

ELVIS' TUPELO DRIVING TOUR

If you have a king-size appreciation for the King of Rock 'N' Roll, then hop in your car and visit all the places Elvis frequented in his youth in **#MyTupelo**.

Previous Site of Assembly of God Church • 102 Adams Street

It was in the Assembly of God Church that Elvis first became enthralled with music, especially the music of gospel quartets.

Mud Creek Swimming Hole • 90 North Veterans Boulevard

Elvis and his friends would sneak to Mud Creek to swim so their mothers would not know they were swimming unsupervised.

Johnnie's Drive-In • 908 East Main Street

Known for their dough burger, Elvis actually preferred a cheeseburger and an RC Cola. You can even enjoy your lunch in the Elvis booth ... it's the one marked with the plaque.

Lawhon Elementary School • 140 Lake Street

Elvis attended school at Lawhon, and some of his first performances were for his classmates.

Tupelo Visitors Center (Previous Site of Shake Rag) • 399 East Main Street

Elvis was influenced by the rhythm and blues and gospel music he heard on the Hill and in the Shake Rag district, historically African American communities in **#MyTupelo**.

Elvis' Homecoming Statue • 171 Troy Street

This larger-than-life statue of Elvis is based on a famous photo called "the Hands" by Roger Marshutz that was taken of Elvis reaching into the crowd during the 1956 Homecoming Concert at the Tupelo Fairgrounds.

Fairpark (Previous Site of Tupelo Fairgrounds) • 171 Troy Street

Elvis returned to this site in September of 1956 on the verge of superstardom to perform a concert at the fair.

Tupelo Hardware Company • 114 Main Street

Gladys bought Elvis his first guitar here in 1945. Still a functioning hardware store, go stand in the spot where Elvis stood and hear the story that changed music history. You can't miss it ... "X" marks the spot.

Lee County Courthouse • 201 West Jefferson Street

This location served as the site of the WELO radio show where Elvis was allowed to sing on the radio by his friend's brother Mississippi Slim.

Lee County Library • 219 North Madison Street

Elvis received his first library card from the Lee County Library, which might have spawned his love of reading comic books and dreaming of becoming the hero in the stories.

Lyric Theatre • 201 North Broadway.

This historic theater in downtown Tupelo is where Elvis would go to watch Westerns. Legend has it he also stole his first kiss here in the balcony.



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Milam Junior High • 720 West Jefferson Street

Elvis attended school at Milam when his parents decided to move to Memphis. He gave a farewell performance singing "Ole Shep" for his classmates.

Previous site of Mayhorn's Grocery • North Green Street

Located on the "Hill" on Green Street, the grocery was often the center of socializing which included picking and singing on the front porch. Elvis was often present for these gatherings and influenced by the style of musicians found here.

Elvis Presley Birthplace & Museum • 306 Elvis Presley Drive

The house, built by Elvis' father with \$180, draws visitors each year from across the world and is part of the 15-acre Elvis Presley Park. The home is a Mississippi landmark and the centerpiece of the park, which includes many exhibits and Elvis' childhood church.

Previous Site of Dr. William Robert Hunt's Office • 214 West Main Street

The former location of Dr. William Robert Hunt's office was housed on the second floor of this building. Just before dawn, January 8, 1935, Dr. Hunt was called to the Presley home and delivered Jesse Garon Presley, who was stillborn, and 35 minutes later delivered Elvis Aaron Presley. Officially noted on medical record 920, Elvis was born about halfway through Dr. Hunt's career delivery of just over 1,800 babies. Dr. Hunt died in 1952, never knowing of Elvis' international success.

Relics Antique Marketplace • 248 South Green Street

In 1932, 20-year-old Gladys Love Smith went to work as a seamstress on the second floor of this building located in Mill Village. While working at the plant, Gladys wed Vernon Presley and became pregnant with twins. On January 8, 1935, Gladys gave birth to two children: Jesse Garon, who was stillborn, and Elvis Aaron, who went on to achieve worldwide acclaim for his music. Her co-workers took up a collection of money after her delivery, suggesting that she was well-liked.

