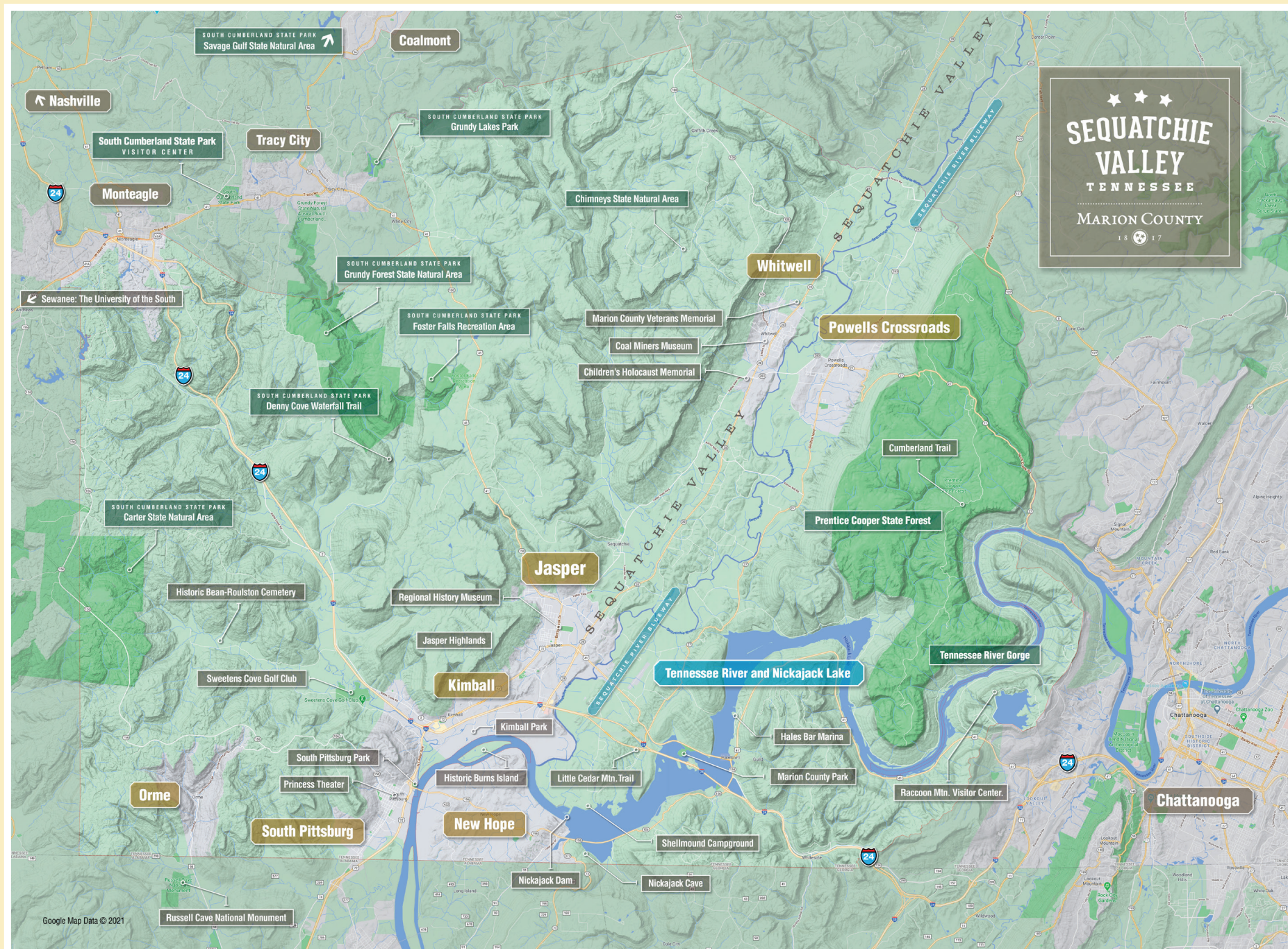


Discover SEQUATCHIE VALLEY

Welcome to Marion County, Tennessee



Relax and explore the mountains, valleys and small-town charm of Marion County, Tenn., which straddles the southern end of the beautiful Sequatchie Valley and Tennessee's South Cumberland region.

Marion County's early history includes Native American settlements. In later years, the area was settled by pioneers and railroad infrastructure and mining industries

grew. The Tennessee River traverses the southern end of the county, with assets such as Nickajack Lake and the beautiful Tennessee River Gorge, the fourth-largest river gorge in the eastern United States. Marion County is surrounded by numerous sections of South Cumberland State Park, Tennessee's largest state park, and other park systems with opportunities for hiking, rock climbing, off-road adventures and more.

Enjoy local restaurants, shopping, historic sites and authentic Tennessee charm in Marion County, part of the national Sequatchie Valley Scenic Byway.



Historic Marion County Courthouse in Jasper, Tennessee



South Pittsburg is home to America's most popular cast iron cookware producer, Lodge Manufacturing. Visit their hometown Factory Store.



Miner's Carbide Lamp on display at the Coal Miners Museum in Whitwell.



Foster Falls is located within the eastern canyon system known as Fiery Gizzard within South Cumberland State Park.



Whitwell Middle School is home to one of the world's most profound remembrances of the Holocaust, the Children's Holocaust Memorial.



The Tennessee River winds through Marion County forming the stunning Tennessee River Gorge and Nickajack Reservoir, a popular lake for fishing and boating.

Outdoor Adventure

South Cumberland State Park:

Tennessee's largest state park, made up of 11 land parcels in 4 different counties. This area is a draw for hiking, rock climbing, waterfalls, scenic views, birding and more.

Little Cedar Mountain Trail:

This loop trail on TVA property in Jasper borders Nickajack Lake. It is a total of 4 miles, including a loop trail and a short 1 mile trail to a tranquil wetland pond located on the ridge summit.

Sequatchie River Blueway:

The Sequatchie River begins at Cumberland Trail State Park and winds 116 miles through the Sequatchie Valley before emptying into the Tennessee River near South Pittsburg.

Prentice Cooper State Forest and Wildlife Area:

The forest has 35 miles of hiking trails and two backcountry camping areas. The multi-use park hosts managed deer hunts in conjunction with the TWRA and has an on-site shooting range for licensed marksmen.

Tennessee River Gorge Trust:

This conservation trust protects 17,000 acres along the Tennessee River between Chattanooga and the Sequatchie Valley, with trails scattered throughout.

Bikeways of the Scenic South:

Road cycling routes feature downloadable maps through Ride with GPS, featuring routes in Marion County and throughout the region. ScenicBikeways.com and CycleSequatchie.com

Sweetens Cove Golf Club:

An award-winning public golf course consistently ranked one of the best Tennessee golf courses.

Chimneys State Natural Area:

The Chimneys is a 33-acre natural area featuring two 200-foot high towering pinnacles of Pennsylvanian Warren Point sandstone.

Water Recreation:

- Tennessee River & Nickajack Lake
- Hales Bar Marina & Resort
- Historic Nickajack Cave at Maplevue Day Use Area

Campgrounds:

- Marion County Park
- Shellmound Campground

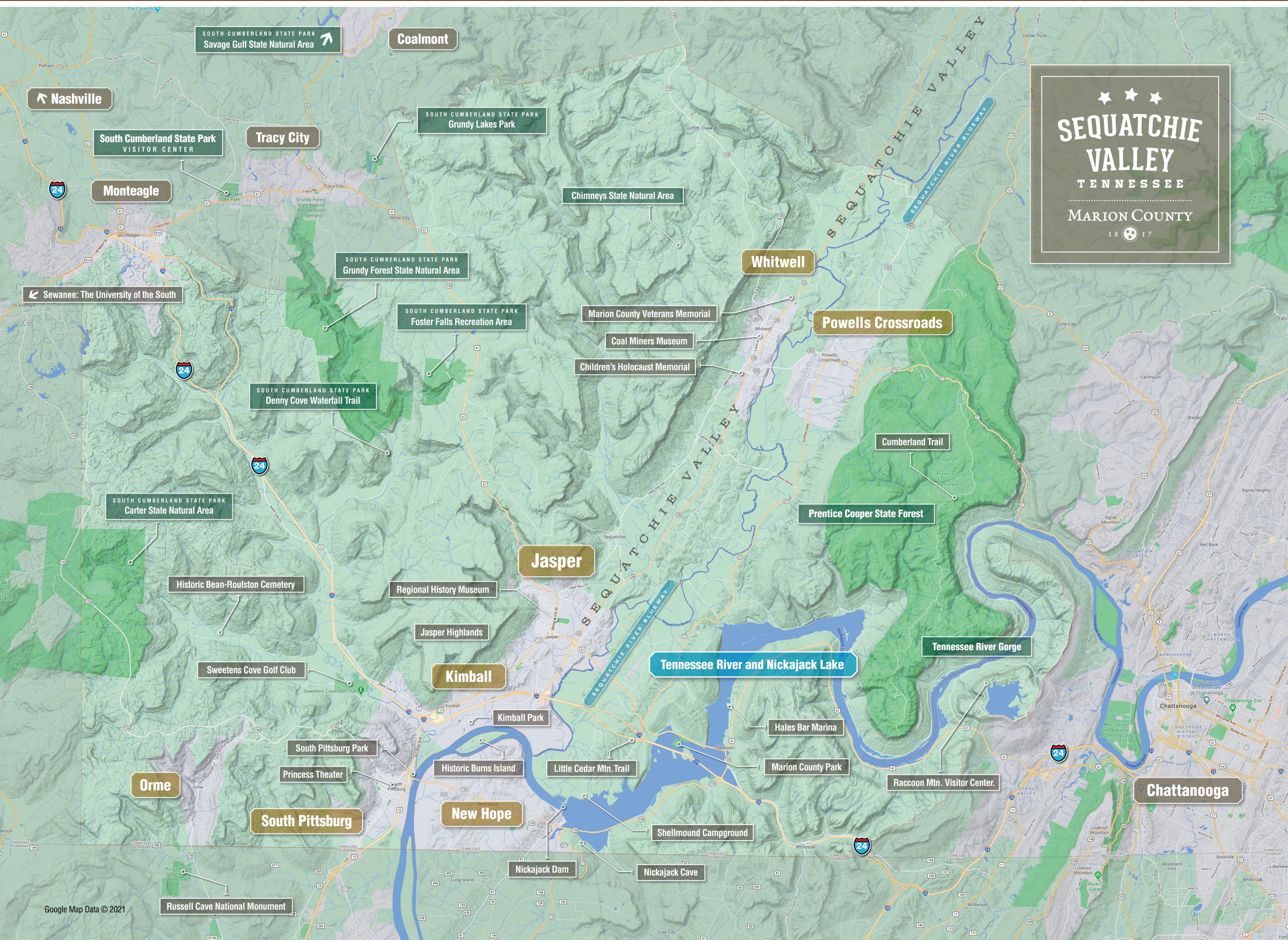
Museums & Venues:

- Children's Holocaust Memorial in Whitwell
- Coal Miners Museum in Whitwell
- Marion County Veterans Memorial Park in Whitwell
- South Pittsburg Heritage Museum in South Pittsburg
- Princess Theater in South Pittsburg
- Jasper Regional History Museum in Jasper

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JASPER

Jasper's history includes early Native American settlements, the Cherokee Removal, the Civil War, and the rise and fall of mining and railroad industries. Formed in 1820 on land donated by Betsy Pack, daughter of Cherokee Chief John Lowery, the downtown is situated along the historic Dixie Hwy. (US 41), which was a critical Civil War supply route. Jasper City Hall preserves one of the old Sequatchie Valley Line railroad depots. Jasper is a popular stop along the way to South Cumberland State Park. Visit the Jasper Regional History Museum to learn more.

SOUTH PITTSBURG

Featuring a quaint downtown with restaurants and shops, South Pittsburg has been home to Lodge Manufacturing since 1896 and features their hometown factory store. Each year, the town hosts the National Cornbread Festival. Located on the Tennessee River, the town's history includes Native American settlements and trails, the Cherokee Removal, Civil War action, and mining and railroad industries. Nearby Battle Creek and the Sequatchie River offer water recreation fun. Visit the South Pittsburg Heritage Museum to learn more.

NEW HOPE

A bright blue arching bridge - the Shelby Reinhart Bridge - crosses the Tennessee River into New Hope near where the Old South Pittsburg ferry used to operate. The Cherokee town of Nickajack was once located between the Tennessee River and Nickajack Cave, which can be viewed from the Maple View Public Use Area on Nickajack Lake. The Shrine of Our Lady Virgin of the Poor, a place of prayer and contemplation, was built in New Hope in 1982 by Benedictine monks as a replica of a Shrine in Belgium.

WHITWELL

Whitwell was established as a coal mining town in its early days due to the abundance of coal in nearby mountains. In December 1981, an explosion occurred in the mines killing 13 men. The memory of the mines and the men who worked them is on display at the Coal Miners Museum. Whitwell Middle School is home to the Children's Holocaust Memorial and Paper Clips Project. Visitors from all over the world visit to honor the memory of millions who were murdered during the Holocaust in Europe.

ORME

Orme is nestled in the mountains near Russell Cave National Monument, an important archeological site in the Southeast. The small town is rooted in coal mining and was once located along a branch line of the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railway. Mining operations shut down after a miners' strike in 1939 and the rail tracks were removed for use in WW II efforts. The historic wooden railroad depot is all that remains from Orme's mining days.

KIMBALL

As a gateway community to the Sequatchie Valley, Kimball is located off I-24 with easy access to restaurants, gas stations, a fireworks store and the Kimball Crossing Shopping Center. Perched on the plateau above Kimball, Jasper Highlands Village features a restaurant, craft brewery and market. Nearby, Kimball Park features baseball and soccer fields, as well as a playground and walking trails bordered by the Tennessee River with views of historic Burns Island.

POWELLS CROSSROADS

Powells Crossroads is a gateway to the Sequatchie Valley from Chattanooga along the scenic and winding Suck Creek Rd. (TN-27), which passes over Walden's Ridge, through Prentice Cooper State Forest, and beside the Tennessee River. This historic route along Suck Creek Road has been used for centuries, including during the Cherokee Removal and Civil War. Powells Crossroads formed after World War I, when veteran Foster Powell built a small store, garage and other shops at the crossroads, which then attracted other businesses. The town was incorporated in 1976.

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