



A GUIDED TOUR OF PRESIDENT CLINTON'S LITTLE ROCK



For 16 years – 12 of those years as Arkansas Governor – Bill Clinton and his family called Little Rock home. Hillary Clinton served as a lawyer with the Rose Law Firm. Their daughter attended public schools here. During those years, they developed strong ties and lasting friendships, and the support of a state and a city that cheered him on as he reached his political aspirations. Welcome to Bill Clinton's Little Rock.

Born William Jefferson Blythe IV to Virginia Cassidy and the late William J. Blythe III, Bill was later adopted by his stepfather, Roger Clinton. He spent his early years in Hope and Hot Springs, Arkansas, leaving in 1964 to attend Georgetown University. Following Georgetown, Bill studied at Oxford as a Rhodes scholar and then entered Yale Law School. It was there that he met Hillary Rodham in 1971. They married four years later while serving as law professors at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville.

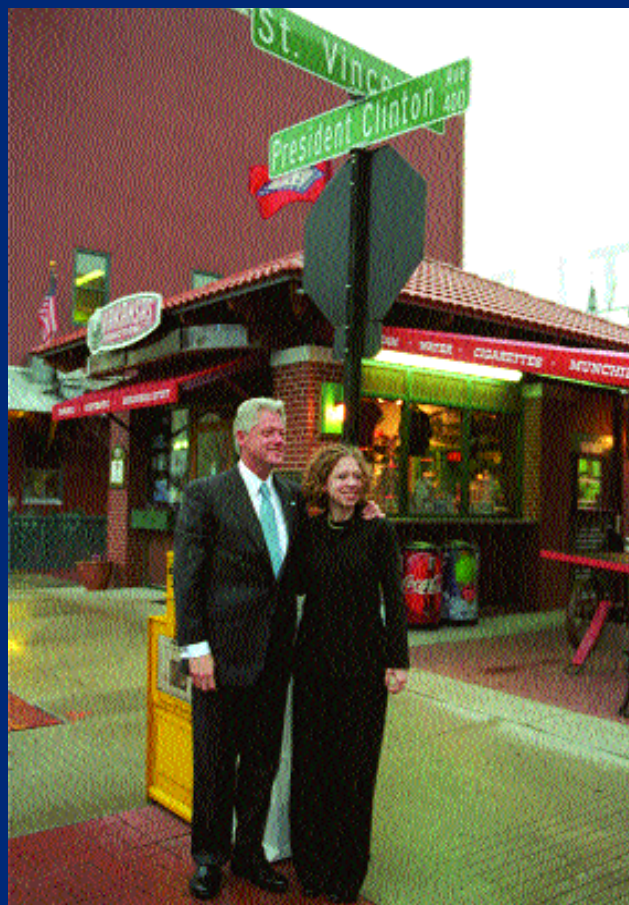
The Clintons' move to Little Rock in 1976 also marked Bill's official entry into politics. He won the Attorney General race, putting him in statewide office by age 30. In 1979, Clinton was elected as the youngest governor at the age of 32, but was defeated for re-election two years later. During the interim, the Clintons' daughter, Chelsea, was born, and Bill and Hillary returned to practicing law.

Clinton regained the office of Arkansas Governor in 1983. In his second and subsequent terms as governor, Clinton's principal focus was on education reform, including testing of teachers, applying standard curriculum and providing aid to marginal students, as well as the opportunity for vocational training. The First Lady's interest in education and childcare caused her husband to appoint her as chair of the commission that made the initial recommendations for education reform.

Throughout their years in Little Rock, the Clintons were active in the community and in the church – Bill a member of Immanuel Baptist Church and Hillary a member of First United Methodist Church.

Governor Clinton often took morning jogs and stopped off downtown for coffee. And, as most people know, President Clinton still likes playing the tenor sax now and then, a hobby he eagerly showed on the *Arsenio Hall Show* during the 1992 presidential campaign.

So while you're in Little Rock, we invite you to tour our historic presidential paths and enjoy the same beautiful scenery and warm Arkansas hospitality that Bill Clinton and his family still enjoy.



Governor's Mansion

18th and Center Streets

Built between 1947 and 1950, the Arkansas Governor's Mansion occupies the site of the historic Arkansas School for the Blind. The design for the Governor's Mansion is a latter-day version of the Colonial Revival style, reportedly chosen to complement the Greek revival architecture of the Old State House, located 17 blocks north of the Governor's Mansion at the head of Center Street. President Clinton and his family lived in the Mansion during his first term as Arkansas Governor from 1979 until 1981 and then again from 1983 until 1992 when he was elected President of the United States.



Dunbar Recreation Center

1001 West 16th Street

President Clinton's polling place during his years as Arkansas Governor and where he cast his vote for President in 1992.

5419 L Street

On January 5, 1977, young Bill and Hillary Clinton purchased this one-story buff brick home. The Clintons lived here across from Prospect Terrace Park while he served as Arkansas Attorney General from 1977-79.



816 Midland Street

After his loss to Republican Frank D. White, the Clintons and their newborn daughter, Chelsea Victoria Clinton, born February 27, 1980, moved to this two-story frame home. During this interim period, the Clintons returned to law practice.

Arkansas State Capitol

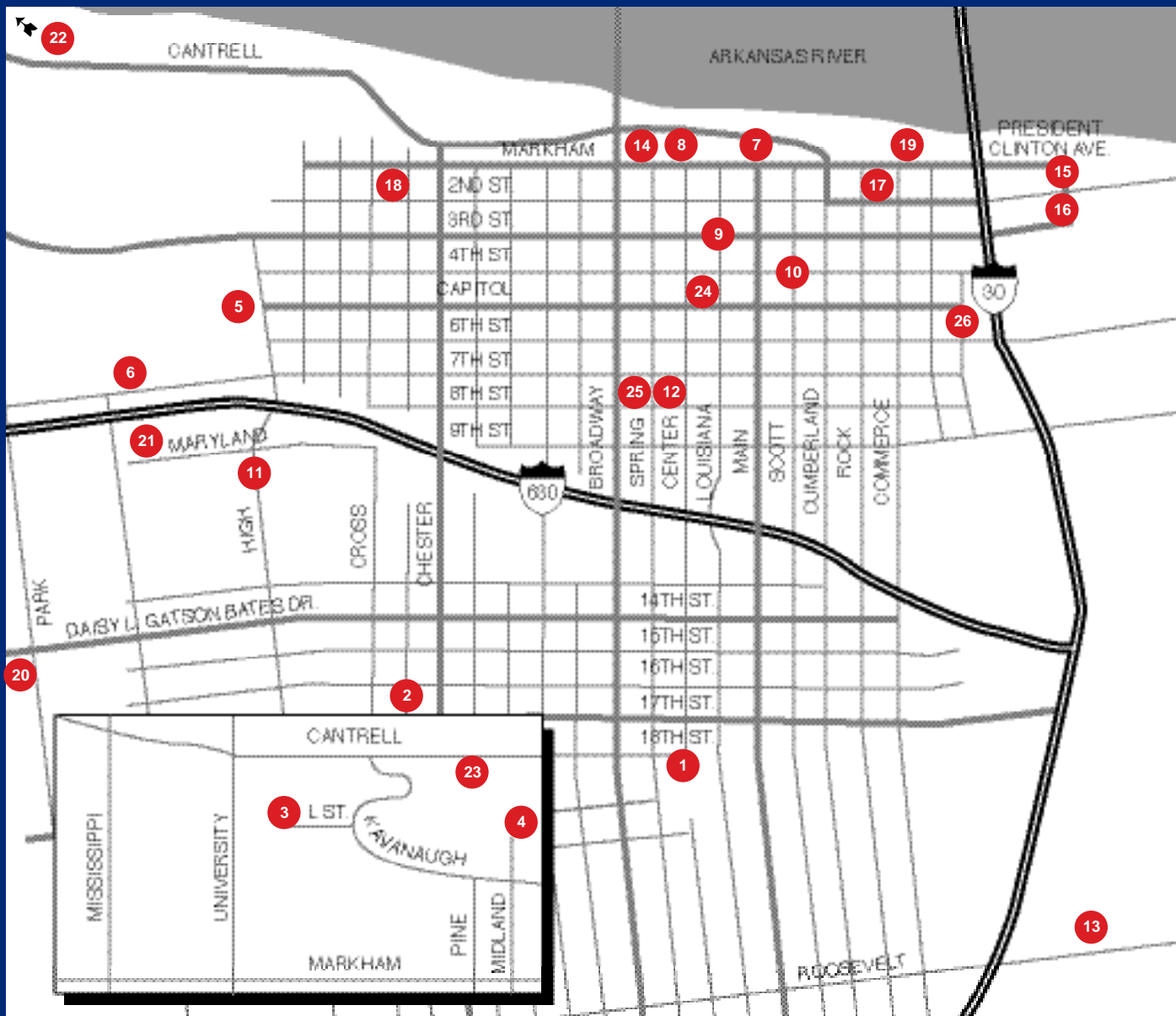
Woodlane and Capitol Avenue

501-682-1010

www.sosweb.state.ar.us/bldg.html

Bill Clinton served as Arkansas Governor here from 1979-81 and 1983-92. The Arkansas State Capitol was built between 1899 and 1915 in an imposing neo-classical style. Built primarily of Batesville limestone quarried in Arkansas and some Indiana Bedford Limestone, the interior was





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finished in marble from Vermont, Colorado and Alabama. The top of the dome is 230 feet above the surrounding ground, and the lantern roof is covered in 18-karat gold leaf. Many lavish details include six solid bronze doors purchased from Tiffany's of New York.

Justice Building

1500 West 7th Street

While Bill Clinton served as Arkansas Attorney General, he had offices in the state's Justice Building.

Statehouse Convention Center

Markham and Main Streets

501-376-4781

www.littlerock.com

This was the site of Bill Clinton's gubernatorial inauguration balls and also served as the Media Center for the national and international press during Election Nights '92 and '96.

Old State House

300 West Markham Street

501-324-9685

www.oldstatehouse.com

Bill Clinton announced his bid for the presidency here on October 3, 1991, and delivered his acceptance speeches in 1992 and 1996. The Old State House is a museum of Arkansas history. It was erected from 1833-1842 and served as Arkansas' first State Capitol.

Clinton/Gore Campaign Headquarters

112 West 3rd Street

This historic structure, the 1908 Gazette Building, served as President Clinton's campaign headquarters during the 1992 presidential election. The building formerly housed the state's oldest business, the *Arkansas Gazette*, until the newspaper merged with the *Arkansas Democrat* in 1991. Known as the "oldest newspaper west of the Mississippi River," the *Gazette* had been an Arkansas institution since 1819.

Rose Law Firm

120 East 4th Street

Hillary Clinton practiced law with the Rose Law Firm from 1981-1992.

Immanuel Baptist Church

1000 Bishop Street

When in Little Rock, President Clinton attended landmark Immanuel Baptist Church in downtown Little Rock. The church has since relocated to a new site.

First United Methodist Church

8th and Center Streets

When in Little Rock, Hillary attended church services at Little Rock's oldest Methodist Church.

Mann Magnet Middle School

1000 East Roosevelt Road

The Clintons' daughter, Chelsea, attended Mann Magnet, a public school with an emphasis on math and science.

Robinson Center

Markham and Broadway Streets

501-376-4781

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Built between 1937-1940, Joseph T. Robinson Memorial Auditorium was the site of President-Elect Clinton's December 1992 Clinton Economic Conference. U.S. Senator Joseph T. Robinson (1872-1937), the only Arkansan other than Bill Clinton to appear on a Presidential ticket, ran for Vice President as a Democrat in 1928.

Clinton Presidential Center and Park

501-370-5050

www.clintontours.com

www.clintonpresidentialcenter.com

Located in downtown Little Rock's River Market District on the banks of the Arkansas River, the Clinton Presidential Center will house the largest archival collection in American Presidential History. The Center will include a museum, an archival collection and educational facilities.

Within the Park, a historic railroad bridge spanning the Arkansas River is being restored and converted into a pedestrian bridge. In addition to the pedestrian bridge, the Park will contain a pavilion, an amphitheater, a children's playground two-thirds the size of a football field and walking/bicycle trails. The Center will open November 18, 2004.

University of Arkansas Clinton School of Public Service

*Dean Kumpuris Street
William J. Clinton Presidential Park
501-370-8000
www.clintonpresidentialcenter.com*

Across from the Presidential Center Museum will be the University of Arkansas Clinton School of Public Service. It will be located in the restored 1899 Choctaw passenger train depot. The Clinton School will offer a master's degree in public service.

Cox Creative Center

*120 Commerce Street
501-918-3093*

The Cox Creative Center, a part of the Central Arkansas Library System, has been host to three Clinton Presidential Library preview exhibits.

Doe's Eat Place

*1023 West Markham Street
501-376-1195*

Doe's became a favorite restaurant frequented by the Presidential Campaign staff during the 1992 election. During his frequent visits to Arkansas, President Clinton often ate at Doe's and even ordered take-out for Air Force One.

River Market District

Beginning at President Clinton Avenue, this beautiful area is bustling with restaurants, hotels, lofts, condominiums, shops and a large farmers' market. One of the President's favorite stops, Andina's Coffee House, is located at 400 President Clinton Avenue and features two special roasts named in honor of Bill and Hillary Clinton. Also in the River Market is the Clinton Information Center where visitors can learn about the Presidential Center and purchase souvenirs.

Central High School National Historic Site

*2125 South Daisy L. Gatson Bates Drive
501-374-1957
http://home.swbell.net/chmuseum*

A visitors center with a permanent exhibit is located across the street from the school. In 1997, President Clinton attended the 40th Anniversary ceremony commemorating the 1957 desegregation crisis.

Arkansas Children's Hospital

800 Marshall Street

Hillary served on the board of this hospital and was instrumental in establishing its neo-natal intensive care unit.

Rebsamen Golf Course

*3400 Rebsamen Park Drive
501-664-4299*

This public golf course, owned and operated by the city of Little Rock, is a favorite of Bill Clinton's during his trips to Little Rock. He frequently plays golf here with friends.

Allsopp Park

Allsopp Park Road

In elementary school, Chelsea played softball in the Hillcrest Softball League at the Allsopp Park field. Bill and Hillary Clinton were avid fans.

Wright Lindsey & Jennings Law Firm/ Bank of America Building

200 West Capitol Avenue

Bill Clinton practiced law here from 1981-1983.

McDonald's

701 Broadway Street

As governor and during his first presidential campaign, Clinton would stop in frequently after his morning jogs for coffee.

Holiday Inn Presidential Conference Center

*I-30 and 6th Street
501-375-2100*

Located near the Clinton Presidential Center, this hotel showcases Clinton and other presidential memorabilia, and features the Bill Clinton Presidential Ballroom.



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