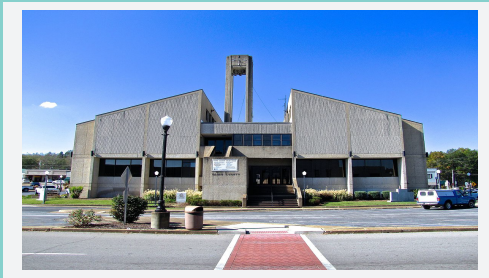


HISTORIC WAYNE COUNTY COURTHOUSE

The Wayne County Courthouse is a classic example of BRUTALIST ARCHITECTURE. It consists of large, fortress-like but simple geometric masses with features forming repeating patterns, in this case the two angular roof blocks separated by a central recess are the most prominent example. The various elements are distinctly articulated but grouped together to form a unified whole. In contrast to many of the highly decorated traditional courthouses borrowing from European prototypes (the previous Wayne County courthouse was a neoclassical structure borrowing elements from antiquity), the new courthouse was built of raw concrete, the surfaces minimally dressed and still exhibiting the texture of the wooden boards used during the casting. Even the interior is starkly modern with heavy use of anodized steel, structural glass and engineered marble.



Downtown Waynesboro around 1895 or 1909, depending on sources. The 1844 frame courthouse is at center right, and the historic Cumberland Presbyterian Church is in the background.



INCIDENT AT WAYNESBORO A Case of Friendly Fire

In November 1863, military governor Andrew Johnson ordered Union Maj. John Murphy, 5th Tennessee Calvary, to take charge of two companies of Union Guards in Nashville. These 200 newly mustered men were from Wayne County and vicinity and were not yet organized into a regular regiment. Johnson told Murphy to proceed with them to Waynesboro and open a recruiting office. As they traveled along the Old Natchez Trace, the Federals had several minor engagements with small parties of Confederate partisans and soon learned to be wary of guerrilla tricks, disguises, and ambushes. As Murphy's column made its way here, the veteran 7th Illinois Mounted Infantry was returning from duty at Hamburg Landing on the Tennessee River, heading form Pulaski. As they marched along the Pinhook-Waynesboro Road, they halted about two miles outside the county seat to eat and feed their mounts. After dinner, the Illinois soldiers galloped into Waynesboro, not suspecting what was about to happen.

A Waynesboro citizen who saw the Illinois men riding hard toward town thought that they were Confederates. As he fled in the opposite direction, he ran directly into Murphy's column. When asked if he had seen any guerrillas, the citizen pointed toward the Illinois regiment's advance guard, and the fighting began. Bullets flew for several minutes, wounding three, until the prospective commanders determined that they were on the same side. Afterward, the 5th Tennessee occupied Waynesboro while the 7th Illinois marched to camp at the Pointer Brothers' iron furnace five miles east of town.

"The Fifth Tennessee having been deceived so often by guerrillas dressed in federal uniforms, they have in consequence become very vigilant." ~

Sgt. D. Leib Ambrose, 7th Illinois Mounted Infantry



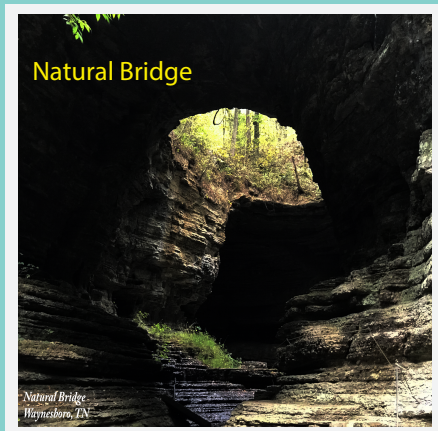
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Nestled along the banks of the Green River about six miles north of the geographic center of the county, Waynesboro serves as Wayne County's seat of government as well as a key commercial center for the county.



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The Spa is located at the historic Natural Bridge, also known as "Courthouse," one of the more easily accessible natural bridges in the state. Formed over millions of years, Indian tribes, including the Yuchi from Mexico, the Choctaw, Chickasaw, Muskogean, and Creeks, walked the trails around the Natural Bridge and used this site over several different periods of history. Davy Crockett, who lived on a farm adjoining the bridge complex, is thought to have given his first political speeches from Pulpit Rock.

Wayne County Museum-104 Public Square South
(931)722-5016

Waynesboro City Park-329-99 Hurricane Meadows Rd.
(931)722-5458 (931)722-1821 after hours

Waynesboro Sportsplex-1233 Collinwood Hwy.

Waynesboro Municipal Golfcourse-725 Green River Rd.
(931)722-39948

Crazy Horse Recreational Park-2505 Waynesboro Hwy.
(931)722-5213

Tennessee Fitness Spa @ Natural Bridge-299 Natural Bridge Rd.
(931)722-5589 or 1(800)235-8365

American Rebel Off Road Park-3301 Natural Bridge Rd.
(931)722-5058

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