

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.

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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  
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The King Center

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.

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 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.

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 mile-and-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.

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



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.

Rush Memorial 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 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.

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.

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 statue with King facing Liberty Plaza.

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



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





