



DAY TRIP TO DAVIDSONVILLE

From Pocahontas · Randolph County, Arkansas



RIVER AND LAKE



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STATE PARK · OPEN DAILY

Nothing stands of the town, but the townsite is open to walk in Davidsonville Historic State Park. Arkansas State Parks lists the visitor center open daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. from March through November; the campground, picnic area and restrooms are open all year (park page read October 29, 2026).

Davidsonville is a half-day trip from Pocahontas: twenty minutes down AR 166, then the visitor center and the townsite loop. Bring lunch for the picnic area.

A SAMPLE DAY

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| ☐ Morning | Drive south from Pocahontas on AR 166 to the park. |
| ☐ Late morning | Visitor center: the audio tour, the replica flatboat and the artifacts from the digs. |
| ☐ Noon | Walk the Historic Townsite Trail past the courthouse square and the steel frames. |
| ☐ Afternoon | Picnic, then back to Pocahontas. |

WHAT TO PHOTOGRAPH

- **The steel frames on the townsite.** Shoot them against the sky to show the size of the lost buildings.
- **The plaque and entrance sign.** "Oldest town site in Arkansas" and "Town Est. 1815" set the scene.



DAY TRIP ESSENTIALS

 DRIVE	11 mi, about 21 min each way from downtown Pocahontas. From Little Rock: 143 mi, about 2 h 44 min.
 HOURS	Visitor center daily 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., March to November; December to February, weekdays 8 to 5 and weekends 1 to 5. Closed New Year's Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Campground, picnic area and restrooms open all year.
 ADMISSION	The park page lists no entrance fee; it lists fees only for pavilions and camping.
 TIME ON SITE	One to two hours for the visitor center and the townsite trail.
 WALKING	The Historic Townsite Trail is three quarters of a mile and rated easy, with twelve wayside exhibits.
 RESTROOMS	Open all year.
 FOOD AND WATER	No food service listed. Bring lunch from Pocahontas.
 CONTACT	870-892-4708
 WEBSITE	arkansas.com/state-parks/parks/davidsonville-historic-state-park

BEFORE YOU GO

- Check the status with the land manager before you go; conditions change.
- Keep out of unstable buildings and off fenced ruins.
- Leave artifacts where they lie. Removing them can be a crime.
- Carry water, a paper map and a charged phone; signal is often poor.

Coordinates 36.15424, -91.05569 · 36°09'15"N 91°03'20"W

Full guide abandonedtowns.com/arkansas/davidsonville/

Directions [Google Maps](#)

Details checked October 2026. Hours, prices and access change: confirm before you go.