

Amenities:

Hot Springs offers its visitors and residents a wide variety of opportunities for enjoyment, from exquisite natural beauty, to numerous historical, cultural, recreational, and family attractions.

Natural Beauty – Outdoor Activities

Surrounded by mountains and lakes, Hot Springs' beautiful scenery can be enjoyed while participating in some of the area's great outdoor activities or from your own window. Lake Hamilton and Lake Catherine border the City and provide 328 miles of shoreline. Lake Ouachita, just 30 minutes from downtown Hot Springs, has 40,000 acres of crystal clear water and nearly 700 miles of unspoiled shoreline. Lake DeGray is less than 25 miles south of Hot Springs. Boating, waterskiing, fishing, and other water sports are frequent scenes on all these lakes. Many nearby parks offer camping and hiking. Hot Springs has nine city parks, which offer a wide range of recreational facilities.

Historic Hot Springs – Oldest National Park

In the heart of downtown Hot Springs lies Historic Bathhouse Row. The stunning bathhouses surrounded by tree-lined walkways and the Grand Promenade provides a magical setting for tourists and residents alike to enjoy. A hot spring display shows how the springs originally appeared cascading down the mountainside. The Hot Springs National Park Visitors Center is housed in the beautifully restored Fordyce Bathhouse.

Dining

Hot Springs offers more than 150 restaurants featuring cuisines from around the world.

Thoroughbred Racing – Second Oldest Track in the USA

Thoroughbred racing at Oaklawn Park is an annual tradition that boasts some of the nation's best horses, jockeys, and purses. Live racing begins at the end of January and continues throughout mid-April each year. Throughout the remainder of the year, simulcast racing features thoroughbred racing at other parks.

Attractions

Hot Springs has something for everyone in the way of attractions and entertainment, from great music shows to romantic lake cruises. Hot Springs was the boyhood home of Former President Bill Clinton and tours of his home site and favorite haunts are offered to visitors. Garland County is also home to some of the best crystal deposits in the world and is a paradise for rock hounds. Visitors can contact the city's Advertising and Promotion Commission at 1-800-SPA-CITY for a complete visitors' guide.

Shopping

Charming gift shops, antique stores, fine art galleries, factory outlet stores, and a local mall are guaranteed to satisfy your treasure hunts.

Golf and Tennis

Two local County Clubs offer 63 holes and three championship courses, along with 18 tennis courts. Nearby private planned communities offer 98 holes, six championship courses. Area public golf courses boast over 63 holes and two championship courses. There are four public parks with tennis courts for a combined number of 13 courts, five of which are lighted for evening play.

Churches/Religion

Hot Springs has over 150 Churches representing 32 different denominations and religions.

Education

There are seven public school districts in Garland County. The largest district, Hot Springs, enjoys a student/teacher ratio of 13:1. Accompanied by seven private schools, Garland County Community College and Quapaw Technical Institute, Hot Springs offers numerous educational opportunities. Additionally, Henderson State University, Ouachita Baptist University and the University of Arkansas at Little Rock are within an hour's drive.

Civic Organizations/Clubs

Civic Organizations and Clubs include: YMCA, Boys Club, Lions Clubs, Historical Society, Jaycees, Junior Auxiliary, Kiwanis, Elks, Rotary Club, Sertoma Club, Women's Chamber of Commerce, and many others.

Libraries

The Garland County Library houses approximately 62,000 volumes and is located at 1427 Malvern Avenue.

