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With the price of fuel soaring and the current economic troublesome times, a number of vacationers are seeking vacation destinations nearer to home. Arkansas is a centrally located state, which offers an abundance of discount travel options. Some of the best value destinations for affordable getaways can be discovered here. If you are wondering [what to do in Arkansas](#), keep reading.

Morrilton, Arkansas, is home to the state's first state park, Petit Jean. Named for a legendary young French woman who, according to the story, followed her beau across the sea, finally landing at the foot of this striking mountain, Petit Jean boasts several pastimes from camping, wildlife watching, hiking, paddle boating, bird-watching, and photography. The park also offers a good selection of rustic getaway cabins.

In addition to the nearby state park, Morrilton's historic downtown district is a bargain shopper's paradise. One of the best "junktique" shopping locations in Arkansas, the main street thru the city is lined with flea markets, second-hand stores, antique dealers, consignment shops, and boutiques. Every first Saturday of the month, even more shopping opportunities are available because sellers display their stuff on 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 area's best local theaters -- the Rialto Community Arts Center. The Rialto was constructed in 1911, and in its heyday was considered to be one of the best theaters in the South. Recently converted into a community project, the theater now features live local music, community theater productions, movies, 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 favorite pastime for both locals and visitors. The Morrilton area is home to 3 lakes, and the Arkansas River is situated just minutes from town. For hunters, the close by Ed Gordon Wildlife Management Area is merely a short drive down the road.

As you can see, Morrilton offers tourists a number of [things to do in Arkansas](#). To find out more about this great holiday destination, visit [SeeMorrilton.com](#).

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