

Forrest City, Arkansas

Experience Friendly Small-Town Charm and Peach Sunsets



Discover Forrest City, a welcoming community near the scenic St. Francis National Forest, where captivating peach sunsets meet small-town charm. Our town today offers a unique blend of historic character and modern convenience. Situated at the crossroads of major highways and just a short drive from Memphis, Forrest City provides a peaceful, relaxed pace of life with easy access to big-city amenities. Experience our downtown and friendly neighborhoods firsthand and discover the warmth of Southern hospitality.



The Crazy Tourist



Forrest City Arkansas | 1870

Historic Downtown Forrest City | Take a stroll through downtown Forrest City and admire the architectural gems from the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Look for the distinctive facades of the St. Francis County Courthouse and the old post office building.



St. Francis County Museum | Housed in the historic Rush-Gates home, this museum features exhibits on local history, including African American heritage, the JO Rush relic collection, reconstructed doctor's office, geology and fossils



East Arkansas Delta Multicultural Museum | Located in the historic Chu Building, this museum reflects the rich heritage of the Arkansas Delta, highlighting relationships between African Americans and Chinese immigrants in the post-Civil War era. The center's cafe offers a variety of food, including sandwiches, salads, and desserts.



Downtown Forrest City | Main Street Shopping, Food & Drink



Ole Sawmill Café | Known for fried chicken & Southern comfort fare with ample table seating in a rustic, homey setting.



Legacy | American cuisine restaurant in Forrest City.



Don Jose | Mexican restaurant in Forrest City.



Betty B's Smokehouse BBQ: Betty B's Smokehouse BBQ is a barbecue restaurant in Forrest City, Arkansas that serves ribs, pulled pork, brisket, and other barbecue items.



Frog's Bar | Frog's Bar is a bar in Forrest City that serves a variety of drinks and appetizers.



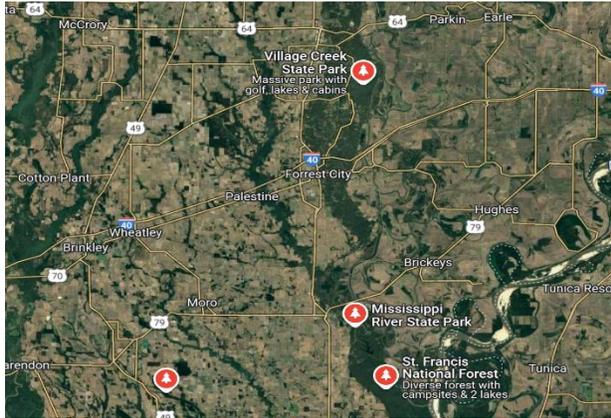
Farmers Markets



The Forrest City Farmers Market in Arkansas offers a vibrant community hub where local farmers, artisans, bakers, and plant growers showcase their products. Visitors can find a variety of fresh fruits, vegetables, eggs, preserves, baked goods, and handcrafted items.



Nearby STATE PARKS | Nature – Golf – Kayaks – Beaches - Camping



[Village Creek State Park](#) 2000 County Rd 754, Wynne, AR): Just a short drive from Forreest City, Village Creek State Park offers a haven for outdoor enthusiasts. Hike or bike the park's scenic trails, cast a line in Lake Austell, or rent a kayak and explore the waterways. The park also features a swimming beach, campsites, and interpretive programs about the area's natural and cultural history.

[Mississippi River State Park](#)

[Louisiana Purchase State Park](#)



Parks & Recreation | Forreest City



Larry S. Bryant Multi-Purpose & Wellness Center
Housed inside the Larry S. Bryant Multi-Purpose & Wellness Center you will find a locker room, showers, hot tub, basketball court, workout rooms, indoor walking track, game room, a concession stand, several rental rooms for group activities and a group of very friendly and helpful staff members. The Multi-Purpose Center public rooms can be rented for special occasions as well as meetings. A membership fee is charged for the use of the facilities of this building.



Stewart Springs Park – Arkansas Avenue — Picnic Pavilions, Basketball Goal, Tennis Court, Playgrounds
This serene park, known for its natural springs and scenic landscapes, offers tranquil walking trails, picnic areas, and historical significance as an early settlement site, making it ideal for outdoor enthusiasts and family gatherings.



Parks & Recreation | Forrest City



Beech Grove Park – Beech Grove Drive — Playground offers open green spaces for recreation, shaded retreats for relaxation, and a peaceful setting for walking, jogging, and light sports.



Forrest Hills Park – Sycamore Drive — Playground, Basketball Goal

Lincoln Park – Oak & Ashe Streets — Picnic Pavilion, Playground, Basketball Goal

Lake Street Park – Day Street — Playground, Picnic Pavilion

South Side Park – 201 Eisenhower — Picnic Pavilion, Playground, Basketball Goals, Tennis Court, Swimming Pool, Ball Field



Civic Center Park – 1335 North Washington — Tennis Courts



Smith Stadium and Recreational Area is a hub for organized sports and community events. It includes baseball and softball fields, along with multipurpose fields that cater to other sports. Bleachers and shaded areas provide comfortable seating for spectators, while the well-maintained grounds ensure a top-notch experience for players and visitors alike.

Arts, Culture & Local Music



EACC Fine Arts Center is located on the campus of East Arkansas Community College. This 33,000-square-foot facility features a 1,100-seat auditorium, a banquet hall with a full catering kitchen, a black box theater, and an art gallery. The center hosts a variety of performances, including concerts, plays, and musicals.

Notable upcoming events include:

- Lonestar Concert: December 9 - January 25.
- Evocation of Enchantment – Art Exhibit - through Jan 31
- People & Things – Art Exhibit - Feb
- Work on Paper – Art Exhibit -March
- Kool & the Gang: March 15.
- ZZ TOP: April 12.

Forrest City Local Music Scene | Live Music Venues, Local Musicians

Dukes & Boots Trailride & Blues Fest: Held annually at the Bryant Sports Complex in Forrest City, this festival features live blues music, attracting both local and regional artists.

Blues Concerts: While specific blues concerts in Forrest City are limited, nearby cities like Memphis host numerous blues events. For instance, the "Live In Studio A: Summer Series" at the Stax Museum of American Soul Music in Memphis offers live blues performances.



Jay Monroe: A local artist from Forrest City, Jay Monroe is available for studio sessions and tours, contributing to the area's musical landscape.



The D'Zyre Band: Based in Alabama, this band blends Motown, Soul, Blues, Jazz, Rock, and Funk, offering a diverse musical experience.



King Biscuit Blues Festival: Held annually in Helena, Arkansas, this renowned festival celebrates blues music with performances from top artists.

Forrest City | Accommodations & Lodging



Holiday Inn Express & Suites | Conveniently located off I-40, between Memphis and Little Rock. It offers free Wi-Fi, complimentary breakfast, an indoor pool, a fitness center, and EV charging stations. Guests enjoy clean, comfortable rooms with modern amenities like microwaves, refrigerators, and 55-inch TVs. Nearby attractions include Village Creek State Park and local dining options. Perfect for business and leisure travelers alike!



Hampton Inn | Just two miles from downtown Forrest City and 45 minutes from Memphis. Guests can enjoy free Wi-Fi, a complimentary hot breakfast, an outdoor pool, and a fitness center. The hotel offers pet-friendly rooms and free parking. Nearby attractions include Village Creek State Park, which offers walking trails, boating, and fishing. Guest reviews highlight the hotel's cleanliness, friendly staff, and convenient location near the highway.



Carriage House Apartments | Located at 2226 Merrill Drive in Forrest City, Arkansas, offers 1, 2, and 3-bedroom units starting at \$595 per month. They also provide short-term leasing options for their furnished units. Amenities include high-speed internet, laundry facilities, in-unit washer/dryer hookups (for 2 and 3-bedroom units), a dishwasher, an oven, a playground, and a relaxing pool area with a gazebo. The friendly management staff is available to assist residents. www.carriagehouseforrestcity.com

