Tennessee River Freshwater Pearl Museum · Farm · Tour

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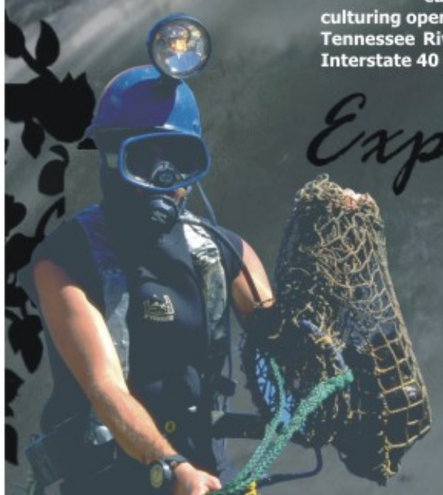


Witness a remarkable iridescent product of nature as it emerges from the indigenous Washboard mussel. Tennessee's Official State Gem – the freshwater pearl - is rarely found naturally from these living animals, but grown at the only freshwater pearl-culturing farm operation in the North American continent. The organic gem stone-culturing operation is nestled in the pristine embayment of Birdsong Creek – just off the scenic Tennessee River's beautiful Kentucky Lake – in Camden, West Tennessee, 9 miles north of Interstate 40 at Exit 133/Birdsong Exit. The Tennessee River Freshwater Pearl Museum, Farm, Tour and Jewelry Showroom is located at Birdsong Resort and Marina.

Explore one of eight pilot farm locations originally founded by John R. Latendresse (1925-2000) in 1979. All productivity measures eventually narrowed to this one location in Birdsong Creek. John and his wife Chessie, had attempted for many years to adapt the Japanese technique to our native waters, and species of mussels. 1984 was the first year a productive harvest was turned.

Discover North America's only freshwater pearl-culturing facility – the official historical site of pearl culturing for the State of Tennessee (enacted 2004), growing the official State of Tennessee gem (enacted 1979) – the freshwater pearl.

Choose from a variety of tour packages including "walk-in's," tour bus "tweeners," our 3-5 hour guided "full" tour, a 1-2 hour "mini" tour, a range of school-age children's tours, even a bus driver's special "Drop n' Shop."

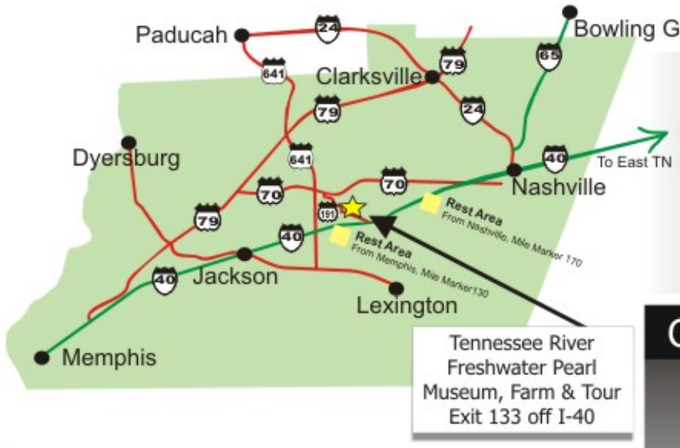
Guided tours require advance reservations and a group of fifteen or more to book dates. Individuals or small groups may join pre-existing bookings.

Experience THE Tennessee River FRESHWATER Pearl MUSEUM · FARM · TOUR

www.TennesseeRiverPearls.com

How to Get There

From I-40 - Exit #133 and get onto Birdsong Road/State Hwy. 191. Travel North 9.2 miles following the Birdsong Resort / Pearl Museum signs along the rural, scenic route.This road has mile markers identical to those on I-40, but they start at zero when you leave the interstate. We're just past marker number "9". Turn RIGHT onto Marina Road. There's a large sign pointing the way. Our road is only 1/2 mile long and our offices are located in a big blue building on the LEFT, halfway down. There are lots of new boats around the building and plenty of parking right in front on the concrete ramp. The marina, dock, and lake are at the far end of this road.



From	Distance
Asheville, NC	379
Atlanta, GA	332
Baltimore, MD	785
Birmingham, AL	275
Charleston, WV	471
Chattanooga, TN	217
Chicago, IL	472
Cincinnati, OH	361
Columbus, OH	461
Detroit, MI	617
Harrisburg, PA	914
Indianapolis, IN	371
Jackson, MS	343
Jacksonville, FL	678
Lexington, KY	296
Little Rock, AR	277
Louisville, KY	258
Memphis, TN	140
Mobile, AL	530
Nashville, TN	85
New York, NY	970
Philadelphia, PA	909
Pittsburgh, PA	643
Raleigh, NC	628
Roanoke, VA	523
Savannah, GA	580
St. Louis, MO	272
St. Petersburg, FL	811
Toronto, Ontario	845
Winston-Salem, NC	522

Only 1 Hour West of Nashville 2 Hours East of Memphis

Contact Information

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Only 1 Hour West of Nashville · 2 Hours East of Memphis
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Open Year Around (Except Thanksgiving, Christmas & New Years

Host Location / Accommodations

Birdsong Resort, Marina and Lakeside RV Campground is a 58-acre recreational complex that has been operated by Bob Keast and family in the true sense of southern hospitality as a second-generation owner since 1961.

Located in the central part of the scenic Tennessee River's beautiful Kentucky Lake - the largest man-made lake in America. Over 2,300 miles of shoreline flow through the heart of Western Tennessee. 90% of Kentucky Lake is in the Great State of Tennessee. Quiet, yet conveniently located 9 miles north of I-40 at Exit 133, halfway between Jackson and Nashville, Tennessee. Ideal stop for an overnight, weekend or week stay.

Scattered lazily throughout the resort, you'll find fourteen (14) rental accommodation units to choose from. Cottages and manufactured homes – each unique with its amenities and accommodations – ranging from efficiencies to group lodges.

All units are completely furnished like a home-away-from-home atmosphere. Each one is air conditioned, has television, VCR and/or DVD players, pots, pans, and linens. They feature a variety of screened-in porches, porches or decks – they all have grills and picnic tables. Some units also feature fireplaces, Jacuzzi tubs, private phones, and satellite television. Pack your clothes and food – that's all you'll need.

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