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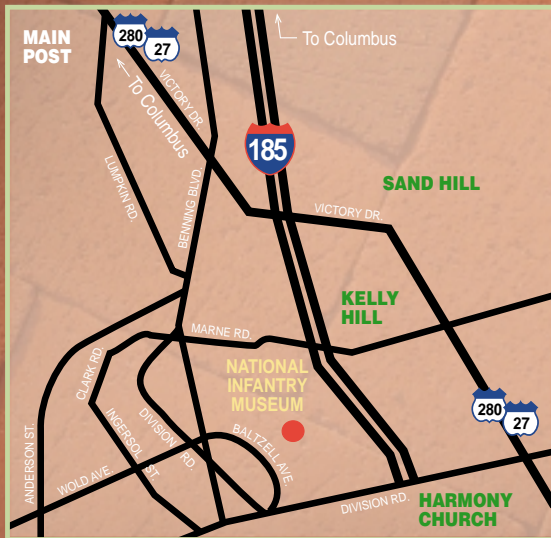
*From the past
to the future...
in a few city blocks.*



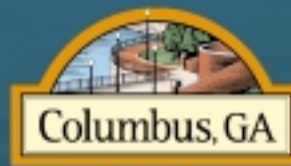
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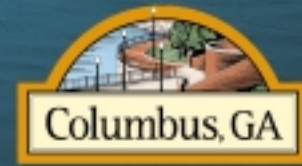
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WHAT THE PAST HAS PRESERVED . . . JUST FOR YOU!

When Spanish explorers told of the powerful falls cascading nearby . . . when the Creeks traveled to the Indian nation's largest trading post on the banks of the Chattahoochee . . . they wouldn't have imagined the authentic river town and thriving regional hub that would one day proudly embrace the land – Columbus, Georgia.

Once Georgia's last frontier outpost, Columbus, now its third-largest city, stands proudly on the cutting-edge frontier of the "New South," where



yesterday's industrial and manufacturing base has given way to a thriving economy

energized by world-class giants among today's supplemental insurance, financial and technology industries.

Located central to most of Georgia's major attractions, Columbus has become a true destination of choice, with more than 3,200 rooms of accommodation, numerous meeting facilities, and a world of dining opportunities. It's no wonder that Columbus plays host to hundreds of tour groups along with regional, state, and national meetings each year.

So come and share our new vision – to a place where the past is revered and the future anticipated – to Columbus, Georgia, and see what progress has preserved just for you!



COLUMBUS & THE AREA



ANNUAL EVENTS

JANUARY

- FDR's Birthday

FEBRUARY

- Black History Month Events

MARCH

- Junior League Attic Sale
- Thunder in the Valley Air Show

APRIL

- Riverfest Weekend
- Westville Spring Festival
- Callaway Gardens Spring Celebration

MAY

- Andersonville Antiques, Crafts, and Civil War Artifacts Fair
- Cotton Pickin' Country Fair
- Masters Water Ski Tournament

JUNE

- Miss Georgia Pageant

JULY

- Independence Day Celebrations
- Thunder on the Hooch

AUGUST

- Miss Columbus Pageant
- Columbus International Festival



SEPTEMBER

- Powers' Crossroad Country Fair and Art Festival
- Columbus-Ft. Benning Shrine Circus
- The Festival at South Commons
- Plains Peanut Festival

OCTOBER

- Andersonville Historic Fair
- Cotton Pickin' Country Fair
- Tuskegee-Morehouse Football Classic
- Arts on the River

NOVEMBER

- Steeplechase
- Fountain City Classic
- Christmas Made in the South

DECEMBER

- Night of Lights
- Westville Yuletide Season
- A Warm Springs Christmas
- Bi-City Christmas Parade
- Holiday Tour of Homes
- Callaway's Fantasy In Lights

THERE IS PLENTY TO



SEE & DO

BLACK HERITAGE TRAIL

Trace the passion and progress of Columbus' rich African-American heritage, whose roots run deep as the Chattahoochee. From a Horace King built bridge to the Liberty Theatre, this self-guided tour, featuring 26 sites of historical and social importance, illuminates the history and development of Columbus' African-American community in a profound, new way. Tour guides available for groups.



ANDERSONVILLE NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

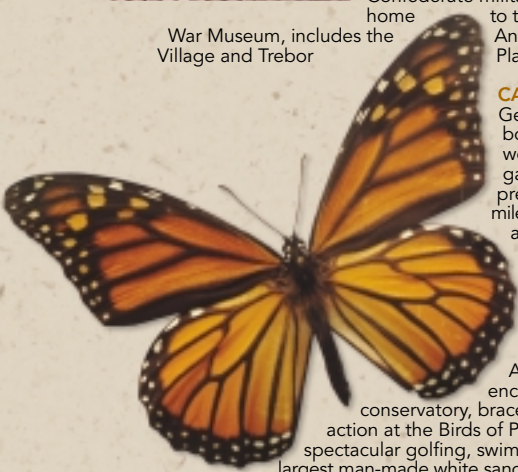
Relive the heart-wrenching drama of America's Civil War at Andersonville – where thousands of Union soldiers languished or died. The Andersonville National Historic Site, one of the largest Confederate military prisons and now home to the National Prisoner of Andersonville Civil War Plantation.

War Museum, includes the Village and Trebor

CALLAWAY GARDENS

Get drenched in nature's bounty at Callaway, world-renowned gardens, resort and preserve. Trek through miles of nature trails or take a leisurely drive through this 14,000 acre golf and beach resort that erupts in spring with a riot of azaleas in bloom. Dance among butterflies in North America's largest glass-enclosed tropical conservatory, brace for heart-stopping action at the Birds of Prey show, or enjoy spectacular golfing, swimming at the world's largest man-made white sand beach, Masters Water

Ski Tournament, lush horticultural center, horseback riding, fishing and hunting – recreation galore!



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COCA-COLA SPACE SCIENCE CENTER

Fly to the moon, see the heavens as they looked when Caesar built his empire, watch a total eclipse of the sun as it happens on the other side of the world. The Coca-Cola Space Science Center's learning center, multimedia planetarium, and observatory make star gazing almost science fiction.



COLUMBUS MUSEUM

Marvel at ever-changing venues of art and artifacts at one of the largest art museums in the Southeast. Noted for its concentration on American art and history of the Chattahoochee Valley, the collection features over 14,000 pieces in permanent and traveling exhibition galleries of fine and decorative art, a regional history gallery, and hands-on discovery gallery for children – of all ages!



HOLLYWOOD CONNECTION

Play hard at Hollywood Connection, Georgia's largest indoor family entertainment center, complete with 10 movie theaters, video arcade, carousel, electric train, mini-golf course, bumper cars and roller skating rink. From 5 to 85, what more could a kid ask?

CHAMPIONSHIP GOLF

Polish the clubs and take your pick from golf outings that are nothing short of spectacular. Voted among the top 25 public courses in the country, Bull Creek Golf Course boasts one of the finest courses to be found. Indulge the naturalist at Oxbow Creek Golf Course, or revel in the magnificent greens and vistas at one of Callaway's four championship courses.



HISTORIC DISTRICT

Stroll back to times genteel with a guided tour of Heritage Corner, in the heart of Columbus' 26-block Historic District – Georgia's largest – where brick cobblestone streets, ancient oaks and century-old homes are the order of the day. Five historical buildings, from a trader's log cabin to the home of Dr. John Pemberton – whose French wine d'coca became better known as Coca-Cola – showcase the flavors of Chattahoochee Valley life, spiced with your very own sample of "lumpy Coke."



OXBOW MEADOWS ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING CENTER

Tread lightly amid native flora and fauna at Oxbow Meadows, where nature takes its course. Ramble amongst ponds and vegetation where butterfly and bird, turtle and dragonfly – and the occasional snake or two! – reign supreme. Get hands-on at the Environmental Learning Center and experience the region's natural history. Ideal for student and group tours, bird watching and natural discovery.



LITTLE WHITE HOUSE & WARM SPRINGS VILLAGE

Commemorate the courage and legacy of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, stricken with polio in 1921, in his therapeutic quest amid the naturally heated mineral waters of Warm Springs. A visit to the Little White House, safe haven and "home away from home," showcases furnishings, personal automobile, carefully preserved outbuildings and artifacts, and historic video of the President and his contemporaries. An excursion to Warm Springs Village rewards the curious and bargain hunter alike with down-home dining, specialties, crafts and antiques.



SOUTH COMMONS SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT COMPLEX

Revel in your sport of choice at South Commons Sports & Entertainment Complex. Proud home of the 1996 Olympic Women's Fast-Pitch Softball venue, the Commons features a premiere 8-field softball complex and Olympic Legacy stadium, historic Golden Park baseball stadium, Columbus Civic Center, and the A.J. McClung Memorial Stadium, battleground for Tuskegee-Morehouse and the Fountain City Classic, two of the longest running football rivalries in the region.

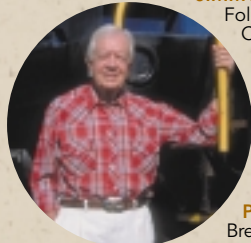


COLUMBUS CIVIC CENTER

Sit back and enjoy the show, or the game, at the 10,000 seat Columbus Civic Center, home to two professional sports franchises – the Southern Professional Hockey League and the National Basketball Development League – and host to noted sporting and entertainment events from Alabama to the Original Harlem Globetrotters to Disney on Ice. Check for ticket availability.

JIMMY CARTER NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

Follow the makings of a President at the Jimmy Carter National Historic Site in Plains, home of President Jimmy Carter and First Lady Rosalynn. Chart the course of President Carter's life from peanut farm to the White House with an excursion through the town and Depot, which now houses the 1976 Presidential Campaign museum, boyhood home and Visitors Center. Guided tours available.



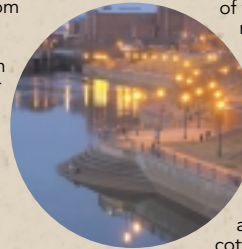
PROVIDENCE CANYON STATE PARK

Breathe in the grandeur of Georgia's "Little Grand Canyon" at Providence Canyon State Park. The result of erosion due to poor farming practices in the 1800s is now an undulating chasm of color and habitat to several species of rare wildflowers, including the native Plumleaf Azalea. View from the rim trail or don your backpack and camp overnight in the backcountry. Interpretive Center, picnic shelters, and campsites available.



CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVERWALK

Navigate the shores of the river on the Chattahoochee Riverwalk. By foot or on wheels – you'll skirt the cityscape, examine historic monuments and markers, and take in the wild beauty of the rolling river and native wildlife. This 15-mile linear park spans the riverfront from the Lake Oliver city marina south to the National Infantry Museum at Fort Benning.

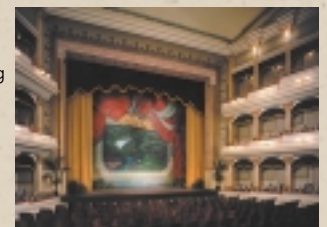


F. D. ROOSEVELT STATE PARK

Take a splash in President Franklin D. Roosevelt's Civilian Conservation Corps-built stone swimming pool, climb Pine Mountain to Dowdell's Knob – his favorite perch for picnicking and reflection – or enjoy a leisurely stay at the park's campground or cottages. Scenic vistas abound here in Georgia's largest state park that today includes the 23-mile Pine Mountain Trail.

SPRINGER OPERA HOUSE

Step off the gaslit street into the spectacular Edwardian Grand Lobby of the Springer Opera House, the State Theatre of Georgia and leading Southern cultural institution since 1871. Oscar Wilde, Ma Rainey, Lillie Langtry, John Philip Sousa are but a few voices from the past that beckon you to today's world-class entertainment on the Springer's grand old stage. Tours available.



WESTVILLE

Warp back in time to the mid 19th century at Westville, Georgia's working 1850 town. Relive history in this village of more than thirty authentically furnished pre-Civil War buildings come to life with hearth-cooked food, mules and wagons, and period-dressed townspeople and tradesmen just itching to demonstrate their crafts and skills – and tell you a tale or two in the bargain.

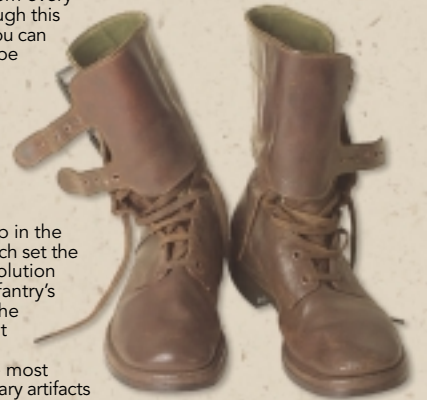


PINE MOUNTAIN WILD ANIMAL SAFARI

Was that Tarzan calling!? You can almost hear the magic of distant tribal drumbeats as the zebras graze and . . . hey, that's a giraffe in my window! Don't be surprised at the variety and curiosity of wild and exotic beasts from every continent as you cruise through this 500-acre safari tour, where you can see, touch, feed – and maybe even talk! – to the animals.

NATIONAL INFANTRY MUSEUM

Examine poignant art and artifacts of war in the ongoing defense of our nation, from George Washington's apprenticeship in the French and Indian War – which set the stage for the American Revolution plus two centuries of the Infantry's preservation of freedom. The National Infantry Museum at Ft. Benning, "Home of the Infantry," houses one of the most significant collections of military artifacts in existence.



PORT COLUMBUS NATIONAL CIVIL WAR NAVAL MUSEUM

Hang on for your life . . . it's "Damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead!" at this one-of-a-kind Civil War naval operations museum featuring Confederate ironclad CSS Jackson, reconstructed Confederate Naval Shipyard, and the largest collection of Civil War naval artifacts and fighting ships in the world. Survive a surprise Union attack aboard the reconstructed USS Albemarle and you can say... "you were there!"



RIVERCENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

Get wowed – from the Temptations to the Ten Tenors – at RiverCenter for the Performing Arts, home to Columbus State University Schwob School of Music and a variety of nonprofit arts organizations. In addition to an exceptional annual program of events, RiverCenter books many nationally and internationally famous performers, check online or at the box office for ticket availability.



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