



Chattanooga, TN



Chattanooga, Tennessee, is located on the Tennessee River and is surrounded by mountains on three sides. The name Chattanooga is derived from the Creek Indian word for Lookout Mountain that overlooks the city. The Union army's victories in the Battles for Chattanooga are considered a major turning point leading to the end of the Civil War.

Chattanooga is home to many museums. The Chattanooga History Center is a progressive social history museum set to reopen in Fall 2013. The Bessie Smith Cultural Center focuses on African American culture and history. The Hunter Museum of American Art collection ranges from the Colonial period to the present day. The Battles for Chattanooga Electric Map and Museum on Lookout Mountain presents artifacts and an audio-visual program on Chattanooga's Civil War history. The Anna Safley Houston Museum of Decorative Arts contains collections of antique glass, ceramics, furniture, and music boxes. The Creative Discovery Museum is a top-rated children's museum. Other museums include the International Towing and Recovery Museum, which exhibits historic tow trucks and towing equipment; Model Railroad Display & Museum; National Medal of Honor Museum of Military History; and Dragon Dreams Museum, which contains a collection of thousands of dragons.

Public Art Chattanooga manages a collection of permanent and temporary works of art that are placed throughout the city.

Audubon Acres is a registered site of the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail and is home to the Little Owl Native Village.

National tours of individual performers, Broadway shows, and local productions are hosted at the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Auditorium and the historic Tivoli Theatre, which is also home to the Chattanooga Symphony and Opera. Chattanooga Theatre Centre is a community theater. Other local performing groups include Ballet Tennessee, Chattanooga Boys Choir, Chattanooga Girls Choir, and Choral Arts of Chattanooga. Southern Lit Alliance celebrates Southern writers and readers through literary arts experiences.

Other performing arts venues include the Shaking Ray Levi Society, which supports and presents diverse genres of music, film, and performance arts, and Track 29, which is located in the historic Chattanooga Choo Choo. Finley Stadium is Chattanooga's largest venue for sporting events and concerts.

NEIGHBORHOODS

Housing options in the downtown area include condominiums, town houses, apartments, and single-family homes. Some condominiums and apartments are located in converted buildings; others are in newly constructed high-rise buildings. Fort Wood, which is a downtown historic district located near the University of Tennessee and several health care facilities, features homes built between the 1880s and the 1920s in Queen Anne, Tudor, and Romanesque styles on tree-lined streets. The nearby Riverfront neighborhood offers many new town houses, condominiums, and apartments located close to the Tennessee River and the Bluff View Arts District. On the other side of the river, the Riverview Road neighborhood contains restored and newly constructed homes on large lots and tree-lined streets.

Historic neighborhoods include Ferger Place, which is a self-contained urban neighborhood full of wide streets, large shady yards, and restored turn of the 20th century homes, and Glenwood, where houses in Colonial Revival, Bungalow/Craftsman, and Tudor Revival styles were constructed before 1941. Two hospitals are also located in Glenwood.

PARKS AND RECREATION

The City has 70 public parks, 17 community recreation centers, 2 public golf courses, 5 public swimming pools, the Chattanooga Zoo, Tennessee Aquarium, the Therapeutic Recreation Program, Chattanooga

Fitness Center, 3 off-leash dog parks, 20 ball fields, more than 70 tennis courts, and 'Chattown' Skate Park.

Located downtown, Coolidge Park features a beautifully restored 100-year-old Dentzel carousel, a pavilion, an interactive play fountain, and the Outdoor Chattanooga Center. The Walnut Street Bridge spans the Tennessee River to connect Coolidge Park and Renaissance Park with the Hunter Museum of American Art and the Tennessee Aquarium Plaza's interactive system of wading pools, elevated walkways with native plants, river overlooks, and historic markings. Ross's Landing features a natural amphitheatre, the river pier, Chattanooga Green, a handicapped-accessible playground, marina, and walkways along the river. Tennessee Riverwalk is a continuous 10-mile path extending from Ross's Landing to the Tennessee Riverpark and Chickamauga Dam.

Lake Winnepesaukah Amusement Park/SoakYa Waterpark is a family amusement park.

Lookout Mountain features woodland paths, gardens, ancient rock formations, and Ruby Falls.

The Chattanooga Arboretum and Nature Center teaches conservation and provides a home to endangered and threatened animals that are native to east Tennessee. Elise Chapin Sanctuary at Audubon Acres, Maclellan Sanctuary on Audubon Island, and David Gray Sanctuary on Audubon Mountain are wildlife sanctuaries managed by the Chattanooga Audubon Society.

Professional sports teams include the Chattanooga Lookouts (baseball) and Chattanooga Locomotion (women's football).

EDUCATION

The Hamilton County Department of Education educates 27,700 students from Chattanooga in 24 elementary schools, 2 kindergarten through grade 8 schools, 6 middle schools, 4 middle/high schools, and 6 high schools. The district offers career academies at the high schools, fine arts magnet schools, and alternative schools.

Higher education is available at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, which offers bachelor's and master's degree programs. Tennessee Temple University is a Christian university that grants degrees at the undergraduate, graduate, and doctorate levels. Chattanooga State Community College is a comprehensive community college. Chattanooga College, Virginia College School of Business and Health, ITT Technical Institute, and Miller-Motte College are among the city's career-oriented colleges.

The University of Tennessee College of Medicine Chattanooga offers clinical rotations for medical school students and residency training in eight fields.

HEALTH CARE

Chattanooga is served by three hospital systems with more than 1,400 licensed acute care beds. The city also has a long-term acute care hospital, two inpatient rehabilitation facilities, and two inpatient mental health facilities.

CITY STATS

2011

City Population	170,136
Metropolitan Statistical Area Population	533,372
Per Capita Personal Income, Chattanooga, TN-GA, MSA	\$36,066