

EVERY DAY I HAVE THE BLUES

LIVE MUSIC VENUES

* live music scheduling may vary

Club Ebony

404 Hanna Street • Indianola
662-887-9539

The Blue Biscuit

501 Second Street • Indianola
662-645-0258
thebluebiscuit.com

The Courtyard Blues and Bar Grill

210 Church Street • Indianola
662-452-5150



ANNUAL EVENTS

B.B. KING HOMECOMING

bbkingmuseum.org/homecoming

Every first Saturday in June, the B.B. King Homecoming Festival is held at Fletcher Park in Indianola. The event featured its namesake, B.B. King who, as he was physically able, returned every year since its inception in 1983. Although B.B. performed in sold-out venues all over the world, nothing made him happier than to be back in his hometown to playing for the crowd he considered as his extended family. For information, call 662-887-9539.

INDIAN BAYOU ARTS AND EATS FESTIVAL

facebook.com/Indian-Bayou-Arts-Eats-Festival

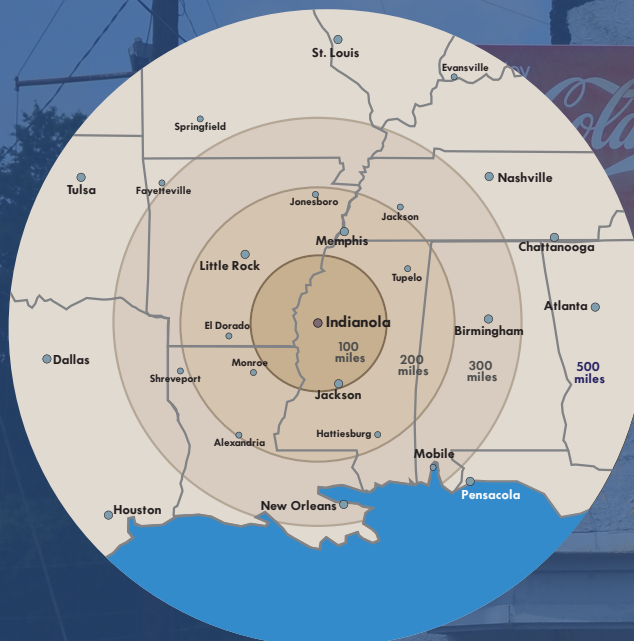
The Indianola Chamber Main Street hosts its Indian Bayou Arts & Eats Festival each year in September along Indian Bayou. Artists exhibit works in an array of mediums and culinary arts abound with gourmet food vendors from the Mississippi Delta and beyond showcasing homegrown and locally made foods. The Indian Bayou Arts & Eats Festival also hosts Sunflower County native son, Craig Claiborne's Pecan Pie Competition in both traditional and creative categories. Claiborne was the former longtime food editor of *The New York Times*, known in history as creating the five-star restaurant review system. For information, call 662-887-4454.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING / COCOA & CANDY CANES

indianolachambermainstreet.com

Sip and sample hot cocoa and enjoy candy canes to get in the Christmas spirit while you shop Indianola stores to await the annual Christmas Tree Lighting.

HOW TO GET TO INDIANOLA



Indianola is located at the intersection of U.S. Highways 82 and 49W, approximately halfway between Memphis, Tennessee, and Jackson, Mississippi, making it an easy day drive from many places in Arkansas, Tennessee, Louisiana, and Alabama.



B.B. King Museum & Delta Interpretive Center
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Indianola Chamber Main Street
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Indianola
Mississippi

RIDIN' WITH THE KING

Your Guide to the hometown of the "King of the Blues."

THINGS TO DO

Henry M. Seymour Library

200 East Percy Street • 662-887-1672

The Henry M. Seymour Library houses an extensive collection of Mississippian Walter Anderson's artwork.

Indian Bayou

200 West Percy Street
GPS: 33.453401, -90.654132

Scenic Indian Bayou bisects the town, giving you a look at thousands of cypress trees in their native habitat.



Minnie Cox Park

Faison Avenue • Indianola

This site was once the home of Wayne and Minnie Cox. In 1888, Wayne Cox was elected alderman, the first African American to hold that post in Indianola. Appointed by President Benjamin Harrison in 1891, Minnie Cox is the nation's first known African American postmaster. Both were also successful entrepreneurs.



Indianola Pecan House

1013 Highway 82 East
662-887-5420

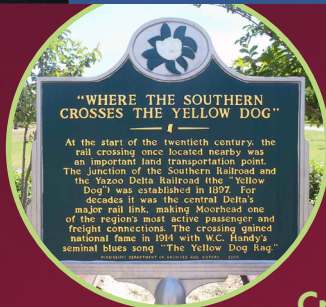
pecanhouse.com

Features Mississippi-made products and a variety of gourmet flavored pecans and cheese straws.

Walking Tour of Historic Indianola

400 Second Street

There is no better way to experience Indianola than our walking/driving tour of Indianola's historic district which includes three Mississippi Blues Trail Markers; the B.B. King Museum and Delta Interpretive Center; the childhood home of *New York Times* food editor, chef and author, Craig Claiborne; and so much more!



SUNFLOWER COUNTY BLUES

Where the Southern Crosses the Yellow Dog

Washington Street and Delta Avenue at the Town of Moorhead

The site immortalized in the lyrics of W.C. Handy's 1915 blues song "Yellow Dog Blues," this point marks the intersection of two major railroad lines, northbound Yazoo and Mississippi Valley Railroad (the "Yellow Dog") and westbound Southern Railroad. Riding on the railroad was a common theme in blues songs – a metaphor for travel and escape.

B.B. King Museum

400 Second Street
662-887-9539

bbkingmuseum.org

The B.B. King Museum and Delta Interpretive Center, a \$15 million institution, has become the jewel in our crown. Since opening in 2008, the museum has attracted visitors from all 50 states and over 30 foreign countries who have come to learn more about the "King of the Blues" and his and this area's influence on world music. The museum is filled with inspirational films, interactive exhibits, and artifacts relating to King's life.



B.B. King's Corner Prototype Blues Marker

Corner of Church and Second Streets
"Like a good fishing hole" is the way B.B. King described this spot where he played blues to passersby early in his career.

Located on the corner of Church and

Second Streets and across from the historic Sunflower County Courthouse, this location attracted an audience that would encourage and tip the career of one of America's most influential musicians. B.B.'s handprints are embedded in the concrete sidewalk.

Albert King Blues Trail Marker

Front Avenue and Second Street

Albert King (1923-1992), who was billed as "King of the Blues Guitar," was famed for his powerful string-bending style as well as for his soulful, smoky vocals. King often said he was born in Indianola and was a half-brother of B. B. King, although the scant surviving official documentation suggests otherwise on both counts. King carved his own indelible niche in the blues hierarchy by creating a deep, dramatic sound that was widely imitated by both blues and rock guitarists.

Church Street Blues Trail Marker

Indianola's Church Street catered to every need of the African American community during the segregation era, when most area residents worked in the cotton fields during the week and came to town on weekends. Church Street offered everything from doctors' offices to tailoring shops, from shoe shine stands to ice cream parlors, from Saturday night blues to Sunday morning church services. B. B. King often played for tips on the street as a teenager



Club Ebony Mississippi Blues Trail Marker

404 Hannah Street

Club Ebony is one of the most famous spots on the Mississippi Blues Trail. Since 1945 it has hosted Count Basie, Ray Charles, James Brown, Ike Turner, Little Milton, Willie Clayton, Bobby Bland and blues legends Howlin' Wolf and B.B.

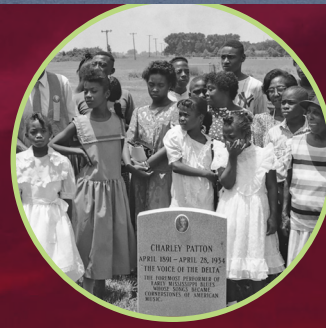
King, as told on the Mississippi Blues Trail marker outside. Now owned by the B.B. King Museum, the club has been restored to its original appearance. Contact the B.B. King Museum to schedule a visit.



Charlie Patton's Grave and Blues Trail Marker

Longswich Cemetery at Holly Ridge

In the shadow of a modern working cotton gin lies a country cemetery. Among the primitive headstones is the final resting place of pioneer bluesman, Charlie Patton, who is considered the "father of Delta Blues" for his role in defining not only the musical genre, but also the image and lifestyle of the rambling Mississippi bluesman. The marker bears informative photographs and a narrative about Patton, and his headstone was donated by rock singer John Fogerty years after Patton's death in 1934.



CIVIL RIGHTS HISTORY DRIVING TOUR

Dr. Battle's Medical Office	913 B.B. King Rd.
Gentry High School	B.B. King Road & Battle St.
Bell Grove Baptist Church	512 Chandler St.
Nathaniel "Slim" Jack	2nd St. & Sunflower Ave.
Sunflower County Courthouse	2nd St. & Court Ave.
Bryant Chapel AME Church	Church St. & Mill St.
White Rose Café	351 Mill St.
Guy McComb's Auto Repair	Mill St. & Handy Ave.
Freedom School Site	676 Jefferson St.
Giles Penny Saver Store	801 Church Ave.
Irene Magruder Home Site	210 Byas St.
Hollins Grocery	202 Byas St.
King Freedom House	327 Oklahoma Ave.
St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Center	403 Church
Law Office of Carver Randle	130 2nd St.

RIDIN' WITH THE KING



Mississippi Blues Trail Marker Sites

- A.** B.B. King's Corner (Church St. at Second St.)
- B.** Charley Patton's grave (Hollyridge Rd., Holly Ridge)
- C.** Albert King (Front St. at Second St.)
- D.** Church St. (217 Church St.)
- E.** Club Ebony (404 Hanna St.)

B ← 6 miles to
Charley Patton's
Grave and Marker



Indianola Mississippi

Come experience the best of old and new in beautiful Indianola. Make sure you're hungry when you visit, because great food is a hallmark of our area. From smoked catfish to Mississippi-made products, you'll find many options to satisfy your cravings. Home of the blues and unique lodging experiences, Indianola's eclectic accommodations make any Mississippi Delta getaway one to remember. Plan to take something home from any of our local shopping options to remember your trip or for extra special gifts for family or friends.



Gin Mill Galleries
109 Pershing Avenue • 662-887-3209
FB: Gin-Mill-Galleries-Inc

Guadalajara Mexican Restaurant
420 Highway 82 West • 662-887-7887
FB: guadalajaradining

Los Molcajetes
410 Highway 82 East • 662-887-5901
losmolcajetes.com

Lost Pizza Company
807 Highway 82 West • 662-887-1555
lostopizza.com

NOLA
112 Court Avenue • 662-887-2990
nolainthedelta.com

Pea Soup's Lott-a-Freeze
809 Highway 82 West • 662-887-1544
FB: peasoups-Lott-a-Freeze

Sookie's Catering
603 Second Street • 662-207-1151

The Blue Biscuit
501 Second Street • 662-645-0258
thebluebiscuit.com

The Courtyard Blues and Bar Grill
210 Church Street • 662-452-5150

The Crown Restaurant
112 Front Street • 662-887-4522
thecrownrestaurant.com

Wah Sing's Chinese Restaurant
306 Highway 82 East • 662-887-4443



FAST FOOD & TAKEOUT

Burger King
1101-1107 Seymour Drive • 662-887-7921

Church's Chicken
103 Highway 82 East • 662-887-4566

Domino's Pizza
410 US-82 • 877-883-9643

Double Quick - Plate lunches
242 Second Street • 662-887-2461

Hardees
1212 US-82 • 662-887-7885

Kentucky Fried Chicken
1014 Highway 82 East • 662-887-5842

Little Caesars Pizza
908 Highway 82 East • 662-445-2525

McDonald's
907 Highway 82 West • 662-887-3510

Pizza Hut
506 Highway 82 East • 662-887-4688

Popeye's
524 Highway 82 East • 662-887-7211

Shopper's Value
903 Highway 82 East • 662-887-1571

Sonic Drive-In
520 Highway 82 • 662-887-2929

Subway
201 Highway 82 West • 662-887-2500

Taco Bell
1014 Highway 82 East • 662-887-5842

Vance's Citgo
144 Highway 82 East • 662-887-1350

WalMart Deli
633 Highway 82 West • 662-887-3320

Wendy's
1104 Highway 82 West • 662-887-3979

LODGING

Bed on the Bayou
114 East Percy • 662-207-4450

Blue Biscuit Bungalows
501 Second Street • 662-645-0258
thebluebiscuit.com

The Cottage at Holly Ridge
25 Holly Ridge-Holmes Road • 662-887-9911

Days Inn
2701 Highway 82 East • 662-334-1818
daysinn.com

Hampton Inn
913 Highway 82 West • 662-445-2000
hamptoninn3.hilton.com

Quality Inn
910 Highway 82 East • 662-887-6611
choicehotels.com

Super 8 Motel
601 Highway 82 West • 662-452-0472
wyndamhotels.com/super-8

