


# *The* Museums *of* Knoxville

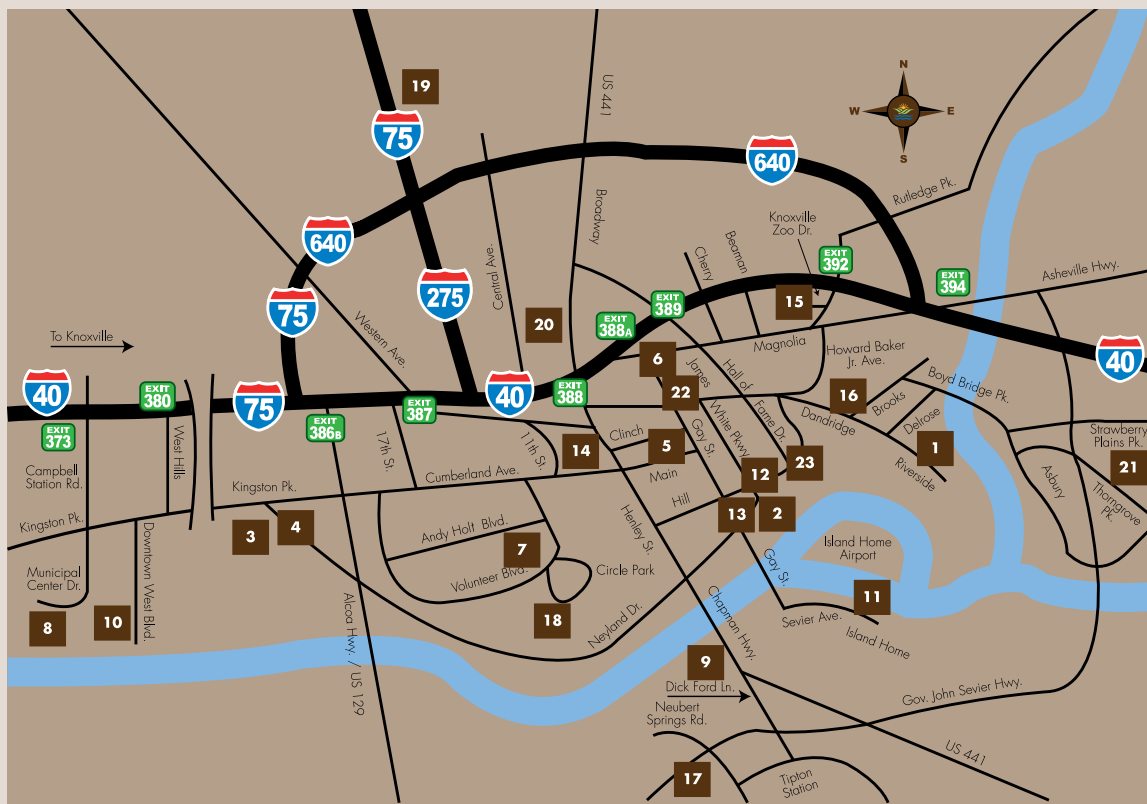


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# Journey Through More Than 200 Years of History!

## *Experience Knoxville's diverse cultural vibe as you explore world-class museums and historical and heritage venues.*

From fine arts to forts, African-American, Appalachian and Native American heritage, wildlife to galleries and a museum dedicated to women's basketball, the 23 attractions comprising the **Museums of Knoxville** offer something for everyone of any age or background. Also, as our nation commemorates the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War, there is no better place to start exploring the epic conflict than in Knoxville. From 1861-1865 all of Knoxville was consumed by the events of the Civil War, and now, 150 years later, we are still connected to these life-altering years. Attractions that are official Civil War Trial Sites are identified with a  following their description.



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American Museum of Science & Energy in Oak Ridge: (865) 576-3200, [www.amse.org](http://www.amse.org) • Children's Museum of Oak Ridge: (865) 482-1074, [www.childrensmuseumofokridge.org](http://www.childrensmuseumofokridge.org)  
Sequoyah Birthplace Museum in Vonore: (423) 884-6246, [www.sequoyahmuseum.org](http://www.sequoyahmuseum.org)

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## Beck Cultural Exchange Center

1927 Dandridge Avenue, 37915 (865) 524-8461 • www.beckcenter.net

Free admission • Hours: Tu-Sa 10:00am-6:00pm

*Beck Center is dedicated to the research, collection, conservation, and exhibition of achievements of African-Americans. The various collections include photography, sketches, fine art, newspapers, and books. The Center is a learning museum of history and a research library.*



## Blount Mansion

200 West Hill Avenue, 37902 • (865) 525-2375 • www.blountmansion.org

Admission charge • Hours: Tu-Sa 9:30am-5:00pm

*Built in 1792 as the home and territorial capitol of Governor William Blount, a signer of the U.S. Constitution. Guided tours and programs lead visitors into Knoxville's only National Historic landmark as well as the workings and intrigues of America's early frontier government. Visitors Center exhibits include information about statehood, the Blount Mansion Association, and the Civil War.*



## Confederate Memorial Hall - Bleak House

3148 Kingston Pike, 37919 • (865) 522-2371 • www.knoxvillecmh.org

Admission charge • Hours: Tours available March-December, W-F 1:00-4:00pm (last tour begins at 3:15). Weekday group tours by appointment.

*Completed in 1858 for Robert Houston and Louisa Franklin Armstrong. It served as the headquarters of Gen. James Longstreet, C.S.A. from November 17 - December 5, 1863. Offers visible reminders of the War and includes a museum of Confederate artifacts.*



## Crescent Bend House & Gardens

2728 Kingston Pike, 37919 • (865) 637-3163 • www.crescentbend.com

Admission charge • Hours: March-December, Tu-Sa 10:00am-4:00pm; January & February by appointment.

*Includes the Armstrong-Lockett House Museum and William P. Toms Memorial Gardens. Built in 1834 by Drury Paine Armstrong, this historic home accommodates 18th century American and English furniture, decorative arts, and an outstanding collection of English silver (circa 1610-1830). Nine formal, Italian terraced gardens overlook the Tennessee River.*

## East Tennessee History Center

601 South Gay Street, 37902 • (865) 215-8830 • www.eastTNhistory.org

Free library usage. Museum admission charge.

Museum Hours: M-F 9:00am-4:00pm, Sa 10:00am-4:00pm, Su 1:00-5:00pm

*Enjoy compelling stories, interesting artifacts, and colorful characters in the nationally-recognized exhibition "Voices of the Land: The People of East Tennessee," as well as regularly changing exhibits. Explore your own history and heritage in the premiere regional genealogy research library and the Knox County Archives. Browse the Museum Shop for gifts, books, and souvenirs.*



## Emporium Center for Arts & Culture

100 South Gay Street, 37902 • (865) 523-7543 • www.theemporiumcenter.com

Free admission • Hours: M-F 9:00am-5:00pm, First Friday 9:00am-9:00pm

*One block from the Visitor Center in the heart of downtown, the Emporium includes two expansive art galleries and numerous artist studios. First Friday gallery openings, special events, and eclectic performances are among its regularly featured events.*



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## Ewing Gallery

1715 Volunteer Blvd. on the UT campus, inside the Art and Architecture Building

(865) 974-3200 • [www.ewing-gallery.utk.edu](http://www.ewing-gallery.utk.edu)

Free admission • Hours: M-F 10:00am-5:00pm, Su 1:00-4:00pm

Visit website for summer/holiday hours.

*The Ewing Gallery serves as a cultural resource in the regional community by coordinating exhibitions that illustrate current attitudes in art and architecture.*



## Farragut Folklife Museum

11408 Municipal Center Drive, Farragut, 37934 • (865) 966-7057

[www.townoffarragut.org](http://www.townoffarragut.org)

Free admission • Hours: M-F 10:00am-4:30pm. Groups by appointment.

*Located in Farragut Town Hall, this museum houses an extensive collection of documents, photographs, letters, and personal items of Admiral David Glasgow Farragut, and other exhibits featuring the history of Farragut and Concord. In addition, the Farragut Memorial Plaza features a life-size plus bronze statue by sculptor Linda Rankin.*



## Fort Dickerson

Corner of Chapman Highway and Woodlawn Pike, 3000 Fort Dickerson Road, 37920

(865) 523-7263

Free admission • Hours: Daylight to dusk

*Constructed by the Federals in the winter of 1863-64, it was one of sixteen Civil War forts and gun emplacements surrounding Knoxville as a defense against advancing Confederates. Unsuccessfully attacked by General Joe Wheeler and Confederate cavalry in November 1863, today it contains three replica cannon and numerous interpretive markers. The park provides a view across the river to Knoxville, picnic tables and an overlook of a rock quarry and lake.*



## Girl Scout Museum at Daisy's Place

1567 Downtown West Boulevard, 37919 • (865) 688-9440 • [www.girlscoutsa.org](http://www.girlscoutsa.org)

Free admission • Hours: August-May, M-F 8:30am-4:30pm; June-July, M-Th 8:00am-5:30pm

*The Girl Scout Museum's collection represents nearly 100 years of Girl Scouting in Tennessee and contains a large research library with vintage handbooks, camping/nature guides, and many scrapbooks. Holdings include early Girl Scout uniforms, international Girl Scout/Girl Guide items, and a one-of-a-kind Girl Scout doll once shown at the Smithsonian.*

## Ijams Nature Center

2915 Island Home Avenue, 37920 • (865) 577-4717 • [www.ijams.org](http://www.ijams.org)

Free admission • Hours: Grounds open daily 8:00am to dusk

Visitor Center: Tu-Sa 9:00am-5:00pm, Su 1:00-5:00pm, Mon by appointment for groups only.

*A non-profit nature and wildlife sanctuary and environmental education center with seven miles of nature trails and 275 acres of protected woodlands, ponds and meadows including a boardwalk on the river, greenway, and two reclaimed quarries with a mountain bike course. Houses an exhibit hall, gift shop and hosts public programs, live animal presentations, and naturalist-led tours.*



## James White's Fort

205 East Hill Avenue, 37915 • (865) 525-6514 • [www.jameswhitesfort.org](http://www.jameswhitesfort.org)

Admission charge • Hours: January-March, M-F 10:00am-4:00pm;

April-August, M-Sa 9:30am-5:00; September-December, call for hours.

*The first home in Knoxville, settled by James White with a 1,000-acre land grant from his duties as a captain in the Revolutionary War. Includes White's first home, furnished with original tools and artifacts from the period.*

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## Knoxville Civil War Gateway

200 West Hill Avenue, 37902 • (865) 525-2375 • [www.blountmansion.org](http://www.blountmansion.org)

Free admission • Hours: Tu-Sa 9:30am-5:00pm

*Overlooking undisturbed Civil War fortifications high above the banks of the Tennessee River, at the top of the Gay Street Bridge in downtown Knoxville, this brand new facility offers a full overview of Knoxville's complex Civil War history as well as all of the resources you will need to take a self-guided journey through earthworks, battle sites, historic homes and unchanged landscape of 1861-1865.*



## Knoxville Museum of Art

1050 World's Fair Park Drive, 37916 • (865) 525-6101 • [www.knoxart.org](http://www.knoxart.org)

Free admission • Hours: Tu-Sa 10:00am-5:00pm, Su 1:00-5:00pm

*Celebrates the art and artists of East Tennessee, presents new art and new ideas, serves and educates diverse audiences, and enhances Knoxville's quality of life.*

## Knoxville Zoo

Exit 392 off I-40, 3500 Knoxville Zoo Drive, 37914 • (865) 637-5331

[www.knoxville-zoo.org](http://www.knoxville-zoo.org)

Admission charge • Hours: M-Su 10:00am-4:30pm; Extended hours in spring and summer.

*At Knoxville Zoo, experience wildlife as you come face to face with more than 800 of the Earth's most fascinating animals. It's all here at Knoxville Zoo: where the animals are In Your Face!*



## Mabry-Hazen House & Bethel Civil War Cemetery

1711 Dandridge Avenue, 37915 • (865) 522-8661 • [www.mabryhazen.com](http://www.mabryhazen.com)

Admission charge • Hours: W-F 11:00am-5:00pm, Sa 10:00am-3:00pm or by appointment. See website for winter hours.

*This stately, elegant home of the Victorian and Civil War periods showcases one of the largest collections of original artifacts including china, silver, crystal, and antique furnishings. Housing three generations of the same family from 1858-1987, the House served as headquarters for the Confederate and Union troops. Oversees the Bethel Confederate Cemetery, the resting place of over 1,600 Confederate soldiers.*



## Marble Springs State Historic Site

1220 West Governor John Sevier Highway, 37920 • (865) 573-5508 • [www.marblesprings.net](http://www.marblesprings.net)

Admission charge • Hours: W-Sa 10:00am-5:00pm, Su 12:00-5:00pm. Call for winter hours.

*The home of John Sevier, Tennessee's first governor, located on a scenic 33-acre portion of the original John Sevier Farm. The main cabin, built circa 1800, still stands today on the site where it was originally constructed. Home to five structures that give visitors a glimpse into late 18th and early 19th-century life. Tours, events, and educational programming offer a variety of ways to learn about the early history of Tennessee.*



## Frank H. McClung Museum

1327 Circle Park Drive on the UT campus • (865) 974-2144 • <http://mcclungmuseum.utk.edu>

Free admission • Hours: M-Sa 9:00am-5:00pm, Su 1:00-5:00pm

*A general museum featuring permanent exhibitions on Archaeology and the Native Peoples of Tennessee, Ancient Egypt, the Civil War in Knoxville, Decorative Arts, Geology and Fossils, Human Origins, and Freshwater Mussels as well as special temporary exhibits. Museum shop. Accredited by the American Association of Museums; in association with the Smithsonian Institution.*





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## Museum of Appalachia

Exit 122 off I-75, 2819 Andersonville Highway, Clinton, 37716 • (865) 494-7680

[www.museumofappalachia.com](http://www.museumofappalachia.com)

Admission charge • Seasonal hours – please call.

*Tells the story of our pioneer ancestors in their own words and through the artifacts they left behind. The collection includes more than 30 historic log buildings and display halls filled with thousands of authentic artifacts in a picturesque setting surrounded by split-rail fences. Special events held throughout the year including Tennessee Fall Homecoming held the second weekend in October.*

## Old Gray Cemetery

543 North Broadway, 37917 • (865) 522-1424 • [www.oldgraycemetery.org](http://www.oldgraycemetery.org)

Free admission • Open daylight hours

*Take a walk through Knoxville history. Established in 1850 as part of the Rural Cemetery Movement, the thirteen acres contain many examples of Victorian art and architecture. Named for the English poet Thomas Gray, author of *Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard*, the cemetery is a place of serenity and beauty.*



## Ramsey House Plantation

2614 Thorngrove Pike, 37914 • (865) 546-0745 • [www.ramseyhouse.org](http://www.ramseyhouse.org)

Admission charge • Hours: Tu-Sa 10:00am-4:00pm, Su 12:00-4:00pm

*Completed in 1797 by Knoxville's first builder, Thomas Hope, for Colonel Francis Alexander Ramsey, a pioneer settler of Knoxville. Built of local limestone and marble, this Georgian-style house is furnished with period antiques reflecting the life of Ramsey and his family.*

*100+ acres, gift shop, picnic area, museum, heirloom seeds, and gardens.*



## University of Tennessee Downtown Gallery

106 South Gay Street, 37902 • (865) 673-0802 • <http://web.utk.edu/~downtown>

Free admission • Hours: W-F 11:00am-6:00pm, Sa 10:00am-3:00pm

*Located next to the historic Emporium Center, the gallery hosts national and international exhibits throughout the year. The decision to locate an auxiliary gallery in a replenished urban area supports the University's commitment to enhance Knoxville's cultural environment. Facility rental, on-site field trips, and programming are available.*



## Women's Basketball Hall of Fame

700 Hall of Fame Drive, 37915 • (865) 633-9000 • [www.wbhof.com](http://www.wbhof.com)

Admission charge • Hours: May-Labor Day, M-Sa 10:00am-5:00pm;

Labor Day-April, Tu-F 11:00am-5:00pm, Sa 10:00am-5:00pm

*Bounce off the walls with fun and interactive exhibits that will entertain all ages. After touring the museum, take some time to practice your skills on our indoor ball courts.*



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