

Des Arc is an historic town on the lower White River. The name “Des Arc” is translated from the French words “des Argues” and means the bow, bend or curve. The town of Des Arc was officially incorporated on December 28, 1854.

Industry Once a booming river port, early industries in the town and surrounding communities included trade via steamboat and railroad, fishing, timber and sawmills, and cotton farming and ginning. Today the chief industry is farming with the major crops being rice, soybeans, winter wheat, corn, and grain sorghum.

Facilities Des Arc is one of two county seats in Prairie County with a population of about 1,800. Although a small town, it has two banks, two health care clinics with walk-in privileges, a pharmacy, the Prairie County Health Unit, two grocery stores, a dollar store, and several gas stations and auto repair garages. It has several eating places with foods ranging from fast food to down-home cooking. It also has numerous other businesses (see map).

Points of Interest The town has several points of interest, including two parks overlooking the White River. Both have covered pavilions for outdoor picnics. One provides a concrete boat access to the White River and the other provides a playground for children. The Lower White River Museum State Park (LWRM) contains exhibits that interpret early Arkansas settlement, transportation routes, and the river-based economy including fishing and shelling. The Prairie County Log Cabin Museum next door to the LWRM is furnished to show a family’s way of life during early settlement days. Other points of interest include the Prairie County court house and a few historic buildings that can be viewed from the outside.

Activities Des Arc is a family-oriented community with many activities revolving around its schools, churches, and local community events.

Schools Des Arc has several special and private schools for 3-5 year old children as well as public elementary, junior-high, and senior-high schools. The schools are small enough that all the students know each other, but provide many clubs and activities to meet interests of most students. The junior and senior-high schools have active athletic programs aided by cheerleaders, a band, and great family attendance at events.

Churches Des Arc has numerous churches that provide a family-church oriented atmosphere and contribute to the feeling of a small town community. In addition to scheduled worship services, they often provide activities such as potlucks, musical programs, and revivals. All visitors to the community are welcome to attend services and to participate in special activities.

Local Community Activities Steamboat Days is an annual festival in June that provides entertainment and activities for all ages. Additionally, the town provides a youth sports program for all seasons, for ages 3 and up. The Des Arc Chamber of Commerce also sponsors several annual events such as an Awards Dinner to honor various citizens, an Open House of local businesses during the Christmas Holidays, and a Christmas Parade.

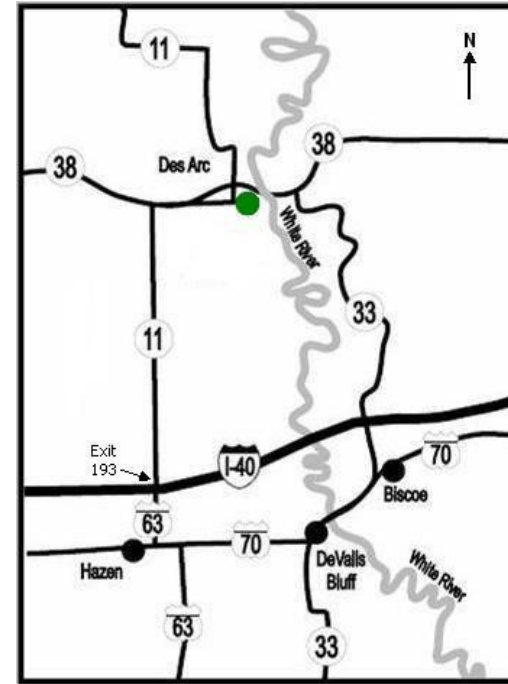
Outdoor Recreational Activities Because of Des Arc’s location near a large, rich wildlife environment, there are also great opportunities for activities such as bird watching, hunting, and fishing.

Bird Watching and Hunting Des Arc has a 953-acre Wildlife Management Area located 5 miles north of the town on Hwy 11. The 17,000 acre Wattensaw Wildlife Management Area is also located a short distance from Des Arc. Both are managed by the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission and include a variety of birds and game including, deer, rabbit, squirrel, raccoon, ducks, and geese. Several guide services are available.

Fishing There are opportunities for fishing at Lake Des Arc, a 320-acre, man-made public lake in the Des Arc Wild Life Management area, and at lakes in the Wattensaw Wildlife Management Area. Fishing is also available on the White River, Bayou Des Arc, Cache River Refuge, and Black Swamp.

Camping Lake Des Arc offers campsites, some primitive and some with electrical hook ups. The Wattensaw area also offers primitive campsites. For more information on bird watching, hunting, fishing, and campsites, call 1-877-734-4581 or visit the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission website at <http://www.agfc.com>.

RV Parks and Other Lodging T. Ricks, located off I-40 at Exit 193 toward Hazen, offers pull-through RV sites with electric, water, and sewage services (870-255-4914). Travel Inn Hazen (870-255-3563) and Super 8 Motel (870-255-2888) are also located at the exit. All three are about 15 miles from downtown Des Arc.



Location: From I-40 take exit 193 Hazen/Des Arc. Turn left onto Hwy. 11, follow Hwy. 11 for 13 miles. Upon reaching the Y intersection continue to the right onto Main Street into Des Arc.

**For more information, contact:
The Des Arc Chamber of Commerce**

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Bridge over the Lower White River at Des Arc
Opened in 1970

**Welcome
to
Des Arc
Arkansas**



Prairie County Courthouse in Des Arc
Opened in 1914

Restaurants/ Cafes:

- Big D's One Stop B-5
- Chunky Munky (Pizza Pro and Subway) C-6
- Dondie's White River Princess C-10
- Lindsay's Pizza and Grill D-3
- Los Tucanes Mexican B-5
- Phat Daddy's C-5
- Sno-White Dairy Bar C-8
- TJ's Country Kitchen C-9
- White & Son Fish Market C-8

Gas /Auto Services:

- Big D's One Stop B-5
- Bell's Body Shop (Hwy. 11 south of town)
- Chestnut's Garage B-5
- Chunky Munky Express C-6
- Danny's Garage C-9
- Des Arc Auto & Ag Center C-5
- Harvey's Exxon Garage & Wrecker Ser. C-4
- NAPA Auto Parts C-5
- Sanner Oil Co. C-2

Churches:

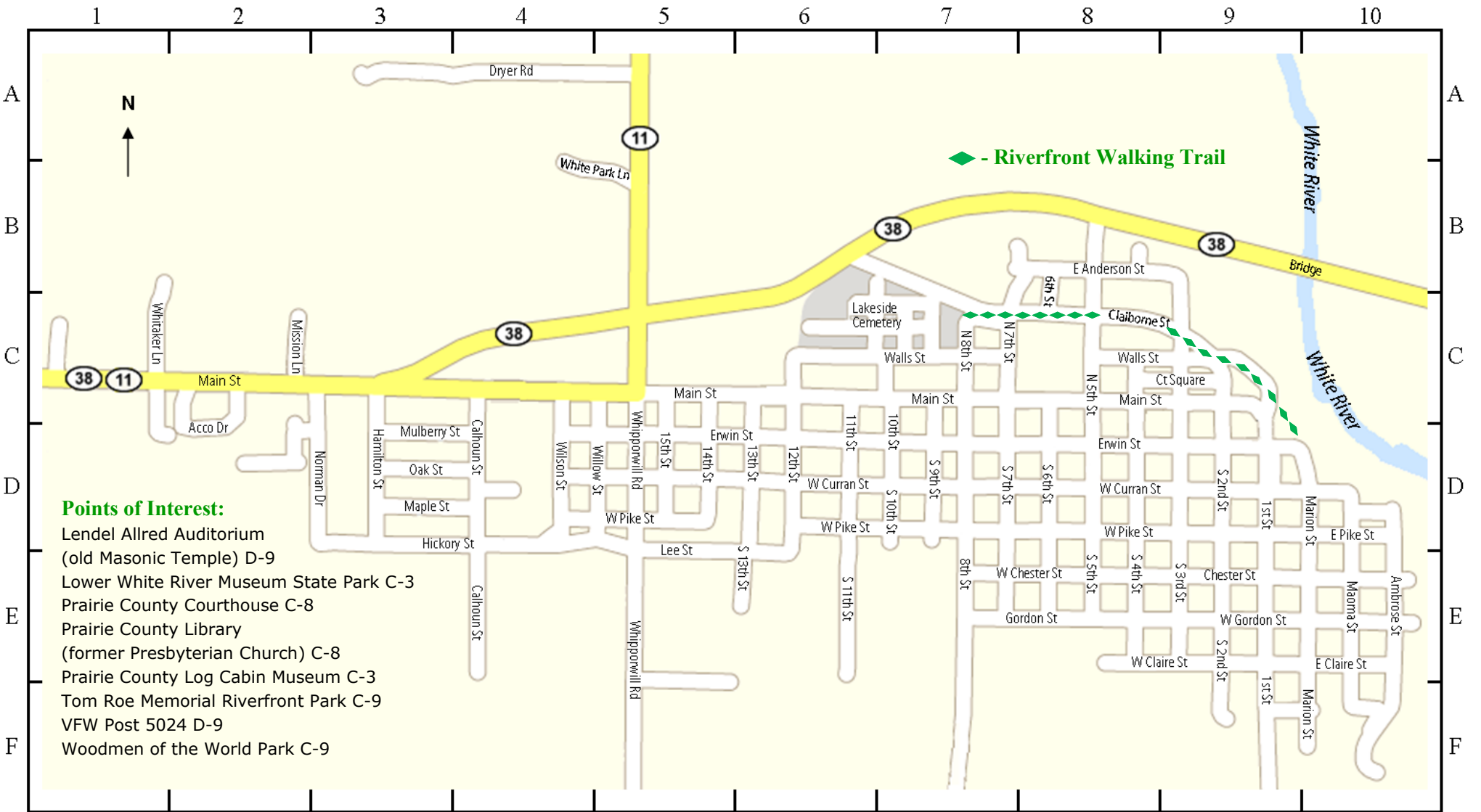
- Apostolic Church E-4
- Church of Christ A-5
- Church of God of Prophecy D-7
- Faith Missionary Baptist Church C-4
- Faith Outreach Ministries D-10
- Family Worship Center C-7
- Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church E-9
- First Assembly of God E-9
- First Baptist Church D-8
- First United Methodist Church D-8
- Gospel Mission Church C-2
- Lakeside Missionary Baptist Church C-2
- Pentecostal Church of God C-6

Health Care:

- ARcare Medical Clinic C-5
- Des Arc Physical Therapy A-5
- Palace Drug Store C-9
- Prairie County Health Dept. C-9
- Sherwood Urgent Care Clinic C-3

Des Arc Schools:

- Elementary E-3
- Jr. High & High School C-8
- Mid-Delta Headstart D-9
- Pre-K C-8



Points of Interest:

- Lendel Allred Auditorium (old Masonic Temple) D-9
- Lower White River Museum State Park C-3
- Prairie County Courthouse C-8
- Prairie County Library (former Presbyterian Church) C-8
- Prairie County Log Cabin Museum C-3
- Tom Roe Memorial Riverfront Park C-9
- VPW Post 5024 D-9
- Woodmen of the World Park C-9

Fitness Centers:

- B-Fit 24/7 Gym A-5
- New Creations Gym C-9

Emergency Services:

- Ambulance Service C-6
- Fire Department D-9
- Police Department D-9
- Prairie Co. Sheriff C-8

Attorneys:

- Eric R. Kennedy, PA C-9
- Robert M. Abney, PA C-9

Insurance:

- A.L. Berry Ins. Agency D-8
- John Stephens III Crop Ins. D-7
- Shelter Ins. C-8
- Smith -Taylor Ins. Agency C-9
- State Farm Ins. Agency C-8

Beauty Shops:

- A Cut Above C-8
- Fonda's Beauty Barn F-7
- Hair Razors C-9
- Stelinas's Salon C-9

Banks:

- Farmers and Merchants Bank D-9
- Merchants and Planters Bank C-8

Florists / Garden Centers:

- Garden Gate C-8
- Lynn's Flowers and Gifts C-5

Groceries:

- Dollar General C-6
- Main Street Grocery C-5
- Ring-Glo Supermarket C-5

Agriculture Equipment/Services:

- Bell's Ag Service (1mi.Hwy. 38 West)
- Bunge North America, Inc. C-10
- Crop Production Services (CPS) C-3
- Greenpoint AG. Inc. A-5
- Greenway Equipment Co. C-4
- Riceland Foods A-5

Other Businesses & Organizations:

- Car City C-6
- Des Arc Nursing & Rehab. Center C-2
- Des Arc Realty & Janice's Tax Service C-6
- Garth Funeral Home C-9

Garth True Value Hardware C-9

- Knupp Service Co. (HVAC) B-5
- No-No's Liquor C-5
- Patterson Hardwood C-5
- Premier Tax C-8
- Riverbend, Inc (HVAC) C-3
- Senior Citizen Center C-6
- Super Suds Laundromat C-4
- US Post Office D-8
- White River Flea-tique C-9
- White River Journal C-8
- White River Masonic Lodge C-4