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THE MILLS AT SITE OF THE FIRST DAM ACROSS THE CHATTAHOOCHEE AND THE
OLDEST MANUFACTURING OPERATION ON THE RIVER, BUILT 1838 IN COLUMBUS.

On the western edge of Georgia, the Chattahoochee River hugs the state line, and Columbus celebrates its course with a magnificent RiverWalk. Past miles of fertile farmland, the Chattahoochee and Flint join hands to create the great Apalachicola River. In this deeply Southern place, nature and beauty and serenity surround you. No wonder it was to this land that President Franklin Roosevelt traveled and President Jimmy Carter returned home to rest from the immense stress of office. Here they found a calming charm and easy peace. So will you.



National Civil War Naval Museum at Port Columbus

Every season is an exciting time at the National Civil War Naval Museum at Port Columbus. Even if you've visited Port Columbus before, a return visit will always reveal something new. Their calendar is packed with special events all season long with the entire family in mind.

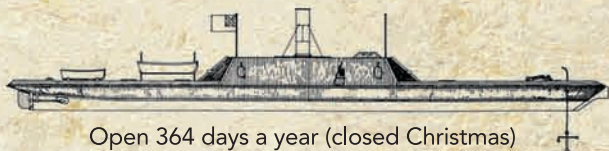
The National Civil War Naval Museum at Port Columbus is the nation's most innovative new museum dedicated to the Civil War navies. Featured are rare artifacts, interactive exhibits, battle simulator and the world's largest surviving ironclad ship.

CSS Jackson – Originally built at near 225 feet long, the surviving hull of the Jackson is 180 feet in length and 50 feet wide. This unique ironclad ram was built at the Confederate Naval Shipyard in Columbus, Georgia and nearing completion when the city fell to a Union Cavalry column in April of 1865. *CSS Chattahoochee* – This all wood gunboat, both steam and sail powered, was built in Saffold, Georgia, just above the Florida state line on the Chattahoochee River. In addition to dozens of other boats and ships, some of the rarest Civil War naval artifacts in the country now reside at Port Columbus.

New on the grounds at Port Columbus is a full-scale replica of the USS Waterwitch, representing one of the most exciting events in Civil War naval history. Climb aboard the Waterwitch to get a taste of what life was like sailing the high seas.



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Open 364 days a year (closed Christmas)
Monday - Sunday 9 am - 5 pm

National Infantry Museum & Soldier Center



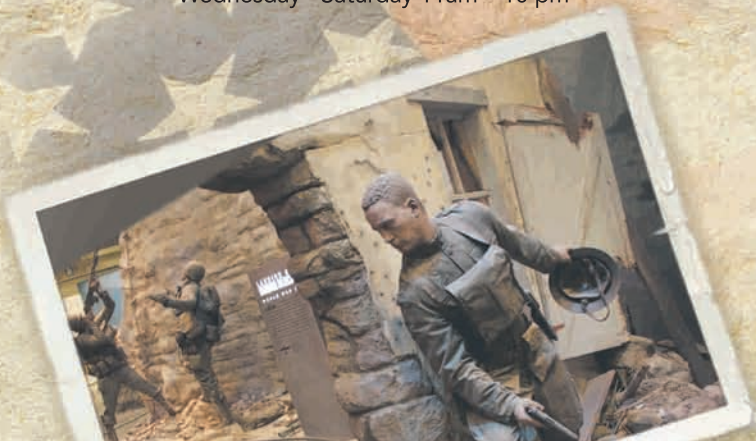
The National Infantry Museum near Fort Benning contains a large collection of military art and artifacts and follows the steps of the Infantryman across two centuries of courage and determination. Triumphant victories, dispiriting defeats and day-to-day life are interpreted in the paintings and sculptures of world renowned artists. Weapons carried by allies as well as enemies and a wide range of support equipment from the American Revolution to the present are on display. A museum devoted to the history and tradition of the Infantry was formulated in 1957 and the Museum opened two years later. Fort Benning – one of the most modern military training centers in the nation, was chosen as its logical site. Tens of thousands of visitors from every state and numerous foreign countries have visited the museum. Families with different interests soon discover the museum is much more than things painted Army green.



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Monday - Saturday 9 am – 5 pm
Sunday 11am – 5 pm

Fife and Drum Restaurant
Sunday - Tuesday 11am – 4 pm
Wednesday - Saturday 11am – 10 pm



A photograph of a large, reddish-brown granite monument at Andersonville National Historic Site. The monument features a statue of a man on top, a circular emblem on the front, and a plaque. It is surrounded by several American flags on tall poles. In the background, there are green trees and a large, low stone wall.

Andersonville

Andersonville, or Camp Sumter as it was officially known, was one of the largest of many Confederate military prisons established during the Civil War. It was built early in 1864 after Confederate officials decided to move the large number of Federal prisoners kept in and around Richmond, Virginia to a place of greater security and a more abundant food supply. During the 14 months the prison existed, more than 45,000 Union soldiers were confined here. Of these, almost 13,000 died from disease, poor sanitation, malnutrition, overcrowding or exposure to the elements. Today, Andersonville National Historic Site is the only park in the National Park System to serve as a memorial to all American prisoners of war throughout the nation's history. The 495-acre park consists of the historic prison site and the National Cemetery. In 1998 the National Prisoner of War Museum opened at Andersonville, dedicated to the men and women of this country who have suffered captivity. Their story is one of sacrifice and courage.

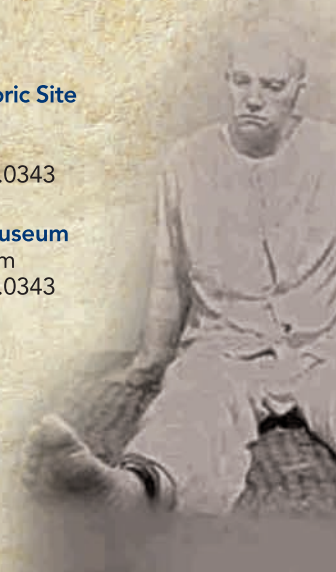
Andersonville National Historic Site

496 Cemetery Road
Andersonville, GA 31711
Visitor Information - 229.924.0343

National Prisoner of War Museum

Open All Year 8:30 am - 5 pm
Visitor Information - 229.924.0343

www.nps.gov/ande

A large, faded, black and white photograph of a man in a military uniform, likely a prisoner of war, sitting on the ground. He has a somber expression and is looking down. The image is semi-transparent and serves as a background for the bottom half of the page.

From great Presidents to great tragedies, this region's heritage is rich.

Franklin D. Roosevelt's Little White House



Franklin Roosevelt first came to Warm Springs in 1924, looking for a cure for his polio in the naturally warm springs. He built a modest home here, The Little White House, where he died on April 12, 1945.

Today, visitors tour his home, the FDR Museum, therapy pools and visit the shops in Warm Springs.

Plains and Archery – The homes of President Jimmy Carter

In 1976, Plains gave the U.S. its 39th President and now the city honors its native son at the Jimmy Carter National Historic Site.

Visitors can learn about the former President as they visit Plains High School, his 1976 campaign headquarters, and his boyhood farm in Archery on the outskirts of Plains.



Directions:

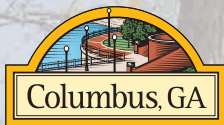
Port Columbus: On Victory Drive (Hwy. 27/280) just south of the Civic Center.

Infantry Museum: Ft. Benning Road off Victory Drive, before the checkpoint.

Andersonville: (61 miles) US 280 to Americus, Hwy. 49 North to Andersonville.

Jimmy Carter Site (54 miles): Victory Drive (US 280) to Plains.

Little White House: GA 85 North to Warm Springs (42 miles).



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