

Coming soon



## What is a Heritage Center?

The [National Trust for Historic Preservation](#) in the United States defines **heritage tourism** as "traveling to experience the places, artifacts and activities that authentically represent the stories and people of the past,"<sup>[1]</sup> and "heritage tourism can include cultural, historic and natural resources."<sup>[1]</sup>

We also like this take on the definition by Daniel Maher of Fort Smith, Arkansas:

*"Heritage is an appropriation of the past that is used for present-day purposes."*

The Heritage Center, soon to come to Elm Springs, Arkansas will be a place where visitors can experience the history our unique town. Developed as a center where many of our displays will be interactive, visitors can see and listen to history come alive.

Operated by the Historic Society of Elm Springs, Inc., the Heritage Center will host many educational and fun events throughout the year.

We hope to have unique artifacts and collections from the early 1840's up to the 1990's.

Our dream is to be located in the 1915 Bank Building that is in the downtown historic district on Water Ave. in Elm Springs. With adjoining buildings to be added in the future. The Historical Society and the heritage Center will interact with the Steele Stevens Heritage Park directly across the street from the bank building. And will feature a living history program during the Springs, Summer and Fall months.

Projected date of opening, April 2016.