



Sandwiching in History Tours, Ashley Sides, 2023

Since 1997, the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program (AHPP) has led public tours of historic properties in our state. Called “Sandwiching in History,” these tours typically take place at noon on the first Friday of a month—it’s an opportunity to sandwich a little bit of history into your day during your lunch break!

If joining our tours in person isn’t feasible, you can still be part of the experience online. We actively try to live stream our tours on AHPP’s Facebook page and post the recording later on our YouTube channel. Stay connected with us virtually!

Our tours typically last around one hour, giving you the perfect opportunity to bring your lunch and enjoy a unique learning experience about these historic properties!

All tours start at noon and are free and open to the public.



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ISAAC HOMARD HOUSE

1217 W. 3rd St. in Little Rock

Built in 1905 for Isaac and Nellie Homard, this brick house is one of the best examples of the Neo-Classical style in Little Rock. The front façade is dominated by an imposing porch featuring four two-story columns and a decorative pediment. The house is thought to have been designed by prolific architect Charles L. Thompson. Parts of it were heavily damaged in a 2013 fire, but extensive repairs and restoration work completed in 2016 gave it a new life. It was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 2017 and is now home to the Ludwig Law Firm.



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PALARM BATTLE SITE (BROOKS-BAXTER WAR)

Palarm Creek Park, 950 AR-365 near Mayflower

A disputed election. Two men claiming to be governor of Arkansas. Clashes between armed loyalists throughout the state. This was the backdrop that led to the Battle of Palarm in May 1874 during the Brooks-Baxter War. At this site, supporters of Joseph Brooks attacked the steamboat *Hallie* on the Arkansas River to prevent supporters of Elisha Baxter from intercepting a shipment of weapons. The battle resulted in the deaths of several men and the ruin of a steamboat.

This tour is not a historic preservation story, because there is no historic structure at the battle site, but AHPP is participating with other agencies of Arkansas Heritage to share with you this strange episode of Arkansas history on the 150th anniversary of the Brooks-Baxter War.



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Palarm Battle Site, Ashley Sides, 2023

OVER-THE-JUMPS CAROUSEL

1 Zoo Dr. in Little Rock (Little Rock Zoo entrance)

Celebrating a century since its debut in 1924, the Herschell-Spillman "Over-the-Jumps" Carousel is the last one of its kind today. Made by one of the most important historic carousel companies in America as a transportable model for the small-carnival circuit, this carousel is distinguished by its horses that ride along an undulating wooden track. From the 1940s until its closure in 1991, it entertained children at War Memorial Amusement Park. A campaign by Friends of the Carousel, Inc. rescued it from being sold out of state, and after painstaking restoration, this nationally significant carousel reopened to the public in 2007 at the Little Rock Zoo.



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Over-the-Jumps Carousel, Casey Crocker, 2019

PARKIN ARCHEOLOGICAL STATE PARK

60 State Hwy. 184 in Parkin, Cross County

The Parkin Archeological State Park preserves and interprets a Native American village that existed from approximately AD 1000 to 1550. The Parkin Site is believed to be the most intact native village of its time period remaining in northeast Arkansas. The seventeen-acre village was likely a regional capital and is probably the village of Casqui visited by Spanish explorer Hernando de Soto's expedition in July 1541. Due to its archeological significance, the Parkin Historic Site was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1964, and in 1966 became one of Arkansas's inaugural properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places.



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Parkin Archeological State Park, Adam Storm, 2018

CHOCTAW ROUTE STATION

1200 President Clinton Ave. in Little Rock

This beautiful building was constructed ca. 1899 to serve passengers of the Choctaw, Oklahoma and Gulf Railroad. In 1902 it became the property of the Rock Island Railroad and served as a major passenger depot on that line into the 1950s. Rail service officially ended in 1967, and the property was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1975. The brick building is embellished with exceptionally ornate terra cotta details, exhibiting the influence of the architect Louis Henry Sullivan in its floral and fruit designs. Today it is home to the Clinton School of Public Service and remains one of the finest examples of railroad-related architecture in Arkansas.



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Choctaw Route Station, Ashley Sides, 2023

MUSEUM OF AUTOMOBILES

8 Jones Ln., Petit Jean Mountain, Conway County

The Museum of Automobiles opened in 1964 for future governor Winthrop Rockefeller to display his personal car collection. Today it boasts antique and rare vehicles, including the only two Arkansas-made Climber cars still in existence. But visitors should not overlook the architecture. To create an open space for display without the need of interior support columns, the Little Rock architecture firm of Ginocchio, Cromwell, Carter, Dees, & Neyland suspended the roof using a tensile cable system hung from four corner columns connected by cast-concrete beams that form a compression ring at the outer perimeter. The result was a dramatically styled modern structure. As an early and important example of tensile-cable construction in Arkansas, the building was listed in the National Register of Historic Places with statewide significance in 2019.



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Museum of Automobiles, Ralph Wilcox, 2018