MADISON MORGAN COUNTY Welcome Center

Make the Madison Morgan County Welcome Center the first stop on your small town escape. Here the friendly local guides will help you get started on the free, self-guided walking tour, share insider tips on the most popular attractions and uncover hidden gems in Madison and around Morgan County. Open 7 days a week, 360 days a year, see for yourself why Tripadvisor ranks the Welcome Center as one of Madison's top attractions.

Public Restrooms, Free Parking
115 E. Jefferson St., Madison, GA
(706) 342-4454

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Sunday 11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.





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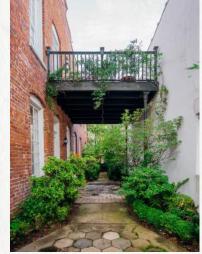
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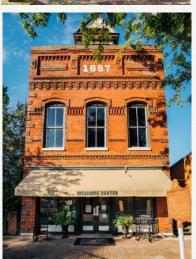
























DISCOVER Small Town Charm

In Madison, the pace is a bit slower and the tea tastes a little sweeter. Majestic, historic homes look over oak-lined streets, couples picnic by trickling fountains and manicured gardens burst with radiant color and fragrant perfume. It's a scene that won't ever go out of style. Whether you come for the day or stay for a lifetime, you'll arrive as a stranger but leave as a friend.

Established in 1809, Madison is the proud home to one of Georgia's largest and oldest historic districts. Lauded as one of "The South's Prettiest Towns," Southern Living magazine wrote, "In Madison, Georgia, you can witness the power of tireless historic preservation efforts and take in the glory of old Southern architecture—from Greek Revival to Victorian, this town showcases all the great architectural styles," while Garden & Gun magazine notes, "Madison's history isn't something suspended in amber... the town feels lived in, as comfortable as an old leather chair. Historic spaces find new purpose."

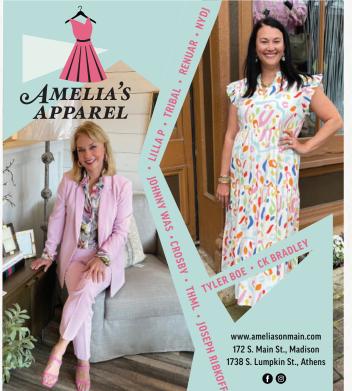
Indeed, Madison's historic downtown bustles with dozens of small, independently-owned shops and restaurants while numerous events invite visitors to celebrate art, food, music and so much more with the community. Slip into a Southern state of mind and take time to enjoy life's simple pleasures with us!













Annual Events

SPRING

Madison Fest

Spring Tour of Homes

Memorial Day Ceremony & Ride for America

NAACP Parade & Festival

Madison-Morgan Cultural Center's Antiques Show & Sale

SUMMER

Summer Nights in Madison Town Park Firefly Festival in Madison Town Park Independence Day Concert & Fireworks Rutledge Summer Concert Series

FALL

Bostwick Cotton Gin Festival Madison's Downtown Chili Cook Off & Fall Fest Madison's Saturday in the Park Hard Labor Creek State Park Fall Festival Rutledge Spooky Fall Festival

WINTER

Choose and Cut Christmas Trees at Jack's Creek Farm

Holiday Tour of Homes

Madison Holiday Parade & Caroling by Candlelight

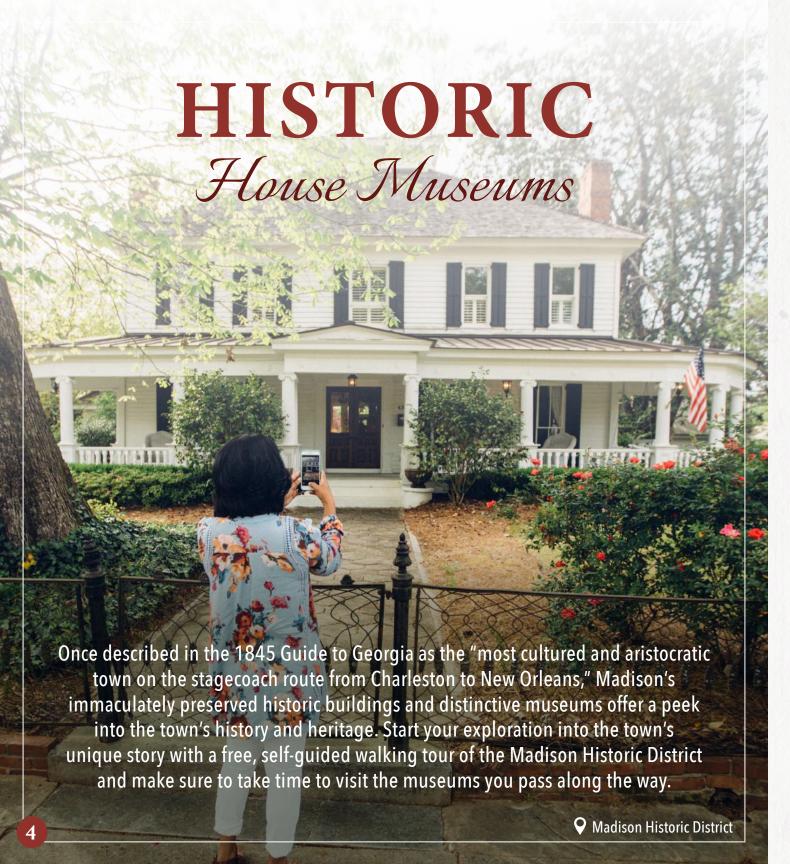
Madison-Morgan Cultural Center's Do Tell! Storytelling Festival



See What's Happening Now!

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3 Historic House Museums Open for Tours Heritage Hall, Rogers House & Rose Cottage Open Tuesday-Sunday Call for Reservations: (706) 342-9627



Richter Cottage

This historic structure (c. 1830) showcases workingclass life in the mid-nineteenth century. Group tours available by appointment.

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MADISON-MORGAN CULTURAL CENTER

Celebrating History and the Arts

The Madison-Morgan Cultural Center is a non-profit multidisciplinary history, performance, and visual arts center. The Center occupies an elegantly restored 1895 Romanesque Revival building in the heart of Madison's National Register Historic District that used to house one of the first graded public schools in the Southeast. For over 40 years, the Center has presented big-name entertainment in the historic setting of its renovated 1895 school auditorium.

Piedmont History Museum



Inside its walls, the Center hosts several permanent collections including a history exhibition highlighting the Piedmont region of GA in the 19th Century and a estored 1895 Schoolroom.

Live & Virtual Performances



The Center has used its Auditorium to build a reputation for excellence in performing arts through the presentation of theatre, dance, music, lectures, and other programs featuring regional, national and international talent.

Art Galleries



The Center houses three art galleries with three to four rotating exhibitions a year. The exhibitions feature all mediums, including ceramics, photography, and mixed

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48 HOURS in Madison

DAY1

Morning Begin your day at Farmview Market, a farmers market and café dedicated to the farm-to-table movement. Check out the butcher shop, grist mill and fresh produce before you hunker down for a breakfast that is sure to fuel your day.

After the market, it's time to tour some of Madison's museums. Appreciate history and the arts at the Madison-Morgan Cultural Center or the Morgan County African-American Museum, or trace the steps of Madison's former residents by touring one of Madison's four historic house museums. Can't choose just one? Get a combination ticket to visit Heritage Hall, Rogers House and Rose Cottage.

Afternoon Enjoy a delicious lunch at one of Madison's unique restaurants. Some local picks include Mad Taco, Martha's Favorites, Amici Pizza & Brewery and The Madison Produce Co.

Prepare to discover downtown with a stop at the Welcome Center. Here you can get started on the self-guided walking tour and make a game plan for exploring the Madison Historic District. You'll find unique boutiques, eateries, antiques and home décor stores galore, all within easy walking distance!

Evening Wind down and refuel at one of Madison's exceptional restaurants. After dinner, catch a performance at the Madison-Morgan Cultural Center or take a sunset stroll through Town Park.

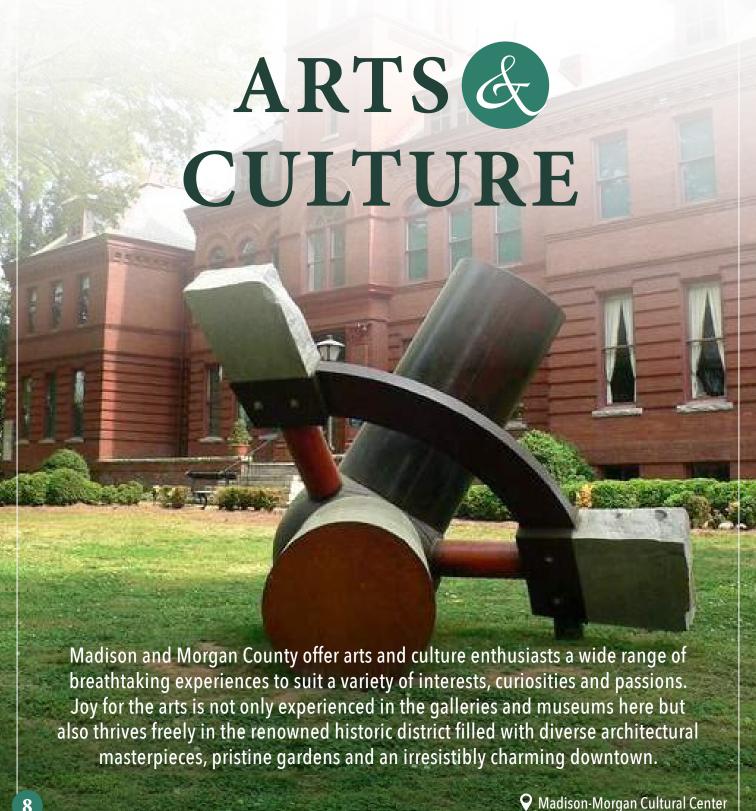
DAY 2

Take time to wander beautiful Morgan County. Just minutes outside of Madison, you can explore Georgia's second-largest state park Hard Labor Creek State Park and the "small but special" City of Rutledge, go horseback riding at an authentic dude ranch at Southern Cross Guest Ranch, or find joy in art discovering the incomparable works at Steffen Thomas Museum of Art.

PLANNING A GROUP EVENT?

Make the most of your time in Madison with a customized itinerary. The Welcome Center is happy to coordinate travel plans for groups of 35 or more.

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Madison Artists Guild & MAGallery

Located in the heart of downtown, the Artists Guild brings together a unique collection of works from local artists, illustrators, woodworkers, carvers and more skilled artisans. Open Tuesday - Saturday.

(706) 342-9360 | themadisonartists guild.org



Madison's Historic Cemeteries

Popularly touted as "Madison's oldest art museum, open to the public for more than 200 years," Madison's historic cemeteries offer a stirring collection of stone carvings and ornate iron works adorned with symbolic grave art. Open dawn to dusk. 420 W. Central Avenue | madisoncemeteries.com

Madison-Morgan **Cultural Center**

The Cultural Center offers high-quality programming and educational opportunities in the fields of visual and performing arts, history and other humanities through a variety of exhibits and special programming. Open Tuesday - Saturday. (\$5 Adults, \$4 Seniors, \$3 Students w/ ID, Children 6 and Under Free) (706) 342-4743 | mmcc-arts.org



Morgan County African-American Museum

Dedicated to collecting, preserving and teaching the history and art of local African American culture. Open Tuesday - Friday and 1st, 3rd Saturdays. (\$5 Adults, \$3 Children) (706) 342-9191 | mcaam.org



Steffen Thomas Museum of Art

A single-artist museum dedicated to preserving and displaying the art of German-American artist Steffen Thomas (1906-1990), while offering outstanding art programing and a dynamic exhibition calendar featuring emerging and professional artists. Open Tuesday-Saturday. (\$10 Adults, \$8 Seniors/Students. Free to STMA Members and Children Under 6 Years Old.) (706) 342-7557 | steffenthomas.org



Lights, Camera, MADISON!

Over the past 40 years, Georgia has been a proud part of Hollywood's move to the South, serving as the location for hundreds of feature films and television shows each year. Morgan County is no stranger to the silver screen, with dozens of box-office hits filmed on the very streets you now walk! Movies produced here span all genres, from action to history to romance, so you are bound to have seen at least one from our list.



Thanks Madison, Georgia for the super hospitality! We had a great time! - Reba McEntire



low the Madison Film Tour to see your favorite movie noments come to life. isitmadisonga.com/film



Previous Film Projects

Friday the 13th Part VI (1986) My Cousin Vinny (1992)

Vampire Diaries (2009-2013)

Rob Zombie's Halloween II (2009)

Footloose (The Remake) (2011)

Selma (2014)

Quantico (2015)

Goosebumps (2015)

In Dubious Battle (2016)

Hidden Figures (2016)

American Made (2017)

Father Figures (2017)

Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2 (2017)

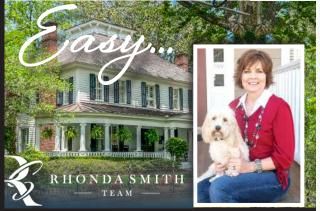
Amazing Stories (2020)

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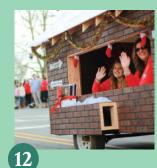












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- 48 Godfrey Feed, (706) 342-0264
- **42** Groove Addiction Music, (615) 364-2005
- 29 Gussie's House of Flowers, (706) 342-0476
- **22** Laughing Moon, (706) 342-8008
- **41** Mad Love Vintage Boutique, (706) 438-1364
- **33** The Chocolate Box Gift Shop, (706) 438-1388
- 16 Zeb Grant Design FLORAL, (706) 342-0776

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- 14 Madison Drug Company, (706) 342-1722
- **51** Madison Naturothopy, (678) 977-5097
- 28 Mane Label Salon, (706) 438-3111
- **27** Pure Bliss Spa & Shop, (706) 342-2422
- **39** Spa Medical Madison, (706) 719-3939
- 12 Thrifty Mac Pharmacy, (706) 342-4141
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- 9 Amelia's Apparel, (706) 342-2986
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- **30** Broad Street Boots, (706) 438-1158
- **24** Madison Grace Baby, (706) 438-3110
- 20 Madison Square Collection, (706) 438-3168
- 21 T.J. Bishop's Men's Shop,(706) 438-1464
- **40** Teal Boutique, (706) 818-5466
- 45 Town & Country Clothing & Accessories, (706) 342-7702
- 38 Whidby Jewelers, (706) 752-0105
- 46 Worthy Clothing & Co., (706) 438-1137

Antiques | Art | Home Décor

- **31** Archambault Interiors, (770) 231-1626
- 32 In High Cotton, (706) 342-7777
- 10 J & K Fleas An'Tiques, (706) 342-3009
- **36** J & K Fleas An'Tiques on Jefferson, (706) 343-0130
- 26 Madison Artists Guild Gallery, (706) 342-9360
- 23 Madison Grace Home, (706) 438-3110
- 44 Madison Markets Antiques, (706) 342-8795
- 18 Zeb Grant Design HOME, (706) 453-0588

Restaurants | Coffee

- **34** Amici Pizza & Brewery, (706) 342-0000
- **37** Benny Paul's Soul Food, (706) 752-1020
- 4 Hart & Crown Tavern, (706) 438-8050
- 11 Madison Chop House Grille, (706) 342-9009
- 15 Madison Produce Co. & Deli, (706) 438-1505
- 6 Mad Taco, (706) 438-1232
- 54 Martha's Favorites, (706) 342-1600
- 43 Oconee Coffee Roasters, (443) 994-0242
- **52** Ricardo's Kouzzina, (706) 342-0729
- 5 The Dining Room, (706) 478-7893
- 1 The Sinclair Madison, (706) 438-1101
- 53 Tickled Pig BBQ, (706) 438-3027
- 49 Town 220 Restaurant, (706) 752-1445
- **3** Wing Nights at Benny Paul's, (706) 438-3200

Specialty Grocers & Treats

- **2** Community Roots Market, (706) 438-1206
- **55** EZ Bottle Shop, (706) 342-1983
- 7 Madison Square Nutrition, (678) 634-8157
- 13 Main Street Pantry, (706) 438-3104
- 19 Patisserie On Main, (706) 478-7904
- **25** Scoops Ice Cream Shop, (706) 342-3002

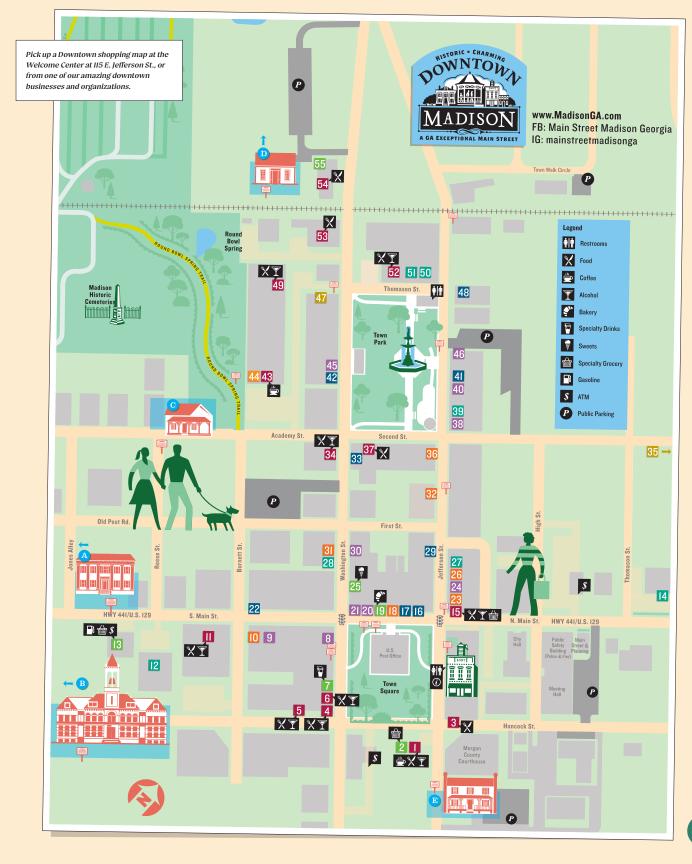
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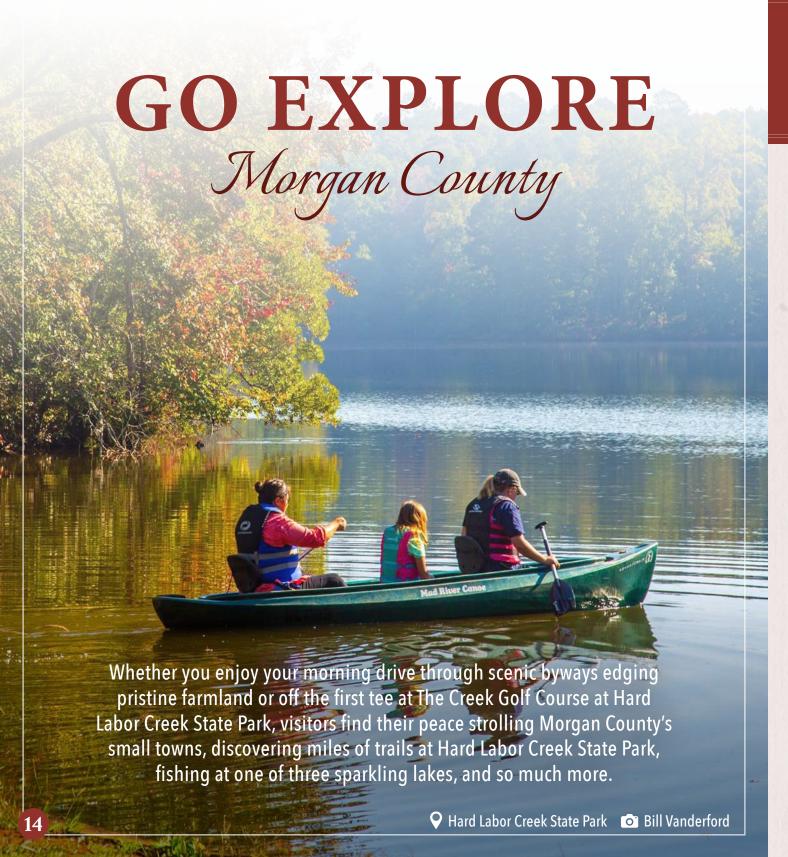
- 35 The Brady Inn, (706) 342-4400
- 47 The James Madison Inn, (706) 342-7040

Attractions

- A Heritage Hall 277 S. Main St.; (706) 342-9627
- B Madison-Morgan Cultural Center 434 S. Main St.; (706) 342-4743
- C MC African-American Museum 156 Academy St.; (706) 342-9191
- D Richter Cottage (By Appt. Only)
 490 Wellington St.; mclandmarks@gmail.com
- Rogers House & Rose Cottage 179 E Jefferson St.; (706) 343-0190

Pictured this page from top to bottom: Madison Fest, Firefly Kids Night, Firefly Date Night, the Downtown Chili Cook-off, and the Holiday Parade.





ESSENTIAL Outdoor Experiences

Hard Labor Creek State Park

Georgia's second-largest state park offers a wide range of recreational opportunities in a beautiful wooded setting. With two stocked lakes, a sand beach popular with swimmers during summer months, an active events calendar and 20+ miles of trails for hiking, mountain biking and horseback riding, there are plenty of ways to enjoy an extended stay in one of the park's 20 completely renovated and spacious cabins or soak up the true camping experience at one of 50+ tent and RV campsites.



The Creek Golf Course

As one of only eight state park golf courses in Georgia, this challenging 18-hole course has been named "the 4th sweetest deal in the USA" by Golf Digest Frugal Golfer. Pros, families and first-time golfers alike enjoy the course's pristine natural setting, Bermuda greens and signature 14th holenot to mention affordable stay and play packages for a relaxing golf getaway.

Georgia's Lake Country

With more than 800 miles of scenic shorelines at nearby Lakes Oconee and Sinclair, it's no wonder this region is known as Georgia's Lake Country. Take your boat for a ride from Buckhead's convenient marinas to enjoy fishing the day away and discover more ways to explore at galakecountry.com.



Fun on the Farms

Pick your own fresh fruits at Sweets Berry Farm and CJ Orchards or discover the dairy production process with special tours of Rock House Creamery & Garden. Hop on a horseback ride at Southern Cross Guest Ranch or stay the night at one of two working alpaca farms, Harmony Oaks Cottage or Crafdal Farms. Here for the Holidays? Jack's Creek Christmas Tree Farm & Nursery offers a true "choose and cut" experience across 50 acres of historic farmland.

Small Town Splendor

Beyond Madison, the even smaller towns of Bostwick, Buckhead and Rutledge offer their own unique vibes, histories and stories to tell. From historic railroad beginnings to favorite filming locations, keep reading to discover what hidden gems each holds to be uncovered...



The City of Bostwick

In the 1920s, when cotton was king, Bostwick too was a booming town. It contained several cotton gins, a cotton seed mill, masonry, depot, train station and more. Today, Bostwick maintains one of the few operational cotton gins in Georgia.

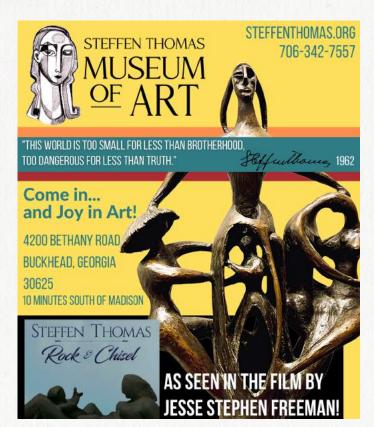
Each year the town celebrates its agrarian roots with the Cotton Gin Festival to support the restoration of the Susie Agnes Hotel, which now serves as the town's city hall. Many may recognize this red brick building from its film debut as Parker Hotel in the 1992 comedy My Cousin Vinny.





The Town of Buckhead

Not to be confused with Atlanta's bustling Buckhead, our Buckhead is known as the *real* Buckhead! Making up the western banks of beautiful Lake Oconee, this town (population 195) is home to Blue Springs Marina, Sugar Creek Marina and the exceptional Steffen Thomas Museum of Art. Settled in the early 1800s, Buckhead was incorporated in 1908. However its heyday came in the 1930s when the Georgia Railroad designated it as a layover between Atlanta and Augusta.





The City of Rutledge

Just west of Madison lies Rutledge, a town of only 870 and the gateway to Hard Labor Creek State Park. Rutledge's historic district is virtually unchanged since its heyday as a railroad town, founded in 1871. Here you can grab lunch at a deli housed in the last caboose to travel the local rails, pick up flower seeds at a hardware store in continuous operation since 1891, or catch up with a friend over a piece of buttermilk pie at Yesterday's Cafe. With a popular farmer's market, summer concert series and other fun seasonal events – Rutledge may be small, but it sure is special!



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The James Madison Inn 260 W. Washington St., Madison, GA 30650 (706) 342-7040 | jamesmadisoninn.com

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Deerfield Inn (706) 342-7374

Hampton Inn Madison (706) 342-9003 | hamptoninn.com

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Firefly Inn - Cheerful French country inn with a friendly, artistic farmhouse vibe. (706) 881-7771 | fireflymadison.com

Hard Labor Creek State Park - Nature lovers retreat with cozy cabins, camping and RV accommodations. (706) 557-3001 | gastateparks.org/HardLaborCreek

Harmony Oaks Cottage - Serene one bedroom cottage located on a 10-acre working alpaca farm. (404) 723-0401 | airbnb.com

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Southern Cross Guest Ranch - Premier, all-inclusive guest ranch, horse farm and B&B. (706) 342-8027 | southcross.com

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Brady Inn

(706) 342-4400 | bradyinn.com

Burnt Pine Plantation

(706) 557-0407 | burntpine.com

Empire Mills

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Farmhouse Inn at Hundred Acre Farm

(706) 342-7933 | thefarmhouseinn.com

Hard Labor Creek State Park

(706) 557-3001 | gastateparks.org/HardLaborCreek

Heritage Hall

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Madison Town Park & Public Meeting Facilities

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The Hall on Foster at Madison-Morgan Cultural Center

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By Boat:

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By Horse:

Giddyup at Southern Cross Guest Ranch or bring your favorite steed to Hard Labor Creek State Park.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE WAY TO EXPLORE?

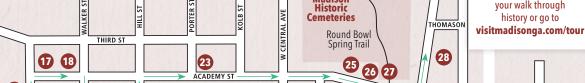
Walking Tour MADISON HISTORIC DISTRICT

Ready for a self-guided walking tour of the Madison Historic District? Head over to your first stop at the Welcome Center and our friendly staff will help you get on your way!

- Welcome Center
- 2. Morgan County Courthouse
- 3. Rogers House & Rose Cottage
- 4. Oliver Hardy & The Turnell Butler Hotel
- **5.** Courthouse Square
- Dovecote House
- 7. Heritage Hall
- 8. Madison Baptist Church & First United Methodist Church
- 9. The Magnolias & Presbyterian Church
- 10. Jessup-Atkinson House

- 11. Madison-Morgan Cultural Center (Graded School)
- **12.** Baldwin-Ruffin-Lanier House (Georgia Female College) & Foster-Thomason House
- 13. Porter-Fitzpatrick House
- **14.** Hunter House
- 15. La Flora
- 16. Oak House
- 17. Godfrey-Hunt Home
- 18. Carter-Newton House & Town Commons
- 19. Stagecoach House
- 20. Joshua Hill House
- 21. Stokes-McHenry House
- 22. Broughton Hall
- 23. Church of the Advent
- **24.** Boxwood
- 25. Calvary Baptist Church
- **26.** Morgan County African-American Museum
- **27.** Round Bowl Spring Park & Madison Historic Cemeteries

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