



Arts and Historic attractions

Cheekwood Botanical Gardens and Art Gallery: <https://cheekwood.org/>

Cheekwood is a 55-acre botanical garden and art museum located on the historic Cheek estate. Originally built as the home of Leslie and Mabel Cheek in 1929, Cheekwood is one of the finest examples of an American Country Place Era estate. Since being converted into a museum of art and botanical garden in 1960, Cheekwood has presented world-class art exhibitions, spectacular gardens and an historic estate unlike anything else. **Great park nearby..... Warner Parks**

Belle Meade Plantation: <https://bellemeadeplantation.com/>

Belle Meade Plantation was created as an educational, non-profit organization in 1953. Your support ensures that Belle Meade will be preserved for future generations as operating funds depend solely on donations and membership fees. It is our mission to preserve and interpret the historical value of Belle Meade Plantation and to educate the **public about its significance in American culture.**

The Parthenon at Centennial Park:

<http://www.nashville.gov/Parks-and-Recreation/Parthenon.aspx>

The Parthenon in Centennial Park is a full-scale replica of the original Parthenon in Athens. It was designed by Confederate veteran William Crawford Smith and built in 1897 as part of the Tennessee Centennial Exposition. **It's also an art museum.**

The Frist: <http://fristcenter.org/>

The Frist Center opened in April 2001, and since that time has hosted a spectacular array of art from the region and from around the world.

Tennessee State Museum: <http://www.tnmuseum.org/>

The beginnings of the Tennessee State Museum can be traced back to a museum opened on the Nashville public square in 1817 by a portrait artist, Ralph E.W. Earl. A young boy who visited that museum in 1823 wrote home that he had seen a life-size painting of then General Andrew Jackson. That same painting hangs today in the State Museum, now located at 1000 Rosa L. Parks Blvd. In 1937 the General Assembly created a state museum to house World War I mementoes and other collections from the state, the Tennessee Historical Society and other groups.

Traveler's Rest: <https://travellersrestplantation.org/>

From approximately 1400-1475 A.D., the land that would later be known as Travelers Rest was a Native American village during the pre-historic Mississippian period, the last of the four major cultural periods before first contact with white settlers. In 1796, the remains of a palisade wall, home sites and burials from that settlement were present when Judge John Overton acquired the property.

The Hermitage: <https://thehermitage.com/>

Andrew Jackson purchases the Hermitage. Nearly every facet of Jackson's life revolved around his mansion at The Hermitage. It served as much as an office, gathering hall and place for entertaining as it did as his home. The mansion has now been carefully restored with most of Jackson's original belongings.

Carnton Plantation: <https://boft.org/carnton/>

Carnton was built in 1826 by former Nashville mayor Randal McGavock (1768-1843). On the morning of December 1, 1864 the bodies of four Confederate generals killed during the fighting, Patrick R. Cleburne, Hiram B. Granbury, John Adams, and Otho F. Strahl, lay on Carnton's back porch. The floors of the restored house are still stained with the blood of the men who were treated here. In early 1866, John and Carrie McGavock designated two acres of land adjacent to their family cemetery as a final burial place for nearly 1,500 Confederate soldiers killed during the Battle of Franklin. The McGavock's maintained the cemetery until their respective deaths. Today, the McGavock Confederate Cemetery is a lasting memorial honoring those fallen soldiers and the Battle of Franklin. It is the largest privately owned military cemetery in the nation. There are a number of historic sights to see and tour in Franklin along with great local restaurants and a charming main street with unique shopping. Ghost Tours are available in the evenings.

Country Music Hall of Fame: <https://countrymusicHalloffame.org/>

The Country Music Hall of Fame® and Museum seeks to collect, preserve, and interpret the evolving history and traditions of country music. Through exhibits, publications, and educational programs, the museum teaches its diverse audiences about the enduring beauty and cultural importance of country music. It's not just about traditional country music. Johnny Cash Museum is nearby.

Great article about local art galleries.

<https://theculturetrip.com/north-america/usa/tennessee/articles/nashville-s-10-best-contemporary-art-galleries-tn-culture-guide/>