allons
931-823-4155

Mountain Lake Marina/RV Resort
136 Campground Rd., Lake City
865-426-6510, 877-686-2267

Trails End Campground
3269 River Rd., Huntsville
423-663-3944

HIKING
(Also see State Parks)

Big South Fork National River & Recreation Area
(See pg. 22, pt. 73)
4564 Leatherwood Rd., Oneida
423-286-7275

Brimstone Recreation
(See pg. 22, pt. 76)
2860 Baker Hwy, Huntsville
800-BRIMSTONE, 423-663-4868

Coal Creek OHV Area
(See pg. 8, pt. 37)
555 Windrock Rd., Oliver Springs
865-435-1251

Cumberland Trail State Scenic Trail
Multiple access points (see pg. 8, pt. 40; pg. 9, pt. 42; pg. 23, pt. 85).
HQ: 220 Park Rd., Caryville
423-566-2229

Norris Watershed
Multiple access points; info at Norris Dam State Park (pg. 24, pt. 88).
125 Village Green Cir., Lake City
865-426-7461

North Cumberland & Royal Blue WMAs*
(See pg. 22, pt. 80)
6307 Stinking Creek Rd., Pioneer
423-784-9445, 800-332-0900

North Ridge Trail
7.7-mile wooded path rated difficult.
W. Outer Dr., Oak Ridge, 865-425-3450

Obed Wild & Scenic River
(See pg. 9, pt. 45)
208 N. Maiden Ln., Wartburg
423-346-6294

LOCAL PARKS & GREENWAYS

AK Bissell Park
(See pg. 4, pt. 13)
Badger Ave., Oak Ridge
Info: 865-482-7821

Haw Ridge Park/Oak Ridge Greenway
28+ miles of dirt trails rated moderate, technical.
Edgemore Rd, Oak Ridge
865-425-3450

Kingston City Park
3-mile walking trail along Watts Bar Lake.
339 W. Race St./Hwy 70
Kingston, 865-376-1356

Knoxville Public Greenways
50+ miles of paved paths; see pg. 3, pt. 7 for one access point.
956 Volunteer Landing Ln.
Knoxville

Krutch Park
Picnic in downtown Knoxville.
504 Market St., Knoxville

Melton Lake/Oak Ridge Greenway
Paved greenway rated easy to moderate; newly added trails.
Melton Lake Dr., Oak Ridge
865-425-3450

Obed River Park
100 Obed River Park Dr.
Byrdstown, 931-864-6388

Riverfront Park
(See pg. 7, pt. 30)
100 Emory Dr., Harriman
865-882-8867

Roane County Park
1.5-mile paved walking trail, splash pad, 18-hole disc golf course and primitive camping.
3515 Roane State Hwy, Harriman
865-882-2640

University of Tennessee Arboretum
901 S. Illinois Ave., Oak Ridge
865-483-3571

WATER RECREATION ON BIG SOUTH FORK
(See pg. 22, pt. 73)
4564 Leatherwood Rd., Oneida
423-286-7275

ON DALE HOLLOW LAKE
(See pg. 19, pt. 63)

Eagle Cove Marina & Resort
5899 Eagle Cove Rd., Byrdstown
931-864-3456

Eastport Marina
5652 Eastport Rd., Alpine
800-736-7951

Star Point Marina & Resort
4490 Star Point Rd., Byrdstown
931-864-3115

Sunset Marina
(See pg. 20, pt. 64)
2040 Sunset Dock Rd., Byrdstown
800-760-8550

ON MELTON HILL LAKE
Melton Lake Park & Reservoir
Melton Lake Dr., Oak Ridge
865-425-3450

Did You KNOW
Norris Lake is consistently rated one of the cleanest lakes in North America.

ON NORRIS LAKE
(See pg. 24, pt. 89)

Mountain Lake Marina/RV Resort
136 Campground Rd., Lake City
865-426-6510, 877-686-2267

Norris Dam Marina
(See pg. 24, pt. 90)
1604 Norris Fwy, Norris
865-494-8138

ALONG THE TOP SECRET TRAIL

Sequoyah Marina
336 Lakeview Ln., Andersonville
865-494-7984

Stardust Marina & Resort
149 Stardust Ln., Andersonville
865-494-7641

Twin Cove Marina
(See pg. 23, pt. 84)
1835 Ridge Rd., Caryville
423-566-0976

ON OBED WILD & SCENIC RIVER
(See pg. 9, pt. 45)
208 N. Maiden Ln., Wartburg
423-346-6294

ON TENNESSEE RIVER
(See pg. 3, pt. 7)

Outdoor Knoxville Adventure Center
Bike, boat and waterboard rentals; retail, outdoor info.
900 Volunteer Landing Ln.
Knoxville, 865-523-0066

Volunteer Landing Marina
Paddleboat, waverunner and pontoon rentals; overnight stays.
956 Volunteer Landing Ln.
Knoxville, 865-633-5004

ON WATTS BAR LAKE
(See pg. 5, pt. 19)
Blue Springs Marina
3952 River Rd., Ten Mile
865-376-7298

Caney Creek Marina
3745 Roane State Hwy, Harriman
865-882-4042

Harbour Point Marina
190 Marina Bay Rd., Rockwood
865-354-2974

OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE (OHV) / ATV RENTALS, RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

Brimstone Recreation
(See pg. 22, pt. 76)
2860 Baker Hwy, Huntsville
800-BRIMSTONE, 423-663-4868

Rent 2 Ride
Will deliver to Coal Creek OHV Area (pg. 8, pt. 37).
2124 Lyons Bend, Knoxville
865-209-3186

Ride Royal Blue ATV Rentals
(See pg. 22, pt. 80)
6307 Stinking Creek Rd., Pioneer
423-784-9445, 800-332-0900

Trails End Campground
3269 River Rd., Huntsville
423-663-3944

Did You KNOW
Brimstone Recreation is one of the top destinations for OHV exploration in the U.S.

RIDING SITES
Brimstone Recreation
(See pg. 22, pt. 76)
2860 Baker Hwy, Huntsville
800-BRIMSTONE, 423-663-4868

Coal Creek OHV Area
(See pg. 8, pt. 37)
555 Windrock Rd., Oliver Springs
865-435-1251

North Cumberland & Royal Blue WMAs/Ride Royal Blue ATV Rentals
(See pg. 22, pt. 80)
6307 Stinking Creek Rd., Pioneer
423-784-9445, 800-332-0900

Pickett State Forest
(See pg. 21, pt. 71)
4266 Pickett Park Hwy, Jamestown
931-879-5170

HORSEBACK RIDING
East Fork Stables
3598 S. York Hwy, Jamestown
800-97-TRAIL (800-978-7245)

Norris Watershed
Multiple access points; info at Norris Dam State Park (pg. 24, pt. 88).
125 Village Green Cir., Lake City
865-426-7461

GOLF
Centennial Golf Course
101 Centennial Blvd., Oak Ridge
865-483-2291

Oak Ridge Country Club
150 Gum Hollow Rd., Oak Ridge
865-483-1031

The Wee Course at Williams Creek
2351 Dandridge Ave, Knoxville
865-546-5828

FARMS IN THE AREA



These are just a few of the homegrown attractions along the Top Secret Trail. For complete list, go to TopSecretTrail.com.

KNOXVILLE AREA

Dixie Lee Farmers Market – Fruit, vegetables, eggs, baked goods, preserves, jams, jellies, crafts. Sat., 9 a.m.-noon, May-Oct. 12740 Kingston Pk., Farragut. 865-816-3023.

King's Hydrofarm – Beans, peas, peppers, blackberries, raspberries, summer squash, tomatoes, eggs. U-pick and prepicked. Mon., Wed., & Sat. 3238 Tipton Station Rd. 865-660-9656, 865-691-4062.

Market Square Farmers Market – (See pg. 2, pt. 2) Produce, herbs, baked goods, salsas, meats, crafts. Wed., 11a.m.-2p.m.; Sat., 9a.m.-2p.m.; Mid-May-mid-Nov. Market Sq. 865-544-4144.

The Fruit & Berry Patch – U-pick strawberries, blackberries, blueberries, peaches, apples, grapes, pumpkins; honey, hayrides. Year-round. 4407 McCloud Rd. 865-922-3779.

OAK RIDGE

Oak Ridge Farmers Market – Wed., 3 p.m.; Sat., 8 a.m. Jackson Sq., E. Tennessee Ave. 865-406-0366.

HARRIMAN

Roane County Corn Maze – 4-acre maze and hayrides; Fri.-Sun., Sept.-Nov. 276 Patton Ln. across from Roane State Community College. 865-882-2640.

JAMESTOWN/ALLARDT

Sycamore Springs Farm – Mid-Sept.-Oct.: pumpkin patch, hayrides and fall fun; Late Nov.-mid-Dec.: choose and cut Christmas trees, greenery. 2125 Country Club Rd., 931-879-5526.

BYRDSTOWN

Farmers Market – (See pg. 20, pt. 66) Fri. & Sat., 7a.m.-noon, June-Sept. Dale Hollow Lake Welcome Center, 1005 Hwy 111. 931-864-7195.

NORRIS

Blueberry Hill Farm – U-pick blueberries. June-early Sept. 101 Reservoir Rd. 865-494-7903.

Farmers Market – Seasonal; call for info. 1 Norris Sq. 800-524-3602.

CLINTON

Erin's Meadow Herb Farm – Gardens, greenhouses, gift shop and classes. Call for schedule. 132 England Ln. 865-435-1452.

River Ridge Farm – Working family farm with beautiful views of Cumberland Mountains. Fishing, guided horseback trail rides, fall and spring events. 220 Mike Miller Ln. 865-457-6774.

For wineries along Top Secret, see page 13.



Photo Credits: Thank you to our many tourism partners who provided photos for this brochure including Tennessee State Parks. Brian Stansberry: Harriman downtown and Cornstalk Heights Historic District (pg. 7). Oliver Springs building and library/depot (pg. 8). Alpine church (pg. 11). Moses Fisk home (pg. 19). Pickett Co. Courthouse (pg. 20), Mark Twain family cabin (pg. 24); Pg. 2: historic Knoxville-Thompson Photograph Collection/McClung Historical Collection, Elvis Presley-©EPE, Reg. U.S. Pat. & Im. Off. Pg. 3: historic Oak Ridge-Ed Wescott/U.S. Dept. of Energy; Pg. 4: John Hendrix grave-Oak Ridge Convention & Visitors' Bureau; Pg. 6: old Roane Co. Courthouse-Brent Moore (SeeMidTN.com); Pg. 7: historic Temperance Building (cornstalkheights.com), Princess Theatre-Paul Mashburn; Pg. 9: historic Thomas Hughes Library in Rugby-University of Tennessee Press; Pg. 10: Hwy 127 Corridor Sale (127sale.com); Pg. 19: Dale Hollow Dam 1969-Tennessee State Library and Archives, Clay Co. Courthouse-Brent Moore (SeeMidTN.com); Pg. 22: Elk Valley-Terry & Jane Lewis; Pg. 23: Longfield Cemetery-Larry & Edie Doepel (findagrave.com); Pg. 24: Norris Dam Marina-Kris H. Light, Museum of Appalachia-Dick Doub, Appalachian Arts Craft Center-Neil Moore; Pg. 26: Clinton 12-Library of Congress, Alex Haley statue-Knoxville Tourism & Sports Corp.

FESTIVALS & EVENTS IN THE AREA

JANUARY

Dale Hollow Lake Eagle Watch – Allons – Lillydale Campground

FEBRUARY

Sweetheart Days at River Ridge Farm – Clinton – 1st & 2nd Sat.

World PIG Championship Card Tournament – Pall Mall – Forbus General Store, Last Sat.

International Festival – Oak Ridge – Children's Museum of Oak Ridge

MARCH

Sgt. York Memorial Black Powder Shoot – Sergeant Alvin C. York State Historic Park

Wildflower Walks – Norris Dam State Park

APRIL

Dogwood Arts Festival – Knoxville – All month

Thunder Road Festival – Rockwood – 1st Sat.

Cruisin' in Harriman – Harriman – 2nd Sat. evening, April-Aug.

Blue Ribbon Ceremony – Livingston – Courthouse Sq.

Brimstone Creek's Brimstock Festival – Moss

Coal Creek OHV Area Spring Jamboree – Oliver Springs

Rossini Festival – Knoxville

Wildflower Walks – Frozen Head State Park

MAY

Tennessee Polk Salad Festival – Harriman – Riverfront Park, 2nd Sat.

Brimstone Recreation's White Knuckle Event – Huntsville – Memorial Day weekend

British & Appalachian Culture Festival – Rugby

Chicken Festival – Jamestown

Clinch River Spring Antique Fair – Clinton – Historic downtown

Echo in the Mountains Bluegrass Festival – Frozen Head State Park

International Biscuit Festival – Knoxville

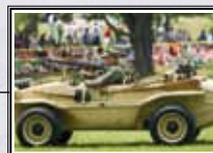
Moonshine Daze – Celina

JUNE

Summer Fest – Harriman – 2nd Sat.

SECRET CITY FESTIVAL – OAK RIDGE

AK Bissell Park, 3rd Fri. & Sat.



Rumble on the Mountain Motorcycle Ride – Wartburg – 3rd Sat.

June Parkfest – Clarkrange

Kuumba Festival – Knoxville – African-American & Appalachian Arts

JULY

Fourth of July Celebrations – Many towns along the trail have a July 4th event. Visit TopSecretTrail.com to learn more.

- Anvil Shoot – Clinton – Museum of Appalachia
- Fire on the Water at Sequoyah Marina – Norris Lake – Sat. before 4th
- Festival on the Fourth – Knoxville
- Smokin' the Water – Kingston

WECO Outdoor Show – Wartburg – 3rd Sat.

Bluegrass Festival – Livingston

Cumberland River Jamboree – Celina

AUGUST

Hwy 127 Corridor Sale – Jamestown – 1st Thurs.-Sat.

Heritage Days – Frozen Head State Park

Homecoming Days – Celina

Jazz Festival – Knoxville

SEPTEMBER

Boomsday – Knoxville – Labor Day Weekend

Mountain Heritage Festival – Stinking Creek – Labor Day Week

Hooray For Harriman Labor Day Festival – Harriman – Labor Day

Old Timers' Day – Pickett State Park – Labor Day

Louie Bluie Music & Arts Festival – Cove Lake State Park

National Rolley Hole Marbles Championship & Festival – Standing Stone State Park

HoLa Festival – Knoxville – part of Hispanic Heritage Month

OCTOBER

Great Pumpkin Festival & Weigh-Off – Allardt – 1st Sat.

Haunting of Harriman – Harriman – 2nd weekend

Tennessee Fall Homecoming – Clinton – Museum of Appalachia, 2nd weekend

Boo at the Zoo – Knoxville

Brewers' Jam – Knoxville – World's Fair Park

Coal Creek OHV Area Fall Jamboree – Oliver Springs

Clinch River Fall Antique Festival – Clinton – Historic downtown

Hog-Eye Harvest Day Fest – Livingston

Old Fashioned Fall Fest & Tractor Show – Jellico

Rollercoaster Yard Sale – Livingston/Dale Hollow Lake area

Sierra Hull Bluegrass Fest – Byrdstown

United Nations Day Celebration – Cordell Hull Birthplace State Park

NOVEMBER

Veteran's Day Ceremony – Pall Mall

Veteran's Day Program – Wartburg

Thanksgiving Marketplace – Rugby

Christmas in the City – Knoxville – Late Nov.-Dec.

DECEMBER

Christmas Home Tour – Rockwood – 1st weekend

Santa Train Rides – Oak Ridge – 1st & 2nd weekends

Scott County Christmas Parade – Huntsville – 1st Sat.

Historic Christmas Tour – Harriman – 2nd weekend

Colonial Christmas Candlelight Tour at Fort Southwest Point – Kingston – 2nd Sat.

Christmas in the Country – Livingston – Courthouse Sq.

Christmas in Old Appalachia – Clinton – Museum of Appalachia

Christmas Parade – Wartburg

Heavenly Celebration – Wartburg – Courthouse lawn

Holiday Homecoming – Norris Dam State Park

Victorian Holiday Home Tour – Rugby

See TopSecretTrail.com for a complete event listing.



TOP SECRET TRAIL CONTINUED FROM PAGE 11.

Return to TN-85, turn L. Turn R on TN-136/ Standing Stone Park Hwy to pt. 59.

Hwy 136 at Cemetery Rd. Hilham

59. Moses Fisk – (R) Moses Fisk established the town of Hilham in 1803, the first town in Overton County. One year later, he opened the **Fisk Female Academy**, one of the first girls' schools in the South. He and his wife are buried in **Fisk Cemetery**, which has an incredible collection of headstones and markers influenced by local folk art traditions from the Antebellum era through the 20th century. The **Fisk home** (pictured) is now on the grounds of point 60.



Continue N on TN-136/ Standing Stone Park Hwy to pt. 60.

1674 Standing Stone Park Hwy, Hilham
931-823-6347
800-713-5157

Note: Overton Lodge, 1 of 4 group lodges on site, is not accessible by motorcoach.

60. Standing Stone State Park & State Forest – Explore nearly 11,000 acres of rugged terrain on a hilly portion of the Cumberland Plateau. Hilltop overlooks offer views of outstanding scenery, while deep wooded coves harbor abundant spring and summer wildflowers, and a wide variety of mammals, birds, amphibians and reptiles. The park offers **cabins, group lodges, a campground**, gift shop, picnic pavilions, playgrounds and an amphitheatre as well as boating, fishing, hiking and swimming.



The National Rolley Hole Marbles Championship & Festival, a specific kind of marble-shooting contest, is held in point 60 every September. The tournament draws international attention and has been covered by ESPN.

TENNESSEE CIVIL WAR TRAILS

Between 1861-1865, Tennessee was a hotbed of Civil War activity. Forming the northern border of the Confederate States of America, Tennessee was the last state to secede from the Union and the first to rejoin after the war's end. Many of the war's important sites are preserved and marked as a part of the Tennessee Civil War Trails program, part of a five-state trails system that helps visitors explore the Civil War through the places that tell its story. Look for markers along the Top Secret Trail, and pick up trail brochures at the information centers and many of the museums on the route. Learn more at tnvacation.com.



DALE HOLLOW LAKE

For decades, residents along the Obey River lived in fear of flooding, as the river swelled out of its banks regularly, damaging and destroying property. In the 1940s, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers constructed the Dale Hollow Dam (point 63) to control the flooding; the dam also used the water's power to generate electricity for the area. The Corp's plans for the lake's creation weren't well received by everyone, however. The little town of Willow Grove (pictured) sat right in the lake's path, and didn't want their schools, churches and homes to be underwater. They fought the plan unsuccessfully, and were heartbroken to scatter their entire town — including the dead in their cemeteries — to higher ground. Willow Grove is known as the "Atlantis of Dale Hollow Lake," and the town's buildings remain underwater, a favorite spot for divers today. Many fishermen report hearing the church bells of Willow Grove in the quiet of the morning.



Continue N on TN-136/ Standing Stone Park Hwy. Follow hwy to end, turn R. Turn L onto TN-52/ Celina Hwy/Livingston Hwy to pt. 61.

61. Celina – Sitting at the confluence of the Obey and Cumberland Rivers, Celina — named for the daughter of Moses Fisk — was once a riverboat stopover for the timber industry. The town square, featuring the 1872 **Clay County Courthouse**, is a great place to stretch your legs and explore, especially for the antique-curious. *Most businesses closed on Wed.*



Dale Hollow Lake is named for William Dale, a surveyor and War of 1812 veteran. His 449 acres in 1808 grew into a plantation known as Dale Hollow. Dale's descendants lived on the property until the dam was built in 1942.



Turn R onto Gainesboro Hwy/TN-52/TN-53. Turn R onto Dale Hollow Dam Rd. Take 1st R onto Fish Hatchery Rd. to pt. 62. 50 Hatchery Rd., Celina 931-243-2443

62. Dale Hollow National Fish Hatchery – (R) On your way to the dam, visit the aquarium and museum here to learn about its history and function. Get up close and personal with the native warm water fish used to stock Tennessee Valley Authority lakes in Tennessee, Georgia and Alabama.



Return to Dale Hollow Dam Rd., turn R. Take 2nd R to stay on Dale Hollow Dam Rd.; drive across pt. 63.

See Outdoors listing on pg. 16 for recreation & marinas around pt. 63.

63. Dale Hollow Dam & Lake – This structure and the 52,000-acre lake it created are one of the country's top spots for fishing, boating and water activities today. As you

CORDELL HULL

The person behind point 65's name is rich in political history — locally, nationally and internationally. Born in a log cabin in present-day Pickett County, Cordell Hull graduated from Cumberland School of Law at Cumberland University and was admitted to the bar as a teenager. He became the elected chairman of the Clay County Democratic Party at the age of 19. Hull was a local judge and served in the Tennessee House of Representatives and later served for 11 terms in the U.S. House of Representatives. He was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1930, but resigned in 1933 to become secretary of state. He is known best as the country's longest-serving secretary of state, holding that position for 11 years (1933-1944) under President Franklin D. Roosevelt and throughout much of World War II. Hull became an important force in the creation of the United Nations and in 1945 was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his role as "Father of the United Nations".



drive across the dam, look to your left for a gorgeous view of the lake and to your right for a breathtaking picture of the Obey River flowing through the valley.



From Dale Hollow Dam Rd., turn L onto TN-52E/Livingston Hwy. Continue to follow TN-52E for approx. 13.5 miles. Turn L onto Bradford Hicks Dr. Turn L onto TN-111N/294N/Byrdstown Hwy, go approx. 3.5 miles. Continue to follow TN-111N/Byrdstown Hwy for 9.5 miles. Turn L onto Obey Park Rd., continue onto Sunset Dock Rd. to pt. 64.

64. Sunset Marina Restaurant – (R) This floating restaurant on Dale Hollow Lake is part of a full-service facility featuring spectacular views and a ship's store with groceries, souvenirs, fishing gear, tackle, live bait, fishing permits, fuel and much more. Stay for dinner, stay for the day, or even stay for a week on a luxury houseboat.



2040 Sunset Dock Rd. Byrdstown 800-760-8550
Retrace route to return to TN-111N, turn L. Turn L onto TN-325W/Cordell Hull Memorial Dr. to pt. 65.
1300 Cordell Hull Memorial Dr. Byrdstown 931-864-3247

65. Cordell Hull Birthplace State Park – (R) Visit this park, where you'll find a replica of former U.S. Secretary of State Cordell Hull's log cabin, rebuilt using the original logs. Tour the farm and garden, and stop in to see the museum housing documents and artifacts from his life, including the Nobel Peace Prize he received in 1945 in recognition of his efforts for peace and understanding in the Western Hemisphere, his trade agreements, and his



work to establish the United Nations. Nearby, the Bunkum Cave Trail leads to an overlook and the entrance to the cave where Cordell's father once made moonshine. The park, known for its songbirds and wildflowers, has several picnic spots and hosts events throughout the year. *Cave is currently closed.*

Exit L onto TN-325E/Cordell Hull Memorial Dr. Turn L onto TN-111N/TN-325E/Livingston Hwy. Continue 1.75 miles to pt. 66.
1005 Hwy 111 Byrdstown 931-864-7195

66. The Amonett Place-Dale Hollow Lake Welcome Center

(R) This is the gateway to Tennessee's Upper Cumberland region. Stop in for info on lodging, attractions and lake recreation. In the **Borderland Foundation Museum of the Civil War**, learn about Tennessee's first military action at the beginning of the war. During the summer, visit the **farmers market** here, a resource for local fresh produce.

Exit R onto TN-111N/TN-325E/Livingston Hwy. Turn R onto TN-325W/W. Main St., turn R onto Courthouse Sq. to pt. 67.
Courthouse Sq. Byrdstown 888-406-4704
Dixie Café 31 Courthouse Sq. 931-864-6535

67. Historic Square at Byrdstown – The 1935 Pickett County Courthouse is the centerpiece of this charming square. Take a walk around the area, then enjoy good ole' country fare at **Dixie Café** — on Friday and Saturday nights live Bluegrass starts at 6 p.m.; it's no secret, seats fill up fast.



Circle sq., head N on N. Main St. Turn R on TN-111N, go approx. 1.5 miles to pt. 68.
9201 Hwy 111 Byrdstown 931-864-4070

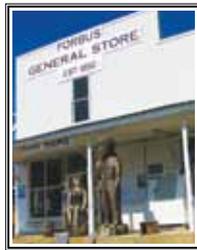
68. Farmhouse Restaurant – (L) Get a true farm-to-table experience here, with a menu featuring home-grown produce and a screened-in front porch for down-home dining.



A Civil War Trails marker near Forbus General Store tells the story of the first military action of the Civil War in Tennessee. Known as "The Affair at Travisville," the brief 1861 engagement brought the reality of the conflict home to the people of the Cumberland Mountains. To view the skirmish site, turn left onto Hwy 200 just past point 69, go approximately 1.8 miles to marker on right near the Travisville Cemetery.

Exit L to continue NE on TN-111N. Turn R on TN-285/US-127S/N. York Hwy, go approx. 7 miles to pt. 69.
3902 N. York Hwy Pall Mall 931-879-5427

69. Forbus General Store – (L) Built in 1892 and nestled in a charming corner of Hwy 127, this is a great spot to taste some decadent, chewy housemade fudge. The store is known for the "Pig" in the back —



it's the name of a card game played daily by locals. You'll "hear the bacon fryin" when someone is getting close to winning; you may smell it too, as they serve hot meals and other country goodies and treats.



The card game "Pig," original to Fentress and Pickett Counties has been passed down through generations. The World PIG Championship is held each February at point 69. Track down the rules online or come to the "Learning Tables" at the tournament.

Exit L onto TN-285/US-127S/N. York Hwy, go approx. 4 miles to pt. 70.
2609 N. York Hwy Pall Mall 931-879-6456

70. Sergeant Alvin C. York State Historic Park – (R) This site is the homeplace of one of the most decorated war heroes of WWI. Stop at the general store and visitors center to find memorabilia and souvenirs, historical photos and newspaper clippings, and don't miss the 15-minute video history in the back. Explore the 1880s gristmill that York operated for years, and tour the family home, farm and burial site. Get your feet wet, enjoy the playground and have a picnic along the Wolf River.



Exit R onto TN-285/US-127S/N. York Hwy. Go 8.5 miles, turn L toward TN-154N/Pickett Park Hwy, go 0.2 mile. Turn L onto TN-154N/Pickett Park Hwy, go 11 miles to pt. 71.



Land Trust for Tennessee protects 155 acres of farm and forest lands in Pickett County, preserving water quality of the Wolf River as well as five generations of family history.

4605 Pickett Park Hwy Jamestown 931-879-5821 877-260-0010
Forest Info: 931-879-5170

71. Pickett State Park & State Forest – (L) Situated in a remote section of the Upper Cumberland Mountains, this 19,200-acre park offers a combination of scenic, botanical and geological wonders found nowhere else in Tennessee. Check out the uncommon rock formations, natural bridges,



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.



SERGEANT ALVIN C. YORK

Born into a Pall Mall family of subsistence farmers, Alvin C. York was the oldest of 11 children, with a sharp-shooting, rebellious reputation; as a young man, he experienced a religious conversion and adopted a strict moral code. Drafted into the army in 1917 at the beginning of the first World War, York wrestled with military service, as his religious beliefs forbade engaging in combat. In France in 1918, York and 16 others found themselves behind enemy lines and face-to-face with a German machine gun nest. Under the command of Sergeant Bernard Early, the unit captured the group of German soldiers, only to be surprised by machine gun fire from a ridge above them. The Americans suffered heavy casualties, putting Corporal York in charge of the nine remaining men. In an amazing series of events,



York used his sharp shooting skills to silence the German guns and bring 132 German prisoners back to American lines. York became an instant American hero, symbolizing the humble soldier with heart and skill. He used his celebrity to raise awareness and funding for his home community in rural Fentress County. Cary Grant played the hero in the 1941 film *Sergeant York*, which helped to gain public support of the brewing World War II.

numerous caves and remains of ancient Native American occupation. Rent a boat or canoe on Arch Lake; stay in a **cabin** or **campground**; hike, ride, and swim among the sandstone bluffs.



Point 71 was developed by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) between 1934-1942. Crews built hiking trails, a recreation lodge, a ranger station, five rustic cabins, and 12-acre Arch Lake. The original park facilities are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Retrace route on TN-154N/Pickett Park Hwy. Turn L on TN-297E/Leatherwood Ford Rd., turn R onto Wheeler Ln. to pt. 72.
329 Wheeler Ln. Jamestown 931-879-7121

72. Bacara's Family Restaurant – (L) Offering authentic German food in the heart of "Big South Fork Country," this spot is considered to be one of the Upper Cumberland's best-kept secrets.



2012 marks the 75th anniversary of the Tennessee State Park system. There are 53 parks across the "Volunteer State" and you'll visit nine along the Top Secret Trail.



Return to TN-297E/
Leatherwood Ford Rd.,
turn R. Go 10 miles
to pt. 73.
4564 Leatherwood Rd.
Oneida
423-286-7275

73. Big South Fork National River & Recreation Area –

Encompassing 125,000 acres of the Cumberland Plateau, this area protects the free-flowing Big South Fork of the Cumberland River and its tributaries. Hike, **camp**, or picnic in the scenic gorges and sandstone bluffs, and be sure to visit the park's **Blue Heron Mining Community**, a former 1930s coal mining town that is now a museum preserving and telling its story.



Continue E on
TN-297E/
Leatherwood Ford
Rd. for 7.4 miles. Turn
R onto TN-297/
Coopertown Rd., go
4.2 miles. Turn R onto
Industrial Ln., go 0.7
mile. Turn R onto
S. Alberta St./US-27, go
6.1 miles to pt. 74.
12025 Scott Hwy
Helenwood
423-663-6900

74. Scott County Visitor Center

(R) This is a great place to get to know Scott County. Pick up your Big South Fork backcountry permit, maps and more. You can even take a virtual tour of point 73 on the center's big video boards giving you an up-close and personal look of what comes next. Take a seat on the front porch rockers to plan your Big South Fork adventure.

75. Museum of Scott County – (L)

Sitting on the campus of Scott High School, this student-built and operated museum is the only one of its kind in the U.S. The impressive exhibits portray the heritage and spirit of this area during prehistoric times, the frontier years, WWII, coal mining, moonshining, and more. Next door, you'll find the **Battleship Museum**, a memorial to the U.S.S. *Tennessee* that survived the attack on Pearl Harbor. Many pieces of authentic memorabilia are on display, along with photos of the ship in active duty.



Continue S on
Scott Hwy/US-27 for
0.4 mile. Turn L onto
Scott High Dr., go 0.2
mile to pt. 75.
400 Scott High Dr.
Huntsville
423-663-2801

76. Brimstone Recreation – (R)

ATV riders and nature lovers, don't miss this 19,000-acre site with hundreds of miles of trails, named as the nation's top ATV destination. Stop here for rail buggy riding, mountain and dirt biking, hiking, **camping** and hunting. Catch the White Knuckle Event



Return to TN-63/
Howard H. Baker Hwy,
turn R to pt. 77.
Baker Hwy
Huntsville
423-663-3471

Continue E on TN-63/
Howard H. Baker Hwy
for approx. 12.5 miles
to Pioneer Post Office
(where TN-297 meets
TN-63).



In 1861, Tennessee became the second state to secede from the Union, leading up to the Civil War. In protest, the people of Scott County voted to secede from the State of Tennessee, forming the Independent State of Scott.

OFF-TRAIL

To go off trail from
Pioneer Post Office, turn
L onto TN-297/Newcomb
Pk. to drive pt. 78.

Continue NW/NE on
TN-297/Newcomb Pk.
for 17 miles through
Newcomb Community
and Jellico to pt. 79.

143 State Park Cir.
Jellico
423-784-7958

Retrace route SW/SE
on TN-297/Newcomb Pk.
back to Pioneer Post
Office, turn L on TN-63
to rejoin main trail
enroute to pt. 80.

BACK ON TRAIL

From Pioneer Post Office,
continue SE on TN-63.
Go approx. 2 miles, turn
L on "Royal Blue" access
road to pt. 80.

6307 Stinking Creek Rd.
Pioneer
423-784-9445
800-332-0900

Interstate Access:
I-75, exits 141 & 144

each Memorial Day weekend, featuring top-selling country music artists and ATV events. *Reservations required.*

77. Huntsville Mall – (R) This quiet town is the seat of Scott County. A trip around downtown will reveal the Independent State of Scott marker, a peaceful gazebo, the **Veteran's Memorial Wall**, and the historic **First National Bank** (pictured) and **Old Scott County Jail** buildings.



78. Elk Valley – (L) Whether you're behind the wheel or on a motorcycle, this curvy mountain drive dotted with quilt patches, provides beautiful views of this lush farming valley in the shadow of the Cumberland Mountains. Follow it all the way to Jellico, or explore a bit, backtrack and rejoin the trail.



79. Indian Mountain State Park – (L) Visit this beautiful state park at the foot of majestic Indian Mountain, developed on land reclaimed from abandoned strip mines; it's one of the first of its kind in the Southeastern U.S. You'll find **campsites**, boat rentals, walking trails, picnic shelters, fishing and a swimming pool.



80. North Cumberland Wildlife Management Area (WMA) / Ride Royal Blue – (L) Visit 154,000 acres of public land access for remote **camping**, wildlife watching including majestic elk and beautiful bird species; hiking, fishing, hunting; and 600 miles of ATV/multi-use trails featured on the Versus channel. The trails range



Retrace route to TN-63/
Howard H. Baker Hwy,
turn R. Go approx.
0.5 mile, turn L onto
Old TN-63 (hwy is
unmarked) to pt. 81.
Old Hwy 63
Caryville

Go SE on Old TN-63 for
approx. 8.4 miles.
Turn R onto Main St.
(across from I-75 exit
ramp), go approx. 0.25
mile to pt. 82.
159 Main St.
Caryville
423-562-2976

Retrace route on Main St.,
turn R onto Old TN-63/
Royal Blue Rd. Cross over
I-75, road becomes
TN-63/US-25W/Veterans
Memorial Hwy. Turn R onto
Dogwood Rd. to pt. 83.
4459 Veterans Memorial Hwy
Caryville
423-562-9888

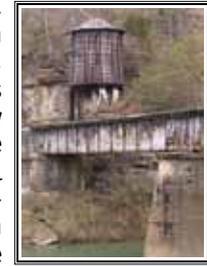
Return to TN-63/US-25W/
Veterans Memorial Hwy,
turn R. Go approx. 0.25
mile, turn R onto Ridge Rd.
Go 3 miles to pt. 84.
1835 Ridge Rd., Caryville
423-566-0976
Lodge: 423-494-3629

Retrace route on Ridge Rd.
to TN-63/US-25W/Veterans
Memorial Hwy, turn R. Go
0.25 mile to pt. 85.
110 Cove Lake Ln., Caryville
423-566-9701

Rickard Ridge BBQ
131 Goose Ln., Caryville
423-907-8202

Justin P.
Wilson
Cumberland
Trail State
Park Headquarters
220 Park Rd.
Caryville
423-566-2229

81. Caryville Bridges, Trains & Trestles – On your way to Caryville, experience seven miles of mountain scenery coursing through Cove Creek, featuring laurel and seasonal wildflowers, three train trestles and five pebble stone bridges. You'll also intersect the **Cumberland Trail State Scenic Trail** just off the footbridge leading to point 85. Across the road is another access spot for point 80.



82. Scotty's Hamburger – (L) This local favorite has been serving up little burgers, great sandwiches, hearty breakfasts and more, 24 hours a day since the 1970s.



83. Moonshine Exhibit at Hampton Inn – (L) Visit one of America's Top 10 Hampton Inns to see the llamas grazing along the lake and mountain vistas; décor and memorabilia tell the true story of an East Tennessee bootlegger's fatal, final run-in with revenuers.



84. Twin Cove Marina – (R) Stop in and relax over dinner on the patio at this restaurant, bar and clubhouse to get your fill of delicious food and water scenery. This spot also offers condo and lakefront home lodging as well as jet-ski, pontoon and runabout boat rentals.



85. Cove Lake State Park – (L) Take in breathtaking views of the mountains at the foot of the Cumberland Plateau. You'll find picnic shelters, an Olympic pool, a climate controlled pavilion, 100 RV and tent **camping** sites, playgrounds, a fishing pier, boat rentals, Native American mounds and more. Catch dinner at



Find more information at TopSecretTrail.com.

local favorite **Rickard Ridge BBQ** located on site. You'll also find the trail headquarters for the **Justin P. Wilson Cumberland Trail State Park** — this is a great place to experience part of it. The Louie Bluié Festival happens every October, honoring Campbell County native "Louie Bluié Armstrong", one of the nation's finest string band musicians.



TRIPADVISOR.COM: *I've never had ribs taste quite like the ones at Rickard Ridge. So hard to explain, but my mouth waters thinking about the flavor.*

Retrace route to TN-63/
US-25W/Veterans
Memorial Hwy, turn R.
Go approx. 0.7 mile,
turn L onto TN-116/John
McGhee Blvd. Go approx.
0.4 mile to pt. 86.
267 John McGhee Blvd.
Caryville
423-566-3655

86. Quick Stop BBQ – (L) Stop in for groceries, camping and fishing supplies; outdoor permits; ribs hot off the smoker and excellent home cooking.



Continue S on TN-116/
John McGhee Blvd. for
5 miles into Lake City.
At int. with US-441/
Norris Fwy., turn L onto
US-441. Go under I-75,
go approx. 0.3 mile to
pt. 87.
Hwy 441
Lake City

87. Longfield Cemetery – (R) This is the final resting place for many of the victims of the worst mining disaster in Tennessee history, known as the Fraterville Mine Disaster of 1902; the box below tells the tragic story. This cemetery is a stop on the **Coal Creek Mining Motor Discovery Trail**, a self-guided driving route through the area's historic mining sites. Pick up a guide at point 94.



FRATERVILLE MINE EXPLOSION

Due to its abundance of natural resources, this Appalachian region once produced most of the nation's coal. In the late 1800s, new rail lines meant new coal mines near Coal Creek (now Lake City). With opportunity soon came tragedy; the worst mining disaster in Tennessee history (and the third-worst coal mining disaster in U.S.) occurred on May 19, 1902. An unexplained explosion trapped the men in the mines. Most died instantly, and the trapped miners who survived the initial explosion scribed their epitaphs and farewell wishes into the walls of the cave. Some of the inscriptions were later transferred to the headstones of the miners' graves, found at Longfield Cemetery (point 87) and others nearby. In the 25 years following Fraterville, 2,400 mining workers have died in similar explosions.

Exit L onto US-441/
Norris Fwy. Go approx.
2.5 miles to pt. 88
entrance.

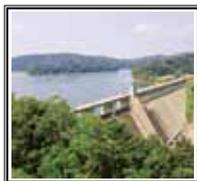
125 Village Green Cir.
Lake City
865-426-7461
Cabins: 800-543-9335

Note: Pt. 88 covers a
large area. The directions
provided lead you to the
park office, a great place
to start your visit.

88. Norris Dam State Park – (R) This 4,000-acre park on the shores of Norris Lake surrounds Norris Dam with **cabins, camping** and outdoor adventure opportunities. Enjoy the amenities of point 90 as well as the site's natural wonders including scenic valleys, sparkling streams, wild-flower trails and a virgin forest with hiking trails. A naturalist is on duty throughout the summer to conduct nature- and history-inspired programs, activities and tours.



89. Norris Lake – Recreation awaits where the mountains meet the water. This beautiful lake extends 56 miles up the Powell River and 72 miles up the Clinch River, surrounded by the majestic peaks of East Tennessee. With 34,000 acres of water, 22 marinas and 800 miles of shoreline, there are plenty of secluded coves for fishing and boating, **camping** and **lodging**, or simply enjoying the view.



Exit L onto US-441/
Norris Fwy. Go approx.
1.5 miles to pt. 90.

1604 Norris Fwy.
Norris
865-494-8138

Exit L onto US-441/
Norris Fwy. to drive
across Norris Dam.

90. Norris Dam Marina – (L) This full-service marina located inside point 88, offers a snack bar and fueling station; pontoon, jet-ski and boat rentals; a boat launch ramp and a mammoth view of Norris Dam, rising 265 feet high and stretching 1,860 feet across the Clinch River.



Cross Norris Dam,
continue 1.4 miles on
US-441/Norris Fwy. to
pt. 91.

2121 Norris Fwy., Norris
Tours: 865-494-9688

Exit L onto US-441/
Norris Fwy., continue S
for approx. 3.6 miles.
Turn R onto TN-61/
Andersonville Hwy, go
0.5 mile to pt. 92.

2819 Andersonville Hwy
Clinton
865-494-7680

91. Lenoir Museum Historical Complex – (L) This attraction within point 88 includes a museum, an 18th-century gristmill and a threshing barn. The complex depicts life before TVA built Norris Dam, telling the area's story through pictorial history displays, artifacts and historical documents. Don't miss the 1800 German barrel organ and live music on Sunday afternoons.



92. Museum of Appalachia – (R) Get to know the history, the stories, the faces, and the arts and wares of mountain life in Southern

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA)

Even by Depression standards, the Tennessee Valley was in bad shape in 1933. Much of the land had been farmed too hard for too long, eroding and depleting the soil. Crop yields were low. The best timber had been cut. 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 how to improve crop yields, helped replant forests, controlled forest fires and improved habitat for wildlife and fish. The most dramatic impact came from TVA projects like Norris Dam (at point 88), consuming significant land acreage through imposed flooding and generating electricity that made life easier and farms more productive. The TVA impacted communities all along the Top Secret Trail, most broadly by bringing electricity that drew industries into the region, providing desperately needed jobs in hard economic times.



Appalachia. Visit the museum to see over 250,000 pioneer relics; walk the grounds to see 30 log structures including a chapel, schoolhouse, cabins, and barns. Spend the day, visit the gift shop, eat some home cooking, and listen to the porch pickers.



One of the cabins at point 92 is thought to have belonged to Mark Twain's father John Clemens until just before Twain's birth.



Exit R onto TN-61/
Andersonville Hwy, go
approx. 0.25 mile to
pt. 93.

2716 Andersonville Hwy
Clinton
865-494-9854

93. Appalachian Arts Craft Center – (L) Just across the street from point 92, this is one of the Southeast's premier fine craft galleries. It was founded in 1970 with the mission to "enrich the souls and pocket-books of low-income people in Anderson County" by teaching, producing and selling traditional handcrafts.



Exit L onto TN-61/
Charles G. Seivers
Blvd. Go W for 1.5
miles to pt. 94.

115 Welcome Ln.
Clinton
800-524-3602
Golden Girls Restaurant
2211 N. Charles G.
Seivers Blvd., Clinton
865-457-3302

Exit R onto TN-61/
Charles G. Seivers Blvd.
Go W for 3.5 miles, turn
R onto Longmire Rd.
Go 1 mile, turn R onto
US-25W. Go 2 miles, turn
L onto Granite Rd. Go 2.5
miles to pt. 95.

629 Granite Rd.
Clinton
865-457-5536

Retrace route to US-25W,
turn R. US-25W becomes
Main St., go 3 miles to
1st light and pt. 96.
Main St. & Market St.
Clinton

**Park & walk to visit
pts. 96-98.**

94. Anderson County Welcome Center

(R) Come on into this log cabin and grab several of the area's brochures. If you're hungry, walk next door to **Golden Girls Restaurant** and plan your day over some good ole' country cooking.

95. Little Ponderosa Zoo – (L) This "hands-on" zoo is the perfect place for animal lovers of all ages. Enjoy pony rides, the petting zoo and the barnyard and exotic animals, and relax in the big red barn and pavilion near the pond for picnic lunches.



96. Historic Downtown Clinton – A stroll down Market and Main Streets will treat you to historic buildings, antique galleries, well-kept shops and restaurants. Come on the first weekend of each month for special music and family-focused events, or stop by the monthly **farmers market** during spring and summer. In the fall and spring, the streets are closed for the Clinch River Antique Festival,



REGIONAL ARTS & CRAFTS

From handmade Native American flutes and pine needle baskets to quilting and pottery, the arts and crafts of the Appalachian region are as diverse as its landscape. Creativity lies at the soul of the Appalachian culture. The early settlers came to this new land with very little and fashioned their lives from the resources at hand. They built furniture from mountain timber, spun thread from sheep's wool, forged tools from mountain iron and weaved baskets and chair backs from husk. Today, some of these same techniques are featured at places like the Appalachian Arts Craft Center in Clinton (point 93). With so many craft communities, shops, studios and galleries throughout Tennessee, visitors have plenty of opportunities to find a unique artisan keepsake.

If you enjoy art galleries and studios, check out the Rocky Top: Smoky Peaks to Crafts & Creeks Trail that features the Great Smoky Arts & Crafts Community in Gatlinburg.



119 N. Main St.
Clinton
865-463-0440

111 N. Main St.
Clinton
865-457-4340

a family-friendly weekend celebration of antiques, artisans, food, and entertainment.

97. Ritz Theater – (L) Next door to Hoskins, the Ritz opened in 1945 and was one of the most modern theaters in the South at the time, showing first-run movies and hosting concerts. In 1972, it housed *Red Speaks Country Music Show*, a local radio show. Closing in 1987, it was completely renovated in 2000 and once again features movies and live performances.



98. Hoskins Drug Store & Soda Fountain – (L) Welcome to the days when the community drug store wasn't a national chain, but an important town gathering spot. Established in 1930 to serve TVA and textile mill employees, Hoskins grew into an eight-store chain. This one is the original — visit the 1940s soda fountain, traditional drug store, hot plate restaurant, and gift shop to step back in time.



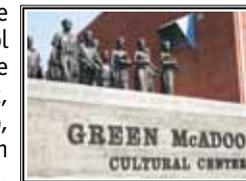
From 1895-1936, Tennessee was one of the nation's six leading states in marketing pearls, and Clinton was one of three towns in the state known as a center of the pearling industry. New York dealers visited regularly during pearling season. In 1900, Clinch River pearls were featured at the Paris France Exposition.



Drive S on N. Main St.,
turn R onto W. Broad St.
Go 0.5 mile, turn L onto
School St. to pt. 99.

101 School St.
Clinton
865-463-6500

99. Green McAdoo Cultural Center – (R) Gain an impressive, educational and authentic glimpse into the racial struggles of 12 young, brave, African-American students. The Clinton 12 changed history when they walked into the all-white Clinton High School and started a six-year battle to desegregate the first public school in the South. Take a seat at a desk, watch the video, then walk through the self-guided, interactive exhibit telling their story. See box on page 26 for more on the Clinton 12.



THE CLINTON 12

In the 1950s in the South, African-American and white students were made to attend separate schools. Here in Anderson County, African-American parents were challenging the school system and the poor quality of Green MacAdoo (now point 99), the school their children attended. They attempted to enroll their children in the white school, and even filed a lawsuit, a bold move for the time. In 1954, the landmark decision of Brown vs. the Board of Education ended school segregation in the U.S., and just a few weeks later the Clinton families' suit was overturned. It wasn't until 1956 that the Clinton schools were ordered to de-segregate, as the board of education made last-minute efforts to improve the African-American schools' facilities and preserve the "separate but equal" mindset. In August 1956, 10 students of the "Clinton 12" gathered and walked to the white school together for the first day of classes. In the year that followed, the students endured threats, violence and harassment from the community; in a show of support by Tennessee Governor Frank Clement, 600 National Guardsmen kept order in Clinton through September, marking the first use of the National Guard in the fight for Civil Rights. In 1957, Bobby Cain became the first African-American student to graduate from a public high school in the South.



Exit L onto School St., turn R onto W. Broad St. Turn R onto US-25W/ S. Main St.; US-25W becomes Clinch Ave., then Clinton Hwy. Go SE for approx. 6 miles to pt. 100.

2836 Clinton Hwy
Powell
865-945-3595

Exit R onto US-25W S/ Clinton Hwy, continue SE for approx. 7 miles. Turn L onto Merchant Dr. (it becomes Dutch Valley and goes under I-75) to 5th light, turn R on Central Ave. Go approx. 3 miles, turn R on Broadway St. Go approx. 3 miles to Emory Pl. & pt. 101.

543 N. Broadway St.
Knoxville
865-522-1424

Pt. 102 is across N. Broadway St. from pt. 101.
544 N. Broadway St.
Knoxville
865-523-3330

100. Ciderville Music Store – (R) This place is truly one of a kind. The folksy Americana exterior houses hundreds of unique instruments and musical artifacts. It's a must-stop for any musician, and a fun stop for everyone else, so come on in!



101. Old Gray & National Cemeteries – (R) Established in 1850, Old Gray is a garden cemetery that serves as the resting place of politicians, businessmen, artists and veterans. It is known for its beautiful marble statues, elaborate headstones and grand monuments. Just beyond it is National, established in 1863 to bury fallen Union troops. Today, it's one of the largest Union monuments in the South.



102. St. John's Lutheran Church – (L) This impressive Gothic Revival-style structure was completed in 1913. It was built to house a growing congregation started in 1888 by

German immigrants who wanted to worship in the English language.



Retrace route N for 1 block on N. Broadway St., turn R on Central Ave. Cross railroad tracks into pt. 103.

Central St. & Jackson Ave.
Knoxville

For a more expanded tour of downtown Knoxville, pick up a **White Lightning: Thunder Road to Rebels Trail** brochure; follow downtown Knoxville points at beginning of route.

103. Old City – This district is a vibrant evolution of what was known as "The Bowery" around 1900: a bawdy neighborhood of saloons, pool halls, houses of ill repute and gambling dens. Later it became known as "The Bottom" and was stationed by early Greek immigrants, segregated African-Americans, and bootleggers. Revitalization in the 1980s turned it into a unique and popular historic district with an eclectic mix of shops, restaurants, nightlife and Knoxville's first winery.



From int. of Jackson Ave. & Central St., go S on S. Central St. for approx. 1 block. Turn L on Summit Hill Dr., it becomes Dandridge Ave., after 4th light, turn R onto Hazen St. to enter Morningside Park to pt. 104.

1600 Dandridge Ave.
Knoxville

104. Alex Haley Heritage Square & Statue – (R) Alex Haley, who made Knoxville his home in his final years, is known for his novel "Roots: The Saga of an American Family." Cast in bronze, he holds his book, gestures as if he is telling the story, and gazes toward the Smoky Mountains he loved. The statue is surrounded by a playground and scenic park.



Exit R onto Dandridge Ave. to pt. 105.

1711 Dandridge Ave.
Knoxville
865-522-8661

105. The Mabry-Hazen House Museum & Bethel Cemetery – (L) Located atop Mabry's Hill, the restored 1858 house served as headquarters for both Union and Confederate forces during the Civil War. This elegant home is filled with original furnishings as well as stories that offer a glimpse into its past.



Exit R onto Dandridge Ave. heading back toward downtown. Turn L onto Hill Ave. to pt. 106.

700 Hall of Fame Dr.
Knoxville
865-633-9000

106. Women's Basketball Hall of Fame – (L) This is the only facility in the world of its kind dedicated to women's basketball, built to "honor the past, celebrate the present, and promote the future" of females in the sport.



You can't miss the building, it's anchored by the world's largest basketball weighing in at 10 tons. Inside, test your skills on the interactive court, explore multimedia presentations, see artifacts, photos, memorabilia, trophies and more.



Knoxville is home to the University of Tennessee Lady Vols. Head Coach Emeritus Pat Summitt was the first woman in NCAA basketball history to win over 800 games; her record includes more than 1,000 wins. Summitt grew up near Clarksville, on the Screaming Eagle Trail.



Pt. 107 is across street from pt. 106.

205 E. Hill Ave.
Knoxville
865-525-6514

107. James White's Fort – (R) Revolutionary War veteran James White was given a land grant of 1,000 acres for his service; he built his two-story log house on the present site of Knoxville in 1786. Today, this recreation of his homestead is the city's most visited historic site, containing some of the original logs, pioneer artifacts and furnishings. Tour the property and see how early Americans lived during that era.



Exit pt. 107 parking area with R turn onto Hall of Fame Dr. Turn R at light onto Hill Ave. Cross bridge to pt. 108.

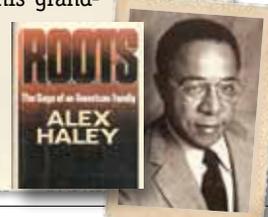
200 W. Hill Ave.
Knoxville
865-525-2375

108. Blount Mansion – (L) See the first frame house built west of the Appalachian Mountains. This was the home of William Blount, governor of the Southwest Territory, a Tennessee Senator, and a signer of the U.S. Constitution. For a short time, it served as the administrative capitol of the Southwest Territory; it was also the first building in the area with windows, prompt-



ALEX HALEY

Drawing from the stories of his extended family, Alex 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 nine Emmys. Haley is buried on the grounds of his grandparents' home in Henning, on the Great River Road Byway & Trail; the site is now a museum. His paternal grandparents are buried in Savannah, on the Walking Tall Trail. Point 104 stands as one of the largest monuments to an African-American in the country.



ing the Cherokee to name it "the house with many eyes."

Point 108 has its own secrets — it was where Civil War Confederate spy Belle Boyd took refuge in 1863.



Exit L onto Hill Ave. Turn R at light onto Gay St. to pt. 109.

803 S. Gay St.
Knoxville
865-522-0832

109. Bijou Theatre – (L)

Built in 1909, this was a vaudeville house, hosting big names like the Marx Brothers and Will Rogers, and later a movie theatre, restored in the 1970s. It has since welcomed acts like Tony Bennett, Dizzy Gillespie and the Ramones. Two Civil War generals died here, and it's said that their ghosts have haunted it ever since. The Bijou is home to the *Tennessee Shines* radio show the last Wednesday night of every month, featuring Americana music. *Tours by advance reservation.*



Continue N on Gay St. for 2 blocks to pt. 110.

604 S. Gay St.
Knoxville
865-684-1200

110. Tennessee Theatre – (R)

Built as a "motion picture palace" in 1928, the theatre's extravagant interior has been described as "Barcelona cathedral meets Casablanca mosque." The official State Theatre of Tennessee now features modern technology within its vintage majesty. It hosts symphonies, operas and acts like B.B. King and Bob Dylan. *Tours by advance reservation.*



Pt. 111 is on corner of Church Ave. & Gay St., across from pt. 110.

601 S. Gay St.
Knoxville
865-215-8824

111. East Tennessee History Center – (L)

This final stop is a combination of treasures: the **McClung Collection** of historical and genealogical material; the **Knox County Archive;** vintage catalogs of music, TV and rare films of the **Tennessee Archive of Moving Image and Sound;** and the **Museum of East Tennessee History.** The signature exhibit, "Voices of the Land" explores 250 years of East Tennessee's culture from Native Americans and the Civil War to civil rights and country music.



Visiting our region helps us preserve and tell our stories — thanks for visiting and no matter where your travels take you next, we hope your Top Secret journey has inspired you to find the hidden gems along your path.