



Whittington Park

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TAKE THE FIELD, TRAVEL BACK IN TIME

Nestled in the majestic Ouachita Mountains, Hot Springs National Park became known as America's First Resort for its naturally thermal waters, luxury hotels, lively nightlife, fine dining and exciting outdoors. In 1886, Cap Anson brought his Chicago White Stockings (now the Cubs) to Hot Springs for the start of something new: spring training. As many as 250 professional baseball players, including some of the biggest legends of the game, convened here in The Spa City each spring for training and recreation. Walk in their footsteps on the Hot Springs Baseball Trail, featuring 32 stops. Use this brochure to plan your tour.



Clockwise from top: Baseball players at Whittington Park, Stan Musial, Honus Wagner.



Clockwise from top: Babe Ruth, Jackie Robinson, Cy Young at Whittington Park, Jackie Robinson.



The Birthplace of Spring Baseball



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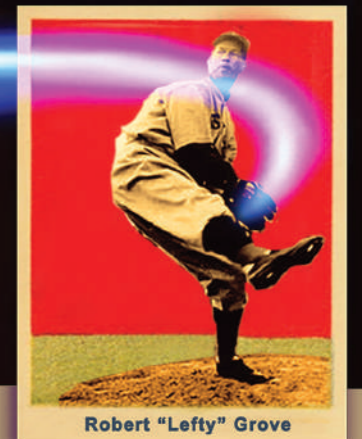
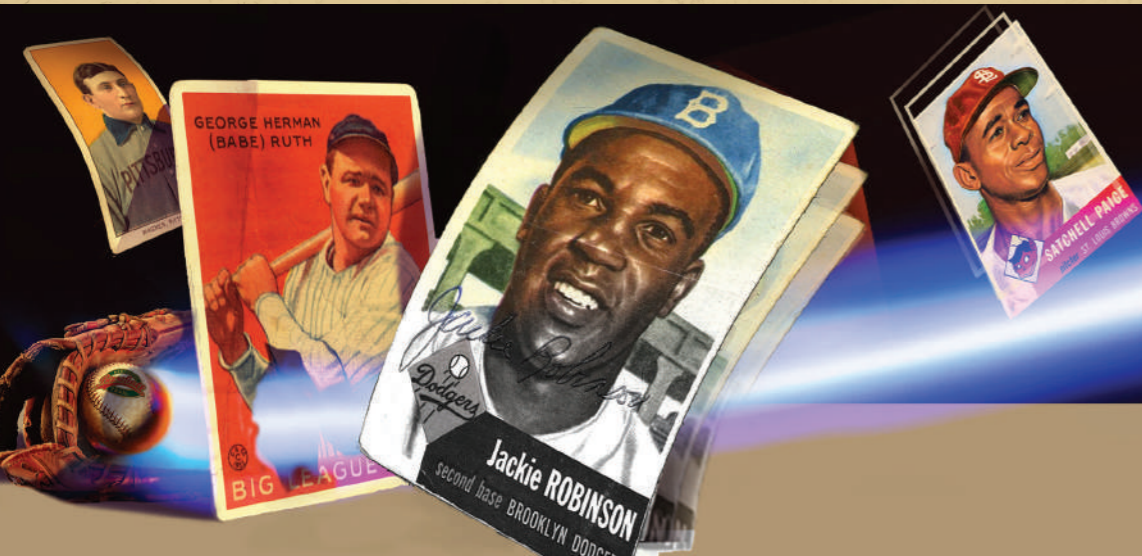
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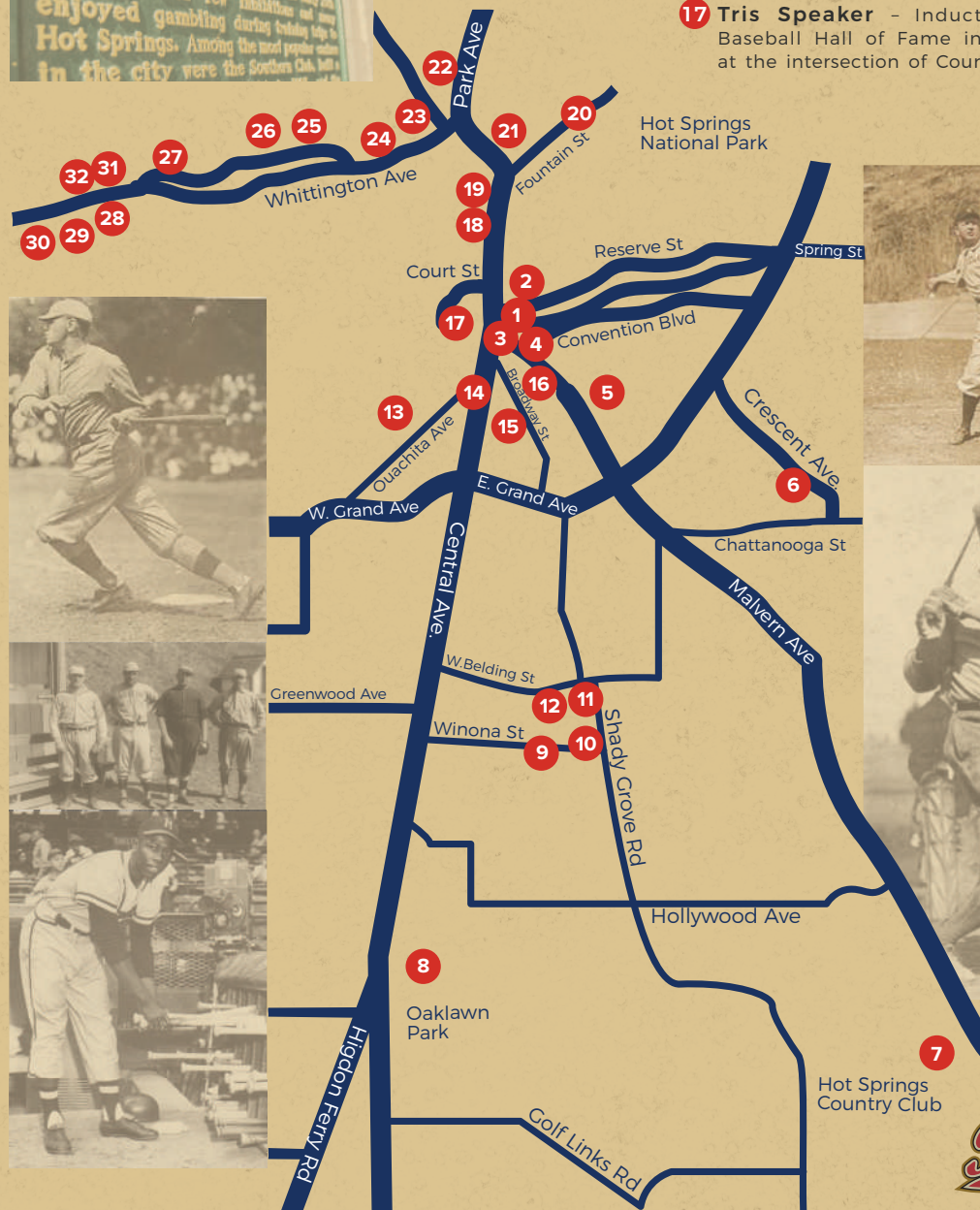


Robert "Lefty" Grove



America's First Resort

- 1 **The Eastman Hotel** – Hosted many teams in Hot Springs during spring training. Plaque located in the Hill Wheatley Plaza parking lot (629 Central Avenue).
- 2 **Buck Ewing** – Inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 1939. Plaque located near the steps leading to the Rehabilitation Center (105 Reserve Street).
- 3 **Dizzy and Daffy Dean** – Brothers from Lucas, Arkansas, who became the most famous pitching duo in baseball history. Plaque located on the sidewalk beside the downtown Visitor Center (629 Central Avenue).
- 4 **Playing Cards Mural** – Texas artists Chris Arnold and Jeff Garrison of Dallas created the mural honoring five iconic baseball greats – Honus Wagner, Babe Ruth, Jackie Robinson, Satchel Paige, and Lefty Grove, all who had intimate ties to Hot Springs in the late 19th and early 20th Centuries when the city was known worldwide as the place where Major League players got ready for the baseball season (Intersection of Convention Boulevard and Malvern Avenue).
- 5 **National Baptist Hotel** – Hosted Negro League teams and entertainers during their visits to Hot Springs. Plaque located on the sidewalk of the National Baptist building (501 Malvern Avenue).
- 6 **Sam Guinn Field** – Many Negro League teams trained in Hot Springs during the 1920s and 1930s. Plaque located in front of the Greater St. Paul Baptist Church (497 Crescent Avenue).
- 7 **Hot Springs Country Club** – The first golf country club in Arkansas organized and built in 1898. Plaque located at the entrance to the Hot Springs Country Club Pro Shop parking lot (101 Country Club Drive).
- 8 **Oaklawn Racing Casino Resort** – Many owners and players spent their free time here playing the ponies. Plaque located at the Oaklawn entrance (2705 Central Avenue).
- 9 **Jackie Robinson** – The man who broke the color barrier in baseball was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1962. Plaque located at Majestic Park at the end of Winona Street.
- 10 **Hank Aaron** – Inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 1982. Plaque located at Majestic Park at the end of Winona Street.
- 11 **Rogers Hornsby** – Inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 1942. Plaque located at 109 West Belding Street.
- 12 **Majestic Field** – Built in 1909, primarily for use by the Boston Red Sox. Plaque located at 109 West Belding Street.
- 13 **Hot Springs Baseball Grounds** – Where spring training began in Hot Springs. Plaque located on the lawn at the current site of the Garland County Courthouse (501 Ouachita Avenue).
- 14 **Honus Wagner** – Inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 1936. Plaque located at the corner of Central Avenue and Olive Street.



- 15 **Walter Johnson** – Inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1936. Plaque located on the sidewalk in front of the historic Hot Springs High School building on Oak Street, between Orange and Olive Streets.
- 16 **Cy Young** – Inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 1937. Plaque located near the ticket windows of the Transportation Depot (100 Broadway Terrace).
- 17 **Tris Speaker** – Inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 1937. Plaque located at the intersection of Court and Exchange Streets.

- 18 **Bathhouse Row** – Players would “boil out” in Hot Springs’ naturally thermal mineral waters to prepare for the upcoming season. Plaque located on the sidewalk near the Gangster Museum of America (510 Central Avenue).
- 19 **Southern & Ohio Clubs** – Two of the better known nightspots frequented by players during spring training. Plaque located on the Ohio Club Building (336 Central Avenue).
- 20 **Happy Hollow** – Many legendary players would hike the trails here to prepare for the season. Plaque located at the intersection of Fountain Street and Hot Springs Mountain Drive.
- 21 **Arlington Hotel** – A favorite hangout for baseball players. Plaque located on the sidewalk to the left of the main entrance stairs (239 Central Avenue).
- 22 **The Majestic Hotel** – The hotel headquarters for many of the Major League Baseball teams visiting Hot Springs. Plaque located on the sidewalk in front of the former Majestic Hotel (101 Park Avenue).
- 23 **Al Simmons** – “Bucketfoot Al” was one of the most dangerous hitters of the live ball era. Plaque located beside St. Mary of the Springs Catholic Church (100 Central Avenue).
- 24 **Stan Musial** – Baseball Hall of Famer Stan “The Man” played 22 seasons with the St. Louis Cardinals. Plaque located beside St. Mary of the Springs Catholic Church (100 Central Avenue).
- 25 **Lefty Grove** – Became a star in the major leagues with the Philadelphia Athletics and the Boston Red Sox, winning 300 games in his 17-year major league career. Plaque located on the sidewalk next to Tiny Town at 374 Whittington Avenue.
- 26 **Bill Dickey** – Hall of Fame member and Arkansas native was discovered in Hot Springs while substituting for a friend in a semi-pro game at Whittington Park. Plaque located on the sidewalk next to Tiny Town at 374 Whittington Avenue.
- 27 **Sam Crawford** – Inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 1957. Plaque located in front of the Showmen’s Building parking lot (710 Whittington Avenue).
- 28 **Babe Ruth** – Inducted into the first class of the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 1936. Plaque located near the entrance to the Arkansas Alligator Farm (847 Whittington Avenue).
- 29 **Fogel Field** – Built in 1912 to accommodate the growing number of baseball players in Hot Springs. Plaque located to the right of the Arkansas Alligator Farm (847 Whittington Avenue).
- 30 **Smoky Joe Wood** – One of baseball’s greatest pitchers. Plaque located on the sidewalk across from the Weyerhaeuser parking lot (810 Whittington Avenue).
- 31 **Mel Ott** – Inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 1951. Plaque located in the back of the Weyerhaeuser parking lot (810 Whittington Avenue).
- 32 **Whittington Park / Babe Ruth Home Plate** – The epicenter of baseball history in Hot Springs. Plaque located at the back of the Weyerhaeuser parking lot (810 Whittington Avenue). Babe Ruth home plate located on the ground near the plaque.

