



OZARK TIMES

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The Ozark Mountains - History

The Ozark Mountains, often simply called the Ozarks, are a beautiful and diverse highland region spanning the southern half of Missouri, the northern half of Arkansas, and parts of Oklahoma and Kansas. The area is known for its stunning natural landscapes, including deep valleys, steep hills, and an abundance of rivers and springs. It's a haven for outdoor enthusiasts, offering activities like hiking, camping, fishing, and boating.

The Ozarks are actually three tall and extensively eroded plateaus, according to the Encyclopedia of Arkansas. In fact, the National Park Service refers to the ranges as the Ozark Plateaus, not mountains.

The distinction between mountains and plateaus lies in how they are formed. Plateaus come from uplift and erosion, making flat or gently sloping surfaces, while mountains are formed by tectonic or volcanic forces, creating higher elevations.

The Ozarks were originally inhabited by Native American tribes such as the Osage,

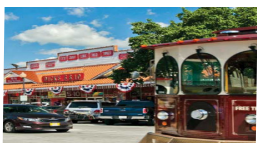
Caddo, and Quapaw. These tribes lived off the land, hunting, fishing, and farming.

The region was explored by French and Spanish explorers in the 17th and 18th centuries. The French established trading posts, and the area became part of the French Louisiana territory.

In the early 19th century, settlers from the Appalachian Mountains began moving into the Ozarks. These settlers brought with them their traditions, music, and crafts.

In the 20th century, the Ozarks became a popular destination for tourists seeking natural beauty and outdoor activities. The creation of the Lake of the Ozarks in the 1930s further boosted tourism.

Efforts to preserve the unique culture and heritage of the Ozarks have been ongoing. This includes preserving traditional music, crafts, and festivals.



Downtown Branson, Missouri

Downtown Branson, Missouri, is a charming area filled with history, entertainment, and unique attractions. Explore hundreds of locally-owned boutiques, flea markets, and specialty shops.



Welcome to Conclave in the Ozarks

And, welcome to the inaugural issue of OZARK TIMES, your official Conclave 2025 Branson newsletter. We will keep you up to date with everything as we continue to plan a fantastic week of Healey activities and area events for you. We will also fill you in on many of the unique attractions and live musical shows that Branson is so known for, and tell you about the beautiful scenic area and natural wonders that comprises 'The Ozarks'. We will also include some of the history of how Branson came to become the 'live entertainment capital of the World'.

That part of Missouri is a great vacation destination, quite unlike almost any other area that you might think of. There is so much to see and do in Branson and the Ozarks area that you can't possibly explore or experience it all in a week, a month, or even a year. There is literally something that will interest everyone and has attractions for every age group to enjoy. We hope to give you a sampling of what Branson and the Ozarks has to offer, some of the 'best of the best'. Conclave is the reason we hope you will want to join us in Branson for the third week in May of 2025, but we hope that the attractions, the other things you

Driving in Branson, Missouri

Driving your Healey in the Branson countryside area is a very pleasant experience and offers some beautiful scenic routes. Be prepared for winding roads with some blind sharp curves and occasional steep hills. Take your time to enjoy the scenery, drive cautiously, but let yourself and your Healey enjoy the 'twisty bits' on the more challenging roads. Watch out for local traffic, especially those 'tourists' that may not where they are or how to get to where they're going. NOT US! The Ozarks are home to a variety of animals, some may want to cross the road in your path. Like anytime we are out in our Healeys, just be alert while driving. We will be there in the middle of spring, so the weather can change quickly, especially with those 'pop up showers' in the

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Conclave 2025 Host Hotel Has Food!

You don't have to go far for a bite to eat at the Conclave 2025 host hotel, Chateau on the Lake Resort. Whether you want to grab a quick bite, or enjoy haute cuisine, the Chateau is ready to prepare and serve your taste cravings.

Enjoy views of Table Rock Lake while dining in their cornerstone restaurant, the Chateau Grille, which offers award winning dining for breakfast, lunch and a fine wine selection for dinner. Reservations may be necessary for dinner and Sunday brunch.

The Atrium Café & Wine Bar offers casual dining surrounded by the lush greenery of the

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Dolly Parton's Stampede - Branson Show

You can't go to Branson without catching a show. The Conclave 2025 committee has arranged for an extra event at Branson's most fun place to eat, Dolly Parton's Stampede. Watch as 32 magnificent horses and a cast of top-notch riders thrill you with daring feats of trick riding and friendly competition. Dolly Parton's Stampede takes the competition up a notch, high into the treetops! Don't miss the exciting new feature, "Rumble in the Treetops", showcasing the strength and agility of skilled lumberjack teams as they climb, chop, saw and log roll their way through a four-event relay. The show culminates with an emotional musical conclusion set to a patriotic salute of Red, White, and Blue—featuring Color Me America, written and

recorded by Dolly Parton herself.

As the action begins, you're served a four-course feast meant to satisfy those delicious home-cooked, country-style cravings.

Get here early and enjoy a leisurely stroll alongside the open-air stables to sneak a peek at the horses. It's your chance to meet the equine stars of the show up close and discover their flawless beauty. Before the main event, join fellow guests in the Saloon for ALL-NEW pre-show entertainment with an incredible mix of bluegrass and country music performed live! Browse the gift shop or grab a cold drink in a souvenir Boot Mug while you get ready for Branson's biggest production, Dolly Parton's Stampede!



“ Dolly Parton's Stampede does not disappoint. The talented staff give a well choreographed performance...”



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see and do will also leave lasting memories from the time you are there.

It just happens to be one of the best times of the year to visit Branson, before the heat of the summer and right before the large crowds arrive for the busy summer tourist season. Seasonal averages should give us temps in the upper 70s for daily highs with lows in the mid to upper 50s. That sounds like our Healeys will love those temps too. We certainly hope for lovely top down weather for our Ozark/Branson/Conclave experience.

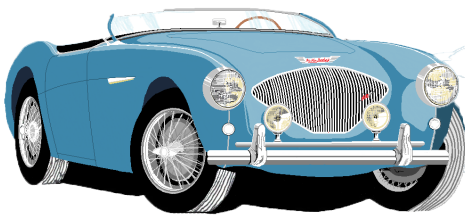


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afternoon. It's always a good idea to check the forecast before you head out for the day. Those of us that drive our Healeys a lot, know that we need to be prepared for the many different weather conditions we may encounter.

There are numerous picturesque locations that offer 'photo op' vantage points for those Healey beauty shots. We want you to experience miles of beautiful scenery, where the lakes are nestled in amongst the rolling hills of the Mark Twain Forest and can provide scenic waterfront views of Table Rock and Taneycomo Lakes. This is the lake district of SW Missouri and is one of the reasons it is such a lovely area to visit. Overall, driving top down Healeys in the Branson area will be a great way to take in the natural beauty of the Ozarks and also enjoy a relaxing, but fun filled week with Healey friends.

Explore Branson and Healey On!



Healey Art by Joe Johnson



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indoor water garden. From cocktails and wine to sandwiches, pizzas, and notable entrees, the Atrium has you covered for midday lunch or anytime you want to sit, have a bite to eat, or a drink and enjoy the ambiance.

The Sweet Shoppe provides Peet's Coffee, freshly baked pastries for breakfast and easy to grab sandwiches and salads for lunch on the go. Don't forget their hand dipped ice cream for an anytime treat and mouth watering desserts that will satisfy that late evening 'sweet spot' craving. Eat in the shop or enjoy on the patio and take in the views of beautiful Table Rock Lake.

Finally, the Library Lounge is the perfect place to relax, sit with Healey friends to converse and enjoy an array of wines, beers, and spirits in a place that is as comfy as your living room at home.

Here's to enjoying fine dining at the Chateau! And, Cheers to a great Conclave!

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Registration now open.

April 2025
Late registration begins with new higher rate.

May 18, 2025
Concours 2025 opens!

EDITOR'S MAIL BOX

Dear Editor:

It's a purveyor of fine native Ozark spirits to the fine people of Branson and their guests. My spirits are delivered direct to my clients by a team of highly qualified drivers (not UBER, ugh). Unfortunately my drivers are bein' harassed by them there Feds (not the Sheriff's boys - they're my best clients) and now they ain't delivering my fine spirits no more. That's why I'm writin' this here letter. I understand that there's a bunch of fast cars comin' to Branson and I wanna invite them drivers to come out to help me deliver my spirits. We'll be takin' names for help at that there Conclave thing. So please! I'm desprate (not as much as my clients though). Y'all ever seen a hill-person deprived of his 'shine? Not a perty picture. Call me at BR549 or see me at the Conclave Ozarkhana.

Thanks.

Joe Bob Shiner
(real name withheld by request)