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Welcome to the White Lightning Trail.

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Get ready for White Lightning — 200 miles of unique American stories told every day through Appalachian arts and crafts, preserved buildings and sites, historic town squares and the tales of legendary characters.

The trail gets its name from the area's history as a prohibition-era, **MOONSHINE-RUNNING CORRIDOR**. Rebels careened around the curves of "Thunder Road," transporting illegal, homemade corn whiskey under the cover of darkness.

More **HISTORY-CHANGING PIONEERS** made their marks along this route. As you cruise through rolling hills and valleys, you'll be traveling along the path first cut by Daniel Boone himself. You'll walk with the ghosts of Civil War soldiers and coal miners, visit forts that protected the territory's first settlers and see the school where the Clinton 12 stood their ground in the name of civil rights.

And speaking of legends, no Tennessee trip would be complete without a little **MUSICAL HERITAGE**. Visit the hometowns of country music's Roy Acuff, Chet Atkins, Kenny Chesney and Carl Smith.

Your drive takes you along parts of a National Scenic Byway: **EAST TENNESSEE CROSSING**, with unforgettable views from the overlook atop Clinch Mountain. The **BEAUTIFUL BODIES OF WATER** you'll encounter have shaped the region's landscape and culture for hundreds of years and today attract outdoor enthusiasts of all kinds.

So buckle up, there's adventure at every turn on the White Lightning: Thunder Road to Rebels Trail.

TAKING IN THE TRAIL

- These 200 miles are full of historic sites, preserved homes and museums that bring the stories of the White Lightning 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 White Lightning 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.
- While all of the roads on this trail are paved and maintained, wintertime in the mountains can make travel treacherous. Please be mindful of **weather conditions** as you plan your trip.
- 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 White Lightning Trail have been uncovered with the invaluable help of county tourism partners and historians in these communities.



Pictured on cover: Cumberland Gap; Tennessee Theatre, Knoxville; Museum of Appalachia, Clinton. Pictured above: Main Street, Morristown; Green McAdoo Cultural Center, Clinton; Whiskey still once used by Popcorn Sutton; Douglas Dam on the French Broad River; Clinch Mountain Lookout Restaurant, Thorn Hill.

Symbol Key:

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| AFRICAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE | LIVE MUSIC VENUE | NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES |
| CIVIL WAR | LODGING | PICTURE SPOT |
| FESTIVALS | MOTORCOACH-FRIENDLY | TENNESSEE MAIN STREET PROGRAM |
| FOOD & WINE | MOTORCYCLE ROUTE | (R) RIGHT (L) LEFT |

Find more information at WhiteLightningTrail.com.

KNOXVILLE

The 1786 settlement known as White's Fort 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, Knoxville boasts big-city attractions with small town charm and rests in the beautiful foothills of Great Smoky Mountains National Park.



DIRECTIONS

Park the car in lot or nearby, and walk down Gay Street for points 1 and 2.

Start at:

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

1. Knoxville Visitor Center

White Lightning starts here! You'll find gifts, snacks, area information, and can park for free (with permit) to enjoy much of Knoxville. Built in 1925, this building first housed Kuhlman's Store and became the visitor center in 2004, now operated by Visit Knoxville. If you're here at noon, stick around for the live radio broadcast of world-famous **WDVX Blue Plate Special**, and experience both unknown talents, as well as legends such as Bela Fleck.



Abbreviation Key:

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

In 1897, a small hotel fire spread quickly through Gay Street. At the time, it was the "pride of the city," with expensive buildings and high-class establishments. Due to extensive damage, it is known as the "Million Dollar Fire."



From the parking lot, turn R onto S. Gay St., toward Wall Ave. to pt. 2.

2. Historic Gay Street – As you walk along this main thoroughfare, enjoy some of the city's greatest assets and icons:

402 S. Gay St., Knoxville
865-546-1336

Mast General Store, home to over 500 old-fashioned, hard-to-find candies.

422 S. Gay St., Knoxville
865-525-5265

Art Market Gallery, an East Tennessee artist cooperative.

424 S. Gay St., Knoxville
865-633-8111

Downtown Grill & Brewery, the city's first modern brewpub.

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

East Tennessee History Center, where the signature exhibit explores 250 years of East Tennessee's culture from Native Americans and the Civil War to civil rights and country music.

Tennessee Theatre
604 S. Gay St., Knoxville
865-684-1200

The 1928 **Tennessee Theatre** (Tennessee's Official State Theatre) and the 1909 **Bijou Theatre**. *Tours by advance reservations.*



Bijou Theatre
803 S. Gay St., Knoxville
865-522-0832



Gay Street's historic Andrew Johnson Hotel is the last place country star Hank Williams Sr. was seen alive, New Year's Eve 1952.



Turn R onto S. Gay St., toward Wall Ave. Turn L onto Wall Ave. to pt. 3. Between Wall Ave. & Union Ave. Knoxville

3. Market Square – (L) This historic district has stories to tell dating all the way back to 1854. The area has served as a **farmers market**, commercial district, political stage and cultural center; home to Confederates and Unionists, saloonkeepers and prohibitionists; and witness and host to great American history. Roy Acuff got his start here, as did Elvis Presley. Stroll the sidewalks and duck into charming cafés, gift shops, pubs and more in this vibrant and eccentric district.



When Knoxville record merchant Sam Morrison played Elvis Presley's "That's All Right" over Market Square's loudspeakers in the mid-1950s, he sold hundreds of copies — including two to an RCA talent scout. Several months later, RCA bought Elvis' Sun contract, and Elvis was on the road to stardom. Learn more about Memphis and West Tennessee music and culture on the Walking Tall: Rockabilly, Rails & Legendary Tales Trail.



Head SE on S. Gay St. Turn L onto W. Hill Ave. to pt. 4. Parking available in back. 200 W. Hill Ave. Knoxville
865-525-2375

4. Blount Mansion – (R) The first frame house built west of the Appalachian Mountains in 1792, this was the home of Territorial Governor and signer of the U.S. Constitution, William Blount. It served, for a period, as the administrative capitol of the Southwest Territory, and was also the first

building in the area with windows, causing the Cherokee to call it "the house with many eyes." Blount died here in 1800, but the house had another significant tenant: Civil War Confederate spy Belle Boyd, who used it as her refuge in 1863.



Exit R onto W. Hill Ave. Pt. 5 is just past int. of Hall of Fame Dr. & E. Hill Ave.

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

5. Women's Basketball Hall of Fame – (L) Opened in June 1999, this is the only facility in the world of its kind dedicated to women's basketball. The hall offers an excellent collection of multimedia presentations, artifacts and experiences.



Knoxville is home to the University of Tennessee Lady Vols. Former Head Coach Pat Summitt was awarded the Medal of Freedom by President Obama in 2012 and was the first woman in NCAA basketball history to win more than 800 games. She retired with 1,098 wins.



WILLIAM BLOUNT AND MARY GRAINGER BLOUNT

William Blount was an influential political figure in the late 1700s. Born in North Carolina, he served with their forces in the War of Independence in 1776. President George Washington appointed Blount governor of the territory of the United States south of the Ohio River. Shortly thereafter, Blount announced that Knoxville would be his new capital, and began construction of his mansion (point 4) there in 1792. The house was made of sawn hewn lumber, in accordance with wife Mary Grainger's insistence on building a "proper wooden house." Blount Mansion would serve as the family home and the territorial capitol.

In 1797, Blount was accused of concocting a plan to conquer Florida and Louisiana for the British and Spanish Provinces. Despite this episode, Blount's political career flourished, and the following year he was elected to the State Senate, soon rising to the speakership. Mary was a much-beloved first lady of the Southwest Territory and in 1796, Grainger County was named for her. It is the only Tennessee county honoring a woman.



Exit R onto E. Hill Ave. Turn R onto State St. Turn R onto W. Summit Hill Dr., turn L onto N. Central St. to pt. 7. Central St. & Jackson Ave. area, Knoxville
Blue Slip Winery
105B W. Jackson Ave.
865-249-7808

6. James White's Fort – (L) Knoxville's location near the center of the Great Valley of East Tennessee was the hunting ground of the Cherokee Indians prior to its settlement by Europeans. Revolutionary War veteran James White moved from North Carolina and established his home here in 1786, building a fort and cabins. This re-creation sits less than a mile from the original site and offers tours and hands-on interpretations of open-hearth cooking, blacksmithing and spinning.



White sectioned off part of his land to establish a town that would become known as Knoxville. Sixty-four half-acre lots were segmented into 16 blocks and sold for \$8.00 each. White lived here until early 1793. Later in life, he gave land for the establishment of Blount College, which would become the University of Tennessee.

Exit R onto E. Hill Ave. Turn R onto Hall of Fame Dr. to pt. 6. 205 E. Hill Ave. Knoxville
865-525-6514

7. 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 historic district with an eclectic mix of shops, restaurants, clubs and Knoxville's first winery — **Blue Slip Winery**.



Continue NW on N. Central St. Turn L onto Emory Pl. This street looks like a parking lot. You'll see pt. 8 ahead as you turn slight R.

544 N. Broadway St.
Knoxville
865-523-3330

Note: N. Broadway St. is US-441.

8. St. John's Lutheran Church – (L) This Gothic Revival-style structure was built in 1913 to house a congregation founded in 1888 by German immigrants who wanted to worship in the English language.



Pt. 9 is across N. Broadway St. from pt. 8.
543 N. Broadway St. Knoxville
865-522-1424

9. Old Gray & National Cemeteries – (R)

Established in 1850, Old Gray is a prestigious resting place for prominent Knoxvilleians. Just beyond it is National, established in 1863 to bury fallen Union troops. It was the first to honor the dead with small flags on Memorial Day.



Did You Know

A hollow monument in Old Gray Cemetery that marked the grave of Knoxville's first embalmer served as a drop-off point for bootleg liquor during prohibition.

Drive N on US-441/ N. Broadway St., watch for signs for pt. 10.
Off N. Broadway St. Knoxville

10. Downtown North/Old North Knoxville – (Private Properties) (L & R)

Historic neighborhoods thrive on both sides of Broadway — 4th and Gill Avenues on the right and Old North on the left. Along these streets you can experience many styles of crafted homes. This area was once known as “trolleyburb,” linking factory workers to the city by electric streetcars in the 1890s. If you come by in April, you will see this area featured on the nationally recognized Dogwood Trail & Arts Festival.



Did You Know

Fountain City was the largest unincorporated city in the U.S., with a population of 30,000 when it was annexed by Knoxville in 1962.

Head N on US-441/ TN-71/33/N. Broadway St. for approx. 4.3 miles to pt. 11.

11. Fountain City –

Originally founded as supply depot Fort Adair in 1791, this community organized as “Fountain Head” and built a church and campground for revivals. In 1885, the site was redeveloped as the Fountain Head Hotel and its heart-shaped duck pond known as Fountain City Lake remains today. Stroll the sidewalks, discover historical markers, and pop into locally-owned shops and restaurants.



Points 12-14 are a few highlights to explore in Fountain City.

12. Litton's – (R) Litton's opened in 1946 as a grocery and hardware store with a full-service gas station in Knoxville's Inskip

Turn R onto Essary Dr. to pt. 12.
2803 Essary Dr. Fountain City/ Knoxville
865-688-0429

Exit R onto Essary Dr. Turn R onto US-441/ TN-71/33/N. Broadway St. Turn L onto Hotel Rd. to pt. 13.

114 Hotel Rd. Fountain City/Knoxville
865-688-4607

Exit L onto Hotel Rd. to pt. 14 entrance.

117 Hotel Rd. Fountain City/Knoxville

Drive N on US-441/ TN-71/33/N. Broadway St./ Maynardville Pk. Look for blue sign pointing L; turn L onto Andersonville Pk. Turn R onto McCloud Rd. to pt. 15.

4407 McCloud Rd. Knoxville
865-92-BERRY (23779)

Retrace route to TN-71/ 33/Maynardville Pk., turn L to continue N. Turn R onto TN-131/ E. Emory Rd., go NE approx. 4.9 miles. At int. of Tazewell Pk., continue straight; road becomes TN-331/ E. Emory Rd. Go approx. 0.5 mile to pt. 16.
7533 E. Emory Rd. Corryton

community. The original owner's son, Barry Litton, later opened this location as a meat market. In 1981, a customer asked Barry to fry him a hamburger and the restaurant was born. Try the “Thunder Road” burger or one of their unbelievable desserts.



13. The Creamery – (L)

This restaurant serves up homemade ice cream as well as creative sandwiches.



14. Fountain City Park – (R)

Formerly Fountain Head's campground, this park is popular for special events. Have a picnic and enjoy the playgrounds, natural spring and of course, the namesake fountain.



15. The Fruit & Berry Patch – (L) Purchase or pick your own produce including berries, grapes, apples and corn. Better yet, refresh with a fruit slush or fried pie.



The Ride – Consider this stretch all part of the authentic White Lightning experience as you twist and turn up **Highways 131/331/61** to Luttrell and Maynardville, continuing north on **Highway 33** and then back south on **Highway 170**. These rural roads offer a leisurely cruise for Sunday drivers, a curvy thrill for motorcyclists, and a beautiful piece of Tennessee for everyone in between.

16. Nicholas Gibbs Homestead – (L) Prominent pioneer Nicholas Gibbs homesteaded 450 acres here in the late 1700s, on land granted to him for his service in the Revolutionary War. The hewed log house is one of the oldest structures in the state still on its original site; it was the boyhood home of three War of 1812 soldiers and remained in



the family until 1971. Gibbs was Knox County's first justice of the peace.

Continue NE on TN-331/ E. Emory Rd. Turn L onto Washington Pk. N.E., turn L onto TN-61. Continue N on TN-61/ Main St. Turn R, then L to stay on TN-61/ Main St. to pt. 17.

17. Luttrell – Originally known as “Cedar Ford,” this is the birthplace of country music icons Chet Atkins and Kenny Chesney. A notorious distillery once operated just outside of town, sending wagon loads of corn whiskey out onto Thunder Road toward Knoxville. On the third Saturday in September, the city park comes alive with music at the annual Luttrell Bluegrass Festival.

Pink marble from Luttrell was used to construct the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C. and Grand Central Terminal in New York City.

Visit point 18 now (approximately 9 miles away) or later after point 74 (see page 23).

OFF-TRAIL

To go off trail to pt. 18, continue NE on Main St./ TN-61/131 (131 becomes Church Valley Rd.) approx. 6.5 miles. Turn R onto Joppa Mountain Rd. to pt. 18.

1479 Joppa Mountain Rd. Rutledge, 865-828-5818

Retrace route to TN-131, turn L to go SW. Turn R onto TN-61, go NW (follow signs to stay on 61) for approx. 5 miles. Turn L onto TN-33/ 61/Maynardville Hwy to rejoin main trail at pt. 19.

BACK ON TRAIL

To stay on main trail from pt. 17, continue NE on TN-61/131/Main St. Turn L onto TN-61, go NW (follow signs to stay on 61) for approx. 5 miles. Turn L onto TN-33/61/ Maynardville Hwy to pt. 19.

Union Co. Museum 3824 Maynardville Hwy, Maynardville 865-992-2136

Pete's Place 3905 Maynardville Hwy, Maynardville 865-992-3698

From museum, exit R onto TN-33/61/ Maynardville Hwy. Turn R onto Monroe St., turn L onto Main St. to pt. 20.

1001 Main St. Maynardville 865-992-2811

18. Joppa Mountain Pottery – (R)

Known for stoneware and raku pottery, Joppa Mountain Pottery's award-winning work has been featured on HGTV and PBS. It has a growing reputation with collectors and galleries worldwide.



19. Maynardville – This little town is the birthplace of Opry greats Roy Acuff and Carl Smith. If you're lucky, the **Union County Museum & Historic Society** (pictured) will be open when you visit; please call ahead, as it's run entirely by volunteers. Across the street is **Pete's Place**, a local favorite for steak or catfish.



Knoxville-born Quentin Tarantino wrote and directed the Oscar-winning film Inglourious Basterds which starred Brad Pitt as a moonshiner from Maynardville.



20. Union County Chamber of Commerce

(L) Stop in for maps, guides and county information in the historic 1918 Maynardville State Bank. This Classical Revival-style building features Doric columns and housed this predominantly agricultural community's bank from 1922-30 when it closed following the 1929 stock market crash.

COUNTRY MUSIC ICONS & OPRY LEGENDS

They may be small towns, but Maynardville, Luttrell, and others in this area sure have produced some big stars.

Roy Acuff – Known as the “King of Country Music,” this Maynardville native began his musical career touring the Southern Appalachian region as part of Dr. Hauer's medicine show. In 1937, he recorded “The Great Speckled Bird,” which landed him an audition and guest spot on the *Grand Ole Opry*. The performance didn't entirely wow the crowd, but the amount of fan mail WSM-AM received afterwards led to Acuff and his newly formed band, the Smoky Mountain Boys, becoming regular Opry performers.



Chet Atkins – Born in Luttrell, Atkins started his career with a job at WNOX-AM radio in Knoxville, playing fiddle and guitar with singer and Opry Member Bill Carlisle and comic Archie Campbell of *Hee Haw* fame. He made his first Opry appearance in 1946 as a member of Red Foley's band, and even earned a short-lived solo spot. When the spot was cut, he joined Mother Maybelle and The Carter Sisters on KWTO, where they soon attracted Opry attention. Relocating to Nashville in mid-1950, Atkins regularly played the Opry and became an executive with RCA's Nashville studio, bringing Waylon Jennings, Willie Nelson, Connie Smith, Bobby Bare, Dolly Parton, Jerry Reed, John Hartford and Charley Pride to the label in the 1960s.



Kenny Chesney – Born in Knoxville and raised in Luttrell, he received his first guitar on Christmas of 1987 and began teaching himself to play. While studying at East Tennessee State University, he played at local restaurants and bars around Johnson City. Backed by several fellow college-student musicians (who now make up the core of Alison Krauss' band), he recorded his first album in 1989 at Classic Recording Studio in Bristol. In 1990, Chesney headed to Nashville where the only person he knew in the business, producer Kyle Lehning, told him, “You've definitely got something, but it ain't there yet.” He spent a few years playing honky tonks and in 1992, landed an audition with Opryland Music Group from which he walked away with a songwriter's contract.



Carl Smith – A native of Maynardville born in 1927, country music singer Carl Smith was known as “Mister Country.” He was one of the genre's most successful male artists during the 1950s, with 30 Top 10 hits. A Country Music Hall of Fame inductee and *Grand Ole Opry* member, his success continued well into the 1970s, when he had a charting single every year but one. In the 1950s, Smith married June Carter, the daughter of Maybelle Carter of The Carter Family, who would later marry Johnny Cash. Carl and June's daughter, Rebecca Smith, grew up to become Carlene Carter, a country singer in her own right.



From pt. 20, exit L onto Main St. to pt. 21.
1009 Main St.
Maynardville
865-992-9161

21. Union County Arts Cooperative – (L) Located in the historic Carr Home, this site features the work of over 30 local artists. Browse or shop for wood products, textiles, pottery, stained glass, art, quilts and other unique handmade items. Pull up a chair and enjoy local musicians' front-porch picking.



Retrace route on Main St. back to Monroe St. Turn L onto TN-33/61/Maynardville Hwy. Go SW for approx. 3 miles. Turn R onto TN-144/Hickory Star Rd., turn L onto TN-170/Hickory Valley Rd. Turn R onto TN-61 to pt. 22.
1015 Big Ridge Park Rd.
Maynardville
865-992-5523

22. Big Ridge State Park – (L) Nestled on Norris Lake, this was one of five demonstration parks developed by TVA* along with the National Park Service and the CCC**. Make sure to see **Norton Gristmill**, built in 1825; **Sharp's Station Fort**, a remnant of the late 1700s; and **Indian Rock**, where a plaque marks the death of a settler attacked by Native Americans. The park also offers **cabins, camping, swimming, picnic areas and hiking trails.**



Return to TN-61W, turn R. Continue on TN-61W/Andersonville Hwy for 8.5 miles to pt. 23.

23. Barn-Hart's Gift Shop – (L) This quaint little shop offers collectibles and souvenirs.



Exit L onto TN-61W/Andersonville Hwy, go 2 miles to pt. 24.
2819 Andersonville Hwy, Clinton
865-494-7680

24. Museum of Appalachia – (R) Get to know the history, stories, faces, arts and wares of mountain life in Southern Appalachia at this 65-acre history complex, known as "the most authentic and complete replica of pioneer Appalachian life in the world." Visit the museum to see over 250,000 pioneer relics; walk the grounds to see 30 log structures including a chapel, schoolhouse, the **Mark Twain Family Cabin**, and barns. Spend the day, visit the gift shop, eat some home cooking, and enjoy live mountain music daily on the porch.



Pt. 25 is across street from pt. 24 on TN-61/Andersonville Hwy.
2716 Andersonville Hwy
Clinton
865-494-9854

25. Appalachian Arts Craft Center – (L) This is one of the Southeast's premier fine craft galleries, founded in 1970 with the mission to "enrich the souls



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 culture here. 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 Appalachian Arts Craft Center (point 25) in Clinton and Joppa Mountain Pottery (point 18) in Rutledge. With so many craft communities, shops, studios and galleries throughout Tennessee, visitors have plenty of opportunities to find unique artisan keepsakes.

If you enjoy arts and crafts, take the Rocky Top: Smoky Peaks to Crafts & Creeks Trail that includes the Great Smoky Arts & Crafts Community.

Exit L onto TN-61. Turn R onto Bethel Rd., go less than 1 block to pt. 26.
119 Joe Owen Rd.
Clinton
865-494-8078

26. Twin Gables Antique Mall – (R) Find your next treasure at this massive antique mall.



Return to TN-61, turn R. Go 1.3 miles to pt. 27.
115 Welcome Ln.
Clinton
800-524-3602

27. Anderson County Welcome Center
(R) Visit this log cabin for area brochures. If you're hungry, walk next door to **Golden Girls Restaurant** and plan your day over some good ole' country cooking.

Exit R onto TN-61/Charles G. Seivers Blvd. Go 3.5 miles to pt. 28 in Big Lots shopping center.
371 Market St.
Clinton
865-457-3936

28. Hammer's Dry Goods – (R) If you haven't been to Hammer's, you haven't been to Clinton. This locally owned discount store offers top brands at amazingly low prices.



Exit R onto TN-61/Charles G. Seivers Blvd., take 1st 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. 29.
629 Granite Rd.
Clinton
865-457-5536

29. Little Ponderosa Zoo – (R) This "hands-on" zoo is the perfect place for animal lovers of all ages. Enjoy pony rides, the petting zoo, a barnyard and exotic animals, and relaxing in the big red barn or pavilion near the pond with a picnic lunch.



Retrace route to US-25W, turn R. US-25W becomes Main St., go 3 miles to 1st light and pt. 30.
Main St. & Market St.
Clinton
Park & walk to visit pts. 30-32.

30. Historic Downtown Clinton – A stroll down Market and Main Streets will treat you to historic buildings, antique galleries, and 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, streets are closed for the Clinch River Antique Festival, a weekend celebration of antiques, artisans, food, and entertainment.



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

31. Ritz Theater – When the Ritz opened in 1945, it was one of the most modern theaters in the South, hosting first-run movies and concerts. In 1972, it housed *Red Speaks Country Music Show* broadcast on local radio. After closing in 1987, it was renovated in 2000 and once again features movies and live performances.



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

32. Hoskins Drug Store & Soda Fountain – 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.



f FACEBOOK FAN FAVORITE *I live right down the street from Hoskins. I love their cheeseburgers and homemade cherry cokes.*

Drive S on N. Main St., turn R onto W. Broad St. Go 0.5 mile, turn L onto School St. to pt. 33.
101 School St.
Clinton
865-463-6500

33. Green McAdoo Cultural Center – (R) Gain an impressive, educational and authentic glimpse into the racial struggles of 12 young, brave, African-American students. They changed history when they walked



Retrace route to W. Broad St. & Main St. Turn R onto S. Main St./TN-9/US-25W. Turn L onto Charles G. Seivers Blvd./TN-61. Park at city park to enjoy pt. 34.

34. Clinch River – (R) Experienced anglers consider this river to be one of the finest trout fisheries in the U.S. The river is dammed both by Norris Dam, TVA's first, and by Melton Hill Dam, the only TVA dam with a lock not located on the Tennessee River. It empties into the Tennessee River at Kingston. Access points for fishing and boating, guide services, maps and a Songbird Trail are available.



Did You Know?

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.



THE CLINTON 12

In the 1950s South, African-American and white students were assigned separate schools. In Anderson County, African-American parents were challenging that system and the poor quality of the segregated Green McAdoo School (now point 33). They filed a lawsuit that was eventually dismissed, but they continued to fight. The landmark 1954 decision of *Brown vs. the Board of Education* ended school segregation in the U.S., but it took years to take effect for the students in Clinton. Even as the board of education made last minute efforts to improve the African-American school's facilities and preserve the "separate but equal" mindset, Clinton schools were finally ordered to de-segregate in 1956. Students of the "Clinton 12" walked to the white school for the first day of classes in August 1956. The students endured threats, violence and harassment from the community in the year that followed. To show his support of the students, Governor Frank Clement sent 600 Guardsmen to keep order, marking the first use of the National Guard in the fight for civil rights. In 1957, Bobby Cain graduated from integrated Clinton High School, becoming the first African-American student to do so in the South.

Exit R onto Charles G. Seivers Blvd./TN-61. Go NE for 7.3 miles, turn L onto TN-71/US-441/Norris Fwy. Go approx. 2.1 miles to pt. 35. Norris Fwy Norris

35. Island Home Baptist Church – (R) Built in 1897, this white frame structure with steeple and church bell are located in a beautiful setting.



Continue N on TN-71/Norris Fwy. for 1.2 miles to pt. 36.

Lenoir Museum
2121 Norris Fwy.
Norris
Tours: 865-494-9688

36. Lenoir Museum & Historical Complex – (R) Within Norris Dam State Park, you'll find this complex that includes a museum, an 18th-century gristmill and threshing barn. Through artifacts collected by Will Lenoir over 60 years, learn about Early Americana in the "touch" museum, featuring Indian artifacts, fine china, pressed glass bottles, baskets, furniture and more. *Museum, Wed.-Sun.; Mill, seasonal.*



Did You Know

Lake City is the home of Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame member Dean Dillon, who wrote and co-wrote chart-toppers for George Jones, Toby Keith, Vince Gill, and Luttrell native Kenny Chesney. He is most known for writing many of George Strait's best-loved hits, including "Ocean Front Property."



From museum, exit R onto TN-71/Norris Fwy. Continue N to pt. 37.

Norris Dam Marina
1604 Norris Fwy.
Norris
865-494-8138

37. Norris Dam, Lake & Marina – (R) As early as 1911, this site was considered a prime spot for a sizable dam. TVA began the project in 1933 and created the town of Norris to house the 28,000-man labor force. In 1935, the gates of newly constructed **Norris Dam** were closed, altering the flow of the Clinch River, flooding 34,000 acres where 3,000 families had been evicted for the project. Today, **Norris Lake** has 800 miles of beautiful shoreline, with 22 marinas and plenty of secluded coves for fishing and boating, camping and lodging, or simply enjoying the majestic surroundings. **Norris Dam Marina**, a full-service marina located inside point 38, offers a snack bar and fueling station; pontoon, jet-ski and boat rentals; a boat launch ramp and a mammoth view of the dam, rising 265 feet high and stretching 1,860 feet across the Clinch River.



Did You Know

Norris was the first Tennessee town to have a complete system of dial telephones.

From marina, exit R onto TN-71/Norris Fwy. Follow road to pt. 38 entrance.

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

Note: Pt. 38 covers a large area. The park office is a great place to start your visit.

38. 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 37 as well as the site's natural wonders including scenic valleys, sparkling streams, wildflower trails and a virgin forest with hiking trails. A naturalist is on duty during the summer to conduct nature- and history-inspired programs, activities and tours.



From Village Green Cir., exit R onto TN-71/US-441. Go approx. 2.5 miles to pt. 39.

709 Norris Fwy.
Lake City
865-426-4900

39. 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 on page 9 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 27.



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 39) and others nearby. The disaster increased awareness of the dangers of mining and led to the formation of the U.S. Bureau of Mines in 1910.

Continue SW on TN-71/US-441. Go under I-75, turn R onto TN-116/US-25W. Go 2.3 miles, look for Cupp's Automotive on L & small sign for antiques. Turn L onto Waddell Ln., follow signs to pt. 40.

441 Waddell Ln., Lake City
865-426-8298

Retrace route on Waddell Ln., turn L onto TN-116/John McGhee Blvd. Turn L to stay on TN-116/John McGhee Blvd. Turn L onto TN-63/W. Central Ave./Royal Blue Rd. Turn L onto Main St. (across from I-75 exit ramp) to pt. 41.

Artist Village
203 Main St., Caryville
865-567-7061

Owens Shoe Store
195 Main St.
Caryville
423-562-2138

Scotty's Hamburger
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. 42.

4459 Veterans Memorial Hwy
Caryville, 423-562-9888

40. Antiques at Lake City – (L) If you like to dig through items to find your antique treasure, this big white building is the place; there are good buys to be found.

41. Caryville Main Street – Support area craftsmen at Main Street Artist Village then grab a bite to eat at local icon Scotty's Hamburger, once featured in the Washington Post for its "little square burgers and Liar's Bench." Find new biker boots at Owens Shoe Store and notice the brightly painted "Honeybee" patch — it's a stop on the Appalachian Quilt Trail (learn more at point 44).

You're in the heart of ATV country. Royal Blue Trails offers 600 miles of ATV/multi-use trails. Maps and guides are available at point 44.

42. 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 final, fatal run-in with the law.

Head N on W. Central Ave./Veterans Memorial Hwy/US-25W/TN-63/9. Turn L onto Cove Lake Ln. to pt. 43.

110 Cove Lake Ln.
Caryville, 423-566-9701
Rickard Ridge BBQ
131 Goose Ln., Caryville
423-907-8202

Inside pt. 43, go W on Cove Lake Ln., turn R onto Swan Dr. Take first L onto Park Rd. to Cumberland Trail HQ.

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

43. Cove Lake State Park – (L) Take in stunning views at the foot of the Cumberland Plateau. You'll find picnic shelters, a 50-meter pool, a climate controlled pavilion, RV and tent **camping** sites, playgrounds, a fishing pier, boat rentals, Native American mounds and more. Catch dinner at 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.

Did You Know

Justin P. Wilson Cumberland Trail State Park is a linear state park following the historic Cumberland Trail, a path among the ancient Cumberland Mountains, which once rose as high as the Rockies. There are multiple entry points along the White Lightning Trail.

Return to W. Central Ave./Veterans Memorial Hwy/US-25W/TN-63/9, turn L. Continue N for 1.7 miles.

Turn R onto Sharp & Perkins Rd. Turn R onto Main St. to pt. 44.

1016 Main St.
Jacksboro
423-566-0329

Drive NE on Main St., turn R to merge with US-25W/TN-63. Continue NE for approx. 4.5 miles to pt. 45.

Campbell Co. Historical Society Museum
235 E. Central Ave.
LaFollette
423-566-3581

Civil War Marker at LaFollette Utilities Building
302 N. Tennessee Ave.
LaFollette
423-562-3316

Big Creek Market & Deli
102 E. Beech St.
LaFollette
423-566-8854

Glen Oaks (Private Property)
109 S. Indiana Ave.
LaFollette

44. Campbell County Chamber Tourism Center (L)

45. Campbell County Historical Society Museum & LaFollette Townwalk – (L) Founded in the 1890s, LaFollette boasts beauty and history. At the museum, learn coal mining heritage, then get out and explore. Be sure to notice **Glen Oaks** (pictured – private property), the 1895 Victorian home designed by architect George Barber for Harvey LaFollette. Grab a bite to eat at **Big Creek Market & Deli** and have a picnic in **L.J. Sargeant Park**. If you've planned for more strenuous adventure, look for the Cumberland Trail Tank Springs Trailhead (part of **Justin P. Wilson Cumberland Trail State Park**) on Tennessee Avenue. LaFollette sits near Big Creek Gap, known as the "Keystone of the Confederacy." One of the only natural openings through the Cumberland Mountains, it was prime terrain during the Civil War and changed hands several times. Fortifications and trench work remain in the area.

OFF-TRAIL

To go off trail from pt. 45 (int. of Central Ave. & Indiana Ave.), go NW on TN-9W/US-25W/N. Indiana Ave. for 4.8 miles to pt. 46 gates at Duff Rd.

1220 McClouds Trail Duff 423-562-3282

Exit Duff Rd. R onto US-25W/Indiana Ave. Go approx. 2 miles to top of mountain. Turn L at red gate. Proceed on gravel road approx. 3.1 miles to fork in road. Take R fork 1.4 miles to parking area of pt. 47.

Note: Gravel road is recommended for SUVs and trucks only. There is a 15-minute hike from parking area to tower.

Retrace route on US-25W to downtown LaFollette. Turn L onto TN-63/E. Central Ave. to go NE and rejoin main trail.

46. McCloud Mountain Restaurant, Lodge & Skywalk – (R)

Dine atop the Cumberland Mountains in a 2,700-foot-high room with magnificent views of Norris Lake, the Great Smoky Mountains and scenic Powell Valley. *Reservations required for access to site.*



47. Hatfield Knob Elk Viewing Tower – (L)

The first public elk viewing area in the state is located here at Sundquist WMA*, 70,000 acres of habitats and wildlife. In 2000, TWRA** reintroduced elk into East Tennessee after more than 150 years of absence. Mature bulls can reach 700 pounds. *Best viewing times: early a.m./dusk.*



48. Pro Anglers Shop – (L)

Stop in for great food, fuel and bass tackle. **YAHOO! LOCAL:** My favorite country store and deli. *This is more than a stop on the highway! For real fishing help, see the Pro.*



The “Well Springs Straight” was a stretch of remote Campbell County roadway used by hotrod rebels in the 1960s to test their drag racing skills under the cover of darkness. Legendary Sheriff Rose Kitts once tried to capture these racers, reportedly firing shots as they escaped. One former driver recounted that he also regularly hauled “shine” from Cumberland Gap to Knoxville along these roads.

49. Historic Speedwell Academy – (R)

This restored 1827 building retains much of its original aesthetics. Its red clay bricks were packed in handmade molds and fired in the nearby kilns. Look closely and you’ll see paw prints where dogs ran through the material prior to it being fired. The former school served as a Civil War hospital and



Continue NE on Gen. Carl W. Stiner Hwy for 1.6 miles. Turn R onto Bowman Rd. Turn L onto Old TN-63. Turn R onto Academy Rd. to pt. 49.

220 Academy Rd. Speedwell 423-869-3414

MOONSHINE & NASCAR

The sport of stock car racing has roots in the illegal transport of moonshine. To outrun tax collectors, moonshine runners (also known as “bootleggers”) altered their cars from the original factory design so they could reach much higher speeds. They’d remove the rear and passenger seats to make more room for moonshine, use heavy duty suspension on the back of the car to handle the extra weight, and add a steel plate in front of the radiator. For sport, they challenged each other to races, converting fields and pastures to makeshift tracks and racing their turbo-charged cars at risky speeds. Known as “stock car racing,” the new sport quickly gained a strong following, and found notorious bootleggers like Junior Johnson (pictured) and Lee Petty trading their moonshine stills for legitimate and lucrative racing careers. As the sport continued to develop, the need for a governing body to create rules and regulations became apparent and the National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing (NASCAR) was founded in Daytona in 1948 by mechanic and auto racer Bill France. Today, NASCAR offers approximately 1,500 races annually and continues to be America’s fastest-growing sport.



headquarters for both sides, and soldiers used the building’s weather vane for target practice. *Hours vary, call ahead.*

50. Nashville Connection – (L)

This spot hosts live, family-friendly music every Friday and Saturday night featuring Andy Maiden and The Silver Clouds Band.



51. Abraham Lincoln Library & Museum – (R)

Located at Lincoln Memorial University, this site houses one of the most diverse Lincoln and Civil War collections in the U.S. Many rare items are exhibited such as the cane Lincoln carried that fateful night at Ford’s Theatre. Almost 30,000 artifacts tell the story of this period in America’s history.



Head N on US-25E to pt. 52. To get to main visitor center inside CGNHP, stay on US-25E, going NW into tunnel.

CGNHP Main Visitor Center Old Hwy 25E Middlesboro, KY 606-248-2817

52. Cumberland Gap National Historical Park (CGNHP) –

This magnificent 24,000-acre national park, dedicated in 1959, provides an excellent overview of the Gap and the Wilderness Road and the role it played for animals, Native Americans, settlers and Civil War soldiers throughout history. The main

visitor center on Highway 25E in Middlesboro, Kentucky, houses a museum with hands-on exhibits, a theater and an impressive craft shop. The park has miles of hiking trails and offers backcountry camping. There is so much to see and do; we’ve suggested a few highlights:

53. Daniel Boone Visitor Information Center

(R) This center inside CGNHP is conveniently located on the White Lightning Trail route. It serves as the trailhead for the Wilderness Road and features a pavilion with the sights and sounds of early pioneers. *Gap Cave (point 57) tickets sold here.*



To go directly to pt. 53, from pt. 51, go N on US-25E, turn R onto US-58, then L onto SR-872N/Cumberland Dr.



An estimated 200,000 to 300,000 American settlers passed through the Cumberland Gap on their way into Kentucky and the Ohio Valley before 1810.

Pt. 54 is located in the park.

54. Pinnacle Overlook –

At an elevation of 2,440 feet, the overlook offers a gorgeous view across Kentucky, Tennessee, and Virginia. A winding 4-mile road leads from the park visitor center to the viewing platform, overlooking the historic town of Cumberland Gap.



Pt. 55 is located in the park.

55. Hensley Settlement –

Step into the past at this historic site on top of Brush Mountain. Stroll down fence-lined lanes, visit the blacksmith’s shop, look into the springhouse and sit in the one-room schoolhouse. The settlement was established in 1904 by Sherman Hensley and was occupied until 1951. The historic buildings can be visited on an in-depth four-hour tour.



FACEBOOK FAN FAVORITE (CGNHP) is a great place to be! The visitor center has shows, music, history and crafts. Love the reenactments outside!

Pt. 56 is located in the park.

56. Historic Newlee Iron Furnace – Although all that remains is the lower portion of the original 1819 30-foot-high blast furnace, it is actually a very small part of what was

once an impressively large complex. It was here that limestone and iron ore were heated by coal and converted to “pig iron,” which was shipped down the Powell River to factories in Chattanooga.

57. Gap Cave –

Join park rangers for a two-hour adventure exploring this underground cathedral. Discover glistening stalagmites and flowstone cascades. The moderately strenuous, 1.5-mile tour explores four cave levels, and includes a 1-mile hike along historic Wilderness Road. This cave was a stop along the Underground Railroad.



Pt. 57 is located in the park.

CUMBERLAND GAP NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK AND DANIEL BOONE

The Cumberland Mountains, named after the Duke of Cumberland, are a mountain range in the southeastern section of the beautiful and rugged Appalachian Mountains. Cumberland Gap National Historical Park allows visitors to experience firsthand the abundant natural wonders of the range, including breathtaking vistas, lush forests and pristine waterfalls. The park stretches into three states and contains more than 24,000 acres with 85 miles of hiking trails, many miles of underground caves, and several backcountry camping areas. You can see Civil War cannons in their original bunkers, as well as earthen forts and trenches used by both Union and Confederate armies. The main visitor center houses a museum, theater and shop showcasing hands-on exhibits, films and local crafts.

The actual Cumberland Gap, located within the park at 1,600 foot elevation, is where early “long hunter” Daniel Boone (pictured below) and 30 other axemen cleared and created an access corridor known as “Wilderness Road” in 1775. This route provided a key passageway through the mountains for pioneers and is the path Boone took into Kentucky, where he built a fort and village called Boonesborough.

Other Boone contributions to East Tennessee can be found on the Sunny Side: Early Country Trail. In 1769, Daniel Boone and James Robertson “discovered” what is now Elizabethton and established the Watauga Settlement at Sycamore Shoals, the first permanent settlement outside the original 13 English colonies and the first majority-rule system of American Democracy.



EAST TENNESSEE CROSSING NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAY

The White Lightning Trail expands on **Highway 25E**, an existing stretch called **East Tennessee Crossing** and one of Tennessee's five National Scenic Byways. Designated as such for their archaeological, cultural, historic, natural, recreational and scenic qualities, there are 150 byways in 50 states, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia. East Tennessee Crossing has been used since prehistoric times by travelers, hunters and tourists alike, and is as well-traveled as it is named.

The route is known as the **Cherokee Warriors' Path**, originally cut by bison and used by Native American tribes to attack each other, trade with each other, and travel from place to place.

It is also known as **Wilderness Road**, an important route for settlers from the East Coast colonies moving west into "new" lands. Wilderness Road changed the rugged lifestyle of the settlers in the Appalachian Mountains, bringing craftsmen with new skills and visitors with new ideas to the area.

The route was once known as the **Dixie Highway**, a network of paved roads connecting the Midwest and the South, from Chicago down through Chattanooga to Miami. Started in 1915, it was a project of businessman Carl G. Fisher, funded by individuals, businesses, and local and state governments. It was overseen by a group of motor enthusiasts known as the Dixie Highway Association. In its beginnings, this stretch was one of the roughest parts of the route, with roads frequently washed out, treacherous mud and unpredictable weather. Travelers setting out from Chicago heading to Florida had no map and no way of knowing where to find gas, food or lodging along the way, and would often stay in the homes of the people who lived in the area. By 1927, the Association had disbanded and the route was taken over by the U.S. Highway System. Its traffic helped to sustain the economies of the communities you'll visit on the White Lightning Trail.

It has also been called **Thunder Road**, named for the fast and furious routes taken by moonshiners under the cover of darkness, transporting homemade, untaxed liquor during prohibition in the 1920s. Thunder Road and its reputation for rebellion and adventure has been the subject of Tennessee legend, and has been attributed to the beginning of NASCAR.

Today, the East Tennessee Crossing National Scenic Byway is yours to take in — its scenic beauty, rich history and unique communities are just waiting to be explored.



Cumberland Gap is mentioned in "The Ballad of Thunder Road," a song co-written and performed by actor **Robert Mitchum** in 1957 and theme song of the movie **Thunder Road**. The song made the **Billboard Hot 100** in 1958 and 1962, then bluegrass performers **Jim and Jesse (McReynolds)** brought the song to the national country charts in 1967.



Park and walk to visit points 58-60.

Follow SR-872N/ N. Cumberland Dr. into pt. 58. Turn R onto Colwyn St.

Park & walk to visit pts. 58-60.

Cumberland Gap General Store
503 Colwyn St.
Cumberland Gap
423-869-2282

Whistle Stop Antiques
405 Colwyn St.
Cumberland Gap
423-869-7311

Nothins Perfect
521 Colwyn St.
Cumberland Gap
423-869-4410

Frame Shop & Gallery
410 Colwyn St.
Cumberland Gap
423-869-8696

58. Historic Town of Cumberland Gap – Nestled at the foot of the Cumberland Mountains, this little town offers breathtaking beauty and a charming "Mayberry" atmosphere with stops like:



Cumberland Gap General Store, more than 6,000 items in stock.

Whistle Stop Antiques, kitchen collectibles, quilts, glass, furniture, pottery and more.

Nothins Perfect, primitive country decor, fixins and antiques.



Frame Shop & Art Gallery, regional artwork and prints.



Cumberland Gap has the only post office that has been in three states (Tennessee, Kentucky, and Virginia). In 1885 it was changed back to Tennessee where it remains today.

Turn L onto Pennlyn Ave. to pt. 59.

603 Pennlyn Ave.
Cumberland Gap
423-869-0868

59. Olde Mill Inn Bed & Breakfast – (R) Enjoy modern amenities during your stay in one of The Gap's oldest standing buildings. Musket ball holes mark the 1750s cabin and water turning the mill wheel flows from a lake under the Pinnacle. *Reservations required.*



Pt. 60 is located next door to pt. 59.

Pennlyn Ave. & Llewelyn St.
Cumberland Gap
423-869-9993

60. Little Congress Bicycle Museums – (R) Tour this one-of-a-kind place to see a collection of bicycles dating to the 1800s.



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See White Lightning Trail map on page 16.

FESTIVALS & EVENTS IN THE AREA

MARCH

Wildflower Walks – Norris Dam State Park – Last Sat.

APRIL

Dogwood Arts Festival – Knoxville – All month

Wildflower Walks – Norris Dam State Park – 1st Sat.

Layd Out at the Park Car Show – Morristown – 2nd weekend

MAY

Strawberry Festival – Morristown – 1st of month

Clinch River Antique Fair in Historic Downtown – Clinton – 1st weekend

Pickin' in the Park – Morristown – Every Thurs. night, May-Sept.

Wine, Blues & BBQ at Nolichucky Vineyard – Russellville – 2nd Sat.

Take it to the Lake – Morristown – Sat. before Memorial Day

Union County Main Street Art Festival – Maynardville

JUNE

Oakes Daylily Festival – Maynardville – 4th weekend

Moonshine Rod Run – Newport

WHITE LIGHTNING FESTIVAL CUMBERLAND GAP

Last weekend



JULY

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

- East Tennessee Nissan Party in the Park – Morristown
- Fire on the Water at Sequoyah Marina – Norris Lake
- Fireworks over the Lake – Dandridge – Douglas Lake
- July 4th Celebration and Anvil Shoot – Clinton – Museum of Appalachia

Red Gate Farms Rodeo – Maynardville – Early July

Annual Cox Threshing Demonstration – Maynardville – 3rd Sat.

Tomato Festival – Grainger County – Last weekend

Did You KNOW

For at least a century, Grainger County has been known for its flavorful tomatoes. Most attribute the great taste to decomposition of limestone in the county's soil and the selection of special garden-type varieties allowed to ripen on the vine.



AUGUST

Bluegrass at Big Ridge State Park – Maynardville – Mid-Aug.

Cocke County Fair – Newport – Late Aug.

Morristown Main Street Festival – Morristown – 4th Fri.



SEPTEMBER

Music on the Town – Dandridge – Each Thurs.

Boomsday Festival – Knoxville – Labor Day weekend

Days of the Pioneer Antique Show – Clinton – Museum of Appalachia, 2nd weekend

Luttrell Bluegrass Festival – Luttrell – 3rd Sat.

Scots-Irish Festival – Dandridge – Last Sat.

OCTOBER

Oakes Pumpkin Patch & Haunted Corn Maze – Maynardville – Daily, all month

Harvest Street Festival – Newport – 1st weekend

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

Clinch River Fall Antique Festival – Clinton – 2nd Sat.

Fall Color Cruises – Norris Dam State Park – Last two weeks

Harvest Pride Festival – Bean Station – 3rd weekend

Mountain Makins Festival – Morristown – Rose Center. And just a few blocks away, Memories on Main Street Antiques Show & Sale – Main St., Both events 4th weekend

Heritage Festival at Wilson Park – Maynardville

Louie Blüe Festival – Caryville – Cove Lake State Park

DECEMBER

Christmas in Dandridge – Dandridge – Kicks off Dec. 1

Christmas in Old Appalachia – Clinton – Museum of Appalachia, Dec. 1-24

Holiday Homecoming – Norris Dam State Park – 2nd Sat.

See WhiteLightningTrail.com for a complete event listing.



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

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





FOOD & WINE ALONG THE WHITE LIGHTNING TRAIL

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

KNOXVILLE

Calhoun's – Bearden Hill

(See pg. 29, pt. 112)
"Best Ribs in America!"
6515 Kingston Pk., 865-673-3377

Cardin's Drive-In

(See pg. 27, pt. 101)
8529 Asheville Hwy, 865-933-3251

Chandler's Deli

(See pg. 28, pt. 107)
3101 E. Magnolia Ave.
865-595-0212

Downtown Grill & Brewery

(See pg. 2, pt. 2)
424 S. Gay St., 865-633-8111

Litton's

(See pg. 4, pt. 12)
2803 Essary Rd., 865-688-0429

Lunch House

(See pg. 27, pt. 103)
3816 Holston Dr., 865-637-5188

Mary's Hot Tamales

(See pg. 28, pt. 108)
1931 E. Magnolia Ave., 865-637-2033

Pizza Palace

(See pg. 27, pt. 106)
3132 E. Magnolia Ave., 865-524-4388

Scott's Place

(See pg. 27, pt. 102)
4700 Asheville Hwy, 865-525-7771

LUTTRELL

Bate's Market

Diner fare and daily specials.
3145 Hwy 61E, 865-992-1429

Rondo's Pizzeria

Locals love the cheese bread!
578 Tazewell Pk., 865-992-2800

MAYNARDVILLE

33 Diner

3024 Maynardville Hwy
865-992-0537

Bubba's Brews

Live music, full bar; on Norris Lake.
170 Beach Is. Rd., 865-992-3091

EL MARIACHI Mexican Restaurant

3502 Maynardville Hwy
865-992-3200

Hickory Star Marina

Casual family dining.
1360 Hickory Star Rd.
800-235-6566

Pete's Place

(See pg. 5, pt. 19)
3905 Maynardville Hwy
865-992-3698

Tollivers/Marathon

Sit down deli-style dining.
415 Maynardville Hwy
865-992-2383

NORRIS

(See pg. 18, Marinas / On Norris
Lake / Restaurants)

CLINTON

Golden Girls Restaurant

(See pg. 6, pt. 27)
2211 N. Charles G. Seivers Blvd.
865-457-3302

Harrison's Bar & Grill

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

Hoskins Drug Store

(See pg. 7, pt. 32)
111 N. Main St., 865-457-4340

Little Senator

Great burgers.
139 Little Senator Cr. (outside Norris)
865-494-9990.

CARYVILLE

Quick Stop Market & Deli

BBQ ribs and groceries. TWRA
licenses available.
267 John McGhee Blvd. (Hwy 116)
423-566-3655

Rickard Ridge BBQ at Cove Lake State Park

(See pg. 9, pt. 43)
131 Goose Ln., 423-907-8202

Scotty's Hamburger

(See pg. 9, pt. 41)
159 Main St., 423-562-2976

JACKSBORO

Charley's Pizza

Pizza and pasta buffet.
103 Cumberland Ln., 423-562-0116

LAFOLLETTE

Big Creek Market & Deli

(See pg. 9, pt. 45)
102 E. Beech St., 423-566-8854

Big O's Git & Go

Great eats from the kitchen.
2920 Gen. Carl W. Stiner Hwy
423-562-9527

El Pueblito

"Best Of" Mexican cuisine.
2143 Jacksboro Pk., 423-566-8696

Judy's Grocery & Deli

Home cooking from the heart.
7804 Old Middlesboro Hwy
423-562-3285

McCloud Mountain Restaurant

(See pg. 10, pt. 46)
1220 McClouds Trail, Duff
423-562-3282

The Diner

Home cooking.
2303 Jacksboro Pk., 423-566-4708

HARROGATE

Haymaker Restaurant

BBQ and fried catfish.
Hwy 25E, 423-869-4771

Heavy's BBQ Off the River

6729 Cumberland Gap Pkwy.
423-869-7997

No Bucks Coffee House

Coffees, teas and smoothies.
200 Nettleton Rd., 423-869-0200

The Oasis Pizza Palace

Locally owned since 1976.
6431 Cumberland Gap Pkwy.
423-869-8000

CUMBERLAND GAP

Webb's Country Kitchen

Southern cooking; local musicians.
527 Colwyn St., 423-869-5877

TAZEWELL/NEW TAZEWELL

Carla's Café

(See pg. 22, pt. 68)
109 Main St., New Tazewell
423-626-4606

Frostee Freeze Drive-In

(See pg. 22, pt. 65)
1617 N. Broad St., Tazewell
423-626-3521

Old Town Grill

Family casual and formal dining;
daily lunch specials. Widest beer
selection in area.
1440 N. Broad St., Tazewell
423-526-5766.

THORN HILL

Clinch Mtn. Lookout Restaurant

(See pg. 22, pt. 70)
Bluegrass music on Friday nights.
190 Lookout Mountain Rd.
865-767-2511



WHAT DID WE MISS?

The information in this brochure represents just a few treasures along Tennessee backroads. Check out WhiteLightningTrail.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.

FOOD & WINE CONTINUED

MORRISTOWN

Davy Crockett Restaurant

(See pg. 23, pt. 77)
3282 E. Morris Blvd., 423-586-4567

Hillside Grill

Locally owned. American fare;
impressive wine list.
3614 W. Andrew Johnson Hwy
423-839-2138

Java Garden Café

Baked goods; panini and salads
for lunch.
203 W. Main St., 423-587-1030

Jersey Girl Diner

If you order the "Blue Plate
Special" and it's served on a blue
plate, then your meal is free!
174 W. Main St., 423-254-1304

Little Dutch Restaurant

Homemade favorites like potato
soup and baklava for over 70 years.
115 S. Cumberland St.
423-581-1441.

Timeless Elegance Tea Room

Popular for chicken salad and
house specialty orange tea.
156 W. Main St., 423-318-9292

WHITE PINE

Angelos' Tavern on the Green

At Baneberry's golf clubhouse.
704 Harrison Ferry Rd.
865-674-6655

NEWPORT

Brandywine Creek Steakhouse

(See pg. 26, pt. 92)
1071 W. Hwy 25/70, 423-623-1913

Debbie's Drive-In

(See pg. 25, pt. 87)
157 W. Broadway St., 423-613-9399

East Tennessee Coffee Company

(See pg. 24, pt. 86)
238 E. Broadway St., 423-532-8041

Fox & Hound Supper Club

(See pg. 25, pt. 91)
127 Fox & Hound Way
423-623-9161

AREA LODGING



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

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

Cabin on Cedar Ridge

1860-era log cabin updated with modern amenities.
169 Scruggs Cemetery Rd., Clinton
865-494-3248

Skunk Ridge Farms B&B

Antique Appalachian furnishings with modern amenities.
1203 Mountain Rd., Clinton
865-494-0214

Clinch River House

Main house, cabin and pavilion.
526 New Clear Branch Rd.
Lake City, 865-426-2715

Clinch River Lodge

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

Hampton Inn Caryville

(See pg. 9, pt. 42)
4459 Veterans Memorial Hwy
(63/25W), Caryville, 423-562-9888

Deerfield Resort

Luxury on Norris lake; golf.
LaFollette, 800-458-8455

McCloud Mountain Lodge

(See pg. 10, pt. 46)
1220 McClouds Trail, Duff
423-562-3282

Powell Valley Resort

Motel and cabins; ski and houseboat rentals.
600 Powell Valley Marina Rd.
LaFollette, 423-562-5975

Olde Mill Inn B&B

(See pg. 12, pt. 59)
603 Pennlyn Ave., Cumberland Gap
423-869-0868

Russell Creek Inn

Farm retreat; inn with private bath and jacuzzi.
399 Sharp Ln., Tazewell
423-626-2118

Norris Lake Cabin Rentals

3005 Lone Mountain Rd.
New Tazewell, 800-883-7406



Christopher Place

Award-winning resort; fine dining.
1500 Pinnacles Way, Newport
423-623-6555

Goose Creek Farm B&B

Restored farmhouse.
621 Hwy 139, Dandridge
865-397-6166

Mountain Harbor Inn

Breathtaking views of Douglas Lake; sunset cruise, candlelight dessert and breakfast buffet.
1199 Hwy 139, Dandridge
865-397-1313

Penny Walk B&B

Lakeside near English Mountain; enjoy sightseeing and boating.
2084 Lindsey Rd., Dandridge
865-397-6910

For marinas and state parks with lodging, see pages 18 & 19.



Would you rather be the ultimate adventurer and go camping in this beautiful region? There are so many choices on the White Lightning Trail. For a complete list of camping and RV sites, go to WhiteLightningTrail.com.

SGF - State Game Farm
 SNA - State Natural Area
 SWA - Small Wild Area
 WMA - Wildlife Management Area



Numbers in dark blue circles correspond to numbered Points of Interest throughout this guide.

- 1** Point of Interest
- i** Visitor Information
- 🌳** Protected Lands:
Land Trust for Tennessee
Foothills Land Conservancy
- Main Trail
- ...** Off-Trail Highlight

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

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 welcome centers

I-75, mile marker 161, S bound
 Campbell Co. (Jellico), 423-784-5820
 I-40, mile marker 446, W bound
 Cocke Co. (Hartford), 423-487-3258

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Base map by Richard Quin



WATCH FOR THESE SIGNS ALONG THE WHITE LIGHTNING TRAIL ROUTE.

NORRIS LAKE

Beautiful Norris Lake extends 56 miles up the Powell River and 72 miles up the Clinch River, and is surrounded by the majestic mountains of East Tennessee. With 34,000 acres and 800 miles of shoreline, there always seems to be a secluded cove waiting for you. So whether you're fishing, camping, boating or simply relaxing, you are sure to love this picturesque lake.



ENJOY THE GREAT OUTDOORS



DOUGLAS LAKE

Set against the backdrop of the Great Smoky Mountains, Douglas Lake is a popular destination for activities like boating, fishing, picnicking and camping. It attracts more than 1.7 million visitors a year to its 28,000 acres. The lake isn't just a summer spot; bird watchers love the area, especially Rankin Bottoms, for the fall migration of waterfowl that flock to its 513 miles of shoreline. Douglas Lake was created by an impoundment of the French Broad River by TVA's Douglas Dam in 1943.



CHEROKEE LAKE

Cherokee Lake covers 30,300 acres at full pool, is 59 miles long and has 463 miles of shoreline. The lake is surrounded by gentle rolling hills and the Clinch Mountain Range to the north. Cherokee Lake is one of the oldest of the TVA reservoirs, created in 1941 by a dam on the Holston River.

MARINAS

	On Cherokee Lake	On Douglas Lake	On Norris Lake	Full-Service Marina	Boat Rental	Jet Ski/Other Rental	Cabin, Home or Condo Rental	"Floating House Boat" Rental	Restaurant	Store	Lodge/Inn	Swimming Pool	Camp Sites
Black Oak Marina 2511 Black Oak Rd., Jefferson City, 865-475-3063	•			•	•		•		•	•			
Fall Creek Marina & Campground 5656 Fall Creek Dock Rd., Russellville, 423-581-4701	•			•	•					•			•
Greenlee Campground & Marina 345 Vacation Way, Rutledge, 865-828-8501	•			•	•		•		•	•			•
Hamblen Marina at Cherokee Park 3050 Hamblen Dock Rd., Morristown, 423-586-2939	•			•	•								
Dandridge Point Marina 122 Boat Dock Dr., Dandridge, 865-484-0484		•		•	•					•			
Swann's Marina 2515 Swann's Marina Rd., Dandridge, 865-397-2182		•		•	•		•		•	•			
B & B Straight Creek Boat Dock 775 Straight Creek Rd., New Tazewell, 423-626-5826			•	•	•					•			
Beach Island Resort & Marina 170 Beach Island Rd., Maynardville, 865-992-3091			•	•	•	•	•		•	•			•
Cedar Grove Marina & Campground 225 Dock Ln., New Tazewell, 865-278-3131			•	•	•	•	•		•	•			•
Flat Hollow Marina 185 Flat Hollow Dock Cir., Speedwell, 423-562-8314			•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•		
Hickory Star Village & Marina 1360 Hickory Star Rd., Maynardville, 800-235-6566			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Indian River Marina 740 Indian River Boat Dock Rd., Jacksboro, 423-562-5290			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			
Mountain Lake Marina & RV Resort 136 Campground Rd., Lake City, 865-426-6885			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Norris Dam Marina 1604 Norris Fwy., Norris, 865-494-8138 (See pg. 8, pt. 37)			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			
Sequoyah Marina 336 Lakeview Ln., Andersonville, 865-494-7984			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			
Shanghai Resort 1042 Shanghai Rd., LaFollette, 423-562-7651			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•
Springs Dock Resort 1652 Alder Springs Rd., LaFollette, 423-562-2405			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		
Stardust Marina 149 Stardust Ln., Andersonville, 865-494-7641			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			
The Willows at Twin Cove Marina 1835 Ridge Rd., Caryville, 423-566-0976, Rentals: 423-494-3629			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	
Whitman Hollow Marina 1203 Whitman Hollow Rd., LaFollette, 423-562-9941			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			

STATE PARKS

Panther Creek State Park 2010 Panther Creek Rd., Morristown, 423-587-7046 (See pg. 24, pt. 82)	•			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Big Ridge State Park 1015 Big Ridge Park Rd., Maynardville, 865-992-5523 (See pg. 6, pt. 22)			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Cove Lake State Park 110 Cove Lake Ln., Caryville, 423-566-9701 (See pg. 9, pt. 43)			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Justin P. Wilson Cumberland Trail State Park 220 Park Rd., Caryville, 423-566-2229 (See pg. 9, pt. 43)			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Norris Dam State Park 125 Village Green Cir., Lake City, 865-426-7461 (See pg. 8, pt. 38)			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•

LOCAL PARKS, RECREATION & CAMP SITES

Cherokee Park 3075 Floyd Hall Dr., Morristown, 423-586-5232	•			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Everhart Campground 5676 Fall Creek Dock Rd., Russellville, 423-587-3559	•			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Grainger County Park 325 Grainger County Park Rd., Rutledge	•			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Field of Dreams Schrader Rd., Dandridge, 865-397-7420		•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
KOA Campground 240 KOA Ln., Newport, 423-623-9004		•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Anderson County Park 2191 Park Ln., Andersonville, 865-494-9352			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Campbell County Park on Norris Lake 740 Block Demory Rd., LaFollette			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Fox Inn Campground 2423 Andersonville Hwy, Clinton, 865-494-9386			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Loyston Point Recreation Area 730 Loyston Pt., Andersonville, 865-494-9369			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Norris Watershed Hiking & Biking Trail Hwy 441, Norris, 800-524-3602			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Ride Royal Blue ATV Resort & Campground 6307 Stinking Creek Rd., Pioneer, 423-784-9445			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Songbird Trail on Clinch River Hwy 441, Norris, 800-524-3602			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•

NATIONAL PARK

Cumberland Gap National Historical Park Hwy 25E, Middlesboro, Kentucky, 606-248-2817 (See pgs. 10 & 11, pts. 52-57)				•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
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MORE GREAT OUTDOORS ALONG THE WHITE LIGHTNING TRAIL

ADVENTURE

Briarwood Auto Safari
255 Briar Thicket Rd., Bybee
865-919-5072

Circle G Ranch Wild Animal Park & Camel Safari
(See pg. 27, pt. 100)
831 Thorngrove Pk.
Strawberry Plains, 865-932-0070

Little Ponderosa Zoo
(See pg. 6, pt. 29)
629 Granite Rd., Clinton
865-457-5536

Knoxville Zoo
(See pg. 27, pt. 105)
3500 Knoxville Zoo Dr., Knoxville
865-637-5331

FISHING

Clinch River
(See pg. 7, pt. 34)
Hwy 61, Clinton
(See lakes on pgs. 18 & 19)

GOLF

Baneberry Golf & Resort
704 Harrison Ferry Rd., Baneberry
865-674-2500

Clinchview Golf & Country Club
970 Hwy 11W, Bean Station
865-993-2892

Dandridge Golf & Country Club
1247 Stonewall Jackson Dr.
Dandridge, 865-397-2655

Greens at Deerfield Golf
161 The Clubhouse Dr., LaFollette
423-566-0040

LaFollette Country Club
317 Country Club Rd., LaFollette
423-562-9130

Millstone Golf Club & Restaurant
450 Alpha Valley Home Rd.
Morristown, 423-586-4000

Patriot Hills Golf & Country Club
735 Constitution Dr., Jefferson City
865-475-4466

White Pine Golf Club

331 Leadvale Rd., White Pine
865-674-9986

Whittle Springs

3113 Valley View Dr., Knoxville
865-525-1022

Woodlake Golf Course

330 Woodlake Blvd., Tazewell
877-423-4653

HORSEBACK RIDING

CCAcs

Saddle and paddle rides, primitive camping and wrangler-assisted trail riding.
190 White Rd., Sharps Chapel
865-278-3025

Creekside Stables

100 acres including riding rings, trails and pastures.
677 Miller Rd., Clinton
865-457-3755.

French Broad Outpost Ranch

Authentic dude ranch; whitewater rafting and lodging available.
461 Old River Rd., Del Rio
423-487-3147

Haymaker Farms & Event Center

Horseback riding, training and riding lessons.
850 Back Valley Rd., Speedwell
423-869-4115

River Ridge Farms

Guided trail rides.
220 Mike Miller Ln., Clinton
865-457-6774

BIKING & CANOE RENTALS

Heavy's BBQ Canoe & Camp

Canoe, fish on swim on Powell River. Full BBQ menu.
233 Benfield Ln., Harrogate
423-869-9024

Outdoor Knoxville

Bicycle, boat and paddleboat rentals.
900 Volunteer Landing Ln.
Knoxville, 865-523-0066

Wilderness Road Outfitters

Bicycle and canoe rentals.
602 Colwyn Ave., Cumberland Gap
423-869-9844

MOTORCYCLING

Long & Winding Road Motorcycle Trail

4 of these 5 East Tennessee back-road routes intersect the White Lightning Trail:

Blazing a Trail – Cumberland Gap, Tazewell, Bean Station, Rutledge, Maynardville/Luttrell

Bright Lights, Big City – Knoxville area

Hungry History Buff – LaFollette, Caryville, Lake City, Norris, Clinton

Stillwater to Whitewater – Morristown, Jefferson City, Dandridge, Newport, Cosby

Visit easttnvacations.com to see maps and learn more.

The Ride

See pg. 4; includes portions of Hwys 131, 331, 61, 33 and 170.

Vinegar Pie Motorcycle Route
As sweet as its namesake pie found at point 70 (see pg. 22). A portion of this ride on Hwy 25 follows the White Lightning Trail. For the entire route, combined with all the sites of the White Lightning and Sunny Side Trails, go to ridejohnsoncity.com.

SPEEDWAYS

English Mountain Dragway

1323 Lewis Rd., Newport
423-625-8375

Newport Speedway

767 Industrial Rd., Newport
423-623-2182

Tazewell Speedway

1400 Bacchus Rd., Tazewell
423-626-2222

Volunteer Speedway

14095 W. Andrew Johnson Hwy
Bulls Gap, 423-235-5020

SPORTS

Tennessee Smokies Baseball

3540 Line Dr., Kodak, 865-286-2300

RETAIL / OUTFITTERS

Mast General Store

(See pg. 2, pt. 2)
402 S. Gay St., Knoxville
865-546-1336

Pro Anglers Shop

(See pg. 10, pt. 48)
6275 Gen. Carl W. Stiner Hwy
LaFollette, 423-562-0122

Find more Great Outdoors at WhiteLightningTrail.com.

LEARN MORE ABOUT HISTORY IN THE AREA



Driving with the Devil: Southern Moonshine, Detroit Wheels, and the Birth of NASCAR by Neal Thompson

Return to Thunder Road: The Story Behind the Legend by Alex Gabbard

TVA and the Dispossessed: The Resettlement of Population in the Norris Dam Area by Michael J. McDonald and John Muldowny

Thunder Road (1958) Starring Robert Mitchum and Gene Barry
Directed by Arthur Ripley

You can purchase these at Amazon.com

FARMS IN THE AREA



For complete list of homegrown attractions along the trail, go to WhiteLightningTrail.com. Please call before you visit; hours and crops are affected by weather and business conditions.

KNOXVILLE

Market Square Farmers Market – (See pg. 2, pt. 3) Wed., 11a.m.-2p.m.; Sat., 9a.m.-2p.m.; May-Nov. *Market Sq.*

The Fruit & Berry Patch – (See pg. 4, pt. 15) 4407 McCloud Rd. 865-92-BERRY (23779).

CORRYTON

Black Oak Farms – Strawberries, okra, sweet corn, green beans, cantaloupes, muscadine grapes, watermelons, honey. 7235 Corryton Rd. 865-687-6900.

Oakes Farm – Corn maze, pumpkin patch and “Trail of Doom.” Oct. 8240 Corryton Rd. 865-688-6200.

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.

LAFOLLETTE

Mountain View Farms – Peaches and apples. 1064 Davis Chapel Rd. 423-562-6963.

HARROGATE

Sweet Dream Farm – Family farm raising smaller, rarer breeds of animals. 235 Wendall Davis Ln. 423-626-3815.

Did You KNOW

Grainger County has more than 500 acres of tomato fields and more than 600 tomato greenhouses.



TAZEWELL

Mountain Hollow Farm – Cashmere goat farm and country store. Thurs.-Sat. or by appointment. 553 Vancel Rd. 423-869-8927.

RUTLEDGE

Ritter Farms – (See pg. 23, pt. 72) Specializing in Grainger County tomatoes and products including tomato juice, spaghetti sauce, vegetable soup, chili sauce and salsas. 2999 Hwy 11W S. 865-767-2575.

Williams Farms – Farm market with fruits and vegetables. 479 Perrin Hill Rd. 865-828-5130.

For wineries along the White Lightning Trail, see page 15.

RUSSELLVILLE

Nolichucky Vineyard – Wine tastings, festivals, and event venue. 6600 Fish Hatchery Rd. 423-586-8889.

White's Old Fashioned Apple Butter, Inc. – Apple and fruit butters, jams and jellies. 1240 Little Mountain Rd. 423-586-6690.

BULLS GAP

Myers Pumpkin Patch & Corn Maze – Pumpkins, Indian corn, squash, gourds and mums; crafts, hayrides, corn maze and more. 3415 Gap Creek Rd. 423-235-4796.

Did You KNOW

A Century Farm is a farm that has been continuously owned by a family for 100 years or more. There are 124 certified Century Farms in the 9 Tennessee counties that make up the White Lightning Trail.

NEWPORT AREA

Hicks Family Farms – Pumpkins, gourds and fall decor. 380 Wilton Springs Rd., Newport. 423-623-8547.

Newport Farmers Market of Cocke County – Sat. a.m. & Tue. p.m., May-Oct. 115 Mulberry St., Newport. 423-623-9272, 423-623-7531.

Smokey Mountain Honey Farm – Year-round. 341 Old 15th Rd., Del Rio. 423-487-2804.

DANDRIDGE

Farmers Market – Produce, eggs, honey, breads and more. Sat. a.m. *Downtown Dandridge.*

JEFFERSON CITY / NEW MARKET

Ballinger Farms – Corn mazes, hayrides and haunted trails. Sept.-Oct. 2738 Renfro Rd., Jefferson City. 865-475-7513.

Echo Valley Farms – Corn mazes, hayrides and haunted trail. Sept.-Oct. 1458 Groseclose Rd., New Market. 865-591-7343.

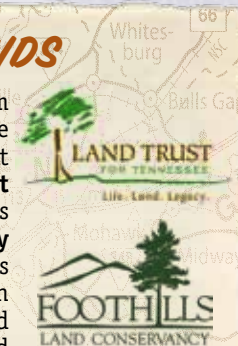
Shelton Farm – Strawberries, tomatoes, cantaloupes, melons and corn. 1278 Burchell Rd., New Market. 865-388-9014.

STRAWBERRY PLAINS

Clift Orchard Blueberries – Natural growing practices. July & Aug. 9721 Asheville Hwy, Strawberry Plains. 865-933-3942.

PROTECTED LANDS

Numerous parks, natural areas, farm lands and open space areas across the state have been protected by non-profit conservation organizations. **The Land Trust for Tennessee** (landtrusttn.org) works statewide; **Foothills Land Conservancy** (FoothillsLand.org) focuses on the foothills region of the Great Smoky Mountains in East Tennessee. Both are equally dedicated to preserving the rich wildlife habitats, and the agricultural, scenic, and historical resources of the state for future generations. Contact these groups to learn more about protecting Tennessee's beautiful natural and cultural landscapes.



Go E on Pennlyn Ave. Turn L onto N. Cumberland Dr., continue on SR-872. Turn R onto US-58W, follow signs for Harrogate/Tazewell to merge onto US-25E S (East Tennessee Crossing National Scenic Byway). Go approx. 8 miles to pt. 61.

61. Trail's End Antiques – (L) Over 4,000 square feet of display space is filled to the brim with glassware, china, pottery, furniture, dolls, quilts and more.



3700 Hwy 25E Tazewell 423-626-0525
Exit L onto US-25E S., go approx. 3.5 miles. Turn R onto Church St., turn L onto Main St. to pt. 62. 1837 Main St. Tazewell 423-626-5104

62. Carson Rose Gulf Service Station – (L) Featured in the film *Thunder Road*, this station was built in 1930 and was in service until 1956. It has been restored to authentic condition to represent a "filling station" from days past. *Open weekdays.*



Exit L onto Main St., continue S to pt. 63. Main St. Tazewell

63. Rome Cardwell Memorial Park – (L) Dedicated in 1998, this memorial honors those who served in World Wars I and II, Korea, Vietnam, Sinai Peace Keeping, and Iraq.



From Main St., turn R onto Old Knoxville Rd. Take 1st L onto Tazewell Rd. Take 2nd R onto Irish Cemetery Rd. Turn L to stay on Irish Cemetery Rd., loop around to pt. 64.

64. Irish Cemetery – (L) From the earliest settlers of Tazewell to Civil War Confederate soldiers, this cemetery is filled with the history of the people of Claiborne County.



Irish Cemetery Rd. Tazewell
Retrace route to Tazewell Rd., turn L. Turn R onto Irish Cemetery Rd. Turn L onto US-25E/TN-33/ N. Broad St. Immediately turn R into parking area to pt. 65.

65. Frostee Freeze Drive-In – (R) Local residents have loved these burgers, fries and shakes since 1956.



1617 N. Broad St. Tazewell 423-626-3521
Exit L onto TN-33/ Broad St., go SW for approx. 1 mile. Turn L onto Main St. to pt. 66.

66. Centre Brick Indoor Flea Market – (L) Tennessee's largest indoor flea market has everything you're looking for. Grab a bite to eat at the full-service concessions. It's also home to **Main Street Custom Cycles** Harley-Davidson shop.



526 Main St. New Tazewell 423-489-8052
Continue SW on Main St. to pt. 67. 120 Main St. New Tazewell 423-626-6100

67. My Favorite Things – (R) Shop this large selection of unique gifts ranging from furniture, glassware, jewelry and more.

THUNDER ROAD

While moonshining was prevalent all along the White Lightning Trail before, during, and after prohibition in the early 1900s, one particular route is famous for its role in getting the "mountain spirits" from the hills and hollers and into the hands of customers. Today's **Highways 33 and 25** cover one of the heaviest-traveled routes, nicknamed "Thunder Road" for the loud, low rumbles of the modified automobiles that raced around these curves in darkness.

Thunder Road has become a legend in literature, music and movies, perhaps most famously in the 1958 classic, *Thunder Road* — a film that undoubtedly added a pop-culture cool factor to the moonshine-running characters of East Tennessee.

See box on page 28 to read more about the moonshine legends of "Thunder Road."



Pt. 68 is just past pt. 67. 109 Main St. New Tazewell 423-626-4606

68. Carla's Café Cakes & Catering – (L) This is New Tazewell's version of your favorite coffee shop. Cozy, beautifully appointed and serving fresh everything; with a Paula Dean-like "howdy y'all."



Retrace route on Main St. Turn R onto TN-33/ S. Broad St., follow it NE back to Tazewell. Pass pt. 65 on R, turn R onto US-25E/Old KY Rd. Turn R onto US-25E/ TN-33/32. Go SE approx. 10.3 miles, look for blue sign on R. Turn R onto Bullen Valley Rd. Go 1.4 miles to pt. 69.

69. Clinch Mountain Winery – (R) This quaint winery, founded in 1998, uses locally grown grapes and stocks Tennessee-made foods, crafts and gifts. Bikers welcome!



1335 Bullen Valley Rd. Thorn Hill 865-767-3600
Return to US-25E/ TN-32, turn R to continue SE. Go approx. 4.5 miles to pt. 70. Clinch Mtn. Lookout Restaurant 190 Lookout Mtn. Rd. Thorn Hill 865-767-2511

70. Clinch Mountain Overlook – (R) This ceremonial site, overlooking Bean Station Civil War Battlefield and Bean Tavern (now under Cherokee Lake), is the most photographed view in Grainger County. An old Cherokee warpath rises from the valley below. Stop in **Clinch Mountain Lookout Restaurant** for a slice of their original Vinegar Pie.



YELP.COM: This little hole-in-the-wall place is known for its vinegar pie. Don't be too quick to judge. Women often used vinegar as a lemon substitute during the depression. I love it...



Bean Station was settled by the Bean brothers in 1776. Located on a major route for western-bound travelers, it once had the largest inn between Washington, D.C. and New Orleans. During the Civil War, many Union soldiers were killed inside the popular tavern in the Battle of Bean Station.



Exit R onto US-25E/ TN-32, continue E for approx. 4.3 miles. Exit R onto US-11W S/Lee Hwy (toward Knoxville). Go approx. 2 miles, turn L onto Bean Stn. Cemetery Rd. to pt. 71. Bean Stn. Cemetery Rd. Rutledge

71. Battle of Bean Station Civil War Burial Site – (L) When 4,000 Union troops met Confederate forces in December 1863 at the Battle of Bean Station, 1,600 soldiers perished. This site honors their bravery.



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



Return to US-11W S, turn L. Go W approx. 3.7 miles to pt. 72. 2999 Hwy 11W S Rutledge 865-767-2575

72. Ritter Farms – (R) In addition to those great tasting Grainger County tomatoes, the farm offers a variety of vegetables, pickles, jams, and salsas.

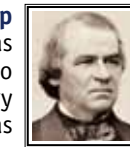


Exit R onto US-11W (it becomes Main St./ Rutledge Pk.), go approx. 5.5 miles. Turn L onto Water St. to pt. 73. 460 Water St. Rutledge 865-828-4222

73. Grainger County Chamber of Commerce (L)

Continue W on US-11W/ Rutledge Pk. to pt. 74. 8095 Rutledge Pk. Rutledge

74. Andrew Johnson Tailor Shop – (R) Andrew Johnson was the first U.S. President who had neither been a military hero nor studied law. He was a tailor and at one time operated his business in Rutledge. A replica of his small shop now stands in front of the **Grainger County Courthouse**.



To go to Joppa Mtn. Pottery from pt. 74, continue W on US-11W/Rutledge Pk. for approx. 6.4 miles. Turn R onto Joppa Mountain Rd. to pt. 18 on L.

Directions to pt. 75 are at top of next column.

75. Bethesda Church & Cemetery – (R) This 1835 church was used as a hospital for wounded soldiers on both sides of the Civil War, as

Retrace route on US-11W (going E toward Bean Station) back to US-11/ 25E. Continue straight onto US-25E S. Go approx. 9.4 miles, take ramp to US-11E N/Greeneville. Turn L onto US-11E/ TN-66N/E. Andrew Johnson Hwy. Go 2.3 miles, turn L onto Bethesda Rd. to pt. 75. 4990 Bethesda Rd. Morristown

well as treating patients with smallpox. In 1864, the church was hit by a cannonball and the patched area is still visible on the eastern wall. The cemetery contains the graves of 80 Confederate soldiers and features a kiosk on the Civil War and local history. The site is a stop on Tennessee's Civil War Trail.



Retrace route on Bethesda Rd., turn L onto US-11E/E. Andrew Johnson Hwy. Go 2 miles to pt. 76. 5915 E. Andrew Johnson Hwy Russellville 423-586-6382

76. General Longstreet Museum – (L) During the Civil War, Lieutenant General James Longstreet's corps occupied this house in the winter of 1863-64 with the intended task of securing East Tennessee for the Confederacy. Today, it's an award-winning museum featuring a Civil War-era communications headquarters.



The popularity of racing is evident all over the White Lightning Trail. Tazewell boasts "The Taz" Speedway and Newport is home to two tracks: Newport Speedway and English Mountain Dragway. Nearby Volunteer Speedway in Bulls Gap, known as "The Gap" is marketed as the "world's fastest dirt track." One of East Tennessee's dirt track legends was Herbert "Tootle" Estes, with over 15,000 victories. Estes died of a heart attack at "The Gap" just after winning the 1980 Volunteer 100. If you want to catch a race while you're in the area, see page 20 for speedway information.



Exit R onto US-11E S/ E. Andrew Johnson Hwy. Go SW for 2 miles, turn L onto Larry Baker Rd. Turn R onto E. Morris Blvd., go approx. 1.8 miles to pt. 77. 3282 E. Morris Blvd. Morristown 423-586-4567

77. Davy Crockett Restaurant – (L) Sample country cooking at this eatery named for one of Tennessee's favorite sons.



Go L/W onto E. Morris Blvd. Turn R onto S. Haun Dr., take 1st L onto Morningside Dr. to pt. 78. 2106 Morningside Dr. Morristown 423-587-9900

78. Crockett Tavern Museum – (R) A replica of the boyhood home of Tennessee folk hero Davy Crockett, this museum houses artifacts that tell the story of a legendary American figure. *Open May-Oct.*





Morristown, settled in the late 1770s, is often called the "Crossroads of Dixie." It's where the "Big Road," stretching from James White's Fort (point 6 in Knoxville) to Baltimore crossed the Cherokee Warriors' Path/Wilderness Road leading from Cumberland Gap. Today these basic routes are Highways 11E and 25E (East Tennessee Crossing National Scenic Byway).

Continue W on Morningside Dr., it becomes Main St. Follow Main St. to pt. 79.

79. Downtown Morristown – This Main Street's unique feature is SkyMart, an overhead sidewalk system part of a 1969 urban redevelopment project inspired by the walled city of Chester, England. The area features an eclectic mix of specialty shops, antique stores and restaurants to enjoy as you stroll the famous SkyMart.



The Evil Dead is one of the most popular horror films of all time, shot right outside Morristown at an abandoned cabin in the mountains. Over the years, it has become an underground hit.



Continue W on W. Main St., turn R onto N. Jackson St. Go 2 blocks to W. 2nd. N. St. and pt. 80.

80. Rose Center Museum – (R) Once the city's first coeducational public high school, the 1892 building is now a cultural center and museum. This beautifully restored structure includes concert and performance space, art classes, art gallery, and a regional history museum including Civil War exhibits.



442 W. 2nd N. St. Morristown 423-581-4330

From W. 2nd N. St., turn L onto N. Jackson St. Turn R onto W. 1st N. St. to pt. 81.

81. Morristown Area Chamber of Commerce (R)

825 W. 1st N. St. Morristown 423-586-6382

Continue W on W. 1st N. St. Veer R onto W. Andrew Johnson Hwy/US-11E, go 4.1 miles. Turn R onto W. Panther Creek Rd., go 2.4 miles to pt. 82 entrance on Panther Creek Park Rd. 2010 Panther Creek Rd. Morristown 423-587-7046

82. Panther Creek State Park – (R) Located on 1,435 acres and bordered by Cherokee Lake, this state park offers a pristine wild-life preserve, hiking, mountain biking and horse trails. Visitors also enjoy the boat ramp, swimming pool, camping sites, picnic pavilions and a gorgeous scenic overlook at its highest point by the lake.



Retrace route on Panther Creek Rd., turn L onto Andrew Johnson Hwy/US-11E. Go E back to W. 1st N. St. through downtown Morristown. Turn R onto N. Cumberland St., go 4.1 miles. Turn R onto US-25E, go 3.6 miles. Turn R onto Main St. to explore pt. 83.

83. White Pine – It's likely that this town was originally a large burial ground, sacred to Woodland Indians along the French Broad River. Its first settlers arrived around 1780, but it was the post-Civil War railroad boom that grew the area. In 1905, eight years after its official incorporation, a fire destroyed almost the entire downtown. It was incorporated again in 1915. During prohibition, the countryside along Highways 113 and 25W was popular with moonshine runners; barns with hidden gas pumps served as pit stops for drivers.



Return to US-25E, turn R to go S for 4.4 miles to pt. 84.

218 Hwy 25/32 White Pine 865-674-7196

Exit L onto US-25E S/TN-32S, go 6.6 miles. Turn L onto W. Broadway St., go 1.1 miles. Turn R onto US-321S, go 0.4 mile. Take 3rd L onto Mulberry St., take 1st R onto Prospect Ave. to pt. 85.

433 B Prospect Ave. Newport 423-625-9675

84. DJ's Antiques – (L) This family-owned store features quilts, glass, furniture, pottery, baskets, and more.



85. Cocke County Partnership Visitor's Center

(L) Stop by for local brochures and some Southern hospitality.



After the Great Depression, many Cocke County residents turned to making corn whiskey for income. A drive south on Highway 321 will take you to Cosby, once known as "Moonshine Capital of the World." Northeast on Highway 321 leads to Tennessee's third oldest town — Parrottsville — home of famous moonshiner Popcorn Sutton. See box on page 28.

Retrace route to US-25E S/TN-32S, turn R. Return to Broadway St., turn R to pt. 86 in Broadway St. & Main St. area.

East Tennessee Coffee Co. 238 E. Broadway St. Newport 423-532-8041

Ace Antiques 236 E. Broadway St. Newport 423-625-4998

Newport Dry Goods 225 E. Main St. Newport 423-623-2921

86. Historic Downtown Newport – The Cocke County seat is alive with historic buildings and a variety of shops:



East Tennessee Coffee Company, known for their "Cocke County Brew" and the best chicken salad sandwich around.

Ace Antiques, where depression glass and political memorabilia abounds!

Newport Dry Goods, step back in time at this bargain hunter's dream.



Riverwalk, stroll and enjoy the beauty of the Pigeon River.

LAWSON D. FRANKLIN – EAST TENNESSEE'S FIRST MILLIONAIRE

Lawson D. Franklin was East Tennessee's first millionaire, with a fortune built on slave trading, corn and cotton crops, mines, and railroad and toll road investments. Overseeing many teams of slave labor, Franklin built three amazing plantation houses in this area: Riverview (pictured) and the Lawson D. Franklin house between White Pine and Newport (**both private properties**), and Bleak House in Knoxville. You may catch a glimpse of the long plantation drives back to these homes as you travel Highway 25E. Bleak House was actually a wedding gift from Franklin to his daughter, and during the Civil War, it was used as Confederate headquarters by General James Longstreet (learn more at point 76) in the winter of 1863. Franklin died in 1861, leaving no will despite his legendary shrewd business sense. His death was under mysterious circumstances — a suspected murder by a slave cook who had plans to return to Mississippi. It would take 18 years to settle his estate.



Rhea-Mims Hotel (Private Property) E. Broadway St. Newport Elm Hill (Private Property) Riverview St., 1 block S of Broadway St. Newport

As you explore town, be sure to notice the **Rhea-Mims Hotel** (pictured at beginning of point 86 – **private property**), built in 1925 out of native stone and now a senior center, and historic **Elm Hill** (pictured – **private property**), once the vacation home of Governor Ben Hooper.



Before you drive west to see more of Newport, drive east on East Broadway Street a few blocks to see the Stokely Brothers/ConAgra Foods plant. When Anna Stokely lost her husband at the age of 44, she was left to care for nine children and a family farm. They began canning surplus crops in the late 1800s, forming the Stokely Brothers company. Shipping canned tomatoes down the French Broad River, the business grew and moved to Newport to be near the railroad. Anna's son took a job at the Van Camp factory in Indiana and brought home invaluable information about canning techniques. Stokely's purchased Van Camp in the 1930s; today, the canning giant is owned by ConAgra Foods and produces Hunt's tomato-based sauces and Van Camp Beans.



Drive W on W. Broadway St./US-25 to pt. 87 at corner of Hedrick Dr. 157 W. Broadway St. Newport 423-613-9399

87. Debbie's Drive-In – (L) Take a step back in time at this roadside drive-in that offers sandwiches and more.



Continue W on US-32/W. Broadway St., turn R onto McCabe Ave. Turn L onto W. Main St. to pt. 88. 211 W. Main St. Newport 423-623-2324

88. Rhyme Clock Company – (L) In business since the turn of the century, stop by during the week and see craftsmen making grandfather clocks and visit the factory outlet showroom.



Retrace route to W. Broadway St./US-25, turn R. Go approx. 0.5 mile to pt. 89.

465 W. Broadway St. Newport 423-625-3472

89. Milano's Pizza & Italian Restaurant – (L) This little Italian jewel gets rave reviews, especially for their "Family Special" of penne vodka sauce and the "absolute best bread sticks and marinara sauce money can buy."



Exit L onto W. Broadway St./US-25W to continue W for approx. 0.5 mile to pt. 90.

642 W. Hwy 25/70 Newport 423-623-6181

90. The Farm Market – (R) This Appalachian country restaurant and market is sure to please. Sit down to a farm breakfast with double-yolked eggs, home-churned butter and fresh picked berries; take home a handcrafted fishing pole or some fresh produce, but make sure to leave room for a legendary dessert.



NASCAR driver Dale Earnhart would come to this area on bear hunting trips and could often be found at the Fox & Hound at dinnertime, refueling with good food after a day of hunting.



Exit R onto W. Broadway St./US-25W, turn R onto Fox & Hound Way to pt. 91. 127 Fox & Hound Way Newport 423-623-9161

91. Fox & Hound Supper Club – (R) Though you might hesitate to try a restaurant with no windows, trust us. This local favorite serves delicious food like juicy steaks, huge burgers and more.



TRIPADVISOR.COM: I had the french onion soup and BBQ burger and enjoyed them both. Service was down-home good. There is nothing fancy about the inside or outside, but the food will keep me coming back!

Exit R onto US-25/
70/411, go 1.6 miles to
pt. 92.

1071 W. Hwy 25/70
Newport
423-623-1913

92. Brandywine Creek Steakhouse – (L)

Servers actually throw the rolls (straight from the oven) to smiling faces! Built on the site of the historic Wilson Tavern (where Bonnie and Clyde reportedly visited, shooting up the floors and ceilings and robbing the proprietor), Brandywine Creek's warm atmosphere, wooden dance floor and Texas-sized bar keep customers coming back.



Exit Carson Springs Rd.
beside pt. 92 to turn L
onto US-25W N/70/411S.
Travel under I-40. Turn
L onto US-411S, go 5.4
miles to pt. 93.

3304 Chestnut Hill Rd.
Dandridge
865-509-2361

Café
3901 Hwy 411
Dandridge
865-509-3485

93. Bush Beans Visitor Center – (L) Discover the home of the “No. 1 Baked Beans in the World” when you visit the A.J. Bush & Company general store, founded in 1897.

Now a museum, gift shop, theatre and café, see Jay Bush and his loyal dog Duke on the big screen; walk through the canning process — literally — in a giant replica; learn your weight in beans and snap a photo with Duke. Make sure you try the pinto bean pie. *Open Mon.-Sat.*



Did You Know

The original country store was opened in 1897 by Bush Brothers founder Andrew Jackson Bush, and served as a general store for Chestnut Hill until 1996.



Exit L onto US-411,
turn R onto TN-92/
Chestnut Hill Rd. Go NW
for approx. 9 miles to
cross over lake (pt. 94)
and see dam on L.

94. Douglas Lake & Dam –

The dam furnished electric power for two critical industries during World War II — aluminum production and the Manhattan Project operations at Oak Ridge. Today, the dam remains an integral part of TVA's overall water control system and the lake is a popular recreation destination, offering boating, fishing, camping and picnicking.



After crossing bridge
into Dandridge, take 1st
R onto E. Main St. to
pt. 95.

137 E. Main St.
Dandridge
865-397-7420

Remain parked
near pt. 95 for
pts. 96-98.

95. Downtown Dandridge Visitor Center (R)

Make this 1820 coach house your first local stop for a self-guided walking tour brochure through downtown and nearby driving sites.

Park and walk to visit points 96-98.

Area of Main St.,
Gay St. (TN-92) &
Meeting St. (US-25W/70)
Dandridge

96. Historic Dandridge – This is the second-

oldest town in the state. During western expansion of the late 1700s, the area's natural resources brought permanent settlers. By 1792, it had grown large enough for Territorial Governor William Blount to carve out the new county of “Jefferson” to honor Secretary of State Thomas Jefferson. Explore the eclectic boutiques and restaurants of this National Historic District.



Did You Know

The citizens of Dandridge saved their town from scheduled flooding in the 1940s by appealing to First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt (pictured), pointing out that the town is the only place in the U.S. named for the country's original first lady, Martha Dandridge Washington.



Area of Main St.,
Gay St. (TN-92) &
Meeting St. (US-25W/70)
Dandridge

97. Downtown Dandridge Self-Guided Walking Tour – These 21 sites are just a few must-see stops:

The Jefferson County Courthouse (1845) is home to Native American artifacts, early farm equipment, a moonshine still and Davy Crockett's marriage bond.



Four original taverns (1814-1843): Hickman Tavern, Roper Tavern, Shepard's Inn and Thomas Tavern (now local shops).

Two cemeteries including Revolutionary Graveyard (1785), a jail (1845), a bank (1855) and a barber shop (1885).

Eight homes (1820-1923).

Three buildings (1823-1882) with various uses including doctor's office, general merchandise store, café, post office, funeral parlor, and telephone exchange.

1224 Gay St.
Dandridge
865-397-3444

98. Tinsley-Bible Drug Store & Soda Fountain –

Having celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2011, this popular lunch stop and drug store still has an old-fashioned soda fountain, complete with handmade shakes and the “Bible Burger.”



Did You Know

The world's largest moonshine still was discovered by authorities near Dandridge in 1973, hidden below a barn. The 15,227-gallon still was destroyed by a wrecking crew, disappointing many residents — they felt it could have made a great tourist attraction.

Go E on E. Meeting St./
US-25W S/70 for 4 miles.
Turn R onto
Spring Creek Rd., go 0.3
mile. Turn R onto Oak
Grove Rd. to pt. 99.
2117 Oak Grove Rd.
Dandridge
865-397-9054

99. French Broad Baptist Church – (L) The stained glass windows of this 1919 church were imported from Czechoslovakia by Colonel Swann and considered one of the finest works in the South. When TVA made plans to flood this area and create Douglas Lake, Mrs. Swann wrote letters to senators and even poems to Eleanor Roosevelt to stop construction of the dam. Swann's land was not saved, but President Franklin Roosevelt (pictured) provided a levee that saved this church, which is all that remains of Oak Grove, the county's earliest settlement.



Did You Know

A Civil War marker at point 99 honors the Battle of Hay's Ferry. This battle site is now underwater, but the fields of corn that separated opposing troops were a temptation for hungry soldiers. In 1863, Union cavalry was dispatched to clear out Confederate foragers. A running battle ensued and arriving Confederates pushed the Federals back.

Retrace route on Oak
Grove Rd. to Spring
Creek Rd. to US-25W/
70W. Turn L, go 5 miles
back through downtown
Dandridge on Meeting
St. Turn L onto US-25W
N/70W/TN-66. Go approx.
12.5 miles, turn L onto
TN-139E/Douglas Dam Rd.
Go 0.7 mile, turn R
onto Thorngrove Pk. to
pt. 100.

831 Thorngrove Pk.
Strawberry Plains
865-932-0070

Retrace route to US-25W
N/70W/TN-66/Asheville
Hwy, turn L. Go 3.6 miles
to pt. 101.

8529 Asheville Hwy
Knoxville
865-933-3251

100. Circle G Ranch Wild Animal Park & Camel Safari – (L)

Get up close and personal with over 500 exotic animals as they run freely on 100 acres. This drive-thru park and safari is an experience only found off the beaten path!



101. Cardin's Drive-In – (R)

The drive-in era hasn't faded here. This decades-old institution with an extensive menu remains forever popular.



YAHOO! LOCAL: Wonderful food, excellent service. Best biscuits and gravy in Tennessee and probably elsewhere. Great prices and large portions — you won't leave hungry.

Did You Know

Read about outlaw Clarence Bunch in the Moonshine Legends box on page 28; you're passing the area where his life of crime ended.

Exit R onto Asheville
Hwy, go 6.9 miles. You'll
pass pt. 102 on L, make
a U-turn to enter.

4700 Asheville Hwy
Knoxville
865-525-7771

102. Scott's Place – (L)

Come hungry and see if you can eat the “Big C” — a full pound of hamburger beef; and save room for hand-dipped ice cream in a variety of flavors.



Exit to go W on US-11E/
70/Asheville Hwy for
1.3 miles. Turn L onto
Prosser Rd. Take 1st R
onto Holston Dr. to
pt. 103.

3816 Holston Dr.
Knoxville
865-637-5188

103. Lunch House – (L)

This is country cooking at its best — especially the chicken and dumplings and the fried cornbread.



Exit L onto Holston Dr.
Turn R onto Kirkwood
N.E., then L onto US-11/
70/E. Magnolia Ave.
You'll see pt. 104, 0.5
mile ahead. Turn R onto
N. Beaman St. to enter
park as well as pt. 105.

104. Chilhowee Park – (R)

Established in the 1880s, this 81-acre park hosted the major Appalachian Expositions of 1910 and 1911 and, in 1913, the even bigger National Conservation Exposition — touted as history's first expo devoted to conservation of natural resources. It drew more than one million visitors including national reformist leaders like William Jennings Bryan, Helen Keller, Booker T. Washington and Gifford Pinchot. Of the former grand buildings, only the old gazebo survives. Since about 1915, the park has hosted the annual Tennessee Valley Fair.



From inside pt. 104,
drive around lake, follow
signs to pt. 105.

3500 Knoxville Zoo Dr.
Knoxville
865-637-5331

Exit parking area onto
Knoxville Zoo Dr., going
NE, turn R onto Prosser
Rd. Take 1st R
onto E.
Magnolia Ave.
to pt. 106.

105. Knoxville Zoo – (R)

Founded in 1948, this has become a major national zoological attraction in the last 35 years or so, thanks to its work with elephants, gorillas, and red pandas.



Did You Know

One of the Knoxville Zoo's influential former directors is city native and now well-known animal handler Jack Hanna.



3132 E. Magnolia Ave.
Knoxville
865-524-4388

106. Pizza Palace – (L) Pizza was first introduced to Knoxville by Greek immigrants, and the Pizza Palace is a worthy part of that tradition. In 1961, a Greek family

EAST TENNESSEE MOONSHINE LEGENDS

Clarence Bunch – A depression-era outlaw known as East Tennessee’s John Dillinger, he started his criminal career as a bootlegger, and soon began robbing banks and terrorizing the region. He and his gang were known to shoot out the tires of passing cars at random on Asheville Highway in order to rob the occupants, and shot their way through a police roadblock in Burlington. Bunch escaped from a Newport jail after shooting a guard in 1934. He was caught and shot 23 times by Knox County law enforcement on the front porch belonging to notorious bootlegger C.T. Epperson. Ten thousand people lined up to see his corpse in downtown Knoxville — a crowd that would have overflowed the University of Tennessee football stadium’s seating capacity at the time.



Mahala Mullins – Operating out of the Vardy community, Mahala Mullins was known as one of the biggest moonshiners of her day — literally. “Big Haley” weighed over 500 pounds, and when repeatedly confronted with arrest warrants, she cheerfully invited lawmen to arrest her, knowing that her size made it impossible to extract her from her cabin or transport her down the mountain. One deputy reported her to be “catchable but not fetchable.” Mullins died in 1897, and it is said that her bed had to be made into a coffin to contain her size.



Popcorn Sutton – Renowned modern day bootlegger Marvin “Popcorn” Sutton was known nationally as one of the South’s best moonshiners. He was a life-long distiller with a knack for marketing, responsible for the creation and sale of thousands of gallons of untaxed liquor over his lifetime, as well as helping bootleggers modify their cars for white lightning deliveries. He lived the life of a true mountain man, and became the subject of several documentaries and articles, including his autobiography, *Me and My Likker*. In 2007, federal agents discovered 850 gallons of moonshine in sheds and an old school bus on his property in Parrottsville. In poor health and facing imprisonment, Popcorn died in 2009 at the age of 62, an apparent suicide.



Ironically, it was mere months after Sutton’s death that Tennessee relaxed its laws on liquor manufacturing. Sutton’s former business partner set up production at an undisclosed location near Nashville and began distilling Popcorn Sutton’s original recipe, becoming the first “white whiskey” to be approved by the U.S. government. Legitimate “moonshine” micro-distilleries have since popped up in more areas around the state, contributing to the re-emergence of a true Tennessee tradition.

Parrottsville is on Highway 321, off Highway 25E near Newport. The Vardy community is off Highway 33, near Sneedville. Both are stops along the Sunny Side: Early Country Trail.

Exit L onto E. Magnolia Ave., go less than 1 block to pt. 107.

3101 E. Magnolia Ave. Knoxville 865-595-0212

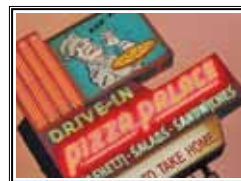
Exit R onto E. Magnolia Ave., go approx. 1.4 miles. Turn R onto N. Cruze St. to pt. 108.

1931 E. Magnolia Ave. Knoxville 865-637-2033

Exit R onto E. Magnolia Ave., go 0.7 mile. Turn L onto Hall of Fame Dr., go 0.4 mile. Turn L onto E. Summit Hill Dr., continue onto Dandridge Ave. Turn R onto Hazen St. to enter Morningside Park to pt. 109.

1600 Dandridge Ave. Knoxville

established this rare institution (a pizza drive-in), and it continues to serve the old-fashioned, flat, almost crunchy-style pizza made popular more than 50 years ago. They also offer sandwiches and salads and, unusual for a drive-in, beer.



107. Chandler’s Deli

– (R) This soul-food cafeteria is an East Knoxville icon, favored by Tennessee Senator Lamar Alexander and recently featured on ESPN.



CITYSEARCH.COM: *This is a must-do if you are looking for a casual local soul-food spot; Top-notch cooking and a very friendly staff. The food was great and the service was outstanding!*

108. Mary’s Hot Tamales – (R) This 20-plus-year-old restaurant is run by Clara Robinson. A tamale is a Mississippi Delta-style dish dating back to slavery years. Charlie Green, who later became a Knoxville educator, was a tamale street vendor who mentored Clara and her sister Mary in the business. He even taught them his grandfather’s recipe. Clara can still remember the thrill she had as a little girl in Mississippi buying hot tamales from Green; today, she carries on the cultural tradition.



East Magnolia Avenue was once home to the headquarters of Hartman Beverage — the inventors of Mountain Dew. Read more about the popular drink in the box at right.

109. 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.



Alex Haley is buried on the grounds of his grandparents’ (Alex and Queen Haley) home in Henning, on the Great River Road Byway & Trail. On the Walking Tall: Rockabilly, Rails & Legendary Tales Trail, you can visit the grandparents’ burial site as well as see the mansion where Queen worked as a domestic.



Exit R onto Dandridge Ave. to pt. 110 just a few feet ahead.

1711 Dandridge Ave. Knoxville 865-522-8661

110. The Mabry-Hazen House Museum – (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 the past.



Knoxville was the site of the first known baseball game in East Tennessee, a match between Union and Confederate Civil War veterans, in the summer of 1865.

Exit L onto Dandridge Ave., go 0.7 mile. Stay straight onto Brooks Ave., go 0.4 mile. Turn L onto Biddle St., go 0.5 mile. Turn R onto Wimpole Ave., go 0.3 mile to pt. 111.

2743 Wimpole Ave. Knoxville 865-862-8717

111. Knoxville Botanical Garden & Arboretum – (R) This not-for-profit was formed in 2001 for the purpose of creating a botanical garden and arboretum on



MOUNTAIN DEW

Brothers Barney and Ally Hartman, who moved their business from Augusta, Georgia, to Knoxville in 1932, privately bottled a lemon-lime mixer (in white bottles) they jokingly called Mountain Dew, a 19th-century nickname for moonshine. They had a hillbilly label printed up, but only bottled the 7UP-style drink for their own after-hours consumption. Charlie Gordon, owner of Tennessee’s Tri-City Beverage, found out about the product and soon set about working to produce Mountain Dew. He began selling the product in green bottles to compete with Sun Drop. While Tri-City Beverage was the first to market the drink, the Hartmans are the inventors, and according to Pepsi’s Mountain Dew web site, “Knoxville is the undisputed Mecca of Mountain Dew.”

Retrace route on Wimpole Ave., turn L onto Biddle St. Return to Brooks Ave., turn R. Continue onto Dandridge Ave. S.E. for 0.8 mile. Continue onto E. Summit Hill Dr. into downtown Knoxville.

At int. of E. Summit Hill Dr. & Broadway St. S.W., turn L onto Broadway St. S.W./ Lee Hwy, continue onto Henley St. Go 0.3 mile, turn R onto Cumberland Ave. Go 1.2 miles, continue onto Kingston Pk. S.W. Go 4.4 miles to pt. 112.

6515 Kingston Pk. Knoxville 865-673-3377

112. Calhoun’s-Bearden Hill – (R) The perfect spot to finish your White Lightning journey is this microbrewery, located along the original Thunder Road route used by moonshine runners in the region. Enjoy a delicious meal and try out the namesake brew: Thunder Road.



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THE STORY BEHIND THE WHITE LIGHTNING TRAIL

This is the story behind the stops: watch it unfold behind the mountains, lakes, villages and towns that set the stage for White Lightning's fascinating history.

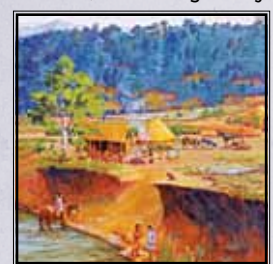
1717-1750

EARLY APPALACHIA

As the coastal lands of early America began to fill with immigrants, those seeking land, freedom and a new way of life began pushing west to the Appalachian Mountains. As they settled into the area, elements of their distinct European heritage were retained, while other aspects changed due to their immediate environment. This unique combination created the culture of Appalachia.

Primarily farmers and skilled craftsmen, the settlers were generally of three ethnic origins: Ulster Scots or Scot-Irish, English and German. Appalachia is often glorified through folk art for its rare entanglement of culture and craft — each group shifting and sharing, learning and teaching, in order to survive.

A variety of crops were grown on the frontier, including many that were brought from Europe, as well as those native to America.



One of the most important crops was "Indian corn" or maize, which was adopted from Native Americans, and served as a staple for survival. Its popularity boomed with the discovery of its fermentation, leading to the creation of corn whiskey. It would soon become a considerable part of the lore and legend of early Appalachia.

Though the earth provided abundantly, life was sustained and prosperous only through hard work and frugal living. From a life of struggle came the Appalachian tradition of songwriting and storytelling. A new land, the rugged mountains and the spirit of Appalachia became the backdrop for this historically significant and culturally diverse group of people.

1750-1775

THE CUMBERLAND GAP

Word spread, and the appeal of the Appalachian Mountains grew. Settlers began seeking a path to the area through the Cumberland Gap. Unlike the trails taken by its earliest travelers, the wider passageway allowed the use of a wagon, as well as an increase in supplies and goods. The voyage was treacherous, and many died from illness and in Native American attacks as they made their way through the Appalachian hills.



Land speculators saw an opportunity for development and hired Daniel Boone to lead the trail through this unpredictable stretch of wilderness. Boone, along with a team of 30 axemen, selected the most direct route from existing trails and "blazed" through the area, creating an otherwise impossible opportunity for hundreds of thousands of pioneers to settle this portion of the American frontier. Later, this "Wilderness Road" would become known as "Thunder Road," a popular route for transporting moonshine.

Today, an estimated one-sixth of the U.S. population can trace their ancestry back to someone who hiked on Daniel Boone's team that trekked through the Cumberland Gap.

1775-1860

RIFLES AND REVOLUTION

Appalachian residents possessed a patriotic legacy that stemmed from the desire to conquer adversity with the same grit that they used to conquer the mountains. Their courage and knowledge of the backwoods made them outstanding soldiers, not to mention accurate shooters. They formed the rear guard in the American Revolution, were the first outside colonists to assist their New England brethren at the siege of Boston, and carried the victories at Saratoga, the Cowpens and Kings Mountain.

Even before the war, Appalachian farmers were making and selling home-distilled alcohol or "moonshine," as a way to turn their corn into cash. Moonshine, also known as "white lightning," is 100-proof alcohol derived from the fermentation of corn. The sweet mash whiskey was sold for a profit and kept on-hand as a general tonic, as well as for medical purposes.

Shortly after the Revolution, the U.S. government decided to levy a high tax on liquor and spirits despite the war's purpose to end oppressive government taxation.

Making whiskey meant making money — income that people could not afford to lose. Many continued making their own alcohol and disregarded the excessive federal tax.

Historian Horace Kephart lived among the Appalachian people for many years and came to understand the role that making and selling moonshine played in the Appalachian culture. Kephart later explained, "Although a criminal in the eyes of the law, [the moonshiner] is soundly convinced that the law



is unjust, and that he is only exercising his natural rights."

1861-1865

WAR-TORN APPALACHIA

Southern Appalachia may have been harder hit by the American Civil War than any other part of the country.



Physically, many homesteads lay right in the middle of military activity. Politically, the region was deeply divided. These separated loyalties created friction among the once powerfully united mountain dwellers.

While the war brought destruction, fear and conflict to the region, assaults by guerillas and marauding soldiers from both sides deepened the devastation. Large numbers of livestock were killed, and many farms were pillaged for food, valuables and liquor. Soldiers and bandits broke into smokehouses, stole horses and burned down houses. The mountains were under constant assault.

The actions of both Union and Confederate Armies left many inhabitants in the region resentful and suspicious of government authority. This created a need for the people of Appalachia to defend themselves and planted the seeds for the legendary Appalachian attitude of rebellion toward government and interlopers, known as "frontier defiance."



1865-1930

COMMERCE COMES TO APPALACHIA

After the Civil War, post-war railroad construction opened up Tennessee's coal fields to major mining operations, which created a large demand for cheap labor. Thousands of workers poured into the region to work the Appalachian coal mines.

Though the mining industry was booming, it also saw some of the nation's bloodiest labor strife. Lake City, formerly "Coal Creek," is known for the famous Coal Creek War, in which miners fought the Tennessee Militia to abolish the use of convict labor. From 1891-1892, the free miners attacked and burned prison stockades and company buildings. Dozens were killed in what's been described as one of the most dramatic and significant episodes in American labor history.

Coal mining was not the area's only commercial activity. The region contained a seemingly inexhaustible supply of timber. By the 1880s, timber in the

Mid-western and Northeastern U.S. had been depleted. This drove logging firms to seek out the virgin forests of Appalachia. Later, techniques such as steam-powered loaders allowed massive timber transport from even the most remote sections of Appalachia.

Long before timbering and coal mining speckled the backwoods with industrial villages, there were "camps" of unskilled immigrants who came to Appalachia to provide the physical strength needed to operate iron forges and furnaces — a process that refines iron ore with a hot fire to remove impurities. The Newlee Iron Furnace (point 56) reportedly manufactured most of the iron used in the construction of Chattanooga. The remains of this 1819 relic still stand as a monument to the many workers who helped manufacture the iron used to build many great American cities.

1930s-TODAY

THE END OF AN ERA

Moonshiners continued to make and sell "white whiskey" throughout the Great Depression and into the 1950s and 1960s. Moonshine was transported at night by "bootleggers" in an effort to avoid whiskey tax collectors. The smugglers needed to outrun the law and haul heavy loads of whiskey at the same time, and began modifying their cars with flathead V-8 engines and super-stiff rear suspensions. Their tactics worked, and often left frustrated revenuers eating their dust.

The souped-up "stock cars" not only provided a clean getaway vehicle, but a means for recreational racing as well. Dirt tracks and unpatrolled roads in the area were ideal for racing. In the 1930s, this newfound sport made it to Florida beaches, where



the stock cars were driven by admitted moonshine runners like Flonty Flock, Lee Petty and Junior Johnson. It was the beginning of today's NASCAR, one of the fastest-growing sports in America.

In 1958, actor Robert Mitchum produced, co-wrote and starred in a film that paid tribute to the cultural phenomenon of bootlegging. *Thunder Road* became an instant classic and has endured as one of the most popularly screened films in history. Today the backwoods still is all but a distant memory. The availability of legal, store-bought liquor in previously dry southeastern counties crushed the moonshiners' ability to make a profit, but their undercover trade has left an indelible mark on the region's history and culture.

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