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With the expense of fuel climbing and today's economic hard times, a number of vacationers are seeking vacation destinations nearer to home. Arkansas is a conveniently located state, which offers a variety of inexpensive travel options. Some of the best value locations for affordable getaways can be found here. If you are pondering [what to do in Arkansas](#), keep on reading.

Morrilton, Arkansas, is the site of the state's first state park, Petit Jean State Park. Named for a legendary young French woman who, according to the legend, followed her sweetheart over the ocean, finally landing at the foot of this beautiful mountain, Petit Jean boasts several things to do from camping, wildlife watching, hiking, paddle boating, bird-watching, and photography. The park also offers a good selection of rustic getaway rental cabins.

In addition to the nearby mountain, Morrilton's historic downtown district is a bargain shopper's paradise. One of the premier "junktique" shopping locations in Arkansas, the main street thru the community is brimming with flea markets, second-hand stores, antique dealers, consignment stores, and speciality shops. Each first Saturday of the month, additional shopping chances are available because vendors display their goods along Mainstreet Morrilton. The community is a favorite stop in the "Bargains Galore on 64" network.

For travelers who like entertainment to shopping, this central Arkansas city boasts one of the state's best local theaters -- the Rialto Community Arts Center. The Rialto was constructed in 1911, and during its prime was known as one of the finest theaters in the South. Recently converted into a community effort, the theater now includes live local music, community theater productions, films, and frequently hosts regional entertainers, including award-winning Elvis Tribute Artist, Tony Witt. The Rialto Gallery is adjacent to the theater and displays different art exhibits throughout the year.

Fishing is another well-liked pastime for both locals and visitors. The Morrilton region is home to three lakes, and the Arkansas River is located just minutes from downtown. For hunters, the nearby Ed Gordon Wildlife Management Area is merely a short drive down the road.

As you can see, Morrilton offers vacationers a bunch of [things to do in Arkansas](#). To learn more about this great vacation destination, visit [SeeMorrilton.com](#).

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