

ARKANSAS POST MUSEUM

Located six miles south of Gillett in Arkansas County, Arkansas Post Museum was established in 1960 as the first county museum in Arkansas. Through its collection of documents and artifacts, visitors receive a glimpse of Arkansas history from 1877 to modern times. The mission of the Arkansas Post Museum is to engage diverse audiences in the cultural and biological heritage of the Arkansas Delta, with an emphasis on the Grand Prairie.

EXHIBITS

◆ Main House –

The Main House is the entrance to the complex. Visitor information, gift shop, and programming are provided here.



◆ Summer

Kitchen – Meals were prepared in an open fireplace and the kitchen was often separated from the Main House for safety purposes. Early cookware and utensils are exhibited here.



◆ Refeld-Hinman Log House –

Built in 1877, this dog-trot cabin is located within one-half mile of its original site. During the 1930s the house was moved and used as the headquarters at the Arkansas Post State Park. In 1967 when the State Park became a National Memorial, the house was moved to its current location. The house is furnished in the style of the late 1800s.



◆ **Peterson Building** – Built in 1974 and named in honor of Judge John L. Peterson who was instrumental in establishing Arkansas Post County Museum. Exhibits include military memorabilia, agricultural implements, a general store, and a large collection of toys from the 1920s and 1930s.

◆ Playhouse –

The playhouse was built in the 1930s for Harriet Jane Carnes by her father, Grover C. Carnes, a state representative from DeWitt, Arkansas. Mr. Carnes owned a lumber company and all the materials were made to scale. It is completely furnished and features a wood burning fireplace, electricity, and a screened back porch complete with swing. The playhouse is located in the Peterson Building.



PRAIRIE GRASS RESTORATION

Arkansas Post Museum is at the southernmost point of the Grand Prairie in the Arkansas Delta region. Through the combined efforts of Arkansas State Parks, Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission, and Natural Resources Conservation Service, a four-acre prairie grass restoration program has begun. Four species of native grasses have been planted. Wildflowers indigenous to the area will be incorporated. Visitors may tour the prairie grass area and are encouraged to follow the progress of this restoration.

PROGRAMS AND FACILITIES

The Arkansas Post Museum welcomes visitors during operating hours. Many programs are available by request. Some require a nominal fee and must be booked in advance. A teacher's guide will be provided for all tours made with a reservation.

The museum's gift shop is located in the Main House and features books, T-shirts, Arkansas crafts, and many unique items.

HOURS OF OPERATION

Open

- Tuesday through Saturday - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Sunday - 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Closed

- Monday (except Monday holidays),
- New Year's Day, Thanksgiving Day,
- Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day.

LOCATION

Arkansas Post Museum is located six miles south of Gillett at the junction of U.S. Highway 165 and Arkansas Highway 169. Other area attractions include Arkansas Post National Memorial, two miles east on Highway 169; and Pendleton Camp Grounds on the Arkansas River, six miles south of the museum.

For more information on park hours, fees, or services, contact:

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For information on Arkansas' other State Parks and Museums contact:

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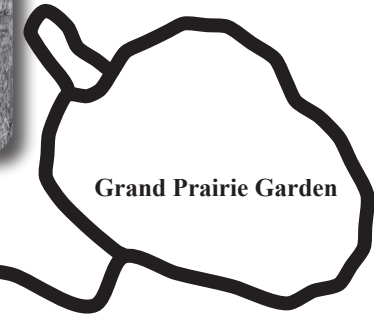
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Summer Kitchen



Refeld-Hinman Log Cabin



Grand Prairie Garden



Gallows



Main House



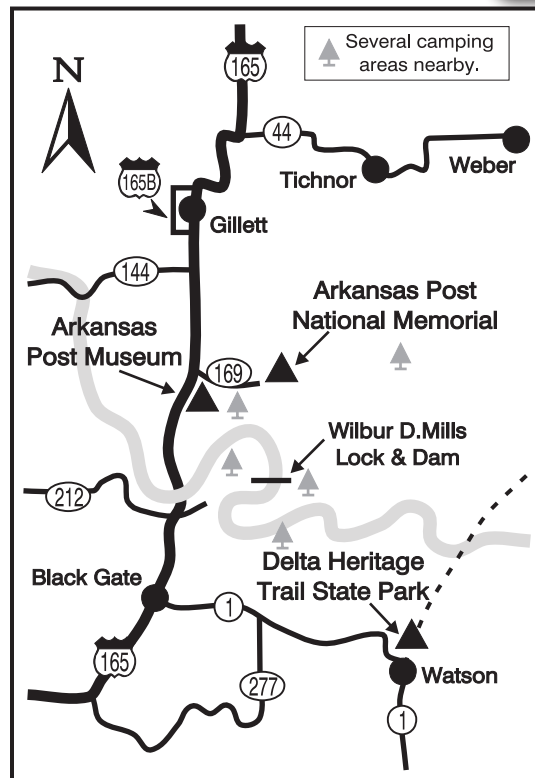
Peterson Exhibit Building



Museum Office



Carriage House and Restrooms



NOTICE: To preserve scenic beauty and ecology, fences and warning signs have not been installed in some park locations. Caution and supervision of your children are required while visiting these areas.



EXPLORE THE BEAUTY & HISTORY OF ARKANSAS!