

About Us

RESORA is an oasis getaway, set on a beautiful piece of property called Cypress Pond Plantation. It is a 1,638-acre former plantation near Albany, GA that was originally owned by one of the largest slaveholder estates in Georgia. Resora is now owned and operated by former descendants of slaves. With its majestic cypress trees, serene pond views and early 19th century antebellum mansion, Resora is a step away from the norm. The Cypress Pond Plantation is historically significant and is used to represent and promote racial reconciliation and healing in Southwest Georgia. Resora boasts several elegantly furnished lodges, a guest house and a studio bunk house on an 85-acre lake. Resora is a place of healing. It's off the beaten path, yet still within a stone's throw of the Albany airport.



By Design

"We envisioned a place where we could farm the land, nurture the minds of people, and empower our community. I look forward to the rich stories that will continue to be passed on through guests, and the type of relaxation and restoration that only being in nature can provide."

Shirley Sherrod

Co-Founder of New Communities Land Trust,
Southwest Georgia project and Resora

Antebellum Mansion

The antebellum home, now lovingly known as the "Big house," is a 13,000 square foot home from the 1800s. It was not quite that big back then, but it was the home to the largest slave owner and wealthiest man in Georgia. He owned 9 plantations, but he held the largest number of slaves at this place. The previous landowner in the 1800s was named Hartwell Hill Tarver.

This house was built with slave labor in 1851. Harwell Hill Tarver owed more than 150 slaves on this plantation. We also know that on December 29, 1851, they sold 150 slaves from this plantation. Another part of this house's history is that it is documented that Jefferson Davis on his way down to Mississippi spent 5 nights in this house. He had a dinner party for some of Albany's finest in this house when Davis was here.

Ownership changed from Hartwell Hill Tarver to his son Paul Tarver, who only lived about 7 more years. In 1858, Paul Tarver died, and part of the estate was sold at that time. We have an ad where 158 slaves were being sold at the courthouse steps in Albany on December 29, 1859.





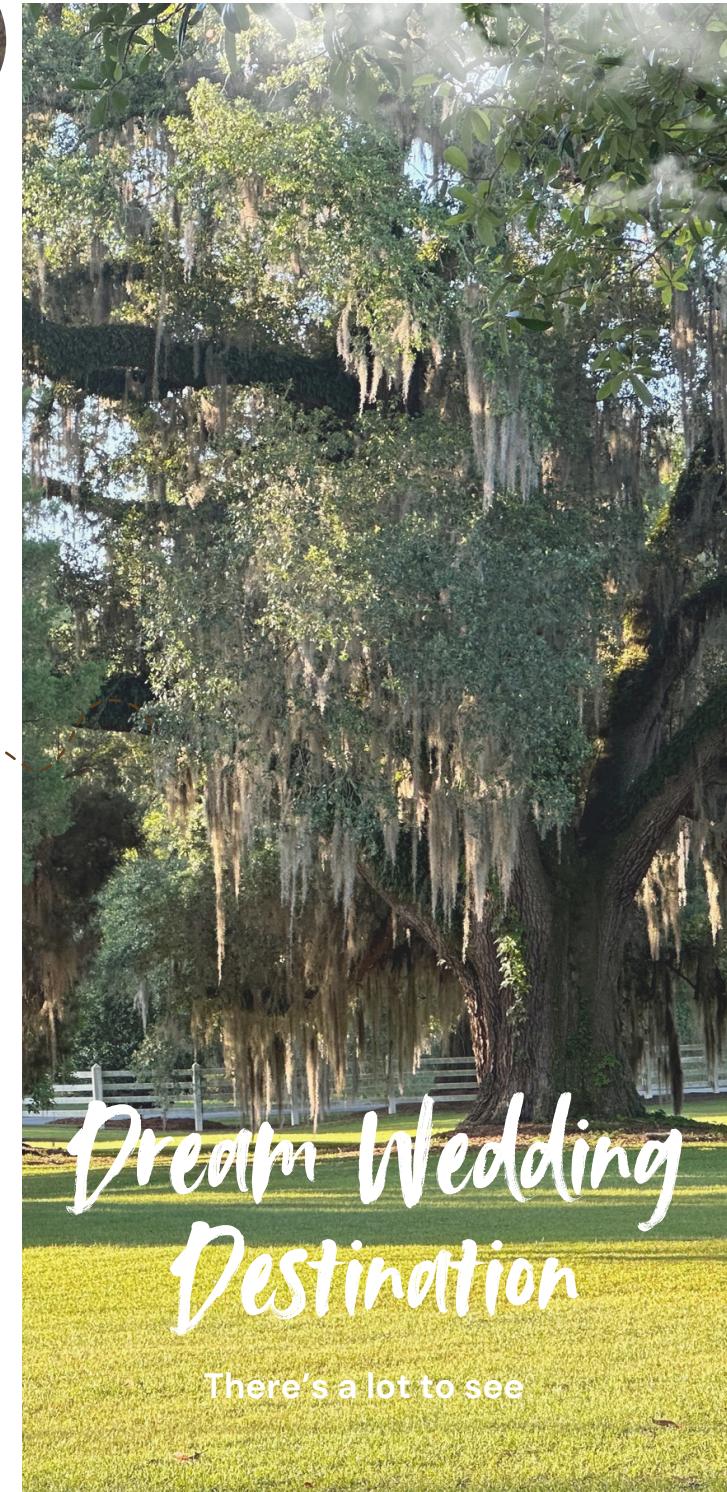
There are 4 captivating cabins located on the Cypress Pond campus. At the front of the property, sits the Slater King cabin. Now this is 'glamping' at its best! This two-bedroom retreat is fully handicapped accessible with a ramped entrance and features beautiful hardwood flooring throughout and an open floor plan with a fully equipped galley kitchen and bar seating, a dining and living room area.

Next, let me introduce you to the Rose Merry Mack cabin. This sweet studio retreat features beautiful hardwood flooring throughout, living room and dining area comfortable for two and open to the fully equipped kitchen. The screened porch reaches across the full width of the cottage with a view of Cypress Pond. The pond and dock are perfect for fishing, writing, reflecting and relaxing.



The Monroe Gaines cabin is a two-bedroom retreat features beautiful hardwood flooring throughout and an open floor plan showcasing a luxurious gourmet kitchen with granite countertops and bar seating, a dining and living room area. Steps away from the cottage is a large pond that is the perfect spot for fishing, writing, reflecting and relaxing.

Finally, there is the Robert Christian cabin. This two-bedroom, three-bathroom cabin sits at the edge of an 85-acre lake. This is a rustic retreat with rich wood and cozy demeanor. There is an outside kitchen for dressing and cleaning fresh catch from the pond. Laid back and breath taking at the same time. You will enjoy this piece of peace.



There's a lot to see

Out on the farm

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