

Historic Assets for the Great River Road Tennessee

Lake County

1) Jones Chapel Church of Christ Cemetery



Caption: Great River Road Tennessee, Jones Cemetery, north of Tiptonville, Lake County, Tennessee

Alternate Text: This National Register-eligible cemetery is the resting place for the mass burial of 75 Confederates from the Island No. 10 battle during the Civil War, the oldest identified marker dates to 1838.

2) Island No. 10 Battlefield Memorial



Caption: Great River Road Tennessee, Marker for the Battle of Island No. 10, north of Tiptonville, Lake County, Tennessee

Alternate Text: This state-developed marker for the Battle of Island No. 10 interprets this pivotal Civil War battle for control of the Mississippi River and was erected c. 1960 as part of the state's Civil War centennial.

3) Reelfoot Lake



Caption: Great River Road Tennessee, Reelfoot Lake, White's Landing Boardwalk and Fisherman, Lake County, Tennessee

Alternate Text: This lone fisherman is an example of the fishing activity that takes place in the midst of beautiful old cypress trees in this natural fish hatchery lake created as a result of the New Madrid earthquakes which occurred in the early 1800s.

Dyer County

4) Heloise



Caption: Great River Road Tennessee, Heloise Landing and the Mississippi River, Dyer County, Tennessee

Alternate Text: This access point to the Mississippi River port was once a prominent stop for agricultural trade during the time between the Civil War and World War II eras.

Lauderdale County

5) Alex Haley's Boyhood Home



Caption: Great River Road Tennessee, Alex Haley's Boyhood Home, Henning, Tennessee

Alternate Text: This one-and-one-half story weatherboard bungalow where Alex Haley lived from 1921 to 1929, was the house of Alex Haley's grandfather, Will Palmer and his time there served as inspiration for his popular book *Roots: The Saga of an American Family* (1976).

6) Ft. Pillow State Historic Park



Caption: Great River Road Tennessee, Fort Pillow State Historic Park, Lauderdale County, Tennessee

Alternate Text: Civil War re-enactments are periodically held at this historic site to remember the events that occurred at Ft. Pillow during the Civil War.

7) Ripley



Caption: Great River Road Tennessee, Lauderdale County Courthouse, Ripley, Tennessee

Alternate Text: The Lauderdale County Courthouse has a unique design among Marr and Holman's Public Works Administration (PWA) courthouses due to its use of buff-colored glazed brick as the main exterior material and its cruciform plan.

Tipton County

8) Covington Courthouse Square



Caption: Great River Road Tennessee, Tipton County Courthouse, Covington, Tennessee

Alternate Text: This late nineteenth century Victorian-styled Courthouse and gazebo in Covington serves as an anchor to surrounding historic commercial and public buildings ranging in age from the 1870s to the 1970s.

9) Canaan Baptist Church



Caption: Great River Road Tennessee, Canaan Baptist Church, Covington, Tennessee

Alternate Text: Built from 1916 to 1917, the Canaan Baptist Church has played a significant role in the social history, religious history, and the ethnic heritage of African Americans in Covington and Tipton County.

10) Randolph



Caption: Great River Road Tennessee, vista view of the Mississippi River from bluffs in the town of Randolph, Tennessee.

Alternate Text: Randolph was founded in 1823 and undoubtedly occupied the best potential site available for water-borne commerce, due its direct access to the Mississippi River, and as such provided an excellent harbor for steam and flatboats at all stages of the river.

Shelby County

11) Beale Street



Caption: Great River Road Tennessee, Beale Street, Memphis, Tennessee

Alternate Text: Two blocks of Beale Street have been closed to vehicular traffic so that music, food and beverages may be enjoyed while walking on the street and also to allow for easier access to the prime music venues, restaurants and street performers for which Beale Street is known.

12) National Civil Rights Museum (Lorraine Motel)



Caption: Great River Road Tennessee, National Civil Rights Museum, Memphis, Tennessee

Alternate Text: As showcased at the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis, the struggle for civil rights continues to play a major and historic role in our society. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was cut down by an assassin's bullet in 1968 at this shrine to his life's work and quest to secure the rights of equality, liberty and justice for all people in the world.

13) Chucalissa and the C.H. Nash Museum



Caption: Great River Road Tennessee, C. H. Nash Museum, Chucalissa Archaeological site, Memphis, Tennessee

Alternate Text: Operated by the University of Memphis, the Chucalissa site and museum serves as a gateway into understanding the science of archaeology and the interpretation of Native American history in the mid-south.

14) Mud Island River Park & Museum



Caption: Great River Road Tennessee, Mud Island River Park & Museum, Memphis, Tennessee

Alternate Text: The historic Mud Island River Park and Museum is a unique 52-acre recreational, educational and entertainment facility dedicated to telling the story of the Mighty Mississippi River and its people. The River Walk on Mud Island is a 5-block long replica of the lower Mississippi river, from Cairo, IL, to New Orleans, LA.

15) National Ornamental Metal Museum



Caption: Great River Road Tennessee, National Ornamental Metal Museum, Memphis, Tennessee

Alternate Text: The patio area and gazebo behind the museum sits atop a bluff overlooking the Mississippi River and the Arkansas Memorial Bridge in Memphis, TN and is speculated to have been the point from which Hernando de Soto first saw the river in his early explorations.