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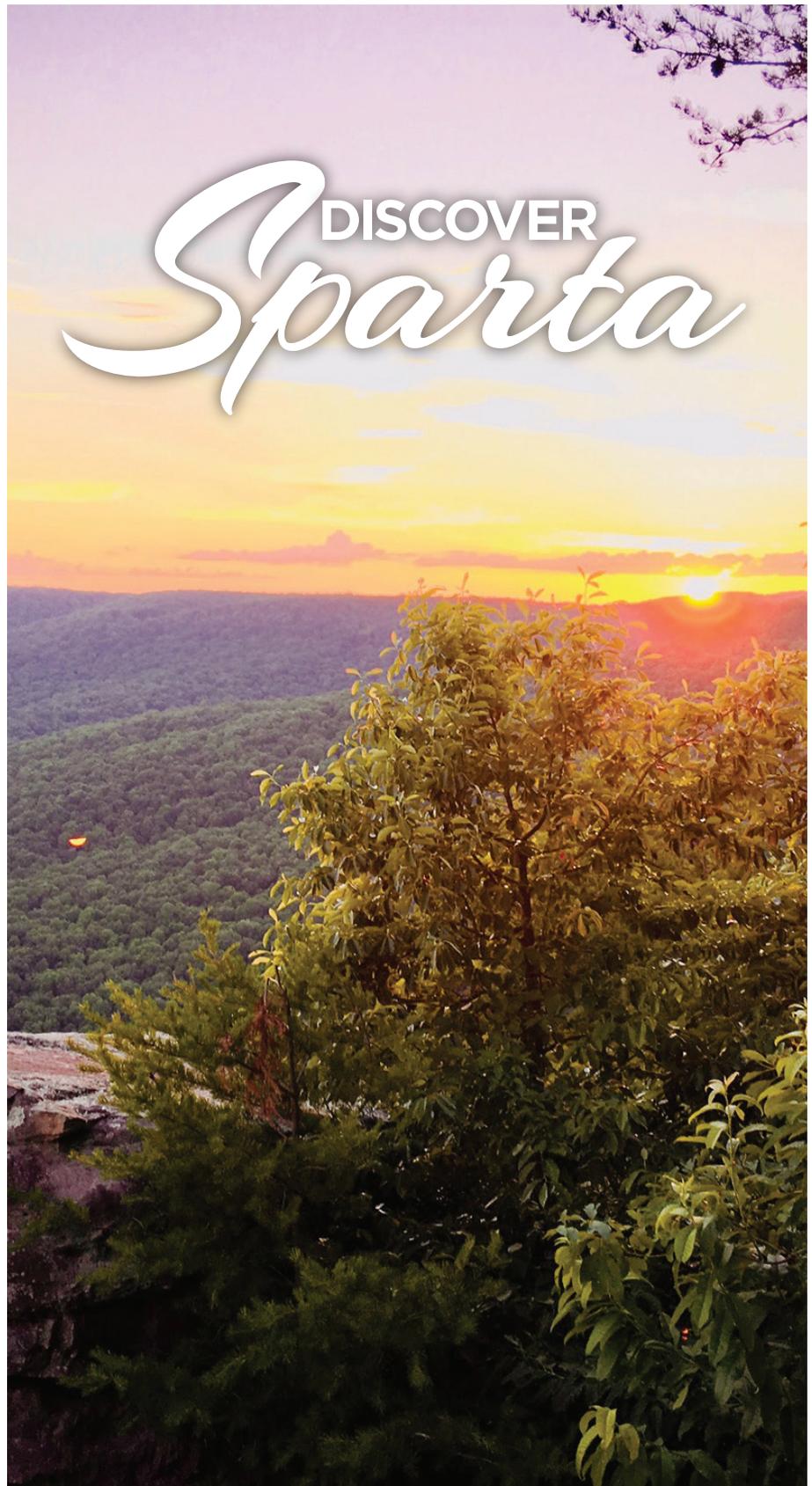
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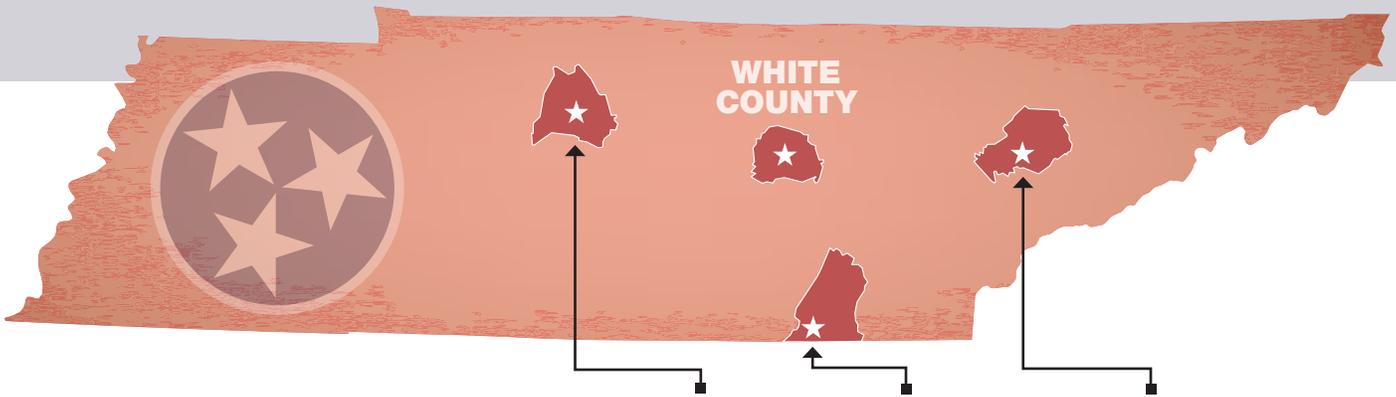
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**On the Cover: Railroad car at Sparta City Cemetery - Photo by Rachel Auburger**

WELCOME TO

# Sparta & White County

TENNESSEE



**White County** is conveniently located centrally between **Nashville, Chattanooga** and **Knoxville**, with Cookeville just minutes away. Highway 111 runs through the middle of White County and provides a thoroughfare to easily reach each of these areas. Sparta is 80 miles from Nashville and Chattanooga; 90 miles from Knoxville; 115 miles from Huntsville, Alabama; 208 miles from Atlanta, Georgia; and 300 miles from Memphis.





**WELCH'S POINT**

## AT A GLANCE

<i>Population</i>	White County <b>27,000</b> Sparta <b>5,000</b>
<i>Population Density</i>	<b>57</b> per square mile
<i>Land area</i>	<b>377</b> square miles
<i>Elevation</i>	<b>925</b> feet above sea level
<i>State Income Tax</i>	<b>None</b>
<i>Cost of Living Index</i>	<b>83</b>
<i>County Property Tax</i>	<b>\$2.05/\$100</b> (assessed at 25%)
<i>City Property Tax</i>	<b>\$.9183 per \$100</b>

The Upper Cumberland Regional Airport is situated in the northern portion of the county, at 750 Airport Rd., just off Highway 111, and just outside of the new Airport Industrial Park. A full time FBO provides a full line of services to the airport. The 6,700 by 100 foot runway and expansive ramp area allow plenty of space for a variety of aircraft.



Sparta and White County are served by Saint Thomas Highlands Hospital, which houses a 24-hour emergency room, family practice, general surgery, geriatric psychiatry, gynecology, intensive care unit, orthopedics, otolaryngology, physical therapy, podiatry, pulmonology, radiology, respiratory therapy and urology.

# JUST SIT BACK,

# Relax,

# AND KICK YOUR SHOES OFF

## Welcome to Sparta

A day wasted here is not really wasted. The slow pace of life is on purpose, so that the true beauty and deep heritage found in the rolling hills of White County can be both enjoyed and appreciated. Today you will find yourself faced with beauty around every corner, from quaint shops to beautiful tree-lined streets to historical landmarks to gorgeous waterfalls you will find yourself intrigued and inspired.

Start your day at one of the local favorites like The Coffee Collective. While sipping a steaming cup of specialty coffee and eating one of their freshly made breakfast bowls, platters or pastries enjoy the quiet buzz that fills the shop with its usual morning patrons. Let your eyes and mind wander as you step out onto Liberty Square and see the beauty of the landscape while the sun rises over the mountain to the east

Head across the street to the Chamber of Commerce and pick up a list of homes along the walking tour of Sparta's Historic District and maps to the sites on the Civil War Heritage Trail.

The self-guided Walking Tour will take you along the streets of Sparta's historic district, which was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1991. While you walk, you will see an eclectic blend of architectural styles with homes built as early as 1870.

Next head to South Carter Street Park and a quiet stroll

along the paved river walk keeping an eye out for turtles, ducks, chipmunks and the occasional geese that play on the banks of the Calfkiller river there. Cross the pedestrian bridge and follow the trail to the Old City Cemetery where you can begin the Civil War Heritage Trail.

The Civil War Heritage Trail, also self-guided, will take you to several sites including the Old City Cemetery and France cemetery. White County has a rich history with the Civil War. In 1862, Confederate soldiers marched through the town square on their way to invade Kentucky. Later Confederate guerrillas operated in the area and at times Sparta served as a federal base. The notorious Champ Ferguson is buried in France Cemetery, just north of Sparta.

If you are interested in the rich military history of the area, be sure to stop by the Veterans Museum in the American Legion located on the edge of Liberty Square near the base of the cemetery. The museum is home to memorabilia from White County soldiers spanning many wars. Exhibits include artifacts from Pearl Harbor, Nazi-controlled Germany and Vietnam along with a few memories from as far back as the Civil War and as recent as Desert Storm.

Head down the road and pay a quick visit to the White County Heritage Museum where you can learn to appreciate the deep history and love for the Highlands that the people in this community share.

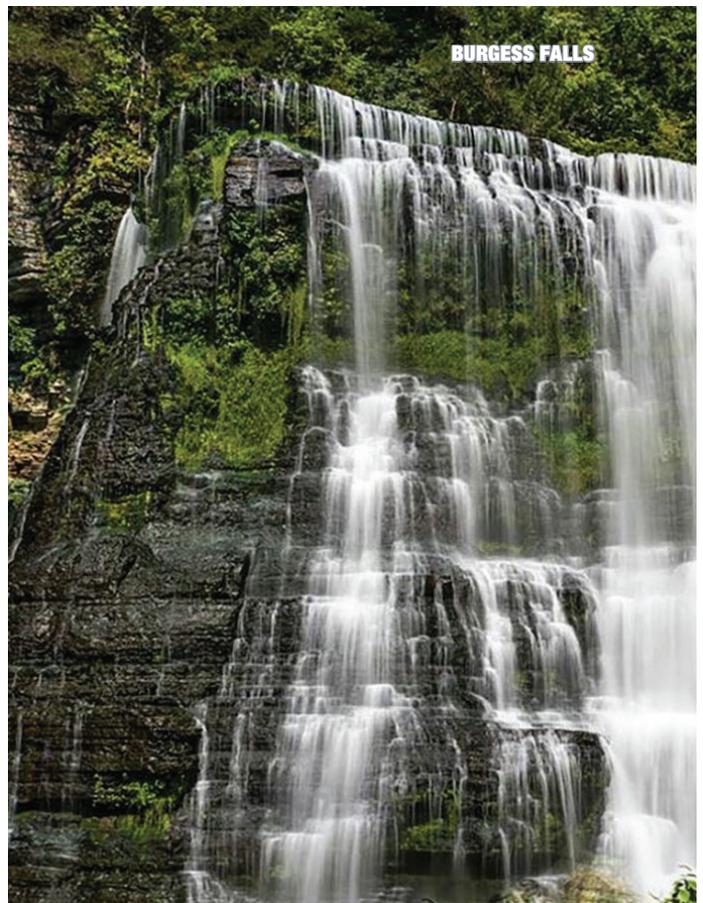
Stop for lunch in the small, but gorgeous eateries on the

square like Miss Marena's Tea Room. Enjoy freshly made sandwiches, soups or salads and some of their famous fruit tea before heading back out for an afternoon of exploring.

After lunch, head east on Highway 70 and begin the drive up Bon Air Mountain. Make a stop at the Rock House, an old Stage Coach Station. The house has been restored and is operated by the Daughters of the American Revolution. The free admission includes listening

to tales of Presidents Andrew Jackson and James K. Polk spending the night at the house on their trips to Washington D.C. as well as explanations about the simpler times that were shared by the many people who journeyed through there.

Continue up the mountain and stop at Wildcat Falls on the right-hand side of the highway. The breath-taking waterfall drops 35 feet and is set back off the road among rocks and trees. No need to walk in, you can see



the falls from your car or get out and take a picture worthy of framing when you return home.

Continue a little farther and you will reach Sunset Rock. From the observation area you can look across the valley below and see where farm life meets city, although the city too is small and quiet. Come back another time and view the gorgeous sunsets that paint the sky in front of you.

Head back to Liberty Square and grab a home-made gelato at the local coffee shop to refresh you as you walk the sidewalks of the town and check out the local specialty stores that include locally made items and art as well as antiques and boutiques.

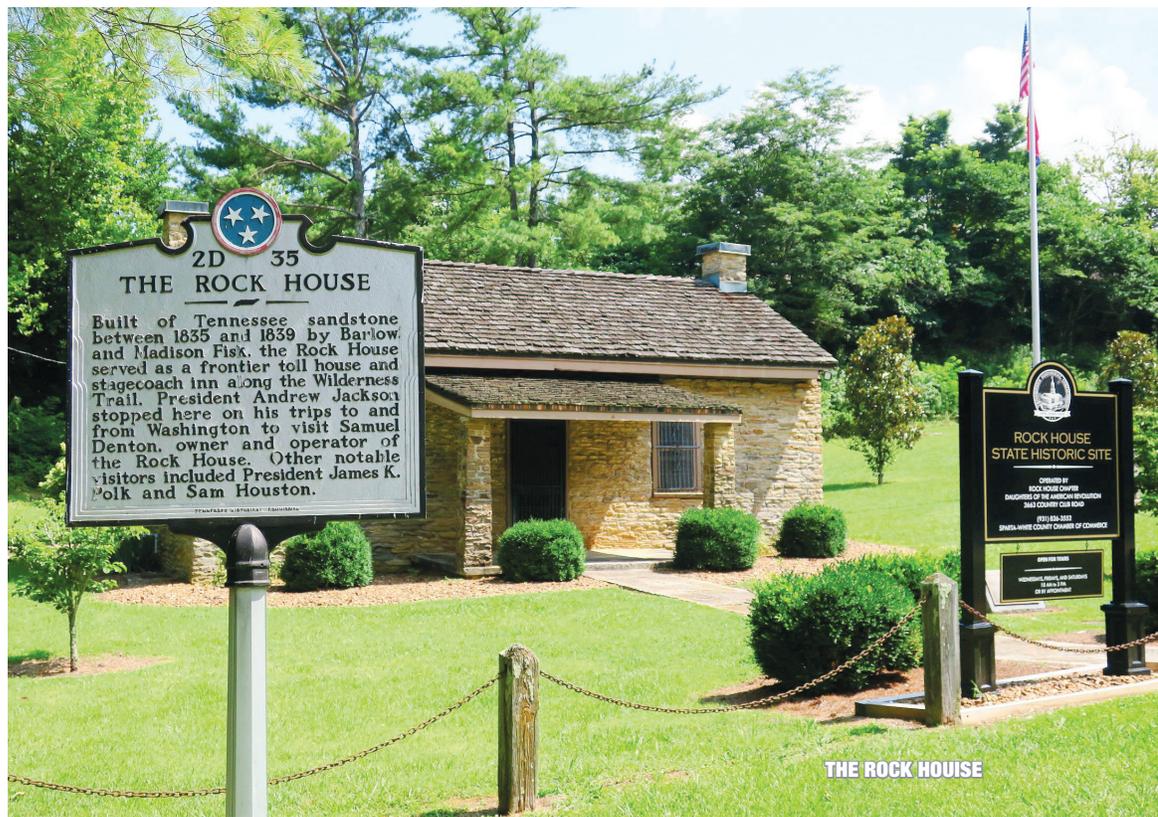
While wandering, be sure to visit the monument that pays tribute to one of the county's famous residents, Lester Flatt, the "Granddaddy of Bluegrass." As you walk around the square, be sure to stop and take a picture in front of the historic Oldham Theater (or come back at night when the marquee is lit up).

As the day winds down, make your way to the local brewery for some social time, music or other entertainment. While there you can try a craft beer, or not – they are just happy to have you visit. You can grab some food from the food truck that is usually parked beside the brewery, or order from the menu of the local sandwich shop which will deliver your home-made meal right to you while you sit reminiscing about your day with your new-found friends at the brewery.

When you can't keep your eyes open any longer, make your way to a local "B&B", like the beautifully restored HeartRock Hideaway just steps off of Liberty Square.

As you make your preparations to leave us and head back to the hustle and bustle of your life in the "outside world", we hope that you will tuck the memories of today away in your mind and look back on them when you need a moment of quiet inspiration. We hope that you found new, forever friends here and that you won't stay gone long. As you leave, you are sure to hear us calling to you see us waving to you in your mirror,

"Ya'll come back now!"



THE ROCK HOUSE



WALKING BRIDGE AT SOUTH CARTER STREEK PARK

# PRODUCTS FORGED WITH *Sparta Pride*



## **FRAGRANT MUSHROOM GALLERY**

12 W Bockman Way, Sparta  
931.836.8190

The Fragrant Mushroom Gallery is where many media come together. You can find paintings, jewelry, metal sculptures, and of course their signature pottery and candles. The gallery houses the work of many artists, but it's owner and primary artist, Thor McNeil, founded this local shop on the belief that looking for art is a treasure hunt and he wants to provide that sought after gem of high quality at a lower-than-expected price. Thor's pottery is both beautiful and functional as thought is put into the details of each piece to make it both reliable enough for daily use and beautiful enough to be inspiring.

## **REPLOGLE ARMORY**

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Replogle Armory, owned by Jay Replogle, is a blacksmith forge that specializes in custom and specialty weaponry. Every blade is hand forged by Replogle himself, as he uses modern steels and ancient techniques to craft a wide array of blades and tools. All items made at Replogle Armory are hand-crafted with hammer, fire and sweat just like was done ages ago when blacksmithing was the primary method of creating weapons and most things metal. Visitors are welcome to visit the armory's website or email them to set up a time to visit or order custom pieces.



## **HALO BRAND**

654 N Spring Street, Sparta  
931.837.4256

The owners of Halo Brand, a husband and wife team, claim to be God favored as they witness the miracles of His work through t-shirts on a daily basis. Halo brand designs are typically faith based. They are spreading the love of Jesus through fashion all over the world. Halo has a retail center at their location where customers can shop some of their newest designs or pick up a traditional favorite. They also have online sales and will ship world-wide.

## **XCEED LIMITZ**

25 Rhea Street, Sparta  
931.837.4957

Xceed Limitz specializes in screen printing and embroidery. They will help you create a design to personalize your business or just for fun. In addition to clothing, hats, bags and novelty items, they can create banners and signs for you as well. Additionally, they have a show floor featuring their own unique designs, many of which highlight their hometown so that residents and visitors alike can pick up "a little piece of Sparta" to take home

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Jackson Kayak, now known as Jackson Adventures, was founded in 2003 by Eric Jackson and Tony Lunt. Jackson Adventures builds and manufactures leading whitewater, fishing and exploration paddlesports products out of their facility which located in White County, Tennessee. With the motto "Build it like it's your own," all of the products are Made in the USA in growing support of the local Tennessee economy. Jackson Adventure also is responsible for the design and manufacturing of Orion coolers and dog kennels as well as a variety of outdoor supplies and apparel. Jackson Adventure's success is largely due to delivering high quality products through paddlesports specialty shops globally, all supported by regional, national and international team members who are engaged to promote the paddling lifestyle.



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Thurman Funeral Home does everything possible to remove the limits on the services we provide to families we take care of. We are proud to make promises to all of the families we

serve that will ensure all needs are met with compassion and understanding.

Thurman Funeral Home's mission is to enhance the well being of the families of our community by creatively meeting the changing needs of those we serve by providing respectful, dignified service, creative personalization, staff assistance, and aftercare in a comfortable and caring environment.

# A Flavor Explosion

## FOR HUNGRY PEOPLE

Sparta offers a variety of locally owned restaurants serving up flavors from around the world as well as a little local cuisine.

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931.836.3838

### El Tapatio

243 N Spring Street  
931.836.1346

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184 Churchill Drive  
931.837.4422

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22 Mayberry Street  
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### Miss Marendra's Tea Room

5 E Maple Street  
931.836.2542

### CH Donuts

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931.837.7777

### Roberts Family Diner

4424 Old Kentucky Road  
931.761.1967

### Rise & Shine Café

376 North Spring Street  
931.837.6600

### Mountain Sno and Salads to Go

410 W Bockman Way  
931.273.0158

### Foglight Foodhouse

275 Power House Road  
Walling  
931.657.2364

### The Coffee Collective

12 Liberty Square  
931.837.2899

### Yert Nutrition

1011 Smithville Hwy  
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10 Liberty Square  
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### Old Kentucky Original

7266 Old Kentucky Road  
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541 W Bockman Way  
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554 W Bockman Way  
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FOGLIGHT FOODHOUSE

# MORE THAN JUST A *Night Out*

Sparta has several local breweries and wineries that sell made-in-house craft beer and wines as well as a local tavern. Come on out and enjoy the atmosphere ... this is sure to be your kind of place.

## HAPPY TRAILS BREWING COMPANY

38 E Bockman Way  
931.267.8027

Happy Trails Brewing Company is a small brewery and taproom that is located in downtown Sparta. Happy Trails, as it is referred to by the locals, strives to provide great craft beer and a unique, family friendly atmosphere both in their tap room and their outdoor space that often has a bonfire burning. Happy Trails does not serve food, however the local sandwich shop around the corner will make deliveries and there is often a food truck in the parking lot serving up great food that can be brought inside.



## NORTHFIELD VINEYARDS

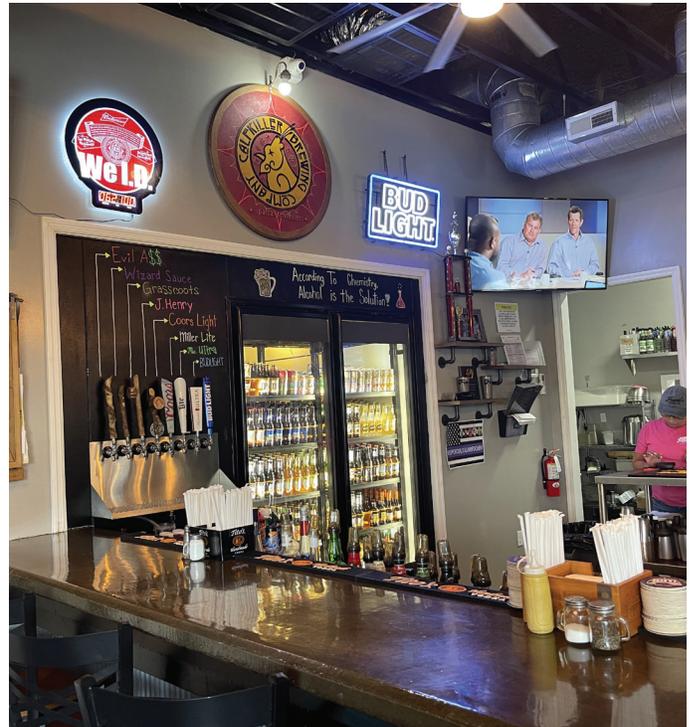
515 Ray Cemetery Road  
931.761.9463

Northfield Vineyards is a family owned winery on the family farm tucked in the beautiful hills of Tennessee. The farm on which the winery and vineyard sits has been in the Ray family since 1904 and proudly grows not only grapes, but hosts the start of Northfield Vineyards, Burt and Rube, two Percheron bred draft mules who are the inspiration for the wine label and fun around the farm. They can be seen lounging in the field or being hitched to a wagon by their owner, Mark Ray.

## CALFKILLER BREWING COMPANY

1839 Blue Springs Road  
931.739.BEER

Calkkiller Brewing Company believes beer should not be merely tasted, but experienced. They believe beer should be made by hand in small batches with the best and least processed ingredients and



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## WHITE COUNTY HERITAGE MUSEUM

144 South Main Street  
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Celebrating more than 200 years of history, White County was established in 1806 and is located in the heart of the Highlands of Tennessee. With stories, artifacts and exhibits from its early beginnings up through more modern times, the Heritage Museum chronicles White County's rich history. Located at 144 S Main Street, the museum sits in the heart of the Historic Downtown District.

10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Thursday; 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Friday; and 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Saturday. Free Admission.

## AMERICAN LEGION VETERANS MUSEUM

5 Maple Street  
931-836-3595

Located in the American Legion Building, a beautifully restored historic building on Liberty Square, the museum houses a rich display of America's military history as seen through veterans from White County. The museum is filled with exhibits and photographs provided by White County residents that give visitors and unique view of some of America's wars.

## COAL MINING RAILROAD SECTION HOUSE MUSEUM

9479 Crossville Highway

Located on the Crossville Highway and listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Nashville, Chantanooga and St. Louis Railway Section House is impressive. The history of coal mining on Bon Air Mountain has been preserved through artifacts and memorabilia housed in the museum that tell the story of this community's deep-rooted heritage.



### THE ROCK HOUSE FAMOUS STAGECOACH STOP

The Rock House Shrine, located on the corner of Country Club Road and Highway 70, is a famous stagecoach stop. Built in the 1830s, the Rock House served as a stopover for travelers heading to areas along the Atlantic coast. Famous visitors include Andrew Jackson and James K. Polk who both stopped on their way to Washington, D.C. to begin presidential terms. The Rock House is maintained by the Daughters of the Revolution and is open three days a week with free admission.

### WALKING TOUR OF HISTORIC DISTRICT

The Sparta Historic District is an eclectic blend of architectural styles and was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1991. Most of the homes on the tour were constructed between 1910 and 1930, but some date back as far as 1870. Details on each home can be found at the Sparta-White County Chamber of Commerce.

### QUILTS ON TENNESSEE BARNS

Scattered across the county are gorgeous quilt blocks that decorate White County barns. A tour of the barns begins on the north side of the county, and a map of the locations, which includes addresses and GPS coordinates, is available at the Sparta-White County Chamber of Commerce

### RAVENSCROFT WALKING TRAIL

This beautiful walking trail is located on Bon Air Mountain at the site of the Ravenscroft Mine. Visitors can walk the trail and see the original coal mine which has a shaft reaching depths of 178 feet. Other artifacts from the days when mining was a major part of life on the mountain can be found along the trail.

### NEARBY:

#### COOKEVILLE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

36 W 2nd St., Cookeville

A cozy kids museum in a colorful setting offering a range of interactive exhibits, camps and programs.

#### Cookeville Depot Museum

116 W Broad St., Cookeville

A railroad depot including artifacts and five train cars.

#### Cookeville History Museum

40 E Broad St., Cookeville

Self-guided tours of a permanent collection take visitors from local early days to the present.

#### Cookeville Doll Museum

1656 W Broad St., Cookeville

With more than 2000 dolls on display as well as doll houses and other related items, this is a hidden gem.

#### Crossville Trains

Crossville Outlet Center, Suite 9

The largest multi-scale FREE Admission Model Railroad attraction in the Southeast.

#### Homesteads Tower Museum

96 Highway 68, Homestead Access Rd. Crossville

This 1938 octagonal stone tower offers history exhibits and a spiral stairway leading to an observation level.

**THE WAR AROUND SPARTA**  
★ ★ ★  
*Divided Loyalties*

"Brother against brother" sums up the divided loyalties families faced in White County during the Civil War. In 1862, Confederate Gen. Braxton Bragg's troops marched through the Sparta town square en route north to invade Kentucky. Later, an estimated 600 Confederate guerrillas operated in the area, and Sparta served periodically as a Federal base under Union Col. William B. Stokes, 5th Tennessee Cavalry. In February 1864, Stokes wrote that "It will take some time and continued scouting to break up these bands, but you may be assured no time will be lost and no effort spared to rid the country of them."

The notorious Confederate guerrilla, Champ Ferguson, is buried north of Sparta in France Cemetery. On February 22, 1864, 60 partisans including Ferguson overwintered two of Stokes's companies

GEN. GEORGE GIBBS DIBRELL  
Courtesy Library of Congress

"Little thought have I had that I should ever live to see civil war in this, our goodly land, but so it is! ... There will be many a divided family in this once happy Union. There will be father against son, and brother against brother." — Amanda McDowell, Sparta, 1861

nies ten miles northeast of here in the "Battle of Dug Hill." After the war, Federal officials arrested Ferguson, then tried and convicted him for war-time atrocities. He was hanged on October 20, 1865.

The Federals utilized a high point in Sparta, the historic City Cemetery, as a post for observing river, rail, and turn-pike traffic. Confederate Gen. George Gibbs Dibrell (1822-1888) is buried there. Dibrell formed the 8th Tennessee Cavalry on September 4, 1862, with 921 men, mostly farmers, from White and adjoining

Gen. George G. Dibrell's presentation pistol — Courtesy Sparta-White County Chamber of Commerce

Civil War veterans' reunion, ca. 1900 — Courtesy White County Heritage Museum

counties. The White County Heritage Museum houses the Colt revolver that Dibrell's "friends and citizens of Sparta" presented to him in 1862.

Tom Burgess operated a gristmill at present-day Burgess Falls State Park, located north of Sparta, during the war. The mill served the community there for more than a century.

# Let's stay awhile

So, you came for the day and you just couldn't leave. The rich beauty and deep heritage of the hills lured you in, and you just can't leave until you explore more of their wonders. Don't be embarrassed, it happens to the best people: the people who love nature, the people who love history, the people who love adventure, the people who love quiet moments, the people who love musical evenings and nights full of laughter, the people who need their souls soothed and their minds refreshed.

Where did you decide to stay? Big Puckett's Campground with its rolling lawns, back porch pickers and storytellers, old-fashioned general store and home-style restaurant with their famous catfish? Or did you go to Firefly Acres with their quaint cabins, 45 acres of beautiful farm, ponds, horseback riding and attractive pavilion for nights by the brick fireplace or celebrating with friends? Or did you choose to stay at the campgrounds at Rock Island State

Park or even the nearby Fall Creek Falls? Of course, no one is going to blame you if instead of a cabin or campground you choose a room at one of the cozy Bed and Breakfast houses in the area.

Since you spent a day wandering around town and seeing the history, you will probably want to experience the adventure that awaits you right outside of town.

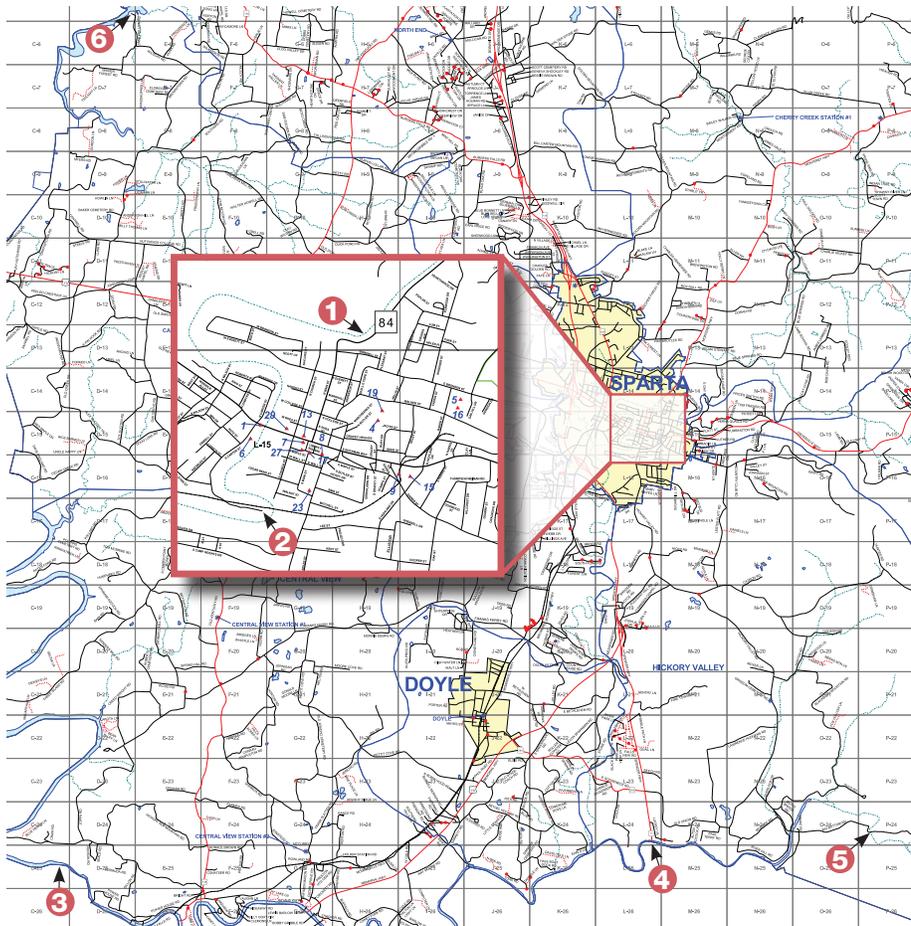
Several state parks are a must while you are here. From the white waters, hiking trails, swimming hole and multiple falls at Rock Island to the high falls at Fall Creek Falls, you will not be disappointed with the beauty of the land. From the moderate 1 and a half mile hike at to view all three waterfalls at Burgess Falls State Park to the strenuous 9 mile hike to Virgin Falls and back you will not be disappointed with the hiking adventures that you can brag about when you get back home.

Caves are waiting for you to explore them this week at Lost Creek and Blue

Springs Cave where you can enjoy waterfalls and caves alike. At Blue Springs, you will find history awaits as you search for the footprints of the Ice Age jaguars that roamed the area.

Undoubtedly, you will want to spend a day on the water while you are here too. There is an abundance of paddling opportunities here and with the Calfkiller, Caney Fork, Collins and Falling Water Rivers as well as Cane and Post Oak Creeks right here, you won't be disappointed! Whether you need to rent a kayak (and all the gear you will need for a safe and fun experience) or have a guided tour of the waters, the friendly and experienced folks at 4 Rivers Kayak or Smooth Rapids just over the county line, will get you on your way to your water adventure. If you have your own kayak and gear, you can head right to one of the county's public drop in points.

After a day full of outdoor adventuring, you should head back to Liberty Square and



## OFFICIAL KAYAK DROP-IN POINTS

- 1. N. Main Street**, road runs parallel to the Calfkiller River. Coming from downtown Sparta, look for a pull-off on the left side of the roadway.
- 2. S. Church Street**, road ends at parking lot and boat dock
- 3. King's Landing Boat Ramp**, and Beach Road, Rock Island State Park
- 4. River Bend Road**, off of Highway 111 South
- 5. Frazier's Bridge**, Big Bottom Road
- 6. Cane Hollow Road**, road ends at a beach-like area.

see where the live music is coming from each night. Between the Coffee Collective, Happy Trails Brewery and the Sparta Amphitheater, entertainment can be found most nights.

Whether it's live music, karaoke, trivia nights, or community bon-fires, you are sure to find somewhere to relax after a day in the wild.

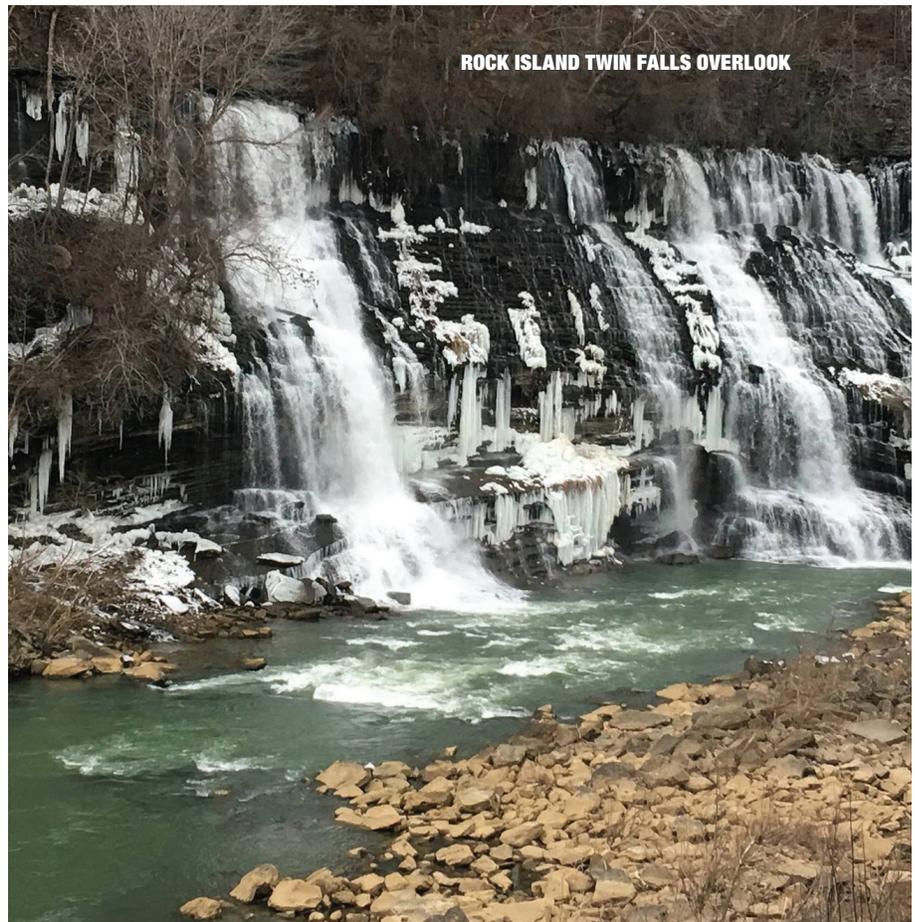
On the weekends there are old fashioned Cruise-Ins, car shows and bluegrass concerts to experience. Or head over to the Sparta Drive-In and take in a double feature, watching new movies from your car with the "old fashioned experience" of a classic drive-in theater complete with concession stand for your snacking needs.

Of course, you will need to spend a night or two sitting on the back porch of Puckett's watching the fire burn in the outdoor fireplace while you share stories of your adventure with other campers or under the pavilion at Firefly acres "barbecuing" with your newly made friends, or sitting on the porch of your cabin listening to the night settle in around you, or tucked in to your cozy room at your B&B while you blog about your adventures and make your friends back home insanely jealous.

Whichever adventures you choose to pursue this week, wherever you choose to stay, however you choose to unwind, the one thing that is guaranteed is that you will leave here with a new perspective on the world and with this land, and the people who live here, in your heart.

And when you leave this time, our calls will echo in your mind and be music to your soul.

"See ya next time!"



# PARKS, Fun & ENTERTAINMENT



**SOUTH CARTER STREET PARK**

Whether you're searching for breathtaking views, peaceful water, or just want to participate in local activities, White County has something for you. Referred to as a hiker's paradise, White County is surrounded by state parks and features some of the most sought-out waterfalls in the state.

## CITY PARKS

### **SOUTH CARTER STREET PARK**

A paved river walk, two pavilions, a playground and boat ramp are some of the amenities offered. A pedestrian bridge connects the park to an expanded walking trail that crosses the Calfkiller River. For pavilion rental call 836-3248.

### **WALLACE-SMITH PARK**

Located on Emma L. Officer Street this park offers tennis courts, basketball goals and swings.

### **PEARSON PARK**

This park, adjacent to the Sparta Civic Center on E Bockman Way boasts a playground, open land, a pavilion and grills along with bathroom facilities. To reserve the pavilion call 836-3248.

### **SPARTA ROTARY VETERANS PARK**

A tribute to White County service members and beautiful landscaping surround a handmade sculpture on which an eternal flame burns. The park is located on the corner of Bockman Way and North Main Street.

### **NEARBY:**

#### **CANE CREEK PARK**

201 CC Camp Rd. Cookeville  
262-acre park with BBQ /picnic shelters, trails, playgrounds and a lake for boating and fishing

### **DOGWOOD PARK**

30 E Broad St. Cookeville  
Green space with a performing pavilion, an interactive fountain & accessible, fenced in playground.

### **SPENCER CITY PARK**

228 IB Maynard Rd. Spencer  
Features 2 pavilions, playground, paved walkway, horseshoe pits, restrooms and basketball courts.

## MOVIES, MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT

### **DRIVE-IN**

The Sparta Drive-In is located just off Highway 111 and shows newly released films every Friday and Saturday evening during the spring and summer. It is one of only a few remaining drive-in theaters in the state. Concessions are sold on site and the theater is available for private parties.

### **SPARTA AMPHITHEATER**

The amphitheater is located on the corner of Liberty Square and Bockman Way and serves as the perfect venue for concerts and festivals. The third Saturday of each month, May through October, Bluegrass

concerts are held at the amphitheater as well as other musical entertainment periodically. The facility seats approximately 500, has a gazebo style concession stand, stage with lights and sound system and restroom. The amphitheater may be reserved by individuals or groups.

### **THE COFFEE COLLECTIVE**

The Coffee Collective, located on Liberty Square, provides a great showcase for local talent. Often hosting live music, story-telling and other entertainment the Coffee Collective is a popular spot for locals to gather. Often, interest-related groups can be found using the quiet of the second floor as a meeting space.

### **HAPPY TRAILS BREWERY**

The local tap room and brewery is a favorite gathering place. With live music, darts tournaments, cornhole games, open-mic nights, and trivia nights, the popular venue located on Bockman Way across from Liberty Square always provides entertainment. In addition, there is an outdoor beer garden, fire pit and often theme-based entertainment nights. The Brewery is open Thursday through Sunday.

### **NORTHFIELD VINEYARD**

The vineyard frequently hosts theme-nights or musical entertainers. Patrons can enjoy some of the wine made from grapes grown right on the farm while listening to local bands or individuals and gathering with friends. For a list of scheduled events, contact the vineyard at 761-9463.

**NEARBY:**

**AMC CLASSIC HIGHLAND 12**

1181 S Jefferson Ave. Cookeville  
Cineplex with 3D & jumbo digital  
screens showing first-run films, opera  
productions & sports events.

**Rocky Top 10 Cinema**

1251 Interstate Dr. Crossville  
Multiple theaters screen 1st-run  
movies with a modern sound system &  
concession stand.

**LET'S GET ACTIVE**

**YMCA RECREATIONAL COMPLEX**

The Sparta YMCA, located at 123 Moore  
Street, offers pool and gym memberships  
along with various classes and sports  
activities and leagues for kids' sports. The  
YMCA has classes for all ages, fitness levels  
and abilities as well as offering an indoor  
walking track and providing space for support  
group meetings. For information on programs  
or memberships call 836-3330.

**WARRIOR SKATE CENTER**

The Warrior Skate Center on Thompson Drive  
offers open skating times Friday through  
Sunday where individuals, families or groups  
can roller skate, enjoy concessions and  
play arcade style games. The Warrior Skate  
Center is also available for rental for parties  
and gatherings and now offers a roller-hockey  
league as well. Call 738-8855 to check times  
or reserve a party.

**CALKFILLER CROSSFIT**

This is a Crossfit Affiliate gym located right off  
Highway 111 at 164 Churchill Drive and is a  
lifestyle-focused fitness community. With the  
motto "better than yesterday", knowledgeable



**TORO NUTRITION**

coaches are available to help athletes of all  
skill levels reach personal goals. The gym  
also encourages guests to drop in and visit.

**WHITE COUNTY SPORTS COMPLEX**

Located outside of city limits on the Smithville  
Highway, the sports complex is home to  
four baseball/softball fields, a football field,  
playground and bike trail. The complex  
has a centralized concession stand at the  
baseball/softball fields as well as a smaller  
concession stand adjacent to the football  
field. Restrooms are available and there is  
ample parking near all ball fields.

**BUSHIDO KARATE CENTER**

Bushido Karate Center, located at 224 W  
Bockman Way, offers classes for all ages.  
The karate center offers classes that focus on

self-defense, traditional karate or sport-based  
martial arts. Bushido Karate Center offers  
evening classes, after-school programs and  
summer camps. Call 444-1456 for information  
on programs.

**CARRIE'S DANCE ACADEMY**

This local dance academy offers recreational  
dance programs as well as competitive  
team opportunities. Dancers of all ages are  
encouraged to express themselves through  
dance and movement. For information  
regarding classes call 837-7700 or stop by the  
studio located at 7A Cook Street.

**JOHN HENRY'S MUSIC BARN**

With line dance classes every Tuesday night,  
live music and dancing on Saturday evenings  
and free admission for children, John Henry's  
Music Barn, located at 358 Norene Road, is  
fun for all ages.

**AMAZIN ACRES**

Amazin Acres is a place for outdoor fun,  
with "ag-tivities" for everyone. This farm  
provides fun activities in the spring along  
with strawberry picking. In the fall, hayrides,  
pumpkin picking and corn-mazes are added  
to the usual activities. The pavilion and firepits  
can also be reserved for birthday parties,  
group events or family gatherings.

**SPARTA GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB**

This nine-hole golf course features 2,759  
yards of gold from the longest trees for a par  
of 35. The course rating is 33.3 and has a  
slope rating of 112. The county club, which is  
open to the public, also houses a pro-shop,  
bar area and an outdoor seasonal swimming  
pool.



**HAPPY TRAILS BREWING CO.**

**NEARBY:  
BOWLING WORLD**

2 Neal S. Cookeville  
32 synthetic lanes of bowling, a grill and a game room provide family entertainment.

**CYBER TAG**

41 S Cedar Ave, Cookeville.  
An out of this world laser tag experience.

**THE FUN FACTORY**

1435 Interstate Dr. Cookeville  
Filled with inflatable bounce houses, obstacle courses, games and more.

**SMOOTH RAPIDS**

245 Durham Street, McMinnville  
Overnight tent camping, kayak rentals, a general store and a restaurant for a complete day of adventure.

**COOKEVILLE BULLSEYE**

480 S. Old Kentucky Road, Cookeville  
Axe throwing for fun or get a group together and get a little competition going.

**THE MAD RAVEN**

This cozy, unique shop located on Bockman Way is full of wonderful books, free wi-fi and lovely gifts. They welcome visitors to sit for a while, reading a great novel or enjoying one of the coffees or teas available to patrons. You are sure to find a great new read as well as literary novelties.

**WHITE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY**

The public library, located just off the square, has multiple reading sections, puzzles, interactive computers, and even toys and coloring books for the kids. Additionally, the staff frequently hosts events, special programs and learning opportunities for kids and adults alike.

**BILBREY FARMS**

Located on one of the areas mountains, this farm offers a rustic venue for weddings, receptions, dinner parties, corporate events or any gathering. An old walking horse barn, once used to train championship horses, has been restored to offer the beautiful backdrop for any event, with ambient lighting and old barnwood walls and ceilings. The venue offers indoor and outdoor space that can be reserved, or choose a package that come with everything you need to make your event perfect, including set-up, catering, and clean-up.

**NEARBY:**

**CUMBERLAND COUNTY PLAYHOUSE**

221 Tennessee Ave, Crossville  
A professional theater employing a resident company and staff for 310 performances year-round. Programming mixes new works with popular favorites, literature and large musicals, Shakespeare and modern comedies.

**Cookeville Performing Arts Center**

10 E Broad St, Cookeville  
CPAC is a 456 seat live performance theatre which offers productions from various clubs, dance studios, and the Children's Theater as well as hosting various events and producing a series of contemporary plays

gatherings. The front of the venue also features a movie theater style marquee that can be rented to advertise an event or special date.

**AGRICULTURAL COMPLEX**

The White County Agricultural Complex building is located on the fairgrounds on North Spring Street. It offers one of the largest event sites in the county. There is a large open space with kitchen and bathroom facilities, making it the perfect site for exhibitions, pageants, dances and receptions.

**CIVIC CENTER**

The Sparta Civic Center is located next to Pearson Park on Bockman Way and includes a large open space perfect for dinners, dances, sales and other events. The venue also includes a small office as well as kitchen and bathroom facilities.

**ON THE QUIETER SIDE**

**THE ART BIN**

This locally owned shop provides a place for artists of all ages to let their creativity shine. With classes, drop-in hours and parties, the Art Bin provides weekly arts and crafts projects as well as canvas painting activities for all. To see what the current craft is, book a party or get information about a class, call 981-9333.

**VENUES**

**OLDHAM THEATER**

Built in the 1930's, this Liberty Square venue has been restored to include a lobby, restrooms and a large meeting area. The meeting area can be rented for parties, meetings or other



CARRIE'S DANCE ACADEMY

### **NORTHFIELD VINEYARDS**

This beautiful farm tucked in the hills of Tennessee offers both an indoor space for events and an outdoor pavilion with room for 100 guests. This venue is perfect for family or class reunions, receptions, birthday celebrations and more.

### **DUCK POND MANOR**

Originally known as the England Mansion, Duck Pond Manor was built in the 1860's using bricks fired in a kiln on the farm. The beautifully kept manor can host 350 guests and offers all-inclusive venue services for your wedding, dance or special dinners.

### **FIRST NATIONAL BANK**

This bank, located on Sam Walton Drive, offers a large meeting room above their business area. The meeting room on the second floor can be accessed by stairs or elevator and is available to rent by businesses or individuals for meetings, parties or dinners.

## **LARGE PARKS & NATURAL AREAS**

### **BURGESS FALLS STATE PARK**

Burgess Falls State Park, located on the Falling Water River, is a day use park, noted for its natural beauty and four waterfalls that cascade down from over 250 feet in elevation. The last of these falls is the most spectacular, plunging more than 130 feet into the gorge. The park offers several activities for family and friends to enjoy year-round. Fishing is popular below the dam and at the fishing pier. Additional picnic areas most with grills, are conveniently located near a playground and restrooms. A 1.5-mile round-trip River Trail is a moderately strenuous hike, taking visitors

past the waterfalls and into the gorge.

### **ROCK ISLAND STATE PARK**

Rock Island State Park is an 883-acre park located on the headwaters of Center Hill Lake at the confluence of the Caney Fork, Collins and Rocky rivers. The rugged beauty of the park includes the Caney Fork Gorge below the Great Falls Dam. The Great Falls is a 30-foot horseshoe cascading waterfall. The Caney Fork River Gorge contains scenic overlooks, waterfalls, deep pools and limestone paths perfect for hiking, swimming, fishing, kayaking and exploring. The park's whitewater sections attract professional kayakers from around the world. The park also features a natural sand beach, pavilions, grills, a playground, tennis courts and camping spaces.

### **SUNSET ROCK**

Located in the eastern portion of the county on Highway 70, Sunset Rock offers a spectacular panoramic view of the area, which is especially attractive in the fall. With a new pavilion, Sunset Rock is perfect for pulling off the road, looking out over the county and beyond and eating a picnic lunch.

### **VIRGIN FALLS POCKET WILDERNESS**

Virgin Falls is a 1,157-acre natural area named for a waterfall formed by an underground stream that emerges from a cave then drops over a 110-foot high cliff before disappearing into another cave at the bottom of the sink. The area is noted for its unique geological features and several other waterfalls. There are several notable caves in the area including the cave above Virgin Falls, where the stream that forms the falls issues. The hike into Virgin Falls, which will total 9 miles round-trip, should be considered a strenuous hike.

### **BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE CENTENNIAL WILDERNESS**

This Wildlife Management Area offers experienced and novice hikers a choice of terrain. Enjoy the view of nine waterfalls on

over 10,000 acres.

### **LOST CREEK FALLS AND CAVE**

Lost Creek Falls is a 60-foot beautiful waterfall located on Whites Creek Road. Formerly located on private property, this waterfall and cave are accessible by a relatively easy and safe hike down a recently cleared path. An interesting fact about this remote site is that it was used to film scenes for the 1994 Walt Disney movie, "The Jungle Book".

### **BLUE SPRINGS CAVE**

This cave is the longest mapped cave in Tennessee and the 10th longest in United States with 35 miles of passages. Footprints of the extinct Pleistocene (Ice Age) jaguars were discovered in the cave in 1990.

### **NEARBY:**

#### **FALL CREEK FALLS**

10821 Park Rd, Spencer  
Waterfalls, camping, picnicking, hiking, athletic fields, an aerial adventure course, a nature center and restaurant are all available.

#### **CUMBERLAND MOUNTAIN STATE PARK**

24 Office Dr, Crossville.  
Camping, playgrounds, pavilions, hiking and a bird aviary are some of the great attractions here.

#### **CUMBERLAND CAVERNS**

1437 Cumberland Caverns Rd, McMinnville  
More than 27 miles of underground adventure with guided tours of the caves.



**LIBERTY SQUARE - A LESTER FLATT CELEBRATION**

# Welcome Home

You just couldn't stay away, could ya?

That's ok, not many people can resist the quiet enticement of the hills and rivers here. Add to that the way the community embraces their small-town heritage and the thought that you could work from the comfort of your home tucked away in the quietness of the land while you watch the beauty of the day unfold outside your window, or the thought that your children could grow up running through these rolling fields and hiking to the rushing water falls and with the rich traditions and celebrations that feel so common here, or that you could retire in this quiet community where you can enjoy long days and quiet evenings with friends that you will feel young with and grow old with at the same time.

We knew you would be back. And we knew you would want to stay.

Now that you are officially here, officially a part of us, we hope that you will jump in

with both feet and embrace everything that drew you here, everything that makes this place so unique, so intriguing and so Sparta.

Join a community group. Or two. We have a Rotary Club that works on service projects to help the community and educate the children while creating a bond among friends. We have a Women's Club and a Lyon's Club and a Chamber of Commerce (which isn't just for businesses – individuals can join too!) and a Senior Center and Sewing Clubs and Book Clubs and Sports Groups and so much more.

Find a place to worship (if that is where your heart is led). We have over 60 churches of all denominations, and non-denominations, with various programs and services across different days and times. If worship, whether quietly, privately, or boisterously, is good for your soul, we have a place for you.

Join a gym. We have a few

from the YMCA to CrossFit to 24-hour facilities. Or join a class. We have dance and karate and gymnastics and cycling (both outdoor clubs and indoor fitness classes) and cardio-fitness programs available at various facilities within our town.

Play a sport. We have baseball and softball and basketball leagues for kids and adults. We have soccer and football and volleyball. We have a golf-course with weekly events as well as open play and scheduled tournaments.

Get creative. We have art classes and photography groups and bookstores and libraries.

Get social. We have locally owned restaurants and coffee shops and breweries where you can meet up with friends or come alone and meet new ones. We have dances and karaoke nights and story-telling evenings.

Get adventurous. There is so much more to still be explored. We have trails and museums and waterfalls and caves and

rivers and lakes. And a short trip up the road will take you to surrounding counties with heritage linked to ours. A little longer of a drive and you will be able to explore some of the state's larger cities and the culture they have to offer.

Celebrate. Join our celebrations and our annual traditions. From our Liberty Square Day to our Agricultural Fair. From our Christmas Celebration to our Freedom Celebration. From our parades to our concerts. Attend them all. Embrace them. Become a part of them. Let them become a part of you.

We are glad you chose Sparta to be your home. We hope that you will find all you are looking for here. A community to belong to. Scenery to soothe you. Atmosphere to inspire you.

So, we greet you with our little town's traditional greeting for friends and family:

"YERT!"

(Don't worry, you'll understand soon enough.)



# The Junkyard Dog

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340 North Spring Street Sparta, Tennessee 38583 | (931) 545-4180



The Upper Cumberland's best all-beef hot dogs, chili, and baked potatoes!

Open Lunchtime

Drive-thru, carry-out, and outdoor dining

Call or follow us on Facebook @JunkyardSparta for updates, menu, and current hours



BLUEGRASS AT SPARTA AMPHITHEATER



# Events

## JANUARY

**Martin Luther King Jr. Day Parade**

## FEBRUARY

**Rotary Club Valentine's Dance:** A dinner and dance for couples to enjoy.

## MARCH

**Tennessee Classic Sportsman's Gun & Knife Show:** 160 table show held at the White County Agricultural Complex

**Rescue Squad Father/Daughter Dance:** A sweet evening for dads and their girls hosted by the White County Rescue Squad with proceeds from ticket sales going to fund the volunteer organization.

## APRIL

**YMCA Rabbit Run:** 5k run/walk open to everyone. All proceeds go to the Sparta YMCA Open Doors Scholarship Program.

**Cruise-in at the Square:** Open class car and truck show held the third Saturday at 5pm at Liberty Square.

**Stitch and Share Quilt Show:** Held annually at the White County Agricultural Complex.

**Rock & Row Triathlon:** Rock Island State Park fundraiser featuring a 5k paddle, 5k run and 5k bike.

**Aaron Shafer Memorial Road Race:** A TBRA Division I road race through the hills and winding roads of the county. Winners receive prizes in various categories.

## MAY

**Bon Air Mountain History Fair:** Held annually at BonDeCroft Elementary School, the event is a community history project that includes photographs, a bus tour through historic sites, memorabilia and storytelling.

**Green Market:** Local produce, meats, some crafts and music abound at this monthly event held 4-7pm on the third Friday, May through October at Metcalf Park, just before the bluegrass concert at the amphitheater.

**Bluegrass at the Amphitheater:** Free entertainment the amphitheater on Liberty

Square beginning at 7pm the third Friday of the month, May through October.

**Farmer's Market:** Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday beginning at 7am at Metcalf Park, just outside Liberty Square.

**Sonic Cruise In:** Live music and dancing in the streets while classic cars line Liberty Square.

**Sparta-White County Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament**

**Mother's Day Market:** A craft fair packed full of vendors, both local and from across the region.

## JUNE

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**Rotary Golf Tournament:** Held at the Sparta Golf and Country Club with proceeds going to one of the many community projects headed by the local Rotary Club.

## JULY

**Doyle July 4th Celebration:** Fireworks provided by the town of Doyle.

**Freedom Celebration:** Fireworks, concessions, live music, vendors and more are all at the White County Sports Complex.

**Rock Island 4th of July events:** A weekend full of outdoor family activities including crafts, tie dye, games, sandcastle contests, and bicycle parades. No fireworks are allowed at the park.



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**Burgess Falls Butterfly Garden Celebration:** A hike to the three waterfalls, a butterfly identification walk, a birds of prey program, a reptile program, children's activities and landscaping sessions where you can learn about native plants.

## AUGUST

**Cruise-In at the Square:** Open class car and truck show held the third Saturday at 5pm on Liberty Square.

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**White County Agricultural Fair:** With exhibits, shows, contests, food and a carnival this exciting event begins the Friday before Labor Day and continues for 10 days.

## SEPTEMBER

**Tennessee Classic Sportsman's Gun & Knife Show:** 160 table show held at the White County Agricultural Complex

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**Aaron Shafer Memorial Ride:** Bike ride that ranges from 1.4 miles to 100 miles and is an event for the entire family.

**Lion's Club Craft Fair:** Held at Rock Island State Park.

## OCTOBER

**Art 'N Ale Trail:** This event provides local artisans an opportunity to share their work with the community. There are several stops along the self-guided tour including Calfkiller Brewing Company, Happy Trails Brewery and Fragrant Mushroom Gallery.

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**Liberty Square:** A Lester Flatt Celebration: Fall festival held in downtown Sparta with



craft and food vendors, live music, car show, games, door prizes and fireworks.

**Million Dollar Mile Yard Sale:** A community wide yard sale stretching down the main road that runs through the city: Bockman Way.

**Rotary Club Annual Barbecue:** A fundraiser event to aid in the many community projects headed by the Rotary Club.

## NOVEMBER

**Veterans Day Parade**

**Small Business Saturday:** On the Saturday after Thanksgiving, everyone is encouraged to shop local as hometown businesses have an array of gifts to fulfill your Christmas lists.

**Sparta Christmas Celebration:** An old-fashioned Christmas tree lighting, carol singing, carriage riding celebration held on Liberty Square to kick off the Christmas season.

## DECEMBER

**Rotary Club Christmas Parade:** Held in the late afternoon and early evening on the second Saturday in December, local residents, businesses and clubs decorate floats, ride horses, and show their Christmas Spirit. Santa brings up the rear of the parade and meets all the kids at the American Legion Building on Liberty Square.

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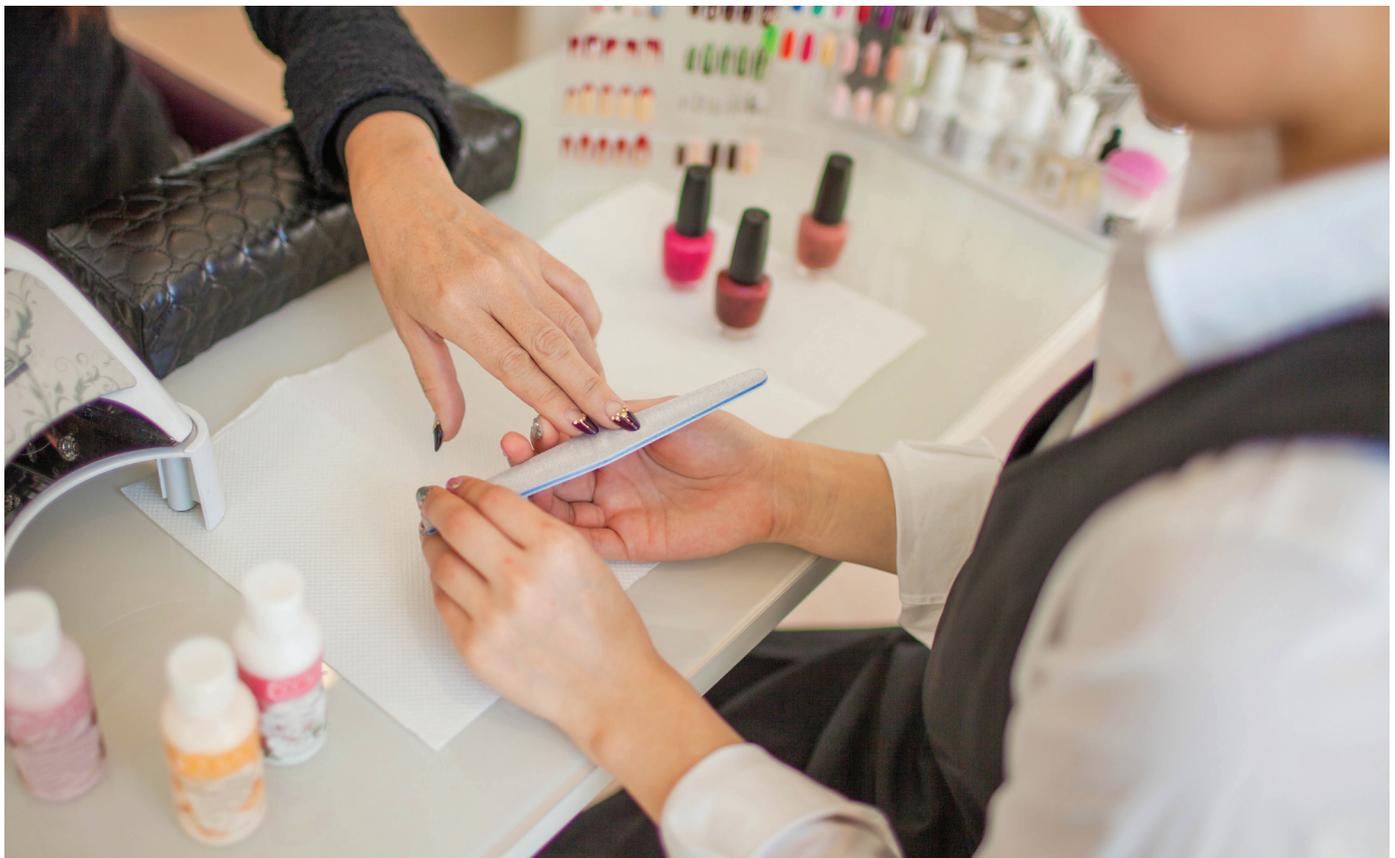
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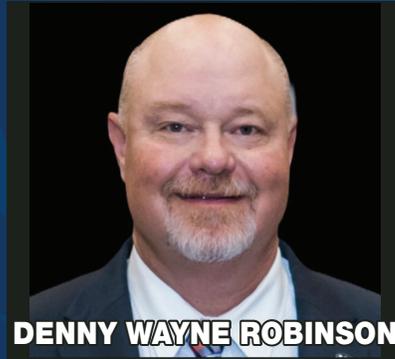
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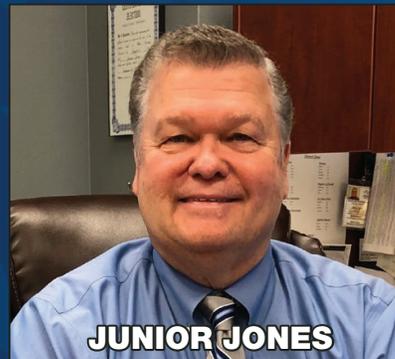
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Once a contender to become the state capital, Sparta has a unique position in the state of Tennessee. Losing that bid to become state capital meant that the small town stayed a small town nestled between small mountains, the town has been able to embrace its small-town heritage and showcase its beautiful landscape filled with waterfalls, rivers, caves and natural rock formations. At the same time, Sparta is conveniently located less than 90 miles from three of the biggest cities in the state meaning that residents can enjoy all the buzz and cultural activities that innately belong to city-life with less than a two hour drive, and still return that night to the beautiful, quiet of this little town. It is like living in the best of two worlds right here in Tennessee.

# Road Tripping



## KNOXVILLE

Knoxville, which sits on the Tennessee River, is a quick 85-mile trip to the east of Sparta.

In this one city so many opportunities await: mountains, music, art, adventure, culture and cuisine. The downtown, which is conveniently walkable, allows people to explore and discover vibrant murals, local music, historic sites, art museums, parks, greenways and more. With its sophisticated mix of culture and cuisine, served up with genuine hospitality, Knoxville will surprise you.

Home of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville has a vibrant athletic scene and Volunteer fans take their sports seriously.

## CHATTANOOGA

Chattanooga is a short 60 miles to the southeast of Sparta and is set along the Tennessee River in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains.

Visitors will be enthralled with its trolleylike Incline Railway which scales steep Lookout Mountain before reaching Ruby Falls waterfall and Rock City, featuring sweeping views, sandstone formations and gardens. Point Park, also atop Lookout, marks the site of a Civil War battle now honored at the Battles for Chattanooga Museum.

With a grand art district, an aquarium, several museums and festivals all situated along the river, plus local eateries to entice

people looking for unique cuisine, the New York Times named Chattanooga one of the “Top 45 Places to Go” in the world.

## NASHVILLE

The state’s capital sits just 77 miles to the west of Sparta and can be reached quickly via Interstate 40.

Nashville is famous for its position in the music world. With a mix of country, bluegrass, rock, pop, Americana, gospel, classical, jazz and blues being created and streaming from venues across the city, Nashville is a unique soundtrack. Nashville is home legendary country music venues like the Grand Ole Opry House, home of the famous “Grand Ole Opry” stage and radio

show, the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum and historic Ryman Auditorium. The music district features honky-tonks with live music and the Johnny Cash Museum which celebrates the singer's life.

Nashville is also home to Vanderbilt University, the Titans, an NFL team, and the Sounds, an NHL team and zoos, museums and festivals are abundant in the city and provide fun for the whole family.

**And, just a little farther down the road ....**

## MEMPHIS

A little longer of a drive down Interstate 40 Memphis sits 264 miles to the west of Sparta.

Memphis sits on the Mississippi River in southwest Tennessee and is home to Elvis Presley's Graceland Mansion which has become a popular museum for visitors. Memphis is famous for the influential strains of blues, soul and rock 'n' roll that originated there. Elvis Presley, B.B. King and Johnny Cash recorded albums at the legendary Sun Studio. Other music landmarks include the Rock 'n' Soul Museum, Blues Hall of Fame and Stax Museum of American Soul Music.

A trip down the famous Beale Street will allow visitors to experience the true music culture of the city along with trying some of city's best Memphis BBQ.

River cruises are another popular attraction in this city and allow for all levels of entertainment.



TENNESSEE AQUARIUM IN CHATTANOOGA



BEALE STREET IN MEMPHIS

A lush green forest scene with a waterfall in the background and a mossy stream bed in the foreground. The foreground is filled with moss-covered rocks and fallen logs. The background shows a dense forest with a waterfall cascading down a rocky cliff. The word "Retire" is written in a white, cursive font across the upper portion of the image.

# Retire



**LOST CREEK FALLS**

Sparta-White County is listed among Tennessee's top retirement destinations.

With beautiful scenery, a central location with easy access to bigger cities, such as Cookeville, Chattanooga, Nashville and Knoxville, low property taxes, low housing costs, and a friendly, small town community, retirees can find much to love about Sparta and White County.

Healthcare is an important consideration for retirees looking to relocate. White County is home to Saint Thomas Highlands Hospital, a 60-bed facility that is accredited by The Joint Commission and certified by the American Heart Association as a "Get with the Guidelines" hospital. The facility offers a full range of medical services, including 24-hour emergency care, intensive care, medical/surgical care, general surgery, orthopedics, gastroenterology, pulmonology, GYN, and a geriatric psych unit. Diagnostic Imaging services include X-ray, CT, ultrasound and nuclear medicine. Rehabilitation services include physical and occupational therapy, and cardiac and pulmonary rehab.

SmartAsset, a financial data website, found that Sparta's low taxes, recreation center and higher number of senior citizens make Sparta the second-best place to retire in Tennessee.

"We've been working hard to diversify the economy, and retirees are important part of that," White County Executive Denny Wayne Robinson states.

"Seniors are an important part of our economy as they bring income and experience."

"Jobs, tourism and retirees, those are our three goals and I'm glad to see our hard work is paying off."

# Schools



The mission of the White County school district is to help all students become responsible self-directed learners capable of functioning in our society. White County schools are committed to helping all adults develop the skills necessary to meet the challenges of all working people. This will take place in a safe and secure environment free of violence, drugs, and fear.” We hope that you will find this content to be informative and that you will contact the White County Board of Education with any questions concerning our award-winning schools.”

**Director of Schools KURT DRONEBARGER**

## ENROLLMENT

Total Students	<b>3,863</b>
Teachers	<b>282</b>
Additional Teachers & Staff	<b>236</b>
Economically Disadvantaged	<b>33.9%</b>
Students with Disabilities	<b>17.2%</b>
Graduation Rate	<b>93.08%</b>



## SCHOOLS

- White County High School
- White County Middle School
- BonDeCroft Elementary
- Cassville Elementary
- Doyle Elementary School
- Findlay Elementary
- Northfield Elementary
- Woodland Park Elementary

### PATH TO SUCCESS

White County High School Career Academy began serving students in 2016 and offers technology and vocational classes for students.

Dual enrollment at Motlow College is offered to students enrolled at White County High School.

The Tennessee Center for Applied Technology (or TCAT) in Livingston, Tennessee, partners with White County High School to provide courses, resources, and instructors. WCHS students may take a number of post-secondary courses while in high school and even acquire industry certifications in areas such as mechanics, nursing, and welding.

Students across the county have access to tablets and computer equipment for a high tech, personalized education experience



### TENNESSEE PROMISE

The Tennessee Promise program allows students the opportunity to attend the first two years of community college tuition-free.

### ACCREDITATION

White County schools are monitored and certified by the Commissioner of Education and the State Department of Education.

### GRADUATION RATE

93.08% for the 2018-2019 school year

### U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT

White County High School is recognized as a Bronze School

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	Brent Young	(931) 739-3266
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Fire	Chief Kirk Young	(931) 738-7380
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## CITY OF DOYLE

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## WHITE COUNTY

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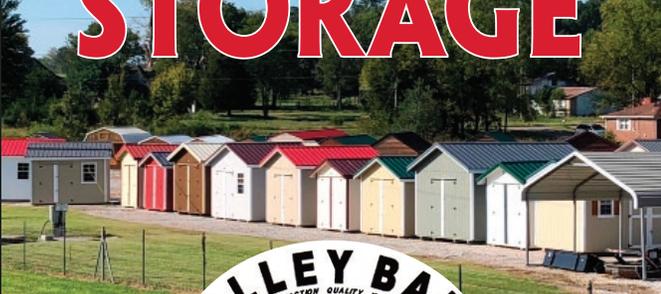
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