



**Delta
Cultural
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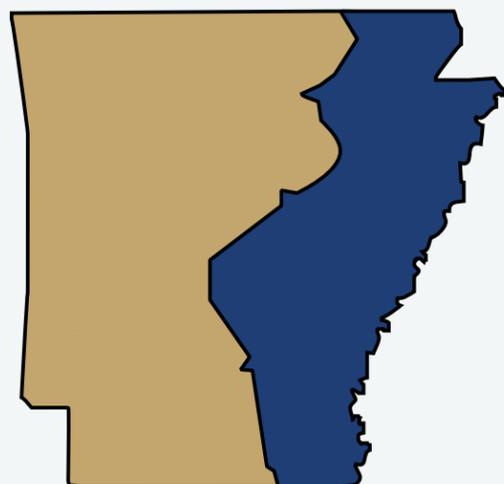


**Showcasing Our
Delta Heritage**



The Arkansas Delta region's heritage is steeped in rich sights, sounds, people and events. It is the mission of the Delta Cultural Center, which opened in 1990, to preserve, interpret and present the cultural heritage of this legendary 27-county region. From its music to the mighty river that runs through it, the Delta story unfolds within this unique Helena landmark.

The Delta Cultural Center is comprised of the Visitors Center at 141 Cherry Street, and a restored 1912 Missouri-Pacific train depot just one block away.



■ Arkansas Delta

At the Visitors Center, you will find the museum's temporary exhibits, as well as **Delta Sounds**, the museum's state-of-the-art music exhibits. In the **Delta Sounds** area, you will find listening stations featuring the music of the Delta, an award-winning video presentation of the King Biscuit Blues Festival, and the broadcast facilities for **King Biscuit Time**, the longest running blues radio show in the nation. Visitors can attend a broadcast of this legendary radio show weekdays beginning at 12:15 p.m. You will also find information on well-known Delta musicians from all genres of music – blues, rockabilly, gospel and country.

Visit our website to find out more about the temporary exhibits that are scheduled for the upcoming year.

The Depot, located to the south of the Visitors Center, houses the museum's acclaimed permanent collections. Aptly entitled **A Heritage of Determination**, the exhibit tells the story of the Delta land and its people. Topics include **Growth of Delta Towns**, emphasizing early river towns, centers of industry, and schools, churches and women's clubs; **Old Man River**, an area dedicated to the Mighty Mississippi, the rivers' gift and the

great flood of 1927; **Crossroads of the Past**, which tells the story of the Delta's earliest inhabitants, the arrival of the Europeans, and the last of the natives; **A Frontier Life** recounts the overwhelming obstacles that early residents of the Delta had to overcome; and **The Civil War**, located upstairs in the museum, takes a thoughtful look at the Battle of Helena and the effects of the war on the region as a whole. The African-American experience, women in war, slavery and freedom, as well as the Union Occupation receive individual attention in special segments in the exhibit.

The Depot also offers a special area for kids of all ages – the **Children's Caboose**, a restored train caboose that offers hands-on activities for children. With innovative displays like the Great Boat Race, children learn about the influence of the Delta's rivers in a fun and exciting way.

The Delta Today, located at the entrance of the Depot, gives visitors an overview of agriculture, aquaculture and geology, as well as Helena and neighboring towns. Recreational facilities and restoration efforts going on in the Delta are also part of this contemporary exhibit.

Take the Delta Home with You

Delta culture is all around you when you visit the Museum Store, located in the Visitors Center.

Arts, crafts, music CDs, books and T-shirts are among the many treasures you'll find waiting for you. So make the Museum Store the last stop on your visit and take a little piece of the Delta home with you.

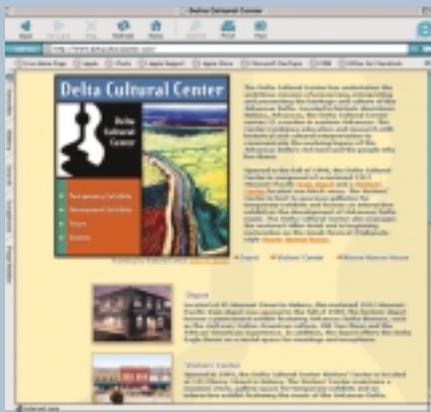
Understanding Begins with Education

A big part of the work of the Delta Cultural Center is in helping to bring the story of the people, commerce and culture of the Arkansas Delta to students and others across the state.

Working with educators and administrators, the Delta Cultural Center has helped develop lectures, seminars, lesson plans and printed classroom materials that bring the Delta's cultural heritage to life.

Visit Us Online

For information about the Delta Cultural Center, visit our website.



www.deltaculturalcenter.com

Admission & Hours of Operation

Admission to the Museum is free.

Hours:

Tuesday - Saturday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Tours

The Delta Cultural Center offers regularly scheduled hourly tours. Special programming, with advance notice, is available for large and small groups.

For more information, contact the Delta Cultural Center Museum at (870) 338.4350 or toll free at (800) 358.0972.



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