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Tennessee Two Step

Join the caravan to Knoxville. We're taking
Volunteers.

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Knoxville, Tenn., was the host of the 1982 World's Fair, is home to the Tennessee Valley Authority headquarters and gateway to the Great Smoky Mountains.

It is also Mizzou football's next destination as the Tigers take on the University of Tennessee Volunteers Saturday at 11:21 a.m. on KQFX. (The men's basketball team opens its regular season at home against Southern Illinois



University of Tennessee's Neyland Stadium

University Edwardsville at 4 p.m. on the Mizzou Sports Network.)

From Columbia, it's a scenic drive to Knoxville across half of Missouri and most of Tennessee, with food, fun and frivolity at the end of the journey. Join the Tiger Tailgate sponsored by the Columbia Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Top 10 Things to Do, See and Experience in Knoxville



Calhoun's on the River at Volunteer Landing

1. Calhoun's on the River

Tennessee's famous barbecue joint boasts the "best ribs in America" — a bold brag in the Volunteer State. The river location is accessible by boat, has its own boat dock for diners' vessels and a panoramic view of the Tennessee River.

2. Chandler's Deli

Another establishment claiming some of Tennessee's best barbecue, Chandler's Deli also has great soul

food.

3. Litton's

Many Tennesseans think Litton's hamburgers are the best in the country. The dessert menu is popular, too.

4. Ye Olde Steak House

This eatery was voted “Best Steak House in Knoxville” by *Knoxville Metropulse* magazine, and it has been featured on the Travel Channel’s *Man vs. Food*.

5. Downtown Knoxville

Downtown Knoxville hums with activity. Festivals, concerts, world-class entertainment and cultural attractions fill Market Square, the historic Old City, Volunteer Landing and World’s Fair Park year-round.

Significant downtown attractions include the Tennessee Theatre, the Emporium Center for the Arts, Bijou Theatre, Mast General Store, the Cradle of Country Music Walking Tour, Downtown Grill and Brewery, Regal Rivera Movie

Theatre, and many more museums and restaurants.

Also, don’t miss the Market Square District, the site of the city’s original city market area founded in 1854 and home to several unusual shops and restaurants.



Shopping in Market Square

6. Knoxville Visitor Center

Located in the heart of downtown Knoxville, this is no ordinary grab-a-brochure-and-go kind of place. Stop in for coffee, locally made crafts and a live Americana music performance every day at noon.

7. Knoxville Zoo

One of the top zoological parks in the Southeast has

an internationally renowned preservation and breeding program, and more than 230 species and 800 animals.

8. Outdoor Knoxville Adventure Center

Centrally located with easy access to the greenway and the Tennessee River, the Outdoor Knoxville Adventure Center makes outdoor recreation more accessible to everyone. Bike and boat rentals are available on the main level where River Sports Outfitters has opened their newest storefront offering retail sales, programs and classes.

9. Tennessee River/Volunteer Landing

Along the banks of the Tennessee River, discover the Volunteer Landing, an area that includes waterfalls, fountains, historical markers and locally owned restaurants. Volunteer Landing is also the location of the Star of Knoxville riverboat and Three Rivers Rambler Railroad.



Ijams Nature Center

10. Ijams Nature Center

This wildlife sanctuary and environmental education center encompasses more than 300 acres of protected woodlands and meadows and the reclaimed Mead's Quarry site. It's open for exploration via seven miles of nature trails including a boardwalk on the Tennessee River.

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