

Interstate 40 Side Trip to the Past

Fentress County and the surrounding area provide a number of rich opportunities for interesting side trips only minutes off Interstate 40. Located just about halfway between Nashville and Knoxville, this unspoiled destination offers the chance for a welcome respite from the hustle and bustle of everyday life...a chance to slow down and enjoy life as it once was, in a setting of rustic beauty and tranquility.

Morning

Muddy Pond Mennonite Community

Not far from the town of Monterey and I-40 is the remarkable Mennonite community of Muddy Pond, where it's easy to relive a simpler past. The general store and mercantile store offer home-canned and fresh baked goods, pottery, handcrafted items and quilts. The wood working shop offers handcrafted furniture and leather goods, and in late September and early October the community makes sorghum. (931) 445-7829;

<http://bigsouthforkpark.com/muddypond.htm>

Cumberland Mountain General Store and Rock-a-Billy Café

Located in Clarkrange, Tennessee, on US Hwy 127, Cumberland Mountain General Store is open from May to November selling antiques and collectibles. The Rock-a-Billy Café and Soda Fountain, an authentic 1950's soda fountain and grill, offers old fashioned hamburgers and fries, and milkshakes made from hand dipped hard ice cream. It's an ideal place for lunch or a short break. (931) 863-3880;

www.cumberlandmountaingeneralstore.com



Afternoon

Highland Manor Winery

Over one hundred years ago, as early settlers first tamed the wilderness of the Cumberland Plateau, a curious lot of Victorian Utopians established the first vineyards in the area near the historic colony of Rugby. There, they made wines that won a number of competitions in the 1880's. Located Highland Manor, Tennessee's oldest handcrafted wines. The English Tudor that tradition runs deep at Highland awards for its fine wines, including Madrid, Spain. There are currently wines, red and whites, ranging from treated royally with a tasting of fine blueberry patch. (931)879-9519;

www.highlandmanorwinery.net



gold medals at wine-tasting just outside Jamestown on US 127, winery, is known for producing fine building and classic cellar are evidence Manor. Highland Manor continues to win gold medals from as far away as available eleven of these fine grape dry to sweet. Year-round, visitors are wines, a tour of the winery, and are the vineyard and

Sgt. Alvin C. York State Historic Park

The Sgt. Alvin C. York State Historic Park, located in Pall Mall, just north of Jamestown on US 127, pays tribute to Sgt. Alvin C. York, the backwoods marksman from the mountains of Tennessee who became one of the most decorated soldiers of World War I, receiving at least a dozen medals including the Congressional Medal of Honor and the French Croix de Guerre. A true American hero, he was immortalized in the movie "Sergeant York" by actor Gary Cooper. The York homesite museum includes a collection of wartime and personal mementos, including historical photographs, family portraits and personal items. The historic park includes the York family farm and the grist mill York operated for many years on the banks of the Wolf River. Andrew York is the son of Alvin C. York and is a Park Ranger at the homesite. If notified in advance, interpretive programs can be scheduled. Admission is free. (931)879-6456; <http://state.tn.us/environment/parks/SgtYork/>



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