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Arkansas is a place where dramatic and unspoiled terrain, unmatched outdoor recreational opportunities and warm, welcoming personalities unite to create a setting for lasting memories.

We are a blend of people, places and possibilities unlike anywhere else in the world.
We're The Natural State. And you're welcome.



OUTDOOR RECREATION

The outdoors is our thing. With miles to paddle, ride, hike, roam and explore, The Natural State is becoming the outdoor recreation capital of America.

- **Buffalo National River** — our country's first national river
- **Bentonville** — Mountain Biking Capital of the World
- **Horseshoe Canyon Ranch** — one of the premier climbing destinations in the South



HISTORY AND CULTURE

Arkansas offers almost as much to do inside as we do out. Our state is packed with activities for art and history buffs, including a rich musical heritage, a civil rights trail and some of the most talked about museums in the United States.

- **Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art**
- **Arkansas Museum of Fine Arts**
- **Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site**



CULINARY ADVENTURES

Our food is fresh, diverse and innovative. It provides a unique sense of place, from craft breweries and farmers markets to farm-to-table restaurants.

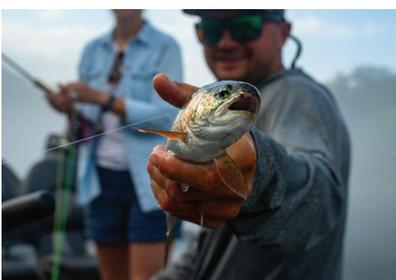
- **Origami Sake in Hot Springs**, the largest domestic sake brewery
- Multiple **James Beard Foundation-recognized restaurants** reside in our state (Yeyo's, Jones Bar-B-Q Diner, Lassis Inn)
- **Farm-to-table** offerings which showcase our agricultural heritage



MUSIC AND FESTIVALS

Whether it's music, art, food or drink, our culture is something we like to celebrate and share every day. You'll find venues and festivals, big and small, across Arkansas that support and celebrate creative expression.

- **King Biscuit Blues Festival** — **Historic Helena**
- **Johnny Cash Heritage Festival** — **Dyess**
- **FreshGrass Festival** — **Bentonville**



FISHING AND HUNTING

Our gorgeous natural surroundings have made us a renowned destination for sportsmen of all types. Fish from rivers that have produced world-record trout, bag mallards in the duck hunting capital of the world and so much more.

- **Stuttgart, Arkansas** — widely known as the duck capital of the world
- **The White River** — once produced the world-record brown trout
- **A variety of terrain, species and seasons** for year-round hunting



10 COOL THINGS ABOUT ARKANSAS

- There are **52 ARKANSAS STATE PARKS** that offer a range of activities. One of them, Crater of Diamonds State Park, is the only diamond mine in the U.S. where you can dig for diamonds and keep what you find.
- Arkansas is home to the **BUFFALO NATIONAL RIVER**, our country's first national river.
- **HOT SPRINGS NATIONAL PARK** is situated in the middle of the city of Hot Springs, making it one of the most accessible national parks in the country.
- **BENTONVILLE** has invested in trail infrastructure that has made it the Mountain Biking Capital of the World.
- Arkansas has nearly **100,000 MILES** of roads for gravel riding and more are being opened every day.
- **CRYSTAL BRIDGES MUSEUM OF AMERICAN ART** is home to one of the most impressive art collections in the entire world, featuring renowned artists like Andy Warhol, Norman Rockwell and Georgia O'Keefe.
- Little Rock is home to the **CLINTON PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM**, one of only 13 presidential libraries open in the United States.
- Arkansas is home to numerous **JAMES BEARD FOUNDATION-RECOGNIZED CHEFS** that specialize in everything from barbecue to Mexican food.
- Home to many stops on the **U.S. CIVIL RIGHTS TRAIL** including the Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site.
- **THE ARKANSAS MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS** in Little Rock was labeled by Forbes.com as "the most inviting museum in America." It houses artists that include Pierre-Auguste Renoir, Diego Rivera, Claude Monet and other modern art icons.

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