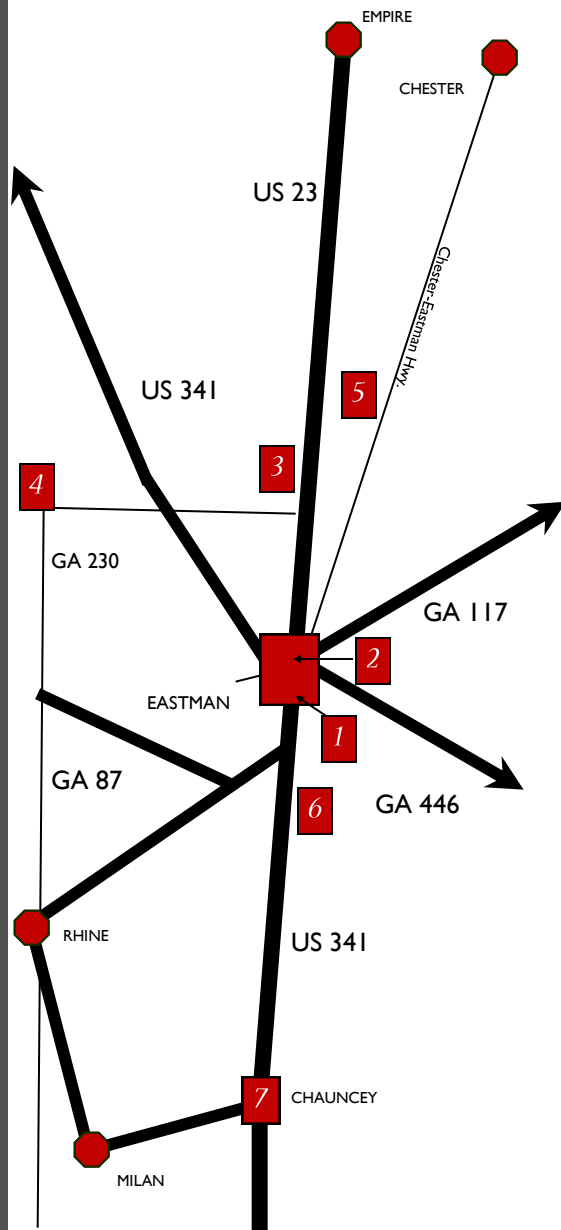


Driving Tour Map Dodge County



History Bits

- ◆ Originally named Station Number 13, Eastman has a thriving railroad system bisecting its downtown.
- ◆ The original Stuckey's store, which earned Eastman the title "Candy Capital of the South," still stands as a reminder of the delightful pecan logs.
- ◆ The Magnolia Theater, located in downtown Eastman, began its operations in its current location on August 27, 1942. Restored by the Dodge Arts Guild in the 1990s, the Magnolia Theater is home to the Magnolia Music & Medicine Show.
- ◆ Built in 1912 as a Christmas present, the Dodge Hill Inn has inspired love throughout the years. Flowering camellias planted over 60 years ago brighten the exterior, while inside comfortable antiques and artwork grace the rooms. Miss Ann's famous Southern breakfasts add to this historic home's many charms.



Historic Dodge Hill Inn

Road Trip



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Sites to see, places to visit

1. The Eastman House

Directions: Head North on College Street until it turns into Oak Street. Turn right on 9th Avenue and take the first right onto Eastman Street. The Eastman House is on the right.



The oldest house in Eastman was built in 1872 by William Pitt Eastman and later sold to Judge James Bishop, Sr. It was occupied by Bishop's family and descendants until it was sold to the Dodge Historical Society

in 1993. The house, which has never had an addition built to it since erected in 1872, was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1994. The Eastman House still has a water well in the basement, marble mantels and a piece of the original furniture in the foyer. Available for viewing by appointment: 478-374-5364.

2. Dodge County Courthouse & Jail House

Courthouse Circle

Mr. Dodge funded the construction of the original courthouse in appreciation of having the county named after him. Erected on the present courthouse site at a cost of \$25,000, the two-story frame



structure was presented to the county in 1874. In 1908, it was demolished in favor of a more elegantly spacious courthouse, which burned in 1939. The current courthouse is somewhat smaller and simpler, and is listed on the National Registry of Historic Places. Open Monday- Friday, 8:30 - 4 p.m.

The original jailhouse, located adjacent to the courthouse, was built in 1897 and features the intact hanging gallows, original cells and furnishings, tin ceilings, and is pending listing on the National Registry of Historic Places.

3. Williamson Mausoleum/Orphans Cemetery

Directions: Proceed north on US 23 for 1.5 miles. Turn left on Orphans Cemetery Road. Cemetery is 0.5 mile on left.



Carved from marble by an Italian sculptor, this impressive work of art captures the life-size figures of Mr. and Mrs. A.G. Williamson and their nephew, J.G. Williamson. Located in the Orphans Cemetery, the sculpture is a monument to A.G. Williamson, who established Orphans Cemetery in 1887. Open from dawn to dusk.

4. Traveler's Well

Directions: Follow Rocky Springs Road to the dead end at GA 230. Turn right. Well is located 2 miles on the left.

Built on the Old River Road in 1812, the well offered respite to weary travelers and their animals. A hollowed cypress stump originally served as the well, and later formed the current concrete curb. Formerly an old Indian Trail, Old River Road ran from Hartford to Darien servicing the forts and block houses that protected settlers from Indian attacks. An unpaved section extending from Hwy. 280 to Hopewell Church remains unmarred by modernization.



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5. Giddens School

Directions: North on Chester-Eastman Hwy., just past Ben Giddens Rd.



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Established in 1883, the Giddens School operated until 1947 when the schools were consolidated. The school buildings were returned to each local community, and today the Giddens School hosts, reunions, community sings, and other events.

6. Jefferson Davis Monument

Directions: Go south on US Hwy. 341 for 4 miles, turn left on Pine Bluff, and continue 1.5 miles to crossroads. Monument is on right.

The Jefferson Davis Monument marks the place where, Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederacy, camped with his army on July 8, 1865. To the South's distress, Davis was captured two days later near Irwinville, Georgia by the Federal Army. The Fanny Gordon Chapter U.D.C. erected this stone monument on June 3, 1920.



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7. The Old Chauncey School

Directions: Follow US Hwy. 341 south for 9 miles toward Chauncey.

Chauncey was the first city in Georgia to issue bonds to construct and equip a modern school building. As a result, the Chauncey School was built in 1914 on a budget of \$10,000. The building featured six classrooms, a state of the art science laboratory, and a regal auditorium. The interior of the building contains numerous details common to early twentieth century architecture, such as pressed tin ceilings, elaborate moldings and glass doorknobs. The school, which now housing the Chauncey Municipal Center, is undergoing renovations to restore its original splendor.



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