

DRIVING TOUR OF PICKETT COUNTY TN THROUGH PHOTOS
Traveling east on Hwy 111 starting at the Overton/Pickett County Line



Welcome Sign as one enters County



County Line Flea Market and Auction



Historic Church



Barn with sign directing people to County Line Bait Shop



Smitty's Grocery



Billboard directing people to Sunset Marina and Resort on Dale Hollow Lake



Keisling's General Merchandise Store



Obey River Inn Motel

ACCESS TO DALE HOLLOW LAKE FROM HWY 111 IN PICKETT CO.



Signage directing travelers off Hwy 111 to a recreation area that includes two restaurants (Moogies and Sunset), a marina, beach area, and campground, Lodging in this area also includes the “SunCatcher” Lakeview Vacation Rental.



More signage on Hwy 111 to turn off and visit Moogies Restaurant (Open Wed, Fri. Sat) next to Obey River Recreation Area and Sunset Marina.



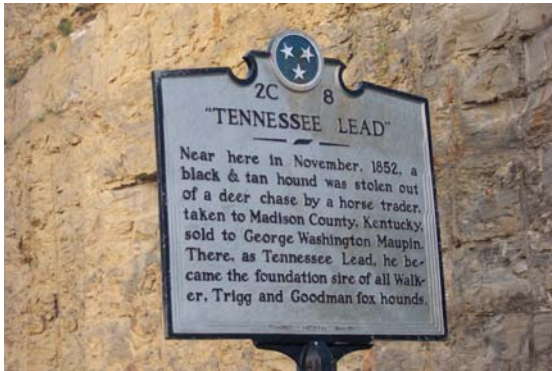
Obey River Rec Area (operated by the U.S. Corps of Engineers) offers picnicking and boat launching.

Obey River State Park includes a beach and both RV and Tent camping. Portions of the recreation area is for day-use only.



Sunset Dock, Marina and Restaurant is located right on the water. Great facility, easily accessible off Hwy 111 with ample parking. (Note: Road above is Hwy 111)

BACK ON HIGHWAY 111 HEADED EAST TOWARDS BYRDSTOWN



Historic Marker on Hwy 111.
Needs to be moved to a better location with pull off area.



Bridge across the Obey River at Dale Hollow



RV Park right off Hwy 111 overlooking Dale Hollow Lake



Alice's Treasures included art work and crafts from within the region and around the state. Wonderful shop! Very limited parking and structure was small but it had excellent art well displayed in a four room house. Recently set up a store in a mall in Cookeville to get more exposure for the artisans.



Scenic views of farmland from Hwy 111 near Alice's Treasures

SIGNAGE ON HWY 111



Signs directing visitors to Cordell Hull birthplace, Star Point Marina and Eagles Cove Marina



Different signage directing visitors to turn to get to both Dale Hollow Marine and Eagle Cove Resort which includes mileage.



Sportsman's Lodge located on Hwy 111 (across from Hwy 325) offers central heat and air, cable tv and picnic area with charcoal grills and just two miles from Dale Hollow Lake. Please note: No cell phone reception nor telephones in the room which might challenge someone wanting to hook up to the internet. Current market is hunters and fisherman.



First gas station since leaving Livingston in Overton County at intersection of Hwy 111 & 325.

Notes tourist information but limited tourist information was available.



Cordell Hull Visitor Center includes a museum, library and movie



Cordell Hull Offices and meeting area



Cordell Hull's Birthplace



Interior of Cordell Hull's First Homeplace



Across from Cordell Hull's Birthplace one can see the parking lot to a cave the State Park system is developing. Anticipated to open in Fall 2006. Expected to draw more tourists to the area



Lighted Equestrian Riding Ring behind Visitor Center



Restaurant and signage for it on Hwy 325



Confirmation signage letting the traveler know they are heading the right direction to Star Point and Eagle Cove Marinas.



Christian Church along the route



One could not help but note that all cemeteries we passed throughout the county were named and had well maintained signs and grounds

Below is a church built on the Wolf River in 1894 and moved to this site in 1944 when lands were flooded to make Dale Hollow Lake.





Hwy 325 West leads to Dale Hollow Lake

Two brown signs on Hwy 325 directing travels which way to turn to head towards Star Point Marina and Eagle Cove Marina.



The marina at Eagle Cove offers “Big Foot” Houseboats are for rent.



A few of the chalets available to rent at Eagle Cove on Dale Hollow Lake.



Eagle Cove Resort just off Hwy 325 on Dale Hollow Lake offers houseboats, chalets, cabins fully furnished with all the amenities. Even some of the houseboats offer hot tubs.

There is also a gift shop and a full service marina.

VARIETY OF HOMES ENROUTE TO STAR POINT ON HWY 325

Large homes, mobile homes, smaller homes and businesses are located next to each other.



Private Home



Silver Bell Group Subdivision



Boat Storage Business



Sign at StarPoint



View of lodge at StarPoint



View of marina at StarPoint

StarPoint Resort describes itself as a fishing camp-vacation resort on Dale Hollow.

It offers a marina, condominiums, lodge, campground, restaurant, gift shop, tennis, boat and motor rental and covered boat slips.

Another marina in Pickett County is East Port Marina & Resort located off Hwy 111. East Port offers a restaurant, full service marina, houseboats, cabins and ski rental and recently opened the Cliffhanger Lodge that can sleep 23 people.



Houseboats, lodge and cabins are a few of the offerings at East Port Marina

BACK TO HWY 111 HEADED EAST TO HWY 325 WHICH TAKES ONE TO HISTORIC BYRDSTOWN



Signage directing visitors off Hwy 111 and into Historic Byrdstown



Proposed site for new visitor center/museum

Funding has been received for building a Tourist Information Center and interpretive living history museum featuring numerous log homes and historic structures.

This structure, located at the proposed site for the Visitor Center will be renovated and included as part of the living history museum. It is very visible from Hwy 111 and strategically located just before the turn off to Historic Byrdstown.



One of the buildings that will be moved to the site and interpreted.



Another building that might be moved to the site and interpreted.



Signage throughout Pickett County is very good. Here is the Welcome Sign welcoming guest to historic Byrdstown.

Current location for visitor information....



Chamber of Commerce just before one comes to Downtown Byrdstown.

Current location of chamber is in the back of a bank. One room currently houses historic information on the area. Space dedicated towards visitor information is definitely recommended. Current set up is confusing to a visitor.

View of Chamber/Bank as one travels toward downtown



IMAGES OF DOWNTOWN HISTORIC BYRDSTOWN



Dixie Café and Respiratory Center



Farmer's Bank c.1927 (Future Home of Ladybug)



Newspaper office



Hair salon



Pickett County Courthouse



Wonderful historic school house - Potential



"Junk" Store



DOWNTOWN continued



View from Courthouse of Neal's Grocery (brick) & Market (white)



Closed Factory – Great potential for re-use



Senior Citizen Center



First Baptist Church at corner of Maple and Main

IMAGES ALONG HIGHWAY 325E



There is potential for developing a "barn trail" along this route.

One of the scenic farm views along Hwy 325.

AT THE COUNTY/STATE LINE ON HWY 127



This is the Hwy 127/111/1076 intersection. Turn right (west) into Pickett County



Welcome sign and view as one enters Pickett County from Fentress County

As one nears Byrdstown and Dale Hollow Lake area on Highway 111 heading west, the primary businesses one sees are restaurants.

DINING and SHOPPING OPPORTUNITIES IN PICKETT COUNTY
Starting at the eastern end of the county on Highway 111 heading west



The Farm House Restaurant is just one of seven restaurants within 10 miles (*on Hwy 111*)



The Red Grille is popular in the evenings and includes food and music (*across from Farm House*)



Just up the hill from The Grill off Hwy 111 is Legends Landscaping and Gifts.



Pizza to Go on Hwy 111

Continuing on Hwy 111 headed west....



Sue's Drive-In also on Hwy 111



The Bobcat Den Family Restaurant (need photo) is also located on Hwy 111 near the intersection of Hwy 325. This restaurant only accepts cash*.

**No credit cards or checks.*

Dixie Café, the only restaurant downtown, offers breakfast, lunch and dinner plus live music periodically.

Dixie Café in historic Downtown Byrdstown



Restaurant at East Port Marina.

There are also restaurants at both East Port Marina and Star Point Marina, a dockside restaurant at Sunset Marina as well as Moogies as noted earlier.

SHOPPING OPPORTUNITIES ARE LIMITED IN PICKETT COUNTY
TO A FEW GIFT SHOPS AND TWO ANTIQUE SHOPS



Two antique shops in Byrdstown are the Red Barn and Antique Temptations.
Antique Temptations is primarily open by appointment only.