

## THINGS TO DO IN KNOXVILLE

### MUSIC, MOVIES & THEATRE

#### **Sundown in the City** <http://www.sundowninthecity.com/>

This is a free live concert series that runs every Thursday night from April until the end of June. A great chance to hear lots of local, national and international talent. Check the [concertwire.com](http://www.concertwire.com) website for this and other upcoming shows at the Tennessee Theater and Bijou Theater.

#### **Pilot Light** 524-8188 [www.thepilotlight.com](http://www.thepilotlight.com)

A 'dive' for fans of independent (indie) music. This club features local and national touring acts. Most of the music is far from the mainstream sounds of radio and MTV. Live music later in the week.

#### **Palace Theater** 983-3330 <http://www.thepalacetheater.com/>

Acoustic and traditional music in Maryville, TN.

#### **Blue Cats** 865-544-4300 [www.bluecatslive.com](http://www.bluecatslive.com)

This venue tends all styles of live music from blues, country, and alternative to reggae. Good sound system and lots of quality national and local live music to house.

#### **The Front Porch** 423-487-2875 [Website](#)

Highway 321 between Newport and Cosby (Off interstate 40, exit 435) it's closed Monday through Thursday--- reservations for dinner are a good idea. Even though this is an hour drive from Knoxville, it's a great place to hear live bluegrass near the Smoky Mountains. They also have good Mexican food!

#### **David's Music Barn** 945-3595

For those that want real old-time folk, gospel, and bluegrass music. No alcohol served or allowed. The unwritten conservative dress/behavior code should be honored to get the most out of your evening.

#### **Sassy Ann's** 525-5839

Blues, blues, and more blues. Located in the 4" and Gill area. Did we mention they have blues? Laid back and friendly.

#### **Preservation Pub** 524-2224 <http://www.preservationpub.com/>

In Market Square, a friendly neighborhood pub for all types. Good food and music.

#### **WDVX Live** 865-544-1029 <http://www.wdvx.com/>

On weekdays they have live country, folk, and bluegrass concerts on the corner of Summit and Gay St. Have a coffee and enjoy – the music is free and broadcast worldwide.

#### **On the side of the Street in the Old City**

You can often catch several street musicians (buskers) on weekends in the old city. However, many of them are quite horrible though well meaning. Throw some change in their guitar case if feeling benevolent. Anything over a dollar is overkill.

#### **Clarence Brown Theatre** 974-2161 <http://theatre.utk.edu>

This UT theatre is the place to go if you want to see plays by Arthur Miller and Anton Chekhov or musicals by Rodgers & Hammerstein. Sometimes, you can even see movie stars - you've heard of David Keith, right?

#### **Regal Downtown West** 693-0505 [Website](#)

This is the cinema you go to if you don't feel like watching a Hollywood blockbuster. They show films, not movies.

#### **Metropulse** <http://www.metropulse.com>

Every Thursday this free local weekly lists all the upcoming films, concerts and other cultural events. It also has many in-depth articles about the city of Knoxville and surrounding areas.

#### **Pollstar** [www.Pollstar.com](http://www.Pollstar.com)

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Find out who is playing where. Just type in your favorite live act and press enter.

### FOOD

**Tomato Head** 637-4067 <http://www.tomatohead.com/>

Veggie-friendly hipster eatery. Great place to meet people and munch on pizza and sandwiches. One can even eat outdoors and observe the splendor that is Market Square Mall.

**Savellis** 521-9085

Italian food done in Tennessee style, if you can imagine that. Locally owned and operated.

**King Tut's** 573-6021

Welcome to the world of Mo! A strange but friendly mix of Egyptian food, local home-cooking, and pure interactive kitsch. Tell Mo if it's your birthday. If you do, expect the unexpected.

**Sunspot** 637-4663 [Website](#)

Creative food, many veggie dishes. On Cumberland Ave. near the beautiful bank cluster.

**Kashmir** 524-1982

Indian food of all types. Home of the infamous six dollar lunch buffet. Near campus.

**Tomo** Kingston Pike, near West Town Mall Japanese food, including sushi.

**Nama** 633-8539 [www.namasushibar.com](http://www.namasushibar.com)

In the Old City, a hipster place to hangout and eat sushi.

**Shoneys-** Several locations around town. [www.shoneys.com](http://www.shoneys.com)

The breakfast buffet is the logical follow up to a night on the town. Cheap and, well, edible.

**Dynasty Express** 544-0256

On Cumberland, fast and satisfying Chinese food. Eat in, take out, or delivery.

**Naples** 584-5033

Central Knoxville's finest Italian restaurant. Ask for the private booth in the corner for that oh-so-special date.

**Pizza Palace** 524-4388

Todd's favorite drive-in pizza place. Soak in the ambiance and feast in your own ride, on Magnolia.

**Buddy's Bar-B-Q** Several locations around town. [www.buddysbarbq.com](http://www.buddysbarbq.com).

Good locally made Tennessee Bar-b-q.

**The Golden Roast** 544-1004

Coffee, snacks, and more in a relaxing atmosphere. Near the I-House.

**Cha Cha** 766-0902 [www.chacharestaurant.com](http://www.chacharestaurant.com)

Knoxville's very own tapas restaurant. A 10 minute drive from campus.

**Krispy Kreme Doughnuts** [www.krispykreme.com](http://www.krispykreme.com)

Whether you like your doughnuts hot 'n' fresh or just plain cold, this is the place to go for a truly American experience.

**Falafel Hut** 522-4963

Fine Middle Eastern food. To be found behind the law school.

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### **Gus's Good Times Deli**

Down the street from the I-House, the perfect place to go for a midday or midnight snack.

### **Barley's Taproom & Pizzeria** 521-0092 [www.barleystaproom.com](http://www.barleystaproom.com)

If you want to spend an evening in the old City, this is where the action is. Plenty of beer, food and sometimes bluegrass bands.

### **Marble Slab Creamery** 766-0290 [www.marbleslab.com](http://www.marbleslab.com)

Choose an ice cream flavor, choose a mix-in, and what have you got? Cheesecake & cherries? Lemon custard & pecans? Or plain old vanilla with strawberries? Perfect any time of the year.

## CHEAP CD's & BOOKS

### **Disc Exchange** 573-5710 (one of two locations) [www.discexchange.com](http://www.discexchange.com)

Great selection of new and used CD's. Five minutes from campus-on Chapman Highway.

### **Borders** 769-4048 [www.bordersstores.com](http://www.bordersstores.com)

A chain store to love. Books and CU's as well as occasional live music in the cafe section. Beware, on occasions there are said to be poetry readings.

### **Book Eddy** 573-9959

There is a bigger one on Chapman Highway, but a closer one near the I-House. Great deals on new and used books.

## OTHER FUN THINGS TO DO

### **WEST TOWN MALL & KNOXVILLE CENTER SHOPPING MALLS** [www.simon.com](http://www.simon.com)

Knoxville has two Malls. First off is the glitzy and somewhat huge West Town Mall. It's about 10 miles from campus going west on Kingston Pike. The other is Knoxville Center-which is actually east of here, don't ask. Knoxville Center is less crowded and tends to be cheaper. There are movie theaters and food courts in both places. We highly recommend the pretzel place in Knoxville Center. Just follow the delightful aroma on the first floor and you'll find it.

### **Flea Markets and Thrift Shops**

**Green Acres**-The mother of all flea markets can be found on Alcoa Highway. 681-4433

**Blind Thrift** - Find those rare cheap blue jeans you have always dreamed of. 688-5884

**Goodwill** - Cheap stuff everywhere you look. 588-8567 [www.gwiktn.org](http://www.gwiktn.org)

### **Yee-Haw Industries** 522-1812 [www.yeehawindustries.com](http://www.yeehawindustries.com)

Hand made printing done the old-fashioned way. Located downtown on Gay St.

### **Big South Fork** [www.nps.gov/biso](http://www.nps.gov/biso)

A not-so-crowded alternative for hiking and camping. {The Great Smoky Mountain National Park isn't very crowded if you get out of your car and walk a few miles.}

### **The Three Rivers Rambler Train** 524-9411 [www.threeriversrambler.com](http://www.threeriversrambler.com)

Many Knoxvilleians find riding a train to be an exotic experience. Come and see why on this tour around the Knoxville area.

### **House Mountain** [Website](#)

The closest faraway place. A CIE favorite.

### **Third Creek Bike Trail** [Website](#)

Not just for hiking - it makes for a nice walk too.

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**Ijam's Nature Center** 577-4717 <http://www.ijams.org/>

Another great place to walk or bike. Many critters to gaze at. Located in under-visited South Knoxville

**Women's Basketball Hall of Fame** 633-9000 <http://www.wbhof.com/>

Why is this in Knoxville? Probably because UT has one of the most successful women's basketball programs in the country -- six national championships and one legendary coach, Pat Summitt.

**Volunteer Landing** 523-7263 <http://www.ci.knoxville.tn.us/parks/volunteer.asp>

Take a stroll along the riverside and watch the children play in the fountains and join in! The Gateway Regional Visitor Center is next door.

**Knoxville Zoo** 546-2531 <http://www.knoxville-zoo.org/>

Knoxville's not just for people - more than BOO animals live in this modern facility. Check out Black Bear Falls, Chimp Ridge and Cheetah Savannah, amongst other attractions.

**Frank H. McClung Museum** 974-2144 <http://mcclungmuseum.utk.edu/>

Located on the UT campus in Circle Park. This free museum has exhibits on Native Americans, ancient Egypt and many others.

**East Tennessee Historical Society** 215-8830 <http://www.east-tennessee-history.org/>

Located in the heart of downtown, next to Krutch Park, this is where you can ad out all you need to know about the history of the area.

**Knoxville Museum of Art** 525-6101 <http://www.knoxart.org/>

For the fan of unusual folk art:

**The Howard Finster Farm** in Georgia: Howard, who did artwork for both REM and the Talking Heads, has taken leave of this earth, but this one-of-a-kind place still exists.

<http://www.finstersparadisegardens.org/>

For the shopper and observer of modern phenomena:

**Pigeon Forge and Sevierville:** Many folks stop here to shop on the way to the mountains and never quite get around to the great outdoors. Wacky and tacky. <http://www.mypigeonforge.com/> and

<http://www.tangeroutlet.com/>

Point of Information:

Kingston Pike and Cumberland are the same road-but the name changes from Cumberland to Kingston after the train trestle when one goes west.