



124 Company Street,
Wetumpka, AL 36092

Current Hours:
Thursday, Friday, Saturday
10am - 4pm

WETUMPKA IMPACT CRATER | 85 MILLION YEARS OF HISTORY!

OUR MISSION

Interweaving preservation, promotion and education about the Wetumpka impact event, resulting Crater, and Cretaceous life of 85 million years ago; through programs and partnerships that engage, inspire and bring scientific research and knowledge to life.

It's Crater Tour Time!



Annual Crater Lecture

Dr. David King, Jr.

Wetumpka Civic Center

Thursday, February 22, 2024 @ 6:30 PM

Free & open to the public.



February 23 & 24, 2024



To Book Your Crater Tour, Call: 334-567-4637

Adults \$25 | Students \$15

Friday
February 23

Tour 1 - 11:30am

Tour 2 - 1:15pm

Saturday
February 24

Tour 1 - 9am

Tour 2 - 10:45am

Tour 3 - 12:55pm

- Arrive 30 minutes early.
- Not recommended for small children.
- Walk-ins are welcome if space permits.

Hey there, crater lovers! We're thrilled to introduce one of our newest artworks, titled "King's Point." This photograph captures a stunning natural landscape of Wetumpka that will surely captivate your imagination.



"The Cliffs: King's Point", Photograph, December, 2023
by Hope Brannon

The image depicts a geological formation in "The Cliffs" of the Wetumpka Impact Crater with layers of sedimentary rock in warm tones of yellow, orange, and white. This formation has a rugged, eroded appearance, with textures and shapes that define its unique beauty. Surrounding the formation is sparse vegetation, including patches of grass and scattered pine trees.

Did you know?...After the meteor's impact, there was a massive landslide from the southern rim that brought vast quantities of clay and sandy sediment back into the crater. The effect of this event can be seen in the wide-spread red, white, cream, and tan crater-filling deposits. At the cliffs, the slide layers folded up against the harder rocks of the crater rim. These sediments were originally part of a short-lived southern crater rim, which no longer exists. Today, "The Cliffs" are the results of intensive stream erosion as groundwater emerges from the buried crater rim and lays bare the many layers of deformed sediments and sedimentary rocks.

We are in awe of the amazing geological formations of the interior remains of the Wetumpka Impact Crater in Alabama. The otherworldly forms that have eroded over millions of years are truly fascinating, and we just had to share their rugged beauty.

What was even more unique for our photographers in the process of capturing our new images was "the experience of hiking through "The Cliffs" of the crater with landowners, Randy and Nancy Baillif. Learning about the historical context of the location and understanding that the Wetumpka Impact Crater is the only impact crater in Alabama and one of nine late-Cretaceous impact craters added a whole new depth to our appreciation for this incredible natural wonder."

We hope that "King's Point" of "The Cliffs" will transport you to the depths and heights of the Wetumpka Impact Crater and allow you to experience the same sense of wonder and awe that we felt. This artwork is a reminder of the power and beauty of the natural world, and we can't wait for you to experience it for yourself.



Stay tuned for more updates on upcoming new works of art and events!
Thank you for your ongoing support and enthusiasm,

The Crater Critters



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New Art And Exhibits!

THE CLIFFS EXHIBIT



Hiking The Crater Interior

C R A T E R R E F L E C T I O N



Brooks Barrow

I M P A C T E V E N T S



30 Seconds of Chaos

Stroll The Alleyway!

CHRONOLOGICAL SEQUENCE OF IMPACT EVENTS

113 COMPANY STREET, WETUMPKA, AL 36092

DOWNTOWN WETUMPKA IN THE ALLEYWAY

Major funding provided though a grant from the Alabama State Council on the Arts.

When in Wetumpka, it is a short walk to *The Alleyway* where you will see a series of 14 fun and informative public art murals depicting the **“Wetumpka Impact Crater’s Chronological Sequence of Crater Formation Events”** that occurred during and after impact.



Create & Exhibit!

COMING SOON!
2024 Art Competition & Exhibit Info

where art + science collide

wetumpkacraterart.org

Visit our website!
Created for Artists, Educators & Students

TONS OF INFO, ART, IDEAS & RESOURCES!

HOP OVER TO OUR Wetumpka Impact Crater Art Website

Learn About:

- Artist’s Competitions & Exhibits
- Artists & Art Opportunities
- Art Educational & Teaching Tools
- Upcoming Events
- The Wetumpka Impact & Crater
- Cretaceous Life, Land & Climate
- Loads of Examples & Ideas For Creating Art
- Docent’s Tools & Materials

Let's Keep In Touch!

Join Our Mailing List for Ongoing Updates!



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- Artists Exhibitions, Competitions & Opportunities
- Art Impact Updates
- Upcoming Crater Exhibits
- WIC Discovery Center Newsletters
- Educational Opportunities
- Crater Tours & Hikes
- Upcoming Events



Volunteer With Us!

Become a Crater Guide or Docent!

Education Team & Volunteer Positions:

- Discovery Center Guide
- Discovery Center Ed Group Tour Docent
- Discovery Center Ed Group Science/Art Specialist
- Wetumpka Impact Crater Field Guide



Do you enjoy connecting with Wetumpka's citizens, tourists or empowering Alabama's youth? Join the Wetumpka Impact Crater's Education Team and connect with them at our Discovery Center! We are currently recruiting new volunteers to work with visitors and groups - and we would love to talk to you more about your interest! Contact: Kevin Reuter - kroytar@aol.com



- 8. WETUMPKA IMPACT CRATER DISCOVERY & VISITOR CENTER
124 Company St., Wetumpka, AL 36092
- 50. THE ALLEYWAY
WETUMPKA IMPACT CRATER MURALS
Chronological Sequence of Crater Formation
Company St., Wetumpka, AL 36092
- 53. CRATER RIM ROCKS IN THE COOSA RIVER
- 50, 54-55. CRATER EDUCATIONAL VIEWPOINTS

PARKING

Drop off and pick up in front of the WIC Center on Company Street. Parking is available at a number of locations in downtown Wetumpka. See map above for parking within walking distance.

*The WIC Center can not be held responsible for any damage to your vehicle or property.



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