#### ATLANTA

#### Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historical Park

The experience at the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historical Park begins when you approach the Visitor Center, passing by the Civil Rights Walk of Fame with shoe imprints of pioneers in the American civil rights movement noted in the pavement. Along the walk is a statue of Mahatma Gandhi with inscribed quotes from the India leader who greatly influenced King's nonviolent movement for social change. The Visitor Center is surrounded by pathways and the International World Peace Rose Garden.

Hours: Daily 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

450 Auburn Ave. NE Atlanta, GA 30312 (404) 331-5190 nps.gov/malu



#### Martin Luther King, Jr. Birth Home

Take a free guided tour of the home where Martin Luther King, Jr. was born on Jan. 15, 1929, and lived until he was 12 years old. Located one block east of Historic Ebenezer Baptist Church in the residential section of the Auburn Avenue Historic District, the Queen Anne-style, two-story house has been restored to its appearance during King's childhood. Free tours of Dr. King's birth home are conducted hourly by the National Park Service. Registration is required at the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historical Park Visitor Center and must be made in person upon arrival. Tours are limited to 15 people.

Hours: Daily 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

501 Auburn Ave. NE Atlanta, GA 30312 (404) 331-5190 nps.gov/malu



#### **Historic Ebenezer Baptist Church**

As part of your visit to the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historical Park, tour the Historic Ebenezer Baptist Church to see where Dr. King served as co-pastor with his father. Rev. Martin Luther King, Sr. was Ebenezer's third pastor, leading the church from 1933 until he retired in 1975. His son, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., served as co-pastor in 1947 until he attended Crozer Theological Seminary. He co-pastored Ebenezer again with his father from 1960 until his assassination on April 4, 1968. See the sanctuary and fellowship hall that have been restored to their 1960s appearance.

**Hours:** Monday - Saturday: 9 a.m.- 5 p.m.; Sunday 1 - 5 p.m.

407 Auburn Ave. NE Atlanta, GA 30312 (404) 331-5190 nps.gov/malu



In 1968, Coretta Scott King established the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change (The King Center), and it moved to its present location in 1981 adjacent to Historic Ebenezer Baptist Church and the National Historical Park. Visit the outdoor memorial with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his wife Coretta Scott King's crypt surrounded by reflecting pools and an eternal flame. Follow the walkway into Freedom Hall to see art from Africa and Georgia, and browse exhibits that honor Dr. and Mrs. King, Mahatma Gandhi and Rosa Parks. Don't miss the bookstore/gift shop and resource center.

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Hours: Daily 9 a.m. -5 p.m., excluding Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas and New Year's Day.

449 Auburn Ave. NE Atlanta, GA 30312 (404) 526-8900 thekingcenter.org



### **Prince Hall Masonic Temple**

The Prince Hall Masonic Temple, located in the Sweet Auburn Historic District, was the headquarters for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) during the 1960s and is a component of the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historical Park. In 1957, following the successful Montgomery bus boycott, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. invited 60 black ministers to Ebenezer Baptist Church to form an organization to support nonviolent direct action to eliminate segregation in public accommodations and secure voting rights. Dr. King was elected president of the organization, and a small office was established in the Prince Hall Masonic Temple. SCLC staff included Ella Baker, Andrew Young and Dorothy Cotton. Following Dr. King's

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assassination, Rev. Ralph David Abernathy led SCLC operations at this location.

330 Auburn Ave. NE Atlanta, GA 30303 sweetauburn.us/ princehall



#### **APEX Museum**

Located in the historic Atlanta School Book Depository building in the heart of Atlanta's Sweet Auburn Historic District, the APEX Museum is dedicated to telling the story of the people of the African Diaspora and their contributions to America and the world. Visit the museum to see art and photographic exhibits that celebrate the complete history of African Americans.

Hours: Tuesday -Saturday 10 a.m. -5 p.m., excluding major holidays.

135 Auburn Ave. NE Atlanta, GA 30303 (404) 523-2739 apexmuseum.org



#### Big Bethel A.M.E. Church

One of the iconic churches in the Sweet Auburn Historic District, Big Bethel A.M.E. Church stands out on the Atlanta skyline with its Jesus Saves sign on the church steeple. The church was founded in 1840 for enslaved members of the white Union Church, and it served many functions during the Civil War, including a hospital. During Reconstruction, Bethel A.M.E. housed Atlanta's first public school for African Americans and Morris Brown College in the basement. Big Bethel A.M.E. Church ministry has focused on civil rights since the movement days, from broadcasting sermons on Atlanta's WERD radio stations to building low-income housing units, and providing services to poor and imprisoned people. Visitors are invited to attend church services on Sunday mornings.

**Hours:** Sunday services at 7:30 a.m. and 10 a.m.

220 Auburn Ave. NE Atlanta, GA 30303 (404) 827-9707 bigbethelame.org



#### Wheat Street Baptist Church

Wheat Street Baptist Church was organized during Reconstruction to serve the African American communities in the Sweet Auburn and Old Fourth Ward neighborhoods. Under the leadership of Rev. William Holmes Borders leading up to the civil rights movement, the church acquired land for development of Wheat Street Gardens for low-income housing and Wheat Street Towers, a high-rise building for seniors, which are managed by the Wheat Street Charitable Foundation and provide affordable housing in the Sweet Auburn Historic District. Wheat Street also established one of the first federal credit unions in the South. Visitors are invited to attend worship services on Sunday mornings.

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**Hours:** Sunday services at 10:30 a.m.

359 Auburn Ave. NE Atlanta, GA 30312 (404) 659-4328 wearewheatstreet.org



### **Sweet Auburn Historic District**

Nestled in the heart of Atlanta, centered along a mileand-a-half stretch of Auburn Avenue, the Sweet Auburn Historic District houses one of the city's most important historical African American communities. Since the late 19th century, the district has been home to numerous African American-owned businesses and schools, many the first of their kind in Atlanta or the nation. The Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historical Park, Big Bethel A.M.E. Church and King Center are all important features of the district, along with the popular Sweet Auburn Curb Market. The neighborhood is represented by Sweet Auburn Works, the district's voice for implementing Main Street projects and activities that promote commerce, visitation and sustainability of historic places.

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**Sweet Auburn Works** 522 Auburn Ave. Atlanta, GA 30312 (470) 240-4909 sweetauburnworks.com



### **IMPORTANT HISTORIC SITES NOT OPEN FOR VISITATION**

### Atlanta:

Elbert P. Tuttle U.S. Court of Appeals Building Martin Luther King, Jr. Adult Home

**Beulah Grove Baptist Church Tabernacle Baptist Church** 

**Leesburg Stockade** Reidsville Prison

#### Milton's Drugstore

At the former site of Yates & Milton Drug Store (presently the Student Center on the campus of Clark Atlanta University), a Georgia Historical Society marker tells the story of the Atlanta Student Movement that began in 1960. The movement began when three Morehouse College students — Lonnie King, Joseph Pierce and Julian Bond — formed the Committee on the Appeal for Human Rights and involved all the historically black institutions of the Atlanta University Center (AUC). After Roslyn Pope of Spelman College published "An Appeal for Human Rights," the AUC students conducted sit-ins at segregated lunch counters throughout Atlanta, movie theaters, parks and the Georgia State Capitol. When the students targeted the Magnolia Room at Rich's Department Store in downtown Atlanta, Martin Luther King, Jr. and his brother A.D. King joined them and were arrested with 77 student demonstrators. Protests involving more than 2,000 students at businesses continued until October 1961, when desegregation of the facilities was achieved.

Atlanta Student **Movement Georgia Historical Society** Marker

Corner of James P. Brawley Dr. SW and Atlanta Student Movement Blvd. Atlanta, GA 30314 cau.edu



#### Rush Memorial Congregational Church

Located near the campus of Clark Atlanta University, Rush Memorial Congregational Church became the headquarters for planning meetings of the Atlanta Student Movement. A Georgia Historical Society marker located in front of the church tells the story of the church's support for the movement. As the student movement gained momentum, administrators at the black colleges would not allow the students to meet in campus facilities. Rev. Joseph E. Boone, a civil rights activist, provided an office space for students, and the congregation assisted with food and supplies.

Congregational Church Georgia **Historical Society** Marker 150 James P. Brawley Dr. SW (Near the end of the James P. Brawley walkway at the intersection of

**Rush Memorial** 

Parsons St.) Atlanta, GA 30314 (404) 525-6320 rushmemorialucc.org



### Atlanta University Center's Robert W. Woodruff Library

Well-known as the repository for the Morehouse College Martin Luther King, Jr. Collection, the Atlanta University Center's Robert W. Woodruff Library provides students and faculty with a state-of-the-art learning and research facility. Researchers can access the King Collection, which includes 1,100 books from Dr. King's personal library with his handwritten notes and memorabilia from his civil rights activities. The Robert W. Woodruff Library also houses public meeting spaces, exhibits and the John Henrik Clarke Africana and African American collection.

### Hours:

Monday - Thursday 7:30 a.m. - 12 a.m. Friday 7:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saturday 12 p.m. - 6 p.m. Sunday 12 p.m. - 12 a.m.

111 James P. Brawley Dr. SW Atlanta, GA 30314 (404) 978-2000 auctr.edu



### **South-View Cemetery**

South-View Cemetery was founded in 1886 by formerly enslaved African Americans who protested the treatment they received at Atlanta's segregated cemeteries. Rev. Martin Luther King, Sr. and his wife Alberta Williams King are interred in a marble crypt at South-View. When their son, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was assassinated in 1968, his body was temporarily interred at South-View before being relocated to the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historical Park.

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South-View Cemetery offers docent-led walking tours featuring the gravesites of notable African American leaders as well as lesser-known African Americans who were significant in Atlanta's history. Special group tours are available by reservation. The cemetery also offers a free self-guided cell phone walking/driving tour.

Hours: Daily 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

1990 Jonesboro Rd. SE Atlanta, GA 30315 (404) 622-5393 southviewcemetery.com



### The Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum

The Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum, administered by the National Archives and Record Administration, is the repository of information and historical materials from the Carter presidency. Browse the museum's photographs, videos and rotating material from the collection, and walk through a life-size replica of the Oval Office. Researchers can access the library archives that include more than 27 million pages of documents related to the Carter presidency.

Museum Hours: Monday -Saturday 9 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.; Sunday 12 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. **Research Library Hours:** Monday - Friday. 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

441 Freedom Pkwy. Atlanta, GA 30307 (404) 865-7100 jimmycarterlibrary.gov



### National Center for Civil and Human Rights

The Center for Civil and Human Rights is dedicated to the achievements of the American civil rights movement as well as the worldwide human rights movement. See rotating artifacts from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s youth through his assassination in the "Voice to the Voiceless: The Morehouse College Martin Luther King, Jr. Collection" exhibit. Learn more about significant events in the movement and experience a simulation of a lunch counter sit-in demonstration in the "Rolls Down Like Water: The American Civil Rights Movement" exhibit. Explore interactive exhibits about modern-day activism worldwide in "The Spark of Conviction: The Global Human Rights Movement" exhibit.

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**Hours:** Monday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sunday 12 - 5 p.m.

100 Ivan Allen Jr. Blvd. NW Atlanta, GA 30313 (678) 999-8990 civilandhumanrights.org



### Auburn Avenue Research Library

The Auburn Avenue Research Library (AARL) is located in the heart of the Sweet Auburn Historic District. The library opened in 1994 as a special branch of the Atlanta-Fulton Public Library System to provide reference and archival collections for scholarly research on African American culture and history. AARL originally was the Auburn branch of the Carnegie Library during segregation. Browse the library's collections, including the Samuel W. Williams Collection on Black America, textual and microform records, and numerous databases on African American culture and the African Diaspora.

Hours: Sunday 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.; Monday & Friday 12 p.m. - 6 p.m.; Tuesday & Saturday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Wednesday & Thursday 12 p.m. - 8 p.m.

101 Auburn Ave. NE Atlanta, GA 30303 (404) 613-4001 afpls.org/aarl



Martin Luther King, Jr. Statue at the Georgia State Capitol The Martin Luther King, Jr. statue at the Georgia State Capitol was unveiled on Aug. 28, 2017. The bronze statue rises 8 feet atop a 36-inch pedestal with MLK engraved in gold on the Georgia granite. Atlanta-based sculptor Martin Dawe of Cherrylion Studios designed the bronze

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Northeast Quadrant Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. and Capitol Ave. Atlanta, GA 30334

statue with King facing Liberty Plaza.



### Morehouse College

Morehouse College, founded in 1867, is a historically black, private liberal arts college for men. One of the college's most distinguished alumni is Martin Luther King, Jr., who graduated in 1948. The Martin Luther King, Jr. International Chapel has hosted more than 1 million people for community and spiritual programs since it opened in 1978. The chapel features a 2,500-capacity auditorium, a 6,000-pipe organ and a Hall of Honor with 158 oil portraits of world leaders in the civil and human rights movement, and a bust of Mahatma Gandhi. On the adjoining plaza, the chapel memorializes two theologians. There, visitors can see a bronze statue of Dr. King, and the burial crypt and towering obelisk for Dr. Howard Washington Thurman.

830 Westview Dr. NW Atlanta, GA 30314 (470) 639-0999 morehouse.edu





Stockbridge, GA 30281 104 First St.

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family legacy. commemorative plaque that acknowledges the King legacy. Visit nearby Stockbridge City Hall to see a a marker stands in front of Floyd Chapel to honor his unveiled the M.L. King Sr. Heritage Trail in 2015, and of Atlanta's Ebenezer Baptist Church. Stockbridge King, Sr. would later succeed Rev. A.D. Williams as pastor ordained and preached his first sermon at Floyd Chapel. mother Delia Lindsay King during his childhood. He was at the wooden church that existed at the site with his erected in 1949. Rev. Martin Luther King, Sr. worshiped to its present location in 1878. The current church was haven for black worshipers in Stockbridge. It was moved Floyd Chapel Baptist Church has a long history as a safe

#### **STOCKBRIDGE**

Floyd Chapel Baptist Church



(912) 884-2347 Midway, GA 31320 8787 E. Oglethorpe Hwy.

Saturday - Sunday 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. Hours: Tuesday - Friday 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

exhibits about the school's history. and studied while he was at Dorchester, as well as browse 1964. Visitors can see where Martin Luther King, Jr. slept ultimately lead to Congress passing the Civil Rights Act of the Birmingham Campaign at Dorchester, which would King, Abernathy and Young, planned the strategy for Director Wyatt Tee Walker and 11 SCLC staff, including classes at Dorchester. In January 1963, SCLC Executive keynote speaker at the conclusion of weeklong citizenship seminars. Martin Luther King, Jr. was frequently the Conference (SCLC) adult literacy and voter registration as the host site for Southern Christian Leadership When the school closed in 1940, the academy served the earliest private schools that educated freedmen. Dorchester Academy, established in 1868, was one of Dorchester Academy & Museum

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rights movement. First African Baptist Church members during the civil that recaptures that experience and other memories of bus boycott. Listen to an audio tour in Monument Park the young King, who would later lead the Montgomery passengers. That incident left an indelible impression on his teacher were forced to relinquish their seats to white the Constitution." On the ride back to Atlanta, he and King, Jr. He was 15, and his speech was "The Negro and contest at the church, and the winner was Martin Luther the Colored Elks Club of Georgia sponsored an oratory and is Dublin's oldest African American church. In 1944, current historic church building was constructed in 1914 First African Baptist Church was established in 1867. The First African Baptist Church

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A sculpture complements the park's theme. generations to envision Dr. King's message. a series of images highlighting the need for future designed by Georgia artist Corey Barksdale depicting foot-by-10-foot mural

Church. See the 54-First African Baptist across the street from to downtown Dublin located at the gateway Jr. Monument Park is The Martin Luther King, Monument Park Martin Luther King, Jr.





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Hours: Sunday services at 11 a.m.

in its rural setting in Rex. 167 memorials, including the gravesite of the King family, Luther King, Sr., and his sister Ruby. The cemetery has resting place for Delia and James King, parents of Martin The cemetery at Rocky Mount Baptist Church is the final Rocky Mount Baptist Church



mwphglga.org/ districts/04.html (706) 324-2807 Columbus, GA 31901 .9vA d13 818

University students. Learning Trail, a project developed by Columbus State is one of 18 sites that comprise the MLK Jr. Outdoor by local Klan activists. The Prince Hall Masonic Temple local black churches would not be subject to retaliation burnings. The Prince Hall masons invited King so that the placks lived in constant fear of klan bombings and cross system in Georgia. Following the decision, Columbus Supreme Court decision that ended the white primary and finance King v. Chapman, the landmark U.S. Thomas Brewer, a Columbus leader who helped organize King visited Columbus following the murder of Dr.

presidential election. and encourage nonviolence in preparation for the 1960 of the emerging SCLC efforts to register black voters Leadership Conference (SCLC). King's visit was part inaugural year as president of the Southern Christian audience of more than 1,000 people in 1958 during his site of a speech that Martin Luther King, Jr. gave to an The Prince Hall Masonic Temple in Columbus was the Prince Hall Masonic Temple

COLUMBUS



(229) 435-3114 FIbany, GA 31701 325 W. Whitney Ave.

> services at 10 a.m. Hours: Sunday

Month and annual Martin Luther King, Jr. celebrations. the Freedom Singers perform here during Black History Albany Movement is located in front of the church. Hear Historical Society Civil Rights Trail marker honoring the King, Jr. spoke to their members in 1961. A Georgia crowds exceeding 1,500 people when Dr. Martin Luther the street, both churches held mass meetings with Working closely with Old Mt. Zion Baptist Church across meetings were held during the Albany Movement. Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church was another site where Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church

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albanycivilrightsinstitute.org (229) 432-1698 Albany, GA 31701 326 W. Whitney Ave.



Day 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Martin Luther King, Jr. Year's Day. Open on Christmas and New Thanksgiving, enibuloxe, .m.q 4 -Saturday 10 a.m. Hours: Tuesday -

Freedom Singers, vocalists of the Albany Movement. of the month, hear moving performances by the exhibits and photographs, and on every second Saturday the primary site of mass meetings. Browse interactive Zion Baptist Church, a historic 1906 building that was The 12,315-foot facility is situated next to the Old Mt. facilities and achieve voters' rights in southwest Georgia. grassroots campaign to end discrimination in public students, and civil rights organizations that led a coalition of residents, churches and their congregations, Zion) to learn the story of the Albany Movement, a the Albany Civil Rights Movement Museum at Old Mount Visit the Albany Civil Rights Institute (formerly known as Albany Civil Rights Institute

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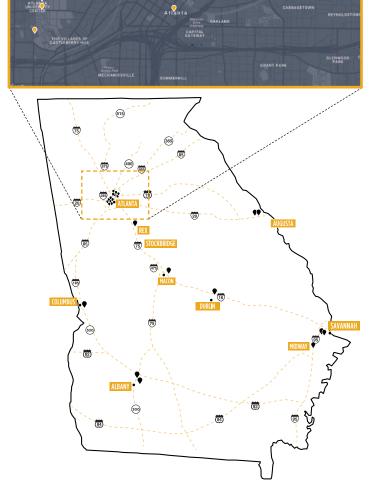
# **FOREWORD**

Georgia is home to the official living memorial and premier institution that honors the life and legacy of my father, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Founded in 1968 by my mother, Mrs. Coretta Scott King, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change, Inc. (The King Center) is dedicated to educating the world on the life, legacy and teachings of my father. Through our premiere educational initiative, Nonviolence 365®, which is based on Dr. King's nonviolent philosophy and methodology, the King Center is committed to inspiring new generations to carry forward his unfinished work and creating the Beloved Community. We are equipping the next generation of global leaders to lead the "King" way... inspired by love for humanity.

We are extremely excited about the Footsteps of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Trail. This trail is an opportunity to walk in the footsteps of courage, love, sacrifice and an unyielding commitment to humanity. As a travele along the Footsteps of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Trail, it is our hope that each step reminds you of the power of collective strength and inspires you to continue the work of ensuring freedom for each generation. You can follow in these footsteps across Georgia at your own pace while pushing the message of love and humanity forward and stand where history happened. #MLK50Forward.

Together we win Bernice A. King





## **ExploreGeorgia.org/Footsteps**

Georgia Department of Economic Development Technology Square | 75 Fifth Street, NW, Suite 1200 Atlanta, Georgia 30308









### **AVANNAH**

First African Baptist Church First African Baptist Church is one of the oldest African American Baptist churches in North America The church was organized in 1773 by Rev. George Leile, who preached to the enslaved people at Brampton Plantation.



Hours: Sunday services at 10 a.m. Tours: Tuesday - Saturday 11 a.m., 2 p.m. & 4 p.m.; Sunday 1 p.m.

Church. In 2017, the Georgia Historical Society and First

African Baptist Church erected a marker in front of the

23 Montgomery St. Savannah, GA 31401 (912) 233-6597 firstafricanbc.com

church on Franklin Square.

### Ralph Mark Gilbert Civil Rights Museum

The Ralph Mark Gilbert Civil Rights Museum chronicles the civil rights movement in Savannah, Georgia's oldest city. The museum is named in honor of Rev. Ralph Mark Gilbert, who was the pastor of First African Baptist Church from 1939 to 1956 and president of the Savannah branch of the NAACP from 1942 to 1948. His civil rights legacy included establishment of the West Broad Street YMCA, hiring of Savannah's first black police officers and voter registration drives for the NAACP. Explore photographs and interactive exhibits on the museum's three levels that capture key civil rights struggles in Savannah, including demonstrations at Savannah's Levy's Department Store, and a theater with seating that resembles pews in African American churches.

**Hours:** Tuesday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

460 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Savannah, GA 31401 (912) 777-6099

