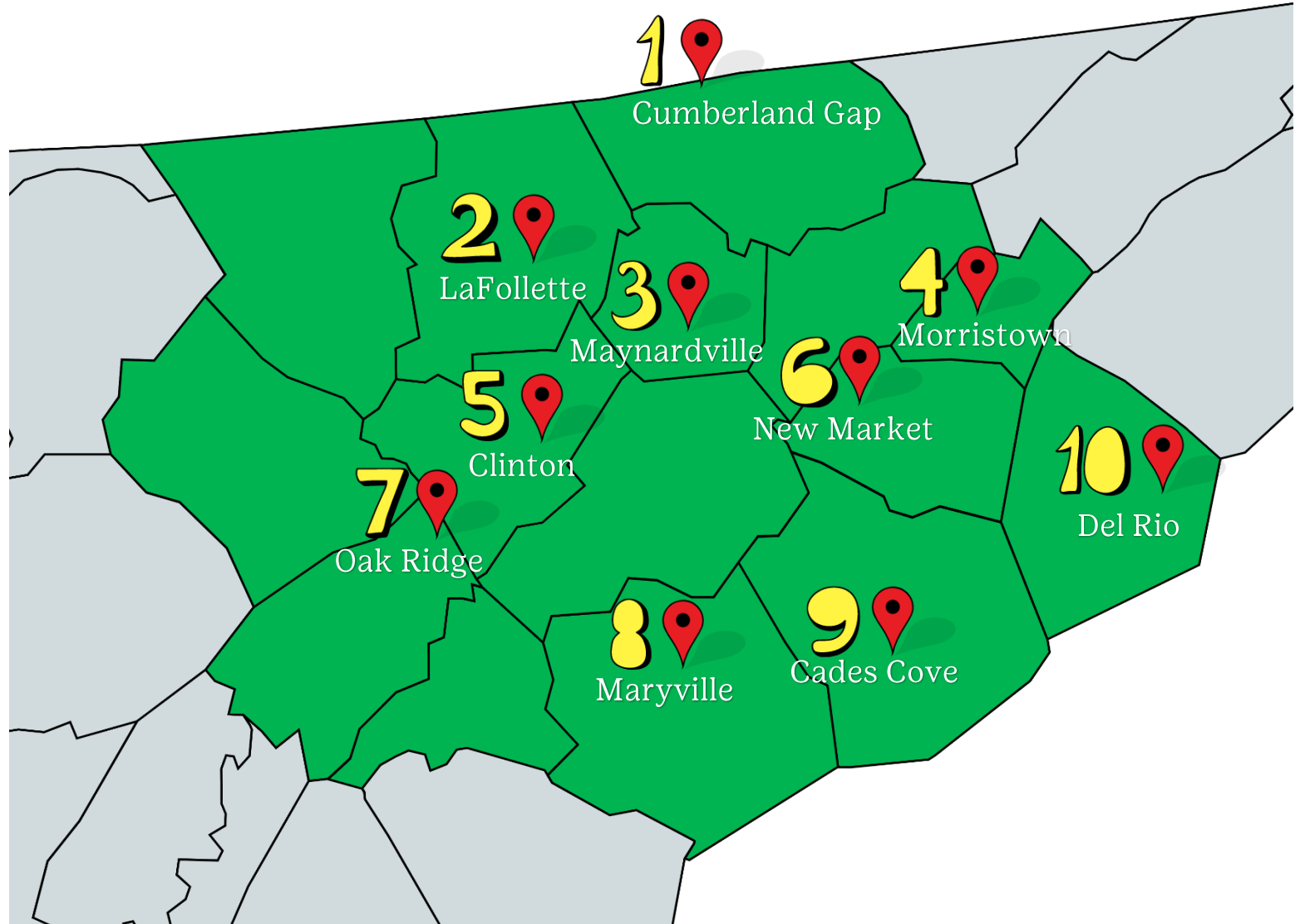


East Tennessee

# Women's History Tour

In honor of Women's History Month, take some time to explore the women's history of our Council's very own region. From creative artists to civil rights heroines to Calutron Girls, you'll find them all in East Tennessee. Use the map to guide your adventure—and see who else you can find along the way! Visit\* 5 of the 10 places—or more—on the map below, then send us your report for a great new patch!



*\*While visiting in person is the best way to experience these places, we understand that's not always possible. You can also visit via Google! Go to [earth.google.com](http://earth.google.com) and search for the place you want to visit. If you do go in person, know that some of these locations may be open only on certain days, during certain weather, or by appointment only. Review your visiting options ahead of time for the best experience.*

Date visited:  **1. The Olde Mill Inn, 603 Pennlyn Ave. Cumberland Gap, TN 37724.** The Olde Mill Inn was originally built in the late 1800's and was sold to Mrs. Elizabeth Thacker and her children. It remained in her family for some years before being sold again. Visit the Inn and see what you can discover about Elizabeth's legacy.

Date visited:  **2. Old LaFollette Post Office, 119 S. Tennessee Ave. LaFollette, TN 37766.** Postmark LaFollette, housed in the old post office, is a collaborative creative placemaking project working to build and maintain the arts and culture of LaFollette and strengthen social and economic art opportunities. It was founded by Karen Cumorich and JoAnne Myers in 2014. Stop by the old post office and take a tour.

Date visited:  **3. Union County Chamber of Commerce, 1001 Main St. Maynardville, TN 37807.** Maynardville is home to several country music stars including Lois Johnson. Grab your favorite listening device, look up her music, and take a tour of downtown while rocking out to Lois's songs.

Date visited:  **4. Rose Center Council for the Arts, 442 W. 2nd N St. Morristown, TN 37814.** The Rose Center is housed in the historic Rose School, Morristown's first co-ed public high school (that is, the first public high school to educate both boys AND girls.) Visit "the Castle," as it's known locally to learn more about this school-turned-cultural-center.

Date visited:  **5. Green McAdoo Cultural Center, 101 School St. Clinton, TN 37716.** In 1956, 12 high schoolers in Clinton became the first Black students to desegregate a public high school in the United States. Their experiences are chronicled in the memoir *This Promise of Change* by Jo Ann Allen Boyce, one of the "Clinton 12," as well as at the Green McAdoo Cultural Center, the original primary school for Black children in Clinton. Visit the Center to learn more about Jo Ann and her brave friends.

Date visited:  **6. Septima Clark Learning Center at the Highlander Research and Education Center, 1959 Highlander Way, New Market, TN 37820.** From 1956 to 1961, Septima Clark served as Highlander's Education Director and led the Citizenship School program which taught literacy to Black communities across the South and trained teachers who provided support to over 700,000 leaders in the Civil Rights Movement. Visit the Center to learn more about Septima's legacy and how her work continues.

Date visited:  **7. K-25 History Center, 652 Enrichment St. Oak Ridge, TN 37830.** This unique center tells the story of the women (and men) who built and ran the site which helped end World War II, especially the Calutron Girls, young women who were trained to monitor and maintain the mass spectrometers at the uranium enrichment plant. These women helped shape the course of human history! Visit the Center (and other sites related to the Manhattan Project National Historical Park) to learn their stories. (BONUS! Read Denise Kiernan's nonfiction book *The Girls of Atomic City* or Janet Beard's novel *The Atomic City Girls* before you visit!)

Date visited:  **8. Blount County Public Library, 508 N. Cusick St. Maryville, TN 37804.** Maryville was settled in 1785, making it one of the oldest towns in Tennessee. But just who was the "Mary" it's named for? Head to the Blount County Library and start researching!

Date visited:  **9. Cades Cove, Sugarlands Visitor Center, 1420 Fighting Creek Gap Rd. Gatlinburg, TN 37738.** The historic valley of Cades Cove is open year-round, with an 11-mile loop road that winds through the valley. Before you go, read *Oliver's Crossing* by Catherine Astl, then visit the Cove to learn about the real-life women (and men) who lived there.

Date visited:  **10. Ebenezer Independent Missionary Baptist Church, 1005 Ebenezer Way, Del Rio, TN 37727.** Originally a Presbyterian mission, this historic church was immortalized in Catherine Marshall's novel *Christy* based on her mother's experience as a school teacher for this rural Appalachian town. When the mission closed, Opal Corn Myers, "Miss Opal," a former student, kept the doors open by hosting one church service a month. In 1969, Miss Opal organized the community to buy the building where it became the Ebenezer Independent Missionary Baptist Church.

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- Scan and email it to [LSalinas@GirlScoutCSA.org](mailto:LSalinas@GirlScoutCSA.org) (put "Women's History" in the subject;) OR
- Drop it off in person at your local Girl Scout Leadership Center.

## *Tour Info:*

**Circle the places you visited.**

The Olde Mill Inn    Postmark LaFollette    Maynardville    Rose Center    Green McAdoo Cultural Center

Septima Clark Learning Center    K-25 History Center    Maryville    Cades Cove    Ebenezer Baptist Church

**Which was your favorite place to visit on this tour? Why was it your favorite?**

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