

NOTABLE HISTORY &
CEMETERY SPOTS IN
HUMPHREYS COUNTY

Visitor's
Self-Guided
Tours

ACTIVITY ROUTE



1. BATTLE OF JOHNSONVILLE

Fought over 2 days in 1864, the Battle of Johnsonville came at the tail end of a 23-day raid by Confederate commander Major General Nathan Bedford Forrest after he attacked the Union supply base at Johnsonville. The memorial state marker commemorating that which was lost can be found in Waverly, the Humphreys County seat.

3. OLD JOHNSONVILLE

What remained of the Johnsonville Depot became the thriving railroad town of Old Johnsonville. The Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) dammed the Tennessee River in the 1940s creating Kentucky Lake. The lake now covers much of the historic town of Johnsonville.

NEW JOHNSONVILLE, TN 37134

2. FORT HILL AND NOLAN HOUSE

Fort Hill was the headquarters of the 13th U.S. Colored Troops (USCT). The Nolan House has been maintained over the years and was even added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1986. Fort Hill is now the Humphreys County Museum and Civil War Fort and is still open for business.

4. FORT WAVERLY & THE HUMPHREYS COUNTY AND CIVIL WAR MUSEUM

The Humphreys County and Civil War Museum houses a collection that reflects the rich heritage of the county. The museum stands as an important repository of items of local interest, prehistoric Native American artifacts and a special collection interpreting the role of the Civil War in the county and surrounding area.

AREA MAP

5. WAVERLY DISASTER

A free museum housed in a caboose memorializing the lives lost in the railway car derailment and subsequent explosion that occurred here in 1978.

107 RICHLAND AVE, WAVERLY, TN

7. LINK FARM STATE ARCHAEOLOGICAL AREA

The oldest in the area is the Link Farm State Archaeological Area, which you can drive straight through. While the area is closed to the public unless there's a tour scheduled, we recommend slowing down at least a little bit to take in the ancient Native American history in this area.

HURRICANE MILLS, TN 37078

9. ENOCH'S MILL

Constructed from logs, planks, and concrete in 1934, the water-powered mill and electrical generator was built by Wilbert Enochs to serve as a grist mill for the area as well as supplying electricity for his home and a few others in the area.

11. HOTEL DIXIELAND

Built around 1870, Hotel Dixieland was known for hospitality, home cooking, and exquisite antiques. Notable guest Duncan Hines wrote about the hotel in his travel books and said their motto was "Where hospitality is a religion and chicken is born fried."

6. ST. PATRICK CHURCH AND SCHOOL

Originally built in 1849 to provide a home for Irish immigrants, the St. Patrick Church was destroyed during the Civil War but rebuilt with new buildings going up in 1877 and 1925. The church that now stands on St. Patrick Street was dedicated in 1949.

175 ST PATRICK ST, MCEWEN, TN

8. CIVIL WAR DAYS

Hailed as a "living history event", this free event includes history presenters, live musical performances, weaponry demonstrations and period encampments complete with artillery, infantry, and civilian demonstrations.

10. THE YELLOW BANK TRESTLE

The historical marker for The Yellow Bank Trestle, a wooden railroad trestle built for the Nashville & Northwestern Railroad during the Civil War, is located a half mile away from the actual site.

12. REYNOLDSBURG

When Humphreys County was first established back in 1803, the town of Reynoldsburg was chosen to be the county seat until it was later moved to Waverly in 1936 since it was a more central location in the county.

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13. THE PORCH-REED SCHOOL

Established in the days of segregated education, the Porch-Reed school was built to serve the black community of Humphreys County until 1963, when integration was finally ushered in.

14. JESSE JAMES

Going by the name of J.D. Howard at the time, the infamous outlaw lived in Humphreys County from August of 1877 until 1879. A marker is placed at the site of his former home.

15. CAPTAIN WILLIAM ROBERT ANDERSON

Anderson is buried in Arlington National Cemetery, but a historical marker can be found near his birth site in Bakerville.

16. HATTIE WYATT CARAWAY

A historical marker is placed in Bakerville near the place of her birth in 1878.

17. VINCE MATTHEWS

This singer/songwriter is buried in Ebenezer United Methodist Church Cemetery.

18. WAYNE PERRY

This songwriter is buried in Richlawn Cemetery.

19. FIDDLING ARTHUR SMITH

This bluegrass music influencer and fiddler is buried in James Cemetery in Bold Springs.

AREA MAP

The suggested tour route is outlined below.
Click the map to view a fully interactive map (internet connection required).

