Chattanooga is the jumping-off point for your Pie in the Sky adventure through the PEAKS AND VALLEYS of beautiful Southeast Tennessee. Start off with the world-renowned Tennessee Aquarium and Bluff View Arts District, then spend some time at ICONIC ATTRACTIONS on Lookout Mountain that have brought tourists to the area for over a century. Visit the home of Lodge Cast Iron and the National Cornbread Festival; tour historic Falcon Best Mansion, and explore the site of the 1925 Scopes Trial that inspired the classic film Inherit the Wind. Come hungry — it’s your chance to sample pastries from Tennessee’s oldest family-owned bakery and fill up on COMFORT FOOD at a working farm.

This trail is packed with OUTDOOR ADVENTURE, traveling to the popular Fall Creek Falls and four other Tennessee state parks. Whether you’re a seasoned hiker or a strolling nature-lover, the views on this mountain trail are some of the best Tennessee has to offer.

This trail delivers some of the best of Tennessee, topped off with the one-of-a-kind taste of a Chattanooga original: THE MOONPIE®.
**Chattanooga**

The name “Chattanooga” comes from the Native American word “Chado-na-ugsa,” which means “rock that comes to a point.” This is a city famous for people passing through, first on water, then on land. In the 1540s, Hernando de Soto passed through the Southeast in the late 1800s, and by the 1600s, the Tennessee River was the left of the like giant catfish, feisty otters, playful penguins, toothy sharks and dazzling butterflies. The 1960s 3D Theater runs daily with movies from all over the world and under the sea.

3. Chattanooga Riverfront Park – Explore the banks of the Tennessee River at Ross’s Landing. You’ll learn more about the city’s development and revitalization. It’s also a favorite of Chattanooga’s first certified Green Restaurant. If you’re looking for upscale food in a casual atmosphere, this is the place.

8. NorthShore Historic District – This area of Chattanooga was originally called “Hill City” by African-Americans making a new home for themselves. The area is known for its October Fall Leaf Cruises and nationally known Thanksgiving Riverboat – The famous 500-passenger attraction, “Chato-na-ugsa,” which means “rock that comes to a point.” This is the name “Chattanooga” comes from the Native American word.

10. Delta Queen Riverboat – (R) Take a history tour of this grand historic steam paddleboat docked at Coolidge Landing, now restored as a boutique bed & breakfast. Dinner is served 7 p.m.-9 p.m. in The Lounge. No matter what your history, experience the Delta Queen, you will be treated to incredible river views.

11. bluff View Art District – Perched on a bluff covering one and a half blocks, this neighborhood has two artisan restaurants including Tony’s Pasta Shop & Trattoria: a coffee house, bakery and sculpture garden with three famous 1900s B&Bs and an art gallery featuring work by nationally known artists, all with views of the river as a backdrop.

12. Hunter Museum of American Art – (L) The museum is home to an exceptional collection of American art housed in three buildings, one of which opened in each of the last three centuries. It also features one of Chattanooga’s most stunning masterpieces: gorgeous views of the Tennessee River.

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6. Big River Grill & Brewing Works – Located in a historic building, Big River Grill is a favorite of visitors and locals. It’s a popular spot for fresh, delicious food and drinks. Their pilsner is a favorite.

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Downtown’s ATT Field is the home of “Dodgertown” and the Chattanooga Choo Choo complex (point 17) with stops every day. It’s a great starting place for exploring downtown’s world-class attractions and sights, whether you set off on foot, by car, or catch the free Electric Shuttle. The Shuttle Park North Terminal is located right at the visitors center. Shuttles run every 5 to 10 minutes daily between the Tennessee Aquarium (point 2) and the Chattanooga Choo Choo complex (point 17) with stops everywhere in between, including the restaurants in Jack’s Alley (between 4th & 5th Streets) and The Shoppes at Warehouse Row. Grab a shuttle brochure, hop on and explore! Center is open daily, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

Downtown has something for everyone. These highlights are all within a short walk of point 1:

**Directions**

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As you drive toward Lookout Mountain at 8th & Broad Streets, make sure to look to your left for a glimpse at one of America’s gold-domed building. It was built in 1891 by Adolph Ochs to house his newspaper, the Chattanooga Times. They later went on to purchase the New York Times in 1896.

14. Bessie Smith Cultural Center – (R) Named for the “Empress of the Blues,” who started out singing on a corner for pocket change as a little girl, this museum and performance hall promotes African and African-American heritage through cultural and artistic education. Mark here for unique exhibits and programming, as well as live jazz and blues performance events.

15. Chattanooga National Cemetery – (R) Created by General George Thomas and built by the 44th U.S. Colored Troops soon after the Battles of Chattanooga in 1863, this is the final resting place for many Civil War veterans, including the “Belle of the South, Minnie Deading,” the recipients of the First Medals of Honor as well as veterans from other wars.

16. Chattanooga Zoo – (R) Named one of the top zoos in America, the zoo features over 100 species, including chimpanzees and red pandas. The zoo is now a unique vacation destination with shops, restaurants and the famous hotel that lets you sleep in a historic train car.

17. Chattanooga Choo Choo Complex – (L) You know the song — now experience it for yourself in this historic landmark, opened as a railroad station in 1905.

18. Tennessee Valley Railroad – (R) Don’t miss this opportunity to climb aboard the largest operating historic railroad in the country, with several different train rides created based on your choice. Choose from the 50-minute Missionary Ridge trip or a longer 90-minute excursion offered by the “City of Rock City” museum. Operating for over 50 years, this attraction was recently featured in the major motion picture “Lincoln” with actors playing Chattanooga residents, including Tennessee native Reese Witherspoon.

19. Southside Main Street District – This newly developed arts district features galleries, studios, restaurants and local breakfast and lunch favorites like the Blue Moon Cafe with a sweet treat at Niedl’s Bakery or fresh produce at the Main Street Farmers Market every Wednesday afternoon.

20. International Towing Museum – (R) Visit the world’s first tow truck, located right here in town in 1916 by Ernest Hendrickson. This museum celebrating the towing and recovery industry features a collection of restored antique tow trucks, antique cars and a memorial garden and “Wall of the Fallen” that lists those killed in the line of duty.

21. Lookout Mountain – Head up this 100-mile mountain in three states and wind your way through forests, discovering breathtaking views along the way. You’ll travel first through the St. Elmo Historic Area, where Victorian homes line the route. Signs direct you to some of the South’s most famous attractions, including points 22-29.

22. Incline Railway – (L) Since 1895, the Incline has thrilled guests as “The World’s Steepest Passenger Railway.” Ride up historic Lookout Mountain to see Chattanooga and its surrounding mountains and valleys as trolley-style railcars carry you skyward through a series of hairpin, trip leaves from both the lower and upper stations.

23. Rock City Gardens – (L) This is your chance to obey the iconic barn barn commands and “See Rock City” as you wind your way along the 100-plus-foot-tall Rock City! This world-famous “City of Rocks” features more than 120 million-rate the Battle program has over 30 sites

24. Battles for Chattanooga – (L) This may just be the most unique Civil War attraction in the country. Watch Chattanooga’s battle history play out on an electronic map featuring 5,000 miniature soldiers, 650 lights, audio & sound effects illustrating the battles fought in and around Chattanooga of 1863.

25. National Park Service Visitors Center – (L) View Battle Above the Clouds, a 13-foot by 30-foot painting by artist James Walker, an exhibit on the Civil War in Chattanooga, interactive exhibits and other artifacts, along with a book and gift shop. Hikers, you can pick up an area trail map here.

26. Point Park – This 1905 unit of Point Park is a Chattanoog a National Military Park commemo-rates the Battle of Lookout Mountain during the Civil War.

During the Civil War, control of the railroads was an important part of strategy for both the North and the South — whoever controlled the railroads would have the advantage of being able to quickly move troops and supplies. Chattanooga’s railroads were especially well connected. Chattanooga was the junction of several railroad lines connecting Nashville and Atlanta to the rest of the South, and the city a major Federal occupation post throughout the war. In the fall of 1863, the U.S. Army controlled Chattanooga and the Confederates occupied Lookout Mountain, where they could watch almost all of the Union’s army’s movements. Initially, the Confederate strategy weakened the Federals’ control until President Lincoln sent Federal reinforcements via railroad, including Generals Joseph Hooker and William T. Sherman, commanded by war hero (Oscar Brown). There were 57,000 Union troops. Gens. Benjamin Bragg’s Army from Tennessee at the “Battle Above the Clouds” on Lookout Mountain. The Battles for Chattanooga in the fall of 1863 determined the course of the war in the western theater — Sherman’s famous March to the Sea began in Chattanooga in 1864, and the end of the war soon followed. The Tennessee Civil War Trails program has over 30 sites marked along the Pie in the Sky Trail route.
of Lookout Mountain. From here, you’ll see one of the most beautiful views of the Tennessee River and downtown Chattanooga — it was used as an observation point in 1863. Small fee charged.

Miniature golf was invented by Garnet Carter in the 1950s. His Fairway Wonderland course on Lookout Mountain was patented as Tom Thumb Golf. The sport spread nation-wide and Carter used the profits to build Rock City.

27. Ruby Falls — (Q) Discovered by Lee Lambert more than 80 years ago, this is the tallest and most visited underground waterfall open to the public, and the first Green Globe-certified attraction in the U.S. Tours are very visitor-friendly, with guides to lead you along well-traveled paved paths filled with unique geological wonders and formations. Also, don’t miss the new ZigStream Aerial Adventure — a part ropes course with a zip line finish.

28. Chattanooga Arboretum & Nature Center — (Q) Meet over 50 native creatures that make their homes in the Southeast, including a red-tailed hawk, flying squirrel, bald eagle, brown, red-tailed hawks, owls. You’ll also see wolves, one of the world’s most endangered animals.

29. Reflection Riding — (Q) Relax and enjoy wildflower-filled gardens and spectacular views of the historic Lookout Mountain bluffs. Walk, drive or bike your way through 12 miles of marked trails.

30. Raccoon Mountain Caverns — (Q) The state’s largest and most visited caves that have dated from downtown Chattanooga. Take the 45-minute guided tour of this fairyland. Palace of this off-the-beaten-path favorite (point 56) is still going strong in Tracey City. Stop in the Raccoon Cafe for lunch or a homemade treat.

31. Raccoon Mountain TVA Pump Storage Facility — (Q) This engineering marvel stores like a large battery in the vast lake. When demand for electricity is high, Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) releases wades and a tuned drill is fed in the center of the mountain, driving generators in the power plant to create additional electricity. About 2 miles into the site, you’ll find a picnic area; you’ll continue on about 6 more miles and stop at the visitor center to see how it all happens.

32. Riverside Catfish House — (Q) Enjoy a plate of catfish or catfish by the plate: you won’t be disappointed. Open Fri-Sun.

TRIPADVISOR.COM: First time to try Riverside Catfish House and it was wonderful! You gotta have a piece of their homemade dessert.

33. Hales Bar Marina & Resort — (Q) The 1912 structure standing in the water was once the powerhouse for the first multipurpose dam on the Tennessee River. Rent a boat or floating cabin, or just enjoy the view for a bit. This site is located on the Travel Channel’s Ghost Adventures.

34. Jasper — The seat of Marion County, this is known as the home of Lodge Cast Iron Cookware Company. Stop in for tips and info on things to do and see in South Pittsburg, and the surrounding area. Open Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

35. Dutch Maid Bakery – (L) Every town should have a piece of their homemade dessert. You’ll find it here, from distinc-tive antiques to clothing, plus an essential touch of modernity: free Wi-Fi.

36. Sam Houston Academy – This 1867 Greek Revival building just a block from downtown Jasper has a rich history. It has hosted county meet-ings and served as a hospital for both Federal and Confederate forces. Currently, the building is the home of Olive Branch Masonic Lodge No. 297.

Betsy Pack, daughter of Cherokee Chief John Lowery, donated the land for the town of Jasper in 1820 when the county seat was moved there.

37. Marion County Chamber of Commerce — (Q) Stop in for tips and info on things to do and see in Jasper, South Pittsburg, and the surrounding area. Open Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

38. Jasper History Museum — (Q) See Native American artifacts, hand-made quilts with patterns and exquis-itely crafted craftsmanship passed down through generations, as well as military memorabilia and items from the Great Depression. Open Thurs. & Fri. 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Sat., 10 a.m.-noon. Call ahead for group tours.

39. South Pittsburg — This quaint town is known best as the home of Lodge Cast Iron Cookware and the National Cornbread Festival. Downtown is a mix of restored buildings and businesses that have helped to define the town for many years.

Park and enjoy downtown South Pittsburg, and don’t miss these highlights:

40. Lloyd’s — This historic shopping destination dates back to the 1880s, and includes a working vintage clothing store. You’ll find a little bit of everything here, from distinctive antiques to clothing, plus an essential touch of modernity: free Wi-Fi.

41. Hammer’s — Whether you’re looking for something specific or just browsing for anything, you’ll find it here, from distinc-tive antiques to clothing, and everything in between. One thing you can be sure of? You’ll get a great deal.

42. Lodge Outlet — (L) The iconic Lodge Cast Iron Company is based right here in South Pittsburg. The Lodge traditi-on dates back to 1986 and encompasses so much more than skillets — this is the place to buy a piece of cookware that could literally last for 100 years.
Monteagle began with the Mountain Goat Railroad, a true engineering feat for the mid-1800s, constructed to haul coal down from the mountain by Samuel Tracy, owner of the Sewanee Mining Company. In the late 1860s, pro-temperance advocate John Moffat, manager of the venture. Moffat convinced religious leaders to organize a retreat here — it was the perfect spot, isolated on the mountain yet accessible via the Mountain Goat Railroad. The school, known as the Monteagle Sunday School Assembly, was one of many religious schools that sprang up here, including the Palmarium School for Young Ladies and the Dulcrose Memorial Church Convention School. Around the same time, Leonidas Polk (pictured), Episcopal Church Training School. Around the same time, Leonidas Polk (pictured), Episcopal Church Training School.

The Mountain Goat That Made Sewanee

Bishop and second cousin of U.S. President James K. Polk, planned to organize a retreat here — it was the perfect spot, isolated on the mountain. Take exit 134 for Monteagle/Sewanee. Turn L off US-41-AW toward Sewanee. Cross over 1/2 pt. L. 44. 850 W. Main St. Sewanee 931-598-2901

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Monteagle Winery – (9) Stop in for a taste of local wines, produced to reflect characteristics of the surrounding mountain countryside. Relax on the grounds with a glass of Cumberland Plateau Red or Moonlight Lane, and stay by the gift shop for accessories and unique finds.

Hallelujah Pottery – (1) Established over 30 years ago, this shop continues to deliver on its promise of showcasing and operating a pottery that’s been hitting the spot for over 30 years. Country ham, pit BBQ, and hearty, home-cooked breakfasts are just a few of the specialties here. Stop in for a meal or stay for the day.

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Continue on US-41-AW for approx. 1.2 miles to pt. 49. The gravity-fed railroad trestle for transferring liquor during prohibition, was a famous spot for over 35 years. You’ll find unique and whimsical handmade crafts and gifts, and the shop’s signature “Sewanee Angels,” the town’s charming unofficial mascot.

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This inviting gourmet establishment. Diners can choose from 40 menu entrees including seafood, steaks and a gourmet salad bar. The restaurant has an extensive wine list and a dynamic cocktail menu. The Blue Baron is a local favorite spot for sandwiches, wraps, and homemade desserts. It’s great food with a great view: a small restaurant with a great history.

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South Cumberland State Park – (1) Stop in to the information hub of Tennessee’s largest state wilderness park, stretching over 24,500 acres on the largest remaining forested plateau in the U.S. South. Monteagle is made up of 10 different natural areas: Market Creek Trail, Carter State Natural Area, Oak Creek Grist Mill, Fiery Gizzard Trail, Foster Falls, Greeter Falls, Grundy Lakes and Forest, Hawkins Cove, Savage Gulf, and Sewanee Natural Bridge. Chat with the helpful staff at the visitor center for maps and information about over 35 hiking trails and camping, as well as exhibitions on area history and ecology.

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Leaving pt. 42, cross East Ave., continue on 5th Ave. for 2 blocks. Turn R off Elm Ave., go 0.3 miles to pt. 43. 201 Elm Ave. Sewanee 423-837-8423

Turn R on South Pittsburg St. 293x389

South Pittsburg St. 423-837-7873

43. Dixie Freeze – (1) A South Pittsburgh icon for over 50 years, this is a great spot for burgers and hot dogs, just off the town square at 2nd and Elm Streets.

44. Harvey’s Pirate Drive-In – (9) Make a stop at this classic eatery for a made-to-order breakfast, or choose from other delicious specials including burgers, fish platters and BBQ. You won’t find any shoulder parrots or swashbuckling here, though — the establishment is named in honor of the local high school football mascot.

Continue on 2nd St. to Lake Ave. R on 26th. Turn R on 26th St. 226x178


This small town’s roots were

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The area of the Pie in the Sky Trail was once known as the South Tennessee Coal Field, part of the larger Great Appalachian Field, stretching from northern Pennsylvania to Central Alabama. Ancient “coal seams” thread through these rock formations, discovered by the area’s first white settlers and heavily mined in the mid-1800s. Coal towns like Tracy City, South Pittsburg, Monterey, Dunlap, and others began to boom in the late 1800s, when railroad travel became possible over the tall ranges and coal could be more easily shipped. The life of a coal miner was not an easy one. Hours were long, conditions were dangerous, and pay was very low. “Sixteen Tons,” a song made famous by British native Tennessee Ernie Ford (pictured), described this way: “Load sixteen tons, what do you get? Another day older and deeper in debt. / Saint Peter, don’t you come, cause I can’t go / I owe my soul to the company store.” The industry has left its mark on the culture and landscape all along the Pie in the Sky Trail. Get a hands-on history lesson in places like Coke Ovens Park in Dunlap, where raw coal was brought from the area, just down Main Street from its famous neighbor (point 58).

You’re in the “Nursery Capital of the World,” where rich, fertile soil has long been used for great tree growth. Orchards in the 1800s produced apple and peach trees and a main export until prohibition; today you’ll find hundreds of independent nursery growers in Warren County. Find a list of retail outlets at the chamber of commerce (point 67).

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See Pie in the Sky Trail map on page 14.
There are many wonderful hotels and bed & breakfasts (B&B) along the trail. Find a complete list at PieInTheSkyTrail.com. Accommodations are listed in town order, beginning in Chattanooga. Call ahead for most lodging reservations.

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(See pg. 3, pt. 11)
411 E. 2nd Street, Chattanooga
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Chattanooga Choo Choo
(See pg. 4, pt. 17)
1200 Market St., Chattanooga
263-400-5000
Chattanooga Hotel
126 E. Market St., Chattanooga
800-619-0011
Della Queen Hotel
(See pg. 3, pt. 10)
Kingston Pike, Chattanooga
212-465-5033

Many marinas offer floating cabins. Rent one for the night or all week. You can fish from the deck or relax, enjoy the view and the water. Be sure to buy a fishing license.

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MANY MARINAS OFFER FLOATING CABINS. RENT ONE FOR THE NIGHT OR ALL WEEK. YOU CAN FISH FROM THE DECK OR RELAX, ENJOY THE VIEW AND THE WATER. BE SURE TO BUY A FISHING LICENSE.
Falls Creek Campground
498 Foster Rd.
(See pg. 3, pt. 9)
(See pg. 6, pt. 33)
180 Hwy 30, Fairview
(See pg. 25, pt. 113)
5936 Hwy 70E, Rock Island
(See pg. 27, pt. 79)
7230 Scenic Hwy, Rock Island
(See pg. 8, pt. 14)
9114 Hwy 41, Monteagle
(See pg. 4, pt. 33)
7063 Hwy 70E, Rock Island
(See pg. 25, pt. 84)
3720 Scenic Hwy, Rock Island
(See pg. 14, pt. 12)
2765 TVA Rd., Jasper
(See pg. 21, pt. 64)
12740 Hwy 27, Wilder
(See pg. 13, pt. 19)
3801 River Rd., Chattanooga
(See pg. 27, pt. 80)
7063 Hwy 70E, Rock Island
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Spencer was once home to Burritt College, founded in 1848 as the first coeducational college in South Carolina. You can still see the original stone arch entrance to your left as you travel on College Street/Broadway.

76. Old Time Cafe (–) Come early for a hearty breakfast, or any time of day for delicious home-cookin’. Closed weekends.

77. Fall Creek Falls State Park – Follow Hwy 200 for 11.6 miles, turn R on W TN-284 through park. Continue 0.5 miles to 77 entrance. W TN-284 continues through park. 2000 Village Camp Rd. Spencer/Plaville Office: 423-881-5298

78. Pikeville – This quaint little town is the seat of Bledsoe County, situated between Walden’s Ridge and Little Mountain. The area has a great revitalized downtown, and the surrounding area is known for its bluegrass music. Venus like Sunset Jammers on Factory Lane host talent on a regular basis.

79. Pikeville Square (–) The original portion of the Bledsoe County Courthouse was built in 1910, and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It anchors a revitalized downtown featuring local shops and charming landscaping.

80. Bridgehouse Inn – This two-story 1815 home next to the courthouse was owned by John Bridgegan, a local civic and business leader who outfitted a company of Confederate infantry from Bledsoe County. Open Mon.-Fri., 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

81. Dr. James A. Ross House & Medical Office – This 1872 house and outbuilding were once the home and practice of Confederate veteran Dr. James Ross. The house served as the county hospital in the 1940s. In fact, many of today’s Pikeville residents were born in these very rooms. Visit the Bledsoe County Museum of History inside to see antique medical equipment, farm equipment, and everything in between. It’s a great place to experience the area’s history through artifacts, with the help of friendly volunteers. Open daily, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

82. Lincoln School – (–) This 1925 school building was once a focus for education for African-American students from kindergarten through eighth grade until 1965. It was part of the Farm School Building Program, an initiative funded by the federal government constructed by and for African-Americans in the early 1900s. By the late 1900s, one in every five rural schools for African-American students in the South was a Rosenwald School. Tours are available.

See Pie in the Sky Trail map on page 14.
87. Tayon's Homestead Store – (L) This earthy shop is dedicated to recycling, reusing, and promoting the American Country Lifestyle in home and garden. Closed during winter.

88. Simonton's Cheese & Gourmet House – (L) Opened in 1947, Tennessee's oldest family-owned cheese and gourmet shop is filled with delicious delicacies and gourmet gift items. Stop in for a sample.

90. Crossville Courthouse Square – The 1905 Cumberland County Courthouse is built of Indiana limestone, a local sandstone known for its distinctive color. The town square is a quaint collection of restored buildings and new businesses—a testament to the history and energy of the town today.

91. Military Memorial Museum of Upper Cumberland – Located in Cumberland County's restored second courthouse, this museum features displays and artifacts dating back to the Civil War.

92. Crossville-Cumberland County Chamber of Commerce

93. French's Shoes – This business has two locations on Main Street; one shoes store, the other a variety store. Since 1972, French's has been a part of Crossville, and now has eight locations across Middle Tennessee. Stop in for great selection and quality.

94. Cumberland Mountain Playhouse – (L) Catch a play in the “house” known across the state. This is the only major non-profit professional performing arts resource in rural Tennessee, and one of the 10 largest professional theaters in rural America. It serves more than 165,000 visitors annually with two indoor and two outdoor stages, young audience productions, and a comprehensive dance program, a concert series and touring shows.

95. Grandma’s Attic Antiques – (L) This antique shop charmingly lives up to its name, offering everything from junk to forgotten treasures at reasonable prices. Seasonal hours.

96. Grassy Cove – The drive through area on Hwy 68 is truly breathtaking. Shutterbugs will be tempted to stop often to photograph the farms, historic churches, and tiny general stores along the route. You’ll even see two rare Rock City postcards.

97. J.C. Kemmer & Son General Store – (L) Antiques – (R) Visit Cumberland County's oldest country store, an all family-owned business, a mercantile/assortment of merchandise, historic displays and relics dating back to its 1886 beginning.

98. Piney Falls State Natural Area – (R) This pristine forestland features creeks, waterfalls, and the only one of 14 National Natural Landmarks in Tennessee, recognized as the country’s best remaining examples of major biotic communities and geologic features. You’ll find a trailhead just a mile off Hwy 68; take the 2-mile hike to Upper Falls.

Justin P. Wilson Cumberland Trail State Park is Tennessee's only linear state park. When complete, it will cover over 300 miles in 11 counties and currently has 150 miles in a number of county districts. Points 98 & 122 are two of eight entry points to the park.

99. Spring City – This is a classic railroader town, with the depot at the heart of the community. It’s also appropriately named—it’s surrounded by water between Watts Bar and Upper Chickamauga Lakes, both known for great fishing. This area draws water sports lovers from far and wide. Find Spring City marinas on page 13 for boat rentals, camping, lodging and more.

100. Tennessee Valley Theater – (L) An amateur group with professional quality. Find more information at PitzInTheSkyTrail.com.

See Pie in the Sky Trail map on page 74.

Rhea Co. Courthouse
turn L on Piccadilly Ave. 423-775-7801
S TN-378/Market St. into pt. 102.
Strawberry Festival, held on the square. for 10 days every year with the Dayton
Made famous by the Scopes Trial. The historic Square – Dayton is a charming town with tons of history. This was once known as “The Strawberry Capital of the World,” a reputation that is still celebrated for 10 days every year with the Dayton Strawberry Festival, held on the square.

Dayton hosts the Scopes Trial Triorum Festival offers maps, brochures, and visitor info. Open Mon–Fri., 8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m. Call 423-775-6171.

Dayton’s Courthouse Square – The historic 1891 Rhea County Courthouse was the site of the famous Scopes Evolution Trial. When a Dayton high school teacher was tried for teaching evolution in 1925, Visit the Scopes Trial Museum in the courthouse’s lower level to learn more about the event, (known then as the “Monkey Trial”) as well as Rhea County’s history. Don’t miss the timeline on the front lawn sidewalk. Open Mon–Sat., 10 a.m.–3 p.m.

As you explore Dayton, keep a lookout for these.

104. General Stone – Browse the unique collection of Scopes Trial/Monkey Trial memorabilia, refreshments and more.

105. The Gathering Place – Stop in for antiques, collectibles and jewelry, including handmade beaded necklaces. Pick up a handmade pasta ball, and take home teas, cacao, and gourmet chocolate.

106. Resuce Me – This antique store features over 25 vendors of furniture, glass, books, clothing and more. Stop in to find a treasure to take home.

107. ArtCrafters – This custom picture framing store is also the home of local artists’ studio. Stop in to browse their works.

108. Dayton Coffee Shop – Take it from this online reviewer: “I plan to go back every time I’m in the area! The coconut cake is amazing... the fried chicken and greaves are just like my grandma made.” Closed Sat.

109. Rhea County Welcome Center
Turn R on Main St., cross over US-27 onto Chickamauga Dr. to pt. 103. 160 Chickamauga Dr. Dayton 423-587-0823

As you continue on, you will pass by...

110. Jacob Myers’ Restaurant on the River – (Q) Dine on steaks, seafood and gourmet sandwiches including specialties like the “Elvis,” (peanut butter and banana, grilled in butter), as well as soups, salads and desserts. Home- made milkshakes, a Full espresso bar, and dressings made on site make this a must-visit.

Between Dayton and Dunlap, Grayville, home of champion fiddler Curly Fox. Learn more about his home Dayton’s Scopes Trial Museum (point 103).

111. Dunlap – This small, tucked-away town has become popular with those who want to retire in retirement. Home to the historic Sequatchie County Courthouse, Dunlap has a deep coal history, one-of-a-kind local businesses, and great access to outdoor adventure. The annual Bluegrass Festival held every June draws national attention.

Sequatchie County is known as “The Mining Capital of the South.” Whether you’re feeling extra adventuresome and want to give it a try or just want to watch others experience it, you’ll find your chance next year on Rockwood Road, just off the main trail route. (See page 16.)

112. Welch Chapel & Cemetery – (R) This lovely country church’s congregation dates back to 1825 and carries a number of traditions from their early days, including a Christmas Eve program that has been presented every year since the early 1900s. The chapel is located on the Glory Land Road and is a well-kept secret. Stop in to say hello to the animals.

113. Cookie Jar Café & Johnson Family Farm – (R) Stop in for tips and info about area activities, from fine dining to hang gliding. Open Mon–Fri., 9 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

114. Sequatchie County Chamber of Commerce

115. Blue Orchid Bistro – (R) Family owned and operated just across from point 114, this local restaurant occupies a century-old historical building that was once the site of the town pharmacy. Enjoy an extensive and creative selection of fresh soups, salads and sandwiches, as well as hot-off-the-grill favorites.

116. Dunlap Coke Ovens Park Museum – (R) This 42-acre park and museum sits just outside of Dunlap, established to preserve the remains of the beehive coke ovens used in the early 1900s to convert mountain coal into industrial coke, a product used to smelt iron ore. Tour the museum to see the largest collection of regional historic coal mining photographs in the state of Tennessee; explore the wooded park where the Trail of Tears passed through and see the coke ovens, just a short walk behind the museum building. Salads, soups and sandwiches are available in the on-site caf, and say hello to the animals.

117. Whitwell – Established in 1872 as a mining community, this was the home of the largest mine in Marion County. Many immigrants came here from Great Britain and the surrounding European countries to work, and the town soon became a thriving community. The focus turned back...
119. Dairy Bar – (L) Don’t miss this small-town favorite. Enjoy ice cream, ice cream sandwiches, cheeseburgers, onion rings, and a variety of shakes. Come back year after year for over 47 years. Treat yourself to a milkshake, banana split or a brownie...and more. (L) 423-661-0172

120. Children’s Holocaust Memorial & Paper Clip Project – (L) In 1988, Whitwell Middle School eighth graders began an after-school project in the Holocaust, collecting paper clips – in memory of the millions who perished exterminated by the Nazis. Today, some 11 million paper clips are housed in an authentic German train car. Students give guided tours on Fridays during the school year. Open Sept.-Oct., Mon.-Fri., 3-8 p.m. (L) 423-785-7578

121. Open Door Restaurant – (L) This family-owned eatery serves meat, three and a great place to stop for lunch or dinner. Enjoy BBQ, salads, sandwiches and grilled dishes. 720 Mississippi Ave. to pt. 125. 423-756-8687

This part of the Cumberland Plateau is called Walden’s Ridge, but many locals call it Signal Mountain; that’s actually the name of the town at the top.

122. Prentice Cooper State Forest – (L) This state forest on the Tennessee Cumberland Plateau is famous for approximately 35 miles of trails, including the south end of the Justin P. Wilson Cumberland Trail State Park, as well as rock climbing, mountain biking, horseback riding, birdwatching and camping.

123. Signal Mountain – Named for the land formation known as Signal Point, the old Chattanooga subway is perched on Walden’s Ridge overlooking the Tennessee River. This spot is believed to have been used by Native Americans and signal important messages across great distances; it was also used during the Civil War by Union troops to observe enemy movements on the Tennessee River.

124. SpaceShip House – (L) Private Residence

Built in 1972, this “out of this world” space age house has been featured on HGTV, The Ellen DeGeneres Show and many other lists of amazing and unusual homes.

125. Nino’s Italian Restaurant – (L) Stop in for authentic Italian cuisine — all the way down to the homemade pasta. Fans travel from far and wide for a taste.

126. Signal Point Unit – (L) Natural and Man-Made Attractions. Come enjoy old-fashioned down-home bluegrass music. To be. Kick up your heels to some good old Opry is where you want to kick up your heels to some good old-fashioned country music, and you’ll find yourself on any night on Signal Mountain. The Signal Point overlooks the gateway, known as the Tennessee River Gorge, formed by the Cumberland Plateau with Raccoon Mountain to the south.

If you find yourself on any Friday night on Signal Mountain, don’t miss this cute silver Austin, Texas made just for you. It’s exactly what you need to kick up your heels to some good old-fashioned country music, and you’ll find yourself on any night on Signal Mountain.

127. Shufford’s Smokehouse Barbeque – (L) This BBQ joint, housed in a former gas station, has been serving up smoked hand-pulled turkey, chicken and pork since 1972. It’s a favorite place to get a great fish taco and more in this cute silver Austin, Texas made just for you. It’s exactly what you need to kick up your heels to some good old-fashioned country music, and you’ll find yourself on any night on Signal Mountain.

128. Petunia’s Silver Jalapeno – (L) Get a great fish taco and more in this cute silver Austin, Texas made just for you. It’s exactly what you need to kick up your heels to some good old-fashioned country music, and you’ll find yourself on any night on Signal Mountain.

129. MoonPie® General Store – (R) You’ve finished your drive through Chattanooga and you’re thinking about the next stop. If you’re on Signal Mountain, you need to check out this cute silver Austin, Texas made just for you. It’s exactly what you need to kick up your heels to some good old-fashioned country music, and you’ll find yourself on any night on Signal Mountain.

The MoonPie

These legendary treats are a product of the Chattanooga Bakery, in business since 1902. In 1917, a bakery salesman returned to headquarters with a special request: miners needed something to pack in their lunch pails. The men needed a snack “as big as the moon,” filling and, most importantly, very portable for trips down in the mines. The bakery produced the snack on the new product, and came up with the winning combination of marshmallow creme sandwiched between graham crackers, chocolate, priced affordably at a nickel's price. The snack became known as the “Working Man's Lunch,” and long before fast food was commonplace, the combination of R.C. Cola and a MoonPie was one of the first “combo meals” in a favorite place and beloved tradition in Tennessee — inspiring a 1950s country music hit and sparking a festival dedicated to the combo, held every summer along The Jack Trail: Sippin’ to Saddles. Today, MoonPies come in several flavors, and many other flavors are produced every day in Chattanooga.