

Things to Do in Quitman County

www.quitmancountymys.org



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Quitman County is designated as part of the Mississippi Freedom Trail. In early spring of 1968, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., visited Marks to rally support for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference's "Poor People's Campaign," a nationwide march to Washington, D.C., to raise awareness of economic disparity and persistent poverty. Dr. King was so moved by the desperate conditions in Marks that he promoted it as the starting point for the campaign's network of traveling groups.

MUSIC LEGENDS & EVENTS

Mules & Blues Festival - Fall of every year

Centered on the "Mule Train," the Marks' Mules and Blues Fest is an opportunity for this region to showcase their historical treasures, artistic talents through music, art, literature and southern-style culinary skills.

www.mules-bluesfest.org

Born in Sledge, **Charley Pride** is an American country music singer, musician-guitarist, recording artist, performer, business owner and author.



John Lee Hooker grew up in the Vance and Lambert areas before eventually settling in Detroit, where his album, *The Healer*, catapulted him back to million-seller status and began what was the most successful period of his career.



Born on a farm near Vance, **Albert "Sunnyland Slim" Luandrew** played blues piano until his death in 1995. He performed with many of the genre's legends in the Memphis Beale Street area after moving there in 1925.

While he lived only 41 years, **Earl Hooker** gained fame for his slide guitar technique, heard most frequently accompanying Sonny Boy Williamson, Junior Wells, and John Lee Hooker.

Born in Lambert in 1929, **James Edward "Snooky" Pryor** was a legendary harmonica player who pioneered the "amplified harmonica" using a palm microphone.

Known in Crowder as **"Mr. Johnny" Billington**, he shared his skills with students for more than twenty years at the Delta Blues Museum and the Blues Academy in his adopted town of Lambert.

Clarksdale

www.visitclarksdale.com

Coahoma County has fifteen markers on the **Mississippi Blues Trail**. www.msbluestrail.org

The **Rock & Roll Blues Museum** is full of music memorabilia and artifacts from the 1920's through the 1970's. Follow the evolution of America's music from blues, R&B, and rockabilly to rock 'n roll and soul and see how it influenced people all over the globe. www.blues2rock.com



The **Delta Blues Museum** was established in 1979. This internationally-acclaimed museum features a wax figure of Blues great Muddy Waters and the famous Muddywood Guitar, videotape and slide-and-sound programs, photographs, recordings, books, and other memorabilia. www.deltabluesmuseum.org

Cat Head Delta Blues & Folk Art is named after three things: "cat head biscuits" (a Southern biscuit the size of a cat's head), animal-themed blues record labels (Alligator, Fat Possum, Rooster, etc.) and the "cat head" drawings of Leland, Mississippi, bluesman/folk artist Pat Thomas. www.cathead.biz

Tunica

www.tunicatravel.com



The **Gateway to the Blues Visitors Center and Museum** on Highway 61 is the first place many people see when they roll into Tunica. This rustic train depot, circa 1895, is a must-stop for travelers before and after a visit to Tunica. This attraction is for music lovers, as it will tell the remarkable story of how The Blues was born. www.tunicatravel.com/gttb_microsite/blues

Tunica RiverPark & Museum lets visitors explore and understand the rich history of the Mississippi Delta and America's greatest river.



The Mississippi River Museum offers multiple interactive attractions and seasonal exhibits featuring different aspects of Delta culture. The RiverPark also offers nature trails, beautiful views of the Mississippi, and riverboat cruises on the historic Tunica Queen. www.TunicaRiverPark.com

Home to several major casinos and casino resorts, Tunica is the third-largest gaming locale in the United States, behind Las Vegas and Atlantic City. It includes **Tunica Resorts**, an unincorporated community of resorts and hotels that was called Robinsonville until 2003. www.tunicatravel.com/tunica-casino

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