

Visit Paragould, the “Friendly City,” located on Crowley's Ridge, the Delta's only highlands. Recreational activities include public parks, a new eight-screen cinema, golf, and much more – with plenty of additional outdoor fun in all directions.

New 52,000-square-foot Community Center includes two indoor pools, two outdoor pools, a water park area, racquetball courts, soccer fields, men's softball fields and a walking/running trail. The Community Center is a great location for meetings and reunions.

Labor Park includes a splash pool and skateboard park.

A unique in-town fishing lake, picnic areas and pavilions, camping and RV hookups are found in Reynolds Park.

The Paragould/Jonesboro area also boasts at least 7 excellent golf courses, both public and private.

Loose Caboose Festival, held annually the third weekend in May, celebrates Paragould's railroad heritage. The free festival includes music, a car show, 5k run/walk, children's area, arts and crafts, and a carnival.

Downtown Paragould Commercial Business District was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2001. The Main Street Paragould area includes a number of dining opportunities, unique shopping and is home to the Collins Theater. Also located downtown is the largest mural in Arkansas, depicting the early history of Paragould.

Located nearby is Crowley's Ridge State Park, offering spring-fed lakes, picnic and camping areas, nature trails and a swimming lake.

Several lakes in the area offer fishing opportunities for catfish, bream and bass. For the hunter, white-tailed deer, turkey, and duck are plentiful in our natural areas.

Green County Courthouse – 1888

4 blocks east on Court Street) – Completely restored over several years, this landmark now houses the Paragould-Greene County Chamber of Commerce offices, including a state-of-the-art video conferencing center for business. The Clock/Bell Tower is now fully functional, and the clock chimes and seasonal music are a pleasant addition to the atmosphere at the Inn daily! The unique Statue of Liberty Memorial on the Courthouse grounds dates from 1924, and serves as a monument to all of the men from Greene County who lost their lives while serving the nation in wartime, from WWI through the Persian Gulf War. Each fall the Twilight Jazz lawn party is held on the courthouse grounds, hosted by Main Street Paragould, featuring excellent food, music, and company!

Paragould Heritage Mural

(6 blocks east on Court Street) – Paragould was founded in 1882, when the St. Louis and Iron Mountain Railroad (later, Missouri Pacific) and the Texas and St. Louis Railroad (later, Cotton Belt) lines established a crossing point where the town would be built. Railroad magnates Jay Gould and J.W. Paramore

headed the respective lines, and their names provided the town with its distinctive identity, being the only city in America to bear the name: Paragould! The Railroad Mural, located Downtown, “by the tracks” depicts the city's early heritage as a railroad town and logging center. The impressive artwork includes views of the Wrape Stave Mill, the Old Depot, and a classic steam locomotive, and is lighted at night. Paragould's annual Loose Caboose Festival is staged Downtown near the Mural each May as a celebration of the town's rich heritage. The 3-day event features a wide variety of musical talent, carnival rides, children's events, and “all you can eat!”

Downtown Paragould

Downtown Main Street Historic District includes restaurants, lounges, deli, shops, boutiques, flea market, dance studio, downtown banks, old and new County Courthouses, Paragould City government offices, Chamber of Commerce, Main Street offices, churches, several historic homes, the Paragould Caboose and Railroad Mural, and, of course, the White House Inn!

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Collins Theater

(6 blocks Southeast, corner of 2nd and Emerson Streets) – This classic Vaudeville and movie house has been beautifully restored by the Greene County Fine Arts Council and now serves as home for the Fine Arts Council's several yearly musicals and other productions, as well as the Eastern Arkansas Ballet's annual production of “Nutcracker.” Other events, ranging from Hometown Country to various Gospel groups, rock groups, and local dance and music recitals are also scheduled in the Collins on a regular basis! Various Branson Performers are booked on a regular basis. <http://www.collinstheatre.com/>

Greene County Fair

(Across town at the Fairgrounds) – Held each September, this event is the single largest county fair in the state, with an old-fashioned Midway, rides, games, music, numerous exhibitions, good food and a “Demolition Derby!”

Crowley’s Ridge State Park

(10 miles west, hwy 412 to hwy 168) – Located on the rolling, wooded hills of Crowley's Ridge, the park occupies the former homestead of the area's first resident, Benjamin Crowley. Camping, fishing, swimming, picnic pavilions, housekeeping cabins, and scenic hiking trails are among its attractions. Group lodging and a conference center are also available. Several other beautiful state parks, lakes, float streams, wildlife management/hunting areas and rivers are located within an hour’s drive from Paragould! 870-264-2405, www.arkansasstateparks.com

Crowley’s Ridge National Scenic Parkway

For nearly 200 miles, Arkansas' only national scenic byway follows the Delta's only "highlands". The scenic drive travels around several state parks, the St. Francis National Forest, Civil War sites, elegant

historic homes (including the White House Inn), and the former home of Ernest Hemingway. Paragould, AR // 870-910-8080 // www.deltabyways.com

Jonesboro Attractions

Arkansas State University

(15 miles south, hwy 49) – The ASU main campus hosts numerous cultural and educational events at several facilities. These include the Convocation Center, a multi-purpose area seating over 10,000 for a wide variety of events, including numerous athletic contests (basketball, volleyball, track meets, wrestling), concerts, rodeos, ice shows, job fairs, craft and trade shows, as well as graduations and other academic uses. The University Museum on campus houses extensive and varied collections of local interest, along with national traveling displays representing a wide range of interests. Guidebooks and tours available. The University Theater presents a wide array of classic and modern productions in the Fowler Center for the Arts, under the direction of the Theater faculty. The Fine Arts Center Gallery exhibits rotating collections of art by students, faculty and nationally known artists, and host lectures by visiting artists. 870-972-2100 ASU- www.astate.edu , ASU Convocation Center- www.convo.astate.edu , ASU Fowler Center for the Arts- www.fowlercenter.astate.edu , ASU Museum- www.museum.astate.edu

Lake Frierson State Park

This handicapped-accessible state park features a 335 acre lake with two fishing piers, campsites, boating, hiking trails, a playground and pavilion for rental for special occasions. Wild dogwoods blossom in the spring throughout the park. 7904 State Highway 141 // Jonesboro, AR // 870-932-2615 // www.arkansasstateparks.com

The Forum

(18 miles, 115 E. Monroe St., Jonesboro) – Formerly the Strand Theater, this 1926 former vaudeville entertainment house was renovated and now serves as a civic auditorium, hosting a wide variety of events, ranging from concerts to business meetings. The Foundation of Arts for Northeast Arkansas located in the facility, coordinates cultural and entertainment activities in Jonesboro, including Theater on the Ridge, Jonesboro City Ballet, Northeast Arkansas Symphony, and the Delta Symphony Orchestra. 870-935-2726, www.jonesborofoa.com

Craighead County Courthouse

(Downtown Jonesboro) – This historic courthouse is built on a Civil War battle site (Battle of Jonesboro, August 2, 1862). Six historical markers are located on the grounds, including one honoring Senator Hattie Caraway, the first woman elected to the U.S. Senate. 870-935-6838

Crowley's Ridge Nature Center

600 E. Lawson Rd. Jonesboro, AR This Arkansas Game and Fish nature center is located on 165 acres just south of Craighead Forest Park. The 17,000 square-foot visitor center features exhibits, programs, the

Crowley's Ridge Movie (a multi-sense experience), and hiking trails. 870-933-6787 // www.crowleysridge.org

Piggott Attractions

Hemingway – Pfeiffer Museum Center

(33 miles north, hwy 49) – This beautiful restored home and studio once occupied by author Ernest Hemingway and his wife, Pauline, a member of the internationally-connected Pfeiffer family, is located on Crowley's Ridge Parkway near Piggott's historic downtown square, also home to several antique shops, flea markets, and other businesses. During their 13 year marriage, Hemingway enjoyed visiting and hunting on the Ridge. A part of Hemingway's novel, "A Farewell to Arms," was written in the barn/studio on the site. Arkansas State University acquired the property and restored it to its 1930's condition. The museum houses artifacts and memorabilia related to Hemingway and the Pfeiffer family. 870-910-8080

Walnut Ridge and Lawrence County Attractions

Front Street Theater

(Downtown Walnut Ridge, 30 miles west, hwy 412) - Local theater/dinner theater productions, musical shows, located in downtown Walnut Ridge. 870-886-1841

Powhatan Courthouse State Park

(15 miles west of Walnut Ridge, hwy 25) – This historic courthouse served as county seat of Western Lawrence County from 1869 to 1963. The red brick courthouse restored in 1970 houses some of the oldest records in Arkansas, along with exhibits depicting the early history and lifestyles of north Arkansas. 870-876-6794, www.arkansasstateparks.com

Pocahontas Attractions

Imperial Players Theatre

(16 miles north of Walnut Ridge, hwy 67) – Home of actors, musicians, and theater technicians from all over Northeast Arkansas. 888-515-8218 or 870-892-0030, www.imperialdinnertheatre.com