



# Jacksonville

Soaring Higher

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## ***Welcome to Jacksonville***

While Jacksonville is best known as the home of the Little Rock Air Force Base, it's also a friendly and affordable base camp for your explorations of central Arkansas. However, you'll find plenty of reasons to stay right here in town.

The newest reason is the 160-acre Arkansas Game and Fish Foundation Shooting Sports Complex, home to skeet and trap shooting.

If you're a history buff, don't miss the Museum of Military History. Or an opportunity to visit the site of the pivotal Civil War Battle of Reed's Bridge and to learn more about life in that era.

The thrift-hound will appreciate our many shops, while families can refuel in a variety of restaurants and rest in reasonably priced hotels.

Of course, your visit could become permanent. Living in Jacksonville has small-town appeal but close proximity to larger attractions in the surrounding area. Our many outdoor parks and community center are convenient ways to stay active close to home. Plus, our Joint Education Center provides degree opportunities for those stationed at the base and Jacksonville residents alike.

There's more to Jacksonville than you ever imagined. Spend time exploring the city, and you'll see why we say we're "Soaring Higher."

Find out more at [jacksonvillesoars.com](http://jacksonvillesoars.com).

# EVENTS

## **Air Show**

Held in the fall of even-numbered years, this two-day event often draws a quarter of a million people. For more information, see page 7 of this guide.

[littlerock.af.mil](http://littlerock.af.mil)

## **Battle of Reed's Bridge Reenactment**

Early September will see a full weekend of events commemorating this historic Civil War battle. Activities include Civil War-era military drills, music and games for kids, as well as reenactments of the battle and a famous duel.

[reedsbridgebattlefield.com](http://reedsbridgebattlefield.com)

## **Big Bang on the Range**

After dark, the city celebrates the Fourth of July with a massive fireworks display at the city's newest attraction, the AGFF shooting range in Jacksonville. It's free and fun for the whole family.

[jacksonvilleshootingcomplex.com](http://jacksonvilleshootingcomplex.com)

## **FestiVille**

Held the first weekend in October, FestiVille offers live music, a fishing tournament, food vendors, carnival rides and much more. Held in Dupree Park. Admission is free.

[cityofjacksonville.net/270/FestiVille](http://cityofjacksonville.net/270/FestiVille)

## **Holiday Craft and Gift Sale**

Held annually on the Friday and Saturday of Thanksgiving weekend, this is the place to find original handmade creations. Perfect for holiday gift shopping, artwork includes woodwork, paintings, jewelry, holiday décor and more.

[jacksonvillesoars.com](http://jacksonvillesoars.com)

## **Vietnam Veterans Day Celebration**

Each April, this all-day event gives Vietnam Veterans the opportunity to share experiences and connect with other veterans and a chance for citizens to express their gratitude. Includes a parade, remembrance ceremony and dinner. Held at the Jacksonville Museum of Military History.

[jaxmilitarymuseum.org](http://jaxmilitarymuseum.org)



# ATTRACTIONS

## **Arkansas Game & Fish Foundation Shooting Sports Complex** **1** on map

The largest of its kind in the state, this shooting range offers 14 trap fields, three skeet overlays, voice-activated controllers, a pro shop and more. It's family friendly and open to the public Wednesday through Sunday.

**2800 Graham Rd. 501-241-2441**  
**jacksonvilleshootingcomplex.com**

## **Battle of Reed's Bridge Marker** **2** on map

The marker commemorates the site where Confederate soldiers held off Federal troops advancing toward Little Rock in August of 1863. The battle took place on the south side of Jacksonville at Reed's Bridge. Led by Brig. Gen. John S. Marmaduke, the soldiers held fast, forcing Union troops to find a new route to Little Rock. A cabin on the site depicts what life was like during the Civil War.

**Highway 161 (S. First St.)**

## **Jacksonville Community Center** **3** on map

The heart of activity in the city, the facility has an indoor pool, basketball courts, aerobics, two racquetball courts, two walking tracks (indoor and outdoor), weight equipment and locker facilities. Also includes a 1,500-square-foot meeting room and a 5,500-square-foot banquet hall with stage available for rental.

**5 Municipal Dr. 501-982-4171 cityofjacksonville.net**

## **Jacksonville Guitar Center** **4** on map

See a collection of vintage guitars. Open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday – Saturday. Admission is free.

**1105 Burman Dr. 501-982-4933**

## **Jacksonville Museum of Military History** **5** on map

The museum was created to foster an appreciation for our servicemen and women. Exhibits highlight the importance of the military for the country and the Jacksonville area. The museum covers all major wars and includes interactive displays, memorabilia, and a research room. Adults: \$3; seniors and military: \$2; under 18: \$1; five and under: free

**100 N. Hospital Cir. 501-241-1943 jaxmilitarymuseum.org**

## **Southern Oaks Country Club** **6** on map

This challenging 18-hole golf course winds through a beautiful residential area and has a clubhouse with large banquet and meeting facilities. Dine at the Oak Den restaurant and enjoy an entrée at half-price when you buy one at regular price.

**701 Foxwood Dr. 501-982-7508**  
**southernoakscountryclub.com**

## CITY PARKS

### **Dupree Park** 7 on map

The heart of outdoor recreation in the city, this park includes a sports complex with six softball, two baseball, and four soccer fields. Also has an 18-hole Frisbee-golf course, a 10-acre lake for fishing, a 1.3-mile walking trail, a playground and an enclosed off-leash dog park.

**Park St. & S. Redmond Rd.**

### **Splash Zone Water Park** 8 on map

Jacksonville's aquatics center features a plunge pool with two water slides, a water tunnel, the umbrella-shaped Rain Drop and Dew Drop water showers, and the kids-only Tea Cup. Concessions available. Handicap accessible. Open Memorial Day to Labor Day. Admission is \$5, plus \$1 for slides.

**201 W. Martin St. 501-982-7946**

The city offers a variety of other parks with activities for all ages in a safe environment.

### **Excell Park** a on map Southeastern Ave. and Ray Rd.

Lighted and fenced youth baseball fields, a playground, an open field, restrooms and picnic area

### **Fireman Park** b on map Graham Rd. and Boys Club Dr.

Boys and Girls Club facility, basketball court, pavilion, playground, three multi-purpose courts

### **Galloway Park** c on map Galloway Cir.

Basketball court, pavilion, grill, picnic tables, playground

### **Jimmie White Park** d on map Cheyenne Tr.

Walking trail with two bridges, pond, fishing, swing set

### **Johnson Park** e on map Goshen St.

Pavilions, basketball court, playground, picnic tables (one covered), grill, horseshoes, restrooms

### **Northlake Park** f on map Northlake Dr. and Tennis Ct.

Playground, basketball court, pavilion

### **Paradise Park** g on map N. Redmond Rd.

Lake with two fishing piers, asphalt launching ramp, foot bridge, pavilion, picnic tables, horseshoes, restrooms, paved wildlife observation trail

### **Skatepark** h on map Municipal Dr.

Two skateboard ramps, next to the Community Center

### **Stagecoach Park** i on map Wells Fargo Tr.

Covered picnic table, playground

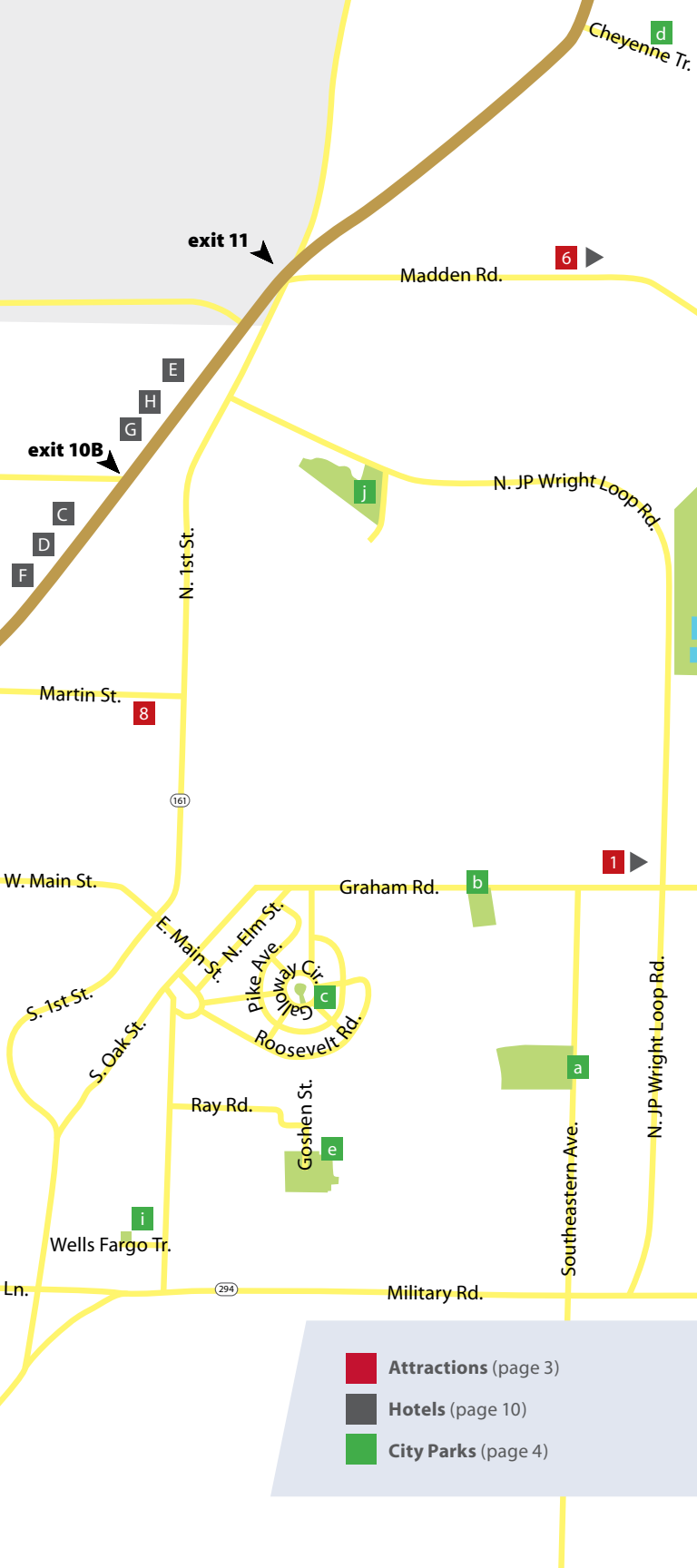
### **Stonewall Park** j on map Berkshire Dr.

Half-mile walking/jogging trail, playground, pavilion, covered benches

# City Map

Little Rock  
Air Force Base





exit 11

exit 10B

Cheyenne Tr. **d**

Madden Rd. **6**

N. JP Wright Loop Rd.

N. 1st St.

Martin St. **8**

161

**1**

W. Main St.

Graham Rd. **b**

S. 1st St.

S. Oak St.

E. Main St.

N. Elm St.

Pike Ave.

Calloway Cir

Roosevelt Rd.

Ray Rd.

Goshen St. **e**

**a**

N. JP Wright Loop Rd.

Wells Fargo Tr. **i**

Ln.

294

Military Rd.

Southeastern Ave.

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## *The air is better in Jacksonville.*

As a major part of the Jacksonville economy, much of the city's growth is attributed to the Little Rock Air Force Base. It's Jacksonville's largest employer and the only C-130 training facility in the world for the Department of Defense.

On display at the base entrance is a retired C-130 aircraft and the story of its extensive history. Tours of the base are available on a case-by-case basis and should be arranged before arrival in Jacksonville.

Every other year, the thrilling air show opens the base to the public — often attracting more than a quarter of a million people to gape at the gravity-defying, breathtaking acts of the Blue Angels and the Thunderbirds. During the free two-day show, attendees can also walk through numerous planes, sit at the controls, and learn about C-130s and other aircraft.

Air shows are held in the fall of even-numbered years. Visit [littlerock.af.mil](http://littlerock.af.mil) for more information.







## *Let our past enrich your present.*

If the walls of this town could talk, the stories they would tell. Sit and listen because the historical aspects of Jacksonville offer valuable insights into America's military efforts.

The city is named after founders Nicholas and Elizabeth Jackson, who deeded the land for the railroad right-of-way in 1870. The community developed around the railroad depot and incorporated in 1941 when construction began on the Arkansas Ordnance Plant, which served as the primary supplier of fuses and detonators for WWII.

Shortly before the city had a name, it played an important role in history. The Battle of Reed's Bridge was a significant conflict for Union soldiers attempting to take control of Little Rock. Confederate soldiers at Reed's Bridge thwarted the Union advance. The battlefield site — considered to be one of the most well-preserved Civil War sites in Arkansas — can be explored on the southern edge of the city. The area also includes a cabin to demonstrate what life was like for civilians during that era.

The Civil War — and all other wars, from World Wars to modern conflicts — are the focus of the Museum of Military History. See authentic uniforms, memorabilia, and more on display.

Jacksonville holds one of central Arkansas' best records of the past and adds yet another piece to the fabric of our nation's military history.





## *On target for family fun.*

The Arkansas Game and Fish Foundation Shooting Sports Complex boasts the latest in technology and offers a clean, safe environment for the whole family. It's the largest of its kind in Arkansas and includes:

- Fourteen trap fields
- Three skeet overlays
- Three lit fields
- Areas exclusively for shotguns
- Voice-activated controllers
- Certified coaches
- 5,100-square-foot clubhouse
- Two pavilions
- Appointments offered, not required
- Corporate discounts available

While you're here, check out the pro shop, offering ammunition, ear and eye protection, shirts, hats and more. The complex is conveniently located at 2800 Graham Road and is open Wednesday to Sunday, but may be closed for inclement weather or for scheduled events.

Call 501-241-2441 or visit [jacksonvilleshootingcomplex.com](http://jacksonvilleshootingcomplex.com) for availability.



# HOTELS

Spend the night in one of our many affordable, comfortable hotels. You'll have all the comforts of home while enjoying a relaxing stay in Jacksonville.

## **Air Base Inn** **A** on map

All rooms include microwave, television, and phone. Kitchenette rooms, Jacuzzi rooms and 24-hour wake up service also available. Access to wireless Internet. Pet friendly.

**300 Crestview Dr. 501-983-2491**

## **America's Best Value Inn** **B** on map

Smoking and non-smoking rooms include flat-screen cable TV, free wi-fi, microwave, fridge, hair dryer, iron and ironing board. Has business center, meeting rooms, pool, and restaurant-bar on site.

**200 T.P. White Dr. 501-982-2183 abvijaxar.com**

## **Best Western Inn** **C** on map

All rooms include microwave, refrigerator, cable/satellite TV with HBO, high-speed Internet access, complimentary continental breakfast, and access to our business center, outdoor heated pool, exercise facility, and meeting space for up to 60 people. Whirlpool rooms available.

**1600 John Harden Dr. 501-982-8181 bestwestern.com**

## **Days Inn** **F** on map

Free Daybreak breakfast, free high-speed Internet access, outdoor pool, HBO, iron and ironing board, microwave, refrigerator, coffee maker and free local calls. Walk to restaurants.

**1414 John Harden Dr. 501-982-1543 daysinn.com**

## **Econo Lodge** **G** on map

Indoor pool, free continental breakfast, meeting room, laundry room, two Jacuzzi rooms, free wireless high-speed Internet access, long-distance calls, public computer with Internet access, pet-friendly. Under new management.

**1800 John Harden Dr. 501-982-8400 choicehotels.com**

## **Motel 6** **E** on map

Outdoor pool, business center. Rooms include high-speed Internet access, cable television, microwave, coffee pot, refrigerator, iron, and ironing board. Closest hotel to LRAFB. Under new management.

**2110 John Harden Dr. 501-985-7666 JacksonvilleMotel6.com**

## **Quality Inn** **D** on map

Free deluxe continental breakfast, microwave, refrigerator, coffee maker, outdoor pool, Jacuzzi suite, wireless high-speed Internet access, free local calls, fitness center.

**1500 John Harden Dr. 501-985-4400 www.choicehotels.com**

## **Super 8** **H** on map

Indoor heated pool, fitness center, business center, free wired or wireless internet, continental breakfast, microwave and fridge in rooms.

**1850 John Harden Dr. 501-982-9219 super8.com**



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