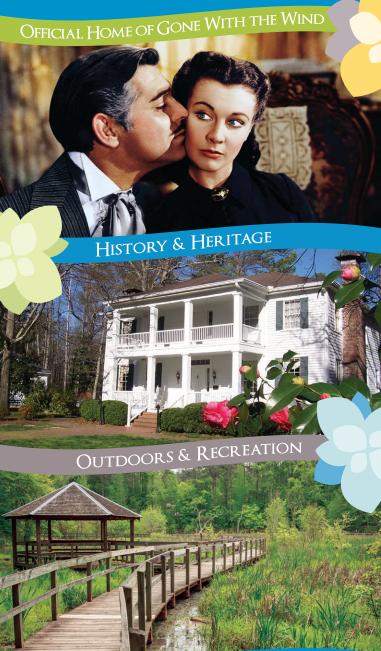
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WELCOME to Clayton County, Georgia Atlanta's True South

ocated just fifteen miles south of Atlanta, Clayton County, Georgia, has the touch of Southern charm and local main streets you're looking for while being convenient to all the action of Atlanta.

Whether your interest is stepping back in time through stories of the Civil War, getting swept into the timeless romance of Rhett and Scarlett, digging a little deeper into your own family tree, getting lost in art, soaking in the sun, or discovering new trails, Clayton County is a great place to explore.

Clayton County is located along Interstate 75 and just minutes away from Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport. So whether you're flying or driving, we're a convenient location for you to stop and stay awhile.

For personalized help in planning your visit to Clayton County, contact one of our experienced visitor information specialists.

Clayton County Welcome Center

104 North Main Street, Jonesboro, GA 30236 770-478-4800 or 800-662-7829 info@atlantastruesouth.com Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Saturday 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

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Clayton County, Georgia, is known as the "Official Home of Gone With the Wind."

ow did Clayton County get this designation? In April 1969, Stephens Mitchell, Margaret Mitchell's brother, was quoted during a speech: "I want Clayton County to have the name 'Home of Gone With the Wind,' I have wished for this promotion for a long time, because it is the home of Gone With the Wind. This would have been pleasing to my late sister, Margaret."

It's a fitting designation. Margaret Mitchell grew up visiting her great-grandparents' home in Clauton Countu-charminalu called "Rural Home"—during the summers, where she listened to her relatives talk about the Civil War. Later in life, while writing her Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, Mitchell visited the historic Jonesboro Courthouse to conduct historical research, eventually making Jonesboro the literary setting for Scarlett O'Hara's beloved Tara.

During your visit, you'll find many ties to Gone With the Wind throughout Clayton County, Learn more about Mitchell, her family, and the Gone With the Wind legacy at the Road to Tara Museum and on the daily Gone With the Wind Tour.



DID YOU KNOW? There's a Gone With the Wind Trail throughout metro Atlanta linking museums and sites related to Margaret Mitchell's and Gone With the Wind's history.

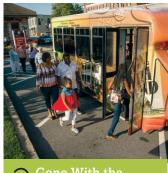
HISTORY & HERITAGE

Immerse yourself in the history surrounding Clayton County. From the Civil War's 1864 Battle of Jonesboro to Rhett and Scarlett's sweeping romance, to researching your own family tree, history buffs and novices alike will find many things to do.

GEORGIA ARCHIVES

>> Discover Georgia's historical documents at the Georgia Archives. Whether you love history, want to learn more about the state, or research your family tree, the Georgia Archives has the resources to get you started. Visiting Clayton County on the second Friday of the month? Stop by one of their monthly Lunch & Learn lectures, which feature a variety of interesting topics given by industry experts. 5800 Jonesboro Road, Morrow, GA 30260, 678-364-3710, georgiaarchives.org; Admission: free; Hours: Tuesday-Saturday 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.





Gone With the Wind Tour Jonesboro

>> Follow the path of Margaret Mitchell on this nostalgic audio narrative through the rich and romantic antebellum era that inspired Mitchell's legendary novel. Be entertained with tales of Gone With the Wind and its unique ties to Jonesboro, Georgia. This bus tour lasts about an hour and is on a climate-controlled, fourteenpassenger minibus. 104 North Main Street, Jonesboro, GA 30236, 770-478-4800, atlantastruesouth.com/ gone-with-wind/historic-bus-tours/: Admission: adults \$24.95, seniors \$21.95, children (12 and under)

\$13.95; includes entrance to the Road to Tara Museum; tour departs from Welcome Center Monday—Saturday at 1:00 p.m.; reservations recommended

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Melvinia Shields Monument

Rex The Melvinia Shields Monument honors the inspiring five-generation journey of First Lady Michelle Obama's ancestru from slaveru to the White House. Born into slavery in 1844, Melvinia Shields relocated at the age of six from South Carolina to a farm in the area presently known as Rex in Clayton County, Georgia. The Melvinia Shields Monument is a place that invites all people to discover how the heritage and diversitu of the African American experience has shaped America's modern history through a story that surpasses the boundaries of race and culture. 3724 Mill Walk, Rex, GA 30273,770-478-4800, atlantastruesouth.com/ listings/Melvinia-Shields-Monument/18/: Admission: free; Hours: dawn to dusk

National Archives at Atlanta

Morrow Explore the documented narrative of the Southern experience through records dating from 1716 to the present day. Covering the southeastern states, the National Archives at Atlanta holds documents that are a prominent resource for further study in Civil Rights, space exploration, maritime and naval history, Southern communities, and a range of other subjects. 5780 Jonesboro Road, Morrow, GA 30260. 770-968-2100, archives.gov/atlanta/; Admission: free; Hours: Monday-Friday and the third Saturday of the month from 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.



National Museum of Commercial Aviation Forest Park

>> Be a part of a flight crew for the day as you journey through the history of commercial aviation. Explore the timeline of commercial aviation through interactive exhibits, vintage uniforms, models, and memorabilia from former and current airlines including Delta, Eastern, Aloha Airlines, Southwest, and many others. 5442 Frontage Road, Suite 110, Forest Park, GA 30297, 404-675-9266, nationalaviationmuseum.com; Admission: adults \$5, youth (4-12) \$3, family pass \$15 (includes 2 adults and 4 children); Hours: Wednesday-Saturday 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Road to Tara Museum Jonesboro

Step into the world of Margaret Mitchell's classic novel and the sweeping romance of Rhett Butler and Scarlett O'Hara. The museum combines the real history of the Civil War's Atlanta Campaign and the 1864 Battle of Jonesboro along with both Hollywood's and Margaret Mitchell's versions of Gone With the Wind. See Civil War artifacts, replica Confederate and Union uniforms, items from the 1939 Atlanta movie premiere, and reproductions of Scarlett's most famous dresses. 104 North Main Street, Jonesboro, GA 30236, 770-478-4800, atlantastruesouth.com/gone-withwind/road-to-tara-museum; Admission: adults \$7, seniors \$6, children (6-12) \$6; Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Saturday 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.; last ticket sold forty-five minutes prior to closing





7 Southern Belles & Whistles Tour Jonesboro

→ Take a tour through history in Clayton County from the Civil

War era through the 1950s, and see how the county has grown. From a

Creek Indian settlement to thirteen saloons on Main Street in Jonesboro,

Clayton County has a character-filled history. Speaking of characters,

you'll even hear about the ties between Clayton County and the world
renowned novel, Gone With the Wind. This bus tour lasts about an hour

and is on a climate-controlled, fourteen-passenger minibus. 104 North

Main Street, Jonesboro, GA 30236, 770-478-4800, atlantastruesouth.com/

gone-with-wind/historic-bus-tours/; Admission: adults \$24.95, seniors \$21.95,

children (12 and under) \$13.95; includes entrance into the Road to Tara

Museum; tours depart from the Welcome Center Monday through Saturday at

11:00 a.m.; reservations recommended

Stately Oaks Plantation Jonesboro Walk among the tall

walk among the tall oak trees while getting a glimpse of life in the mid-1800s. The antebellum plantation includes an 1839 Greek Revival-style home, an original log kitchen, a tenant house, a one-room



schoolhouse, and a country store. Plan your trip around one of the many annual events held here each year. 100 Carriage Lane, Jonesboro, GA 30236, 770-473-0197, historicaljonesboro.org; Admission: adults \$12, seniors \$9, children (5-11) \$6; Hours: Monday-Saturday 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.; tours start on the hour; last tour begins at 3:00 p.m.



ARTS & CUITURE

You'll find Clayton County brimming with art. While you're here you can catch a local theater production, hear internationally known performers, or discover new Georgia artists to love.

ARTS CLAYTON GALLERY Jonesboro Admire works of art by Georgia artists or take in a national traveling exhibit at this beautiful gallery. Rotating exhibitions are featured on a monthly basis. Interactive programs and group art classes taught by local artists are offered year-round. 136 South Main Street, Jonesboro, GA 30236, 770-473-5457; artsclayton.org, Admission: free; Hours: Tuesday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Saturday 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.



SPIVEY HALL Morrow

>> Listen to the sounds of jazz, classical, chamber, and world music as it surrounds you in this intimate and

acoustically perfect venue. Spivey Hall is a treat for musicians to perform in and for the audience to enjoy. See internationally known artists from September through May. Check the online schedule to see who's playing during your visit. 2000 Clayton State Boulevard, Morrow, GA 30260,678-466-4200, spiveyhall.org; Admission: ticket prices vary



The Front **Porch Players**

>> Catch a production by Clayton County's own theater group. You'll see charming shows performed by local actors. There are several shows each year, so check out the online schedule and make plans to catch one. the front porchplayers. com; Admission: ticket prices vary

OUTDOORS & RECREATION

Enjoy the great outdoors by squishing your toes in the sand, hiking trails shaded by Georgia pines, watching birds take flight, and hunting for hidden treasures.



>> Pick up the produce of the season at this 150-acre, open-air farmers market full of outdoor stands containing fresh fruits and veggies, plants, and flowers; it's considered the largest of its kind in the United States. Find everything from juicy Georgia peaches and crisp Vidalia onions to Christmas trees and pumpkins. 16 Forest Parkway, Forest Park, GA 30297, 404-366-8767, agr.georgia. gov/atlanta-farmers-market.aspx; Hours: dawn to dusk

Clayton County International Park/ The Beach Jonesboro

>> Soak up a day of fun in the sun at the park, which includes a beach! Enjoy the spring-fed, six-acre swimming lake complete with a sandy beach, kids area, and water slides. The Beach is seasonal. open Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. The park is full of walking and biking trails, fishing lakes, outdoor playgrounds, and picnic areas that are open year round. 2300 Highway 138 SE, Jonesboro, GA 30236, 770-477-3766, claytonparks.com; Clayton County International Park admission: free; Park hours: dawn to dusk; The Beach admission (only during summer months): adults \$11, seniors \$9, children (3-12) \$9, children (2 & under) free; The Beach hours: see website for times



GEOCACHING

→ Bring out your inner pirate and hunt for hidden treasure, or as we like to call them, caches. There are quite a few hidden throughout the county-how many will you find? Using GPS technology and predetermined coordinates, adventurers will travel through forest, farm, and more to discover them all. 770-478-4800, atlantastruesouth.com/listings/ Geocaching/15/



Newman Wetlands Center Hampton

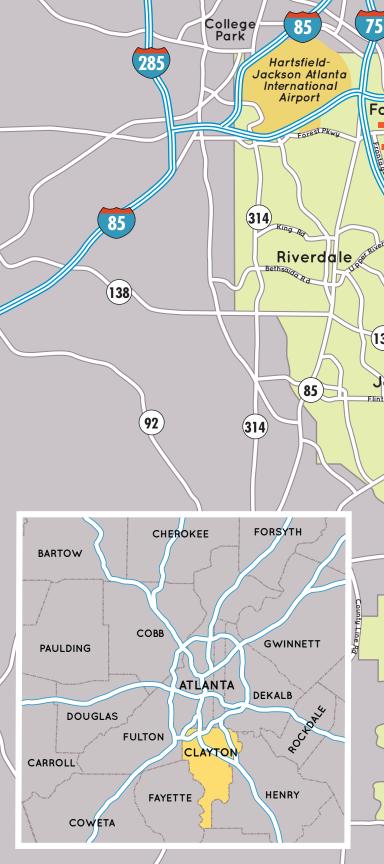
>> Catch sight of more than 130 bird species, explore tree-lined paths, and enjoy the sounds and songs of nature. The wetlands were created to demonstrate the importance of preserving wetlands environments. The 32-acre wildlife habitat and wetlands trail are an interpretive experience of wetlands ecology, conservation, and watershed protection. 2755 Freeman Road, Hampton, GA 30228.770-603-5603.ccwa. us/newman-wetlands-center: Admission: free; Trail hours:

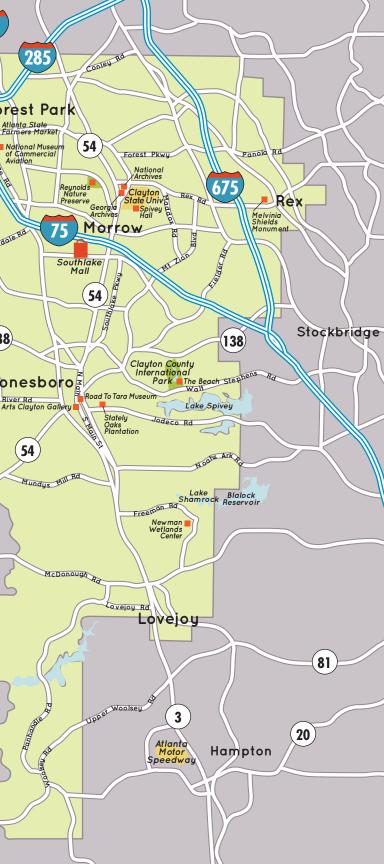


dawn to dusk; Interpretive Center hours: September-May (Monday-Friday): 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. June-August (Tuesday-Saturday): 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

REYNOLDS NATURE PRESERVE Morrow

>> Walk under towering pines and oaks, pass by spring-fed ponds, and take in the natural landscape of this 146-acre preserve. There are three miles of trails in multiple loops throughout the preserve, so it's a great spot to get outside for a short respite or take your time and do all the trails at once. 5665 Reynolds Road, Morrow, GA 30260, 770-603-4188, reynoldsnaturepreserve.org; Admission: free; Hours: dawn to dusk





ACCOMMODATIONS

Exit 228 (Stockbridge)

Comfort Suites Hotel Stockbridge 3540 Cameron Pkwy. Stockbridge, GA 30281 770-507-0444 choicehotels.com

Days Inn & Suites 7385 Hannover Pkwy. North Stockbridge, GA 30281 770-507-4440 daysinn.com

Econo Lodge – Stockbridge 7395 Davidson Cir. East Stockbridge, GA 30281 770-756-9668 choicehotels.com

Hampton Inn Atlanta – Stockbridge 7342 Hannover Pkwy. North Stockbridge, GA 30281 770-389-0065 hamptoninn3.hilton.com

La Quinta Inn & Suites 3581 Cameron Pkwy. Stockbridge, GA 30281 770-506-9991 lq.com

Magnolia Inn – Stockbridge 7419 Davidson Cir. Stockbridge, GA 30281 770-507-8857

Quality Inn & Suites 7325 Davidson Pkwy. North Stockbridge, GA 30281 770-507-7911 choicehotels.com

Sleep Inn & Suites 7423 Davidson Cir. West Stockbridge, GA 30281 770-474-3870 choicehotels.com

Sleep Well Stockbridge 7233 Davidson Pkwy. North Stockbridge, GA 30281 678-961-7743 Stay Inn & Suites Stockbridge 7465 Davidson Pkwy. South Stockbridge, GA 30281 770-507-4700 stayinnstockbridge.com

Stockbridge Inn 7265 Davidson Pkwy. North Stockbridge, GA 30281 770-474-1700 stockbridgeinnga.com

Exit 231 (Morrow)

America's Best Value Inn & Suites – Atlanta South – Morrow 2185 Mt. Zion Pkwy. Morrow, GA 30260 770-472-9800 americasbestvalueinn.com

Country Inn & Suites 2192 Mt. Zion Pkwy. Morrow, GA 30260 770-603-3232 countryinns.com

Extended Stay America – Atlanta – Morrow 2265 Mt. Zion Pkwy. Morrow, GA 30260 770-472-0727 extendedstayamerica.com

Intown Suites Stockbridge 2235 Mt. Zion Pkwy. Morrow, GA 30260 770-603-9700 intownsuites.com

Exit 235 (Forest Park and Jonesboro)

American Inn & Suites 6358 Old Dixie Hwy. Jonesboro, GA 30236 770-305-0300

Budget Inn – Jonesboro 6880 Tara Blvd. Jonesboro, GA 30236 770-478-0816 Econo Lodge – Jonesboro 340 Upper Riverdale Rd. Jonesboro, GA 30236 770-991-0069 choicehotels.com

Economy Inn – Jonesboro 8425 Tara Blvd. Jonesboro, GA 30236 770-603-6700 economyinnjonesboro.com

Home 1 Extended Stay 8240 Tara Blvd. Jonesboro, GA 30236 770-280-3400 home1extendedstayjonesboro.com

Hotel Magnolia 6326 Old Dixie Hwy. Jonesboro, GA 30236 678-604-0191

Intown Suites 7021 Tara Blvd. Jonesboro, GA 30236 770-472-5999 intownsuites.com

Magnolia Bay Hotel & Suites 701 Southside Commercial Pkwy. Jonesboro, GA 30236 678-610-2528

Motel 6 – Jonesboro 628 Southside Commercial Pkwu. Jonesboro, GA 30236 678-674-1360 motel6.com

Royal Inn 740 North Ave. Jonesboro, GA 30236 770-478-7759 royalinnatlanta.com

Southside Inn – Jonesboro 6370 Old Dixie Hwu. Jonesboro, GA 30236 770-961-6336

Sundown Suites 7811 North Main St. Jonesboro, GA 30236 770-471-7205

Super 8 – Forest Park 410 Old Dixie Way Forest Park, GA 30297 404-363-8811 super8.com

Travelodge - Forest Park 6025 Old Dixie Hwy. Forest Park, GA 30297 404-361-3600 travelodge.com

Exit 237 (College Park, Forest Park, and Riverdale)

American Atlanta Inn & Suites 5116 GA Hwy. 85 Forest Park, GA 30297 404-768-6400

Comfort Suites - Atlanta Airport 5087 Clark Howell Hwy. Atlanta, GA 30349 404-209-7299 choicehotels.com

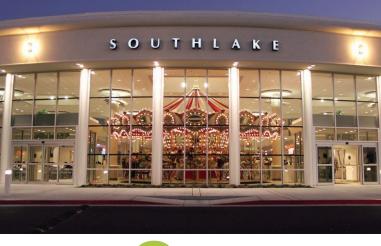
Econo Lodge – Atlanta Airport East 5060 Frontage Rd. Forest Park, GA 30297 404-363-6429 choicehotels.com

Ramada Limited Suites 357 Lee St. Forest Park, GA 30297 404-768-7799 ramada.com

Regency Inn 7618 GA Hwy. 85 Riverdale, GA 30274 770-478-3600 hotelmotelriverdalega.com



Find Elvis Presley painted in the mural in the Road to Tara Museum. Hint: He's carrying a flag.



Good Local Eats Boutiques

ooking for something delicious to eat?
Of course you are!
While visiting Clayton
County, you'll find a variety of local and well-known restaurants, from homegrown Southern cooking, barbecue, authentic



Mexican, and Vietnamese to popular restaurant chains. We guarantee you won't go hungry.

For an up-to-date list of restaurants in Clayton County, visit **Exploregeorgia.org/dining**. Use the search tool to find the type of food that suits your appetite.

What's a vacation without a little shopping? You'll find everything from the unique to "deals on the cheap" in a variety of stores tucked throughout Clayton County's eight cities. From items made by Georgia artists, and souvenirs to remind you of your visit, to great deals on clothing, you'll find just what you've been looking for.

Want to eat and shop like a local? Stop by our Welcome Center at 104 North Main Street, Jonesboro, Georgia 30236, or call 800-662-7829, and let our visitor information specialists make a few suggestions.



Dean's BBQ, in Jonesboro, has been around since 1947. It's where the locals go!

Annual Events & Festivals



March

NASCAR Weekend at Atlanta Motor Speedway—Cheer on your favorite driver during a weekend full of races.

Spring Sprint— Run through historic downtown Jonesboro.



April Native American Heritage Day— Learn more about

Learn more about Creek Indians at Stately Oaks Plantation.

Wild Azalea Festival—Enjoy live animal exhibits, a scavenger hunt, and guided hikes at Reynolds Nature Preserve.

May
Jazz Under the
Stars—Listen
to live jazz in
Jonesboro as part
of Atlanta's Jazz

Jonesboro
Days—Celebrate
Jonesboro's
history with a
day of food and

good times.

Festival.

Opening Weekend at The Beach— Start summer off right with a day of fun in the sun and sand.



Swing into Spring Festival—Fun, family-friendly festival full of music, games, and food.

July
4th of July at The
Beach—Celebrate
Independence Day
with a day
at The Beach.



August
Victorian
Mourning Tours—
Take a tour of

Take a tour of Stately Oaks Plantation while it's dressed for mourning.

September Labor Day Weekend at The Beach—Say goodbye to summer with a celebration at

The Beach.

Seafood and Music Festival— Enjoy food and an outdoor concert at Riverdale Town Center. October
Wetlands and
Watershed
Festival—This free
festival focuses
on the importance
of wetlands.

Lake Spivey Road Race—Run for a cause in this 5k/15k through Lake Spivey neighborhoods.

December
Mistletoe Market—
Shop for Georgiamade gifts for
everyone on
your list.

Victorian Christmas— Stately Oaks Plantation is dressed in 1860s holiday splendor.

Yule Log Celebration— Enjoy festive music while children search for the fabled Yule Log.



\rightarrow to do...

Sometimes when you're traveling you need more ideas to add to your original plan of things to see and do. That's what we've created here for you—a few suggestions that you might want to keep in mind while you're visiting Clayton County.

When you're here on a layover? Luckily, Clayton County is a short

cab ride from Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport, which allows you to get out and stretch your legs for a bit.

- · Head over to the National Museum of Commercial Aviation.
- · Wander around the Atlanta State Farmers Market and pick up fresh produce, or try out one of their two restaurants on-site—Oakwood Cafe and Don Burrito.
- · Take a walk around Reynolds Nature Preserve and get some fresh air.
- Hunt for a geocache—there are several to be found near the airport.



When you're traveling with the kids?

- · Let the kids run off some energy at Clayton County International Park, Reynolds Nature Preserve, or the Morrow Trail System.
- Go play on the playgrounds or have a picnic at a nearby park. There are a variety throughout the county including Pine Circle Park, Panhandle Park, Gerald Matthews Sports Complex, Morrow/Lake City Park, and Rex Park.
- · Look for birds, frogs, and turtles at Newman Wetlands Center.

When it's raining?

- · Head to the movies at AMC Southlake 24.
- · Go shopping at Southlake Mall.
- Meander around the Arts Clayton Gallery or the Road to Tara Museum.
- · Take a tour at Stately Oaks Plantation.





Get Social with us!

e're out and about in Clayton County, Georgia, snapping photos and passing along exciting information you want to know. So follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter so you know what's going on when you come to visit.





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Want to have event information sent directly to you? Sign up for our monthly e-newsletters for events, happenings, new exhibits, and all-ground good news in Clauton Countu. Visit our website at atlantastruesouth.com/things-to-do/ enews-signup for a quick, easy sign-up, and you'll receive our next newsletter.



DID YOU KNOW? Guests can arrive at the Georgia International Convention Center in just two minutes from Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport via the ATL SkyTrain.



GROUP TOURS

o you plan tours for your church, Red Hats, senior center, or other groups? The Clayton County Convention & Visitors Bureau is a one-stop shop for those planning a group outing. Our group tour specialists can plan a variety of fun and educational tours of Clayton County and the surrounding area that will have your group reminiscing for months to come. We have created exciting and affordable packages for groups of all sizes. Contact us for attraction suggestions, hotels, itineraries, and package ideas.

Here are a few packages the CVB has put together:

- · Gone With the Wind Experience
- · Frankly, My Dear
- Fiddle Dee Dee: Scarlett, Rhett and Me
- · Take Flight and Grab a Bite
- · Paint the Town Red





Find out more about our tours on our website at atlantastruesouth.com/group-tours/tour-itineraries.



Spivey Hall is home to the Albert Schweitzer Memorial Organ, which boasts 4,413 pipes. It's a sight to see.

Family Reunions

Planning your family reunion? With its familyfriendlu, affordable hotels and amenities, Clayton County is a perfect host location. We boast reunion

favorites such as the Clayton County

International Park and The Beach, as well as local parks and nature centers. Set aside time to research your family tree at the Georgia Archives and the National Archives at Atlanta and leave with a true sense of your family's heritage.



For assistance or more information on planning your family reunion in Clayton County, visit atlantastruesouth.com/meeting/reunions

DID YOU KNOW? The Beach at Clayton County International Park was the site of the 1996 Olympic Beach Volleyball games and, more recently, one of the film sites used in The Hunger Games: Catching Fire.



Meetings & **Events**

Bring your next event to Clayton County! Our event facilities can hold

between 50 and 5,000, and we have the perfect venue for your event. Find the space that works for your wedding, reception, family reunion, business meeting, or seminar. For more information or personal assistance, visit our website at atlantastruesouth.com/meetina.

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SOUTHERN BELLES & WHISTLES TOUR AT 11:00 A.M.

GONE WITH THE WIND TOUR AT 1:00 P.M.

FOLLOW THE PATH OF MARGARET MITCHELL AND EXPLORE HER TIES TO CLAYTON COUNTY

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