



BEST OF TENNESSEE

Tennessee is the place to go for good old country music, and it's the state where Elvis, himself, called home. You can enjoy locations such as Chattanooga, Nashville, Memphis, and the Great Smoky Mountains National Park in this collage of Eric's paintings of Tennessee.

1. In 1969, Chattanooga was announced as, "The Dirtiest City in America." After that statement, Chattanooga took strong actions to clean up and has become among the cleanest cities in the country.
2. Tennessee Volunteers is the university that takes pride in the states nickname "Volunteer State" even to the point where its teams are called the "Volunteers," or "Vols."
3. The Great Smoky Mountains—established on June 15, 1934—are America's most visited national park and it covers over 1/2 a million acres of the southern Appalachian Mountains.
4. Tennessee became the 16th state of the US on June 1, 1796.
5. Tennessee comes from the old Yuchi Indian word, "Tana-see" which means "The Meeting Place."
6. The Tennessee flag stands for the states unity. The stars are East, Middle, and West Tennessee all encompassed in a blue circle representing the "Grand Division."
7. The states nickname "The Volunteer State" comes from the War of 1812 and shows the states willingness for individuals to serve their country.
8. The largest earthquake in US history happened in Tennessee in the winter of 1811 and was called the New Madrid Earthquake.
9. Nashville, the capital of Tennessee, is often referred to as the Music City and is considered the birthplace of country music.
10. Memphis is where the famous "Rock n' Roll King" made his home; Elvis Presley.