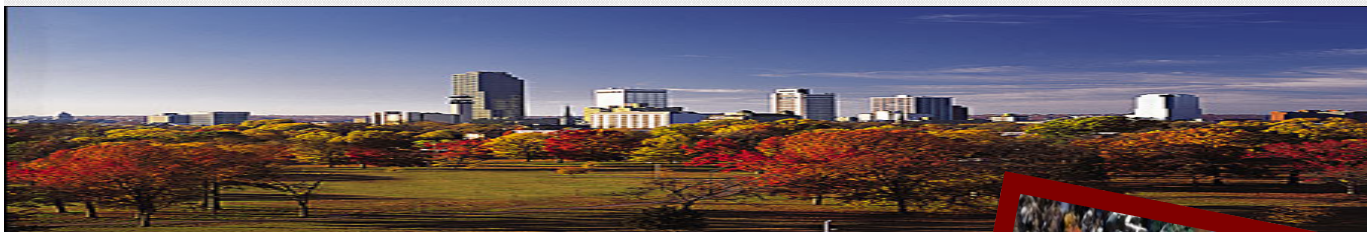


ARRIVAL GUIDE TO ARKANSAS



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Weather and Average Temperatures

Arkansas has a temperate climate, warmer and more humid in the southern lowlands than in the mountainous regions. At Little Rock, the normal daily temperature ranges from 40 F (4 C) in January to 81 F (27 C) in July.

Average yearly precipitation is approximately 45 in (114 cm) in the mountainous areas and greater in the lowlands; Little Rock received an annual average of 50.9 in (129.2 cm), with an average relative humidity ranging from 84% at 7:00 AM to 57% at 1:00 PM. Snowfall in the capital averages 5.2 in (13.2 cm) a year.

Spring and Fall are particularly mild with the most extreme temperatures occurring in late summer when days are hot and humid and during winter months when temperatures occasionally dip into the teens or below.

Weather in Arkansas often changes dramatically due to surrounding weather influences. When two or more weather systems merge, clouds form, temperature changes and precipitation often follows. Arkansas's central location allows weather systems from all directions to influence its climate.

Average temperatures:

- December—February usually range from 54 F—33F (12C—0.5C)
- March—May usually range from 80 F—43 F (27C—6C)
- June—August usually range from 91 F—69 F (33C—21C)

$$\text{Equation: } F = C * 9 / 5 + 32$$



Facts About Arkansas



Government: Democratic
Climate: Temperate
Population: 2, 915.918
Capital: Little Rock

Currency: US Dollar
Time Zone: Central

Geography

Arkansas is bounded on the north by Missouri; on the east by the Mississippi River, which separates it from Mississippi and Tennessee; on the south by Louisiana; and on the west by the plains of Oklahoma and Texas. In size, it stands 27th among the states, with an area of 53,187 square miles. Of these, over 600,000 acres are lakes with 9,740 miles of streams.

Arkansas is about equally divided between lowlands and highlands, with the Gulf coastal Plain on the south, the Mississippi River Alluvial Plain (Delta and Grand Prairie) on the east and the Interior highlands on the west and north. Elevations in the lowlands range from 54 feet above sea level in the south to 683 feet above sea level in the northeast. The hill section is divided into two areas of nearly equal size. To the north are the Ozark plateaus, and to the south is the Ouachita province. Between them flows the Arkansas River, through a wide valley included in the Ouachita subdivision. In this Arkansas River Valley stands the highest and most impressive peaks of the state—Nebo, Petit Jean and Magazine. Petit Jean is cleft by a canyon with a 75-foot waterfall, and Mount Magazine has the highest elevation in the state, 2, 753 feet above sea level.



- The community of Mountain View is called the Folk Capital of America. The little town preserves the pioneer way of life and puts it on display for visitors at the Ozark Folk Center State Park from March through October.
- Sam Walton founded his Wal-Mart stores in Bentonville.
- Mount Ida is known as the Quartz Crystal Capital of the World.
- The first woman elected to the U.S. Senate was from Arkansas -- Hattie Caraway, elected November 1932.
- The word Arkansas is from the Quapaw Indian language meaning south wind.
- The term Arkansas means south wind and is derived from a name used by some Native Americans to describe the Quapaws, an early tribe in the area. The French Jesuits pronounced the tribe name Oo-gaq-pa, which the Algonquins pronounced Oo-ka-na-sa, and Marquette wrote Arkansoa; LaSalle wrote Arkensa; DeTonti, Arkancas; and LaHarpe, Arkansas. When the state was admitted to the Union in 1836, it was spelled Arkansas. The legislature of 1881 appointed a committee to ascertain the rightful pronunciation of the last syllable, and the result was a resolution declaring the pronunciation to be Ark-an-saw.

Health and Safety



Health

There are no health concerns in Little Rock, Arkansas that deserve merit.

The tap water is satisfactory to drink and all foods sold at supermarkets and grocery stores are FDA approved.

Always remember to maintain a healthy balanced diet and the right nutrition to ensure maximum energy and health for the duration of your stay in Little Rock.

UALR is a smoke free campus—those caught smoking will be ticketed.

For more information: Arkansas Department of Health website:

www.healthy.arkansas.gov



Safety

Although Little Rock, AR is not a high crime area it is always in your best interest to keep your belongings in safe location at all times. Never leave anything of value unprotected and always remember to lock your doors.

Emergency contact number:
911

*Campus Public Safety:
(501) 569-3400

*Safety escort service available 24hrs/day and a Public Safety officer will walk with you to your destination



Transportation

- Central Arkansas Transit Authority:

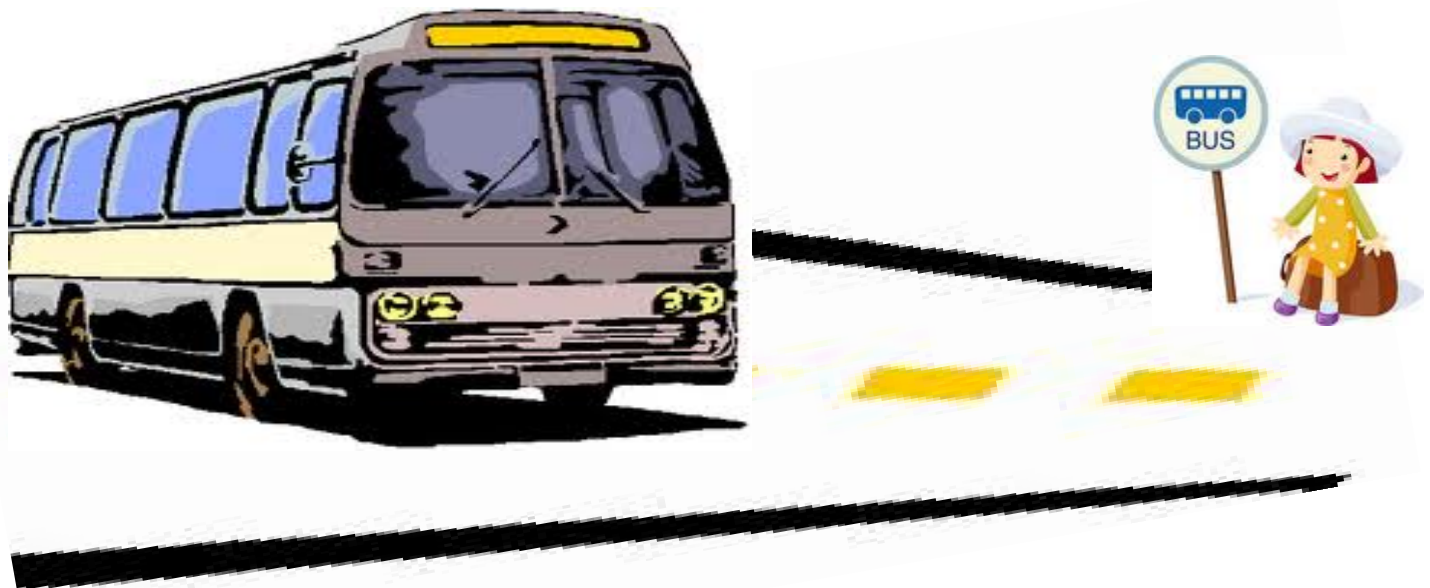
Central Arkansas Transit (CAT) operates a fleet of 55 buses. CAT has been serving the Little Rock area since the late 1800s. A one way fee would cost .65¢

For more information on Bus hours, routes, and fees please visit: <http://www.cat.org> or call their information office: (501) 375-1163

- Yellow Cab Taxi Service:

Drivers are licensed by Little Rock Fleet Services, and their cabs are well maintained. Yellow Cab has a 24/7 service. To get into the cab the base fee is \$3.00 and \$2.00 each mile.

For more information on Yellow Cab Taxi Service call (501)579-9999 or (501)537-4952. You can also locate their services, rates and reservations online at <http://yellowcablr.com/>



Restaurant Guide

Little Rock is filled with restaurants for every taste bud. Whether you want something quick like fast food or a sit down meal there are many options in this metropolitan area.

Tipping:

At non fast food restaurants and many jobs in the service industry such as barbers, maids, taxi drivers, bartenders, etc. it is customary to tip if the service was acceptable.

The general accepted value of a tip is 15% to 20% of the amount of your bill.

Taxes:

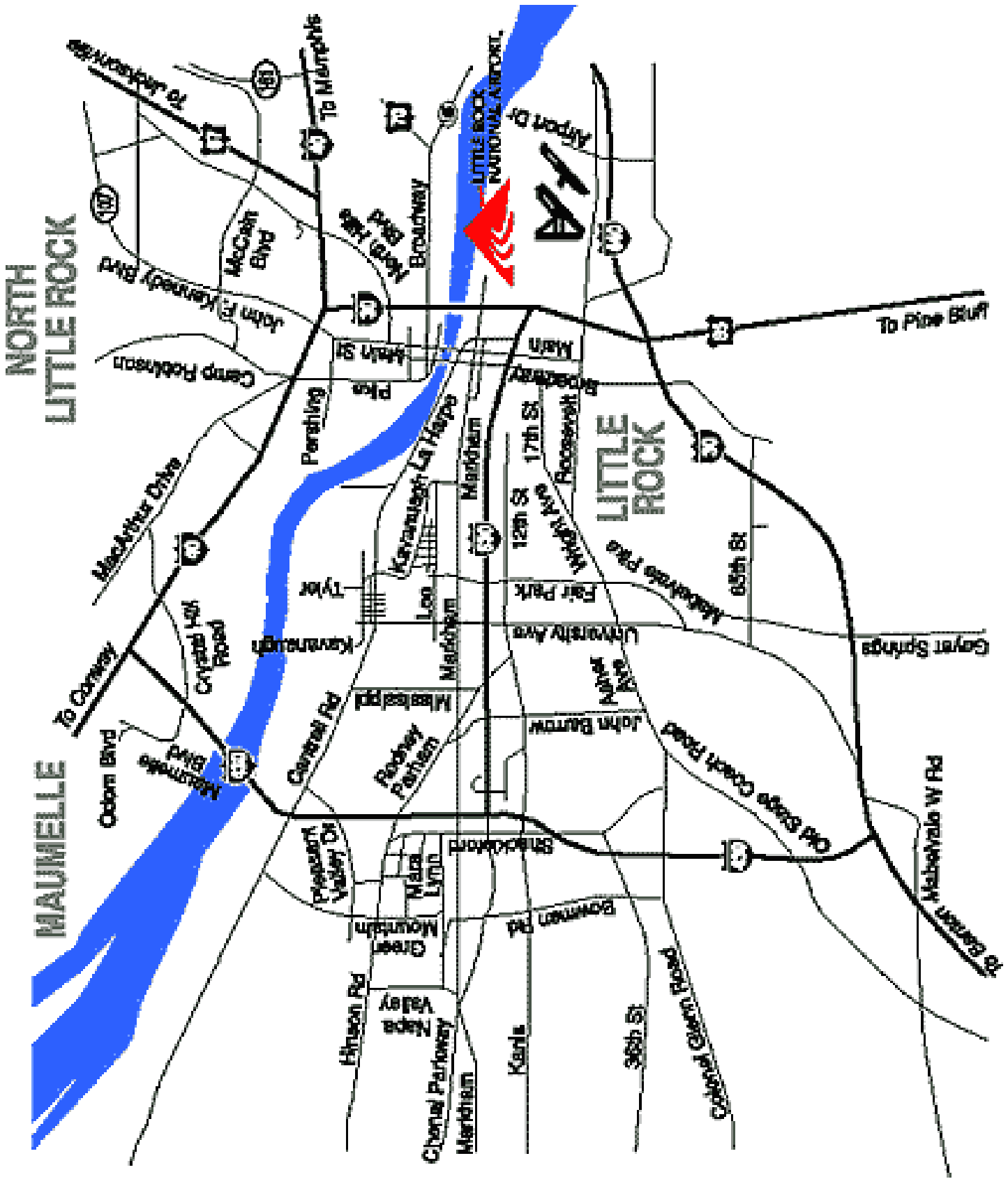
The Arkansas sales tax rate is 6%. Little rock charges an additional local sales tax of 0.5%. Items like alcohol, prepared food (restaurants) are charged at a higher sales tax rate, while necessities like groceries, clothes, and non-prescription drugs are exempted or charged at a lower sales tax rate.

<http://www.treasury.gov>



NORTH LITTLE ROCK

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LITTLE ROCK



Restaurant List

Restaurants Near Campus:

Van Lang
Specialty: Vietnamese
3600 S University Ave, Little Rock, AR

Ali Baba
Specialty: Middle Eastern cuisine
3408 S University Ave #2, Little Rock, AR

Subway
Specialty: sandwiches, salads
3400 S University Ave, Little Rock, AR

Apple Spice Junction
Specialty: Deli and sandwiches
2000 S. University Ave, Little Rock, AR

Senor Tequila
Specialty: Mexican
2000 S. University Ave, Little Rock, AR

Popeye's Chicken & Biscuits
Specialty: fried chicken, biscuits, red beans and rice
3208 S University Ave, Little Rock, AR
(501)562-8110

Domino's Pizza
Specialty: Pasta bowls, Variety of pizza styles, cheesy bread
6420 Colonel Glenn Rd, Little Rock, AR
(501) 565-0300
(They deliver)

Hillcrest/Heights Area

Za Za's
Specialty: Fine Salad, Pizza, Gelato
5600 Kavanaugh Blvd, Little Rock, AR

Sushi Café
Specialty: Japanese
5823 Kavanaugh Blvd, Little Rock, AR



These are just a few of the restaurants offered in Little Rock. For a full list go to <http://www.yellowpages.com> under restaurants.

Ways to Get Involved

International Club

This student organization formed in 2010 to host programs and events that help facilitate cultural understanding and community for students on the UALR campus. For more information on the international club contact the advisor Allyson Hughes: abhughes@ualr.edu.



Conversation Club

International Friendship Outreach (IFO) sponsors dinner and conversation to bring international students together with American students to practice English and to learn about one another. www.ifoarkansas.org

International Celebration Week

The Event is celebrating the wonderful diversity of cultures, ideas, music, food and traditions both around the world and on our campus! You can share information about your heritage or culture, perform, and/or help with planning, set-up, and more. www.ualr.edu/programsabroad

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