

What a Weekend!

What? **Clarksville, Tennessee** for the whole weekend. Really Mom? Like I had a choice! But, the road trip was quick and when we got there, was I ever surprised!

Our hotel overlooked a really cool river and was connected to a **RiverWalk** where we rented bikes. I have to admit, that sunset made a pretty good first impression. Just look at my pictures! We walked into their historic downtown and it was so pretty it could have been a movie set!

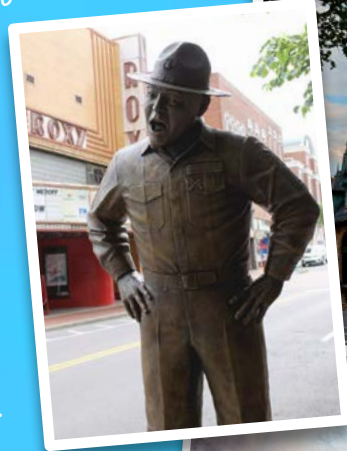
We ate the best pizza ever at **Blackhorse Brewery**. Dad seemed to really enjoy the "adult beverages." There was a concert going on just a block over called **Jammin' in the Alley**. The stage was right in the street and people were singing along and dancing. Of course, we joined in. Mom and Dad actually danced — together! I wish we'd had time to see the show at the **Roxy Regional Theatre**. It looked retro, and I'm all about that.

Saturday morning we walked to the **Customs House Museum & Cultural Center**. There were lots of statues around on the sidewalks of famous people who were from there. My mom said they had great public art. The museum — totally Gothic! I wondered if we'd see Batman. No such luck, but I liked all of the different art and dad loved the history section. We did have a hard time getting my little brother out of the humongous train exhibit downstairs.

We drove over the river to **Fort Defiance**, a Civil War fort high on the bluff. And, you won't believe it — guys were all dressed up like it was 1850 and they fired a real cannon over the river! We drove out into the county to **Historic Collinsville**, it's an 1800's living-history settlement. My brother went crazy in the wildlife center and I liked watching the lady make yarn on a loom. Who knew?!

We stopped at **Silke's**, a German bakery, for a late lunch (YUM!) then ended the day with some shopping then **Beachaven Winery**. This was my mom's favorite. They sampled all sorts of wine. It must have been really good because there were medals hanging on bottles everywhere. Outside, they were having **Jazz on the Lawn**. I was glad they really like music here!

On Day 2, we kayaked on a smaller river (what a cool city to have two!) then played disc golf, the only golf mom will tolerate, with a lot of hiking at Rotary Park. We ended our trip with a picnic by the creek then headed home. I hope we go back soon. They were building a new park downtown for even more concerts, plus ice skating. What a fun weekend!



Historic Downtown Clarksville
historicdowntownclarksville.org

Roxy Regional Theatre
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Customs House Museum & Cultural Center
customshousemuseum.org

Fort Defiance
cityofclarksville.com/index.aspx?page=161

Historic Collinsville
historiccollinsville.com

Beachaven Winery
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Parks & Recreation
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clarksvilleblueway.com

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