



Things To Do In And Around Jackson, Tennessee

Whether your pleasure is fishing, hiking, golfing, boating, or simply relaxing in the sunshine, Jackson can fulfill your every outdoor wish.

Spend some time on the water at Lake Graham, the nearby Tennessee River, or Pickwick Lake or attend a special event such as Casey Jones Day or the Shannon Street Blues and Heritage Festival.

Take a leisurely stroll on the boardwalk at Cypress Grove Nature Park, or one of Jackson's other beautiful parks, visit a Civil War battlefield, or hit the links on one of Jackson's challenging golf courses.

Jackson is also home to the West TN Diamond Jaxx, the AA Affiliate of the Seattle Mariners. Enjoy home games and fireworks from April – September at Pringles Park.

JULY –

Cruise on the Pickwick Belle; Pickwick Landing State Resort Park (Hardin County) – Cruise beautiful Pickwick Lake on an authentic river paddle boat. For more info, call 877-936-BELLE (2355) or go to www.pickwickbelle.com for cruise schedules.

West Tennessee Diamond Jaxx;

Pringles Park; Jackson (Madison County) - The WestTennessee Diamond Jaxx invite you your family for a night of affordable family fun and entertainment. Every fan that comes through the turnstile will receive a free souvenir program and some of the best on-field entertainment that Minor League baseball has to offer. Make your plans today to see the Seattle Mariners of tomorrow play for your West Tenn Diamond Jaxx. For more info, call 731 988-JAXX; E-Mail: fun@diamondjaxx.com; or visit Web Site: www.diamondjaxx.com



Old Medina Winery hosts Music by the Natives (Open Mic Night); 2894 Old Medina Road; Jackson (Madison County) – Located just north of I-40 Exit 83. 7 p.m. Bring your own picnic, purchase some of our products to munch on, or use our grill from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM. For more info, call 731-256-1400 or visit www.oldmedinawineclub.com.

Rock-A-Billy Dance; Rock-A-Billy Hall of Fame, 105 N. Church; Downtown Jackson (Madison County) – Whether you like to tap your toes or dance to the beat, visit the Hall of Fame for Live Music every Friday! \$5 Cover charge. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM. For more info, visit rock@rockabillyhall.org or call 731.427.6262.

ATTRACTIONS

Casey Jones Village/Brooks Shaw's Old Country Store Restaurant

I-40 at Exit 80A, 56 Casey Jones Lane, Jackson, TN 38305; (731) 668-1223;

Web Site: www.caseyjones.com Email: CaseyJonesTn@yahoo.com



All aboard for family fun at one of Tennessee's Top 10 Travel Attractions featuring the famous Brooks Shaw's Old Country Store Restaurant serving 3 delicious Southern buffets daily, beautiful 1890's Ice Cream Parlor & Fudge Shop, 6,000 square foot Gift and Confectionery Shop and the charming Old Country Store To Go Neighborhood Market....all accented with more than 15,000 antiques on display. Casey Jones Village also includes the Historic Casey Jones Home and Train Store, the Casey Jones Outdoor Amphitheatre and the Shoppes of Casey Jones Village and a Tourism Association of Southwest Tennessee Information Center. Open daily (with the exclusion of Easter, Thanksgiving & Christmas). Group rates available by calling 1-800-748-9588 ext. 147. Ongoing events include Senior Citizens Night every Tuesday, Jackson Area Plectral Society Club Jams featuring bluegrass and gospel music every Thursday night from April to October, the Gospel Supper Club every 1st Thursday, the Casey Jones Barbershop Chorus every third Tuesday, and the Songwriter's Depot every 4th Thursday. Y'all come!

Casey Jones Home & Railroad Museum

30 Casey Jones Lane, Jackson, TN 38305; (731) 668-1222; Contact: Lawrence and Norma Taylor; Web Site: www.caseyjones.com

Tour the historic 1890s home of America's most legendary railroad hero...Casey Jones. Climb aboard an original steam locomotive and view a collection of railroad artifacts, model railroad exhibits and the Casey Jones Train Store. Train buffs of all ages will enjoy this slice of America's railroad history. Open daily (except Easter, Thanksgiving & Christmas)...9am-5pm and 9am-8pm Memorial Day to Labor Day. Seconds off Interstate 40 Exit 80A south. Small admission. Self guided tour. Group rates available for schools, tours.

Tennessee Safari Park

637 Conley Road; Alamo, TN 38001; 731-696-4423; (901)734-6005; Fax (731)696-2400; Web Site: www.tennesseesafaripark.com

Located just off Hwy. 412 approximately 16 miles from I-40 Exit 79, Tennessee Safari Park is home to over 60 species of exotic animals. Park includes a 2.5 mile drive-thru and a pet & feed walk-thru zoo nursery. View monkeys, birds, sloths, and other exotic animals and tour a 1850 log cabin original to farm. Open 9 a.m., last car at 6 p.m. Call for seasonal hours.

West Tennessee Delta Heritage Center

I-40 Exit 56, 121 Sunny Hill Cove, Brownsville, TN 38012;
(731) 779-9000; Fax: (731) 779-9001

Learn what there is to see in West Tennessee! Counties in the area have furnished displays to highlight the destinations of the region. Other featured sites in the Center include The West Tennessee Music Museum spotlighting Carl Perkins, Elvis Presley, Tina Turner and Sleepy John Estes; The Cotton Museum, tracing the history of this important southern crop from 1828 to the present; The Hatchie River Museum, focusing on the fragile watershed of the last unchannelized river in the lower Mississippi River Valley; and the home of Sleepy John Estes. Open Tues.-Fri. 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

International Rock-A-Billy Hall of Fame & Museum

105 N Church Street, Jackson, TN 38301; (731) 427-6262; E-Mail: rock@rockabillyhall.org; Web Site: www.rockabillyhall.org

The International Rock-A-Billy Hall of Fame And Museum is a resource center dedicated to preserving and promoting Rock-A-Billy Music. The Hall of Fame recognizes the pioneers of the

music while the Museum displays the memorabilia reflecting it's heritage. Downtown Jackson, call for hours. Rock-A-Billy Music Festival featuring the pioneers and the developing artists of Rock-A-Billy Music held in August.

Jackson Bowling & Skating Family Fun Center

59 Bowling Drive; Jackson, TN 38305; (731)668-2695; Fax (731)668-4022; E-Mail: akim@jacksonbowling.com;

Web Site: www.jacksonbowling.com

40,000 sq.ft. 36 lane bowling center, 20,000 sq.ft. skating rink with 16,000 watts of sound, 18 holes of mini-golf, video arcade, virtual roller coaster, batting cages, karaoke lounge, go karts, and CoCo Bay Dance Club. Something for the whole family! Open seven days a week, Sun.-Thur. 10 a.m.-12 a.m.; Fri., Sat., 12 p.m.-3 a.m.

Elvis Presley's Graceland

3717 Elvis Presley Blvd., Memphis, TN 38116; 800-238-2000 or 901-332-3322;

Web Site: www.elvis.com

Take your family on the ultimate rock 'n' roll pilgrimage when you visit Elvis Presley's Graceland in Memphis. Explore Elvis' home and follow his amazing journey to superstardom through exciting videos, personal mementos, displays of authentic clothing, an amazing showcase of awards and much more. Experience how the king of rock 'n' roll lived as you tour Graceland mansion, step aboard his custom jets, check out his collection of cars and four new exhibits for 2009. To start planning your trip today, visit Elvis.com for a free online travel planner.



Pinson Mounds State Park

460 Ozier Road, Pinson, TN 38366; (731) 988-5614;

Web Site: www.state.tn.us/environment/parks/pinson

Area consists of at least 15 earthen mounds on over 1,100 acres. Facilities include a modern museum, picnic shelters, playground, six miles of hiking trails with a boardwalk along the Forked Deer River and a 32-person group camp for overnight stay. Park grounds open until dusk daily. Museum hours are: Mon.-Sat. 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Sun. 1-5 p.m. See the Great Outdoors section for more information.

Chickasaw State Park - Chester County

20 Cabin Lake, Henderson, TN 38340; (731) 989-5141

On U.S. Hwy. 100, this 14,400-acre park and forest was once part of a vast area belonging to the Chickasaw Nation prior to the Jackson Purchase of 1818. Numerous miles of fire roads and trails wind through the scenic timberlands which embraces Lake Placid. The park offers 12 vacation cottages, 110 camping sites, a completely equipped lodge for up to 40 persons, hiking trail, tennis courts, basketball courts, archery range, badminton court, horseshoe pits, lighted ball field, playground, volleyball court and horseback riding in the summer. Open daily, lodge is open April through October.

The Pickwick Belle

Pickwick Landing State Resort Park; Pickwick Dam, TN 38365; Toll Free 877-936 BELLE; E-mail tanya@pickwickbelle.com;

Web Site: www.pickwickbelle.com

Come join us as we cruise beautiful Pickwick Lake and the majestic Tennessee River an authentic paddle wheel riverboat. Charter a new experience for the whole family, enjoy a romantic dinner cruise, plan a family reunion, celebrate a wedding, host a party, hold a corporate event or off-site meeting. The possibilities are endless and all available here on the South's sparkling gem, The Pickwick Belle. See website for more cruise details.



Pickwick Landing State Resort Park - Hardin County

P. O. Box 15, Pickwick Dam, TN 38365; (731) 689-3129, (800) 250-8615; Web Site:

www.tnstateparks.com

On State Hwy. 57 at Pickwick Dam. This 1,392-acre park on the shores of Pickwick Reservoir offers a full-service marina, three public boat ramps, a 119-room inn and restaurant with conference and meeting facilities, 10 cabins, and an 18-hole championship golf course.

Pickwick Lake

For information call (800) 552-FUNN or go to www.tourhardincounty.org

Ranked as one of the top bass fishing spots in the U.S., Pickwick is renowned for its smallmouth and largemouth catches. Other sport fish include catfish, sauger, crappie, white bass, striped bass, spotted bass, and bluegill. Several guide services are available. Pickwick is also well known for its water recreation opportunities such as skiing, boating, canoeing, swimming and lake front camping.

Pickwick Boat Rentals

Pickwick Landing Marina; P.O. Box 286; Counce, TN 38326; 731-689-5359; (731)607-9967 (Sunday & Monday)

Moored at Pickwick Landing State Park, boats available for rental include Coast Guard Approved Maxi-Toons for up to 12 people and Ski-Toons for up to 10 people. Deposit required. Rental periods available are one day or multi-day. Office open March thru Labor Day 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Pickwick Outdoors, Inc.

P. O. Box 345, Pickwick Dam, TN 38365; (800) 783-0112; E-Mail: info@pickwickoutdoors.com;
Web Site: www.pickwickoutdoors.com

Pickwick Outdoors specializes in individual and company outings for golf, boating and guided fishing trips for crappie, smallmouth bass, largemouth bass, rockfish, catfish, sauger and white bass. Dining, camping and lodging on or off the water

Cypress Grove Nature Park

Located four minutes from downtown Jackson on Highway 70 West, (731) 425-8316;
Mailing Address: Jackson Recreation & Parks Dept., 400 S. Highland Ave., Jackson, TN 38301.
Cypress Grove Nature Park is part of Jackson's Greenbelt Development, a 4,000-acre swath of virtually unspoiled nature area, which encompasses Jackson on three sides. Cypress Grove Nature Park offers 7,000 feet of winding boardwalk into an unspoiled 165-acre cypress forest. The park features an observation tower, Wood Duck Lake, Cypress Knee Loop, Kildeer Pond, Jewelweed Trail and the Aerie Trail Raptor Center. The Raptor Center is an educational facility that houses non-releasable birds of prey. Open year-round Monday thru Sunday. Free admission. Guided tours are available to school, church, civic organizations, etc. by appointment. Restrooms and picnic facilities. Free admission. Open daily Nov.-March 8 a.m.-5 p.m., April-Oct. 8 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

Lake Graham

300 Hurts Chapel Road, Jackson, TN 38301; (731) 423-4937

575-acre man-made lake, operated by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, features small boats & fishing from boat, bank, or pier. Swimming or water skiing are not allowed. Bait, tackle, boat rentals, fishing pier, picnic area, and boat ramps are all available.

Beech River Watershed

Beech River Watershed Development Authority, Box 477, Eastern Shores Dr., Lexington, TN 38351; (731) 968-6191;

[Web Site: www.hendersoncountychamber.com](http://www.hendersoncountychamber.com)

Encompasses six lakes providing a total of 3,000-acres of surface area and 100 miles of shoreline for recreational activities. Beech, Pine, Cedar, Redbud, Dogwood and Sycamore Lakes are open to the public for fishing, swimming, hunting in season, boating, camping, hiking and other related outdoor activities

Shiloh National Military Park

1055 Pittsburg Landing Road (Highway 22 between Tennessee 57 and US 64), Shiloh, Tennessee

(731) 689-5696

www.nps.gov/shil

On Sunday morning, April 6, 1862, Civil War troops clashed in the fields and woods near Pittsburg Landing in the first major battle in the war's western theater. Two days later, General Grant pushed Southern troops back to their base at Corinth, Miss. The battlefield features 151 monuments, 217 cannons, and more than 450 historic tablets. The battlefield tour starts at the visitor center where the exhibits and a brief film provide an introduction to the battle. Open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. everyday except December 25.

Within the park boundaries are three separate, yet equally important sites that are landmarks within their own rights: Shiloh National Military Park, Shiloh National Cemetery and Shiloh Indian Mounds. The Military Park is home to battlefield of Shiloh itself, as well as a separate unit that preserves and maintains the battle of Corinth, Mississippi. Producing over 23,000 casualties, the Battle of Shiloh was the largest engagement in the Mississippi Valley during the Civil War.

The National Cemetery contains over 4,000 United States soldiers and their families. Established in 1866 as Pittsburg Landing National Cemetery, it eventually became known as Shiloh National Cemetery in 1889 and contains only those that died on the battlefield in Shiloh and along the Tennessee River during the Civil War.

It isn't known to whom the Shiloh Indian Mounds were home to, as it dates before written records were created. What remains are six earthen mounds, rectangular in shape and flat on top, probably used to elevate the town's important structures. The southernmost mound is an oval, which is the burial ground for the town's leaders or otherwise important people.

Additionally, the park is home to more than 300 terrestrial vertebrate species, over 50 species of fish, 50 species of amphibians and reptiles, and hundreds of species of insects and invertebrates. Bordered by moving water on three sides, the park is a haven for local wildlife.

GOLF

Highland Green Golf Course

3500 Highway 45 South; Jackson, TN 38305; (731)664-9653.

Located just north of I-40 Exit 82B, Highland Green Golf Course is a beginner friendly yet challenging nine hole golf course that includes a lighted driving range, a clubhouse, a snack bar, and a fully stocked pro shop that carries a full line of men's and women's equipment and apparel.

Woodland Hills Golf & Country Club

2 Clubhouse Drive; Pinson, TN 38366; (731)988-5311.

Located just off Highway 45 South of Jackson, Woodland Hills Golf & Country Club was designed by Bobby J. Martin and features 6,390 yards of golf from the longest tees for a par of 72 . The course rating is 70.8 and it has a slope rating of 125 on Bent grass.

Falcon Ridge Golf Club & Estates

400 Summit Chase, Cedar Grove, TN 38321; (731) 968-1212; Fax: (731) 968-1211;

Web Site: www.golffalconridge.com

Falcon Ridge is challenging and fair to golfers of all abilities. 18 Hole course, par 72. Total yardage 6,965 (ladies yardage 5,065). "West Tennessee's premier golf course." Open daily except Thanksgiving and Christmas. Summer Weekdays 8 a.m. until dark, weekends, 6:30 a.m. until dark; Winter weekdays 9 a.m. until dark, weekends 8 a.m. until dark.

Bear Trace at Ross Creek Landing

110 Hassell Road, Clifton, TN 38425; 1-866-214-BEAR (2327);

Web Site: www.beartrace.com

The fifth in a series of Jack Nicklaus designed courses located in the state of Tennessee, Ross Creek Landing is an 18-hole, par 72 course that measures more than 7000 yards from the back tees. The course offers a variety of wooded and meadow golf holes. Oak, Hickory, Hackberry, Cedar and even some Cypress line the fairways. Open daily.

Chickasaw Golf Course

9555 State Route 100, Henderson, TN 38340; (731) 989-4700; (888) 944-2327; E-

mail: jmerrypga@yahoo.com;

Web Site: www.chickasawgc.com

Challenging, exciting, rewarding, peaceful and tranquil are just a few of the words that can be used to describe this remarkable 18-hole golf course with newly renovated greens in 2010. As a Jack Nicklaus Signature Golf Course, golfers will immediately notice details that only the legendary golfer-turned-designer can deliver. Nicklaus made this par-72 golf course unlike any in the area from the layout to the breathtaking natural setting. This heavily wooded 7,118-yard, par 72 layout provides a scenic and challenging round of golf for players of every skill level. Call us to inquire about private and corporate outings as well as individual play. Open daily.

Shiloh Golf Course & Restaurant

2915 Caney Branch Road, Adamsville, TN 38310-5027; (731) 632-0678; Fax: (731) 632-0856;

Web Site: www.shilohgolf.com

18 Holes, par 71. Driving range, full line golf shop and restaurant on site. Total yardage: 6,418 (ladies distance: 4,650). Bent Grass Greens, Bermuda Fairways. USGA rating 69.9, slope rating 115. Open daily except Thanksgiving & Christmas. Summer Weekdays 8 a.m. until dark, weekends 6:30 a.m. until dark; Winter Weekdays 9 a.m. until dark, weekends 8 a.m. until dark.

AREA INFORMATION

West Tennessee Farmer's Market

91 New Market Street

Jackson, TN 38301

(731) 425-8308

www.cityofjackson.net/departments/recpark/facilities/special/farmers.html

The West Tennessee Farmers Market offers fresh, locally grown produce directly from farmers. The Farmers' Market includes two truckers' sheds, an office complex, retail buildings, an outdoor plaza with benches and decorative lighting, new landscaping with a Yoshino cherry grove, and new streets. Its retail buildings house produce, crafts and services such as custom sewing and a shoeshine stand.

Special events are hosted at the Farmer's Market throughout the year, including the Shannon Street Blues & Heritage Festival, held the first weekend of June each year. Operating hours: 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Mon. - Sat. Retail building hours: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Mon.-Fri. year round.

Dining in and around Jackson

Jackson's variety of dining options will entice you with everything from BBQ to Asian cuisine to Maggie Moo's Better Batter ice cream! Get a Southern cooked vegetable plate or feast on seafood. Find a diverse wine selection and imaginative cuisine at one of Jackson's fine dining establishments. The entire family will enjoy mouth-watering pizza at one of Jackson's hometown favorites or at one of our larger Italian restaurants.

For a list of places to dine:

<http://www.jacksonncvb.com/dining-shopping/dining.php>

Shopping in and around Jackson

Jackson has a diverse assortment of shopping options for the bargain hunter as well as the trendy. Old Hickory Mall and The Columns feature department stores and a wide selection of specialty stores and restaurants. You're sure to find what you're looking for in Jackson.

If a mall isn't your preference, check out the eclectic variety of art galleries and unique shops in Jackson. Find gourmet homemade treats for the family dog, toys for the kids, or browse antiques - it's all in Jackson.

For a list of places to shop:

<http://www.jacksonncvb.com/dining-shopping/shopping.php>