

# EUREKA SPRINGS

## Travel Guide

25 THINGS TO DO



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Eureka Springs is a historic city in northwest Arkansas that sits in Ozark Mountain, in Carroll County, USA. Eureka is a Greek word which means "I have found it". It has the population of approximately 2500. The National Trust for Historic Preservation has named Eureka Springs as one of America's Dozen Distinctive Destinations.

This small town has a beautiful architectural design that will remind you of a typical European town. It is known as 'Little Switzerland'.

The city has attracted wealthy residents over the years because of its Victorian houses. **Here is a list of all places you must visit** when you go to Eureka Springs.

## 25 THINGS TO DO



# 1 | Downtown of Eureka Springs



## Go to the spot where Spring Street meets Center Street

Spring Street is said to be one of the popular streets in Arkansas. It was named by the American Planning Association in 2010 as one of America's 10 Best Streets. It is the heart of Eureka Springs and boasts of restaurants, shops and hotels that are historic in design.

Art galleries and museums also contribute to the pool of attractions in the historic town. Basin Park Hotel contributes to the historic look of this area.

## ADDRESS

Basin Park Hotel,  
Spring Street,  
Eureka Springs, AR



# Festivals & Theaters

Eureka Springs is known for live music and magic shows. **The Great Passion Play** is very popular; it has been viewed, since it opened in 1968, by more than 7.7 million people. There is also a **3 Day Volkswagen festival** which is popular amongst Volkswagen lovers.

At the annual **Bluegrass Festival** you will be treated to performances by very good musicians. Similarly, **Eureka Springs into Music** offers a Classical Music Festival.

You might also enjoy a show at **Gaskin Switch Theater** with Mark Wayne Beers; **Intrigue Theater**, **Ozark Mountain Hoedown** or see a Tribute to Willie Nelson at **Outlaw Willie**.



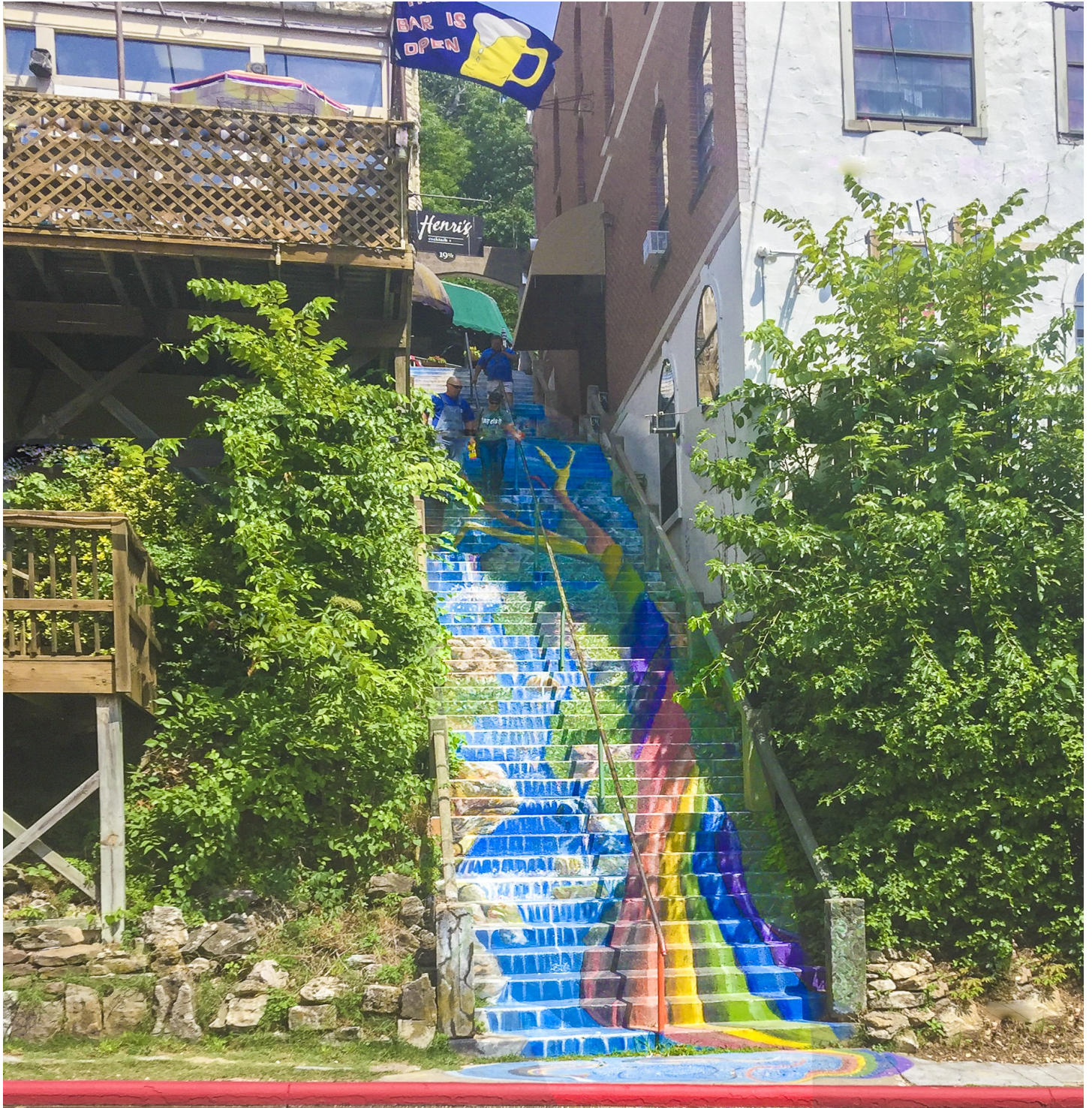


## 2 | The Rainbow Staircase

The rainbow staircase is known as 'Cash and Boardman Mural' put together by artists and volunteers through the Up Project in 2015. The staircase is located downtown, off Spring/ Center Streets, opposite Basin Park Hotel. You will have to go down the stairs and take pictures from the bottom in North Main Street.

### ADDRESS

Off Spring/ Center Streets, opposite Basin Park Hotel.





## 3 | Blue Spring Heritage Center and Gardens



Blue Spring is the largest spring in Northwest Arkansas; it flows 38 million gallons of water every day. It is rumored that natural springs in Eureka Springs have healing powers.

The Heritage Center and Gardens is 33 acres and covered by beautiful gardens, plants and greenish or bluish water. You pay to visit the center; for more information visit the [Official Website for Blue Spring](#)

### ENTRANCE

\$9.75 adults  
\$6.50 kids (6-17 years)  
Free 5 and under

### ADDRESS

1537 Co Rd 210, Eureka Springs, AR 72632





## 4 | Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge

If you are an animal lover and want to learn about Big Cat Refuge, you should visit [Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge](#). When you shop at the Center's gift shop you will be supporting the mission of the foundation.

### ADDRESS

239 Turpentine Creek Ln,  
Eureka Springs, AR 72632

### ENTRANCE

Adults 20+ \$20  
Ages 13-19 \$15  
Ages 4-12 \$10

## 5 | Motorcycle Rides

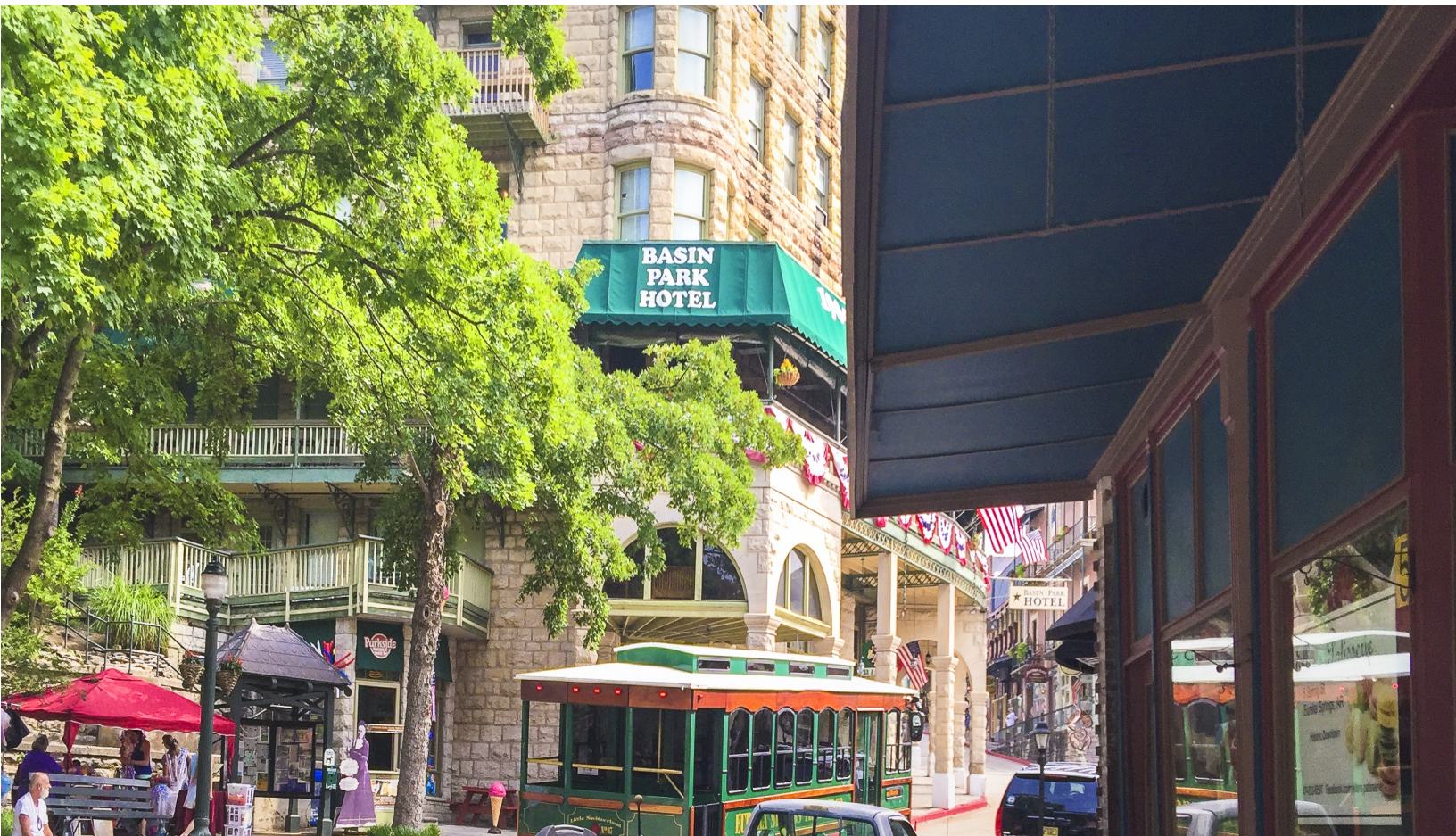


Eureka Springs and its roads are smooth; as you maneuver through hills and forests you will be met with spectacular views and unforgettable experience.

The Pig Trail is very popular and was recently voted as one of the top ten rides in America; Bikers also flock to the [Fat Tire Festival](#). Motorcycle packages are offered by many hotels in the area, you can also find more information [here](#).



## 6 | Dinner Train & Excursion Rides



Eureka Springs and North Arkansas Railway offers excursion rides and dinner trains. Go back in time and enjoy the 1920's locomotive transportation while dining on delicious cuisine.

A **Tram Tour** is another option for people who want to learn more about the city.

You can also ride a **Trolley** around Eureka Springs for a Historical Tour. There is also a **tour for downtown**.

### ADDRESS

299 N Main St, Eureka Springs, AR  
72632

### ENTRANCE

LUNCH 12:30 & 12:45

Adults - \$24.50

Children under 8 - \$14.50

DINNER 17:30 & 17:45

From \$39.50

(prices including train fare & meal)

### OPENING DAYS

May through October (Tues, Wed, Fri,  
Sat )



## 7 | Inspiration Point



The view is beautiful at **Inspiration Point**; it is located just 5 miles from Eureka Springs on Highway 62, on a cliff 550 feet above green valley and White River.

At Inspiration Point you will also enjoy staged opera in June and July during the summer **Opera Festival**.

### ADDRESS

16498 US-62, Eureka Springs,  
AR 72632

### ENTRANCE

Free



## 8 | River lake Outdoor Center

At this center you will be able to rent canoes for exploring Beaver Lake and White River. There are also shuttle services, camping excursions on the White River, fishing guide services, as well as maps, bait, fuel and food.

### ADDRESS

14735 Hwy. 62 W. Eureka Springs, AR 72632

Phone: (479) 253-5628

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## 9 | Historical Museum and Information Center

The **museum** in Eureka Springs is housed in a Calf House built in 1889. At the museum you will learn the history of the architecture, springs and the people. Local artists from 20th century and beyond are celebrated and their work displayed in the gallery.

You can also explore art at [Art of Eureka Springs](#).

### ADDRESS

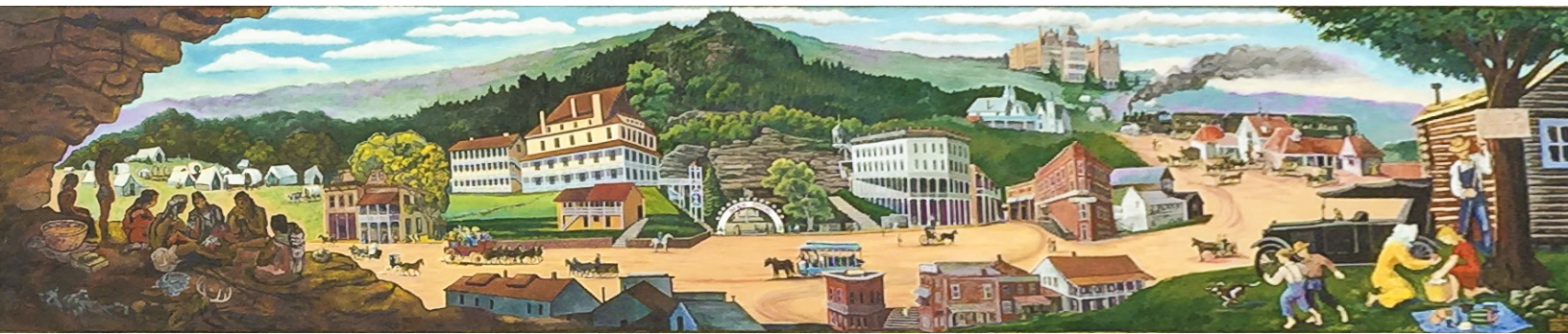
95 South Main Street, Eureka Springs, AR 72632

### ENTRANCE

Adults, \$5.00  
Students, \$2.50  
Children, Free

### OPEN

9:30am-4:00pm (Mon - Sat)



## 10 | Thorncrown Chapel

**Thorncrown Chapel** is forty-eight feet high and made of wood and glass. The chapel has received a dozen of architecture awards from around the world and receives visitors from all walks of life.

Marriage ceremonies are conducted at the beautiful chapel; you must schedule your wedding well in advance.

### ADDRESS

Thorncrown Chapel  
12968 Hwy 62 West  
Eureka Springs, AR 72632

### ENTRANCE

Apr - Nov, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM  
Mar - Dec, 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM  
Closed January and February except for weddings and other special events.



## 11 | Zip line

Zip line in the Ozark mountains with  
[Zipline Eureka Springs](#).

### ADDRESS

208 W Van Buren  
Eureka Springs, AR 72632

### ENTRANCE

\$89 per person

### OPEN

Closed from November to February

## 12 | Horse Riding

Horse riding at:

- = [Dinner Bell Ranch](#)
- = [Hidden Valley Ranch](#)
- = [Bear Mountain Stables](#)



## 13 | Caving

Go to [Onyx Cave](#), six miles East of Eureka Springs. It is 57 degrees year round.

### ADDRESS

Onyx Cave Park, 338 Onyx Cave Lane, Eureka Springs, Arkansas 72632

### ENTRANCE

Adults - \$7.50  
Children - \$3.50



## 14 | Art Class

Art class at [Eureka Springs School of the Arts](#).  
For more information on fees visit the website.

### ADDRESS

15751 US Highway 62  
Eureka Springs, AR 72632

### OPENING HOURS

Monday -Thursday, 10am - 4pm

## 15 | Lake Leatherwood



Fish / hike or bike around Lake  
Leatherwood

### ADDRESS

Eureka Springs, AR 72632

## 16 | Farmers Market

There is a [Farmer's Market](#) at Pine Mountain, at  
the village on Tuesday and Thursday mornings

### ADDRESS

Pine Mountain Village,  
2075 East Van Buren St  
Eureka Springs,  
Arkansas



## 17 | Wine Tasting

Go to [Keels Creek Winery](#) and [Railway Winery](#) for wine tasting

### ADDRESS

3185 E Van Buren, Eureka Springs, AR, 72632

### ENTRANCE

May-Nov 11 AM 6 PM  
Dec-April 12-5 PM

## 18 | Pivot Rock



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Visit [Pivot Rock Natural Bridge](#)

### ADDRESS

1708 Pivot Rock Road  
Eureka Springs, AR 72632

Phone: 479-253-8860

## 19 | Play Golf

Golf at [Holiday Island](#). For more information on pricing visit their website.

### ADDRESS

110 Woodsdale Drive Holiday Island, Arkansas, 72631



## 20 | Yard Sales

In August go to [Annual Yards & Yards of Yard Sales](#). This event is organized by the Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce.

### ADDRESS

Click on the link for venue

## 21 | Blues Weekend



Go to [Eureka Springs Blues Weekend](#)

### ADDRESS

Various locations, click on the link for more information.

## 22 | Quigley Castle

Take a tour of a strange dwelling in the Ozark, [Quigley Castle](#).

### ADDRESS

274 Quigley Castle Rd  
Eureka Springs, AR 72632

### ENTRANCE

\$7.00 per adult Children 14 and **under with parent free**

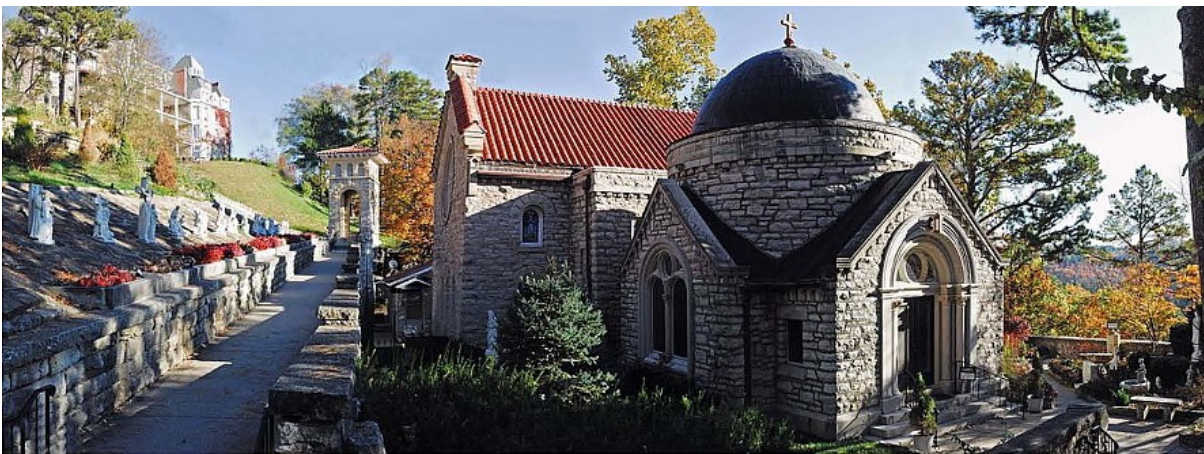


## 23 | Fleur Delicious Weekend

**Fleur Delicious Weekend** in July, gives you a taste of France in Eureka Springs. Check the website for future dates and venues.

## 24 | St. Elizabeth Catholic Church

'Ripley's Believe It or Not' featured **St. Elizabeth Catholic Church** because the entrance is from the bell tower.



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### ADDRESS

30 Crescent Dr.  
Eureka Springs,  
AR. 72632

## 25 | Ghost Tours

Ghosts tours at:

- **Crescent Hotel**
- **Basin Park Hotel**
- **Haunted Eureka Springs.**





## RESTAURANTS & WHERE TO STAY



# Hotels



## BASIN PARK HOTEL

Basin Park Hotel,  
12 Spring St,  
Eureka Springs,  
AR 72632

## OTHER HOTELS IN EUREKA SPRINGS

For a list of hotels, motels and other accommodations in Eureka Springs [click here](#).

# Restaurants

## GRAND TAVERNE RESTAURANT & LOUNGE

Grand Central Hotel, 37 N Main St,  
Eureka Springs, AR 72632

## BALCONY BAR & RESTAURANT

Basin Park Hotel, 12 Spring St,  
Eureka Springs, AR 72632

## EUREKA GRILL

71 Spring St, Eureka Springs,  
AR 72632

## OTHER RESTAURANTS AND BARS

For a list of good restaurants and bars in Eureka Springs [click here](#).





## USEFUL INFORMATION



# Useful Information

## ROADS TO EUREKA SPRINGS

Highway 62 East and West  
State Highway 23 North and South

## AIRPORTS

Carroll County Municipal Airport (twelve miles away)

Commercial airport in Fayetteville

An international airport in Highfill (airport code XNA), west of Bentonville

## TEMPERATURE

Average annual temperature is a high of 71 F and a low of 46 F.

Annual rainfall is about 36 inches per year

Humidity is normally 53%

Autumn is the best time to visit as this is the time the leaves change color and present a picture perfect place.

## MAPS

Here are [maps](#) of Eureka Springs. You can also click [here](#).

## IMPORTANT WEBSITES

Official Website of [Eureka Springs](#)

Official Website of the [City of Eureka Springs](#)





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