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Watershed fest is back, this time for 2 weekends



Live Nation is expanding Watershed to two weekends — July 29-31 and Aug. 5-7.

The region's biggest country-music festival, Watershed, is getting bigger this year. Typically a three-day campout and music binge at the Gorge Amphitheater in Grant County, Watershed is being expanded by festival organizer Live Nation to two weekends — July 29-31 and Aug. 5-7 — but keeping the usual headliners Eric Church, Jason Aldean and Keith Urban.

Since both weekends will feature most of the same acts, your best bet will be to pick one. Fans of up-and-coming stars Justin Moore and Tyler Farr should aim for the first weekend, while two-time Grammy winner Travis Tritt brings his résumé of five No. 1 hits to the second weekend.

Outside of the headliners, two of the more interesting artists to check out will be Kacey Musgraves and the Brothers Osborne (shown here). They represent a pushback against the “bro country” arena music performed by the likes of Aldean and Luke Bryan and have won fans over because of the sounds they embrace, whether it's the Brothers Osborne's soul influences or the classic 1960s sound Musgraves has made her own.