Eureka Springs Monthly Report | March 2023



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Sales Tax Collections By Month (Food & Bev + Lodging)

'22 Fiscal Year			
Jan	\$144,507		
Feb	\$94,192		
Mar	\$98,768		
Apr	\$156,174		
May	\$161,922		
Jun	\$182,018		
Jul	\$213,624		
Aug	\$212,783		
Sep	\$182,897		
Oct	\$202,435		
Nov	\$258,140		
Dec	\$174,146		

'23 Fiscal Year			
Jan	\$127,500		
Feb	\$119,876		
Mar	\$158,110		
Apr	TBD		
Мау	TBD		
Jun	TBD		
Jul	TBD		
Aug	TBD		
Sep	TBD		
Oct	TBD		
Nov	TBD		
Dec	TBD		

Summary YoY To Date			
2022	\$337,467 for Jan - March		
2023	\$405,487 for Jan - March		
% +/-	+20.14% YoY		



Highlights

- The collections for March 2023 were exceptional.
- The best March sales tax collections in 10 years.
- On track for April 2023 sales tax collections to also set a new remittance record.



Highlights

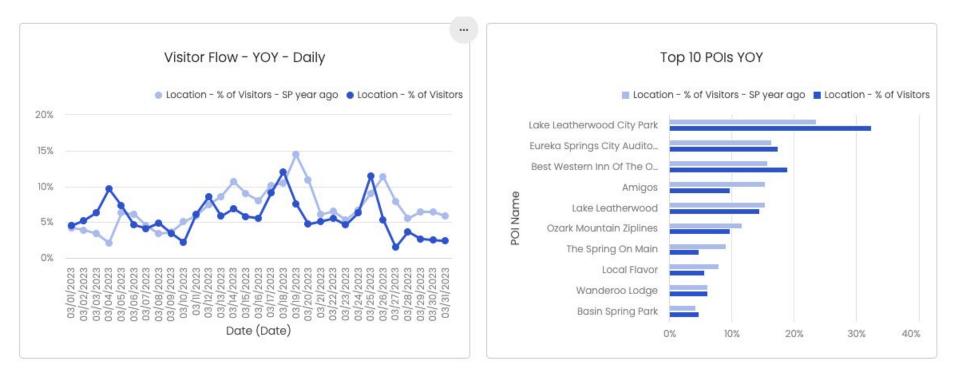
- Our renewed focus on social media (both paid and organic) is producing results *Amy Grant Concert, live music at Basin Spring Park, St. Patrick's Day, etc...)
- Important that we continue to provide internally produced social media posts and Paradise produced social media support to make sure we are targeting both in-market and out-of-market audiences.
- The Paradise & CAPC developed a strong and very productive partnership over the last few months and proof is in the results so far.

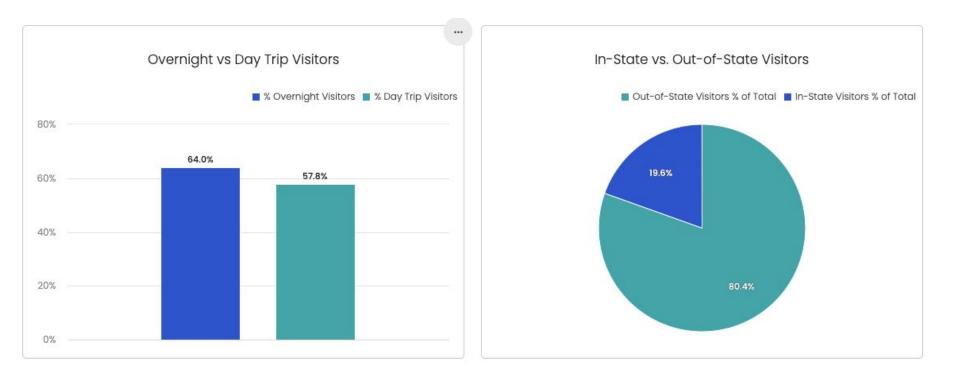
Visitor Insights

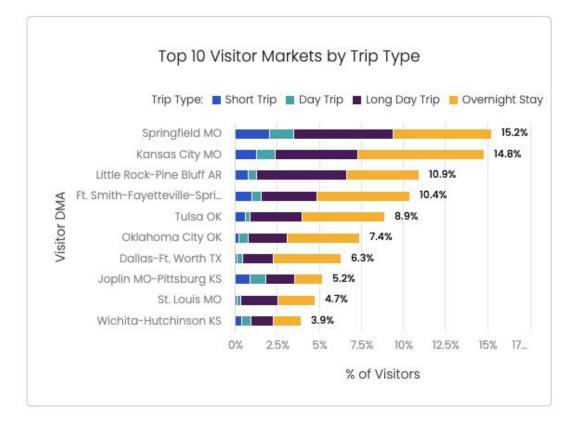


Visitor Insights - Summary

- Visitor volume in March was slightly below volume when compared to March 2022.
- 64% of observed visitors stayed overnight and 80% came from out of state.
- The Springfield, MO market was of note as it held the #1 top visitor market from February and had the highest percentage of overnight stays. Springfield is a top target market for Paradise media for this year.
- Day trip visitors made up 63% of visits in March, a 75% increase from March 2022.
- The average visitor spend in March increased from \$107 to \$129 when compared to March of 2022.
- When taking a deeper look into visitor spending data, retail and food were the top categories for visitor spend in March 2023. Retail also saw a \$22 increase in average spend per visitor when compared to the previous year.

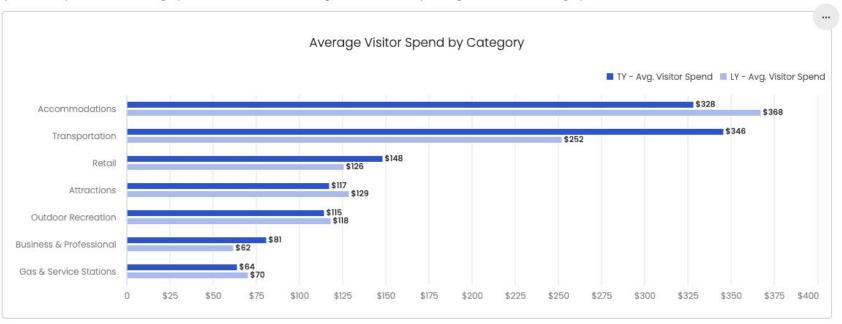


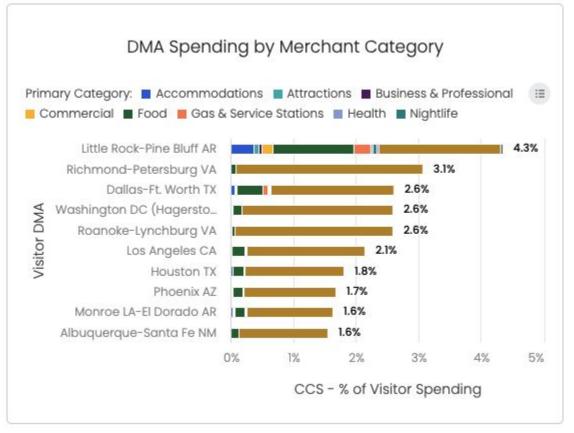




How does average visitor spending by category compare to the previous year?

Source: Affinity. Note: This data does not include online transactions. Therefore the Accommodations category would not include short-term rentals where the card is not swiped in-market. The Transportation category includes rental cars/RVs, taxi/limo services, cruise ships, airports and travel agencies & tour operations. Tip: Click into a Category to see what merchant categories visitors are spending on within that Category.





How does your destination's average visitor spending compare to last year?

Source: Affinity. Note: This insight is not configured to the Date Range filter above and will instead always show the current year compared to the previous year. Tip: Click into a month to see the YOY change in Avg. Visitor Spending by Category. LY = Last Year, TY = This Year.



Monthly Report



Advertising & Marketing - Summary

- Finalized media and creative estimates for fulfillment of the Spring media campaign.
- Facilitated creative approvals of Spring media creative with CAPC staff.
- Worked with media vendors to launch Spring campaign.
 - Including campaign setup and trafficking creative.
- Began planning for CY23 Summer & Fall/Winter campaigns.
- New website launched 3/20.
 - Agency working with client on refinements and additions.
 - Provided ongoing web maintenance support for CAPC staff.
- Attended CPAC Meetings (virtually).
- Conducted weekly status meetings with CAPC staff.
- Continued to conduct meetings with various media vendors for current and upcoming media campaigns, an ongoing process.
- Continued to monitor and review media usage and traveler behavior trends to apply to future strategic plans.
- Communicated and completed various social media requests from CAPC as needed.
- Developed and sent monthly reports for review.



Public Relations - Summary

- Continued proactive outreach to top-tier national publications, keeping seasonality and affordable travel at forefront of messaging.
- Pitched outdoor activities, Summer travel, and Earth-related holidays.
- Drafted material for 2024 Eclipse "One Year Away" pitch.
- Responded to media queries for Summer Family Destinations, Best Memorial Day Fishing Locations in the U.S.
- Liaised with Sarah Tidwell (Trips to Discover), and Wendy Pramik (AAA Explorer).
- Gathered information for writer regarding historical aspects of Eureka Springs to assist with editor pitch.
- Vetted incoming media requests on an ongoing basis.
- Continued to position and pitch Eureka Springs as an "open-air hidden gem," aligning with travelers' desires for spacious, safe destinations.
- Continued to develop pitch material for upcoming Summer travel, highlighting partners in destination.

Public Relations - Metrics

(Source: Muck Rack)

March 2023 Publicity

- Estimated Impressions: 1,355,383,227
- Estimated Media Value: \$12,537,294.87

January 2023 - March 2023 Publicity

- Estimated Impressions: 1,875,700,086
- Estimated Media Value: \$17,350,225.85



The Ultimate List Of Underrated Travel Destinations: 43 Must-Visits For 2023 43 Must-Visits For 2023 16.Eureal Springs, Arkansas: For Spooky Enthusiasts and Artsy Explorers



Immerse yourself in the bounted history wibrant arts scene, and breathtaking nature of Euroka Springs, a charming sma town twist. Read the full article by Nicholson Opilyie, as told to Buzzy, here , John S Sta

Eureka Springs, Arkansas: Where Halloweentown Comes To Life

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The 7 Most Picturesque Small Towns In Arkansas

Eureka Springs



Historic downtown Eureka Springs, AR, with boutique shops and famous buildings, via Rachael Martin / Shutterstock.com

Nestled in the heart of the Ozark Mountains, Eureka Springs is a Victorian-era town renowned for its natural springs and breathtaking beauty. The town's centerpiece, Lake Leatherwood City Park, spans over 1,600 acres and is surrounded by lush forests, picturesque trails, and an idyllic lake perfect for boating, fishing, and even wildlife watching. The park is also home to the historic Lake Leatherwood Dam, an impressive stone structure built in the 1940s by the Civilian Conservation Corps. While in Eureka Springs, be sure to explore the winding paths along the banks of the crystal-clear White River for a serene and unforgettable experience. This charming town also offers numerous art galleries, delightful shops, and cozy eateries, enhancing the allure of this enchanting destination nestled amid nature's splendor.

Paid Media Results



Paid Media - Summary

The **Spring Campaign** continued in market with Paid Social boosted posts, along with additional media partners launching on 3/20.

Please see next slide for more details on media vendors running and campaign dates.

Performance Highlights:

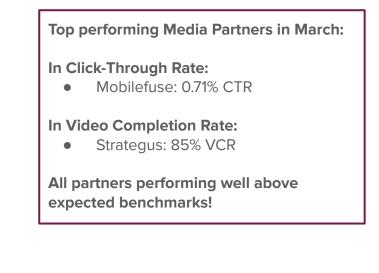
- Total Impressions: 835,253
- Total Clicks: 2,942
- CTR: 0.35%
 - More than 3x industry benchmark of 0.08%
- Total Video Views: 138,177
- VCR: 85%
 - Above the industry benchmark of 70%

Industry benchmarks: CTR for display banners - 0.08-0.10%, Native - 0.25%, Video VCR 70%

Paid Media - Summary Cont.

Overview assets + target markets running during March for vendors:

- Expedia (Campaign Dates 3/20 4/30)
 - Display running for Spring Campaign
- Facebook/Instagram (Campaign Dates 2/20 4/16)
 - Boosted posts running for Spring Campaign
- Google (Campaign Dates 3/20 4/30)
 - Paid Search running for Spring Campaign
- MobileFuse (Campaign Dates 3/20 4/30)
 - Display banners running for Spring Campaign and Value Messaging
- Strategus (Campaign Dates 3/20 4/30)
 - Video and display banners running for Spring Campaign
- VRBO (Campaign Dates 3/20 4/30)
 - Display banners running for Spring Campaign



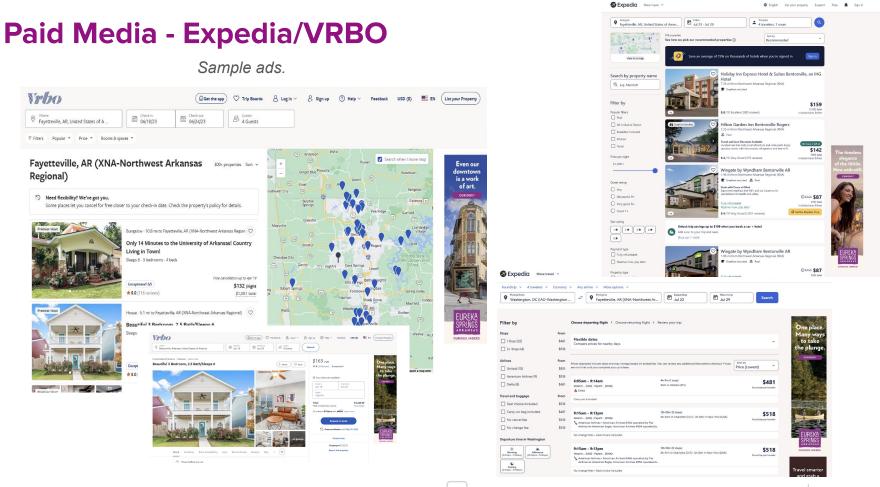
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Paid Media - Expedia/VRBO

From those exposed to Expedia and VRBO advertising in the month of March:



- Media CTR at 0.14% CTR (above benchmark of 0.08%)
- 44 room nights were booked
- \$5,800 in gross bookings were generated
- Advertising for March delivered a 0.09 ROAS (Return On Ad Spend)
 - Campaign launched on 3/20. Results are expected to increase as the campaign matures.



Paid Social - Facebook/Instagram

The Boosted Posts media buy launched on 2/20 and continued through March as part of the **Spring Campaign**. The campaign ran with the objective of driving Awareness/Engagement to get a broad reach and large number of impressions, as well as driving engagement (people liking, commenting or sharing).

In April, additional paid social ads as part of the **Spring Campaign** will launch.

March Results:

- Impressions: 1,451,436
- Post Engagement: 123,698
- Clicks: 8,478
- CTR: 0.58%
 - Industry benchmark = 0.9%

Top Performing Boosted Ad:



Paid Media - Google Paid Search

As part of the **Spring Campaign**, the Paid Search campaign on Google launched 3/20 with the objective of reaching people with interest in Eureka Springs and travel to drive engagement and interest.

March Results:

- Impressions: 5,261
- Total Clicks: 1,551
- Avg. CTR: 29.48%
 - Industry benchmark = 4%
- Avg. CPC: \$0.53
 - Industry benchmark = \$1.54

Top Performing Spring Ad:

Places to visit in Eureka | Eureka Springs Arkansas | Curious, Indeed

Check out everything there is to do in naturally beautiful Eureka Springs. There's as little or as much as you would like to do in our quirky corner of...



Paid Media - Google Paid Search

•	Ad group	Status	Ad group type	Impr.	CTR	Cost	\downarrow Clicks
•	visit	Eligible	Standard	3,429	35.37%	\$640.20	1,213
•	events	Eligible	Standard	1,500	18.27%	\$145.04	274

Top Performing Keywords:

- 1. Places to visit in Eureka Springs
- 2. Eureka Springs events
- 3. Visit Eureka Springs
- 4. Arkansas events

- 5. Arkansas places to visit
- 6. Eureka Springs attractions
- 7. Events in Eureka Springs
- 8. Eureka Springs April

Paid Media - MobileFuse

MobileFuse launched on 3/20 serving both native and banner ads and reaching users whose mobile devices have been to state parks and participated in adventures such as kayaking, biking, hiking, local breweries, and local wineries. Or spent money shopping at stores like REI and Bass Pro Shops. App Affinity was included to target users who have nature, adventure, outdoor, eco-friendly or culinary apps on their mobile devices.

March Results:

- Total Impressions Served: 240,288
- Total Clicks: 2,437
- CTR: 0.71%
 - Well above industry benchmark of 0.08%







Paid Media - Strategies

There are three elements in this sequential targeting campaign: TV (streaming) commercials, digital video/pre-roll, and display banners. Strategus, a streaming partner, delivers :15 and :30 TV commercials to target audiences across any device (Smart TV screens, laptop or phone). Then the same audience who saw the commercials are retargeted with online pre-roll video and banner ads. Lastly, those who have visited Eureka Springs' website will be retargeted with more streaming, online video, or display banners.

March Results:

- Total Impressions Served: 239,682
- Total Clicks: 377
- CTR: 0.16%
 - Above industry benchmark of 0.08%



https://vimeopro.com/paradiseagency/esp-0051-fy 21-brand-shoot-curious-indeed-video-edits



Social Media (Organic) - Summary

- For March, the annual content strategy was implemented across all social media platforms.
- Conducted day-to-day operations, including but not limited to:
 - Content creation
 - Content curation
 - Community management
 - Social listening
 - Optimization
 - Reporting
- Completed the April 2023 content calendar to be shared across social media platforms.
- Updated Social Partner Tracking sheet to keep track of partner mentions each month.

Social Media (Organic) - Facebook

YR Numbers Represent 2021-2023 Growth

NEW FANS +282	IMPRESSIONS 1754095	organic reach	organic engagement 44,268	awareness 165
TOTAL FANS	TOTAL ORGANIC PAGE IMPRESSIONS	TOTAL ORGANIC REACH	TOTAL ORGANIC ENGAGEMENT	AWARENESS
106856	31,373,922	12,148,321	1,003,831	17,869

Key Insights:

- Compared to last month, there was...
 - (0.22%) increase in followers
 - (83%) decrease in reach
 - (0.68%) increase in engagement
 - (86%) decrease in awareness
 - (9%) decrease in impressions

In March, there was an increase in both followers and engagement. This was due to the paid social campaign and the existing content mix on the page. There were also decreases in reach, awareness, and impressions. This was due to the delay in the approval of calendars. The social team has rescheduled all overflow content from the March calendar to April.

Social Media (Organic) - Instagram

YR Numbers Represent 2021-2023 Growth



Key Insights:

Compared to last month there was...

- (0.5%) increase in followers
- (78%) decrease in reach
- (81%) decrease in impressions
- (80%) decrease in engagement
- (72%) decrease in awareness
- (100%) decrease in video views

In March, there was an increase in followers. There were also decreases in reach, impressions, engagement, awareness, and video views. This was most likely due to the consistency of posting. There was a delay in the approval of calendars, and therefore a delay in the scheduling of calendars. The social team has rescheduled all overflow content from the March calendar to April.

Social Media (Organic) - Twitter

YR Numbers Represent 2021-2023 Growth



Key Insights:

- Compared to last month there was ...
 - (77%) decrease in impressions
 - o (64%) decrease in engagement

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Social Media (Organic) - Facebook Top Posts



Eureka Springs, Arkansas is at The Farm - Campground...
 Mar 25 at 09:00 PM

Hey Eurekans! Set your calendars: Deadhead Productions presents SPACEBERRY 2023 ● ⊕ ℋ ℰ № ֎ Organic Reach 28,763

Paid Reach

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Join us May 11 – 13th, 2023 for 3 nights of music, camping, and food & craft vendors.

▲ Camp under the stars at the Farm Campground & Events. You'll be surrounded by 160 acres of national forest, Beaver Lake, Table Rock Lake, and the White River all within 5 miles of the venue.... see more



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🗘 Comment

A Share

1718

Engaged Users

Video Views n/a

Clicks 1,580



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Organic Reach 10,669

Paid Reach

Engaged Users 782

Video Views n/a

Clicks 611

Social Media (Organic) - Instagram Top Posts

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Reach 11,612

Engaged Users 1,242

Likes + Saves 1,225

Comments 17

Video Views n/a

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eurekasprings Well, I would-ja look at that. It's the largest spring in Northwest Arkansas! 😂 a.k.a. Blue Spring Heritage Center ... see more Mar 4 at 11:30 AM



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eurekasprings Our views are just as '+ magical'+ as our waters! Don't you agree? ☺ ... see more
Mar 27 at 09:00 PM

Reach 6,600 **Engaged Users** 738 **Likes + Saves** 725

Comments 13

Video Views n/a

Social Media (Organic) - Twitter Top Posts



Eureka Springs @Eureka_Springs • 30 Mar

With over 25 miles of trails, you're guaranteed to spend the whole day enjoying the outdoors!

📸: shamus_okingsley



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Impressions 631

Engaged Users 7

Likes 4

Retweets 0

Replies



Eureka Springs @Eureka_Springs · 31 Mar

For over 30 years, Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge has rescued over 500 animals from private owners, roadside zoos, and situations of abuse and neglect. This is a must-see destination in #EurekaSprings.♥ 🗮

Learn more 👉 bit.ly/3YTeVOO...

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Impressions 211

Engaged Users 6

Likes 3

Retweets 0

Replies



Website Summary

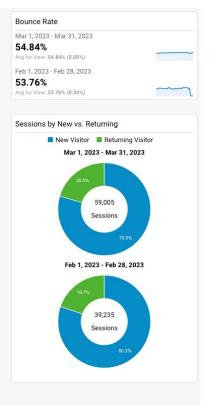
- The number of users increased from February to March with the launch of the new website on 3/23 and launch of the **Spring** paid media campaign on 3/20.
- There was a slight **increase in bounce rate** (up to 54.84% from 53.76% the previous month). There was also a slight decreases in Pages / Session and % New Sessions over February (down to 2.93 from 2.95).
- Organic search was the primary driver for website visitation in March, followed by direct traffic and social media respectively.
- The most viewed pages in March (excluding the homepage) continue to be Attractions, Things To Do, Lodging, Dining, and Events Calendar.
- **Top states for visitation to the website were** Texas, Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Illinois respectively which are reflective of the top states from the last several months.
- The agency will be closely monitoring shifts in trends with the launch of the new website moving forward.

Website - Google Analytics

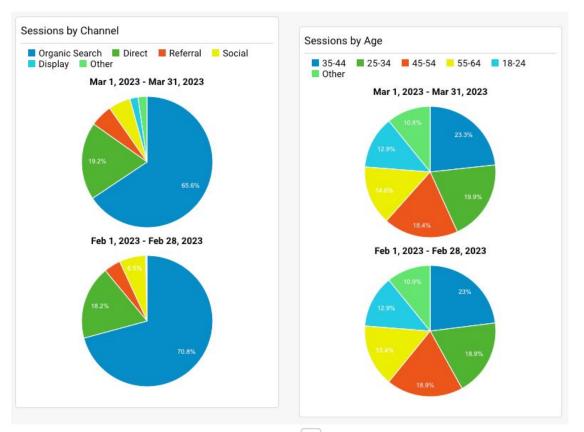
Users	
Mar 1, 2023 - Mar 31, 2023	
48,165	
% of Total: 100.00% (48,165)	
Feb 1, 2023 - Feb 28, 2023	
32,673	
% of Total: 100.00% (32,673)	m
Sessions	
Mar 1, 2023 - Mar 31, 2023	
59,005	
% of Total: 100.00% (59,005)	
Feb 1, 2023 - Feb 28, 2023	
39,235	1.41272-15
% of Total: 100.00% (39,235)	
Pages / Session	
Mar 1, 2023 - Mar 31, 2023	
2.93	
Avg for View: 2.93 (0.00%)	
Feb 1, 2023 - Feb 28, 2023	
2.95	
Avg for View: 2.95 (0.00%)	L
Avg. Session Duration	
Mar 1, 2023 - Mar 31, 2023	
00:02:18	
Avg for View: 00:02:18 (0.00%)	
Feb 1, 2023 - Feb 28, 2023	
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Region	Users
Texas	
Mar 1, 2023 - Mar 31, 2023	8,981
Feb 1, 2023 - Feb 28, 2023	6,229
% Change	44.18%
Missouri	
Mar 1, 2023 - Mar 31, 2023	6,276
Feb 1, 2023 - Feb 28, 2023	3,852
% Change	62.93%
Arkansas	
Mar 1, 2023 - Mar 31, 2023	6,032
Feb 1, 2023 - Feb 28, 2023	3,941
% Change	53.06%
Oklahoma	
Mar 1, 2023 - Mar 31, 2023	4,671
Feb 1, 2023 - Feb 28, 2023	2,928
% Change	59.53%
Illinois	
Mar 1, 2023 - Mar 31, 2023	3,897
Feb 1, 2023 - Feb 28, 2023	2,770
% Change	40.69%
Kansas	
Mar 1, 2023 - Mar 31, 2023	3,037
Feb 1, 2023 - Feb 28, 2023	2,093
% Change	45.10%

Page	Pageviews
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Mar 1, 2023 - Mar 31, 2023	29,430
Feb 1, 2023 - Feb 28, 2023	15,398
% Change	91.13%
/attractions/	Ę
Mar 1, 2023 - Mar 31, 2023	10,348
Feb 1, 2023 - Feb 28, 2023	7,634
% Change	35.55%
/things-to-do/	ą
Mar 1, 2023 - Mar 31, 2023	7,830
Feb 1, 2023 - Feb 28, 2023	5,528
% Change	41.64%
/lodging/	ą
Mar 1, 2023 - Mar 31, 2023	3,969
Feb 1, 2023 - Feb 28, 2023	3,451
% Change	15.01%
/dining/	g.
Mar 1, 2023 - Mar 31, 2023	3,611
Feb 1, 2023 - Feb 28, 2023	2,694
% Change	34.04%
/10-things-to-do-in-eureka-springs-you s/	الله
Mar 1, 2023 - Mar 31, 2023	3,585
Feb 1, 2023 - Feb 28, 2023	3,606



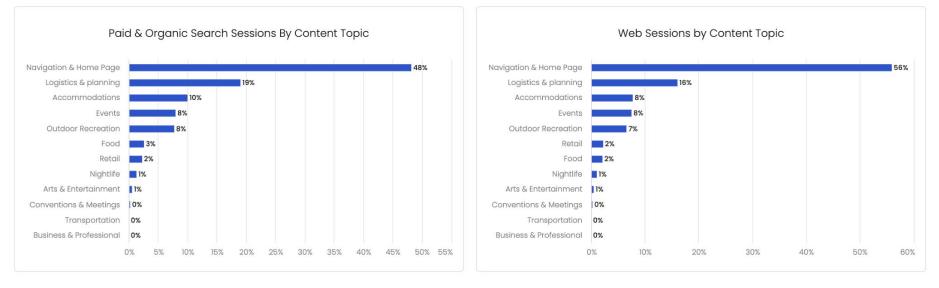
Website - Google Analytics



Website - Zartico

What content topics are users looking for?

Source: Google Analytics & Zartico. Note: Each page on your website is assigned a thematic grouping called a content topic. These help you identify what types of activities potential visitors are searching for as well as which types of content will perform well on your social channels, in paid content efforts and paid search. The left insight shows the content topics users are searching for and the right insight includes all traffic. Click into either chart to explore page-by-page performance for pages within a content topic.



Website - Zartico

Page Url	GA - Pageviews 🔻
https://visiteurekasprings.com/	31,630
https://visiteurekasprings.com/attractions/	10,470
https://visiteurekasprings.com/things-to-do/	7,838
https://visiteurekasprings.com/lodging/	4,089
https://visiteurekasprings.com/dining/	3,638
https://visiteurekasprings.com/10-things-to-do-in-eureka-springs-you-dont-w	3,589
https://visiteurekasprings.com/events-calendar/	3,438
https://visiteurekasprings.com/attractions/shops-galleries/	3,331
https://visiteurekasprings.com/lodging/cabins-cottages/	2,762
https://visiteurekasprings.com/outdoor-adventure-and-activities/	2,643
https://visiteurekasprings.com/attractions/page/2/	2,361
https://visiteurekasprings.com/lodging/hotels-motels/	2,190
https://visiteurekasprings.com/activities-calendar/	2,103
https://visiteurekasprings.com/events/	2,093
https://visiteurekasprings.com/onyx-cave-park/	1,950
https://visiteurekasprings.com/attractions/page/3/	1,651
https://visiteurekasprings.com/lake-leatherwood-city-park/	1,637
https://visiteurekasprings.com/top-ten-spring-events/	1,486

Next Steps

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Looking Ahead

• FY23 Planning:

- Agency presenting media strategy for Summer & Fall/Winter 4/11
- After revisions/approval, agency to develop media plan
- Agency developing Summer & Fall/Winter marketing plan

• Spring Media:

- Agency monitoring performance of Spring campaign
- Agency to provide results in May

• Website Development:

- Agency to train CPAC on updating the website through WordPress
- Agency to continue to provide support with listing updates and refinements.
- Intelligence & Data:
 - Continued planning and implementation for the Zartico intelligence platform launch



