

Bentonville, Arkansas

Travel Guide

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Bentonville



A town of culture, community, and beauty in Northwest Arkansas

There is a place that is unquestionably unique but also strangely familiar. It is a place filled with culture and a strong sense of community; a place brimming with artistic and natural beauty. This place is Bentonville, a new American town.

Long known as a corporate town with the hustle and bustle of vendors traveling in and out to meet with Walmart, Bentonville has experienced a seismic culture shift in the last decade spurred by Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art. The Museum is the pulse of the arts community and houses iconic works like Norman Rockwell's Rosie the Riveter and Andy Warhol's Dolly. Architecturally stunning, Crystal Bridges is now home to another architectural gem, the Bachman-Wilson house, a Frank Lloyd Wright design relocated to a hillside on the Museum's property.

In a town where progress seems constant with the flurry of new construction, Bentonville's quality of life initiatives were set in motion with this arts and cultural boom that brought with it the development of trails and pathways, parks and playgrounds. As cyclists and runners cross the beautifully bricked intersections of the downtown square, traffic pauses to watch pedestrians venture in and out of toy stores, boutiques, and coffee shops. In the fast paced world of global business, this town offers the vibe of a simple life of days past with modern amenities found in most urban centers.

Themed celebrations on the downtown square draw hundreds of people keeping them entertained with music, food, and staged performances. The city's culinary scene consistently receives awards and accolades as the industry's growth persists at an incredible pace. Golfing, boating, biking, and hiking continue to be some of the most popular activities experienced in the Ozarks and Northwest Arkansas.

Visit Bentonville is here to help you navigate our region, and we extend a warm welcome to you and your traveling companions. For assistance contact our visitor lobby at 479-271-9153.

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BENTONVILLE

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Tourism Bureau

We invite you to stop by the Visit Bentonville office located on the downtown square. You will find resources such as maps, guides, and brochures to help make your stay in our community a memorable one.

In addition to news and information about Bentonville, we also offer visitor information for other communities throughout Northwest Arkansas. Beyond information and souvenirs, our professional staff is available to help you plan your meeting, convention, wedding, reunion, sporting event, or group tour. You can also contact us for booking your leisure travel.

We can connect you with local vendors to provide everything from lodging and dining to venue rentals and transportation. In the business of promoting our community, our services are always complimentary.

We welcome feedback on how to better serve all of our visitors, whether you're here for business or leisure. Please direct your comments to info@visitbentonville.com.



Reasons to Love Bentonville

- Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art
- 21c Museum Hotel
- The Walmart Museum
- Museum of Native American History
- Compton Gardens
- Peel Mansion Museum & Heritage Gardens
- Scott Family Amazeum
- Forty miles of incredible urban trails
- Public art around every corner
- Award-winning restaurants and a burgeoning night life
- Weekly Farmer's Market and monthly festivals



Peel Mansion and Heritage Gardens



The Walmart Museum



21c Museum Hotel



Scott Family Amazeum



Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art



SunKissed by Nathan Pierce



Compton Gardens



restaurants and night life



Museum of Native American History



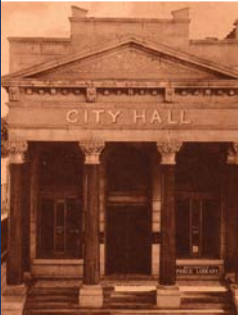
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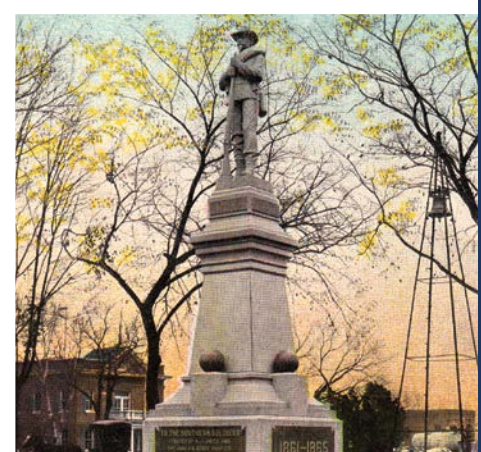


Farmer's markets and monthly festivals

Brief History of Bentonville

- Founded in 1837 and named in honor of Senator Thomas Hart Benton
- Nicknamed “The Fruit City” because of the abundance of apple orchards—over 300 varieties originating from Bentonville
- Statue in town square dedicated in 1908 in memory of Confederate soldiers by the Daughters of the Confederacy
- Sam Walton opened his Ben Franklin variety store in May 1950 in downtown Bentonville. This site soon became Walton’s 5 & 10
- The original Bentonville Walton’s 5 & 10 is now The Walmart Museum
- Walmart Stores, Inc. established in 1962
- Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art opened November 11, 2011







Bentonville by the Numbers

Population	46,000
County	Benton
Area Code	479
Postal Zip Codes	72712, 72716
Area	21.2 square miles
GPS Coordinates	36 22'0" N, 94 12'48" W
Elevation	1,280 feet
Average Annual Rainfall	45.7 inches
Average Temperatures	January: High 43 Low 20 July: High 89 Low 66
Frost Dates	First: October 10-20 Last: April 15-20
Records	114 High / -14 Low

STAY












































































































































































Hotels

21c Museum Hotel	200 NE A Street
Bentonville Super 8	2301 SE Walton Blvd
Best Western Castlerock Inn & Suites	501 SE Walton Blvd
Comfort Inn	3001 NE 11th Street
Comfort Suites	2011 SE Walton Blvd
Courtyard by Marriott	1001 McClain Road
Days Inn & Suites	3408 SE Moberly Lane
DoubleTree Suites by Hilton	301 SE Walton Blvd
Econo Lodge Inn & Suites	3609 Moberly Lane
Four Points by Sheraton	211 SE Walton Blvd
Hartland Lodge	1002 S Walton Blvd
Hilton Garden Inn	2204 SE Walton Blvd
Holiday Inn Express	2205 SE Walton Blvd
Home Towne Suites	200 SW Suburban Lane
La Quinta Inn & Suites	1001 SE Walton Blvd
Merchant Flats on 8th	206 SW 8th Street
Microtel Inn & Suites	911 SE Walton Blvd
Pines Motel	3400 S Walton Blvd
Red Roof Inn	215 SE Walton Blvd
South Walton Suites	1120 S Walton Blvd
Springhill Suites by Marriot	2304 SE Walton Blvd
Towneplace Suites by Marriot	3100 SE 14th Street
Wingate by Wyndham	7400 SW Old Farm Blvd
Woodspring Suites	1201 Phyllis Street

Bed & Breakfasts

The Victoria Bed & Breakfast	306 N Main Street
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In addition to the accommodations listed here, Bentonville offers many cottage, AirBnB, VRBO and HomeAway rentals. Please see our website or individual rental sites for more information.

479-286-6500	        
479-273-1818	     
479-845-7707	       
479-254-7800	      
479-254-9099 · 800-4CHOICE	        
479-273-3333 · 800-321-2211	        
479-271-7900	       
479-845-7770	        
479-271-9400	     
479-715-6388	     
479-273-3444	  
479-464-7300 · 877-782-9444	        
479-271-2222 · 800-465-4329	      
479-268-4400	   
479-271-7555 · 800-531-5900	        
479-254-4017	    
479-271-6699	      
479-273-5211	
479-464-4400	      
479-845-4600	       
479-464-4777	        
479-621-0202 · 800-257-3000	        
479-418-5400 · 800-228-1000	         
479-254-1002	 
479-273-3232	   

AMENITIES KEY

-  Business Center
-  Swimming Pool
-  Breakfast
-  Bar/Restaurant
-  Audio/Visual
-  Bike Friendly
-  Internet Access
-  Fitness Room
-  Meeting Room
-  Pets Welcome

RV Parks and Tent Camping

THE CREEKS RV PARK

417-248-1000 · Cave Springs, AR · nwarvresort.com

New facilities with 60 fully paved deluxe sites, 30/50 AMP services, city water and sewer, cable TV, free WiFi, 18 hole golf course and club house.

PEA RIDGE GARDEN RV

479-451-8566 · Garfield, AR · gardenrv.com

Site features 50 full service sites with water, sewer, electric (30 and 50 amp hookups), swimming pool, game room and laundry facilities.

BEAVER LAKE HIDE-A-WAY RV PARK

479-925-1333 · Rogers, AR

Full hookup RV sites, tent sites, fully equipped cabins, sleeping cottages, swimming pool, playground, hiking trails, large pavilion, bait, showers, laundry, and boat dock with swim deck. Open year round.

MONTE NE CAMPGROUND

479-925-1265 · Rogers, AR · monteneatbeaverlake.com

Campground, RV sites, and furnished cabins on Beaver Lake. Hot showers, laundry facility, level pull through, and back-in sites available.

PRAIRIE CREEK CAMPGROUND

479-925-3957 · Rogers, AR

RV and tent camping with bathroom facilities, swimming, volleyball, playground and picnic shelters. Nearby marina offers boat rentals and guided fishing. Maintained by the Army Corps of Engineers.

ROCKY BRANCH CAMPGROUND

479-925-2526 · Rogers, AR

This Army Corps of Engineers campground has RV and tent camping with beach access, fire rings, fishing, paved parking, trails, and picnic shelters. Hot showers and flush toilets available.

HORSESHOE BEND CAMPGROUND

479-925-2561 · Rogers, AR

Maintained by the Army Corps of Engineers, the campground offers large campsites, bathrooms, picnic shelters, fire rings, dock, and boat ramp.

BLOWING SPRINGS PARK

479-855-8075 · Bella Vista, AR

RV park with a variety of sites and dedicated tenting area. Park features WiFi, laundry, restrooms and showers, with nearby nature trails for walking or biking all near Blowing Springs stream.

DINE

Dine

EAT

Northwest Arkansas is steeped in tradition when it comes to the local sourcing of food and that is well reflected in our culinary scene. Our chefs have wonderful relationships with local farmers and growers and buy, prepare, and serve what is available during each season. This seasonal preparation of local cuisine sparked a food movement several years ago that gave birth to what is known today as High South Cuisine. High South Cuisine is defined by retaining the original flavor profile of local Ozark ingredients and transforming simple Southern staples into sophisticated offerings. Bacon jam, Arkansas black apple butter, Ozark leg of lamb stuffed with black walnut sausage, rye whiskey-glazed pork belly are just a few such offerings created by Bentonville's culinary pioneers.

High South Cuisine drew the attention of the James Beard Foundation and, in 2013, a group of four Bentonville chefs performed to a sold out crowd at New York's famed Beard House. Since then, Bentonville has had the honor of hosting the Beard Boot Camp on Policy and Change and several Friends of James Beard Benefit Dinners.

In addition to High South Cuisine, Bentonville is fortunate to have a very diverse restaurant and food truck scene including Indian, Vietnamese, Korean, Japanese, Mexican, Latin Fusion, Italian, French, Mediterranean and many more. Now open is Brightwater: A Center for the Study of Food which offers new spheres of culinary education, including artisanal food and beverage management, food entrepreneurship, and culinary nutrition. The center also offers day classes for the novice and a student-run restaurant. For a full list of Bentonville restaurants go to visitbentonville.com.

DRINK

Afternoon and evening gatherings with friends around fresh brews and ample pours are more prevalent than ever in Bentonville. Over the last few years local breweries and wine bars opened shop and the crowds started flowing along with pale ales and pinots. Bike Rack Brewery and Bentonville Brewing Company are known for their unique flavors and fun, laid-back atmospheres. Ramo d'Olivo Wine Bar and Two25 Gallery and Wine Bar, both located in the downtown area are great compliments to the energetic restaurant scene and bustling entertainment district.





Culinary Events

CRYSTAL BRIDGES MUSEUM OF AMERICAN ART

Wednesdays Over Water Crystal Bridge's culinary team led by director Case Dighero merges art and edibles during the monthly Wednesday Over Water events. Each WOW event's theme is inspired by one of the museum's exhibitions. Open to guests 21 and up. Registration required: www.crystalbridges.org.

CR(EAT)E Food Series An in-depth glimpse and taste of how art inspires the culinary world of Crystal Bridges, hosted by Executive Chef Bill Lyle, along with special guests. Ticket prices vary. Registration is required: www.crystalbridges.org or call 479-657-2335.

THE HIVE AT 21C MUSEUM HOTEL

21cafe Whether you're a budding young arts patron or just looking for a relaxed evening of culture, 21c café welcomes all and is free and open to the public. This monthly gathering invites you to grab a libation at The Hive's bar and join 21c staff in Gallery 3 for a casual evening of conversation and contemporary art. Theme varies depending on exhibition. Visit 21cmuseumhotels.com for more information.

Fork + Bottle Dinner series where guest brewers, distillers plus winemakers create special pairings for prix fixe menus. Five-course dinner and live music are inspired by the season. Reservations required. Call 479-286-6582.

TUSK & TROTTER BRASSERIE

Farm-to-Fork Dinner Monthly dinner series showcasing the partnerships between Chef Rob Nelson and local farmers and ranchers. Casual setting featuring delicious coursed meal prepared with offerings of the season. Reservations required. Call 479-268-4494 for details.

Chef's Table Fine dining experience in small, intimate setting at Tusk and Trotter with specially prepared menu by Chef Rob Nelson. Each dinner is themed with select beverage pairings. Seating is limited. For reservations call 479-268-4494.

DOWNTOWN BENTONVILLE

Notes at Night Free music series offering a wide array of styles from artists all over the region in various downtown restaurants. Occurs twice a month.

Farm to Table Bi-annual event where local chefs source all produce and proteins from the day's farmer's market. One typically held in late spring/summer and one in the fall.

Chef Demo at Bentonville Farmer's Market Bi-monthly event held at Saturday morning farmer's markets. Local chefs demonstrate culinary creations made from the day's offerings.

For full schedule of culinary events, visit DowntownBentonville.org and VisitBentonville.com

PLAY

Museums & Attractions



CRYSTAL BRIDGES MUSEUM OF AMERICAN ART

Open daily, closed Tuesday
 600 Museum Way, Bentonville
 479-418-5700 • crystalbridges.org

Premier national art institution dedicated to American art and artists founded by Alice Walton, daughter of the late Sam & Helen Walton. The building designed by world-renowned architect Moshie Safdie sits on 120 acres of lush Ozark forest, surrounded by trails, sculptures, and gardens.

Visitors also experience the Bachman-Wilson House, an example of Frank Lloyd Wright's classic Usonian architecture. Originally located along the Millstone River in New Jersey, the structure was threatened by repeated flooding. Purchased by Crystal Bridges in 2013.

Reviews of Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art:



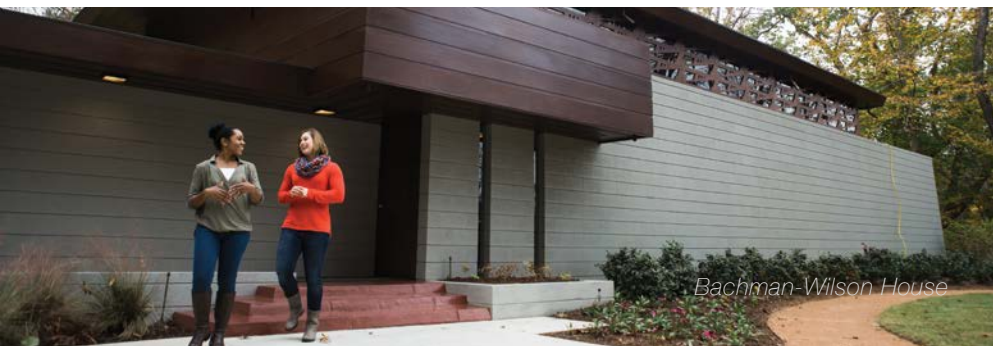
"...a perfect marriage of nature, art and architecture."

-Ken B. from Kansas City, MO



"The Frank Lloyd Wright house was a rare and wonderful opportunity for us."

-Diane from Omaha, NE



Bachman-Wilson House



SCOTT FAMILY AMAZEUM

Open daily, closed Tuesday

1009 Museum Way, Bentonville

479-696-9280 • amazeum.org

Children's museum that brings learning to life with a tinkering studio, water area, climbable tree canopy and exploratory lab. Interactive exhibits engage visitors with themed departments that all influenced Arkansas's culture. A one-acre outdoor space provides a backdrop for experiments and experiences inspired by the seasons.

Reviews of Scott Family Amazeum:

✿ "The museum is amazing! It is named appropriately."

-Chelse T.

✿ "Pretty sure our kids could have stayed there all day."

-RichardU4958AO

✿ "Worth the drive, great place!"

-Filmart from Coweta, OK





THE WALMART MUSEUM

Open daily

105 N Main Street, Bentonville

479-273-1329 • walmartmuseum.com

The Walmart Museum is the original location of the Walton's 5 & 10, the retail venture launched by Sam Walton in 1950. View the Walmart founder's actual office as well as his favorite old Ford truck and many Walton family treasures. Finish your museum trip with a visit to the Spark Café, a 1950's style soda fountain and coffee shop located inside the Museum.

Reviews of The Walmart Museum:



"Going through the museum has given me a new appreciation for the company and for the accomplishments of Sam Walton."

-Jan F. from Colleyville, TX



"We spent over an hour here captivated by all of the neat stuff on exhibit. This stop was definitely worth our time!"

-Paul W. from Livingston, TX



"Attractive for all ages."

-6qw from Wichita, KS



MUSEUM OF NATIVE AMERICAN HISTORY

Open daily, closed Sunday
 202 SW O Street, Bentonville
 479-273-2456 • monah.us

Take a walk through pre-historic times in one of the area's most fascinating museums. The facility is divided into five different time periods with artifacts dating over 14,000 years ago. Large groups are welcome and encouraged to make reservations.

Reviews of the Museum of Native American History:



"A small gem and worth a visit."

-Chris M. from Las Vegas, NV



"A magnificent collection...We were very impressed."

-Quenton C. from Colleyville, TX



"History lessons of the past at its best!"

-Renee R. from Sherwood, AR



"Well worth your time."

-Anita T. from Gaithersburg, MD



21C MUSEUM HOTEL

Open daily

200 NE A Street, Bentonville

479-286-6500 • 21cmuseumhotels.com/Bentonville

As North America's first museum devoted solely to art of the 21st century, 21c Museum Hotel is committed to featuring a rotating program of thought-provoking solo and group exhibitions that reflect the global nature of art today, as well as site-specific, commissioned installations. Free guided docent tours offered Wednesday and Friday at 5pm and 6pm.

Reviews of 21c Museum Hotel:



"Upon arriving at the hotel you realize that you are actually staying inside of a great museum."

-Jennifer P. from Long Beach, NY



"The artwork made the hotel fabulous!"

-Marquette M. from Columbus, GA



"Just awesome. The art is worth the stop, the atmosphere is elegant and food and bar are magnificent."

-cgkochel from Topanga, CA



THE PEEL MANSION MUSEUM & HERITAGE GARDENS

Open daily, closed Sunday and Monday

March through mid-December

400 S Walton Blvd, Bentonville

479-254-3870 • peelcompton.org

Built in 1875 by Colonel Samuel West Peel, Peel Mansion is a wonderful example of Italianate architecture. The house is surrounded by historic roses, perennials, and native fauna. Inside, enjoy rare pine graining, elegant balustrades, Anglo-Japanese mantles, and Greek revival molded trim. Large groups are welcome and asked to make reservations.

Reviews of The Peel Mansion Museum & Heritage Gardens:



"Beautiful grounds by the professional gardeners."

-Obuioy4848



"This is Arkansas and Bentonville History at its Best."

-JaneGB from Grapevine, TX



"I love old homes with furnishings of the period and this fits the bill."

-Ellen D. from Oklahoma City, OK



COMPTON GARDENS & CONFERENCE CENTER

Open daily. Office: Monday–Friday

312 N Main Street, Bentonville

479-254-3870 • peelcompton.org

Named after Dr. Neil Compton, a noted Bentonville physician, writer, photographer, founder of the Ozark Society, and savior of the Buffalo River. The center is the remodeled home of Dr. Compton and now serves as an event facility for small market meetings, retreats, intimate weddings, and private events. The green oasis surrounding the home consists of 6.5 acres of native woodland gardens and located on the Crystal Bridges Trail.

Reviews of Compton Gardens:



“An unexpected addition to my trip, combining nature and sculpture. Came back several times during my stay in Bentonville.”

-Elizabeth A. from Philadelphia, PA



“Our B&B backed up to the gardens. We did our first walk through right at daybreak. The flowers, sculptures, etc. were amazing.”

-TecatBrenham from Brenham, TX



METEOR GUITAR GALLERY & MUSEUM

Open daily, closed Sunday

128 W Central Avenue, Bentonville

479-268-1500 • meteorguitargallery.com

Located in the historic 1920's Plaza Theater, the Meteor Guitar Gallery showcases hundreds of instruments and amps both vintage and new and houses some of the rarest music gear found. The gallery also displays a large selection of art, pottery, and sculptures from over a dozen local artists. Many items are available for purchase.

Reviews of Meteor Guitar Gallery & Museum:

f "The Meteor Guitar Gallery has the touch of music magic... The vintage instruments, the performance stage, the space for shopping, for art presentation bring a new zip to the downtown Bentonville experience."

-Steve G. from Bentonville, AR

f "Nice people and great instruments! I recommend anyone into music to stop in and give it a look!"

-Cole R. from Gravette, AR.

Nightlife, Live Music & Entertainment

BENTONVILLE

After the sun goes down, the downtown vibe shifts from one of hustle and bustle to leisurely strolls and music filled sidewalks as restaurants, bars, and coffee shops open their doors and turn up the tunes of the evening's entertainment. Three-piece jazz ensembles, Americana, and unplugged rock ballads waft from Bentonville's hot spots. Fiddles and banjo players gather on the square for a little pickin' and grinnin' while the guitar gallery prepares for some hard-core jamming.

Restaurant decks are flooded with soft light and the pleasant noise of friendly chatter. Roof top balconies and third floor concert halls give visitors a bird's eye view of the busy nightlife while the orange glow of street lights provide just the right amount of haze to paint a lovely picture of an evening in Bentonville.

During warmer months parties are planned where people gather on their bikes in the downtown square and ride to the *BuckyBall*, an illuminated, animated sculpture at the entrance of Crystal Bridges where a DJ and libations await. When a chill fills the air, the entertainment doesn't stop. Warming lamps are placed outside of bistros and on decks so the fun will continue.

Many downtown events like Notes at Night, Sound Bites, and the Play It Forward Concert Series take place in historic theaters and buildings including the Meteor Guitar Gallery and The Walmart Museum. Big names like Reverend Horton Heat and Coco Montoya, along with local favorites Randall Shreve, Smokey and the Mirror, and the Claudia Burson Trio, are just a few groups that have performed in Bentonville over the last several months. Check out our Nightlife tab in our Visitors section on VisitBentonville.com for up-to-date concert listings.

ROGERS

Walmart Arkansas Music Pavilion (Walmart AMP) is a premier outdoor concert venue. Seats 9500+ people, with 3200 covered seats and additional general admission seating on sloped lawn. For a schedule, visit arkansasmusicpavilion.com.

FAYETTEVILLE

Fayetteville's college town vibe lends itself to many music venues, but the most popular one is George's Majestic Lounge. Established in 1927, George's has been host to some of the hottest bands around. For show times go to georgesmajesticlounge.com.

Performing and Visual Arts

TRIKE THEATRE

triketheatre.org

Professional theatre for youth with a black box studio in Bentonville. Trike is a resident theater company for the Walton Arts Center in Fayetteville and provides high quality theatre for youth productions, drama camps/classes/youth theatre and in-school arts integration residencies. Visit Triketheatre.org for show times, to purchase tickets, and to register for classes.

AREND ARTS CENTER

bentonville12.org

The hub for school and community arts in Northwest Arkansas, the Arend Arts Center hosts annual events including the Benton County Symphony, Classical Ballet Academy productions and the Ozark Mountain British Brass Band. Located in Bentonville on the main high school campus.

ROGERS LITTLE THEATER

rogerslittletheater.org

Established in 2008, RLT produces a wide variety of plays, musicals, and special events. Located in Rogers.

WALTON ARTS CENTER

waltonartscenter.org

Northwest Arkansas's premier center for the performing arts and entertainment featuring a full season of week-long Broadway shows, jazz series, kids and family programming, dance, music, and theatrical performances. Located in Fayetteville.

Movie Theaters

SUGAR CREEK CARMIKE CINEMAS

479-855-7878 #10 Sugar Creek Center, Bella Vista carmike.com

MALCO ROGERS TOWNE CINEMA

479-631-5865 621 N 46th Street, Rogers malco.com

MALCO PINNACLE HILLS CINEMA

479-936-8494 2200 S Bellview Road, Rogers malco.com



Annual Festivals

RUN BENTONVILLE HALF MARATHON

runbentonville.com

Bentonville kicks off the spring season with the annual Run Bentonville Half Marathon. This award-winning event is always held on a Saturday and features a fun run, 5k, half marathon, and relay. The downtown square is filled with food and fitness vendors. Inflatables are located near the finish line to keep little ones entertained.

BENTONVILLE FILM FESTIVAL

bentonvillefilmfestival.com

Established in 2015, award-winning actor Geena Davis in partnership with Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. and Arc Entertainment launched the Bentonville Film Festival to celebrate and bring awareness to women and diversity in film. This five-day festival draws crowds from all over the world. Always held the first week in May.

ARTS AND CULINARY FESTIVAL

downtownbentonville.org

June is arts and culinary month in Bentonville. Downtown Bentonville, Inc. hosts art walks, gallery viewings, film workshops, chef demonstrations, live music performances, themed culinary events and much more.

TINKERFEST

amazeum.org

One day festival that celebrates the creative, curious, and innovative spirit in all of us. Hosted by the Scott Family Amazeum, the event brings together makers, artists, and tinkerers to showcase their work while inviting attendees of all ages to join in the DIY fun. Event is typically held in early October. Check website for date and time.

SLAUGHTER PEN MOUNTAIN BIKE FESTIVAL

slaughterpenjam.com

Scheduled for early fall, this annual event is the largest single mountain bike race in the state of Arkansas. The three-day event is filled with a vendor fair, kids' races, and a championship race series for semi-pros and professionals. Visit slaughterpenjam.com for details and race registration.

WINTER WONDERLAND

downtownbentonville.org

From Thanksgiving to the middle of January, Bentonville hosts a plethora of cold-weather fun. The annual Lighting of the Square typically occurs the Saturday before Thanksgiving and kicks off the opening of the Lawrence Plaza Ice Rink. Additional events include the Christmas Parade, Frosty's Flicks, professional ice skating demonstrations, and hockey matches all in downtown Bentonville.



Monthly Festivals & Weekly Events

FIRST FRIDAY CELEBRATIONS

downtownbentonville.org

Running April to November, First Fridays transform the downtown square into a giant block party for the entire community. Great food, live music, children's activities, gallery openings and more. Event occurs every first Friday of the month on the downtown square and surrounding neighborhoods.

FARMER'S MARKET

downtownbentonville.org

Mid-April through October brings farmers, ranchers, and artisans to the downtown square where visitors can purchase local produce, meats, and arts and crafts at this producer's-only market. Held every Saturday from 7:30a.m.–1p.m. on the downtown Bentonville square.

IN THE PARK SUMMER SERIES

playbentonville.com

Join Bentonville Parks & Recreation this summer for the In the Park Summer Series! Each week, we will put on a fun, family event at Lawrence Plaza and the Bentonville Bark Park. All events are free to the public! Visit playbentonville.com for full schedule.

FRIDAY FLICKS

playbentonville.com

Every First Friday of the month during the summer, Bentonville Parks and Recreation host a family friendly movie at Lawrence Plaza Splash Park. Movie starts when the sun goes down, typically 8pm. Visit website for movie details.



Sports

CYCLING

bikebentonville.com

Mountain biking and road biking are extremely popular sports in Bentonville and Northwest Arkansas. Bentonville is an International Mountain Bicycling Association designated Silver-Level Ride Center and is part of the first ever Northwest Arkansas Regional Ride Center that includes Fayetteville, a Bronze-Level Ride Center. The Slaughter Pen Mountain Bike Park located on the north end of town has over 20 miles of the finest single track, awesome flow, and the best-in-class freeride park with 16 skinny North Shore log rides.

Annual cycling events include the Slaughter Pen Jam, Square to Square, and Epic Ride. Weekly rides are scheduled through Bike Bentonville, F.A.S.T., Girls Bike Bentonville, Kids Bike Arkansas, and AR NICA. Visit BikeBentonville.com for a complete schedule. Visit nwatrails.org for a list of all of the trails in Northwest Arkansas including the Razorback Greenway which connects Bentonville to Fayetteville along a 36 mile paved surface trail.

RUNNING

runbentonville.com

The running community in Bentonville has exploded over the last several years with the onset of a destination half marathon and a race series organized by Bentonville Parks and Recreation. The half marathon was voted the “Top race worth traveling for” in the state of Arkansas by Flipkey.com as well as the “Best Half Marathon” by Competitor.com. Races in the Run Bentonville Race Series include the Valentines 8k, Kiss me I'm Irish 10K, to a summer glow run, Halloween Goblin Run, and the Frosty 5k. Points accrue based on participation and chip timing. Winners awarded during the Run Bentonville Half Marathon in the spring.

GOLF

nwachampionship.com • bellavistapoa.com

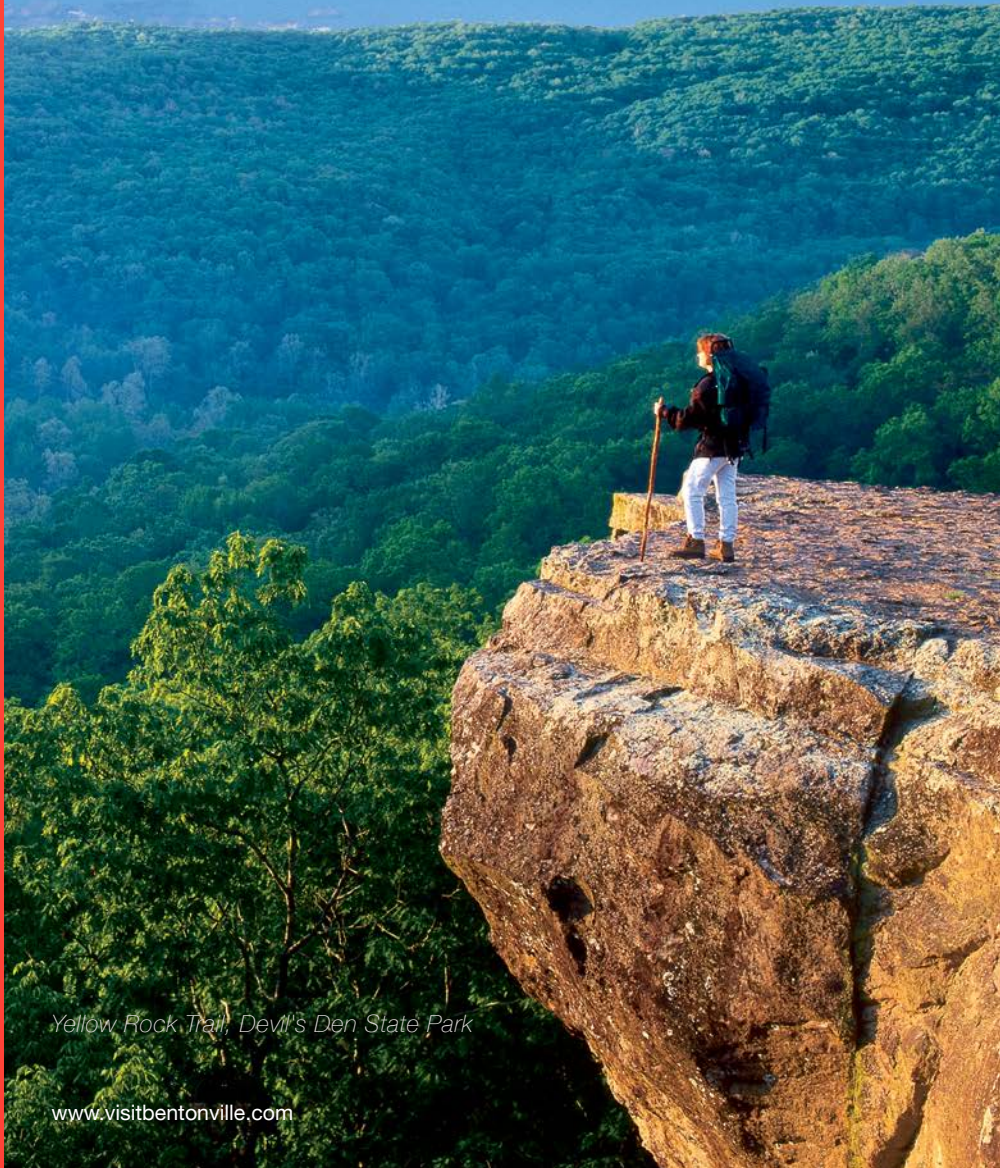
Golf is very popular in Bentonville and Northwest Arkansas. The city of Bella Vista to the north of Bentonville has many private and semi-private courses, and Rogers, to the south of Bentonville is home to the LPGA Walmart NWA Championship hosted by Pinnacle Hills Country Club.

FISHING, BOATING, AND WATERSPORTS

beaverlake.com

Nestled high in the Ozarks is U.S. Army Corps of Engineer's Beaver Lake. Completed in 1966, this 28,370 acre lake has some of the best bass fishing around. Summers on the lake are filled with water-skiers and wakeboarders. Pontoon boats and party barges are available for rent.





Yellow Rock Trail, Devil's Den State Park

HIKING & TREKKING

friendsofhobbs.com · arkansasstateparks.com/devilsden

Hiking is a popular pastime in Northwest Arkansas. In addition to the 20 miles of urban trail that meanders through the city of Bentonville, the area is surrounded by lush Ozark forest. Hobbs State Park is just 14 miles from Bentonville and covers 12,056 acres that spill over into three counties. A 17,000 square foot visitor center filled with taxidermy mounts and interactive exhibits engages visitors while learning about the park and its inhabitants.

Devil's Den is just a few miles south of Fayetteville and has some of the most amazing scenic trails in Northwest Arkansas. Caves, crevices, and bluff overlooks are surrounded by the Ozark National Forest. Hiking, camping, swimming, and mountain biking are just a few of the activities enjoyed here.

CANOEING & KAYAKING

arkansas.com/outdoors

Bentonville is not far from the Buffalo National River, one of the country's best canoeing and recreational kayaking rivers. Other rivers in the area that are great floating rivers include the Mulberry, the Kings and Big Piney Creek. More challenging white water suitable for kayaking and rafting are just a bit further away. The Cossatot River and the Cossatot State Park are located in the Ouachita National Forest. For more information on Arkansas's floating rivers and outfitters visit Arkansas.com/outdoors.

SEMI-PRO BASEBALL

nwanaturals.com

Just 20 minutes from Bentonville in Springdale is Arvest Stadium, home to the Northwest Arkansas Naturals, the 2010 Texas League Champion. The Naturals are the minor league team for the Kansas City Royals.

ARKANSAS RAZORBACKS

arkansasrazorbacks.com

Razorback athletics draws huge crowds year round in Northwest Arkansas. This SEC program boasts 40 national championship track titles, one football national title, and one basketball national championship. Visit the website for ticket and venue information.

Play Zones & Fun Parks

BENTONVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

80,000 square foot recreation venue serving residents and visitors of all ages. Includes indoor basketball courts, track, aquatic center, fitness center, and more.

Bentonville • 479-696-0200

LAWRENCE PLAZA ICE RINK/SPLASH PARK

Ice skating, broom ball, and hockey during the winter months followed by hours of splashing in the numerous jet sprays during the hot summer months, Lawrence Plaza is located just off of the Downtown Bentonville Square and is a wonderful entertainment venue for all ages.

Bentonville • 479-464-7275

DOWNTOWN ACTIVITY CENTER

Conveniently located just one block off of the downtown square, the DAC offers wellness classes and bike rentals six days a week. For details visit bentonvillear.com.

Bentonville • 479-464-7275

MELVIN FORD AQUATIC CENTER

Located in Memorial Park, this outdoor aquatic center has a diving well 13 ft. in depth equipped with two one-meter spring diving boards and one 12-foot tall water slide. The competitive pool ranges from 3-8 feet in depth, and a one foot deep wading pool with a rain drop fountain is a popular spot for the little ones. Open Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Bentonville • 479-273-9206

GREAT DAY SKATE PLACE

Indoor skating fun for the entire family.

Bentonville • 479-273-1800

FAST LANE

Amusement center, arcade, bowling, laser tag, go karts, mini-golf, and casual eats.

Lowell • 479-659-0999

HIGH RISE

Indoor Trampoline Park and recreation center.

Lowell • 479-802-0140



PLAN YOUR TRIP



When should I visit Bentonville?

Bentonville is the home to Wal-mart Stores, Inc. and welcomes corporate travelers throughout the week. Monday through Wednesday of each week are particularly heavy travel days for this demographic. Weekend lodging and transportation rates are typically lower and more affordable due to the absence of the corporate traveler. If visiting for leisure, we recommend traveling over the weekend to our fine city.

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Local Airports

Northwest Arkansas Regional Airport (XNA) is served by American Airlines, Delta Global Services, United Airlines, U.S. Airways and Allegiant Airlines, with non-stop services to 14 destinations. Customers from northwest Arkansas, northeast Oklahoma, and southwest Missouri call XNA their airport of choice.

Louise M Thadden Field (KVBT) is Bentonville's Municipal Airport. This public airport has a maximum runway length of 4426 ft (1349 m).

Estimated Drive Times

Tulsa	2 hours
Branson	2 hours
Little Rock	3 hours
Kansas City	3 hours
Oklahoma City	4 hours
St. Louis	5 hours
Dallas	6 hours





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