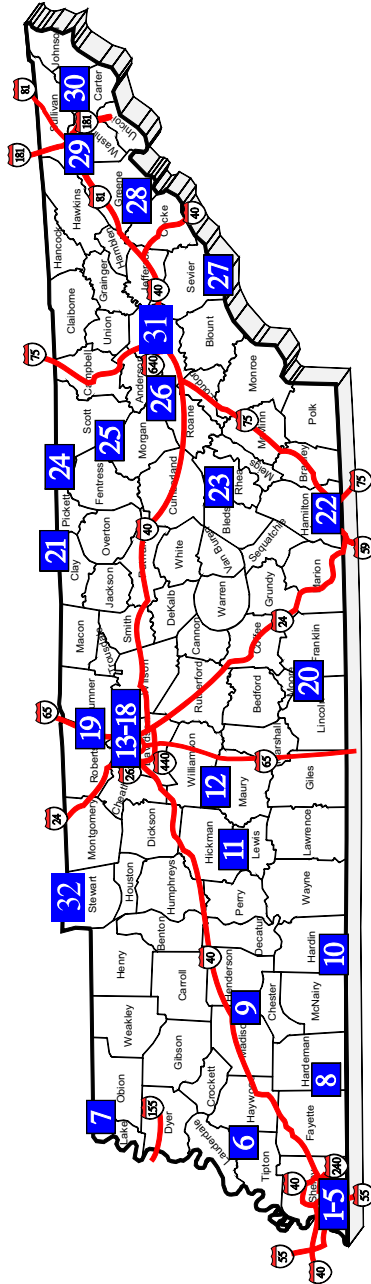


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## #1 Victorian Village

*680 Adams Avenue  
Memphis, TN 38103  
(901) 526-1469*



**The Fontaine House, built 1870 in the French Victorian style.**

In the area of Adams Avenue in Memphis, a number of landmark 19th century homes have been saved from destruction by interested citizens. Homes range in time from ca. 1846 to the 1890s, and in style from Neo-classical through Late Gothic Revival. The oldest home in the area, the Massey House (ca. 1846), was built for Benjamin A. Massey, an early Memphis lawyer. The Pillow-McIntyre House (ca. 1852) is a two-story Greek Revival home purchased in 1873 by Mexican War and Confederate General Gideon Pillow. It was for many years the home of the Memphis Art Association's Free School. The Gingerbread Playhouse, behind the Fontaine House, was built in the 1890s by J. W. Handwerker, a pharmacist, for his children. It has also been used as an office and a beauty parlor. Noland Fontaine bought the Fontaine House, built in 1870, from Amos Woodruff in 1883. He was president of Hill, Fontaine & Co., at one time the world's third largest cotton company. The Fontaines lived in the house for 46 years.

## #2 Hunt/Phelan House

*533 Beale Street  
Memphis, TN 38103  
(901) 525-8225*

This 16-room reddish-brick house in the Federal style was built in two stages, the first in 1830 by George H. Whyett. The second stage, ca. 1855, added a two-story kitchen and service wing, and a two-story porch. In the early months of the Civil War, the house served as headquarters for Confederate General Leonidas Polk. After the Battle of Shiloh, Union General Ulysses S. Grant used the house, planning the siege of Vicksburg in the parlor. The mansion also served as a Union hospital from 1863-1865. A tunnel under the house was part of the underground railroad through which slaves escaped and boarded boats for Illinois. The schoolhouse behind the mansion was built for the Phelan children and the family's slave children; it is the first school known to have educated blacks in Memphis. In later years the house was occupied by northern teachers sent here to educate newly freed slaves.



The Hunt/Phelan House, "a treasure trove" of 19th century magnificence.

### #3 Graceland

*3734 Elvis Presley Boulevard*

*Memphis, TN 38186-0508*

*(901) 332-3322*

*(800) 238-2000*

*<http://www.elvis.com/graceland/>*



**Graceland, home of Elvis Presley.**

Home of world-famous singer and movie star Elvis Presley, Graceland was built about 1940 by Grace Moore. She named the 20-room mansion Graceland after her husband's niece, Grace Toof, whose family had built a cottage on the site earlier. Elvis bought the house in 1957, ten years after he moved to Memphis. During the 1950s the "King" became a national and international hero of young people as rock 'n' roll's biggest star. Eventually, he sold over 500 million records and had more gold records (28) than anyone before him, and also made thirty-three movies. Guided tours of the home, featuring the trophy room, Hall of Gold, automobile collection, touring bus, and Conair jet (the "Lisa Marie"), also include the Meditation Garden where Elvis and his parents are buried. Elvis Presley died in 1977 but his fame lives after him as thousands visit his home each year.

## #4 Chucalissa Prehistoric Indian Village

*1987 Indian Village Drive*

*T. O. Fuller State Park*

*Memphis, TN 38109*

*(901) 785-3160*

Hundreds of years before Europeans came to America, Indians flourished along the eastern shore of the Mississippi River. These ancient peoples hunted, made tools of bone, stone and wood, were capable farmers, and lived in thatch-roofed homes. They built earthworks and worshipped the sun. Chucalissa is a working reconstruction of a 1,000-year-old Indian village that flourished here, with grass thatched huts, a temple, and a ceremonial burial ground. A museum at the site helps visitors understand its history. The name means “house abandoned” or “deserted town” and was chosen for the site by its rebuilders. The original peoples were encountered by DeSoto in 1541, but had deserted the town by 1673 when the French arrived. Today Choctaw Indians live on the site and demonstrate Indian crafts. The rebuilt village is operated by the University of Memphis.



**Thatch-roofed structure at Chucalissa Prehistoric Indian Village.**



## #5 Beale Street Historic District

*168 Beale Street  
Memphis, TN 38103  
(901) 526-0110*



**A night on Beale Street, the heart of blues country.**

It was here in the early 1900s that W.C. Handy first popularized and published the blues, a unique African-American contribution to American music. Handy (1873-1958) was the son of an Alabama Methodist minister. He came here as a young man and played at Pee Wee's Saloon, while another blues pioneer, Bessie Smith, was singing at area nightspots. In 1909, mayoral candidate E. H. Crump hired Handy and his band for his campaign, and Handy's song *Mr. Crump* made him famous overnight when Crump won the election. Handy later turned the song into the *Memphis Blues*, the first blues ever published. It was followed by *Beale St. Blues* and *St. Louis Blues*. The site includes Handy's home at 352 Beale Street, the Memphis Blues and Music Museum, the Palace and Daisy theaters, Hole-in-the-Wall Saloon, parks, shops, restaurants, and night clubs.

## #6 Alex Haley Home and Museum

200 South Church Street  
Henning, TN 38041  
(901) 738-2240

This house, home of Pulitzer Prize winner Alex Haley, was built in 1918-1919 by his grandfather, Will Palmer, a Henning businessman. Haley lived here 1921-1929 and spent summers here in later years. It was on the porch of this house that Haley heard from his grandmother the family stories that inspired him to write *Roots*, retelling tales of his African ancestors who were brought to America as slaves. The work won him the 1976 Pulitzer Prize, and the book was presented in an eight-part television adaptation in 1977. *Roots* has been translated into over thirty languages, and has inspired millions to search for their own roots. Haley's boyhood home is the first state-owned historical site devoted to African Americans in Tennessee. Haley died in 1992.



The boyhood home of Pulitzer Prize winner Alex Haley, author of *Roots*.

## #7 Reelfoot Lake

*Reelfoot Lake Chamber of Commerce*

*Tiptonville, TN 38079*

*(901) 253-8144*

*<http://www.state.tn.us/environment/parks/parks/ReelfootLake/>*



**Sunset on beautiful Reelfoot Lake.**

Tennessee's only large naturally-formed lake, Reelfoot was created by the violent New Madrid earthquakes in 1811. Tremors lasted for more than a year and were felt from New Orleans to the Great Lakes. The area is steeped in the legend of Kalopin, or Reelfoot, a Chickasaw prince born with a deformed foot which caused him to walk with a rolling gait. Against the wishes of the Great Spirit, Reelfoot captured a Choctaw princess, Laughing Eyes, for his wife. In anger the Great Spirit stomped his foot, creating a giant crater into which rushed the backwaters of the Mississippi River, flooding the Chickasaw hunting grounds, and destroying Kalopin's people. The 14,000-acre lake is twenty miles long and up to seven miles wide. Early in this century controversy arose over the private development of the lakeshore, and angry residents resorted to masks, robes, and vigilante terrorism to defend their customary hunting and fishing rights. Troops were called out to suppress the Night Riders and several were brought to trial and convicted. Today the area is a peaceful preserve and features year-round hunting and fishing.



## #8 Ames Plantation

*4275 Ellington Road  
Post Office Box 389  
Grand Junction, TN 38039-0389  
(901) 878-1067  
<http://www.amesplantation.org/>*

The 18,430-acre Ames Plantation is the site of several 19th century cotton plantations. The Wiley B. Jones house, home of the Jones family 1835-1846, and the Ames Manor House, built in 1847 for John W. Jones, have been restored. The Plantation also includes the Mount Comfort Store, Andrews Chapel Methodist Church, and the town site of Pattersonville. The Plantation was developed by Hobart Ames, an industrialist. At his death in 1945, the Hobart Ames Foundation was established and the facilities of the Plantation were made available to the University of Tennessee College of Agriculture for a demonstration farm featuring forestry and farm management projects. In 1987, the Ames History Project was begun to document the houses, grist mills, cemeteries, cotton gins, and roads that made this a thriving farming community before the Civil War brought an end to the plantation tradition in the south. The Plantation is the site of the National Field Trial Championship for bird dogs every February, an internationally known competition.



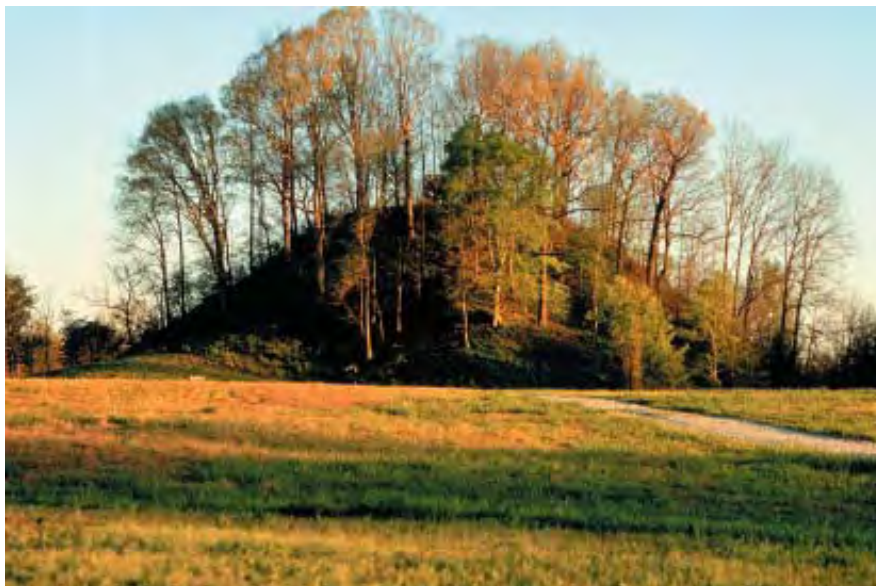
*Courtesy of Tennessee Department of Tourism*

**A scene from a National Field Trial Championship at the Ames Plantation.**

## #9 Pinson Mounds State Park

*460 Ozier Road  
Pinson, TN 38366  
(901) 988-5614*

*<http://www.state.tn.us/environment/parks/parks/PinsonMounds/>*



**One of the Pinson Mounds.**

Pinson Mounds is one of the most significant Native American archaeological sites in Tennessee. The mounds were constructed during the Middle Woodland period (ca. A.D. 1-500). The Woodland Indians were the first farmers in West Tennessee, having introduced the cultivation of corn and squash into the region. The Pinson Mounds site illustrates the transition of the Woodlands Indians from hunting and gathering to a more settled, agricultural existence. This National Historic Landmark, which has been maintained as a state park since 1974, contains at least fifteen mounds, most of which seem to have been used for ceremonial purposes. The 72-foot tall Saul's Mound is the largest, while the Ozier Mound is one of the oldest known ceremonial mounds of its type in the country. The museum offers exhibits on the ongoing archaeological work at Pinson Mounds.

## #10 Shiloh National Military Park

*Tennessee Highway 22*

*Shiloh, TN 38376*

*(901) 689-5696*

*<http://www.nps.gov/shil/>*

This battlefield is the scene of one of the bloodiest battles of the Civil War, where Union and Confederate casualties totaled 23,746. Fighting began April 6, 1862, when Confederate General Albert Sidney Johnston attacked Grant's forces at Shiloh Church. During the heat of the battle Johnston bled to death after a rifle ball severed an artery in his leg. The demoralized Confederates, staggered by Grant's massing artillery, ceased the attack. That night General Buell reinforced Grant, and the Union soldiers attacked the following morning. The thin line of Confederates under General P.T.G. Beauregard broke and retreated toward Corinth, Mississippi. The battle was an important step in Grant's campaign to control the Mississippi River. The 3,972-acre park includes the battlefield, National Cemetery, picnic areas, a museum, movie of the story of the battle, and a 9.5-mile driving tour of the area.



Courtesy of Tom Kanon

**Shiloh's Bloody Pond as it looks today.**

## #11 Natchez Trace Parkway

*Hohenwald, TN 38462*

*(931) 796-2675*

*<http://www.nps.gov/natr/>*



*Courtesy of National Park Service*

### **Natchez Trace.**

Before the arrival of Europeans, native Americans established a network of trails or “traces” through the wilderness. Early hunters, settlers, and soldiers used these traces, the most famous of which was the Natchez Trace connecting Nashville and Natchez, Mississippi. During the late 1700s the Natchez Trace became an important thoroughfare for French and Spanish traders and missionaries. By the early 19th century American boatmen were returning over the trace from New Orleans and Natchez. Circuit-riding ministers, Federal troops, and pioneer wagons increased the traffic on this busy artery. In 1809 Meriwether Lewis of the famed Lewis and Clark Expedition met a mysterious death at Grinder’s Stand on the trace. His grave is marked by a monument, one of many historic sites on the trace. In 1938, Congress created the Natchez Trace Parkway, which was opened for its entire 442 miles in 1996. The Parkway provides a landscaped recreational roadway that winds its way past old iron industry villages, railroad towns, tollhouses, and the German-Swiss immigrant community of Hohenwald. One can see at various places the wagon-rutted early trace, especially the portions cleared by U.S. soldiers between 1801 and 1803.



## #12 James K. Polk Ancestral Home

*301 West Seventh Street*

*Columbia, TN 38401*

*(931) 388-2354*

*<http://www.jameskpolk.com/new/>*

This house was built by Samuel Polk in 1816, when his son James K. Polk was twenty-one years old. It was here that James K. Polk began his legal and political career, living in this house until he was inaugurated 11th president of the United States in 1845. He was the first “dark horse” candidate for president and during his term the territory of the United States was extended from the Atlantic to the Pacific Oceans. Having served in the state legislature, in Congress, as governor of Tennessee, and as president of the United States, Polk died in 1849, a victim of cholera. The house is built in the Federal style and is furnished with relics from the Polk White House. Nearby is the home of Polk’s sisters. Tours of the homes include exhibits of Mrs. Polk’s ball gown and jewels, Polk’s inaugural Bible, Mexican War memorabilia, and the family gardens.



Sitting room at the Polk Home, featuring the presidential seal table.



### #13 Jubilee Hall of Fisk University

*1000 Seventeenth Avenue, North  
Nashville, TN 37209  
(615) 329-8500  
<http://www.fisk.edu/>*



Courtesy of Tennessee Department of Tourism

#### **Jubilee Hall of Fisk University.**

Fisk University was founded by the American Missionary Association and the Western Freedman's Aid Commission in 1866 as Fisk School, a free school for blacks in Nashville. Jubilee Hall, an example of the High Victorian Gothic style, was completed in 1875, the first permanent building erected for the higher education of African Americans in the United States. Money for the building was raised by the Fisk Jubilee Singers, whose worldwide singing tours saved the school from financial collapse in the 1870s. During that time Nashville became a center for black religious music. A portrait of the original Jubilee Singers, painted by Queen Victoria's court painter, hangs in Jubilee Hall, now a University residence hall.

## #14 Parthenon

*Centennial Park, West End Avenue*

*Nashville, TN 37201*

*(615) 862-8431*

*<http://www.nashville.gov/parthenon/>*

Nashville's Parthenon is the only full-sized reproduction of the original Parthenon, a temple built by the Greeks in Athens during the 5th century B.C. It houses the tallest indoor sculpture in the western world, a statue of Athena, ancient goddess of wisdom and learning, the deity for whom the original Parthenon was erected. Originally built for the Tennessee Centennial Exposition in 1897, the building became unsafe and was rebuilt in 1929. It is an exact replica of the Greek temple, its architecture including not a single straight line; no two columns are the same size, nor are they placed the same distance apart. No two steps are the same size and the floor is not square or level. A proud symbol of Tennessee's Capitol city, the "Athens of the South," the Parthenon houses the city's permanent art collection, plaster casts of the Elgin Marbles, a gift shop, and visitors center.



**Nashville's Parthenon, center of the Tennessee Centennial in 1897, reconstructed in 1929.**

## #15 Belle Meade Plantation

*5025 Harding Road*

*Nashville, TN 37205*

*(615) 356-0501*

*<http://www.bellemeadeplantation.com/>*



**Belle Meade Mansion, a Tennessee plantation home.**

Known as “Queen of Tennessee Plantations,” the Harding family’s Belle Meade Plantation, once over 5,300 acres, was world-renowned as a thoroughbred stud farm in the nineteenth century. It was the home of Iroquois, until 1954 the only American-bred winner of the English Derby, which he won in 1881. John Harding bought Dunham’s Station and the tract of land around it in 1807 and built a brick house on the site. William Giles Harding, John’s son, extensively remodeled and enlarged the house after a fire in 1853. Confederate General James R. Chalmers had temporary headquarters here while some of the fighting of the Battle of Nashville raged on the front lawn. The site includes the original Dunham Station log cabin, the mansion restored to the 1850s, stables and carriage house, and other outbuildings. Costumed interpreters give guided tours of the Greek Revival house, the grounds, and outbuildings.

## #16 The Hermitage

*4580 Rachel's Lane  
Hermitage, TN 37076  
(615) 889-2941*

*<http://www.thehermitage.com/>*

When Andrew Jackson died in this house in 1845, he left it to his adopted son with instructions that if he should need to sell it to offer it first to the state of Tennessee. In 1856 the state bought the home and 500 acres for \$48,000. In 1889, the Ladies Hermitage Association was formed to preserve it as a memorial to Jackson, 7th president of the United States, and hero of the Battle of New Orleans. In his public life, Jackson is best known for his fight to defeat the Second Bank of the United States and for the controversial removal of the Indians from the southeastern United States to Oklahoma. The site includes the mansion and formal gardens, tombs of Jackson and his wife Rachel, original log cabins, a smokehouse, spring house, old Hermitage Church, Tulip Grove Mansion, and a visitors center. The Greek Revival mansion, built in 1819, enlarged in 1831, and rebuilt after an 1834 fire, is furnished largely with pieces owned by Jackson.



**Andrew Jackson's Hermitage.**



## #17 Tennessee State Capitol

*Charlotte Avenue and 7th Avenue, North  
Nashville, TN 37243  
(615) 741-2692*



**Tennessee's graceful Capitol building.**

A masterpiece of Greek Revival architecture, the Tennessee Capitol was completed in 1859 and is one of the oldest working capitols in the United States. The architect, William Strickland of Philadelphia, died before the work was completed and was, at his request, buried within the Capitol walls. His son Francis supervised the completion of the structure. The building is constructed of Tennessee marble and the labor of erecting it was performed by convicts and slaves. The building, although unfinished at the time, was first occupied by the General Assembly on October 3, 1853. In 1953 the General Assembly appropriated funds for exterior renovation, and in 1957, for interior restoration. On the grounds are the tombs of President James K. Polk and his wife, Sarah Childress Polk, and statues of Alvin C. York, Andrew Jackson, Andrew Johnson, Sam Davis, and Edward Ward Carmack.



## #18 Ryman Auditorium

*116 5th Avenue, North*

*Nashville, TN 37219*

*(615) 254-1445*

*<http://www.ryman.com/>*

Known as the “Mother Church of Country Music,” Nashville’s Ryman Auditorium, designed by architect H.C. Thompson, was originally built as a religious meeting hall and was called the Union Gospel Tabernacle. It was the realized dream of steamboat Captain Thomas Green Ryman, after his conversion at an 1885 revival preached by Sam Jones. Rev. Jones preached several revivals which raised money for the Tabernacle, one in 1890 which drew 10,000 people a day. For that revival, the first meeting in the new but incomplete Tabernacle, a canvas was stretched across its six foot high walls to protect those gathered from inclement weather. The Ryman became the home of the Grand Ole Opry, famous country and western music show, in 1943 and served as such until March of 1974. After being closed for many years and undergoing an extensive renovation, the building was reopened in June, 1994.



Courtesy of Tennessee Department of Tourism

**Nashville's Ryman Auditorium, a cultural center since the 1890s.**

## #19 Mansker's Station & Bowen-Campbell House

*Moss-Wright Park*

*Caldwell Road*

*Goodlettsville, TN 37072*

*(615) 859-3678 or 859-0766*

*<http://manskers.historicalifestyles.com/>*

*[http://www.cityofgoodlettsville.org/historic/bowen\\_campbell\\_house](http://www.cityofgoodlettsville.org/historic/bowen_campbell_house)*



**The Bowen-Campbell House.**

These adjoining sites illustrate the early phase of Middle Tennessee exploration and settlement. Mansker's Station is the reconstructed 1779 frontier fort established by long hunter and explorer Kaspar Mansker. The fortified station is a living history museum presenting scenes of pioneer life in the early Cumberland River settlements. William Bowen, Revolutionary War veteran and Indian fighter, brought his family here in 1785. Shortly afterwards, he built the brick house that still stands today, a two-story structure in the Federal style and one of the earliest examples of brick hall-and-parlor construction in Tennessee. The house is furnished in the fashion of the 1790s, and interpreters dressed in period-style clothing guide visitors. The plantation grew around Bowen's original 640-acre grant to encompass eventually 4,000 acres. William Bowen Campbell, Mexican War leader, congressman, and governor of Tennessee from 1851 to 1853, was born here in 1807. The house was restored and placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1977.

## #20 Jack Daniel's Distillery

*Post Office Box 199  
Lynchburg, TN 37352  
(931) 759-6180*

*<http://www.jackdaniels.com/>*

Founded in 1866, Jack Daniel's is the oldest registered distillery in the nation, famous for its sour mash whiskey. The charcoal mellowing process has been in use here for over 100 years. Jack Daniel was born five miles from what is now Jack Daniel Hollow in 1848. At the age of twelve he began working for Dan Call, who ran a distillery at Louse Creek. Three years later he became Call's full partner, soon buying him out and making his own whiskey. Jack Daniel wanted the bottles square because he was known as a "square shooter." The charcoal mellowing process takes the "corn" taste out of the liquor and makes it true "Tennessee Whiskey," never called bourbon. Guided tours of the distillery begin every 15 minutes.



A scene at Jack Daniel's, showing wood piled for the charcoal-mellowing process.

## #21 Cordell Hull Birthplace and Museum

*Route 1, Box 41  
Byrdstown, TN 38549  
(931) 864-3247  
(931) 864-3511*

*<http://www.cordellhullmuseum.com/>*



*Courtesy of Tennessee Department of Tourism*

**Rebuilt boyhood home of statesman Cordell Hull.**

This is the log cabin boyhood home of Cordell Hull, secretary of state under Franklin Delano Roosevelt, whose work toward the establishment of the United Nations won him the Nobel Peace Prize in 1945. Born in 1871, Hull received his law degree from Cumberland University in Lebanon in 1891. As a member of Congress he is best known as the author of the income tax law (1913). In 1933, he became secretary of state and served longer than any other man in history. He was the author of the Good Neighbor Policy towards Latin America. He retired in 1944 after holding office for eleven years and died in 1955 in his 83rd year. This site includes the cabin with many personal items, pictures, letters, and books belonging to Hull. The cabin was dismantled and rebuilt in 1957, using most of the original logs.

## #22 Chickamauga/Chattanooga National Military Park

*Post Office Box 2128  
Fort Oglethorpe, GA 30742  
(706) 866-9241  
<http://www.nps.gov/chch/>*

In the fall of 1863, Union and Confederate forces met at Chickamauga Creek in one of the bloodiest battles in American history. The two armies fought for control of Chattanooga, strategic railroad center and gateway to the heart of the Confederacy. More than 48,000 casualties resulted from the battles. The grounds are now the site of the oldest, most visited national military park in the nation. In the fighting on September 19, 1863, victorious Confederates drove the Federal troops back into Chattanooga and laid siege to the city. In November, Federal reinforcements under Grant moved on Lookout Mountain, and the Confederates evacuated to keep from being cut off from the main lines at Missionary Ridge. The battle on November 25 forced the Confederates to retreat into Georgia, opening the way to Atlanta and Sherman's "march to the sea." The site includes the battlefields, the Fuller Gun collection, a multi-media presentation on the battles, the National Cemetery, and monuments to units on both sides.



Scene at Chickamauga/Chattanooga Park, where the "Battle Above the Clouds" raged.



## #23 Rhea County Courthouse

*1475 Market Street  
Dayton, TN 37321  
(423) 775-7801*



Courthouse at Dayton, site of the famous “Monkey Trial.”

In 1925, the Rhea County Courthouse was the scene of the famous Scopes Evolution Trial, in which John Thomas Scopes, a Dayton high school teacher, was tried for teaching that human beings evolved from a lower order of animals. The trial (July 10–July 21, 1925) was covered by H. L. Mencken, world famous journalist, and was reported in newspapers all over the country. William Jennings Bryan, a fundamentalist, served as prosecutor, and Clarence Darrow, well known agnostic, served for the defense. Scopes was convicted and fined \$100. On appeal, the decision was reversed by the Tennessee Supreme Court in 1927. The trial raised issues debated for many years: the right of taxpayers to control curriculum, separation of church and state, academic freedom, and the relationship between science and religion. Built in the 1890s, the courthouse has been restored to its 1925 appearance and houses the Scopes Trial Museum.

**#24 York Grist Mill/Home of Alvin C. York**

*U. S. Highway 127  
Pall Mall, TN 38577  
(931) 879-26456  
(931) 879-5366*

In this old grist mill, built on the Wolf River in 1880, and in the house across the road, World War I hero Alvin C. York spent his last years. Having been born and raised in the mountains of Tennessee, York said he wanted to be buried within sight of the Wolf River. He is buried near the mill, which he operated for twenty years after he bought it in 1943. In 1917, York enlisted in the All-American Division and became famous for single-handedly capturing 132 German soldiers and killing twenty-five in the Argonne Forest on October 8, 1918. For this accomplishment he was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor and the French Croix de Guerre. The Tennessee General Assembly awarded him the Tennessee Medal for Valor. Later he established the Alvin C. York Institute for the education of mountain children. He died in 1964 at age seventy-seven.



The grist mill where Alvin York worked in his last years.

**#25 Rugby***Tennessee Highway 52**Rugby, TN 37733**(423) 628-2441**<http://www.historicrugby.org>*

**Christ Church at Rugby.**

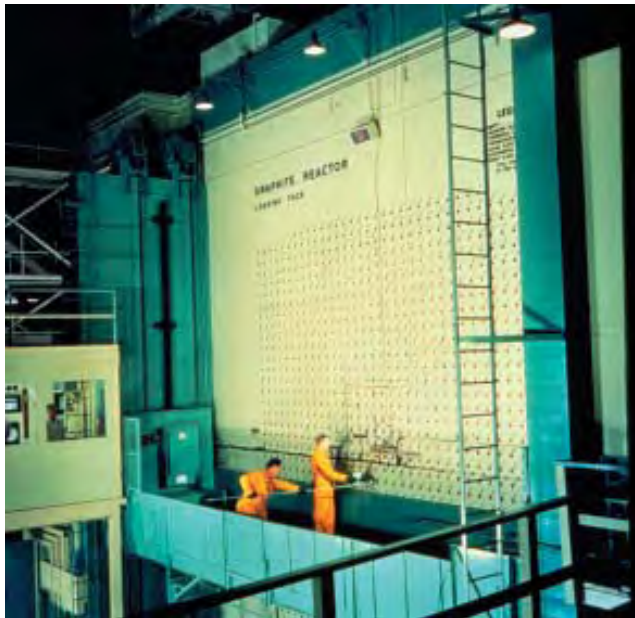
Rugby, a rural English colony founded by Thomas Hughes in the 1880s, was established to provide homes and livelihood in the United States for the younger sons of English gentry. Hughes was a liberal member of Parliament, Queen's Counsel, author and supporter of trade unionism in England before it was legal. He established Rugby so that younger sons of the gentry could enter manual trades without disgrace. A testing ground for Hughes' progressive ideas, he called Rugby a "cooperative colony," but private ownership soon won out. At one time 450 colonists lived here, but an 1881 typhoid epidemic and an 1884 fire proved the downfall of the colony. Rugby was the last organized English colony in the United States. Surviving are seventeen original Victorian buildings, including the Hughes Public Library with over 7,000 original volumes, and Christ Church, where services have been held since 1887. Restaurants and accommodations are nearby.

## #26 The Graphite Reactor (X-10) at Oak Ridge National Laboratory

*Bethel Valley Road  
Oak Ridge, TN 37830  
(865) 574-4160*

*<http://www.ornl.gov/info/news/cco/graphite.htm>*

In 1939, German scientists succeeded in splitting atoms of uranium, resulting in an energy source capable of producing a bomb more destructive than anyone had ever imagined. American scientists, concerned that Hitler would produce and use such a bomb, urged the development of American nuclear programs. By 1942, American research had insured the feasibility of a nuclear bomb, and the Manhattan Engineer District was born. Remote eastern Tennessee, with water, cheap land, and the Tennessee Valley Authority's hydroelectric plants nearby, was chosen as a production site. In just three short years Oak Ridge (the "City Behind a Fence") became the fifth largest city in Tennessee. The secret "Manhattan Project" resulted in the world's first use of atomic energy as a weapon at Hiroshima, Japan, on August 6, 1945. The Graphite Reactor, a National Historic Landmark, is located at Oak Ridge National Laboratory. The reactor was used as a pilot plant and for producing the first measurable quantities of the manmade element plutonium. Visitors can see the control room and radioisotopes and experiment rooms. The laboratory also features interactive videos and an exhibit area.



*Courtesy of Tennessee Department of Tourism*

**The Graphite Reactor at Oak Ridge National Laboratory, the world's oldest nuclear reactor to operate at power.**



**#27 Cades Cove***107 Park Headquarters Road**Gatlinburg, TN 37738**(865) 436-1200**<http://www.nps.gov/grsm/gsm/site/cadescope.html>*

**Cades Cove.**

Cades Cove is one of several special communities in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park exhibiting reconstructions of the pioneer way of life. John Oliver, the first permanent settler to the area, arrived in 1818. Rugged mountains surrounded the little settlement, and the people and the area became self-sufficient, isolated from the development taking place in the outside world. The twentieth century brought automobile roads that provided easier access to Cades Cove. Now the town is part of the 500,000-acre national reserve set aside in the 1930s, providing campgrounds, horseback riding, fishing, and 800 miles of hiking trails, including the Appalachian Trail. Cades Cove is an exception to the “naturalness” of the park itself; it is an outdoor museum of southern Appalachian life featuring reconstructed log cabins, churches, and mills. Permanent exhibits, a self-guided driving tour, and demonstrations of pioneer crafts are offered. Residents, many the descendants of early settlers, have special permits to keep over two thousand acres in farmland.



## #28 Andrew Johnson National Historic Site

*College and Depot Streets*

*Greeneville, TN 37743*

*(423) 638-3551*

*<http://www.nps.gov/anjo/>*

The Andrew Johnson National Historic Site includes the tailor shop where Johnson worked in the 1830s and two of his homes, both restored, one containing many of his personal belongings. He is buried in the National Cemetery at the site. Johnson (1808–1875), tailor, alderman, military governor of Tennessee, Congressman, and United States senator, was vice president under Lincoln. Upon Lincoln's death he became the 17th president of the United States, the only one never to have had formal education and the only one to have been returned to Congress after serving as president. During his presidency he was impeached by the radical Congress for his lenient Reconstruction policies and escaped conviction by only one vote.



One of the homes where Andrew Johnson, 17th president of the United States, lived.

**#29 Chester Inn**

*116 West Main Street  
Jonesborough, TN 37659*

*(423) 753-2171*

*<http://www.tennessee.gov/environment/hist/stateown/chesterinn.php>*



**Chester Inn.**

The Chester Inn, built in 1797 by Dr. William P. Chester of Berlin, Pennsylvania, has earned a reputation as the first boarding house in eastern Tennessee. As the stage coach line developed, the inn was enlarged. The porch and front facade were rebuilt in 1883 in the Italianate style, and the structure has been continuously occupied as an inn, a hotel, and an apartment building. Many famous people have stayed at the inn, including United States Presidents Andrew Jackson, James K. Polk, and Andrew Johnson, and John Sevier, governor of the state of Franklin and Tennessee's first governor. President Jackson held a reception for his friends on the porch of the inn during the summer of 1832, the year he was elected president for a second term. In recent years the inn has undergone an extensive rehabilitation and houses the National Storytelling Association. The association boasts a library of over 200 hours of audio and video recordings of storytelling material and every October hosts the annual Storytelling Festival in Jonesborough, the first town to be chartered in Tennessee.

### **#30 Rocky Mount**

*200 Hyder Road  
Piney Flats, TN 37686  
(423) 538-7396*

*<http://www.rockymountmuseum.com/Home.htm>*

This frontier home, built ca. 1770, was the Capitol of the Territory South of the River Ohio (the area that is now Tennessee) from 1790-1792. It was here that the pioneer Tennesseans known as “over-mountain men” stopped in route to Sycamore Shoals to rendezvous for the Battle of Kings Mountain, “turning point of the Revolutionary War.” Selected in 1790 as his headquarters by Territorial Governor William Blount, this house was the capitol of the first recognized government west of the Allegheny Mountains. It is the oldest original territorial capitol still standing in the United States. Costumed interpreters give tours of the original main house, a reconstructed kitchen, and other outbuildings. The building also houses the Museum of Overmountain History.



**Rocky Mount, monument to Tennessee's frontier heritage.**

### #31 Blount Mansion

*200 W. Hill Avenue  
Knoxville, TN 37902  
(865) 525-2375*

*<http://www.blountmansion.org/>*



**Blount Mansion.**

In 1792, the four-room Blount Mansion became the talk of the town. Knoxvilleans were amazed as materials and furnishings were brought in over the mountains for the home of William Blount, an influential politician and businessman who signed the U.S. Constitution, drafted Tennessee's Constitution, and was the Governor of the Southwest Territory. Watching as window glass arrived from Virginia and sawn lumber from North Carolina excited Knoxville's residents, most of whom crafted their own cabins and homes with local logs. But William Blount's wife, Mary, had insisted on a proper wooden home. The mansion featured a main room for family activities, a parlor for more formal activities, a hall, and a single sleeping chamber upstairs. Later wings were added to the east and west sides. The Governor's Office was built on a corner of the property. By 1925, the mansion had deteriorated seriously and faced demolition to make way for a hotel parking lot. But local residents spearheaded efforts to preserve and restore the mansion, which opened for tours in 1930. Now Blount Mansion is the only National Historic Landmark in Knoxville and Knox County. The historic site includes the mansion, the governor's office, a recreation of a 18th century kitchen that sits where the original detached kitchen was, and a cooling shed, uncovered during an archeological dig in the 1950s. The mansion is open to the public and tours are offered.



## #32 Fort Donelson National Battlefield

*P.O. Box 434*

*Dover, TN 37058-0434*

*(931) 232-5706*

*<http://www.nps.gov/fodo/index.htm>*

This 558-acre battlefield off U.S. Highway 79 in Stewart County was the site of the North's first major victory of the Civil War, ultimately opening the gate for Union invasion into the Confederate heartland. On February 14, 1862, soldiers were embroiled in fierce fighting as Union gunboats arrived and began exchanging "iron valentines" with the Confederate heavy artillery ensconced along the Cumberland River's west bank. It was a bloody 90-minute duel that left the gunboat decks slippery with blood and forced the Union to retreat, but only temporarily. At daybreak the next day, Southern forces launched a vigorous attack, but failed to escape General Ulysses S. Grant's union army. Confederate General Simon Bolivar Buckner was compelled to accept Grant's ultimatum, "No terms except an unconditional and immediate surrender can be accepted," on February 16. Congress established Fort Donelson as a national military park on March 26, 1928, and as a national battlefield on August 16, 1985. About 20 percent of the core battlefield is contained within the park, including the earthen Confederate fort, river batteries, the outer rifle pits, and the Dover Hotel (Surrender House) where Generals Buckner and Grant met to work out the details of surrender.



**"32 Pounder."**



**Lower Battery.**



**Dover Hotel (*Surrender House*).**