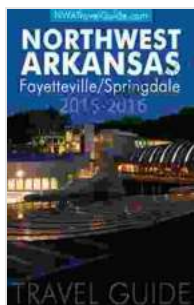


The Northwest Arkansas Travel Guide: Fayetteville and Springdale

Northwest Arkansas is a beautiful region with something to offer everyone. From the stunning Ozark Mountains to the vibrant cities of Fayetteville and Springdale, there's something for everyone to enjoy. This article serves as a comprehensive travel guide for visitors interested in exploring this region.

Fayetteville

Fayetteville is the third-largest city in Arkansas and the county seat of Washington County. It's famous for being home to the University of Arkansas, ensuring a lively atmosphere thanks to an enthusiastic student population. Here are some must-visit attractions in Fayetteville:



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- **The University of Arkansas:** Take a stroll through the beautiful campus and visit the Old Main, a National Historic Landmark. You can also catch a Razorback football game or bask in the local arts scene with a visit to the Walton Arts Center.
- **The Fayetteville Square:** This historic downtown square is lined with charming shops, restaurants, and bars. It's a great place to relax and soak up the atmosphere.
- **The Botanical Garden of the Ozarks:** This beautiful garden boasts over 200 acres of native plants and flowers. It's an excellent place to take a peaceful stroll and enjoy the beauty of nature.
- **The Fayetteville Farmers' Market:** This farmers' market features various local produce, crafts, and live music. It's held every Saturday morning from April to October.

Springdale

Springdale is the fourth-largest city in Arkansas and the county seat of Benton County. It's located just north of Fayetteville and home to many Fortune 500 companies, including Tyson Foods and J.B. Hunt Transport Services.

Springdale offers various attractions, including:

- **The Shiloh Museum of Ozark History:** This museum showcases the history of the Ozarks region. It features exhibits on Native American culture, pioneer life, and the Civil War.
- **The Jones Center for Families:** This family-friendly center offers various educational and recreational activities, including a splash pad,

playground, and walking trails.

- **The Springdale Farmers' Market:** This farmers' market features various local produce, crafts, and live music. It's held every Saturday morning from April to October.
- **The Walmart Visitor Center:** This visitor center provides an in-depth look at the history of Walmart, the world's largest retailer. It features exhibits on Sam Walton, the company's founder, and the company's impact on the local community.

Getting Around

The Northwest Arkansas National Airport (XNA) serves both Fayetteville and Springdale. It offers flights to major cities throughout the United States. Once you arrive at XNA, you can rent a car or take a taxi to your destination.

Another great way to get around is to use the Razorback Regional Transit Authority (RRTA) public transportation system. RRTA offers bus service to various destinations in Fayetteville and Springdale.

Where to Stay

There are several hotels and motels in Fayetteville and Springdale. Here are a few of the most popular options:

- **The Graduate Fayetteville:** This boutique hotel is located in the heart of downtown Fayetteville. It offers stylish accommodations and a rooftop bar with stunning views of the city.
- **The Hilton Garden Inn Fayetteville:** This hotel is conveniently located near the University of Arkansas. It offers comfortable accommodations

and an indoor pool.

- **The Hampton Inn & Suites Springdale:** This hotel is located near the Walmart Visitor Center. It offers spacious accommodations and a complimentary breakfast.

Where to Eat

Fayetteville and Springdale have various restaurants serving everything from local cuisine to international fare. Here are a few of the most popular options:

- **Bordinos Restaurant:** This Fayetteville institution serves authentic Italian food. The menu features delicious pizzas, pastas, and entrees.
- **Hugo's:** This Springdale restaurant specializes in Latin American cuisine. The menu features traditional dishes from Mexico, Central America, and South America.
- **The Farmer's Table:** This Fayetteville restaurant serves farm-to-table American cuisine. The menu changes seasonally, featuring fresh, local ingredients.

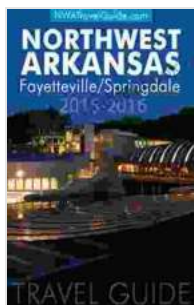
Things to Do

In addition to the attractions mentioned above, there are many other things to do in Fayetteville and Springdale. Here are a few ideas:

- **Visit the Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art:** This world-renowned museum houses a vast collection of American art. It's located in Bentonville, just a short drive from Fayetteville and Springdale.

- **Go hiking or biking in the Ozark Mountains:** The Ozarks are a beautiful mountain range with various trails for hiking and biking. There are trails for all skill levels, from easy hikes to challenging mountain climbs.
- **Take a float trip on the Buffalo National River:** The Buffalo National River is a scenic river that flows through the Ozarks. There are several outfitters that offer float trips, which are a great way to relax and enjoy the scenery.

Northwest Arkansas is a beautiful region with something to offer everyone. From its stunning natural beauty to its vibrant cities, there's something for everyone to enjoy. This travel guide has provided an overview of the region's top attractions, restaurants, and activities. With so much to see and do, you're sure to have a memorable experience in Northwest Arkansas.



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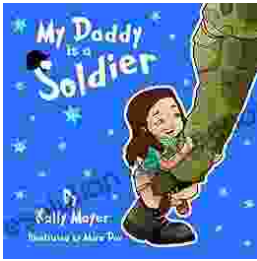
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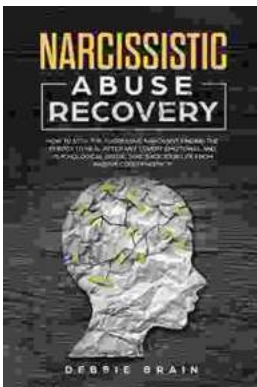
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