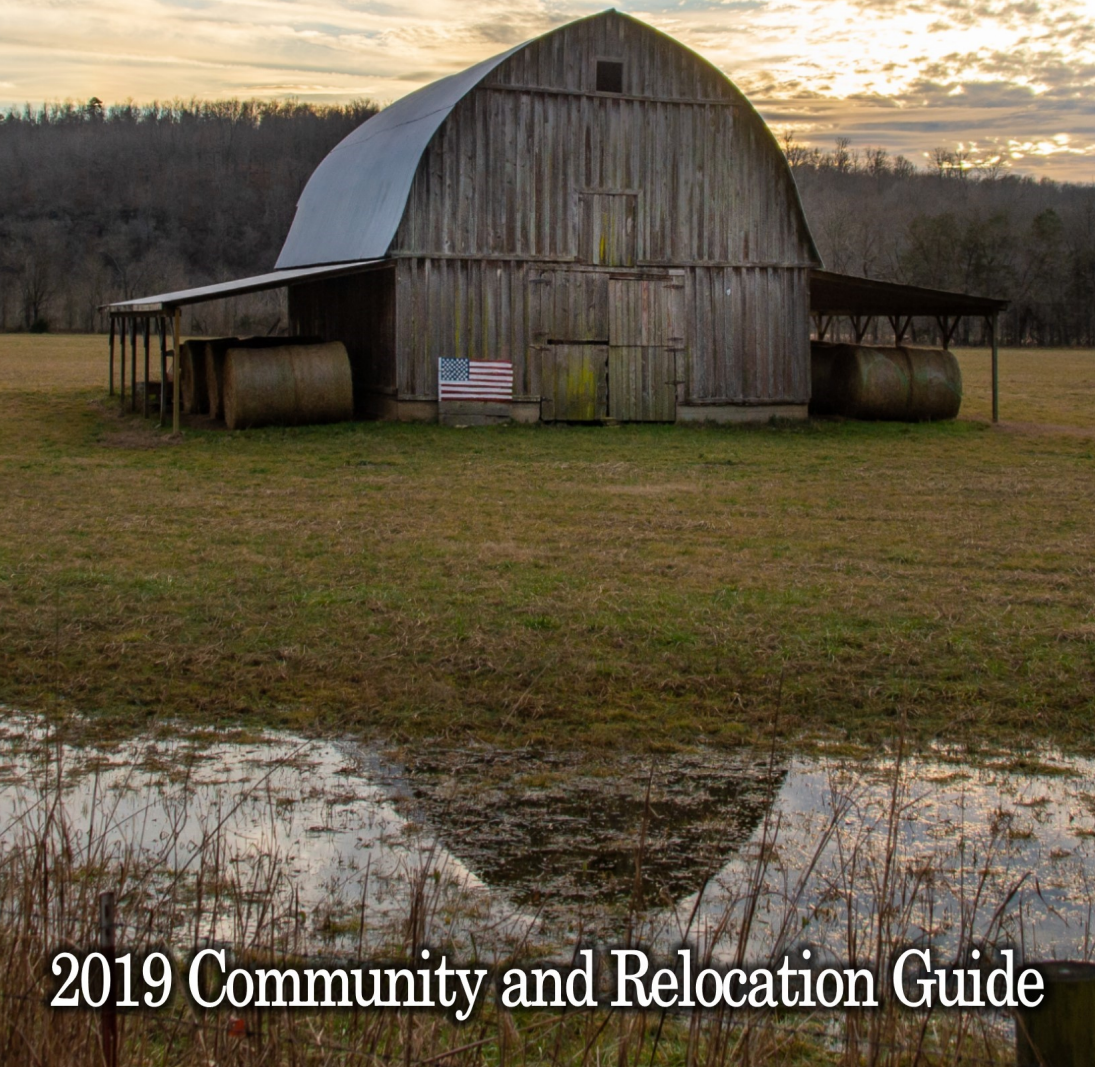


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Calendar of Events – 2019

Always call to confirm event is being held as published here. 870-448-2557

2nd & 5th Saturday Music at OHAC	Continual	Leslie-OHAC*
Art Classes at Searcy County Senior Center \$5	Thurs nights 5 to 7 pm	Marshall
Game Night @ Witts Springs Community Ctr	1st Fri of month/6:00 pm	Witts Springs
Searcy County Farmers Market**	Opens 7 June, Tues & Fri	Marshall
McEntire Music Jam	1st and 3rd Thurs 6:30	Vet. Mem. Hall Marshall
St Joe Depot Museum open Saturdays	11 am to 4 pm	St. Joe
4th Ann. Scripps Spelling Bee Championship	15 Jan 1pm	Marshall
Valentines Dinner	16-Feb	Witts Springs
6th Chamber Banquet & Awards Ceremony	7-Mar	Marshall
100th Birthday of the American Legion!	15-Mar	Leslie
8th Annual MHS Art Club Choc. Roll Festival	16-Mar	Marshall
Pure International Pageant, AR State Pageant	16-Mar	Leslie-OHAC*
St. Patrick's Day Potluck	16-Mar	Witts Springs
Searcy County Cleanup	22-23 Mar	County-wide
Dustin Reid Memorial ATV Poker Run	6 Apr 8am Reg.	Witts Springs
9th Annual FCC Community Egg Hunt	13 April@ 9:00 am	Marshall Football
Marshall Rotary Pancake Breakfast	20-Apr	Marshall
Marshall High School Alumni Banquet	20-Apr	Marshall
Witts Springs Community Egg Hunt	21 Apr 1pm	Witts Springs
Kenda Drive-In Throwback Thursday	25-Apr	Marshall
9th Annual Searcy Co. Health & Safety Expo	27-Apr	Marshall
22nd Water Creek Knapp-In	2-5 May	Mull
Grand Opening Gravel Bar Pavillion	18 May 4pm	Gilbert
Fish Fry	24-May	Big Flat



The Greater Searcy County Chamber of Commerce was the winner of the Bootstrap Award in the Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism Henry Awards! The 2016 Henry Awards winners were revealed at the 42nd Annual Arkansas Governor's Conference on Tourism held in Springdale on March 15th. Chamber of Commerce President Darryl Treat accepted the award for the Chamber from Arkansas Governor Asa Hutchinson. Our collective hard work was recognized at the state level! Arkansas Parks & Tourism knows who we are! Thank you to all our chamber members for your contribution of time and money!

Calendar of Events – 2019

Greater Gilbert Arts & Crafts Show	24-26 May	Gilbert RV Campground
33rd Annual Hillbilly Daze/Pancake Breakfast/5K Run	25-May	Witts Springs
47th Big Flat Homecoming/Senior Center Breakfast	25-May	Big Flat
Memorial Day Observance	27-May	Marshall Square
Kenda Drive-In Throwback Thursday	30-May	Marshall
30th Annual North Ark Ancestor Fair	May 31-June 1	Marshall
Arkansas High Country Race (Bicycles)	Begins 8 Jun	State-Wide
65th Annual Leslie Homecoming & School Reunion	13-15 Jun	Leslie
Arkansas Shakespeare Theatre	TBD	Leslie
Kenda Drive-In Free Family Night	TBD	Marshall
Kenda Drive-In Throwback Thursday	27 Jun, 25 July, 29 Aug	Marshall
Searcy County Rodeo Queen's Contest	25-Jul	Marshall Rodeo Arena
Gilbert Homecoming	27-Jul	Gilbert
Buffalo River Bull Bash	TBD	Marshall Rodeo Arena
Flintrock Saddle Club Horse Show	24-Aug	Marshall Rodeo Arena
Fall ATV Poker Run	31-Aug	Witts Springs
94th Searcy County Fair & Rodeo	3-7 Sep	Marshall
30th Junkfest (Ozark Byways Buydays)	2-5 Oct	Searcy County
40th Annual Falling Water Trailride	4-5 Oct	Snowball/St. Joe
Elton Britt Memorial Fest	5 Oct 11-3pm	Zack/Marshall
St. Joe Fall Festival	TBD	St. Joe
8th Annual Mtn Man Rendezvous	11-12 Oct	Leslie
Witts Springs School Reunion	12-Oct	Witts Springs
5th Annual Pedestal Rock 40 Bike Ride	19-Oct	Witts Springs
FCC Fall Festival	Oct	Marshall Friendship
Witts Springs Fall Fest	26 Oct 6pm	Witts Springs
ROCKIN BY THE RIVER	Oct	Gilbert
Searcy County Library Trick or Treat Night	31-Oct	Marshall
Cast Iron Cook Off and Artisan Market Place	2-Nov	Harriet
8th Annual Salute to Veterans Concert	TBD	Leslie-OHAC*
Veterans Day Observance	11-Nov	Marshall
7th Community Thanksgiving	23-Nov	Marshall
Small Business Saturday	30-Nov	County-wide
2nd Annual USO Christmas Tribute	6-Dec	Marshall
Kiwanis Christmas Parade	7-Dec	Marshall
10th Annual Sugarplum Festival/Santa in the Park	Dec	Leslie
Friendship Christmas Carnival/Santa Pictures	Dec	Marshall

* OHAC = Ozark Heritage Arts Center ** Farmer's Market Opens 7 June (Tues 9a till 1pm & Fri. 3-6p)

(The Marshall Rotary Club meets each Friday at Noon at Los Aztecas Restaurant)

Community Potluck 2nd & 4th Sundays from 2-4pm Dogwood Hills Guest Farm Loft

Calendar courtesy of the Greater Searcy County Chamber of Commerce

Welcome to Searcy County !!

Searcy County, Arkansas offers the perfect destination for your Ozark Mountain Get-Away. Located right on the U.S. 65 corridor—85 miles north of Little Rock, and just 40 miles south of Branson, Missouri—Searcy County is easy to get to, yet still hidden in the mountains.

We offer a wide variety of nearby attractions, such as the Buffalo National River, the Ozark National Forest, Ozark Heritage Arts Center, Tyler Bend Visitor's Center, and the Ozark Highlands Trail. There's even the Kenda Drive-In, one of only three drive-in movie theaters in the state of Arkansas, and the only one open year round.

Our guests enjoy staying in rustic cabins along the Buffalo in any season. Listen to the whippoorwills on a summer night. Feast your eyes on the flaming Ozark fall review. Let yourself be captivated by a crackling fire on a snowy winter's night. Soak up the warmth of a spring day, surrounded by dogwoods and redbuds in bloom.

With miles of dedicated trails, our visitors can spend a weekend motorcycling, hiking, horse-back riding, bicycling, or taking a thrilling ride on an ATV. The Buffalo National River and Richland Creek both offer memorable adventures in kayaking, canoeing or even a leisurely float. Our outfitters and campground operators can supply you with everything you need for the perfect vacation. We are also a photographer's dream destination!

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Marshall Fire Dept.870-448-2000
Marshall Police Dept.870-448-2888
Marshall Water-Sewer.....870-448-2543
Ambulance Service870-448-5855
Forestry Commission870-448-5014
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Leslie Fire Dept.870-448-2525
Searcy County Clerk870-448-3807
County Agent870-448-3981
Searcy County Judge870-448-3554
Searcy County Library870-448-2420
Municipal Court Clerk870-448-5411
Social Service870-448-3153
Senior Center.....870-448-2999
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Searcy Co. Civic Center.....870-448-2948
U.S. Agriculture Office870-448-3182
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Students of the Searcy County School District are surrounded by dedicated, caring, highly qualified professionals whose goal is to help all students be successful. We employ three academic instructional facilitators to work with teachers and students in the areas of literacy and mathematics. Through the efforts of our staff, the percentage of students performing at proficient or advanced levels consistently trends in a positive direction.

Current trend data from referenced tests over the past four years show consistent growth in student performance at all grade levels in both literacy and math. As a result, in 2016, Marshall High School was ranked as the No. 2 Best High School in Arkansas by schooligger.com. Both Marshall High School and Leslie Intermediate Schools received monetary awards from the Arkansas Recognition and Reward Program of Act 854 of 2015, which recognized schools with high student performance and student growth; Marshall High received awards in 2015 and 2016, Leslie Intermediate in 2016. District schools have earned several awards from the Office of Educational Policy (OEP), including "Beating the Odds – High Achieving Schools Serving Low-Income Communities." In 2016, Marshall Elementary earned the Beating the Odds award for third grade math. In 2014, Marshall High was named a Top 10% School and received an Arkansas School Recognition award from the Arkansas Department of Education. In 2017 and 2018, Marshall High School was listed as a Bronze School by U.S. News and World Report as a result of consistently high test scores on our end-of-course exams, making it the fourth year in a row MHS has received this proud distinction.

In September, 2014, with over \$7,000,000 for construction and renovation projects, we were able to provide a new heat and air system at Leslie Intermediate; complete four new classrooms, handicapped-accessible sidewalks, and renovations to the Ray Moore Gym lobby and restrooms at Marshall High School; and constructed twelve new classrooms with a safe area at Marshall Elementary.

This year, Marshall High School will celebrate its 95rd Class Reunion.

The administration office of the Searcy County School District is located at the Marshall High School Campus, 952 Highway 65 North in Marshall. Phone: 870-448-3011. Website is www.scsd.info and you can find them on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/SearcyCountySchoolDistrict.

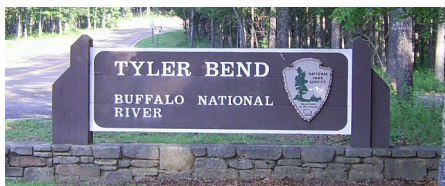
Searcy County Communities

Silver Hill—Gilbert Area

The 6 miles of highway (US 65 & AR 333) that crosses the Buffalo National River can take days to travel if you see and do everything. This area is



complete with river outfitters, restaurants, cabins, canoes to rent. Be sure and visit the Tyler Bend Visitor Center on the Buffalo National River at Silver Hill. The center details the story of America's First National River. Here you will find exhibits on recreation, the establishment of the park, prehistoric and pioneer history, flora, fauna and hiking. There are great campsites here as well to rent.



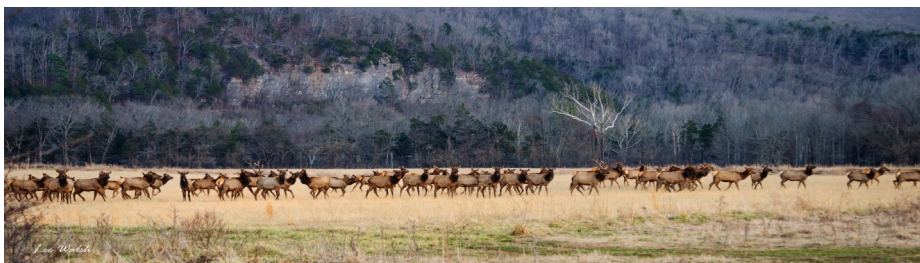
St. Joe—Pindall

Forest products, underground wonders, pastoral scenery, and smiling Buffalo River floaters can all be found coexisting in the rolling hills of northern Searcy County. Visitors can tour the St. Joe Depot Museum in St. Joe, and get delicious smoked meats and cheeses at Big Springs Trading Company. Pindall also hosts the only church furniture manufacturer in the state of Arkansas! They also produce furniture for courtrooms and funeral homes.



Snowball—Witts Spring — Richland Valley

Searcy County's Wild West offers rugged mountains, waterfalls, and a wilderness environment. There is some spectacular scenery in this area, including Point Peter, Falling Water Creek, and the "Ozark Highlands Trail" along Richland Creek. There are herds of Elk in this area so be sure and bring your camera. You can camp or picnic at Richland Creek Campground or the Ozark National Forest. Check out Hillbilly Daze in Witts Spring on May 25th!!



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There are annual Memorial Day and Veterans Day ceremonies conducted in Marshall, school tributes to veterans, and an annual Salute to Veterans Concert held near Veterans Day in Leslie.

Searcy County Veterans Service
Officer Mr. Philip McAdams —
Phone: 870-448-5783 Veterans
Memorial Hall in Marshall, Tuesday & Thursday from 9 a.m. till 5 p.m.

Henderson & Matheny American
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870-447-2183 Meets 4th Saturday
of every month at 9 a.m.

John Rainbolt American Legion
Post 198 St. Joe, Meets 1st Saturday
of every month at 9 a.m.

Dusty Helmet VFW Post 3252
Marshall, — Phone: 870-448-
2013 Meets 4th Saturday of every
month at 1 p.m.

Morrison & West VFW Post 12127
Leslie, — Phone: 870-447-2960
Meets 2nd Saturday of every
month at 9 a.m.

American Legion Post 1919 in
Marshall -- Phone: 870-504-2900
Meets 1st Saturday of the month at
3 p.m.

Searcy County Veterans Memorial
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Hunting and Fishing in Searcy County

With four Wildlife Management Areas, two National Forests and the Buffalo National River, Searcy County offers thousands of wooded acres for your next hunt. Whitetail deer are the prime target for large game hunters, but in 2015 the Ar-



Bentley Massey and his Trophy Deer, killed 2014 in Searcy County.
Photo Courtesy of Harper's Pure Country Taxidermy of Damascus, AR

website (www.agfc.com) with questions, or for permit inquiries.

kansas Game & Fish Commission (AGFC) ranked Searcy County as the #1 place to hunt black bear in all of the Ozarks.

Got your eye on an elk? **We are the Elk Hunting Capital of Arkansas:** 54 of the 67 elk harvested in 2018 came from Searcy County. The elk population is managed, so be sure to check the Arkansas Game & Fish



21 9/16 State Record Black Bear, Arkansas



Wild turkey, rabbit, squirrel, bobwhite quail, dove and various furbearers, coyote and even wild hogs roam the county. Of all the varieties of fish swimming in our rivers and creeks, smallmouth bass, catfish and sunfish are the most popular. You might even catch the occasional trout making their way up the Buffalo.

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Macie Woods and her 8x8 Monarch Trophy Elk, Searcy County in 2014. Photo Courtesy of Suzanne Woods and Bear Creek Log Cabins.

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Motorcycle Riding



Searcy County is definitely Motorcycle Friendly!!!

Thousands of riders every year make the trek up U.S. Highway 65 to view the beautiful north central Arkansas Ozarks. If you would like to take some scenic, back road “detours”, there are a couple routes you should try.

These two routes are almost entirely within Searcy County and both have some great scenery and some nice challenging curves.

The Bear Creek Grawl begins on State Highway 27 outside the Searcy County Courthouse, constructed in the 1880s and site of the Searcy County Veterans Memorial and the Veterans Wall of Honor. The route turns left on to US 65, and will pass Kenda Drive-In, the only year-round drive-in movie theater in the entire state. Leaving Marshall, the rider will see one of Arkansas’ most panoramic views as they look west toward Point Peter Mountain. Descending into the lush farmlands of the Bear Creek valley, the rider might just see some elk. The route turns left at State Highway 74, and crosses Bear Creek.

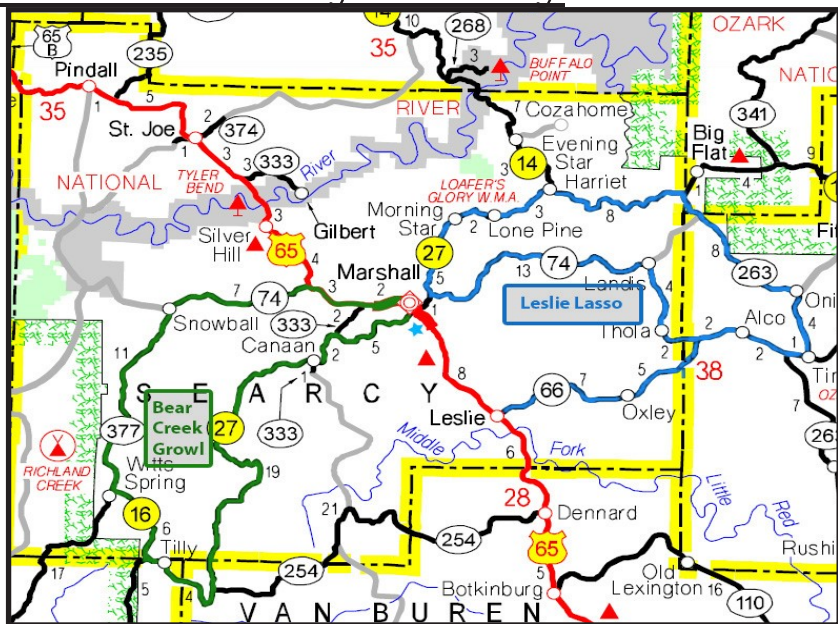
The route leads to the town of Snowball, where Ozark folk music legend Jimmy Driftwood was once the school’s principal. Snowball the gateway to the Richland Valley and the Ozark Highland Trail, and is also one of the horseback trailheads for the unforgettable annual Falling Water Trail Ride. West of Snowball is the county’s highest point of elevation, Horn Mountain, at 2,203 feet above sea level.

From Snowball, the rider continues the journey on State Highway 377, transiting just east of the Ozark National Forest to Witts Springs. Witts Springs is home of the annual Hillbilly Daze and the Pedestal Rock 40. At Witts Springs, the traveler turns left onto State Highway 16, then takes another turn left onto State Highway 27 at the town of Tilly.

Here the Bear Creek Grawl ventures briefly into Pope and Van Buren Counties. Once over the headwaters of Bear Creek, the route veers north into Searcy County once more. The rider will pass Reves Knob and the Middle Fork of the Little Red River to the west before reaching the communities of Welcome Home and Bohannon.

The route ends back in Marshall as it passes the old, historic county jail just before arriving again at the Courthouse. The Bear Creek Grawl is a 57 mile round trip loop. *Mileage Courtesy of MHS East Club*

in Searcy County



The **Leslie Lasso** begins in Searcy County on State Highway 66, in the quaint Ozark Mountain town of Leslie. Leslie is home to shops, multiple parks, restaurants, and a wood-fired brick oven bakery that produces old-world sourdough bread.

Travelling east from Leslie involves tackling a mountainous, 11 percent grade. After passing through Oxley, the route descends into Stone County. At the community of Timbo, the route takes a left on State Highway 263. Shortly after this turn, the route passes the old home of Grammy Award winning folk singer Jimmy Driftwood on the right. The scenic drive continues through the community of Onia and just to the west of the Ozark National Forest. At the town of Big Flat, the rider will turn left onto Highway 14. Here the Leslie Lasso re-enters Searcy County. The next eight miles twist and curve as they dance with the clear waters of Big Creek. In Harriet, the route follows left onto State Highway 27.

Highway 27 takes the motorcyclist to the south of the Loafer's Glory Wildlife Management Area. At the community of Morning Star, the route passes the South Maumee Road on its right, which leads to hiking, canoe access, and a primitive campground on the Buffalo National River. Proceeding through Morning Star, but before reaching Marshall, the rider will turn left onto State Highway 74. This portion offers bucolic countryside with little traffic but sweeping views of Long Creek and Big Creek. Once through the communities of Landis and Thola, the route will briefly re-enter Stone County. A right turn at Highway 66 will soon have the rider back in Searcy County and Oxley. 7 miles on, the route twists its way down an 11 percent grade and finishes back in the town of Leslie. The Leslie Lasso is a 64 mile round trip loop. *Mileage Courtesy of MHS East Club.*

Greater Searcy County Chamber of Commerce—www.searcycountyarkansas.org

15 Searcy County Attractions!!

#1 The Buffalo National River! Searcy County is home to approximately 48 miles of America's 1st National River. Clear, cool water flowing under towering ridges and bluff lines surrounded by hardwood forests and ancient cedars. Miles of gravel and sand beaches await campers and sun-bathers. The Buffalo National River, and tributary Richland Creek, are both National Wild and Scenic Rivers! Canoeing, kayaking, hiking, campgrounds, the Tyler Bend Visitor Center, elk viewing, swimming holes, and fishing for smallmouth bass await you in the **Heart of the Buffalo National River!**



#2 The Kenda Drive-In Movie Theater in Marshall! **Arkansas' only drive-in movie theater that is open year round**, and one of only three drive-in's left in the entire state! Special events also held in the warmer months.

#3 World-Class Hiking! The Ozark Highlands Trail has been noted as **one of the top ten long distance hiking trails in the US** by the Guardian! Also noted by Outside magazine as **one of the World's Seven Great Winter Backpacking Trips!** Spot Rocky Mountain Elk and Bald Eagles! The Ozark Highlands Trail connects with the Buffalo River Trail System at Wollum continuing down river to more miles of great hiking!

#4 Motorcycle Riding! Approximately 140 miles of roads! Thousands of riders every year make the trek into the fabulous north central Arkansas Ozarks. Beautiful scenery in four seasons, lots of winding roads, and some fairly lightly travelled locations! Pastoral scenes, quaint towns, and excellent restaurants await the bikers. We have two scenic routes you should try, the Bear Creek Growl and the Leslie Lasso!

#5 Rocky Mountain Elk! Wild elk roam parts of the county and may be photographed anytime, or hunted with permit during hunting season. Searcy County is the **Elk Hunting Capital of Arkansas!**

#6 Bicycling! The Ozark Grinder Trail is a gravel grinder bicycle trail covering 150+ miles of some of the most wild, scenic, and remote parts of the north central Arkansas Ozarks! From Tyler Bend at Buffalo National River to Fairfield Bay, Arkansas it climbs and descends steep grades and makes many creek crossings. Also, Arkansas' new 1,000+ mile Arkansas High Country Race for cyclists traverses right through Searcy County! Witts Springs hosts the popular Pedestal Rock Bicycle ride each Oct. <https://www.facebook.com/ArHCrace/>

#7 Incredible Lodging! Amazing cabins, lodges, cottages, glamping, RV campgrounds, farm stay, yurt, and teepee accommodations! Ozark Mountain and/or Buffalo River country!

#8 The Food! People come from far and wide for our fresh sandwiches, smoked meat and cheeses, chocolate rolls, great burgers, old-world sourdough bread, fried pies, Mexican food, Chinese food, pastries, steaks, pies, biscuits and gravy, fried catfish, live music, and more!

#9 Antiquing! Great antiquing can be found here in Searcy County, along with flea markets and thrift shops! Come spend a day, you never know what treasures you might find!

#10 AgriTourism! Searcy County is on the leading edge of agritourism with the annual Searcy County Fair in Marshall and rodeos in both Leslie and Marshall and diverse farm tours! Farm tours provide wholesome experiences for families. Each tour is \$20/ per family and offers a unique experience. Pick the tour/tours you'd like to take. Call the farm directly and schedule the tour. For more information, phone 870-448-4870.

#11 Horseback Riding! We have horse stable/lodging destinations and more than 100 miles of horseback riding trails with some of the most enjoyable and scenic horseback riding in the state of Arkansas! Ride in the Ozark National Forest of both western and northeastern Searcy County as well as in the confines of the Buffalo National River! The big trail ride of the year is the annual Falling Water Trail Ride during the first weekend of October. Riders begin the trail from either the Woolum Campground or Snowball Gym.

#12 Rock climbing! The Stack Rock Special Interest Area in the Ozark National Forest near Witts Springs is accessed by a 3 mile round-trip hike off of the Richland Road all the way around Stack Rock. The towering overhead bluffs are a rock climbing destination!

#13 Outdoor Photography & Bird Watching! With our Ozark Mountains, rural farm landscapes, historic old buildings, waterfalls, dark night skies, elk herds, bald eagles and other wildlife, the Buffalo River, and four seasons, we are a photographer's dream destination! Searcy County also has two designated "Important Bird Areas," the Ozark National Forest and the Buffalo National River!



#14 Museums and Art! We are the home of Essie Treat Ward, the Grandma Moses of the Ozarks! Some of her paintings are on display at the Jim G. Ferguson Searcy County Library in Marshall. Art is also on display upstairs in the Searcy County Courthouse in Marshall and at the Ozark Heritage Arts Center in Leslie, where there is also a museum. The Searcy County Veterans Memorial Museum in Marshall honors local veterans. In St. Joe, don't miss the St. Joe Depot Museum! Future attraction, the Buffalo River Historic Jail, which will show off the fabulous old Searcy County Jail in Marshall!

#15 Genealogy at the Searcy County Library! If you are interested in family genealogy, the Searcy County Library is the place to research. A "Star Library", the Searcy County Library has a greatly expanded genealogy department and research area. For more information contact the library at www.searcycountylibrary.com

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Searcy County AgriTourism

Searcy County is on the leading edge of AgriTourism. Lodging operators around the county host guests who participate in farm tours.

The annual "Cast Iron Cook Off and Artisan Market Place" is held November 2nd at Dogwood Hills Guest Farm in Harriet. A nearby buffalo farm raises 30 to 50 American Bison on a 500 acre buffalo and cattle ranch. Rodeos take place in both Marshall and Leslie (please see our calendar in this book). In addition, riders can bring their horses to enjoy spectacular backcountry trail rides. Searcy County hosts a fabulous fair in September.

Farmers markets are open in season in St. Joe at the St. Joe Depot Museum and in Marshall at the Berry Shed. Both near US Highway 65.

The Searcy County AgriTourism Ambassador is Grace Pepler. For an Agritourism Tour, phone **870-448-2557**. Like Searcy County Agritourism on Facebook at www.facebook.com/searcycountyagritourism

(Image above is Grace Pepler and Dana Treat at Dogwood Hills Guest Farm.)



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The Searcy County Senior Activity and Wellness Center is operated by the Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Arkansas. The Center's goals are to empower senior Arkansans to remain healthy, active, independent contributing members of our community for as long as possible. After register-



ing, eligible Seniors may participate in the services provided at the center: Congregate Dining, a wide variety of Socialization Activities, Wellness Activities and Transportation. To be eligible for our Home Delivered Meal service, a specific eligibility criteria must be met by consumers as assessed by center staff. We accept donations for services provided and have various fundraisers throughout our program year. Volunteers are a core component of our program. The participants and staff of the Searcy County Senior Activity and Wellness Center welcome you to Searcy County. The Center is located at **509 Zack Rd., Marshall, AR 72650**, and our phone number is **(870) 448-2999**



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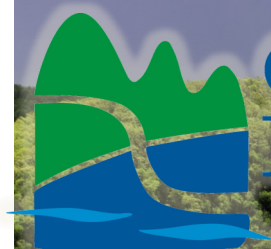
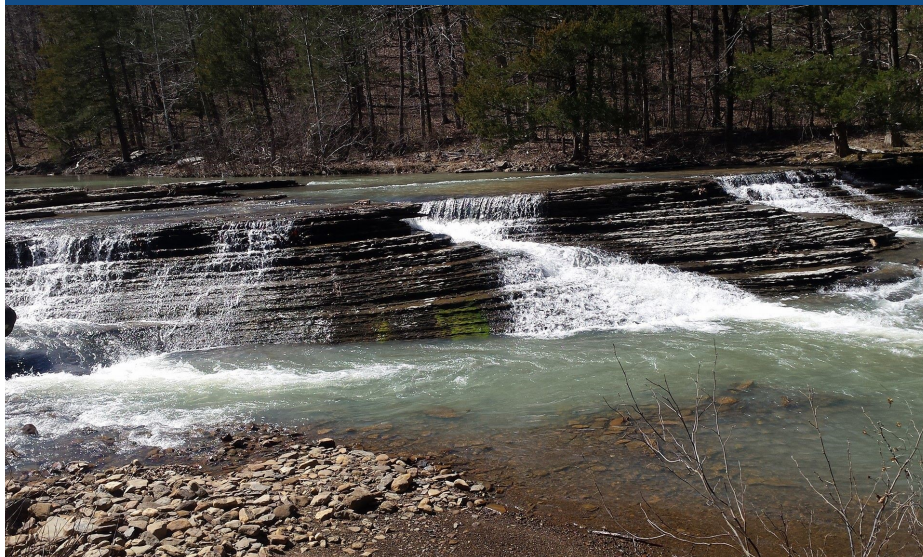
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2018 was a great year of service in Searcy County, and at the 2019 Chamber Banquet and Awards Ceremony held on March 7th, several individuals and one business were recognized by the Chamber for their excellence and service to our area.

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Rock Climbing - Stack Rock

Searcy County has great rock climbing. Stack Rock, in the Richland Valley area is in the Ozark National Forest of Searcy County! It's about a 3 mile, moderately strenuous hike, where you hike all the way around Stack Rock with bluffs towering over your head the entire way.

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For more information about the Disc Golf course in Leslie, check out the article on the Searcy County Chamber web site. <http://searcycountyarkansas.org/featured/leslie-has-disc-golf>



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Cozahome Church -- Cozahome Road, Harriet
Church of God -- 409 Cedar Street, Marshall -- 870-448-5233
Church By the River—Hwy. 65 St. Joe
Dongola Community Church -- Hwy. 74 West—Marshall
Eastlawn Freewill Baptist—Hwy 27&74 Junction, Marshall
First Apostolic Church -- 550 Hwy 27 N., Marshall
First Baptist Church -- Hwy 27 S., Marshall -- 870-448-2589
First Baptist Church -- 300 N. Russell St., St. Joe -- 870-688-7462
First Christian Church -- Hwy 65 N., Marshall -- 870-448-3458
First Pentecostal Church -- Hwy 65 N., Marshall
Gilbert Christian Church -- Gilbert
Grace Faith Fellowship -- 301 Ferguson St., Leslie -- 870-504-2295
Grandview Church of Christ -- South Maumee Road, Morning Star
Harriet Assembly of God -- Hwy. 14, Harriet -- 870-448-5744
Landmark Missionary Baptist -- Main Street, Marshall -- 870-448-2379
Leslie Assembly of God -- 320 Elm St., Leslie -- 870-447-2452
Leslie First Baptist Church -- 302 Oak St., Leslie -- 870-447-2223
Leslie United Methodist Church -- Walnut & High St., Leslie
Lighthouse Apostolic Church -- Hwy 374 W., St. Joe -- 870-427-5382
Lords House of Prayer -- 302 Glade St. Marshall -- 870-448-2770
Marshall Assembly of God - 200 Westwood Dr., Marshall -- 870-448-2358
Marshall Church of Christ - Hwy 27 North, Marshall — 870-448-7063
Marshall Community Church - Behind Harps Grocery, Marshall
Marshall United Methodist -- 500 Zack Ridge Rd., Marshall -- 870-448-5722
Marshall United Pentecostal -- 212 Cedar St., Marshall -- 870-448-2208
Martin Box Mennonite Brethren - 3196 Old Hwy. 27, Marshall
Morning Star Baptist Church -- Hwy. 27, Morning Star
New Life Fellowship, 404 Main St. Leslie -- 970-447-3280
New Life Tabernacle -- 304 Range St., Marshall -- 870-448-2745
NorthView Church -- Hwy 65 North -- Marshall
Oak Hill Church -- End of Star Mtn. Rd -- Power House Prayer Time Mon 6 pm
Pindall United Pentecostal Church -- 17410 Hwy. 235 S., St. Joe -- 870-439-2730
Seventh Day Adventist -- 160 E. Main, Marshall -- 870-448-3237
South Mtn. Freewill Baptist -- South Mtn. Road, Marshall -- 870-448-2987
Snowball Baptist Church -- Hwy. 377, Snowball - 870-448-4736
The Church of the Lost & Found -- Range St., Marshall -- 870-448-6551
Thousand Hills Cowboy Church—Between Marshall and Leslie, Hwy 65.
Tomahawk Baptist Church—Hwy 374 East 5 Miles from 65, - St. Joe 870-321-0087
Witts Spring Community Bible Church -- Witt Spring -- 870-448-3828

Searcy County Civic Center

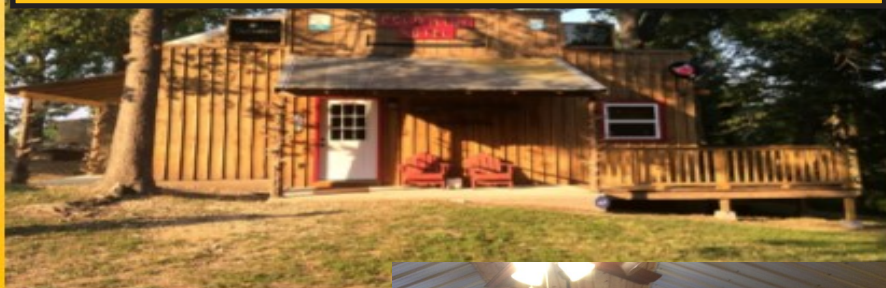
The Searcy County Civic Center is constantly undergoing improvements provided through grants and donations.

They recently installed new, lighted tennis and basketball courts. The pool system has been upgraded. In 2015, work was done to bring the kitchens up to date, and brought handicap-use swings to the playground. In 2016, they resurfaced the walking path and paved the path to the parking lot. In 2017, they added new playground equipment.

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3190 Hwy. 254 West

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870-504-3049

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870-504-0906

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Marshall, AR 72650
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www.kcgsam.com

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205 Factory Road
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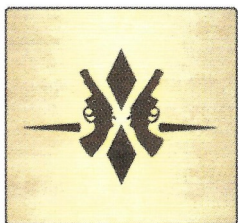
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The historic commercial buildings of downtown frame an 1880s-era courthouse, which contains a free public arts gallery. The Square is also home to Roten's Furniture Co., winner of numerous awards. Searcy County the Chocolate Roll Capital of the World™; the Annual Marshall High School Art Club Chocolate Roll Festival held in March recognizes this heritage. One of the most unique "historical" landmarks in Marshall is the Kenda Drive-In. This fully modernized drive-in movie theater is a family treasure that draws visitors from surrounding states. Open year round, they even supply car heaters in the winter.



Though nestled in the Ozarks, Marshall has modern services and resources, including four medical facilities: Marshall Family Practice, Access Medical Clinic, Leslie Medical Center, and Boston Mountain Rural Health Center. Marshall is also home of the 5-Star rated Highland Court Rehabilitation and Resident Care Facility, and Friendship Community Care, which provides services to children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Don't forget professional dental, eye-care and physical therapy services. The Searcy County Library was named a "Star Library" in

2011, one of only two in the state. The modernized library has one of the most complete genealogical departments in the region. And for the flying visitors, Marshall offers an airport with a 4,000 ft. lighted runway.

Whether you're looking for a home, a hotel or cabin rental, a campground or an RV park, hang your hat in Marshall!

Ozark Mountain Country



Searcy County is Ozark Mountain Country! Cresting Backbone Mountain just south of Marshall at the roadside park, and again leaving Marshall heading north on US Highway 65, the motorist will see one of Arkansas' most panoramic views looking west towards Point Peter Mountain that stands prominent at 2,040 feet above sea level.

West of Snowball is Searcy County's highest elevation, Horn Mountain, which soars to 2,203 feet above sea level.

State Highway 27 transits just to the west of 2,032 foot high Reves Knob and the Middle Fork of the Little Red River.

Up, down, and around go our roads traversing river bottoms, running along ridge lines, and descending into hollows. This is a rough but beautiful land that is home to old pioneer families and newcomers alike. (The 11% Grade photo is State Highway 66 before descending to the town of Leslie).



Membership Directory

Performing Arts

Ozark Heritage Arts Center

Contact: Jeff Stansbery for Booking

Leslie, AR 72645

870-447-6128

www.facebook.com/OHACLeslie

Mrs. Kelsey's Dance Studio

117 Blake St.

Marshall, AR 72650

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Real Estate

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Quilt Trail

The Arkansas Quilt Trail is on colorful display here in Searcy County! Both traditional quilt blocks and created images representing aspects of Searcy County life or history are painted onto wood frames and hung on barns and buildings or placed near them. Travel the Arkansas Quilt Trail to view these large, multicolor artworks! To find out where these quilt blocks are located, visit www.arkansasquilttrails.com/



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Marshall Sonic

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McDonalds of Marshall

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Marshall, AR 72650

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Ryan's Main Street Grill

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Serenity Farm Bread (2 Locations)

423 Main Street and US Hwy 65

Leslie, AR 72645

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www.serenityfarmbread.us

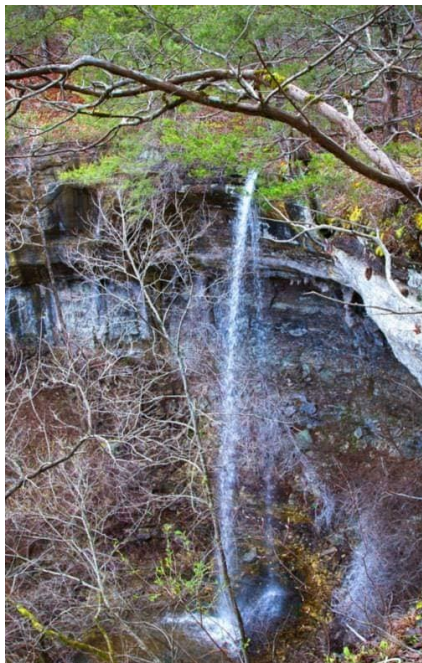
Skylark Café

401 High Street

Leslie, AR 72645

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Ozark Heritage Arts Center —Killebrew Theater

Housed in a historic Depression-era building constructed of native stone, the Ozark Heritage Arts Center and Museum in Leslie, collects and exhibits the rich musical, cultural, and historical heritage of the beautiful Ozark Mountain region.

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For booking information, Call Jeff Stansbery at **870-447-6128**.

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The 2019 ride will take place 20 Oct., and has five distances to choose from: a 10 miler "teaser" for new riders, 20 mile Raspberry bend route, the namesake 40 miler, a 52 miler, and the "gravel grinder" that incorporates both on-road and dirt roads that travel through the Richland Creek area and back onto Highway 16 (62 miles). This is a scenic ride with a free lunch provided by the community after challenging yourself on "bumps in the road" like "The Rope," and "Bill Brasky." Find out more at www.pedestalrock40ride.com and like their Facebook page. Sponsored by Witts Spring Community Voices, a non-profit organization that works to improve the lives and community opportunities for folks around Witts Spring, Arkansas.



St. Joe School – Home of the Wildcats



St. Joe School is a K-12 public school located in Searcy County in St. Joe, Arkansas. Approximately 163 students attend St. Joe School. St. Joe is a part of Ozark Mountain School District. Western Grove and Bruno-Pyatt Schools make up the remaining part of the district.

St. Joe offers the state required courses, along with additional electives to meet student needs. We offer courses through the vocational school at North Arkansas College Technical Center in Harrison, Arkansas for our juniors and seniors that would like to acquire courses to meet their educational needs/goals during the school day. St. Joe High School was named a Bronze Medal school by U.S. News & World Report in 2015, 2017 and again in 2018! St. Joe School was also named the **14th best public high school in 2016 in Arkansas** by NICHE!

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Sports include basketball, golf, tennis, softball, baseball, track, and archery. We also offer cheerleading. Pee Wee basketball is offered for grades 4-6.

To contact the St. Joe School, visit our campus at 250 South Highway 65, St. Joe, Arkansas 72675 or call 870-439-2213.

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North Central Career Center

North Central Career Center in Leslie is a secondary school vocational center that offers several training areas for high school students, including Automotive Service Technology, Collision Repair, Medical Professions, and Criminal Justice. Cosmetology classes are also available to adult students, for tuition, if space permits. For more information, please contact James Ray at 870-447-6111, ext. 5101, jray@scsd.info, or Trena Ellison, tellison@scsd.info.

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Children's Advocacy Alliance

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Clinton, AR 72031
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www.RitterCommunications.com

Roller Coffman Funeral Home

923 Highway 65 North
Marshall, AR 72650
870-448-3338
www.rollerfuneralhomes.com

Searcy County 4-H Club

Marshall, AR 72650
870-448-3981
www.facebook.com/searcycounty4H

Searcy County Civic Center

515 Zack Road
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Searcy County Humane Society

P.O. Box 543
Marshall, AR 72650
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Searcy County Library

202 East Main Street
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www.searcycountylibrary.com

Searcy County Rural Help Center

260 N. Church St.
St. Joe, AR 72675
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Witts Springs Community Voices

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Growing a Healthy Searcy County

The Growing A Healthy Searcy County Committee focuses on ways to make our community and people who live here healthier. A few projects of the committee include:

- Holding the annual Health and Safety Fair which will be Saturday, April 27th from 9:00-1:00 at the Community Center in Marshall.
- Free summer lunch program for children and teens will begin in June 2019 at sites throughout the county.
- Acquiring grants to improve our parks and walk ways.
- Building community gardens.

Membership is made up of volunteers who want to be active in making Searcy County a healthy place to live and raise a family. Meetings are held every 4th Friday of the month from 12:00-2:00 at the Marshall First United Methodist Church. If you would like to get involved, we would love to have you! Please feel free to contact Chris



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Stem Rock and Geocaching



Stem Rock Natural Area has a beautiful natural rock formation near Oxley! The 3/4 mile trail from the parking area to the rock formation is mostly level. There is a sign at the trailhead where you park. No vehicles are allowed down the trail, but you can mountain bike down. This is along the Ozark Grinder Bike Trail.

If you are into Geocaching, there is a cache at Stem Rock! See if you can find it! Stem Rock is a pretty awesome place. If you do find the cache, be sure to add something cool to the cache and sign the log book. Log your find at www.geocaching.com. To find

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Searcy County's Famous

Searcy County's heritage is rich in art and music. Many Searcy County natives have gone on to lasting national recognition.

Absie and Abbie Morrison were twin brothers, born and raised in the Searcy County community of Campbell, Arkansas. Absie also won the Burl Ives award, and played at the Grand Ole Opry. Absie's fiddle is on display at the Ozark Heritage Art Center in Leslie.

Hubert Carl (Hugh) Ashley was born near Wiley's Cove and graduated from Marshall High School. He wrote songs for five members of the Country Music Hall of Fame and at thirteen joined his father's musical group, the Ashley Melody Men, playing guitar, singing, and yodeling. The Ashley Melody Men made some of the first known recordings of Ozark folk music, with RCA Victor. Country Music Hall of Famer Jimmie Rodgers credited Ashley for helping to popularize the style of music now known as Country.



Searcy County native Elton Britt (born James Elton Baker) had the first country music performance to be awarded a gold record for selling more than a million copies with "There's a Star Spangled Banner Waving Somewhere." In addition, Britt once won the world championship as a yodeler. Britt also has a star on the "Hollywood Walk of Fame."

Jimmy Driftwood was nominated for multiple Grammy Awards and his song "The Battle of New Orleans" won a Grammy in 1960 for Song of the Year. He wrote over 6,000 songs and is a member of the Arkansas Entertainers Hall of Fame. Driftwood graduated from Marshall High School in 1928 and later worked in the Snowball School.

Another Searcy County native, Frankia Stills Treat earned gold, platinum, and double platinum albums for writing a song on Country star John Anderson's Seminole Winds album. She was also a writer for Buck Owens' Blue Book Music. Her son Mason Treat was a drummer for John Anderson's band and also earned gold, platinum, and double platinum albums for Seminole Winds.



Essie Ann Treat Ward, often referred to as "Grandma Moses of the Ozarks," produced paintings that are fascinating examples of primitive art. In 1970, she participated in the Smithsonian Festival of American Folklife in Washington DC. Today hundreds of her paintings hang in public and private art collections around the world. Fifty-five of her paintings are now owned by the Shiloh Museum of Ozark History in Springdale. Essie was born in the community of Nubbin Hill, and attended the Caid School.

Searcy County Agriculture

Agriculture has always been and continues to be a large part of Searcy County life. Searcy County is beef cattle country! Bottom-land hay fields and cattle pastures on rolling hillsides are commonplace throughout the county. The county continues to have some dairy production as well. Small farms also produce goats and goat products, as well as hogs, turkeys, chickens, and rabbits. There are numerous horses in Searcy County, most used for horseback

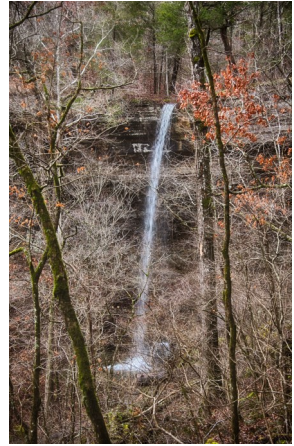
riding. Ratchford Farms raises bison locally and sends 35 to 40 for processing each year. Small farms produce eggs, honey, bedding plants, garden vegetables, pumpkins and blueberries. The Ozarks are known for their black walnuts and Searcy County is a significant producer. Locals harvest wild blackberries and both tame and wild muscadine grapes. Small-scale goat-milk soap

production takes place locally. The county also has a thriving timber industry which contributes greatly to the local economy. Hardwood timber is the primary harvest that feeds several county sawmills. Pallets, pallet parts, railroad ties, lumber, landscape timbers and fencing are produced locally. So is smoker wood and charcoal. There is also retail and wholesale utensil wood-working using local hardwood, in addition to a large-scale, kiln dried hardwood lumber operation. A local manufacturer produces furniture for church buildings, funeral homes, and courtrooms. For more information about farming, farm production or relocating your farming operation to Searcy County, contact the Searcy County Agent, Skip Armes at 870-448-3981 or email: garmes@uaex.edu. The County Extension Agent office is located at 511 Zack Road, Marshall, AR 72650



World-Class Hiking in Searcy County

The Ozark Highlands Trail (OHT) traverses the beautiful and rugged portion of western Searcy County to include following along the Richland Valley to the Buffalo National River. The trail has been noted as one of the top 10 long distance hiking trails in the US by the Guardian! Also noted by Outside magazine as one of the World's Seven Great Winter Backpacking Trips! Come see for yourself! Rocky Mountain Elk, Bald Eagles, and Black Bear may be seen along the journey. Contact one of our Searcy County outfitters.



The OHT begins at Lake Fort Smith State Park and runs east to the Buffalo River Trail System at Woolum. It continues down river past the Highway 65 Bridge, and all the way to the Highway 14 Bridge in Marion County, approximately 208 miles!

Still under construction, the newest section in Searcy County is a 28-mile segment which goes along the south side of the Buffalo River from Highway 65 to Highway 14. The trail runs east of Tyler Bend to Red Bluff Road and then on to the South Maumee Road to the Highway 14 Bridge. South Maumee Road to the Spring Creek Road is 5.3 miles and Spring Creek Road to The Highway 14 Bridge is 6.1 miles. Depending on the season, you can see bluff lines, waterfalls, and ice formations. Also from high vantage points along the trail, you can see the Buffalo National River far below! The Trail is 24 inches wide, very often going across steep hillsides. But the trail itself is designed to avoid any grades steeper than 10%.

There is much more about the Buffalo River Trail in Searcy County at the Searcy County Chamber Website: www.searcycountyarkansas.org.

Hiking is also available at the Stem Rock Natural Area near Oxley, and on the north side of the Buffalo National River, both upstream and downstream from Gilbert.

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- * Total of 8,524 sq. ft., 50,000 book & material collection, a Genealogy Dept. and Presentation Room. Designated a "Star Library" in 2011 by the Library Journal

- * For more information, check us out at www.SearcyCountyLibrary.com

Some of the services provided by the library and Hattie House include:

- * Children's Summer Story Hour and Extensive YA and Children's section
- * Large number of large-print books of several genres
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Unique Rock Formations



Visible from Highway 65, just south of Silver Hill area North of Marshall (or as a guest at Bear Creek Log Cabins), you'll find stone buttresses along the bluff. These rare and beautiful rock formations are caused

by water erosion and, according to the Arkansas Geological Survey, have been located in only two places in Arkansas.

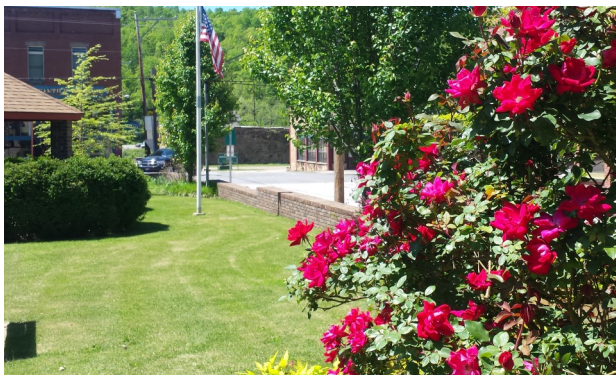
Leslie, Arkansas

The quaint Ozark Mountain town of Leslie is a treasure all its own. Restored old buildings give Leslie a character that few American towns possess today. This town of less than 500 harkens back to a bygone era of Americana. Homesteaded by pioneers moving West from the Appalachians, Leslie was first surveyed by Herbert Hoover in the last part of the 19th century. The Missouri & North Arkansas Railroad once came through Leslie. A railroad spur, the Dinky Line, once hauled mighty white oak timber from the hills to the world's largest barrel making factory that turned out up to 4,500 barrels a day. The railroad and barrel factory are now relegated to the pages of history, but the town still thrives.



Today Leslie is the crossroads for tourists going to and from Mountain View, the “Folk Music Capital of the World,” and travel to and from Branson, Missouri. Leslie’s commercial historic district is home to antique stores, shops, multiple parks, restaurants and a wood-fired brick oven bakery that produces old-world sourdough bread. Leslie is also home to a 9-hole Disc Golf Course.

Leslie is also the live music center of Searcy County. The Ozark Heritage Arts Center is located in a building constructed in 1938 by the Works Progress Administration. The arts center seats approximately 350 people in its Killebrew Theatre, and hosts concerts, musicals and plays. The facility also presents an art gallery and a museum, which pays tribute to accomplished local musicians—some of whom have gone on to great fame! Ryan’s Main Street Grill has Karaoke Thursday nights, and live music every Friday and Saturday night. Leslie is not just another cookie cutter modern American town, it’s a place to slow down and soak up some of the best of our nation’s past.



Leslie has an annual “Homecoming” celebration that is very well attended every year. The 2019, Leslie’s 65th annual Homecoming celebration is scheduled for June 13th through the 15th.



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Trail Rides/Horse Camp

Searcy County Ozarks offer some of the finest trail riding experiences east of the Rocky Mountains, with miles of scenic trails at both private horse camps and on public lands! Horses are permitted on the Buffalo River Trail from Woolum to



Gilbert. They have to cross the river upstream of Tyler Bend as they are not permitted on the trails in the visitor center/campground area. It is about 12 1/2 miles from Woolum to HWY 65 and 3.7 miles from HWY 65 to Gilbert.

There is a large pull off/parking area along the Shine Eye Road at HWY 65 where horse trailers can be parked for day trail

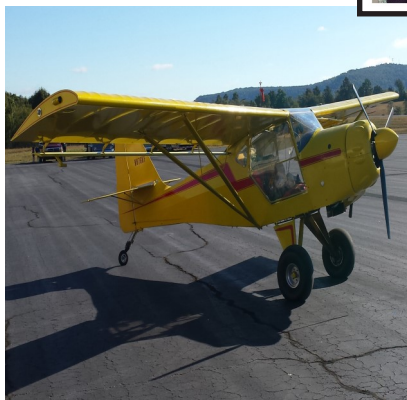
rides. Horse camping is permitted at Woolum. The camping is on the north side of the river and the trail is on the south side so its important to make note of river levels. The railroad trail downstream out of Gilbert is also a horse trail. This is a level trail along the old railroad bed for 2.4 miles one way. There is a hiking trail from HWY 65 to Gilbert of 3.7 miles. In addition, downstream out of Gilbert, a level trail travels along the Missouri and North Arkansas railroad bed for 2.4 miles. **Pine Grove Trails** near Leslie! 870-447-2367. **Shelton's Big Flat Getaway!** 870-448-7435. **Buffalo River Cabin** near Gilbert! 501-912-5662. **Wits End Ranch** of St. Joe! 479-903-2238. **Victory Ranch** in Marshall! 870-448-6777. **The Drewry House** in Witts Springs! 870-496-2242.

Searcy County Airport

The **Searcy County Airport (4A5)** is a Level 2 general aviation airport regulated by the Federal Aviation Administration and the Arkansas Department of Aeronautics for the benefit of the flying public. The airport has a Precision Approach Path Indicator, (PAPI) and features a 4003' x 75' lighted (MIRL) runway, runway strength 12,500 SW, rotating beacon, 120' x 150' hangar, 18' side walls, 60' stack doors, 8' loading dock, and a large paved apron. One hundred octane aviation fuel is available and credit cards are accepted. There is a bathroom and lounge for pilots.



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short drive along Highway 333 is simply beautiful. When you arrive, you’ll find a town that time forgot. Welcome to the quiet community, surrounded by the cool mist of the Buffalo River. Gilbert is the smallest sister city in the world. Her sister city, Bride, is on the isle of Man in the Irish Sea.

“Population 33” reads the sign as you come into town. The historic cemetery contains more headstones than people

currently living in Gilbert, but don’t let the size fool you. Gilbert may be a tiny town, but it’s big on beauty and charm. It’s location can’t be beat: nestled on the banks of the Buffalo National River in the Ozark Mountains.

The main road in town offers access to the river, which is noted for its beautiful limestone bluffs, smallmouth bass, and year-round floating. Canoe rental and shuttle service is available.

The Gilbert General Store, built in 1901, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places under the name Mays Store. The community was founded in 1902, when the Missouri & North Arkansas Railroad was built. Gilbert was a hub for commerce. Cotton, logs, ore and grain came by rail. The railroad tracks were removed and sold as scrap, after the railroad ceased operation in 1946, but there are still signs of where the old tracks lay. The former rail bed is now a hiking route along the river.

Today, Gilbert contains homes, guest houses, cabin rentals, a fabulous RV park, and camping facilities. The Gilbert General Store is still in operation, a short walk from the river, providing supplies, and hunting and fishing licenses. Check out the snack bar at the Gravel Bar Pavilion. Gilbert welcomes visitors to stay a day, a week, or even a lifetime! Remember: You may leave Gilbert, but Gilbert will never leave you!



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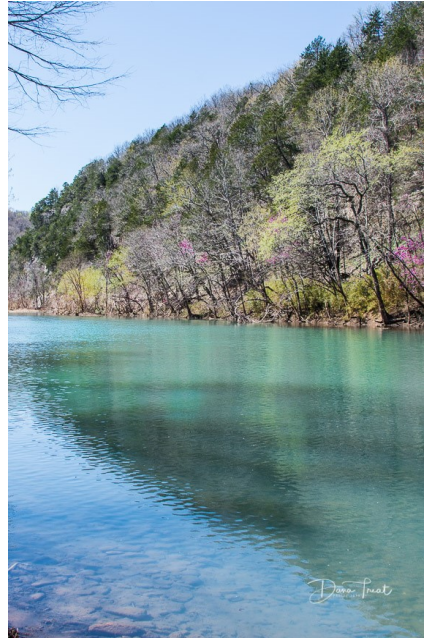
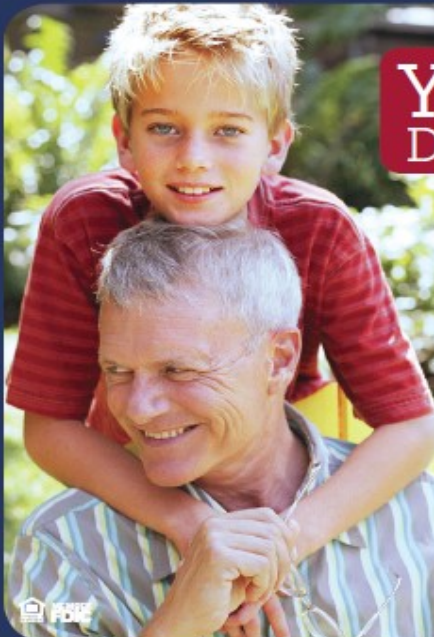


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Chocolate Rolls are also available at several locations and merchants throughout the county and are always the biggest hit at local events and bake sales.

Kenda Drive-in!!

The Kenda Drive-In in Marshall is one of the Natural State's treasures and celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2016!

The Kenda is Arkansas' only drive-in movie theater that is open year round, and one of only three drive-in's left in the entire state! Locals can still be heard talking about "going to the show." The "show" is what's playing at the Kenda! For flatlanders and mountain folk alike, the Kenda means friends, family, food, and lots of fun!



Of course the favorite way to watch a movie at the Kenda is from the back of your truck sitting in a lawn chair, all wrapped up in a blanket. The 72 foot wide screen is lit up with a first run feature each night. Movie audio is provided by either digital FM radio sound or traditional speakers, and heaters are even provided for winter viewing. And talk about affordable! Where else can you take the family out these days and not break the bank? Kenda's regular admission price is six dollars for adults, with children under 12 free with parents. A two dollar admission applies for ages 6-11 for kid's movies. Get a "show burger" and a big bucket of buttered popcorn for another five dollars and you beat just the cost of admission at many theaters!



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