

## Tour Covington County...



"Enjoy stepping back in time at Powell Drug Store in Mt. Olive."



"There's a lot more to the town of Hot Coffee than, well-- hot coffee."



"Country roads often give the impression that a treasure is waiting just around the curve."



"Watermelons, apples, bananas and tomatoes. Just waiting for you."

Begin your tour of Covington County in the small town of Mt. Olive, just a short drive up Hwy. 49, north of Collins. Powell Drug Store built around 1900 serves this community as both a pharmacy and a unique gift shop.



From Hwy. 35 turn onto Hwy. 532 to travel the "Hot Coffee Trail." First stop, Roger's Basketry, offering cane-woven chair seats & baskets, homemade jellies & jams. Exhibiting Member MS Craftsmen's Guild. Continue east along Hwy. 532 about 2.5 miles to Blue River Farms & Nursery, one of the state's largest blueberry farms, in production for commercial use and in their U-Pick sales, end of May through July. Tour packing facility and nursery operation, open year round which specializes in small fruit trees and plants, native trees for wildlife habitat, nut trees and heritage and heirloom plants for retail/wholesale customer.

Continue along Hwy. 532 to the legendary town of Hot Coffee. This is where you'll find McDonald's Store. No golden arches here, just great service, hand-dipped ice cream, Moon Pies, RC drinks, hoop cheese and plenty of hot coffee. Known as the area's "mini-mall," you can find gift items, handbags, shoes and lots more. Two books by local writer, "Miss" Ethel Knight are a must-have for your bookshelf. *Echo of the Black Horn*, a Civil War piece about the Free State of Jones, and *Down Home in Hot Coffee*, which gives a wonderful overview of the surrounding areas, stories, legends and attractions.



Next stop, Mitchell Farms, off Hwy. 84 on Leaf River Church Road, just east of Collins. Watch for the signs. Here, visitors can enjoy the experience of "Life on a working farm." Their U-Pick gardens offer fresh vegetables and fruit during the months of June and July. Green and dry peanuts are available in the fall and the Pumpkin Patch/Maze is open the month of October. Old log house with antiques and wood-carvings by artist, Nelda Mitchell. Farm tours year round. Educational tours available. Barn available for private special events.

The county's largest city, Collins, is a hub of activity. Main Street offers a variety of restaurants and shops. Take time to tour the beautiful old courthouse listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Grand Paradise Waterpark offers great family fun on a hot

summer day. Travel south on Hwy. 49 to the town of Seminary and the Okatoma Creek, the state's only white water. Seminary Canoe Rental has all you need for your river paddle trip. Cabins, canoe & kayak rentals & RV facilities.

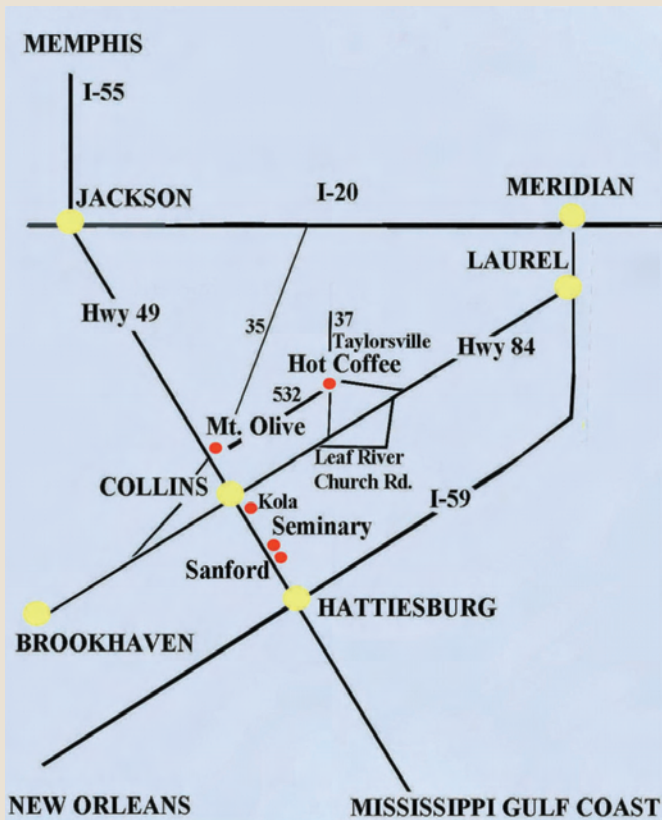


KA Pottery offers the fascinating work of Claudia Cartee.

Okatoma Outdoor Post is an excellent place to enjoy your canoeing experience. Cabins, canoe & kayak rentals and camping.



For fresh fruit and vegetables, check out Shady Acres. Be sure to try their old-fashioned hamburgers.



| MILEAGE CHART   |     |
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| Baton Rouge, LA | 195 |
| Birmingham, AL  | 230 |
| Gulfport, MS    | 100 |
| Hattiesburg, MS | 30  |
| Jackson, MS     | 60  |
| Laurel, MS      | 28  |
| Memphis, TN     | 270 |
| Mobile, AL      | 130 |
| New Orleans, LA | 135 |



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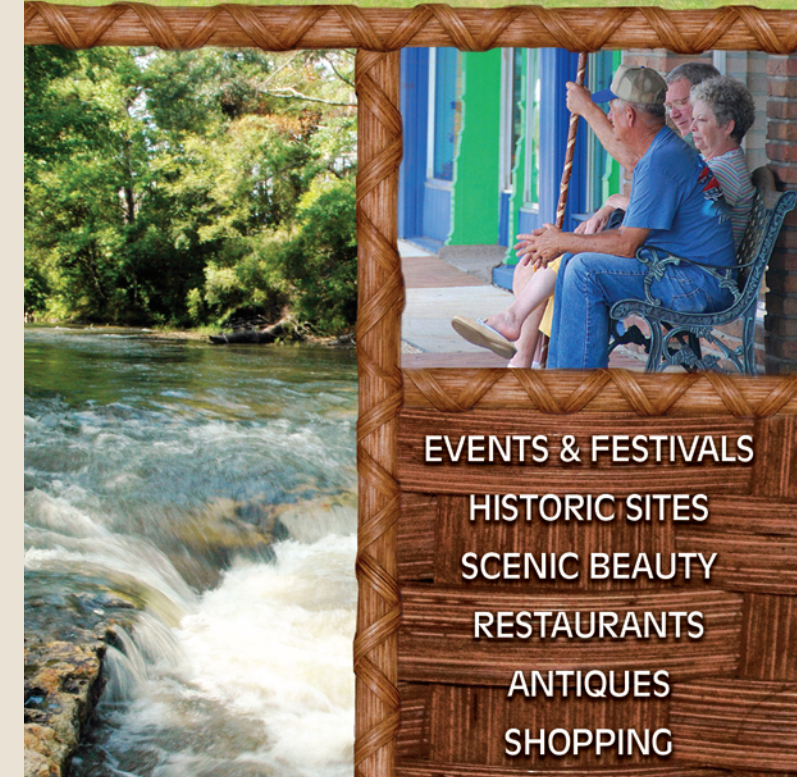
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"Covington County - a great place to visit, a great place to live."



# COVINGTON COUNTY

Covington County Chamber of Commerce  
 500 Komo Street  
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 Collins, MS 39428



- EVENTS & FESTIVALS
- HISTORIC SITES
- SCENIC BEAUTY
- RESTAURANTS
- ANTIQUES
- SHOPPING

An Authentic Mississippi Experience!



## ATTRactions



**ANTIQUE GALLERIA & CHILDREN'S GALLERIA:**  
Find antiques & fine furnishings in the Antique Galleria. 601-765-1527 [www.antiquegalleria.net](http://www.antiquegalleria.net). Also visit the Children's Galleria for children's clothing, gifts & baby items. 601-765-6977. (next to the Antique Galleria)



**COLLINS ANTIQUES & MORE MALL:**  
At this mall, you'll find fabulous collectibles & antiques. 222 Main Street • Collins 601-765-8007

**COLLINS ZOO:**  
Home to the largest collection of big cats in the State. Hwy. 49. 601-818-6666

**COVINGTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE:**  
Circa 1907. This beautiful old courthouse is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. For tours, call 601-765-6012.

**POWELL DRUG STORE:**  
Step back in time at this early 1900s pharmacy. Gifts. 601-797-3355.

**ROGER'S BASKETRY:**  
Chair seats, baskets, jellies and jams. 1462 Hwy. 532 in Mt. Olive. 601-765-6012.



**MCDONALD'S STORE:**  
Circa 1930. Browse through this "mini-mall." Groups welcome. 2542 Hwy. 532 in Collins. 601-785-4343. E-mail: [mcdonhotcoffee2@aol.com](mailto:mcdonhotcoffee2@aol.com)

**KA POTTERY:**  
Renowned artist, Claudia Cartee, offers a studio filled with incredible art. 506 Shirley Sanford Rd. 601-722-4948. [www.KaPotteryStudio.com](http://www.KaPotteryStudio.com)



**SHADY ACRES:**  
Fresh fruit & vegetables, old fashioned hamburgers, baked goods, gifts & greenhouse. Hwy 49. 601-722-4130. [www.shadyacresfruitstand.com](http://www.shadyacresfruitstand.com)

## AGRITOURISM



**FARM ADVENTURES:**  
In Covington County experience life on the farm with education tours, U-Pick gardens & fun farm activities.

**BLUE RIVER FARMS, NURSERY & STORE:**  
One of the state's largest blueberry farms offers 54 acres for U-Pick and commercial production. U-Pick opens the last week in May and runs through July. The Nursery is open year round. Fruit trees & plants, native trees, and nut trees. Farm tours by appt. 1876 Hwy. 532, Mt. Olive; 601-797-3896. [blueriverfarms@bellsouth.net](mailto:blueriverfarms@bellsouth.net) [www.BlueRiverFarmsMS.com](http://www.BlueRiverFarmsMS.com)



**MITCHELL FARMS:**  
Vegetables, peanuts, pumpkins & agritainment. Mitchell Farms offers educational tours that promote agriculture and farm life. Book your next event at their Banquet Barn. U-Pick garden is open June-July.



Peanuts available August-November. Farm tours available year round. Pumpkin Patch and Maze offered late September-early November. 650 Leaf River Church Rd.; 601-765-8609 or 601-765-8033. [www.MitchellFarms-ms.com](http://www.MitchellFarms-ms.com)



**FULL FLIGHT HUNTING PRESERVE:**  
Quail hunting at its best! Contact us for hunt details. 15 Watts Rd; Collins, MS; 601-517-1941. E-mail: [picksquail@yahoo.com](mailto:picksquail@yahoo.com); [www.FullFlightHuntingPreserve.com](http://www.FullFlightHuntingPreserve.com)



## RECREATION



**GRAND PARADISE WATERPARK:**  
A 7-acre blast of great family fun includes giant slides, wading pools and more! Lifeguards are on duty. Hwy. 49 South behind Best Western Inn & Suites. 601-765-8118. [www.GrandParadiseWaterpark.com](http://www.GrandParadiseWaterpark.com)



**LAKE MIKE CONNER:**  
Large lake with freshwater fishing, largemouth bass & catfish. RV camping, restrooms, picnic tables, pavilion and boat ramp. 66 Lake Drive. 601-765-4024.

**OKATOMA GOLF CLUB:**  
Golf course is situated on rolling hills just north of Collins on Hwy 49. The course features Bermuda greens and fairways and a great layout. Semi-private. 601-765-1841. [www.okatomagolfclub.com](http://www.okatomagolfclub.com)



**PINE HILL RV PARK:**  
Full hook-ups, city water, 30/50 amps, laundry, showers, restrooms, pull-thrus. Modem in office. Big rigs welcome. Near restaurants. Hwy 49, south of Hwy. 84. 601-765-0800.

**DRY CREEK WATERPARK:**  
Located near Mt. Olive just off Hwy. 49 on a 150-acre lake, Dry Creek offers great fishing, boating, camping and canoeing, picnicking, 28 campsites, bath house, grills & pavilion. #3 Dry Creek Park Dr. 601-797-4619. [www.PHWD.net](http://www.PHWD.net)



**SEMINARY CANOE RENTAL:**  
Canoe & kayak rentals, cabins, RV & tent camping. Off Hwy 49. 1-866-652-8662; 601-722-4301. [www.SeminaryCanoeRental.com](http://www.SeminaryCanoeRental.com)



**OKATOMA OUTDOOR POST:**  
Canoe & kayak rentals, great lodge, tent camping, cabins. 550 Walter Lott Rd. 601-722-4297; 1-888-652-8662. [www.Okatoma.com](http://www.Okatoma.com)



## DINING



**MAIN STREET CAFE:**  
Make plans, while you are in Collins, to dine at this small café where courtesy and hospitality are at the top of the menu. Great food anytime. Noon buffet, Mon.-Fri. Catering services. Main Street; 601-765-3313.



**MORGAN'S ON MAIN:**  
Catch a blast from the past at Morgan's on Main. This full service restaurant offers a wide variety of menu items dished up in an atmosphere of movie posters and 50's-60's movie memorabilia and photos. Catering services. Main Street; 601-765-2220.



**SPECK'S:**  
This Collins landmark is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Located on Highway 49, Speck's offers favorites like the mouthwatering hamburger steak, fried okra and others along with tempting desserts like homemade coconut pie and lemon pie. 3484 U.S. Highway 49; 601-765-4577.

**THE MERCANTILE BBQ:**  
Step back in time when you visit The Mercantile General Store and BBQ restaurant. Enjoy delicious BBQ favorites in a rustic atmosphere. Located in the historic Pope Building in Collins, add The Mercantile to your list of stops for delicious food and great shopping, and don't forget a scoop of Blue Bell Hand Dipped Ice Cream! 108 Main Street, Collins; 601-765-3336.

**THE MEADOWS:**  
Beautiful country setting for your wedding or special occasion, reunion, meeting or banquet. Joyce's Catering will make your event one to fondly remember. Banquet hall, covered patio. Lunch on Wednesdays. 43 Dan & Joyce Lane, Seminary, MS; 601-765-8812. [www.TheMeadows-Joycescatering.com](http://www.TheMeadows-Joycescatering.com)



- OTHER PLACES TO EAT:**
- Deli Diner
  - Huddle House
  - Fox's Pizza
  - Pizza Inn
  - Sonic Drive-In of Collins
  - Ward's of Collins

## LODGING



**BEST WESTERN COLLINS INN & SUITES:**  
Free deluxe Continental breakfast, outdoor swimming pool, high-speed internet, meeting rooms, non-smoking and smoking rooms, suites have micro-fridge and jacuzzi. Children under 12 free. Close to local attractions, including Grand Paradise Waterpark. #8 Grandview Dr.; 601-765-0800 or 1-800-528-1234.



**KOLA HOMESTEAD:**  
Lovely home near local attractions and restaurants. Beautifully furnished & sleeps up to 15 adults. Relax on the front porch swing or watch satellite TV. Extended stays welcome. 601-765-8812. [www.TheMeadows-JoycesCatering.com](http://www.TheMeadows-JoycesCatering.com)



**LIBERTY INN:**  
Enjoy your stay with us. High-speed internet, big truck parking, close to area attractions & restaurants. Children under 12 stay for free. 3748 Hwy. 49. 601-765-6531.



## EVENTS & FESTIVALS



- OKATOMA FESTIVAL • Collins • May
- SEMINARY FOUNDER'S DAY • Seminary • November
- CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK • Collins • December

### AREA MERCHANTS:

- COLLINS:**
- Clayton Drug Store • 601-765-4323
  - C&C Drug Store • 601-765-6817
  - Computer Innovations • 601-765-1082
  - Factory Connection • 601-765-6744
  - Hudson's Dirt Cheap • 601-765-4125
  - Shirley's Discount Prices • 601-765-9010
  - Southern Florists • 601-765-8506
  - Pope Company • 601-765-6736
- SEMINARY:**
- Bizzy B's • 601-765-4471
  - Gryffin's Pawn • 601-765-4344
  - The Rack • 601-765-2100
  - Seminary Flower & Gifts • 601-722-4203
  - Watermelon Patch • 601-264-7480
  - Cranford Drugs • 601-722-3291
  - Mauldin's Garden Center • 601-722-9007