

## Things to do in Nashville:

### Gardens:

Cheekwood Botanical Gardens & Art Museum <http://www.cheekwood.org/>

Gardens in Nashville will be beginning to bloom in early March, and there will be lots of wildflowers that bloom before the tried & true annuals. Blooming trees are glorious in spring here.

### History:

Belle Meade Plantation <http://bellemeadeplantation.com/>

The Belle Meade Mansion is a beautiful mansion with many historic pieces. They recently added an exhibit of slave quarters in recognition of the part that African-American slaves played in the history of the plantation. Many famous horses were bred here.

The Hermitage <http://thehermitage.com/visit/>

Andrew Jackson's home. Not as politically correct as Belle Meade Plantation has become, but interesting historically nonetheless.

Historic Franklin, TN <http://downtownfranklintn.com/>

Franklin is a lovely little historic town about 20 miles south of Nashville. Lots of cute, interesting shops, older architecture and great restaurants.

### Country Music Scene:

Country Music Museum <http://countrymusicshalloffame.org/ContentPages/visit>

Lots to see here, with many artefacts that belonged to well-known stars

Ryman Auditorium <http://ryman.com/> The original home of the Grand Ole Opry. Worth seeing, and has events listed on the website.

Grand Ole Opry [http://www.opry.com/calendar?gclid=CO-](http://www.opry.com/calendar?gclid=CO-VofbRss8CFQMmhgodfOsHEQ)

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Although Nashville is best known nationally for the big country stars, the real treasure here is the huge number of talented singer-songwriters. We'll be arranging to have dinner & see a show at one of the café/clubs that features singer-songwriters on Saturday night.

### Art

The Frist Center for the Visual Arts <http://fristcenter.org/>