

Locals' Guide to Mountain View, AR (Stone County)

Specially compiled for guests of Ivy Vacations

National Geographic Adventure Magazine rated [one of 50 Great Adventure Towns](#)

Logistics:

- Download anything you may need in advance as service in the hills is inconsistent at best.
- Many local hangouts close by 9PM, only accept cash and are closed Sunday-Monday. Call ahead.
- If you are staying at one of our properties during a snowstorm, please be aware if you are at one of the more remote rentals on a gravel road, you may need to prepare to lengthen your stay in case you cannot get out. How exciting!
- If you decide to seek adventure, go on a full tank of gas. There are printable maps [here](#).

Libations:

- Stone County is a dry county — BYOB; however, if you left town in a hurry to get here:
 - ~30 minutes up Highway 14 in Big Flat, AR, you will find:
 - Blanchard Liquors: West on Hwy 14 past county line. Cash/check only. Pricey and limited selection. We're just thankful we have something!
 - [Gravity BrewWorks](#): 11512 Hwy 14 Easy, Big Flat, AR 72617; (870) 448-2077
 - Open most Thursdays-Saturdays, noon-8PM; Call ahead during winter
 - This is our nanobrewery. Home to our favorite Great American Beer Festival gold medal winning brewer! Here, you'll discover tantalizing craft beers & locals spinning tall tales or jamming in the beer garden.
 - ~40 minutes up Highway 66 in Leslie, AR, you will find:
 - [Ryan's Main Street Grill](#): 508 Main Street, Leslie, AR 72645; (870) 447-2264
 - You may find a dance partner here, as well as a well-seasoned steak.
- Be wary of night time blacktop driving after drinking. There's lots of wildlife, and the cops are DUI eager.

Out & About:

Mountain View:

- **Town Square**
 - Folk musicians are nearly always playing behind the courthouse on fair weather evenings.
- **Jimmy Driftwood Music Barn:** 19775 Hwy 5 North, Mountain View, AR 72560; (870) 269-8042
 - Folk, country, gospel, mountain, & bluegrass music by local musicians & friends from around the country; Showtimes: Friday & Sunday, 2nd Saturday of each month is gospel
 - \$5 minimum donation; closed January & February
- **Ozark Folk Center State Park:** (501) 682-1191 & **Loco Ropes course:** (870) 269-6566
 - Concerts, Crafts, Herbs, Food, Workshops, including Homesteading Demonstrations!
 - 1032 Park Avenue, Mountain View, AR 72560
 - State-of-the-art treetop adventure experience for the whole family!
- **Arkansas Craft School:** 110 E. Main St., Mountain View, AR 72560; (870) 269-8397
 - Weekly classes with renowned artisans
- **Stone Drive-In Theatre:** 801 Theatre Ln., Mountain View, AR 72560; (870) 269-3227
- **OK Trading Post:** Hwy 14 West, Mountain View, AR 72560 (870) 585-2217
 - Hourly & overnight horseback and scenic mountain trail rides & rides with meals
 - Complete tack shop

Blanchard Springs Caverns: 15 miles NW of Mountain View off Highway 14

- World Class “Living” Cave System, waterfall, old mill, Mirror Lake, nearby trails & camping
- Forest Road 1110-A, Fifty-Six, AR 72533; (870) 757-2211

Leslie, AR: ~38 minutes west off Highway 66

- **Serenity Farms Bakery:** sourdough breads, focaccia, pastries, cookies, daily lunch specials
 - Bakery & pastry shop have slightly different hours, so check out website for details.
- **Skylark Café:** 401 High Street, Leslie, AR 72645
 - Lunch: Monday-Thursday; Lunch & Dinner: Friday-Saturday; check website for menu.
- **Ryan’s Main Street Grill:** See note above in “Libations”.

Ozark-St. Francis National Forest: These trails are incredible!

- Birding & Hiking: over 360 miles of trails for hiking, including the 165 mile Ozark Highlands Trail.
- Backpacking: Five designated wilderness areas, including the Hurricane Creek Wilderness Area.
- Three multi-use trails for ATV's, mountain biking, horseback riding & hiking. Over 160 miles of year-round driving along scenic byways.
- Canoeing, White Water Canoeing, Fishing: Blue Ribbon rivers, six Congressionally designated Wild and Scenic Rivers.

White River: Stone County area river

- World famous fishing, Boat rentals, guides

Buffalo National River: ~45 minutes NW

- America's First National River: 135 miles of wilderness / free flowing, undammed river

Eat/Drink:

PJ's Rainbow Café (on the Town Square): 216 W. Main St., Mountain View, AR 72560; (870) 269-8633

- Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner. Some vegetarian options. Cheap diner with lots of locals.
- Hours: Tuesday-Saturday 7AM-8PM; Sunday 7AM-2PM

Kin Folks BBQ (on the Town Square): 123 W. Washington St., Mountain View, AR 72560; (870) 269-9188

- Noteworthy lunch specials that sell out quickly, BBQ sandwiches & ribs, too.
- Hours: Monday-Saturday 11AM-8PM. Check their Facebook page for daily specials.

Charlyn's Restaurant & Old-Fashioned Soda Fountain (a.k.a. "Cronies"): 301 W. Main St., Mountain View, AR 72560; (870) 269-5740

- Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner. Yummy food with friendly service on the Town Square.
- Hours: Monday-Saturday 6:30AM-7PM; Sunday 6:30AM-2PM.

Tommy's Famous: W. Main & Famous Place, Mountain View, AR 72560; (870) 269-3278

- Landmark pizza, BBQ & ribs (BBQ calzone is a personal fave). A “dive bar” without the beer, but shhh, they don't mind if you sneak in yours. Pay for a drink cup & imbibe from their cup, keeping your libation incognito. Truly a local's fave & not fast food, ~45 minutes to hand toss and cook your pizza that is heavy on the toppings.
- Noted in National Geographic Traveler Magazine, as well as Southern Living Magazine and more.

Angler's White River Resort: 23080 Hwy 5, Allison, AR 72050; (870) 585-2226

- Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner. Only place in the county with an alcohol permit. Hours on website.
- Scenic dining and boat rentals on the White River. The food & service are okay.

PJ's White River Lodge (between Calico Rock and Mtn. Home): 384 Lodge Lane, Norfolk, AR 72658; (870) 499-7500

- Casual fine dining with a full bar on the White River. Longer drive. Fancy date place.
- Hours: Dining Seating available Wednesday-Saturday 5PM-9PM.

Groceries:

Yoder's Country Cupboard: 507 Sylamore Ave., Mountain View, AR 72560; (870) 269-9774

- Mennonite bulk food supply, including canned goods, cheeses, spices, and crafts to name a few.
- Hours: Monday-Saturday 9AM-5PM.

Stone Ground Natural Foods: 422 Sylamore Ave., Mountain View, AR 72560; (870) 269-8164

- Locally owned organic, natural & nutritional resource.
- Hours: Monday-Saturday 10AM-5PM.

Harp's Food Store: 907 E. Main St., Mountain View, AR 72560; (870)269-3534

- Regional grocery chain.
- Hours: Monday-Sunday 6AM-10PM

Walmart - not open 24 hours: 409 Sylamore Ave., Mountain View, AR 72560; (870) 269-4395

- Hours: Monday-Sunday 6AM-12AM