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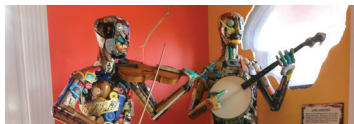
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Welcome to the fifth edition of the PlayBranson magazine. Our goal is that you'll discover all that Branson has to offer, from shows and attractions, to the lakes and beyond.

Branson is one of the most entertaining towns in America. Entertainment is everywhere. Whether it's one of Branson's original shows, or special limited engagements, you'll find incredible talent around every corner. Music is an important part of the fabric of America. Want to learn more about Branson's entertainers? Be sure to watch our online TV show, PlayBranson, where you can get to know Branson's entertainers better.

Outdoor activities are plentiful. Whether it's lake activities, hiking, or golfing, we've got it all. Be sure to discover our many and unique attractions, with a world-class theme park, to top it off.

Have a great vacation and happy reading!

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ENTERTAINMENT



Pierce Arrow

Branson is one of the top places for live entertainment in America. Branson is full of musical variety and has been helping families create lasting memories for decades. This is the place where all members of the family can come together and be entertained. Below are a few highlights of Branson shows.

You have probably seen Branson's Famous Baldknobbers, as it was the first live music show in Branson. It opened in Branson 63 years ago and is still going strong. Today, the Baldknobbers show is presented in two different formats: a modern, fast-paced country show, and a vintage show, much like the one that was performed in the 1960-70s.

The Presleys, who in 1967 opened the first live music show on the world-famous 76 Country Music Blvd, still perform in the same location today. For generations, they have entertained visitors with a one-of-a-kind mix of bluegrass, country, gospel, and comedy. Each year you'll find new music and comedy, while still relying on the format people know and love.

There is one theater in Branson that offers some of Branson's hottest shows: Clay Cooper Theatre. Clay Cooper's Country Express is a world-class, country music variety show featuring a large cast, great live music, dancing, and comedy. You'll fall in love with Clay Cooper and his cast.

The Haygoods rock Branson with their special effects, smooth harmonies, dancing, and so much more. This family doesn't hold anything back when it comes to entertaining.

Another show that will leave you with great memories and a rhythm in your step is #1 Hits of the 60s at Clay Cooper Theatre. It is a favorite of both adults and kids who visit Branson. With a decade of Top 40 hits to choose from, they mix it up season after season. This show is fast-paced, flashy fun.

Perhaps you remember visiting Shepherd of the Hills on a childhood trip to Branson. If so, you may be surprised to learn that it offers much more than just the Outdoor



Drama that began in the 1960s. WhoDunnit Hoedown Murder Mystery, Funny Farm Dinner Feud, and The Great American Chuckwagon Dinner Show are all a part of the 2022 lineup at Shepherd of the Hills.

During the Christmas season, one can enjoy A Shepherd's Christmas Carol Dinner Show and, new in 2022, A Christmas Story.

SIX is a show that creates indelible memories. The Knudsen Brothers began as street performers in LA while in their teens and, today, have the longest-running acapella group in the world—and one of the best! SIX makes for a fun-filled two hours. Be sure to meet Charles, the newest brother in the show.

We know for certain that once you see Illusionist Rick Thomas, you will never forget him. He adapts his award-winning, long-running Vegas show to the Branson stage, and it is the stuff from which memories are made. This show will leave you full of awe and wonder. He's back at Andy Williams Moon River Theatre this year.

The Duttons represent the best in Branson family entertainment. Their show includes bluegrass, classical, and everything in between. The Duttons are a close-knit family and, before the show is over, you, too, will feel a part of it.

Pierce Arrow's Decades show is a foot-stomping review of the top hits of the last 70 or so years. Pierce Arrow Country will compel you to sing along.

The Hughes Brothers Music Show, the one that most of us grew up watching, features the largest cast in Branson. Their other show called RE-VIBE features a new generation of the Hughes family creating their own memories on stage.

Legends in Concert tugs on your heart strings when they remember big names like Elvis, The Blues Brothers, Johnny Cash, and Michael Jackson.

World-class magician Dave Hamner and his wife Denise make memories of their own



The Haygoods



The Duttons

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Grand Country Music Hall offers a number of memorable shows in their schedule, including Grand Jubilee, Comedy Jamboree, Amazing Pets, and Down Home Country.

The Petersens is an authentic Ozarks music show with bluegrass, clean comedy, and a family-friendly experience. Some of this music is as old as the hills, but fresh as a daisy.

Nashville Roadhouse Live is a new twist on Branson shows, as it welcomes nationally known guest stars on a regular basis. It's where Country meets Rock'n'Roll.

Yes, Branson entertainment truly has something spectacular for everyone to enjoy. From country and pop, to magic and comedy, there are shows that will be sure to please. ■



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THE BRANSON SHUFFLE



The Magic of Rick Thomas: Mansion of Dreams

Each year Branson takes part in what has become known as the “Branson Shuffle.” The Branson Shuffle happens when shows change their venue. Some years there may just be a couple of shows that change theatres, but there are times when numerous shows change where they are located and even the days and times that their show is scheduled. You’ll also find

several entertainers that change where they perform as well. The shuffle begins around November and can continue until opening day. You just never know where your favorite show or entertainer will end up!

For the 2022 season, fewer shows have moved. The Magic of Rick Thomas: Mansion of Dreams has moved back to Andy Williams Moon River Theatre. Liverpool

Legends has also moved to Andy Williams Moon River Theatre. Escape Reality Magic Show and Dinner has moved to Hughes Brothers Theatre. Oh Happy Day: Goin’ Back to Gospel moved to Hamners’ Variety Theater. Statler Brothers Revisited has moved to Hamners’ Variety Theater as well. Jukebox Live has moved to King’s Castle Theatre. ■



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Branson is a host city to a variety of special concerts season after season. Numerous big-name artists and performers visit the live music capital of the world each year. Theater locations vary but most limited engagements are at The Mansion Theatre, Clay Cooper Theatre, Dick Clark's American Bandstand Theater, Silver Dollar City, Nashville Roadhouse Theater at the Branson Star, and Black Oak Amphitheater. Here are 2022 highlights:

- Kendalls**
3rd week monthly
- Grand Ladies**
4th week monthly
- Hairball w/ special guest Stillhouse**
May 27
- Casey Donahew and Josh Abbott Band**
May 28
- Branson Landing Summer Concert Series**
May 28, Jun 11, Jun 24, Jul 3, Jul 23, Aug 6, Aug 20, Sept 3
- T.I., Chingy, Ying Yang Twins and DJ Skribble**
Jun 3
- Members Only**
Jun 3
- Ozark Mountain Daredevils**
Jun 4
- T Graham Brown**
Jun 10, 11
- Matt Gum and Company**
Jun 10, Aug 15, Sep 1, Oct 10, Oct 17, Dec 7, Dec 19
- Abba Tribute: Dancing Dream direct from New York**
Jun 11

- Live to Rock with Skid Row, Warrant, & Quiet Riot**
Jun 18
- Confederate Railroad**
Jun 19
- Neil McCoy**
Jun 19, 20, Aug 29, Aug 30
- Terry Bradshaw Show**
Jun 22, Jul 25, 27, Aug 3, 5 Sep 30, Oct 14, Nov 18, Dec 16
- Sawyer Brown with Easton Corbin and Heath Sanders**
Jun 24
- Jeff Dunham**
Jun 25
- Celtic Throne**
Jun 30
- Tim Atwood**
Jul 1, 2
- Grand Funk Railroad & Foghat**
Jul 22
- The Newsboys**
Jul 23
- Kidz Roc**
Jul 23, 24
- Red, White & Floyd**
Jul 31
- Wahzhazhe, an Osage Ballet**
Aug 5, 6
- Yes Tribute**
Aug 14
- Jon Pardi**
Aug 19
- Scotty Austin**
Aug 19, 20
- Ernie Haase & Signature Sound**
Aug 25

- Southern Gospel Picnic**
Aug 25-Sep 5
- The Hoppers**
Aug 26
- The Malpass Brothers**
Aug 26, Nov 4
- Greater Vision**
Aug 27
- Jeff & Sheri Easter**
Aug 28
- Gold City**
Aug 30
- The Isaacs**
Aug 31
- Karen Peck & New River**
Sep 1
- The Sound**
Sep 2
- The Martins**
Sep 3
- The Inspirations**
Sep 4
- Triumphant Quartet**
Sep 5
- Collin Raye**
Sep 9
- Sammy Kershaw**
Sep 10
- Gabriel "Fluffy" Iglesias**
Sep 10
- John Conlee**
Sep 17
- The Oak Ridge Boys**
Sep 21, 22, Oct 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20, Nov 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17
- Jimmy Fortune**
Sep 22, Oct 1, 6, 13, 20, Nov 4, 10, 17, 23
- Larry's Country Diner**
Oct 3-7 w/ variety of guests
- The Gatlin Brothers**
Oct 15, Nov 18
- Bellamy Brothers**
Oct 21, Nov 19
- Gene Watson**
Oct 22, Nov 11
- Daniel O'Donnel**
Nov 2-17
- Penny Gilley**
Nov 4, 5
- Veterans Show**
Nov 7
- Hearts and Hopes of Heroes and The Heath Brothers**
Nov 7
- Disney Princess: The Concert**
Dec 1
- Bobby Marquez**
Dec 9, 10

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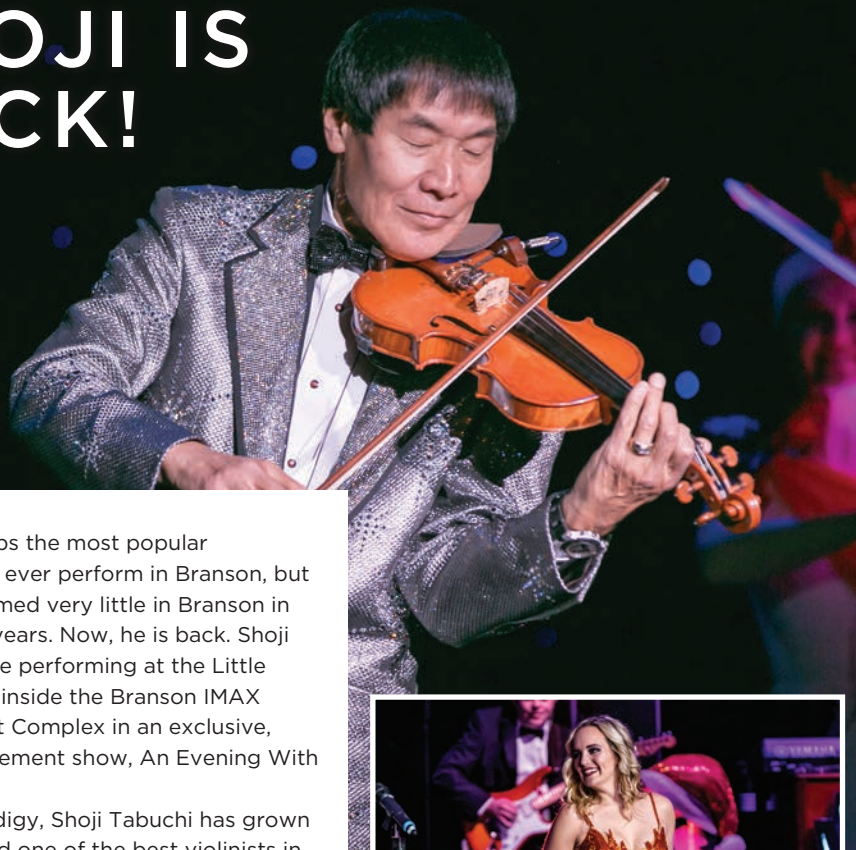
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SHOJI IS BACK!



He is perhaps the most popular entertainer to ever perform in Branson, but he has performed very little in Branson in the past few years. Now, he is back. Shoji Tabuchi will be performing at the Little Opry Theatre inside the Branson IMAX Entertainment Complex in an exclusive, limited engagement show, *An Evening With Shoji*.

A child prodigy, Shoji Tabuchi has grown up to be called one of the best violinists in the world. He no longer calls it a violin, though; it's a fiddle. What's the difference between a violin and a fiddle? The answer lies in the way it's played. The musician has always been a fan of American Country music and bluegrass. He even started his own bluegrass band as a teenager.

Shoji Tabuchi grew up in Kaga Ishikawa, Japan. When he was in his sophomore year of college, he attended a concert where he saw a legend perform. Shoji watched "The King of Country Music," singer-songwriter and Grand Ole Opry member, Roy Acuff. It was then, that Tabuchi decided to pursue a most unlikely career. The young man from Japan was determined to follow in the footsteps of Acuff and become a country music/bluegrass star.

He formed a band called the Bluegrass Ramblers and won a nationwide contest. That was all it took. With his fiddle in hand and only \$500 in his pocket, Shoji moved to the United States.

It was in Kansas City that Shoji became an American citizen, and it was there that he found his first steady job as a musician. He became the regular fiddle player at the Starlite Club in Riverside. While living in Kansas City, Shoji ran into Roy Acuff who invited him to come to Nashville and play at The Grand Ole Opry. He immediately drove to Nashville and appeared that very same week on the Opry Stage, where he received standing ovations for both nights of performances. He has appeared on The



Opry more than two dozen times since.

Some might think that having appeared on The Grand Ole Opry that Shoji was set for life. Far from it. He caught a break in 1970, though, when he landed a job in Shreveport, LA, as opening act for singer-songwriter and Grammy award winner, David Houston. For most of that decade, Shoji traveled the country, and performed with such big names as Conway Twitty, Johnny Cash, Loretta Lynn, Barbara Mandrell, Roy Clark, Dolly Parton, and Crystal Gayle. Shoji's unique style and self-deprecating humor made him a hit in country music.

The next year, Shoji left David Houston's company and struck out on his own, finding great success in Texas, Oklahoma, and Tennessee. Shoji eventually landed a spot at Branson's Starlite Theatre in 1980, headlining for a six-month gig. This is when he first thought about settling down in Branson. Though he was new to Branson, he discovered that he knew one of the performers here. Mike Ito was a banjo player at the Baldknobbers and had also come from Japan. Shoji's six month gig at the Starlite Theatre was extended for three more years. In 1985, he headlined at Country Music World.

Opening in 1990, Shoji's show at his new theater on Shepherd of the Hills Expressway was one of the most popular shows in Branson. Its success lasted for most of three decades. The theater was elegant and dazzled visitors with its opulence, something that helped him woo tourists. Shoji hired a 16-piece orchestra for his Branson theater and a troupe of singers and dancers.

Dorothy, Shoji's wife, has always been the driving force and vision behind all aspects of the theatre, including the design of the exterior of the building and the world famous bathrooms. She also produced the show, performed in the show, and was the show's emcee. Their daughter, Christina, has been performing in the show from the very beginning. She has now been producing the show for the last decade.

In May of 2017, Shoji's theater was significantly damaged by a backstage fire. For a short time, it looked as though the theater would reopen the next year, but his fans have had to follow Shoji to his limited engagements at other theaters and around the world.

So to find out that he is playing an entire season at the Little Opry Theatre inside the IMAX Entertainment Complex...well, that's big news. It is a rare opportunity to see this legend, close up, on stage in the hometown that he adopted 42 years ago.

Shoji adds, "My family and I have been blessed to perform for millions for over 30 years in Branson. I am so excited to create this new show experience, that is something so personal, so special, and I can't wait to share it all with all of you."

An Evening With Shoji will showcase Shoji and his band in an exceptional array of music, including country, bluegrass, hits from the 50s and 60s, gospel, patriotic, pop, and rock. Christina will join him in most performances.

"This is really a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," says Tom Forster, with the Branson IMAX Entertainment Complex. "We're truly privileged to have him with us. This type of personal story-telling and legendary entertainment is what the Little Opry was made for."

You can catch *An Evening With Shoji* at the Branson IMAX Entertainment Complex most Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays throughout May, June, July, and September. Starting the end of September, the show plays Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. Shoji's Christmas Show runs November 2 through December 10 with performances most Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. ■

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The Blackwoods Morning Variety Show—10am
British Invasion—2pm, 5pm
Broadway to Bublé Starring George Dyer—10am
C.J. Newsom's Classic Country & Comedy—8pm
NEW! Elvis: Story of a King—2pm

Andy Williams Moon River Theatre

Andy Williams Christmas Show—8pm
Liverpool Legends—2pm, 7:30pm
The Magic of Rick Thomas: Mansion of Dreams—2pm, 7:30pm

Branson Central Theatre

The Music, Humor & Stories of a Baby Boomer - Starring Steve Moris—12:30pm

Branson Famous Theatre

Branson's Famous Baldknobbers Country—2pm, 8pm
Branson's Famous Baldknobbers Vintage—2pm
Doug Gabriel's #1 Hits Tribute Show—10am, 2pm
REZA | Edge of Illusion—3pm, 8pm

Branson Hillside Theater (Formerly Welk)

Daniel O'Donnell—2pm

Branson Hot Hits Theatre

NEW! Dean Martin Music & More—2pm
Doo Wop & More—2pm
Marvin Gaye and the Masters of Soul—7:30pm
Motown Downtown: A Tribute—7:30pm
Patsy to Patsy—10am, 2pm
NEW! Platters: The Golden Sounds of the 50s Tribute—10am, 2pm, 7:30pm
NEW! Soft Rock of the 70s & 80s—2pm

Nashville Roadhouse Theater at the Branson Star

NEW! Best of Motown and More—2pm, 8pm
Credence Cool Water Revue—8pm
NEW! Dean Martin & Friends with Trey Dees—2pm, 5pm
NEW! Georgina Holiday Show—8pm
Nashville Roadhouse Live—8pm
The Outlaw Eagles Tribute Show—8pm
Phil Dalton Theater of Illusionist—2pm, 8pm
NEW! Ric Steel—8pm
NEW! Steve Sanders THAT Mentalist Guy—5pm

Clay Cooper Theatre

#1 Hits of the 60s—2pm
Clay Cooper's Country Express—10am, 2pm, 7:30pm
Dean Z: The Ultimate Elvis—2pm, 7:30pm
The Haygoods—2pm, 7:30pm
Hot Rods & High Heels 1950s Show—10am, 2pm
NEW! The Malpass Brothers (select dates)—7:30pm
Matt Gumm & Company—2pm, 7:30pm
Neal McCoy (select dates)—2pm, 7:30pm
The Terry Bradshaw Show (select dates)—2pm, 7:30pm

Dick Clark's American Bandstand Theater

A Brett Family Christmas—10am
Buckets n Boards (select dates)—2pm, 7:30pm
Legends in Concert—3pm, 8pm
Legends of Country—3pm
SIX—3pm, 8pm

Dolly Parton's Stampede

Dolly Parton's Stampede Dinner Attraction—12:30pm, 3pm, 5:30pm, 8pm

The Dutton Family Theater

All Hands on Deck! Show—10am
The Duttons—2pm, 8pm

Grand Country Music Hall

Amazing Pets—10am, 3pm, 7pm
Branson Country USA: Friday Night Late Show—10:30pm
Comedy Jamboree—3pm
Down Home Country Morning Show—10am
Grand Jubilee—7:30pm
New South Gospel—3pm
Ozarks Country—7pm
Ozarks Gospel—2pm

Grand Shanghai Theatre

Grand Shanghai Circus—10am, 2pm, 7:30pm
The Texas Tenors—2pm, 7:30pm

Hamner's Variety Theater

ABBA Tribute: Thank You for the Music—2pm, 5pm
Back to the Bee Gees—5pm, 8pm
Beach Boys California Dreamin'—10am, 5pm
Hamner's Unbelievable Variety Show—3pm, 8pm
Mike Walker Lasting Impressions—2pm
NEW! Oh Happy Day!—7pm
NEW! Statler Brothers Revisited—8pm

Hughes Brothers Theatre

Cassandr e Voice of an Angel with The Johnson Strings—TBA
Escape Reality: Magic and Illusions Dinner Show—5pm
Hughes Brothers Christmas Show—2pm, 6:30pm, 8pm
Hughes Brothers Country Show (w/ meal)—2pm
Hughes Music Show—8pm
RE-VIBE—2pm, 8pm

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Live Entertainment - Variety of Entertainers—9am, 12pm, 5pm, 9pm

Jerry Presley's God and Country Theatre

3 Dog Night Shambala—7:30pm
50 Years of Kenny Rogers—8pm
Carpenters Once More—2pm
Chicago: Color My World Tribute—7:30pm
NEW! Elvis: The Last Concert—7:30pm
Fleetwood Mac Dreams:
The Stevie Nicks Concert Tribute—2pm
Jerry Presley's Elvis Live!—8pm
NEW! A Lionel Richie Tribute—2pm
A Neil Diamond Tribute—10am
Neil Sedaka: His Music Legacy—10am
NEW! Rockit Man—8pm
NEW! Strait to Branson—2pm
Waylon, Willie & the Good Ole' Boys—8pm

King's Castle Theatre

Anthems of Rock—8pm
Branson's Christmas Wonderland—10am, 2pm, 8pm
Dancing Queen—2pm, 8pm
Dublin's Irish Tenors and The Celtic Ladies—10am, 2pm, 8pm
Dublin's Irish Tenors and The Celtic Ladies - A Celtic Christmas—10am, 2pm, 8pm

NEW! Jukebox Live—5pm

New Jersey Nights—10am, 2pm, 8pm

Little Opry Theatre in IMAX

NEW! An Evening with Shoji—8pm
Country Evolution starring Dalena Ditto—5pm
George Jones & Friends: Keeping Country Alive—5pm
The Petersens—2pm, 8pm
Rick McEwens Presents The Gambler—2pm
Sanders Family Christmas Gospel Music Comedy—10am
Smoke on the Mountain Gospel Music Comedy—10am
The Sons of Britches—2pm, 8pm

Majestic Theatre

Absolutely Country, Definitely Gospel—2pm, 7:30pm
NEW! Milsap Almost Like a Song—7:30pm
NEW! Sedaka Songbook—2pm
NEW! Sons of Music Celebration—10am
(In the Ruby Room) Branson Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre—3:20pm
(In the Ruby Room) Dancing in the Streets A Motown Revue—7pm
(In the Ruby Room) Doo Wop & The Drifters feat. Derek Ventura—7pm

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Bellamy Brothers—8pm
Disney Princess: The Concert—7:30pm
Gene Watson—8pm
Jimmy Fortune—3pm, 8pm
Larry Gatlin & The Gatlin Brothers—8pm
Oak Ridge Boys—8pm

Music City Centre

Indestructable Life—TBA
Singin' in the Rain Jr—TBA

Pierce Arrow Theater

Decades presented by Pierce Arrow—8pm
Pierce Arrow Country—8pm

Presleys' Theater

Presleys' Country Jubilee—8pm

Shepherd of the Hills

NEW! A Christmas Story—5pm, 7:30pm
Funny Farm Dinner Feud—5pm
NEW! Great American Chuckwagon Dinner Show—5pm
Shepherd of the Hills Outdoor Drama—8:30pm
A Shepherd's Christmas Carol—4:15pm
WhoDunnit Hoedown Murder Mystery Dinner Show—7:30pm

Showboat Branson Belle

Showboat Branson Belle—12pm, 4pm, 8pm

Sight & Sound Theatre

JESUS—11:30am, 3:30pm, 7:30pm
Miracle of Christmas—11:30am, 3:30pm, 7:30pm
NEW! Queen Esther (2023)—11:30am, 3:30pm, 7:30pm

Yakov's Theatre

Yakov Smirnoff (select dates)—2pm



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 Branson Coaster
 Branson Duck Tours (New!)
 Branson Ferris Wheel
 Branson Jet Boats
 Branson Roller Skating Rink
 Branson Scenic Railway
 Branson Zipline at Wolfe Mountain
 Branson's Wild World
 Butterfly Palace & Rainforest Adventure
 Castle of Chaos - 5D Adventure
 Classic Boat Tours
 Copperhead Mountain Coaster
 Cryptex Escape Game Rooms
 Dogwood Canyon
 Emerald Forest Mirror Maze at Butterfly Palace

Escape Code
 Flyride at Beyond the Lens
 Fritz's Adventure
 Fun Mountain at Big Cedar
 Grand Country Fun Spot
 Hannah's Amazing Mirrors
 Helicopter Rides
 Hill Family Slim Factory (New!)
 Hog Wild Adventures
 IMAX Entertainment Complex

Indian Point Zipline
 Inspiration Tower
 Landing Axes
 Lost Canyon Cave & Nature Trail
 National Tiger Sanctuary
 Ozark Shooters Sports Complex
 Parakeet Pete's Steampunk Balloon
 Parakeet Pete's Waterfront Zipline
 Pink Jeep Tours (New!)
 Promised Land Zoo
 The Redneck Comedy Bus Tour (New!)
 Retromania (New!)
 Ripley's Super Fun Zone

Runaway Mountain Coaster
 Sagas Mysteries
 Shepherd of the Hills Adventure Park
 The Shrine of the Holy Spirit
 Silver Dollar City
 Snowflex Tubing Hill
 Spirit of America Catamaran Cruise
 Tommy Hawks Axe House
 The Track Family Fun Parks
 Vigilante Extreme Ziprider
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Some of your favorite attractions may appear under Museums on page 26.

When you are looking for something fun, exciting, and adventurous to do, look no further than the attractions found in Branson! Branson just might be the town with the most fun attractions in the world.

For over 60 years, Silver Dollar City has been one of the top theme park destinations for families. The park features top-rated coasters as well as numerous rides for the entire family. A variety of festivals take place throughout the year. From heart pumping coasters, to entertainment, festivals, and delicious dining, guests will be sure to enjoy all that the park has to offer.

Roller Coasters! Branson has a new option to explore. Copperhead Mountain Coaster at Shepherd of the Hills is Branson's newest and longest coaster with over 3350 feet of downhill fun. Coast down an Ozark mountain slope and take in the beauty that surrounds you.

At Beyond the Lens, located in the heart of Branson's entertainment district, you can explore the best of pop culture with interactive games, amazing photo ops, and intriguing exhibits for the entire family. Be sure to catch the Flyride and Flip Zone attractions.

Your vacation isn't complete without a visit to the Track Family Fun Parks. Experience 3 unique high-rise go-kart tracks, including Heavy Metal High Rise and

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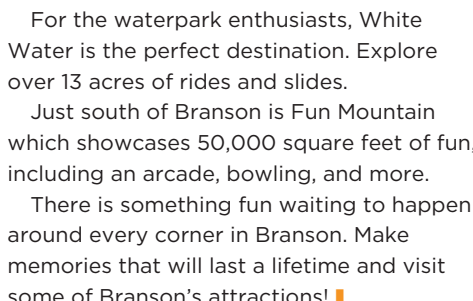
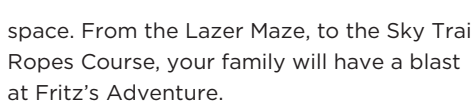
the 2 wooden tracks. Also enjoy classic go-karts, laser tag, bumper boats, bumper cars, kids' rides, the 100-foot tall Skycoaster, Skyscraper, mini golf, and arcades.

Have you ever fed a butterfly? You can at Branson's Butterfly Palace and Rainforest Adventure. See exotic butterflies from all over the world. There are several attractions all under one roof here. Come and go during three days when you buy admission.

Located right next to the Branson Ferris Wheel, Retromania packs numerous attractions into one place and one price. Enjoy the 80s Film Museum, Retro Rocker Mini Golf, Classic 80s arcade, Escape Games, Haunted House, and more. Be sure to stop at New Wave Café for a bite to eat after all the fun you've had.

Be sure to check out Branson's Wild World, Branson's Animal Adventure Park and Aquarium, an amazing attraction unlike any you've experienced before. Feed sharks at Wild World. Come see over 180 species of animals with all sorts of opportunities for kids and adults alike to interact, feed, hold, and learn about them.

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The best part, The Butterfly Palace is partaking in something greater. Come learn about how just by visiting, **YOU** are helping to **SAVE THE RAINFOREST**. Your ticket allows us to buy butterflies from the rainforest. The butterfly farms in the rainforest, directly benefit from the profits. In turn they use the profits to purchase and protect the land in the rainforest, butterflies, and other species within it. It also provides income to the farmers who work very hard to provide us with beautiful species to fly. The income provides support for a sustainable rainforest economy.

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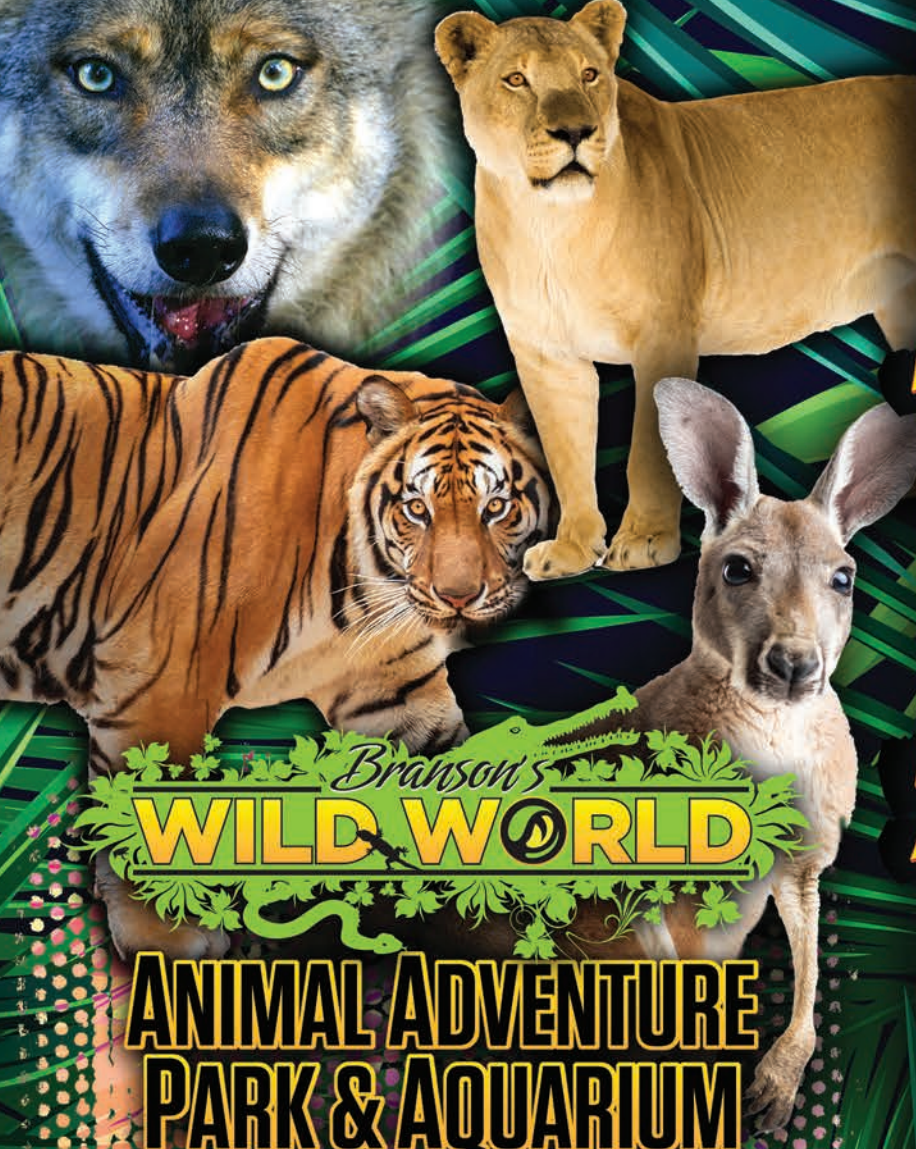
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1980s! GREMLINS MOVIE THEATER

Stop by and catch one of your favorite movies from the 80s - and enjoy it in our Gremlins movie theater!

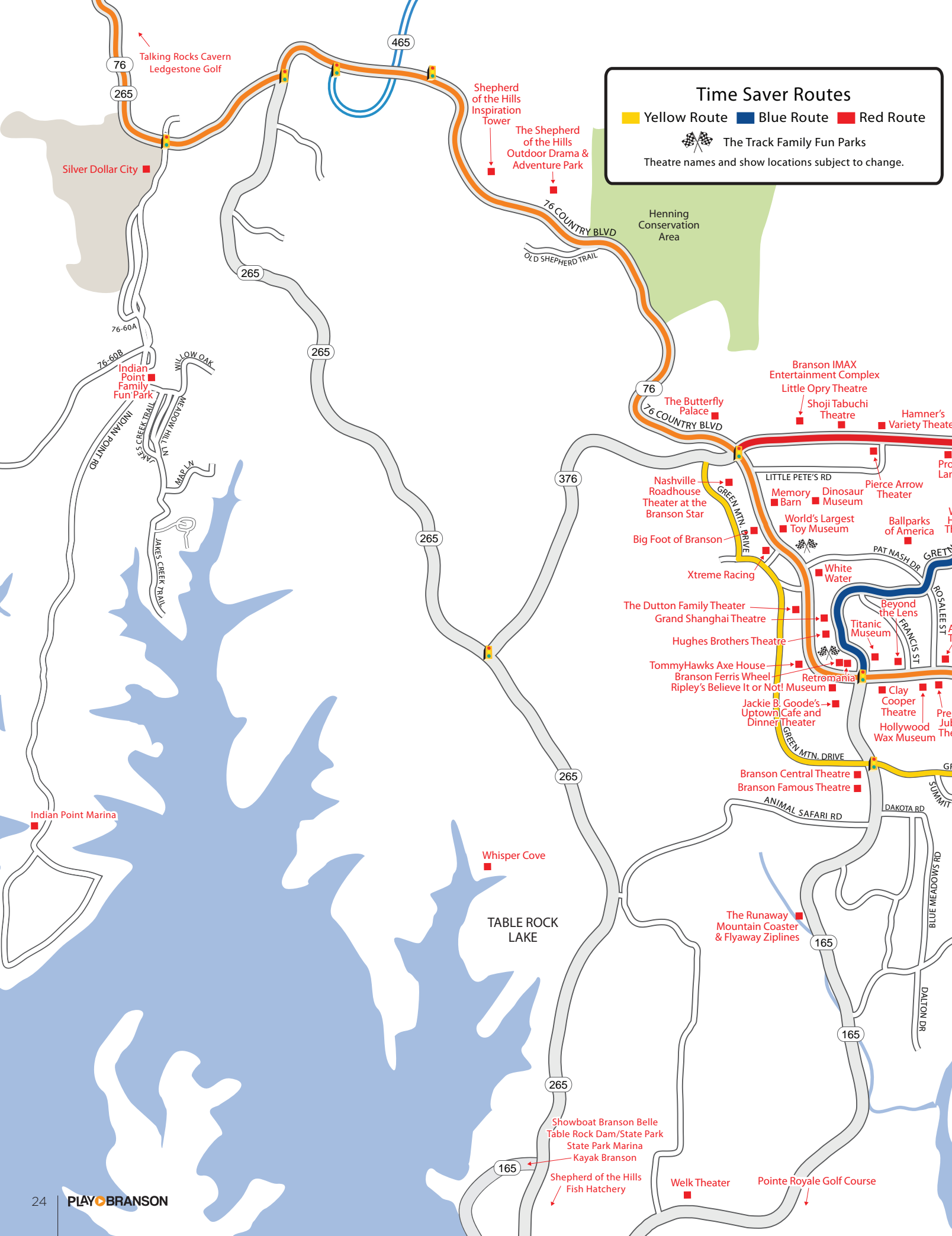
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The Track Family Fun Parks

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Shoji Tabuchi Theatre

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Xtreme Racing

White Water

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Grand Shanghai Theatre

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Hughes Brothers Theatre

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Branson Ferris Wheel

Ripley's Believe It or Not! Museum

RetroMania!

Jackie B. Goode's Uptown Cafe and Dinner Theater

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Hollywood Wax Museum

Branson Central Theatre

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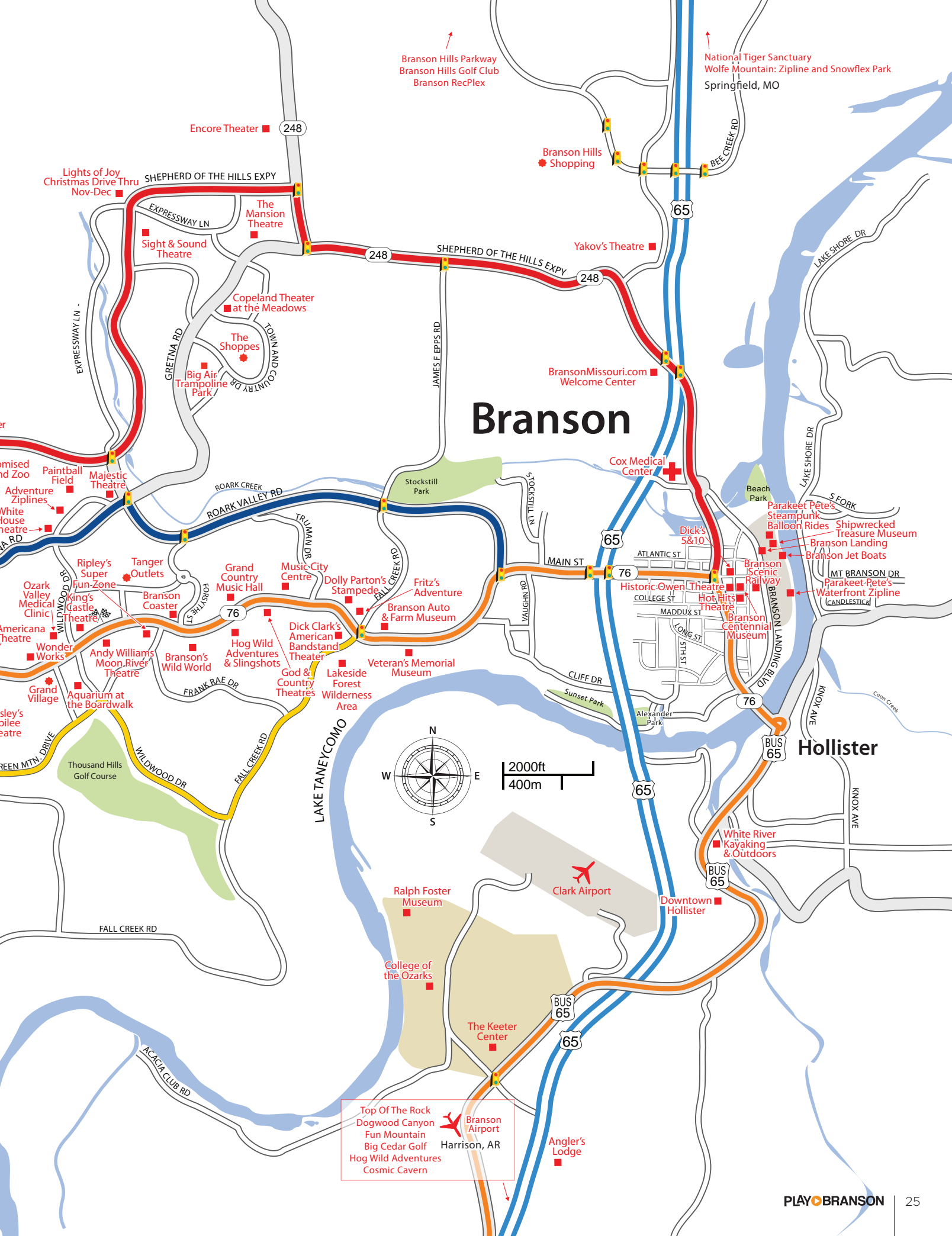
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Dolly Parton's Stampede ■

Fritz's Adventure ■

Branson Auto & Farm Museum ■

Dick Clark's American Bandstand Theatre ■

God & Country Theatres ■

Lakeside Forest Wilderness Area ■

Veteran's Memorial Museum ■

Hog Wild Adventures & Slingshots ■

Branson's Wild World ■

Andy Williams Moon River Theatre ■

God & Country Theatres ■

Grand Village ■

Aquarium at the Boardwalk ■

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King's Castle Theatre ■

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White House Theatre ■

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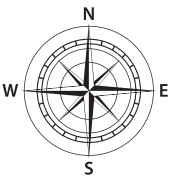
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MUSEUMS

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- Celebrity Car Museum
- Creation Experience Museum
- Dinosaur Museum
- History of Fishing Museum
- Hollywood Wax Museum
- Gaetz Tractor Museum
- Ralph Foster Museum
- Ripley's Believe It or Not!
- Shipwrecked Treasure Museum
- TITANIC Museum Attraction
- Those Were the Days Memory Barn
- Veteran's Memorial Museum
- World's Largest Toy Museum (multiple museums)

When you are looking for something fun, but still educational, be sure to check out one of the many incredible museums in Branson. The number of high quality museums in the Branson area might just surprise you!

For a wonderful historical museum, visit the Titanic Museum Attraction. Guests will receive a passenger or crew boarding pass, featuring a real Titanic traveler, before actually boarding this amazing ship for themselves. Once on-board, guests will be able to take a self-guided tour while viewing over 400 real artifacts. Guests will end their journey aboard the boat by finding out if they are a "survivor" or not, as well as taking a walk down the gorgeous Grand Staircase.

Just south of Branson is a museum of truly epic proportions and one of the Ozarks best kept secrets. Be sure to visit the Ancient Ozarks Natural History Museum, located at Top of the Rock. Get face to face with prehistoric creatures, galleries showcasing the American West and Civil War, and one of the most astounding collections of Native American artifacts and artwork anywhere.

Discover the history of the Ozarks and Branson at the free Branson Centennial Museum. This museum is located in the heart of downtown Branson. See the history



Hollywood Wax Museum

of Branson and the entertainment industry.

The Hollywood Wax Museum provides guests with the opportunity to be up close and personal with some of the biggest stars of all time. Take selfies with some of your favorite movie stars, celebrities, and even presidents! Your journey to becoming a movie star unfolds as you move through the course. If you are up for a challenge, visit their mirror maze. Hannah's Maze of Mirrors provides a fun experience for every visitor. For a more thrilling experience, visit the Castle of Chaos. Take part in this incredible 5D experience with up to 400 movements per second!



Ripley's Believe It or Not!



Titanic Museum



Branson Centennial Museum

For a museum on the crazier side, check out Ripley's Believe It or Not! This museum offers over 450 unbelievable exhibits that will leave guests speechless. From shrunken heads, to the world's largest roll of toilet paper, there is something strange around every corner.

Another museum that will bring back memories is the World's Largest Toy Museum Complex, with over 1 million toys within six museums and numerous collections. You'll also find the Harold Bell Wright Museum, National BB Gun Museum, World of Checkers Museum, Stearns Bear Museum, and Paul Harvey Jr. Museum as part of this amazing complex. ■



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Shoppes at Branson Meadows

If you like to shop, you'll fall in love with Branson. With such a wide variety of shopping options to choose from—from outlet malls to quaint boutiques—you'll be sure to have a great time.

Tanger Outlets

Tanger Outlets is the perfect shopping destination for families. It is located in the heart of Branson and features over 60 name brand outlet stores. A few of these stores include: Coach, Polo, Lululemon, Pandora, Aerie, and Kate Spade.



Tanger Outlets

Branson Landing

The Branson Landing is home to over 100 specialty shops and restaurants. National stores like Bass Pro Shops, Belk, and H&M are all found here. In the evening, be sure to stop and take in the amazing water show that is synchronized with music and fire!

Grand Village

For those looking for a unique and quaint shopping experience, the Grand Village Shoppes is the place to check out. From the largest Christmas store in Branson, to leather and wood-working stores, the Grand Village Shoppes offer it all.

Shoppes at Branson Meadows

The Shoppes at Branson Meadows features a variety of stores such as Tool Town, Shepherd Hills Cutlery, and Made In The U.S.A. General Store. Plus, 1984 Arcade!

Historic Downtown

Guests will love Historic Downtown Branson. From the moment guests reach Main Street, they will be astonished by the brick sidewalks and Victorian lamp posts. There are historical sites in this area and over 60 retail stores. One of the best-known downtown Branson stores is Dick's 5&10 featuring souvenirs, hard-to-find old-time candy, housewares, crafts, and more.

IMAX Entertainment Complex

The IMAX Entertainment Complex offers a unique shopping experience for the entire family. There is McFarlain's Family Restaurant and numerous shops and theatres to explore while there.

Branson Hills Parkway

Right off of Highway 65, guests will find numerous shops located at Branson Hills Parkway: This shopping area features stores such as: KOHLS, Books-A-Million, Wal-Mart Super Center, Target, TJ Maxx, Best Buy, Ulta, Cato's, Michaels, and Ross.

With so many shopping options in Branson, guests will be sure to find something for everyone! So what are you waiting for? Get out there and shop 'til you drop! 🛍️



Branson Landing

WHAT'S NEW



Branson Duck Tours

New Shows

After a few seasons away, Branson's biggest entertainer, Shoji Tabuchi, returns with an intimate show at the Little Opry Theater located inside the Branson's IMAX Entertainment Complex. This will be the opportunity to see Shoji and his daughter, Christina, up close and personal Be sure to catch An Evening with Shoji while visiting Branson.

Sight & Sound Theatres brings Miracle of Christmas back to the stage for Christmas in 2022 and the new 2023 production entitled Queen Esther will debut. Be sure to see the final season of JESUS in 2022 before it ends in October!

The Shepherd of the Hills debuts two new shows in 2022. The Great American Chuckwagon is a show where you can enjoy an authentic cowboy chuckwagon dinner experience with classic cowboy songs, duel fiddles, gun twirlin', and hilarious skits. The dinner bell rings at 5pm sharp; the cowboy entertainment runs after! Watch the hilarious family-favorite, A Christmas Story, performed at the Playhouse Theatre while you enjoy a Christmas meal.

Nashville Roadhouse Theater at the Branson Star adds several new shows to their mix. THAT Mentalist Guy, featuring Steve Sanders, specializes in stunning feats of Mentalism, creating an amazing experience that you and your family will remember for the rest of your lives, delivered with humor and style.

Ric Steel opens his show as an internationally acclaimed vocalist, Grammy nominee, instrumentalist and debuts his 2022 show at the Branson Star.

4-time female vocalist of the year, Georgina Holiday, opens her own show in 2022, The Georgina Holiday Show. Georgina will tell you stories from behind some of the most famous stages and sing the songs that the great country artists sang. There is no other voice like Georgina's. Don't miss this exciting concert!

The Best of Motown and More features a tribute to The Temptations, The Four Tops, OJays and James Brown, plus many other soul and Motown legends in this high energy 2-hour show.



The Great American Chuckwagon

Dean Martin and Friends with Trey Dees is a non-stop singing production tribute of the legendary Dean Martin, to honor the man, his music and the magic he created—a unique and fabulous take on the King of Cool!

The Majestic Theatre adds several new shows. Sedaka Songbook—featuring some of the biggest hit songs by singer/songwriter and entertainer, Neil Sedaka—is going to take you way back to the 50s, 60s, and 70s! Lee Hendrix brings tribute to one of Country's biggest stars, Ronnie Milsap in Milsap - Almost like a Song. The Sons Music Celebration features dynamic three part harmonies of bluegrass, country, gospel and patriotic.

Americana Theater adds two new shows in 2022 to their line up. Take a trip from Elvis' humble roots in gospel music, to his days in Las Vegas, to his time in the movies, and everything in between when you see Elvis: Story of the King. America's Top Country Hits brings the history of country music to life, from the classics to the big acts. You'll hear everything from Johnny Cash to George Jones, Glen Campbell to Garth Brooks, George Strait and more.

Jerry Presley's God & Country Theater adds several new shows including: A Lionel Richie Tribute, Strait to Branson, Elvis: The Last Concert, and an Elton John Tribute called Rockitman.

Branson Hot Hits Theater adds Soft Rock of the 70s and 80s.

Be sure to check out the limited engagements listed on page 10 for more special shows.

New Attractions

Branson Ducks Tours offer a new style of amphibious vehicle, specifically designed and built for safe duck tours. Journey by land through the streets of Branson, singing songs, hearing jokes and tall tales, and learning local history. Then, without getting up from your seat, you'll splash on to Lake Taneycomo, where you'll have the opportunity to see downtown Branson from the water!

At the new Hill Family Slime Factory, you can make your own slime, play with it, and then take it with you. This is a fun family activity that doubles as a souvenir!

With Pink Jeep Tours, experience the wonder of the Ozarks like never before from the comfort of a custom Pink Jeep Wrangler. Wind past area landmarks, the lakes, and ascend off-road trails to the top of Baird Mountain while expert, local guides bring centuries of mountain history and culture to life.

Step back in time to the decade of parachute pants, real music television, awesome iconic movies, and long haired rockers at Retromania. Experience the 80s Film Museum, where you can take selfies with the stars from your favorite movies. Test your skill in the Retro Rocker blacklight mini golf course, where the sights and sounds of some of the best rock bands come to life. Prepare for a scare in the Slashers Haunted House where many movie monsters reside. Play in the Classic 80s arcade, sing a song on the karaoke stage, try to escape one of the awesome 80s escape games, watch a movie in the Gremlins movie theater, or eat and drink in the New Wave Café.

Take ziplining to the next level at Fritz's Adventure with the world's first indoor/outdoor zipline! The TreeTops Escape is a route that takes you from the indoors to the outdoors, with 4 additional ziplines, 3 giant platforms, 2 spiral staircases, and a crow's nest with a view for miles.

See the Ozarks area in style on the Redneck Comedy Bus Tour! This side-splitting tour features tons of comedy and fun that will have you laughing along for the entire ride. Through tons of sightseeing, redneck-themed narration, and plenty of jokes, you'll experience Branson in a brand new and hilarious way.

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Pink Jeep Tours



Payne's Valley

Branson is the perfect destination for golf players of all skill levels. There are numerous courses throughout Branson, each offering unique challenges and beautiful views.

Big Cedar

Just south of Branson, the golf experience is rising to legendary status with the opening of new courses in the Ozarks by Bass Pro's Johnny Morris and his friends who are PGA golfing legends.

Payne's Valley is Big Cedar's newest course and is the first fully public access course in the world designed by Tiger Wood's design firm. This course honors Payne Stewart. Ranked the best new public golf course in 2021 by Gold Digest. Book early as tee times are hard to get.

Ozarks National was designed by Bill Coore and Ben Crenshaw and was awarded Golfweek's Best Courses You Can Play by State 2021 as the #1 course in Missouri. The course measures 7036 yards from the back tees and offers incredible vistas and beautiful views.

Discover Buffalo Ridge Springs which was designed by Tom Fazio. The course is a scenic 18 hole, 7,012 yard course and has been rated by GolfPass/Golf Advisor as the #2 of the top 25 "Best 25 Missouri Golf Courses 2022".



Thousand Hills



Ozarks National

Mountain Top Course was designed by Gary Player to create a 13 hole short course. You'll love the views of the Ozarks from this course.

Top of the Rock Golf Course, known as the first ever Par 3 course to be included in a professional championship, showcases nature and golf at its best. It's a Jack Nicklaus Signature Course overlooking Table Rock Lake.

Branson Hills

Branson Hills is just minutes from the Branson Landing and 76 entertainment district. Branson Hills Golf Club is nestled in the rolling hills of the Ozarks with breathtaking panoramic views. Branson Hills offers golfers a one-of-a-kind experience. Playing at 7,324 yards, this championship course challenges even the most advanced players. It has earned numerous accolades in the golfing community including #1 Course in Missouri from Golf Week 2012-2018, #1 Best Golf Course to play in Missouri, and 36th Best Course in the nation from Golf Channel's 2021 Golf Advisor Golfer's Choice.

Ledgestone

Ledgestone Golf's 5 teeing areas stretch through the spectacular natural beauty of rock outcroppings, creeks, ponds, and forest. The brilliance of the surroundings perfectly frames their faultless Bentgrass greens and tree lined Zoysia fairways.

Pointe Royale

Pointe Royale is located across from the Welk Resort Theatre on Highway 165. Since opening in 1995, Pointe Royale has prided itself in providing excellent course conditions to ensure that they offer the best greens on the Outer Banks. In addition to their greens, plush Bermuda fairways also surround the course.

Thousand Hills

Thousand Hills is an 18 hole public golf course that has gained popularity from its unique ability to encompass all skill levels. With three separate sets of tees, golfers of all ages and skills will have a great time. The golf course will give you views of beautiful hardwood forests, unique rock formations, and Ozark streams.

Holiday Hills

Holiday Hills' par 68, spikeless golf course has been designed for every level of golfer, from the beginning novice, to the seasoned touring professional. Bentgrass greens, over 40 bunkers, and water comes into play on 6 holes. ■



Pointe Royale



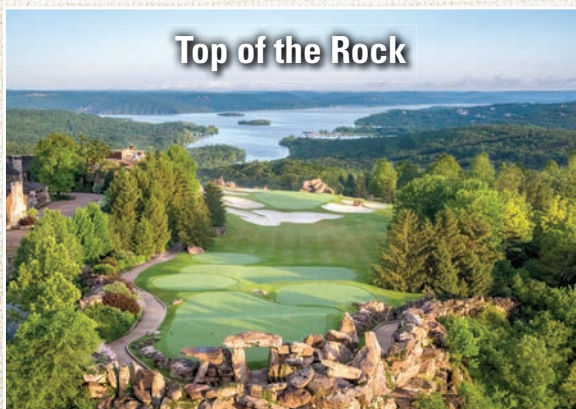
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OUTDOORS

Zipline Canopy Tours at Shepherd of the Hills

Outdoor activities are abundant in the Branson area. Guests will enjoy many popular activities while taking in the majestic views of the Ozarks.

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Dogwood Canyon

Dogwood Canyon is a beautiful nature park featuring thousands of recreational acres. Guests can take a tram tour, fly fish, or take a relaxing stroll on the trails. If you want to see elk or buffalo, be sure to take the tram tour.

Ziplines

Ziplining is another popular outdoor attraction in Branson. Feel the wind as you fly through the trees or over the lake! There are several zipline attractions located throughout the Branson area, each offering a unique ziplining experience!

Caves

Caving is a popular activity, as the Ozarks are home to several caves. Lost Canyon Cave at Top of the Rock can be uniquely explored as you drive through it in a golf-cart.

Cosmic Caverns is located between Branson and Eureka Springs. This cave is



Arkansas's largest privately owned show cave. The cave stays a nice 64 degrees year round.

Talking Rocks Cavern is conveniently located near Branson West. Guests are encouraged to take the hour-long tour to learn about the history of the cave and see all of the beautiful sights.

Marvel Cave is found right inside Silver Dollar City. Be sure to enquire about taking the free tour. Mystic Caverns is located just south of Harrison, Arkansas. At Mystic Caverns you will hear the incredible sounds of a pipe organ and learn the special story of the "spider monkey."

Horseback Riding

Horseback riding is another attraction that Branson offers. There are guided tours that give guests the opportunity to explore the Ozarks from the top of a horse!

Kayaking

Have you ever tried kayaking? The Branson area is the perfect place to experience the Ozarks on either Table Rock Lake or Lake Taneycomo via a kayak. This



Talking Rocks Cavern

provides two completely different experiences.

With White River Kayaking and Outdoors you can experience a variety of Lake Taneycomo floats trips beginning at the Shepherd of the Hills Fish Hatchery to their Turkey Creek location. This float is about 9 miles long and will take 4-5 hours. Other floats and experiences are available from their Turkey Creek location. Paddleboards can also be rented from them. ■



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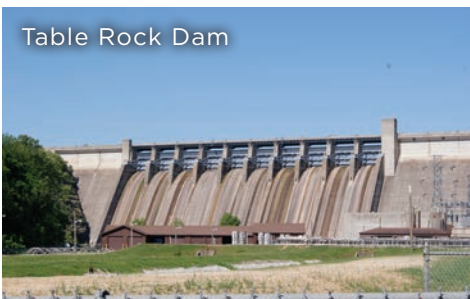
Table Rock Lake

The Branson area is home to three top lakes. These lakes are perfect for fishing, boating, and a variety of water sports.

Table Rock Lake

Table Rock Lake, the crown jewel of area lakes, offers some of the best bass fishing. The lake is 43,000 acres with over 800 miles of shoreline. Be sure to visit the Dewey Short Visitor Center by the Table Rock Dam. The dam is nearly 6,500 feet long and stands 250 feet above the stream beneath. If you are looking for a place to relax, a popular beach is Moonshine Beach, located just north of the Table Rock Dam and it is the perfect place to enjoy the waters of Table Rock Lake. Southern Living ranked it as one of the South's greatest lakes. Paddleboarding, jet skiing, kayaking, skiing, wakeboarding, scuba diving and wakesurfing are just a few of the many fun activities you can experience on Table Rock lake. Several commercial marinas are located near Branson to help you experience Table Rock Lake. You can rent a boat for a half day or full day at many of the marinas. Be sure to check out Indian Point Marina located on Indian Point near Silver Dollar City for boat and jet ski rentals.

Table Rock Dam



White River Kayaking



Indian Point Marina



Bull Shoals Lake

Bull Shoals Lake offers gorgeous views, miles of undeveloped shorelines, and clear waters. The lake is great for scuba diving, boating, and fishing. It offers some of the best bass and walleye fishing. ■

Lake Taneycomo

Lake Taneycomo is a cold-water lake that is perfect for trout fishing. It looks and feels like a river but is officially a lake and originally part of the White River. Be sure to visit Shepherd of the Hills Fish Hatchery, located below Table Rock dam, or visit one of the marinas located by Branson Landing for opportunities to experience the lake on boat rides or kayaks. White River Kayaking & Outdoors, located in Hollister, is a perfect way to get on Lake Taneycomo near downtown Branson.

Table Rock Lake



HIKING



If you like to hike, Branson offers miles of hiking trails in the great Ozark Mountains. We've highlighted a few trails in the Branson area that are easy to access.

The Ruth and Paul Henning Conservation Area, located 0.6 miles north of the Butterfly Palace, features five trails on over 1500 acres. There is the difficult, 3.4-mile Homesteader's Trail or the 0.4-mile long asphalt Dewy Bald Trail, which leads from the parking lot to a 40-foot viewing tower atop Dewy Bald. The tower provides an excellent view of the scenic White River Hills and Branson entertainment. The area is

designated as an important bird area by Audubon Missouri.

The 2.25-mile hiking and biking Table Rock Lakeshore Trail offers guests a gorgeous walk from the Dewey Short Visitor Center, to the Showboat Branson Belle area along the edge of Table Rock lake. The White River Trail System (hiking and biking) is near here and consists of over 11 miles of trails and four distinct loops for you to traverse.

The Lakeside Forest Wilderness is located just south of Dick Clark's American Bandstand Theater and offers the opportunity to explore over 130 acres of

wooded and rugged Ozark hills on 5.3 miles of trails. Visitors can enjoy this unique park with its two woodland trails that wind through forest, along bluffs, and across glades. The trail system also offers views of an old homestead and barn, and beautiful views of Lake Taneycomo. A set of 315 stone steps lead down toward Lake Taneycomo along a path that features a waterfall and cave.

The Waterfall Trail follows an unnamed tributary of Roark Creek and includes some beautiful rock formations, a waterfall, and a dense tree canopy for a .7-mile hike. The trail is rugged with 2 creek crossings and can be impassable after a heavy rain. The trail is located at Roark Valley Road and Shepherd of the Hills Expressway, near the entrance of the Branson Woods Resort at 851 Roark Valley Drive.

Just a short 20-minute drive north of Branson, the Busiek State Park offers 18 miles of wide and well-marked trails. This area features bird watching, wildlife, lush streams, and beautiful views of the Ozark valleys.

There are even trails at Shepherd of the Hills fish hatchery with 4 trails in length from 0.4 to 1.6 miles. ■

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FREE THINGS TO DO



Branson Landing

When you're looking for something out of the ordinary to do in Branson, there are a few places you need to check out. The best part about them, they're completely free!

College of the Ozarks

This college isn't like other colleges you may have seen. There are some really unique free experiences here. The Gaetz Tractor Museum features a variety of antique tractors and farm equipment. Watch students grind whole-grain meal and flour at Edwards Mill. Tour the Fruitcake and Jelly Kitchen which has been producing world famous fruitcakes for over 85 years. Be sure to visit the Patriots Park while you are there as well.

Downtown Branson

The Branson Centennial Museum in downtown Branson is a free museum. See the history of the Ozarks and the Branson area. You'll be fascinated with the history of Branson, its entertainers, and people. It is located at 120 South Commercial Street.

Be sure to visit Dick's 5 & 10 in old downtown Branson. It's free to walk in and browse, but you might just find something you can't live without!

Take a walk along Lake Taneycomo at Branson Landing. Catch the fountain show in the town square of Branson Landing with

the first ever merging of water, lights, fire, and music. Shows run every hour at the top of the hour from noon until 10pm and were orchestrated by Wet Design.

Hop on the free discovery trolley for an overview of some of Branson's landmarks, as well as convenient transportation between the historic downtown area, the Branson Convention Center, and Branson Landing. The trolley operates March through December daily, 10am to 6pm.

Shepherd of the Hills Fish Hatchery

The Shepherd of the Hills Fish Hatchery is the largest trout-rearing facility operated by the Missouri Department of Conservation. It is located below Table Rock Dam. The hatchery produces between 350,000 and 400,000 pounds of trout each year. Both rainbow and brown trout are raised at the hatchery with 80 percent of production going into Lake Taneycomo. The hatchery includes a free conservation center, where the guests can learn more about trout culture, aquatic life, fishing, and the Missouri Department of Conservation's role in aquatic resource management. Guests can even feed the trout on their visit to the hatchery.

Dewey Short Visitor Center

Dewey Short Visitor Center near Table Rock Dam provides guests with unique exhibits including: a state-of-the-art interactive map of Table Rock Lake, beautiful artistic wall murals, and a replica of an Ozarks bluff complete with local flora and fauna. A Native American artifact exhibit and Ozarks dioramas are fascinating features of the interpretive center. An interactive water safety exhibit demonstrates the importance of wearing a life jacket, and an expansive cut-away model reveals the inner workings of a hydroelectric dam. The fascinating history of the Corps of Engineers rounds out the exhibits. Guests can also walk or jog along the connecting trails while taking in the beautiful views of the Table Rock Lake on the Table Rock Lakeshore Trail. This trail is paved and easy to walk.

Hiking

There are numerous free trails to hike in the Branson area. See our detailed info in the hiking article on page 37! If you aren't in the mood to hike take a drive through the scenic Ozark Mountains

Religious Experiences

The Creation Experience Museum is a free museum, but currently requires an appointment. On the way stop at Images at the Cross to take some pictures of the 250 foot tall cross just north of Branson. The Shrine Of The Holy Spirit features a 100-foot tall spire, the grounds, which also include a chapel, seating area, and fountains, offer a quiet place for prayer or meditation and are particularly lovely at night when lit up.

Tours & Tastings

Branson offers several places to learn about winemaking and distilleries, as well as enjoy samples. Check out Lindwedel Wine Garden, St. James Winery, Bear Creek Wine Company, Copper Run Distillery, Smith Creek Moonshine, Ozark Hills Winery and Missouri Ridge Distillery. ■



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CHRISTMAS IN BRANSON



Silver Dollar City

Beginning November 1, Branson is transformed into a stunning Christmas wonderland. From millions of lights dazzling in the Ozarks, to Christmas trees everywhere you look, the Christmas season is truly magical in Branson. It's easy to get into the Christmas spirit.

Many Branson Christmas shows take place, offering guests a classic Christmas experience. Guests will hear timeless classics as well as the fun Christmas songs that everyone enjoys singing along with. Some shows are only available at Christmas time, like the new productions in 2022 of *A Christmas Story* at Shepherd of the Hills, *The Miracle of Christmas* at Sight & Sound Theatres, or the *Hughes Christmas Show*. Other shows change their shows to include Christmas segments.

Branson offers three Christmas light drive-thrus. One of our favorites is *Lights of Joy*, featuring over 300 Christmas light displays and dancing light tunnel. It is located north of Sight & Sound Theatres. Be sure to check out the complete new drive thru experience in 2022.



The Petersens

An Old Time Christmas at Silver Dollar City with over 6.5 million lights is magical and has been recognized nationally as a top Christmas destination. Guests can ride the train where everyone is encouraged to sing along to some of the most popular Christmas carols. Catch the nightly *Rudolph's Holly Jolly™ Christmas Light Parade* and say hello to the most famous reindeer of all. This joyous musical procession of nine lighted floats and dozens of costumed characters strolling through the streets of Silver Dollar City will bring smiles. Also be sure to watch the dancing of the 100 foot tall Christmas tree on Main Street.



Kringles

Branson also offers some of the best Christmas stores. Visit *Kringles* at the Grand Village and be astonished by the numerous Christmas trees, ornaments, and decorations.

There are so many ways to experience Christmas in Branson. With all of these incredible Christmas experiences, families will create wonderful Christmas memories, and the true meaning of Christmas will shine bright. Celebrate the birth of Jesus in Branson. ■



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