

MEMPHIS Heritage Trail

The Memphis Heritage Trail recognizes the significant contributions of African Americans who helped shape the rich business, cultural, and musical heritage of Memphis, Tennessee. The borders are Beale Street, Main Street, Crump Boulevard, and Walnut Street, but the reach is far wider. The Memphis Heritage Trail project revitalizes and reinvigorates some of our city's most historically important communities while highlighting the unprecedented achievements of the African Americans who built them. Encompassed are over 50 sites.

Start your tour of the Memphis Heritage Trail at any point on the map. It's your choice.



Download the Memphis Heritage Trail App



On the MHT App, you'll find a full list of sites including historical markers and other places "Beyond the Trail," with audio narration about each site's place in Memphis history.

www.memphisheritagetrail.com



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On the trail



Memphis Heritage Trail Site



Memphis Heritage Trail Historic Church



Memphis Heritage Trail Wayfinding Signs



Historical Markers

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UrbanArt Commission Completed Projects

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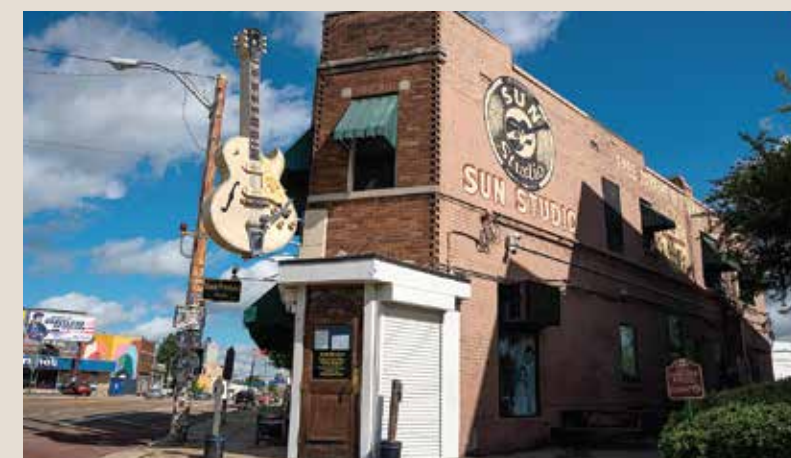
National Civil Rights Museum



Beale Street Historic District



Withers Collection Museum and Gallery



Sun Studio



First Baptist Church Lauderdale



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Reflection Park

CIVIL RIGHTS HISTORIC LOOP

- National Civil Rights Museum**, 450 Mulberry Street
www.civilrights museum.org. Monday-Sunday; closed on Tuesday. Admission charged.
- Blues Hall of Fame/Blues Foundation**, 421 S. Main Street
www.blues.org. Open daily. Admission charged.
- Historic Shotgun Houses**, 372, 376, 378 Mulberry Street
Private. Exterior view from public sidewalk.
- WLOK Radio Station**, 363 S. Second Street
www.WLOK.com. Private. Exterior view from public sidewalk.
- Chisca Plaza Development**, Corner of S. Main Street and Dr. M.L. King Jr. Avenue
- Baker House**, 309 Hernando Street
Private. Exterior view from public sidewalk.
- Clayborn Temple AME Church**, 290 Hernando Street
www.clayborntemple.org. Visits may be arranged through the Clayborn Temple website.
- I AM A MAN Plaza**, Hernando Street
- St. Patrick's Catholic Church**, 277 S. Fourth Street

* Martin Luther King Jr., Reflection Park (See Business and Entertainment Loop #10)
* Withers' Collection Museum & Gallery (See Business-Entertainment Loop #20)

BUSINESS-ENTERTAINMENT HISTORIC LOOP

- Martin Luther King Jr. Reflection Park**, Dr. M.L. King Jr. Avenue and Second Street
(Civil Rights Loop also)
- Orpheum Theater**, 203 S. Main Street
www.orpheum-memphis.com. Box office open Monday-Friday.
- The Cotton Museum**, 65 Union Avenue
www.memphiscottonmuseum.org. Open daily. Admission charged.
- Beale Street Historic District**
Once the center for African-American land ownership, entrepreneurship, and community.
- A Schwab's**, 163 Beale Street
Private. Open daily during business hours.
- Historic Hooks Brothers Studio on Beale**, 162 Beale Street
Private business (Absinthe Pool Room). Visits arranged through King's Palace Café.
- W.C. Handy Park**, 200 Beale Street
Public. Open during daylight.
- Jackson's Drugstore Co**, 321 Beale Street
- Historic Old Daisy Theatre**, 329 Beale Street
Prime surviving example of nickelodeon architecture from the early cinema era.

- W.C. Handy House Museum**, 352 Beale Street
www.wchandymemphis.org. Open Tuesday-Saturday. Admission charged.
- Withers Collection Museum and Gallery**, 333 Beale Street
www.thewitherscollection.com. Open Tuesday-Sunday; closed Monday. Admission charged. * (Civil Rights Loop also)
- Blues Trail: Mississippi to Memphis Historical Marker**, B.B. King Boulevard by FedEx Forum
- Rock 'n' Soul Museum**, 191 Beale Street
www.memphisrockn soul.org. Open daily. Admission charged.
- Church Hotel and Saloon**, Gayoso Avenue and Second Street
Robert Church Sr.'s hotel and saloon provided the most modern accommodations to African American travelers who were prohibited from patronizing white-owned hotels.

HISTORIC COMMERCE LOOP

- Solvent Savings Bank**, 386 Beale Street
Private and closed. Exterior view from public sidewalk.
- Historic First Baptist Beale Street Church**, 379 Beale Street
Private. Open for tours by appointment with church.
- Robert R. Church Park**, Corner of Beale and Fourth Streets
Public. Open during daylight.

- Former Zion Hall**, 435 Beale Street
Site marks one of the city's most influential post-Civil War African American institutions.
- R.Q. Venson Center**, 439 Beale Street
Private. Exterior view from sidewalk.
- AFSCME Local 1733**, 485 Beale Street
Private. Exterior view from sidewalk.
- Universal Life Insurance Building**, 480 Dr. M.L. King Jr. Avenue
Private. Some spaces in the building are open during business hours.
- George W. Lee Building**, 392 Beale Street
A historical marker honoring Lt. Lee is at the former Atlanta Life Insurance Company.
- Hunt-Phelan House**, 533 Beale Street
www.huntphelan.com. Private. Visits may be arranged through website.
- Mt. Olive Cathedral CME Church**, 538 Dr. M. L. King Jr. Avenue
Private. Open by appointment with church.
- Sun Studio**, 706 Union Avenue
Open daily. Admission charged.
- R.S. Lewis & Sons Funeral Home**, 374 Vance Avenue
Private. Exterior view from public sidewalk.
- Former Southern Funeral Home**, 440 Vance Ave
- Lauderdale Historic Home**, 290 South Lauderdale Street
Private residence. Exterior view from sidewalk.

- Former Robert R. Church Mansion**, 384 S. Lauderdale Street
Demolished. Symbol of African-American wealth and influence in late Reconstruction era.
- Cornelia Crenshaw Library**, 531 Vance Avenue
Public. The first city library open to African Americans until 1960.
- Mt. Nebo Baptist Church**, 555 Vance Avenue
Private. Open by appointment with church.
- NAACP Memphis Branch**, 588 Vance Avenue
Private. Exterior view from public sidewalk.
- Golden Gate Funeral Home**, 734 Vance Avenue
Private. Exterior view from public sidewalk.

HISTORIC RESIDENTIAL LOOP

- St. Paul Historic District**, 700 block of St. Paul Avenue and 500 block of Boyd Street
- Boyd Street Historic Homes**, 500 block of Boyd Street
Private. Exterior view from sidewalk.
- Tate Avenue Historic Homes**, Tate Avenue and Walnut Street
- Temple Church of God in Christ**, 672 S. Lauderdale Street
Private. Open for tours by appointment with church.
- Former T.H. Hayes & Sons Funeral Home**, 680 S. Lauderdale Street
Demolished. Lot adjacent to First Baptist Lauderdale.

- First Baptist Church Lauderdale**, 682 S. Lauderdale Street
Private. Visits may be arranged by appointment with church.
- Booker T. Washington High School**, 715 S. Lauderdale Street
Private. Visits may be arranged through offices at city school board.
- Footo Park at South City**, formerly Footo Homes, Between Mississippi Boulevard and South Lauderdale Street
- Cleaborn Pointe at Heritage Landing**, S. Lauderdale Street at St. Paul Avenue
- Mason Temple**, 938 Mason Street
Open to the public Monday-Friday. No admission charged.
- Lelia Mason Hall**, 930 Mason Street
Open with appointment.
- Mason Village**, Crump Boulevard and Fourth Avenue
Private residences. Exterior view from public sidewalk.
- Site of Martin's Stadium**, Crump Boulevard at S. Lauderdale
Former home of the professional Negro League baseball team. Exterior view from sidewalk.
- Paradise Event Center**, 645 E. Georgia Avenue
- Temple of Deliverance Church of God in Christ**, 369 GE Patterson Avenue