Welcome to The Jack Trail
SEE THE DRIVING TOUR MAP ON PAGE 18.

Saddle up and hit The Jack Trail, where you’ll explore the state of Tennessee’s worldwide reputation for history, music, horses and distilleries, with plenty of occasions for BBQ and country cooking in between stops.

Experience our rich MUSICAL HERITAGE, with a visit to the Ryman Auditorium, the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum and Nashville honky tonks. Outside the city limits, you’ll find small towns that produced music legends and continue to host world-famous festivals.

Along the way, you’ll come face-to-face with CIVIL WAR STORIES, like the intrigue of Confederate and Union spies, the drama of the Battle of Stones River and the many buildings and monuments that still stand in this once crucial territory in the War Between the States.

The Jack Trail is a great place to get a taste of Tennessee spirits when you stop at our LEGENDARY DISTILLERIES. Get to know Tennessee Whiskey in Lynchburg and Cascade Hollow. Sample one of the world’s best rums in Kelso and pick up a bottle of Tennessee Moonshine in Woodbury.

You’ll pass through the farms and historic sites of TENNESSEE WALKING HORSE COUNTRY and learn how the breed got its name. And you’ll have plenty of chances to get out in the fresh air at FIVE STATE PARKS.

The Jack Trail offers an excellent sampling of the things that make Tennessee special, and a perfect opportunity to raise your glass to a one-of-a-kind road trip.

TAKING IN THE TRAIL

• These 375 miles are full of historic sites, preserved homes and museums that bring the stories of The Jack Trail to life. Many of them require advance reservations, admission, or both to experience our history.

• Many historic buildings open their doors to visitors. Many properties remain as they have for over a century: private residences. Please be respectful of the private land and homeowners on our tour.

• This is a drive that promises an off-the-beaten-path Tennessee experience. What we can’t promise is steady cell phone service. Don’t be surprised if you don’t always have a signal.

• The Jack Trail features beautiful stretches of scenic driving. Make sure you fill your tank and use the restroom in the towns along the way. There will always be a “next town” on the route, but it may not be within the next few miles.

• Summer through early fall is a great time to stock up on local produce at farm stands along the trail. Many stands are cash-only, so visit the ATM before you hit the road.

• Download The Jack Trail free iPhone app to customize your trail experience.

• Don’t forget to visit your favorite online review sites (like Yelp.com or TripAdvisor.com) and help us blaze a trail to these wonderful hidden gems.

The colorful stories and interesting facts you’ll find along The Jack Trail have been uncovered with the invaluable help of county tourism partners and historians in these communities.

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4. Frist Center for the Visual Arts – (Q) This well-known non-profit art exhibition center is dedicated to bringing major international and international exhibits to Nashville, as well as the finest visual art from local, state and regional artists. Gift shop and Cafe on site.

5. Union Station-A Wyndham Historic Hotel – (Q) Built for the Louisville & Nashville Railroad, this 1910 structure, once a train station, has been converted into a hotel today. Make plans to stay over-night or just stop in to admire the lobby, formerly the main terminal, lit with Tiffany-style windows. Examples of Primrose 1089 or sip a beverage in one of the coolest lounges in the city.

6. The Gulch – This vibrant district was once a mass of abandoned buildings and a railroad yard. Today, it is the first LEED certified neighborhood in the South and a balanced collection of shops, restaurants, offices and apartments. Stop in Whiskey Kitchen for “Jack Black Poppers.” made with Jack Daniel’s Old No. 7. Take in a live bluegrass show at Station Inn.

7. Yazoo Brewing Company – (Q) This 10-year- old Nashville micro-brewery offers up eight unique beers as well as funky merchandise. Thurs. & Fri., 4-8 p.m.; Sat., 2-8 p.m. Tours: Sat., every half hour, 2:30-6:30 p.m.

8. Arnold’s Country Kitchen – (Q) Inside this red building is one of Nashville’s best “meat and three” restaurants and a “soul food” landmark. Pay homage to Frimmer’s and Southern Living. Dine cafeteria-style with the locals and you’ll come away with new friends and a full stomach.

9. Lane Motor Museum – (Q) A unique collection of cars and motorcycles here, including the largest European car collection in the U.S. The “meat and three” cafeteria where the mashed potatoes are real and homemade breads will keep you coming back.

10. Percy Priest Lake – In the 1700s, hunter Udal Smoke came upon the “Stones River” and with it, grasslands, cedars batters, and bountiful forest that had long been hunting grounds for the Creek, Chickasaw, Shawnee, and Cherokee tribes. Stone wasn’t the only person to fall in love with the area; Andrew Jackson later built his mansion, The Hermitage, near the river – visit it on the Promised Land: Pilgrimage to President Trail. Under the Flood Control Act of 1946, 200 years after the area was founded, Percy Priest Lake was created. Today, the water is surrounded by 18,854 acres of public lands, half devoted to wildlife management. Just a short drive from the city, the lake and Long Hunter State Park (point 11) are favorites for swimming, boating and wildlife watching year-round.

11. Long Hunter State Park – (Q) Drive worth the 5-mile drive up Hobson Pike to visit this Tennessee treasure situated along the shores of Percy Priest Lake. The park is divided into three parts named for farming communities now mostly inundated by the reservoir, namely Nashville’s Prichard’s, Baker’s Grove, and Bryant’s Grove. Explore the Sellars Farm State Archeological Area, a protected Native American mounds site dating back to the Mississippian period. Enjoy camping.

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pickingnic, swimming, hiking, backpacking, boating, fishing and observing wildlife.

Bryant’s Grove, in point 11, is named for Shomari Williams, one of Tennessee’s wealthiest African-American landowners in the mid-1800s.

12. La Vergne – During the Civil War, La Vergne alternated between Union and Confederate occupation with at least seven battles and skirmishes, and a recorded. Most of the town’s buildings were burned in 1862 leaving it a quiet rural community for the next century. Today, La Vergne is home to the largest industrial park in the state, and has become a smart choice for international companies to set up headquarters, including Whispool Corporation, Bridgestone, and Thompson Len. It features Rockin’ R’s, 3 acres of land and a theme park.

A Civil War Trails sign at nearby 158 Fergus Drive marks the home of Mary Smiley’s cousin, a Confederate spy. She was a good friend of fellow spy Sam Davis, and was among the last to see him before he was captured and killed in 1863. When she died in 1931, she was buried in the Confederate Cemetery off Old Fort Parkway, Olive Cemetery, the first woman laid to rest there.

13. Smyrna – This small town traces its name to the first 100 acres of property purchased by Samuel King, which was bounded by Tullahoma, Bledsoe, and East Fork Roads. Smyrna was once home to Searf Air Force Base, housing over 10,000 military personnel and their families. When Searf closed, structures were converted into industrial space and an airport. The impoundment of Percy Priest Lake in the 1960s created the lake, and a major tourist destination and in the 1980s, Rutherford North America put Smyrna on the map with the first electric LEAF plant in the U.S.

14. Smyrna Depot – (L) This 1873 landmark was a train stop, located on the Nash & Chattanooga Rail- road, connecting the area with Charleston and New Orleans. Now restored, it hosts events like the popular family festival “Dowtown Day” each fall.

15. Sam Davis Home – (R) Tour this nine-room, 1820 home and learn its fascinating story. Sam Davis was so brave, he was honored as a “hero of the Confederacy,” a currier who was hanged by the Union Army when he refused to reveal the source of classified information. When notified of Union battle plans – he was carrying documents to Confederate authorities. A film and museum highlight the life and death of this Civil War hero and see the plumose tuft of time in Middle Tennessee before, during and after the war. Learn more about Sam Davis and the Battle of Stones River at his walk through page 24.

16. Nissan North America, Inc. – (L) The manufacturing plant produces several of the top Nissan vehicles, including the all-electric LEAF. See all parts of the vehicle assembly process, from steel cutting to painting to carpet installation. Tours are offered periodically.

17. Stones River National Battlefield – (R) This 650-acre park and cemetery is dedicated to preserving the memory of those who fought and died on the Battle of Stones River battlefield. Walk where 81,000 soldiers fought on December 31, 1862, in the largest single-day battle of the Civil War. Living history programs present Union and Confederate soldiers daily. Ranger programs, April-Oct, call for times.

18. Greenway Trails – Murfreesboro offers a network of walking and biking system that can be accessed at point 17 and continues all the way to points 20 and 21. This scenic, hardened path runs along the Stones River and Lytie Creek, with trailshead throughout town, and access to local food stops and public restrooms.

19. Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center – Visit this staffed, state-of-the-art center with a Civil War timeline, interactive kiosks with virtual tours and gift shop.

20. Fortress Rosecrans – (R) Part of Point 17, this is one of the largest earthen fortifica- tions constructed during the Civil War. Following the Battle of Stones River in 1863, and freedmen worked together to build the fort named for General William S. Rosecrans. The earthenworks protected critical segments of the railroad and supported the Union troops as they took the railroad town of Chattanooga, captured Atlanta, and executed General William T. Sherman’s famous March to the Sea.

11. Cannonsburgh Village – (R) Time travel between 1830 and 1890 when you tour the gristmill, schoolhouse, telephone operator’s house, and other buildings representing 100 years of early Tennessee life in this historic replica village. If you’re lucky, you’ll catch the International Car Show in June or the Uncle Dave Macon Days Old-Time Country Music Festival in July. The Murfreesboro Art League keeps a gallery here and offers work- shops throughout the year. Open Mem- Dec.

The World’s Largest Cedar Bucket can be found at point 21. Originally built in 1883 as the world’s largest, and was first shown at the World’s Columbian Exposition of 1893, it burned in 2006. Today, the nearly six-foot, 1,500-gallon, 1,520-pound behemoth you see is a reconstruction by the Rutherford County Blacksmith Association using hardware from the original bucket.

Park and walk to visit points 22 & 23.

22. Heritage Center in Downtown Murfreesboro

Discover downtown’s rich history through interactive displays and educational programs. Free, guided walking tours, Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m.-3 p.m., on the hour.

Find more information at JackTrail.com.
Downtown Murfreesboro — Stroll through this historic square for a taste of the area’s rich history and Southern hospitality.

The Rutherford County Courthouse (1813) served as the state’s capital from 1819-26. It is restored and maintained by the state of Tennessee, and the town remained in Confederate hands until the Battle of Stones River. Tour the mansion and be transported back to a time of Old South prosperity.

Confederates surprised the occupying Union forces by moving in at night and taking the front lawn. The children of the house watched the fight from the upstairs window. The Union officially surrendered the town here, and the town remained in Confederate hands until the Battle of Stones River. Tour the mansion and be transported back to a time of Old South prosperity.

As you come to the intersection of Manvy Avenue and East Main Street, catch a glimpse of the History Center in East Main Street Historic District (private). The restored brick building was originally the home of a small country store. As you walk through the doors, you’ll find a small museum with everything from Civil War memorabilia to a historic wedding dress.

MTSU CENTER FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION

The oldest and largest public university in Middle Tennessee, Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU) (point 28) was founded in 1911 as one of three state normal schools for teacher training. It has operated with university status — which indicates expanded research and teaching — since 1949. The university’s history is rich with events of national significance, including World War II and the Civil Rights Movement. The center also offers a variety of educational programs, including courses in historic preservation and tourism management.

On your way to point 26, notice the beautifully restored homes in the North Maney Avenue Historic District (private residence).

Oaklands Historic House Museum — This elegant Antebellum mansion was built in the crossfire of the Civil War in 1862, when

MTSU Mineral, Gem & Fossil Museum houses world-class exhibits of fossils and minerals from every state and over 50 countries. Open Sat. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. in spring.

In 1874, the center building was constructed in 1917 as a school for African-American students. Visit the museum to learn about the legacy of African-American education and the importance of the U.S. Colored Troops in the Civil War. Open Tues.-Sat., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

27. Discovery Center at Murfreesboro (L) — Kids of all ages will delight in this hands-on science museum and nature center designed to inspire and educate. Open Easter-Sept. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. in spring. Smotherman holds two-story slide and outdoor Murfreesboro Spring wetlands.

28. Middle Tennessee University (MTSU) (L) — Founded in 1911 as a state college for teacher training.

29. Readyville Mill (L) — A popular stop on the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail. Open Sat., 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

30. Arts Center of Cannon County — (L) This award-winning center highlights the area’s rich history, fine art and crafts, traditional music, and Southern hospitality. Open Sat. 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

on its beautiful blooming grounds. This stop is part of the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail.

Take a walk or drive around this modern campus and its historical core.

Murfreesboro, originally named “Cannonsburgh,” for the British military officer and local politician Newton Cannon, but was changed to honor Colonel Linzy Cromwell, who served as the Tennessee volunteer adjutant general during the early 1800s, the capital of Tennessee was moved here from Knoxville to better accommodate western expansion.

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Park & walk to visit 0.8 mile to pt. 32. West Main St., go approx. 0.4 mile to pt. 31. John Bragg Hwy/W. Main St. as a kind of currency and trading them with local merchants for dates banana labels committed to preserving a kind of currency and trading them with local merchants for dates banana labels committed to preserving. The White Oak Craft Fair, now in its 24th year.

Visit the museum and gallery, or stop by the Blue Porch at the Arts Center for some books.

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Confederate General Benjamin Franklin Cheatham's (Old Isham) was buried on his Beech Grove farm with full military honors. In 2002, the Sons of Confederate Veterans marked and located the grave.

Confederate soldiers were simply buried where they fell, later, veterans reburied the soldiers here creating, the Confederate Cemetery. 36. Beech Grove General Store – (Located in a restored gas station from the early 1900s, stop in for staple items and stay for a meal — "meat and three" and daily specials. Don't miss the pork tenderloin biscuit at breakfast.

37. Madeline's Antiques & Uniques Store – (Scroll the many antique booths in this unique community.

The name Old Stone Fort refers to a prehistoric man-made limestone and earth wall dating back to around 3000 B.C., and is considered one of the most spectactacular sites of its kind. The Native American ceremonial site in the U.S., and the largest and most complete hilltop enclosure in the South. A museum shares the 2,000-year history behind this amazing combination of cliffs, rivers, and man-made mounds, used for over 500 years as a sacred gathering place. Camping, hiking and fishing are available on the park's 876 acres along the Duck River.

The Duck River is 265 miles long — the longest river in Tennessee — it’s home to a variety of wildlife including several endangered species. When the Coffee County seat was formed here in 1836 it was named after the industrial city of Manchester, with the hope that it's location near the river would help it prosper.

39. Antique World of Manchester (R) – Browse a selection of antique chandeliers, mirrors, tables, chairs, cabinets, glassware, china and decor.

40. Foothills Crafts – (R) The Foothills Craft Center hosts exhibits and classes here, with the goal of educating the public and creating appreciation for Tennessee's fine crafts. Works in wood, clay, metal, glass and fiber are on display and for sale to the public.

41. Beans Creek Winery & Gift Shop – (R) Tom Brown made his first wine in 1976 in his mom's kitchen with two friends, and has spent 30 years perfecting his award-winning blend. His wines are now sold in stores that grow well in Tennessee. Sample events here or grab some reds to sweet whites and visit the gift shop for unique items.

43. Miss Audrey's Tea Room – (R) Enjoy a meal in a lunchroom with a traditional Southern flair and not the first Antiques on the Square — an American art form.

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44. Downtown Manchester – Stop and explore this historic square, lined with shops and curiosities including Talley’s Pawn Shop, Smoov’s Flowers & Gifts and Baker-Brother’s Drug Co., and eateries like The Brew. The Brew, 114 E. Main St., Manchester, 931-728-4646.

Downtown Manchester Art Centers serve as a theater, gallery, store, and shop. View and purchase local art, or with a little advance planning, catch a show.

45. Manchester Chamber of Commerce

110 E. Main St., Manchester 931-728-3635

Exit 80/81 onto the 384/810. go approx. 7.5 miles. TR-81 becomes E. Carroll St. go approx. 1 mile. make L onto Timberview Rd. 1/2 mi to pt. 164A.

46. Jiffy Burger – (Q) This Manchester staple has been serving comfort food for around 50 years. Enjoy a breakfast of country ham with homemade biscuits and gravy, or lunch featuring a variety of sandwiches and mouth-watering burgers. Browse the memorabilia covering the wall, and don’t leave without ordering a milkshake served the old-fashioned way.

Exit R onto Hillbilly Blvd, go 0.2 mi. Turn L onto Timberview Rd. go 0.1 mi. 164A-164C.

47. Northside Clocks – (R) Visit one of the last remaining clock shops in the South with over 500 time pieces. Enjoy the Southern hospitality of this third-generation horologist and the impressive collection of Radio ornaments and wind chimes.

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Exit R onto E. Carroll St., make L onto food SR-11, go approx. 1.6 mi. TR onto Mitchell Blvd. at pt. 49. 151 Mitchell Blvd. 931-435-8817.

49. Hands-On Science Center – (Q) “Please touch” is the rule at this science playground with over 80 interactive, educational exhibits.

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Local restaurants range from gourmet sandwiches at Daddy Billy’s Restaurant & Bar, served with live music and karaoke, to fast food like Southern Sundaes in Caboose Park.

52. Tullahoma Chamber of Commerce

115 W. Lincoln St. Tullahoma 931-645-4967

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The tenure of General Braxton Bragg’s troops at Tullahoma from January through June 1863 was the longest unattended encampment of the Confederate Army during the Civil War.

56. Montana Drive-In – (R) Find a nostalgic evening with the family while you enjoy good food and see the latest releases.

57. Sample Family Restaurant – (R) Enjoy country cooking at its best; order the daily “meat and three” special with real, down-home flavor.

58. Decherd – (R) This historic town was settled about mid-1800s, grown by the Nashville & Chattanooga Railroads. It had one major hotel then, and hosted guests from all over the country as they awaited their next train. Today, visitors can pass the time by treasure hunting at Lamb House Antiques and shopping for knitting and craft materials at Decherd Needlework.

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Today, all George Dickel Whisky is chilled to exacting standards. Rhum is the name for all the world’s rum, and you’ll find out what it means when you visit the spirits of The Jack Trail at one or all of these unique spots. Festivals throughout the year.

Jack Daniel Distillery – (Point 51) Established in 1866 in historic Lynchburg, this is the oldest registered distillery in the U.S. and is on the National Register of Historic Places. Jack Daniel’s Whiskey is made in a thick layer of hard sugar maple charcoal, then matured in our own charred oak barrels. The distillery adheres to the Golden Rule and even includes descendants of the founder of the Samsonite brand, the Kaufman brothers. Owned and operated by the Kaufman brothers, this distillery manages it. This time-honored process and attention to detail is why Old No. 7 is the finest black-label, square bottle, has attracted so many loyal fans for decades.

Eight Men on Main St., and O’Keefe & Co. established a distillery in 1859 to make “Tennessee Whiskey,” along with other distilleries in Lynchburg. By 1866 the town was home to nine legal stills. The distillery that became the first legal distillery to be built in Tennessee in nearly fifty years. The distillery revives the age-old technology of small batch production using classic copper pots, resulting in a unique character and exceptional quality. Visit Keeto and take a guided tour, or sample one of their exquisite rums. Stop by for a taste of Short Mountain Shine. Visit the gift shop inside the distillery visitor center. According to locals, the nearest liquor store is just a short walk from the square.

Lynchburg Hardware & General Store – The Dry Goods General Store, Lynchburg, 931-759-4200. This time-honored process and attention to detail is why Old No. 7 is the finest black-label, square bottle, has attracted so many loyal fans for decades. Stop by for a little taste of Short Mountain Shine. Stop by for a little taste of Short Mountain Shine. Stop by for a little taste of Short Mountain Shine.

Moore County is “dry” by law, meaning no liquor can be sold by the drink. Lovers of spirits can still find their favorites at the gift shop, which also contains an incredible collection of antique store and home decor. Tiny Room with a View. For more information at JackTrail.com.


No square is complete without a charming antique store and Bakery’s Antiques is one of the most popular. The pottery & Gift Gallery has decorative art by local potter Frank Inman and Cow Patties Antiques & Uniques is a shop that always has surprises. Finish up with some history on the histrionic guided tour at Moore County Jail Museum — not for the faint of heart! For a dollar donation to the historical society that manages it. Open: March–Mid–Dec., 12 a.m.–3 p.m.

Little Richard, “one of the boldest, most fun-loving and extraordinary characters of rock and roll in Lynchburg.”

Jack Daniel Distillery & Visitor Center – (Point 57) This is the oldest registered distillery in the U.S. and the famous place where Jack Daniel perfected the craft. Stop by for a little taste of Short Mountain Shine. Take a free tour and get to know Jack Daniel Distillery was one of the most popular.

Jack Daniel’s Tennessee Whiskey is still made today. Take a free tour and get to know Jack Daniel’s Tennessee Whiskey is still made today.

Did You Know?
BBQ is taken so seriously on The Jack Trail, it requires its own listing. These are just a few of the spots that give the area its famous reputation.

Here are more places to eat along the trail. Find additional options at JackTrail.com. Just a few are listed here by town, in the order it appears in the trail.

### Nashville
- **Arnold’s Country Kitchen**
  - See pg. (3, pt. 8)
  - 605 Avenue S., 615-256-4455
  - Dandugne’s Café
    - See pg. (3, pt. 9)
    - 538 Lafayette St., 615-256-8501
  - Gabriel’s Bar-B-Q
    - See pg. (3, pt. 5)
    - Locals rate it as one of the best
  - Little Big Blue Grill at Holiday Landing Marina
    - See pg. (3, pt. 16)
    - Local food and Cajun delights
  - MANCHESTER
    - **Coffee Café**
      - See pg. 11
      - 101 N. Main St., 931-759-4582
    - **Jet’s Pizza & Steak House**
      - See pg. 12, pt. 57
      - 304 S. Main St., 615-649-3933

### Pigeon Forge
- **Reeves Drug Store**
  - See pg. (3, pt. 41)
  - 102 E. Depot St., 931-680-9579
  - **Southern Sundaes**
    - See pg. (2, pt. 27)
    - 103 Main St. E., 931-813-3013

### Franklin
- **Bar-B-Cutie**
  - 114 E. College St., 615-494-4600
  - **Goodness Gracious Café**
    - See pg. (9, pt. 43)
    - 101 S. Ramsey St., 931-728-4430

### Lewisburg
- **Bar-B-Q**
  - See pg. (8, pt. 32)
  - 18 S. Jefferson St., 931-967-9197
  - **Scaligway’s Uptown Grill**
    - See pg. (24 & 25, pt. 80)
    - 125 N. St., 931-363-2561

### Poetry
- **Countryista**
  - See pg. (14, pt. 48)
  - 295 Main St., 931-759-5058

### Goodwill
- **Sample Family Restaurant**
  - See pg. (12, pt. 68)
  - 1950 Nolensville Rd., 615-776-1400

### Goodlettsville
- **Uncle Sonny’s Bar-B-Q**
  - See pg. (3, pt. 5)
  - Unique pub food; 100+ whiskies.
  - 118 Twelfth Ave. S., 615-254-5029

### Lynnville
- **Coffee Kitchen**
  - See pg. (3, pt. 6)
  - 618 S. Lowry St., 615-459-4870

### Bell Buckle
- **Belle Meade Plantation**
  - See pg. (25, pt. 85)
  - 141 Mill St., 931-327-0007

### College Grove
- **Country Groove**
  - See pg. (29, pt. 10)
  - 730 Nolensville Rd., 615-776-1795

### Webster
- **Biscuits & Hunks**
  - See pg. (31, pt. 11)
  - 7324 Nolensville Rd., 615-776-9688

### Sneedville
- **Old Front Road BBQ**
  - See pg. (2, pt. 9)
  - 114 E. Depot St., 931-680-2552

### Eddyville
- **London’s Restaurant**
  - See pg. (1, pt. 15)
  - 104 S. Tennessee Ave., 931-962-3380

### Tripps Bar-B-Q
- See pg. 18.

### Jack Daniel’s World Championship Invitational Barbecue

If you find yourself on The Jack Trail the fourth Saturday in October, don’t miss the annual Jack Daniel’s World Championship Invitational Barbecue. This is a small-town cook-off—the international event is considered the Super Bowl of the professional BBQ circuit. Sample the best of the best in BBQ culture, then enjoy down-home music, fun contests and spectacular people-watching.
The Jack Trail iPhone app is now available. Download free from the iTunes App Store to:

- Find points closest to you
- Recognize points to fit your travel schedule
- Pick “favorites”
- Receive instant information about points of interest and upcoming trail events
- Share your experience on Facebook
- Enjoy a playlist of trail-related tunes

All locations on map are approximate. Map is not to scale.
Franklin-Pearson House
Tennessee’s “Old Hotel” renovated for a new era of comfort. 108 S. Cumberland St., Cowan 931-962-3223
Circle E Guest Ranch
Cabins, camping and RV sites; hiking and horseback riding trails. 50 Circle E Ln., Belvidere 931-962-1790
Falls Mill Log Cabin B&B
See pg. 13, pt. 65 134 Falls Mill Rd., Belvidere 931-649-7161
Tims Ford State Park
See pg. 13, pt. 66 570 Tims Ford Dr., Winchester 800-471-5295
Lynchburg Country Inn
Walking distance to downtown. 423 Main St., Hwy. 44, Lynchburg 742-699-5995
Maplewood at Lynchburg
1858 childhood home of Miss Mary Bobo; on National Register. 668 Molotov Barn Rd., Lynchburg 931-656-9206
The Tolley House B&B
See pg. 13, pt. 67 2525 Main St., Lynchburg 931-656-9542
Mulberry House B&B
Old-fashioned hospitality in a historic Victorian home. 8 Lynchburg Hwy, Mulberry 931-433-8461
Clearview Horse Farm B&B
150 acres; Beautiful, flat pastures; bring your horses. 2991 Hwy 231S, Shelbyville 931-662-4822
Lodge at Gunter Hollow
Perfect for families or groups; sleeping cabins also available. 149 Gunter Hollow Rd., Fayetteville 931-433-5214
Miss Butler’s B&B
1888 Georgian/Federalist-style home located near Giles County. 429 W. Jefferson St., Pulaski 931-424-0024, 931-205-1109
Celebration Inn
Hometown owned and operated; convenient to local attractions. 1234 North Hwy. Lebanon 931-359-2490
Walking Horse Lodge
In downtown, across from TWHEAT 205 E. Ellington Pl., Lebanon 931-359-4005
Henry Horton State Park
See pg. 26, pt. 92 4358 Nashville Hwy, Chapel Hill 800-250-8612
Bottle Hollow Lodge B&B
Magnificent 30-mile view. 111 Spring St., Wartrace, 931-389-0545
Cinnamon Ridge B&B
Be pampered with gracious Southern hospitality. 207 Main St. E., Lebanon 931-393-0389
Cheekley Inn
Old 150-year-old inn with Southern songs, Civil War tales and meals served by costumed staff. 211 Spring St., Lebanon 931-389-0545
Walking Horse Hotel
(See pg. 28, pt. 96) 301 Spring St., Lebanon 931-389-7050
Arrowett B&B
1890s Eastlake Victorian home with modern conveniences. Railroad Sq., Bell Buckle 931-389-0573
A Home Place B&B
Mid-1870s stagecoach stop. 2762 Nolensville Rd., Nolensville 615-776-5181
Benedictine Monastery & Arts Festival – Manchester CMA Music Festival – Nashville Frontier Days – Lynchburg International FolkFest – Murfreesboro – Cannonsburgh Village
JUNE
JULY
Fourth of July Celebrations – Just about every town along The Jack Trail has a 4th of July event. Visit JackTrail.com for all upcoming events.
• Franklin on the Fourth • Music City Fourth – Nashville’s Riverfront Park
See JackTrail.com for a complete event listing.

FESTIVALS & EVENTS IN THE AREA

JANUARY
Antiques & Garden Show – Nashville MARCH
Elk Valley Crafters Association – Fayetteville APRIL
Buckette Festival – Nolensville – 1st weekend Main Street Festival – Franklin – Last full weekend Chocolate Fantasy – Manchester Dixie Day Festival & Wine Tasting – Wartrace – Walking Horse Hotel High on the Hog Bar-B-Que Cookoff – Winchester Spring in the Hollow – Lynchburg MAY
Tennessee Renaissance Festival – Triumph – Castle Gymn, each weekend in May
International Dogwood Festival – Franklin/Williamson Co. – 1st weekend Main Street Jazz Fest – Murfreesboro – 1st weekend Festival on the Rocks & BBQ Cookoff – Lewisburg

JUNE
CMA Music Festival – Nashville

JULY
TENNESSEE WALKING HORSE NATIONAL CELEBRATION
Shelbyville – The Celebration Grounds
11 days leading up to Sat. before Labor Day SEPTEMBER
Polly Crockett Festival – Cowan – 3rd weekend Coffee Co. Fair – Manchester Greenwood Arts & Crafts Festival – Nolensville Lincoln History Event – Pulaski – Landlamb Farm House Sam Davis Grist Mill Day – Smyrna

JULY CONTINUED
UNCLE DAVE MACON DAYS Murfreesboro – Cannonsburgh Village 2nd weekend in July

Red Carpet Horse Show of the South – Pulaski Tennessee Antiquarian Book Fair – Cowan AUGUST

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Jack Daniel’s World Championship Invitational Barbecue – Lynchburg – 4th Sat. (See box on pg. 16)
Footfalls Christmastime Festival – Manchester – 2nd Fri. & Sat. Host of Christmas Past – Fayetteville DECEMBER
Dickens of a Christmas and The Carter House Candlelight Tour – Franklin – 2nd full weekend Christmas in Lynchburg – Lynchburg Oakland Candlelight Tour of Homes – Murfreesboro
**Walls of Jericho SNA**

If you’re looking for a place to explore and experience nature, Walls of Jericho SNA is a must-visit. Located on Tims Ford Lake in Shelby County, Tennessee, this area is known for its abundant wildlife and scenic beauty. The area is home to a variety of species, including deer, turkey, and several species of birds. Visitors can enjoy hiking trails, bird watching, and a beautiful view of the lake. For more information, visit JackTrail.com.

**Normandy Reserve**

Normandy Reserve is another stunning location in Tennessee that offers visitors a unique experience. Situated on the Duck River in Trousdale County, the reserve is known for its diverse plant and animal life. The area is home to a variety of species, including birds, mammals, and reptiles. Visitors can enjoy hiking trails, bird watching, and a beautiful view of the river. For more information, visit JackTrail.com.

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**SAVING SAM MARTIN: BOY HERO OF THE CONFEDERACY**

Born in Smyrna in 1842 and killed in Pulaski, the story of Sam Davis is woven all over The Jack Trail. A young Confederate soldier, he served under Generals Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson and fought at the Battle of Shiloh, one of the Civil War’s bloodiest clashes. As a member of the Tennessee Division and 18th Tennessee Infantry, he was captured by Captain Henry B. Shaw, then rescued by Pulaski with Union newspapers and dispatches hidden in his saddle and boots. Union General Greeneville Dodge subsequently interrogated him in an attempt to get to “Captain Coleman.” AKA Captain Shaw. But Davis knew something they didn’t. The man they were after sat in the next cell, according to Pulaski. In a letter he wrote after he was let go, Davis remembered being interviewed by Captain Shaw and mentioned that he had a box of cigars that he gave to the Confederate officer who remained in the next cell.

**Stop in stores like the 1981 Abingdon Hardware for an authentic shopping experience or cool off with an ice-cold Coke at Kitsap’s Drug Store. It’s also a great place to grab lunch.**

In a letter to the editor of the Jack Trail newspaper, a former Pulaskian named Sam Davis described how he was captured by Captain Shaw. In his letter, he mentioned that he had a box of cigars that he gave to the Confederate officer who remained in the next cell. The officer, however, refused to take them. Instead, he demanded that Davis bring him a greater quantity of cigars. When Davis refused, the Confederate officer turned against him and threatened him with death. In response, Davis climbed through a window and escaped to freedom. He later rejoined his unit and continued to serve in the war.

**Pulaski is named for one of only seven people to be awarded honorary U.S. citizenship: Kazimierz Pulaski, a Polish patriot who fought against the British during the American Revolutionary War.**

In the late 1800s, freed slave Matt Gardner purchased part of his former owner’s land in necessity of a local ‘rainy day farm’; he also started one of the area’s first African-American schools. The Washington Montessori School, now on the National Register, tells you this story. The ‘CHP’ at 110 N. 2nd St. is an art installation to commemorate the school’s history.

**Did You Know?**

- The Capital of Tennessee was McKissack & McKissack, a one-of-a-kind shop for leather gift items and personalized heirlooms. Learn more in the box on page 26.

- Milky Way Farms, the Mars Candy Company was born in Tacoma, Washington, over 2,000 miles from Middle Tennessee. Founded by Frank and Ethel Mars in 1931, their well-known Milky Way Bar was created to mimic the taste of a malted milkshake. During the economic uncertainty of the Great Depression in the 1930s, Mars purchased 2,800 acres outside of Pulaski, believing that land and livestock were a safer investment for his fortune. Milky Way Farms bred thoroughbred horses and became a safe haven for horse and cattle owners during the Great Depression. Today, the farm is a retreat center. Open by appointment.

- Abingdon Hardware – 11 N. Iowa St., Pulaski, 931-363-2993
- Bank of Pulaski, 125 1st St. N., Pulaski, 931-363-2543
- STAAR Theater 102, 115 N. 1st St., Pulaski, 931-363-8004
- Outdoors’ Antiques 213 W. Madison St., Pulaski, 931-363-4080
- Gus Co. Library & Museums 122 S. 2nd St., Pulaski, 931-363-2700
- 100 N. Jefferson St. Pulaski, 931-363-4444

**The Jack Trail Map**

Find more information at JackTrail.com.
86. Wyatt Archaeological Museum – (J) This former gas station now serves as a gateway to the historical discoveries by Ron Wyatt, which include Noah’s Ark, Babel, and Gomorrah, and the spot where Moses parted the Red Sea, Closed Sat.

87. Cornersville – In 1830, this town was named for its location: near the corner where the counties of Giles, Maury, Bedford and Lincoln came together. Once part of Giles, it joined Marshall County in 1870.

88. Pickers Creek Winery – (C) The square is home to six different wineries, each with its own unique taste and flavor. Visitors can enjoy a guided tour and taste different wines at each stop. It’s a perfect place for wine enthusiasts to explore and discover new flavors.

90. Marshall County Chamber of Commerce - (M) This historic downtown area is home to over 100 shops and eateries, offering a diverse range of products and services. Visitors can find unique gifts, clothing, and local artwork, making it an ideal destination for shopping and exploring.

91. Tennessee Walking Horse Breeders’ & Exhibitors’ Association World Headquarters – (M) This association is dedicated to preserving and promoting the Tennessee Walking Horse, which is known for its unique gait and musicality. Visitors can learn about the history and science behind this remarkable horse breed, and see firsthand the beautiful animals that are raised at the association’s facilities.

92. Henry Horton State Park – (J) In 1803, this area was part of the former estate of Henry H. Horton, the state’s 5th governor. The park holds remnants of Witholite Mill (c. 1845) that operated for over a century on the Duck River. Make plans to spend the night in The Park Inn or cabins, eat at the Southern buffet-style restaurant, or hike, swim, fish and camp. There’s also an 18-hole golf course and trap and skeet range.

93. Shelbyville-Bedford County Chamber of Commerce & Museum – (M) This route is famous for the Tennessee Walking Horse, originally bred as a utility horse for Southern plantation owners. These beautiful, docile animals perform a unique four-beat gait that is smoother than a trot or other two-beat gait, creating the feeling of gliding. It has become the second-fastest growing breed in the U.S., with over 430,000 horses registered worldwide. The Tennessee Walking Horse Breeders & Exhibitors’ Association (point 91) is headquartered in Lebanon, and is the oldest organization dedicated to the breed’s promotion. The Tennessee Walking Horse National Museum (point 92) is located just outside of Shelbyville in the Tomato Hosts The Celebration, held the 11 days leading up to Saturday before Labor Day. Since 1939, the first horse to be named “The Walking Horse Capital of the World” to see the breed’s “World Grand Champion” named. For entertainment, visit this former apparel manufacturing site, now The Fly: Arts Center & Museum, to catch a theatre performance or enjoy the art gallery. The ornate deco Capri Theatre nearby shows current movies. Enjoy daily lunch special at The Coffee Break or refresh with a gourmet coffee and made-from-scratch pastry.

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Note the restored mid-1800s Shelbyville Depot. It once greeted passengers on the Nashville & Chattanooga Railroad. In the late 1800s, only soldiers were captured while guarding the site; it was burned and the soldiers were killed.

As you drive north on Dyer Street, you pass the East Shelbyville Historic District (public buildings and private residences). Some of the architecture in these 10 blocks dates back to the early 1800s. Local craftsman James Gilliland’s family was separated by slavery and reunited near the end of the Civil War. With little education, he gained a reputation as one of the best stonemasons in the area, and worked on many stately structures. He was a savvy businessman, eventually owning over 300 acres around Shelbyville, which he rented and sold to the poor at prices he offered.
Pauline Cushman

Sam Davis is not the only Confederate spy story on The Jack Trail. During an 1863 performance in Union-occupied Louisville, Kentucky, Confederate officer and actress Cushman went on to become the first woman to receive the Congressional Medal of Honor for her participation in the Civil War. In 1863, the town of Wartrace was established, and the town's Civil War Heritage Society was formed to preserve the history of the war. Cushman's story is featured on the Pie in the Sky Trail.

Strolling Jim, the first walking Horse World Grand Champion (1959) is buried behind the Walking Horse Hotel (poet's stave)

Tullahoma Campaign (see page 12)

You’ll find accessories, clothes, gifts and more at Bug Tog and unique decor at Designz By You, as well.

Antiques shops are a Bell Buckle specialty and the selection here is vast, as the structures themselves. From an 1890s dry goods store to a rustic old mill to a former horse stable, check out:

Phillips General Store, for painted primitives, architectural pieces and vintage textiles.

Bell Buckle Antiques and Craft Mall, for glassware, collectibles, inks, quilts, pottery, primitives, and hand-painted porcelain.

Livery Stable Antiques and Ball Bell Buckle & Craft Mall, for treasures galore and unique gifts.

Bluebird Antiques & Ice Cream Parlor, for hand-dipped ice cream, old-fashioned banana splits, fudge and fresh friendship bread.

Bell Buckle is home to Maggie Vaughn, Tennessee's Poet Laureate. Vaughn’s “We Who Are” was the official poem of Tennessee’s 1996 Bicentennial.

Visit Bell Buckle Press in downtown to pick up your own copy of her work.

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109. Arrington – Once known as “Petersburg,” this rural village was renamed after a nearby city. The Methodist Church, a landmark of four churches and two schools, and later included a depot, mill, and small shops when the railroad came to town in 1884, and the high steeple of this church served as a landmark to many. The congregation became part of the Methodist Church in 1837, and the word “South” was added to the church name in 1888. The Methodist church split over slavery, and kept both. The site was a shelter for Northern and Southern troops during the Civil War.

110. Downtown Franklin – This town square holds dozens of unique shopping and dining experiences, but remains true to its Main Street identity, with brick sidewalks and beautifully restored buildings in the 16-block historic district. Today, it’s an upscale suburb. The village, named to Southern Living’s “Best Small Town” top 10 list. This area is rich in history — walk these streets and imagine the events, the people, and the structures that have shaped it for hundreds of years on the far north end of downtown, find more shops and eateries in The Factory at Franklin, a renovated stove factory.

111. Triune – Established around 1800, this village was first known as “Hardeman Cross Roads,” and later took the name of the Methodist church in town. The flourishing community was Union occupied during the Civil War and the name of the Methodist Church was burned by the Federals in 1863. Trustees voted to rebuild and the worship hall you see today was dedicated in 1874. Stroll the church grounds and connect with history.

Triune is known for its May Tennessee Renaissance Festival held at Castle Gwynn. It is the only Renaissance festival held on the grounds of a castle.

112. Nolensville First United Methodist Church – (R) Nolensville Road was a major stagecoach route that connected the old Chapel Creek and Nashville, and the high steeple of this church served as a landmark to many. The congregation began in 1782, and the word “South” was added to the church name in 1888. The Methodist church split over slavery, and kept both. The site was a shelter for Northern and Southern troops during the Civil War.

In 1979, William Nolen and his family were passing through the area when their wagon broke down. Stopping to fix it, Nolen noticed the abolish scene and decided not to travel any further; the town still bears his name.

Park and walk to visit point 113.

113. Nolensville – Tennessee was a year old when the Nolen, Christmas and Green families settled here with Revolutionary War grants. Some current residents still hold land owned by their founding forefathers. The agricultural community suffered heavily during the Civil War, supplying its young men to the Confederate Army and bearing the impact of skirmishes as troops made their way to the Battle of Stones River. Today, the town is filled with beautifully preserved sites and eclectic shopping and dining.

For antiques and more, from glassware to primitives. h a 1-l e d furniture, visit The Village Antiques & Gifts, Three French Hens and Roses & Rustics Antique Shop. The latter is housed in a historic banking and also carries photography and flowers. Raven’s Nest specializes in vintage, sells Amish clothing and accessories. Shop Girl is a fun stop for feminine, gag gifts.

If you are sparked an appetite, the Nolensville Feed Mill, also known for tasty deli sandwiches. It’s full of interesting tidbits,loads, and ends, sells Amish goods like jams, salsa, pickles and sweets and offers live music

If you are looking for a unique place to take the family, visit the Nashville Zoo – (L) Nashville’s Zoo is one of the “100 Southern Foods You Absolutely, positively must try before you die.”

114. The Nolen House – (Q) When the 1779 log home of Town founder William Nolen was facing demolition, Reverend and Mrs. Alfred Bennett stepped in and moved the home to its current location. Nolen’s original cabin was expanded in the 1800s and covered with white siding, but the log walls have been left intact.

Nashville Zoo – (L) Visit one of the most visited zoos in the world, home to hundreds of animal species from around the globe.

Castle Gwynn

Looking like something from a fairy tale, Castle Gwynn (also known as Castell Coch) near Triune is one of Middle Tennessee’s most visited tourist attractions. The owner and builder Mike Freeman envisioned it as a high school student in the early 1970s. He later toured Europe, falling in love with Castell Coch, the “Red Castle” of Wales. In 1980, the creation of Castle Gwynn, the “White Castle,” began to take shape. It boasts 60 brick arches and a magnificent kitchen. The second tower was completed in 2007 and features a massive fireplace and mantel. The castle is Freeman’s personal residence. It is open for tours each May during the Tennessee Renaissance Festival, established by Freeman in 1986. If you can’t make it to the festival, you can see the castle up close in country star Taylor Swift’s music video for her hit, “Love Story.”

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15. Martin’s Bar-B-Que Joint – (R) Bon Appetit magazine named Martin’s a “Top 10 BBQ” restaurant and Garden & Gun magazine called its Redneck’s Taco one of the “100 Southern Foods You Absolutely, positively must try before you die.”

16. Nashville Zoo – (Q) Situated on the 200-acre Grassmere estate, this zoo is home to African elephants, Bengal tigers, red pandas and more in beautifully designed habitats, including Kangaroo Kickabout open in 2013. Kids love the Jungle Gym, the largest
on the way to point 120, look for the giant-guitar-scoreboard at Greer Stadium, home to the Nashville Sounds, a Triple-A affiliate of the Milwaukee Brewers. For tickets and schedule info, call 615-660-4467.

117. Tennessee Music Museum – (R) At Ellington Agricultural Center, this former horse barn houses a collection of artifacts from the 19th and early 20th centuries, including tools, textiles, woodworks and farm equipment. Explore the log cabin, garden, and nature trail.

118. Travelers Rest – (R) This 1799 home was built by Circuit Judge John Overton, friend of Andrew Jackson. He called it Travelers Rest for the relief it felt upon arriving here long after long hours on horseback. The 2,300-acre plantation produced cotton, corn, and the bacon of about 50 slaves. The site was served as Confederate General John B. Hood’s headquarters the night before the Civil War Battle of Nashville in 1864, and sustained some damage during the conflict. Take a self-guided tour of the grounds, or stay for a guided home tour.

119. Radnor Lake State Park – This lake was created as part of the Tennessee Valley Authority’s ambitious reclamation program in the 1930s. It’s a major greenspace for the city and one of its most popular spots for fishing. It was designated a National Natural Landmark in 1973 as the state’s first natural area and protected park.

The long treble clef waving from the corner of 8th Avenue South and Edgehill Avenue marks the W.O. Smith School of Music. This noted jazz bassist with local ties, the school offers music instruction to over 650 children from low-income families.

120. Fort Negley – (R) In February 1862, during the Civil War, the Union controlled Nashville and built this star-shaped limestone block structure covering four acres of land, the largest inland stone fort built during the war; newly freed slaves provided the labor. The site never saw much action, as the 1864 Battle of Nashville was largely fought farther south. The fort was restored as part of WPA* work in the 1930s. In 2007, a visitors center was added to tell the story of the nearly 3,000 people who built the fort and the soldiers and city it served.

Just over the treeline is Nashville City Cemetery founded in 1822, the city’s oldest continually operated cemetery. In 1862, Nashville’s founder James Robertson and his wife are buried there. It was also where President James K. Polk (plaque in lobby) was temporarily interred. He was buried two more times: at Polk Place in Nashville and finally the state capitol. (point 121)

121. Adventure Science Center – (R) This hands-on learning center is open year-round for kids of all ages. Complete your astronaut-training journey and tour the solar system at the Space Chase exhibit, get up close and personal at BodyQuest, the interactive exhibit about the human body, and gaze at the stars through our full-scale planetarium.

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122. Music City Walk of Fame – A tribute to Nashville-connected legends at all genres, this park features star markers dedicated to artists including Roy Orbison, Reba McEntire and the Fisk Jubilee Singers. The Nashville Music Garden features names for songs, singers and the city including the Brenda Lee, Coal Miner’s Daughter and Widow of the South.

123. Nashville Broadwalk Historic Entertainment District – Dive into the city’s vibrant music venues and watering holes here downtown, along Broadway and launched careers. Bars like Tootsie’s Orchid Lounge became a sort of “backstage” for u p-and-c o m e - p e r f o r m e r s like Willie Nelson and Patsy Cline, making the “33 steps” in the alley between Tootie’s and the Ryman a sort of local celebrity destination. More favorites include Robert’s Western World, The Stage, Legends Corner and the honky tonks in Printers Alley, a few blocks away.

Nestled in the district is Hatch Show Print, one of the oldest working letterpress print shops in America. For over 150 years, Hatch has printed concert posters for musicians ranging from country’s original legends to popular contemporary artists. End The Jack Trail at Jack’s Bar-B-Q, a Nashville institution, known all over the country for its fantastic BBQ and hospitality.

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The Cumberland Plateau experienced its fair share of Civil War bloodshed, most famously during the Battle of Stones River, the second deadliest battle in Civil War history with 23,351 casualties. Today, the site is preserved in Stones River National Battlefield. The 13-day Tullahoma Campaign also marked a major turning point during the Union General Rosecrans’ executed Confederate supply lines along the Nashville & Chattanooga Railroad, thereby driving Confederate troops completely out of Middle Tennessee. Historians call the campaign a “brilliant” strategy that achieved significant goals with very few casualties on either side. It’s not just the military engagements that changed this area of Tennessee; many towns were occupied by Union Forces following the Tullahoma Campaign, which influenced the life and culture of the region. This trail holds countless personal and local stories, including those of newly-freed slaves forging lives for themselves in the new cultural landscape of the South.

In the 1860s, young Jasper “Jack” Daniel from Lynchburg began distilling a form of whiskey known as “Old No. 7,” a popular whiskey family today. However, by the age of 12, Daniel grew up to run his own distillery, and his whiskey became famous in the early 1900s. Around the same time, successful Nashville merchant George A. Dickel sold “whiskey” (spelled without an “e”) in keeping with the Scotch whiskey tradition) that he captured at a pay day from Jack Daniel’s, along Cascade Creek in Coffee County. The 1920s produced Uncle Dave Macon, the first major star of the Grand Ole Opry, who made his home in a small frame log house near Woodbury. When Uncle Dave Macon debuted on the Opry in 1925, his success was instantaneous. Macon energized the audience with his own form of early music that combined Highland Rim folk music and African and Scotch-Irish tunes. The music of The Jack Trail continues today from world-famous Nashville honky tonks to the Bonnaroo Music & Arts Festival in Manchester, drawing international crowds of more than 80,000 music lovers each year. Another world-famous regional tradition is the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration, held every year at The Celebration Grounds in Shelbyville. This 11-day event culminates to the greatly anticipated dedication of the “World Grand Champion,” and sets the standard for Walking Horse shows everywhere.

Today’s Jack Trail is also a hub for automobile manufacturing and aeronautical technology. In February 2011, Nissan broke ground for a facility in Smyrna, and by December 2000, the Nissan North America Smyrna plant had produced its five millionth vehicle. The all-electric Nissan LEAF is now built in Smyrna. In the world of aeronautics, The Arnold Air Force base near Tullahoma is home to the Arnold Engineering Development Complex (AEDC), the most advanced flight research facility in the world. AEDC develops advanced testing techniques to serve the rapidly changing world of aerospace engineering. The distillery tradition of the area didn’t stop with Jack and George. On the scene since 1997, Prichard’s Distillery in Kelso creates hand-crafted spirits using time-honored methods and now Short Mountain Distillery in Woodbury is helping carry on the legacy. It’s a theme you’ll find throughout The Jack Trail; a reverence for tradition and history, evident in preserved landmarks and Southern hospitality.

Tennessee’s Civil War Sesquicentennial commemorates the 150th anniversary of Tennessee’s participation in the American Civil War. Tennessee ranks second in the country in number of battlefield sites, and presents a unique and powerful history to enthusiasts and curious visitors. You’ll also see signs along The Jack Trail marking the Tennessee Civil War Trails, a collection of significant sites designed to help preserve and tell the complete story of Tennessee’s Civil War legacy. To learn more about the Civil War Trails, visit tvvacation.com.