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Others Will Thank You.

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The Case for Middle Tennessee:

- **No state income tax.**
- **Great property values.**
- **Low property taxes.**
- **Low auto and property insurance rates.**
- **Great medical facilities.**
- **Four distinct seasons with mild winters.**



Lookout Mountain — Tennessee



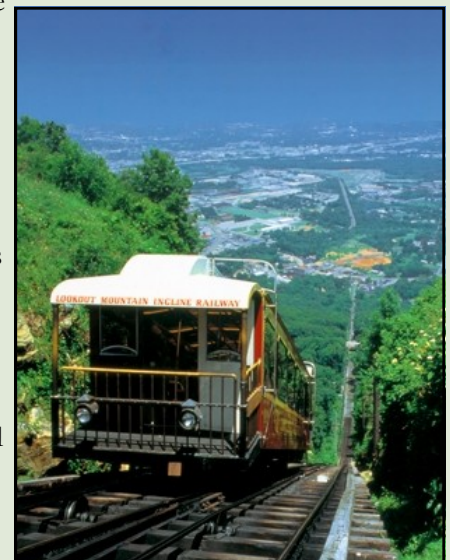
Lookout Mountain is located at the northwest corner of Georgia, the northeast corner of Alabama, and along the southern border of Tennessee near Chattanooga. Lookout Mountain, along with Sand Mountain to the northwest, makes up a large portion of the southernmost end of the Cumberland Plateau. The summit, called "High Point," is at 2,392 feet above sea level. The foothills of the mountain extend into Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park.

Just minutes from downtown Chattanooga, TN, Lookout Mountain is the perfect destination for out of the ordinary experiences

and amazing natural beauty. Lookout Mountain Attractions include three top rated world famous natural attractions that showcase the natural beauty of Lookout Mountain and views of the Chattanooga Valley. Create memories you'll treasure! Visit Lookout Mountain, and join in on the "Lookout Mountains of Fun"! Trek through Rock City's natural wonders and "see seven states" views, tour Ruby Falls, America's deepest cave and largest underground waterfall accessible to the public, and ride the Incline Railway the

world's steepest passenger railway.

On November 24, 1863 the Battle of Lookout Mountain was fought on the slopes of Lookout Mountain. The majority of hand to hand combat took place near Cravens' house about halfway to the summit. Lookout Mountain's unique shape and location can in some conditions cause a unique weather phenomenon. After dawn, fog will descend from the cooler mountain top to the valley below and stop about halfway down. This interesting natural occurrence took place the day of the battle and is the reason for its romantic name, Battle Above the Clouds.



Ocoee River Whitewater Rafting



Whitewater rafting on the Ocoee River began in 1977 when TVA stopped diverting the water to produce power and began putting it back in the riverbed. That section of the Ocoee, now called the Middle Section, begins at Ocoee Dam #2 and

ends just below Ocoee #2 Power plant - a roughly 5 mile run. After the Olympic kayak events in 1996 TVA began releasing water into the Upper Section, beginning at Ocoee #3 Power plant and ending at the put-in for the Middle Section. Many rafters run both sections

together with a stop for lunch between the two.

The Ocoee has become one of the most popular rafting rivers in the country with approximately 200,000

commercial rafters annually. Several factors have led to this popularity - 1) the water release means there will be enough water during times of drought and 2) it is close to several large urban areas including Atlanta, Birmingham, Nashville, Chattanooga and Knoxville. Most of all though, the Ocoee is just fun. Dropping over 260 feet in five miles, there is little flat water on the whole river meaning nonstop action.

There is water in the Middle Section for rafting 112 days/year. Of these, the Upper Section runs 20 days, so the Full River run is available only on those days. Before planning a trip, consult the release schedule to make sure it is a rafting day.

The Tennessee Aquarium



The Tennessee Aquarium is the highest rated aquarium in the USA and one of America's top ten tourist attractions for overall guest satisfaction! Enjoy a remarkable journey with 10,000 animals. See 3D IMAX movies in the only Chattanooga movie theater with a six-story

screen. Ride the River Gorge Explorer, the most thrilling Chattanooga riverboat cruise. The TN Aquarium is ranked #1 for Chattanooga attractions and things to do in Chattanooga TN.

The Tennessee Aquarium is home to a richly diverse living collection of the world's most

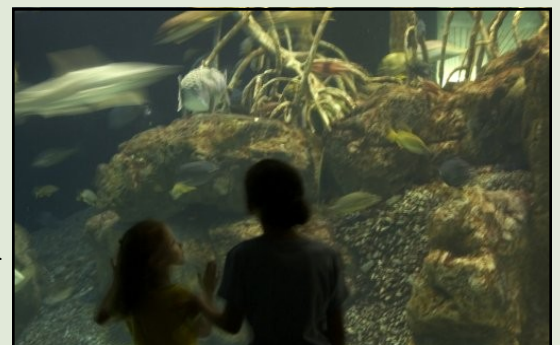
fascinating animals. Inside the River Journey building, visitors are delighted by feisty river otters, colorful frogs, amazing turtles and freshwater fish species such as beautiful trout, giant catfish and prehistoric-looking sturgeon.

While exploring Ocean Journey, guests experience tropical and marine habitats. Hyacinth macaws call out from a lush rainforest as visitors come face to face with big,

toothy sharks, beautiful butterflies, playful penguins, mesmerizing jellyfish and thousands of colorful reef fish. Aquar-

ium educators also introduce guests to dozens of other species during hourly Animal Encounter programs in both Aquarium buildings.

The Tennessee Aquarium offers a wide variety of special events each month. Programs for children and adults are hosted on the Aquarium campus, themed cruises are offered aboard the River Gorge Explorer and there are opportunities to enjoy nature hikes and kayak trips.



The Jack Daniel Distillery — Lynchburg, Tennessee



drop of Jack Daniel’s Tennessee Sippin’ Whiskey is still made today.

Enjoyed around the world, made in Lynchburg, Tennessee, the whiskey is matured in hand-crafted, white oak barrels. Personally guided tours are a part of the ambiance.

Lynchburg is the seat of Moore County, the smallest county in Tennessee. Even though it’s home to the Distillery, it’s a dry county and has been ever since Prohibition. And while the Distillery may be the main attraction here, you don't want to miss other local favorites like lunch at Miss Mary Bobo’s

Boarding House and a trip to the Lynchburg Hardware And General Store. If you want to explore all the sights in Lynchburg, take your time. There’s plenty to see.



The Jack Daniel Distillery – the oldest registered distillery in the U.S. – is where it all happens. It’s where Mr. Jack first crafted the recipe for Old No. 7. It’s where the pure, iron-free cave spring water flows. And it’s where every

The Elk & Bison Prairie at Land Between the Lakes



gives visitors an up-close and personal look at the mammoth bison and the graceful elk. Exhibits dot the three-mile trip through the prairie explaining the significance of these animals along with the other present native wildlife.

grassland into the hardwood forest so prevalent today.

At each stop, visitors are encouraged to look for evidence of wildlife: animal tracks, animal rubs, and paths worn through the grass.

Wildlife in the prairie is prevalent, and includes such animals as elk, bison, wild turkey, coyote, skunk, rabbit, raccoon, bobcat, bat, box turtle, eastern kingsnake, quail, redbtail hawk, and owl.

Located in western Tennessee and Kentucky, Land Between the Lakes is the largest inland peninsula in the U.S.A. Originally created when the Cumberland and Tennessee Rivers were impounded, it features over 170,000 acres of forested & protected public land, and over 300 miles of undeveloped shoreline.

Located on the Trace near the Visitor's Center, the Elk & Bison Prairie is a must-see. The drive-through prairie

The Elk & Bison Prairie is open everyday, 365 days a year, from dawn to dusk. There is a small admission charge; more information can be obtained by calling 1-800-LBL-7077.

Consisting of over 700-acres, the Elk & Bison Prairie offers sights and sounds of this historic landscape. Accessible by car, a winding road leads visitors to three interpretive stops where interactive panels tell the story of centuries of change which transformed the native



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Elvis Presley's Graceland and the Heartbreak Hotel.



Experience the birthplace of rock 'n' roll and discover first-hand how Elvis Presley became the most celebrated entertainer in the world. Graceland takes you on a one of a kind journey through Elvis' humble beginnings and rise to superstardom, with up close and personal looks at the influence that forever changed our music, and our lives. Enjoy an audio-guided tour of Graceland Mansion. Then, visit the Elvis Auto Museum, the Sincerely Elvis Museum featuring an Elvis in Hollywood Exhibit, Elvis' custom jets and the Elvis Presley

Fashion King Exhibit. Also, you can find everything Elvis in one of the Graceland gift shops and enjoy lunch in one of the on-site restaurants. Stay across the street at Elvis Presley's Heartbreak Hotel.

Elvis Presley's Heartbreak Hotel is a fashionable boutique hotel that takes its cues from the legendary hospitality and personal style for which the King of Rock & Roll was known.

