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Where is the best place in Georgia to go for all out fun? Without a doubt, it's Columbus! You'll find a vibrant, artsy energy that blends with its unique history and a killer food scene to offer a getaway destination that is under the radar and over the top. It's also the perfect place to enjoy the outdoors, listen to local bands and taste finely brewed beer.

Where else can you raft or kayak the whitewater of the Chattahoochee River, go mountain biking, zip line across the river, play paint ball, visit a world-class museum, dine at a top-flight restaurant, catch a Broadway caliber play, and then groove to live music late into the night? Columbus gives you all those options, all in the same place!

Mingle with the walkers and bikers who steadily stroll and roll along Columbus' RiverWalk. Watch people in yellow rafts laugh through the spray of the water while others enjoy a leisurely paddle in the river's flat-water places. Bring your binoculars to see a variety of feathered wonders that are attracted to the food and water promised by the river's presence.

Just a few streets over from the activities along the RiverWalk, a different kind of urban adventure takes place. Columbus' locally-owned stores and boutiques welcome shoppers who enjoy the city's easily walkable retail districts. Fashionistas and antique pickers alike spend the mornings strolling from shop window to shop window before sitting down under a red table umbrella to order lunch al fresco. Later in the evening, they'll come back to Uptown to enjoy a free outdoor concert, a Broadway series musical at the RiverCenter, or the latest

Sculpture Walk

production at the Springer Opera House.

Another group of visitors is all about adventuring through another era, imagining what life was like "back then." They fill their weekend with military museums and historic homes, from an authentically recreated World War II Company Street to the home of the "Mother of the Blues."

So whether you are an art critic extraordinaire, a wild adventurer, a fanatical foodie, a silver surfer, or a little bit of all of those, Columbus has great experiences for you to go all out.

This is Columbus – exciting and adventurous, quaint and friendly, spirited and courageous. Bring this book to Columbus and go all out for adventure, great food, and amazing fun!

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There are so many things to do in Columbus! Use your mobile device to scan this QR code to watch a video that showcases some of Columbus' many fun activities.

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If you like the adrenaline rush of high-thrill adventure, Columbus lets you walk on the wild side. Take the city on two wheels along the Chattahoochee RiverWalk and Fall Line Trace. For a heart-pounding urban adventure, fly across the Chattahoochee River on a zip line, or get drenched on a raft sliding through the river's rapids. Here are some of our favorite things to do.

Get MOVING

Walk, run, skate or bike Columbus' 15-mile linear park. The Chattahoochee RiverWalk hugs the banks of the Chattahoochee River and provides a blend of cityscapes and untouched wildlife. Extend your journey where the RiverWalk meets the 11-mile Fall Line Trace rails-to-trails path. No bike? No problem! Bike shops in Columbus will rent you a set of wheels.

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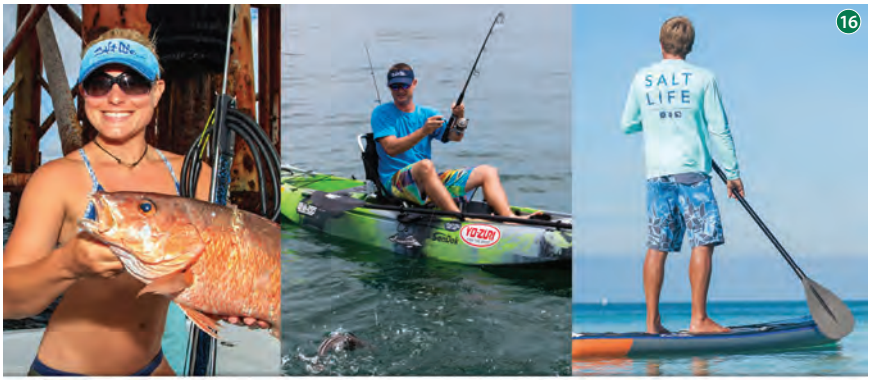

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See Fantastic ART

The Columbus Museum's rich collection of artifacts and art in all mediums – from Ansel Adams photos to a dazzling Chihuly glass sculpture – adds up to award-winning collections and new and exciting programs. Many pieces depict the story of our ancestors who lived in the lower Chattahoochee River Valley.
columbusmuseum.com

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"This was a great museum. It had a bit of everything for anyone."

Columbus Museum

Oxbow Meadows

Watching THE BIRDS

Birds are not just flying South for the winter – they're flying to Columbus. With the abundance of fish in the Chattahoochee River, a new population of birds – and bird watchers – are flocking to Columbus. The Audubon Society's Bird Garden at Oxbow Meadows Environmental Learning Center is designed to attract a variety of birds and is a great place to observe our feathered friends. Don't forget your binoculars!

oxbow.columbusstate.edu

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"Fun place to take the kids!"

Sing the BLUES

Explore the history and influences of "The Mother of the Blues," Gertrude "Ma" Rainey's life and career in the blues tradition. Also pick up a Black Heritage Visitors Guide at the Visitors Center to see 26 sites of Columbus' African-American historical and social importance, and learn more about Ma Rainey, as well as Corporal Eugene Bullard, the world's first black combat aviator, Horace King, a former slave and master bridge builder, and many others.

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Lunchbox Museum

Look for your LUNCHBOX

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"Brings back forgotten memories from childhood."

Discover Historic COLUMBUS

Discover Columbus' history through tours of significant houses and historic neighborhoods. Tour the Walker-Peters-Langdon House, c. 1828, the oldest house in Columbus. The home features a period kitchen garden, urban slave cabin, and Columbus history exhibit. Admission is $5 for adults, $1 for students. Also take a driving tour of the Columbus Historic District, the High Uptown area and parts of the Black Heritage Trail; buses must be provided by the group and Historic Columbus will provide the step-on guide for $3 per person. All tours by appointment only. **historiccolumbus.com**

Walker-Peters-Langdon House

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"Great little find."

Cool Art Scenes

Go all out to embrace the creativity and inspiration that envelopes Columbus. See the city through an artist's eye as you wander among the flowing fountains, beloved bronze sculpture "characters," and visit the phenomenal galleries and art museums.

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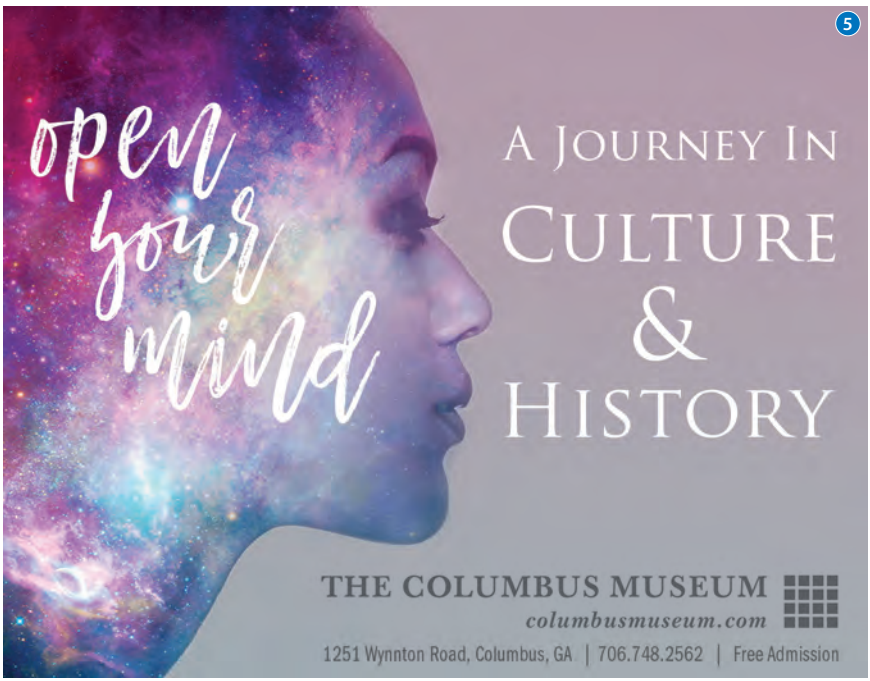

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Explore out-of-this-world folk art at Pasaquan, the estate and legacy of self-proclaimed eccentric artist "St. EOM" in Buena Vista, GA, near Fort Benning. Amidst Pasaquan's sprawling four acres are dozens of carved walls, pillars, and African-style head sculptures, all brightly decorated with house paint. The imagery is exclusively otherworldly, rendered with a discernable sense of humor.

pasaquan.com

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Gallery on
TENTH

The Gallery on Tenth is an artists' co-op selling local and regional fine art in Uptown Columbus. **galleryon10th.com**

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"It's really a gem."

Heritage
PARK

Stroll among Heritage Park's granite pools, outdoor sculptures, and interpretive markers that celebrate Columbus' industrial heritage to gain an artistic and historic view of Columbus. Travel from the past to the future through Heritage Park, from Historic Columbus' Walker-Peters-Langdon House to the Coca-Cola Space Science Center. From 1850 until 1910, Columbus changed from a trading town to a booming manufacturing city. Heritage Park is designed to recognize the entrepreneurs and workers who harnessed the river and created these industries that laid the foundations for this modern city. The outdoor sculptures and historic elements of the park represent the textile, gristmill, brick and foundry industries involved in the growth and development of the area, as well as agriculture and forest products, dams and bridges, river trade and travel, and Coca-Cola.

historiccolumbus.com/heritage-park

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"If you are a history buff and like the low-key local history sites, then add this to your trip."

Heritage Park

Peace Tree

Sculpture
WALK

See distinctive art around every corner at the Sculpture Walk in Uptown Columbus. Every year new pieces of artwork are submitted by artists all over the U.S. hoping their sculptures will become a part of this year-long exhibit of public art. **artbeatcolumbus.org/art-walk**

Great Places to See a Show

Columbus is where players play. Go all out for Columbus' music, acting, dance and comedy. Whether your view of the stage is from a private box seat beneath a sparkling chandelier, in an arena with 10,000 other screaming fans around you, or under the stars in the streets of Columbus, you're sure to have a great time.

RiverCenter for the PERFORMING ARTS

In the heart of Uptown Columbus, world-class artists and Broadway touring productions take the stage to deliver breathtaking performances to RiverCenter audiences. A gem of Columbus' cultural arts scene, RiverCenter has presented artists such as Jerry Seinfeld, Vince Gill, Celtic Woman and Yo Yo Ma. Highlights of the 2017-18 Season include national Broadway tours of *The Sound of Music, Motown the Musical* and *Urban Bush Women,* as well as the Moscow Festival Ballet's *Cinderella, The Rainbow Fish,* the Mystical Arts of Tibet, and concert experiences with Classic Albums Live, performing music by Creedence Clearwater Revival and Led Zeppelin. RiverCenter is home to the Columbus Symphony Orchestra, the Schwob School of Music, the Youth Orchestra of Greater Columbus, Cantus Columbus, and the Columbus Ballet. **rivercenter.org**

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"A treasure in the heart of Columbus."

Springer Opera HOUSE

Catch a musical, drama or comedy at the Springer Opera House, the State Theatre of Georgia. Opened in 1871, the Springer is now one of only seven producing theatres that is also a National Historic Landmark. When it opened, the Springer was the grandest theatre between New York and New Orleans and served as a venue for shows traveling from the Big Apple to the Big Easy, allowing them to play and recoup some travel expenses. Legendary talents who have appeared on the Springer's stage include such luminaries as Edwin Booth, Buffalo Bill, John Phillip Sousa, Ma Rainey, Ethel Barrymore, Tom Thumb, W.C. Fields, Chet Atkins, Burt Reynolds, and Garrison Keillor. Today, the Springer is home to the Georgia Repertory Theatre which produces Mainstage, Studio II and Children's series of musicals and plays. The Springer is also the home of the Springer Theatre Academy, the largest theatre academy for the training of young actors (5-18 years) in the Southeast. **springeroperahouse.org**

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"Gorgeous building, great shows!"

Historic LIBERTY THEATRE

Opened in 1924, Columbus' first Black theatre continues to host musical events, plays, and classes. Placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1984, the theater has hosted such ground-breaking performers as Marian Anderson, Ella Fitzgerald, and Columbus' own Ma Rainey and her protégé, Bessie Smith. **libertycolumbusga.org**

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Columbus
CIVIC CENTER

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"Every event is always awesome!"

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★★★★★

"This is a great family environment."

No Shame
THEATRE

If the stage is calling your name, be at the Springer Opera House on Friday nights at 10:30 for No Shame Theatre. In this weekly showcase see improv, music, comedy, poetry, dance and more. Must be at least 18, you can't break anything, must perform original material and your act can only be 5 minutes long. $5 at the door. **springeroperahouse.org/no-shame-theatre**

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"Highlight of the entire space."

Sherlock's Mystery
DINNER THEATRE

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"So entertaining!"

Plates of Local Flavor

Who doesn't want to get a true taste of the city they're visiting? Dig into the Columbus flavors that are making foodies take notice.

Scrambled DOG

Served in a banana split dish, this dog is too messy to pick up! Chopped hot dog and bun smothered in chili, onions and pickles, with oyster crackers on top. People line up outside Dinglewood Pharmacy for this local favorite.

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26 DINE IN STYLE

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Uptown COLUMBUS

Whether you're looking for clothing, jewelry, gifts, outdoor apparel or a new bike, Uptown is the place!

Gift SHOPS

at the Columbus Museum, the National Civil War Naval Museum at Port Columbus, the Coca-Cola Space Science Center, and the National Infantry Museum & Soldier Center – pick up something for your history-loving friends.

Regional SHOPPING

Delightful shops and antique stores sprinkled throughout the region can inspire a day of exploration.

Columbus Park CROSSING

Shop the nation's most popular stores and dine at more than 15 restaurants in this mixed use development.
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Gardens of Delight

Stroll through tranquil gardens and historic estates and enjoy the breathtaking floral splendor of nature's all out gorgeous display of colors.

Columbus BOTANICAL GARDEN

Wander through a variety of experiences, from a nature trail to gardens like homestead, vegetable, herb, event lawn, and camellia, all part of this 23-acre tract anchored by an 1890s farmhouse. A new master plan has recently been adopted and new projects are regularly underway. Open from dawn until dusk, admission is free with a $2 suggested donation. The Garden offers tours in addition to both children and adult educational programming. **columbusbotanicalgarden.org.**

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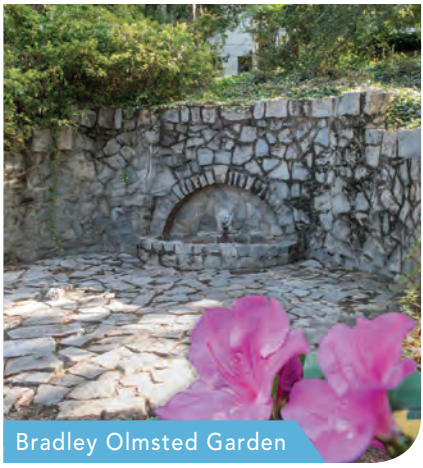
Columbus Botanical Garden

Bradley OLMSTED GARDEN

Look for this jewel tucked in the 13 acres of what is now the Columbus Museum. Designed in the 1920s by Olmsted & Olmsted, scions of the designer of New York's Central Park, this little garden includes sweeping vistas, rose gardens, dramatic ravines, waterfalls, forest glens and massive plantings for dramatic seasonal effect. The museum often schedules live music and other events in the garden. For information call 706-748-2562 or visit columbusmuseum.com.



Bradley Olmsted Garden

Callaway GARDENS

With a medley of activities for more than just those with a green thumb, Callaway Gardens in Pine Mountain is an experience everyone will love. Nature lovers, adventure seekers, and sports enthusiasts can enjoy award-winning gardens, the Cecil B. Day Butterfly Center, zip lining, water sports, two of the top golf courses in Georgia, and more. Celebrate holidays and seasonal festivals such as the Hot Air Balloon Festival, Azalea Watching, and Fantasy In Lights®, which is ranked among the most dazzling holiday light show experiences in the South. callawaygardens.com

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Hills & Dales ESTATE

Experience the serenity of this 35-acre estate as you tour the spectacular 30-room Georgian Italian villa designed to flow gracefully into its pre-Civil War gardens. Located in LaGrange just one hour north of Columbus on I-185. Plan your visit at hillsanddales.org.

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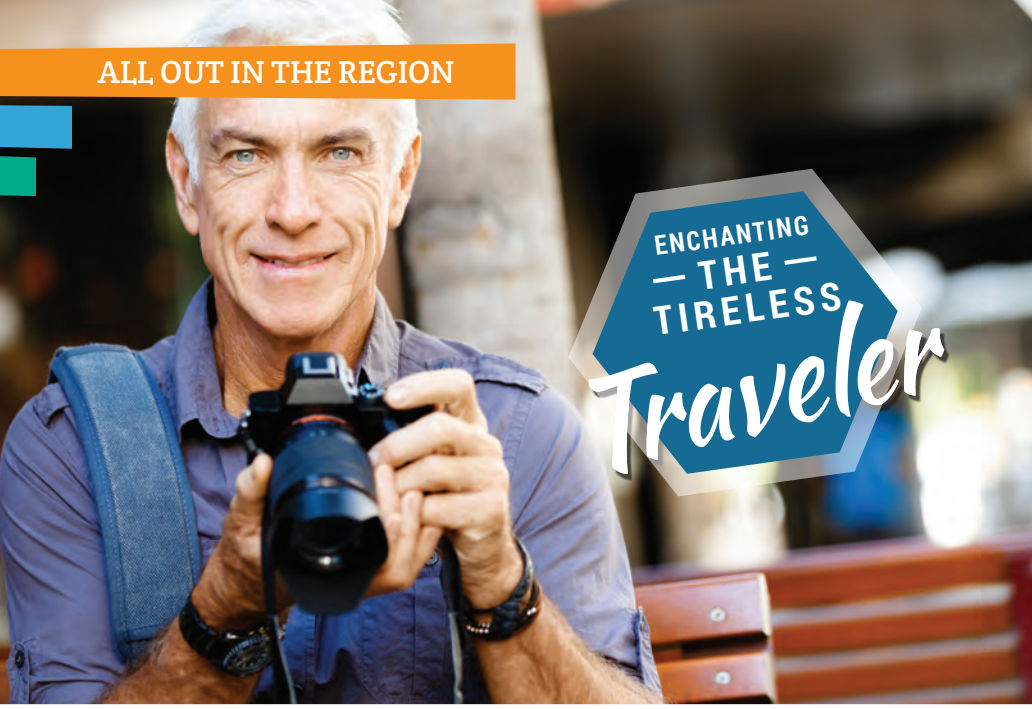
Hills & Dales Estate



Venture into West Georgia

Columbus makes a great base for venturing out for fantastic experiences in the region. Hike, camp and horseback ride through F.D. Roosevelt State Park, take a trek through Providence Canyon, Georgia's "Little Grand Canyon," exercise your "picker" skills at country antique shops, see where history was made. Sites you don't want to miss include:

Little WHITE HOUSE

See the "Unfinished Portrait" of the nation's 32nd president, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, hanging in the carefully preserved house with furnishings very much as Roosevelt left them in 1945. Painted on April 12, 1945, the portrait was disrupted and never finished when Roosevelt suffered a massive stroke and died. The house in Warm Springs was established for Roosevelt in the hopes the healing powers of the warm spring water there would end his fight with polio. Self-guided and guided tours available.

gastateparks.org/LittleWhiteHouse

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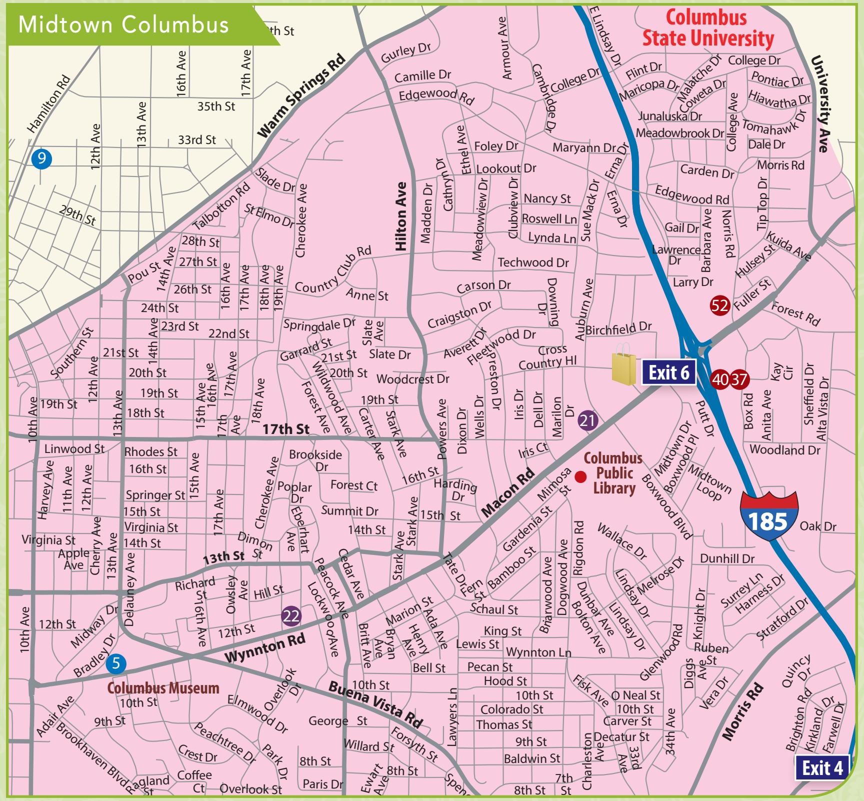


Main Post Map Key

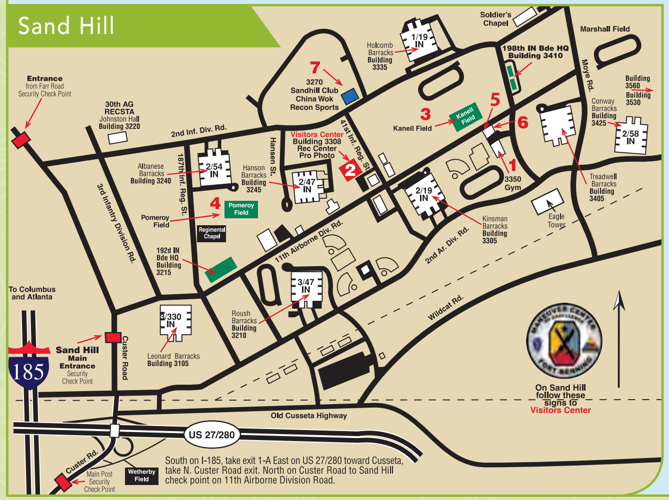
Red buildings indicate eateries
Blue buildings indicate points of interest

1 Game Link/Subway, Bldg 2502
2 Auto Skills Center, Bldg 111
3 Lodging/Olson Hall/Check-in, Bldg 399
4 Family Entertainment Center, Bldg 2785
5 PX Mall, Commissary & Food Court
6 Main Post Car Wash, Bldg 105
7 Burger King & Taco John's
8 Mini-Mall Food Court
9 MCoE Headquarters
10 Fort Benning Golf Course/ Pro Shop, Bldg 390
11 Benning Conf. Ctr., Bldg 128/129, Little Caesars Pizza
12 Outdoor Recreation (Equipment Rental), Bldg 1707
13 Java Cafe, Bldg 1685
14 Wynnsong 10-Plex Movie Theatre, Bldg 1687
15 Huddle House, 683-0066
16 Benning Brew Pub, El Zapata Mex. Rest, Bldg 2784
17 Riverwalk
18 Uchee Creek Campground & Marina
19 Dog Park
20 Shoppette/PX - Church's Chicken
21 Shoppette Gas Station (ATM)

Sand Hill Map Key

Area code for all numbers is 706

Activity	Bldg	Phone
1 Gymnasium (Santiago)	3350	544.9595
2 Visitors Center/Subway	3308	544.9161
Rec. Center/Pro Photo	3308	685.2222
3 Kanell Field **198th In Bde**		
4 Pomeroy Field **192d In Bde**		
5 Post Exchange (PX)/Snack Bar		
6 Military Clothing Sales		
7 Sand Hill Club/China Wok	3270	685.8885
Recon Sportswear	3270	682.0730



Duty Desk Telephone Numbers

192d Infantry Brigade
www.infantry.army.mil/192d

2-46 IN	545.4644
2-47 IN	544.8732
2-54 IN	544.9121
30th AG	Reception Station 544.0118

198th Infantry Brigade
www.infantry.army.mil/198th

1-19 IN	544.9253
2-330 IN	544.9974
1-50 IN	544.8887
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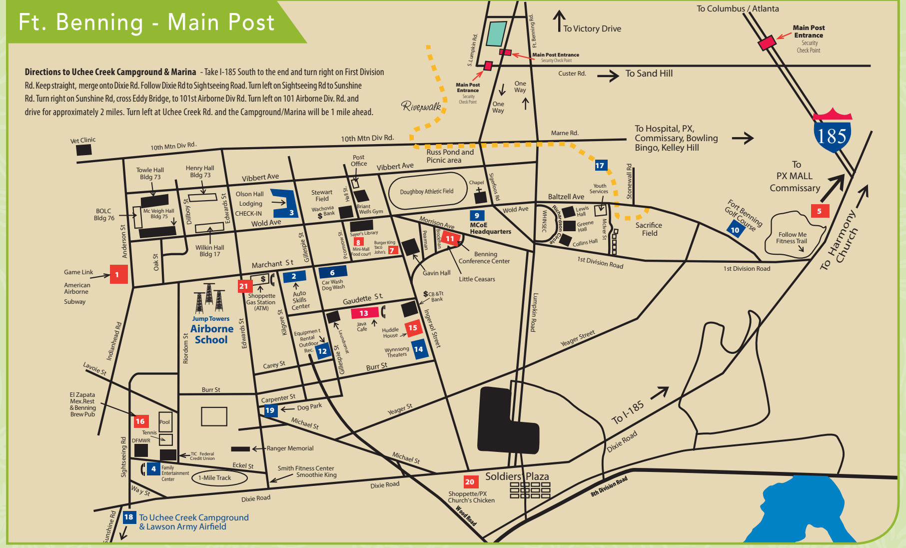

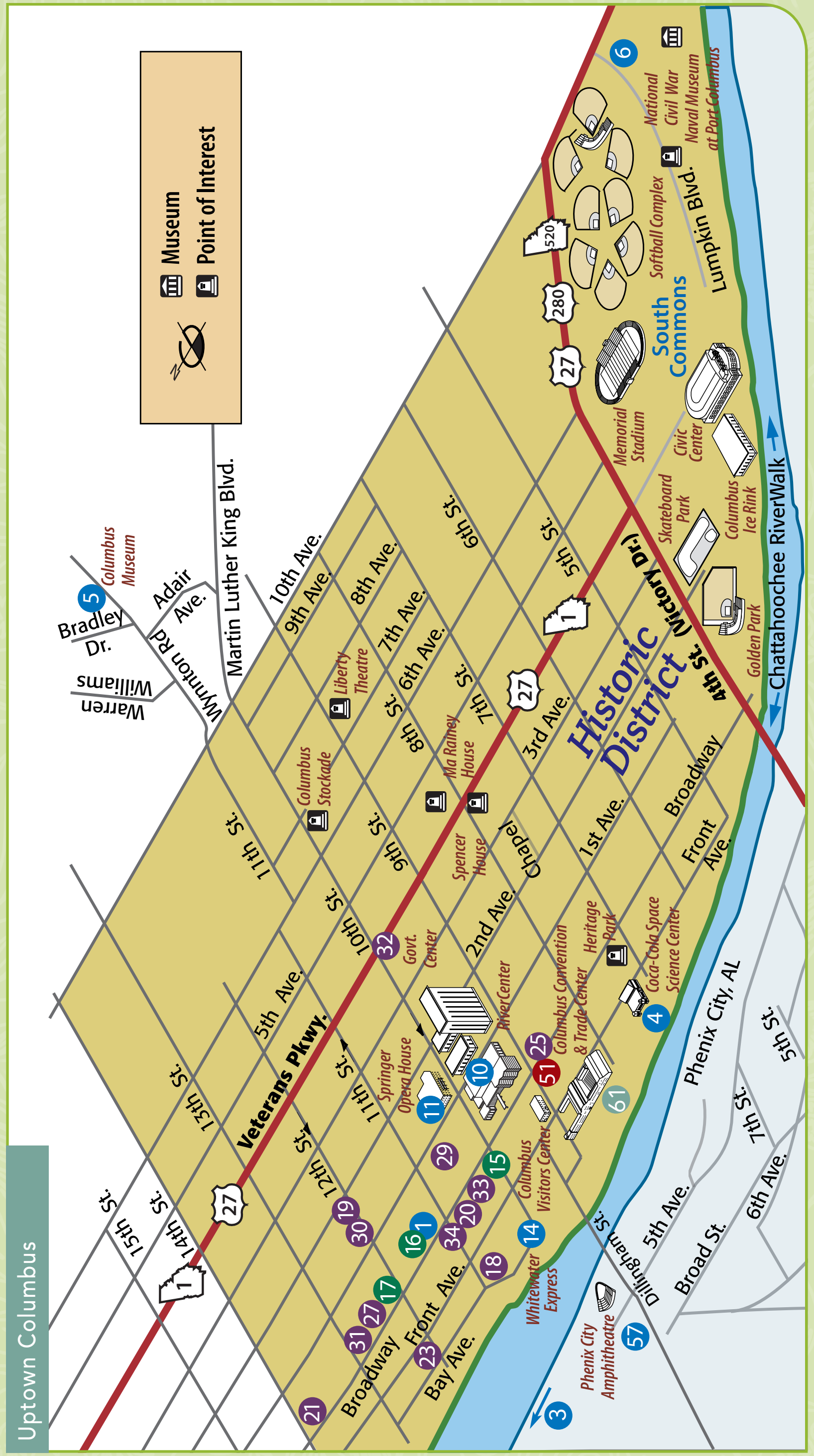

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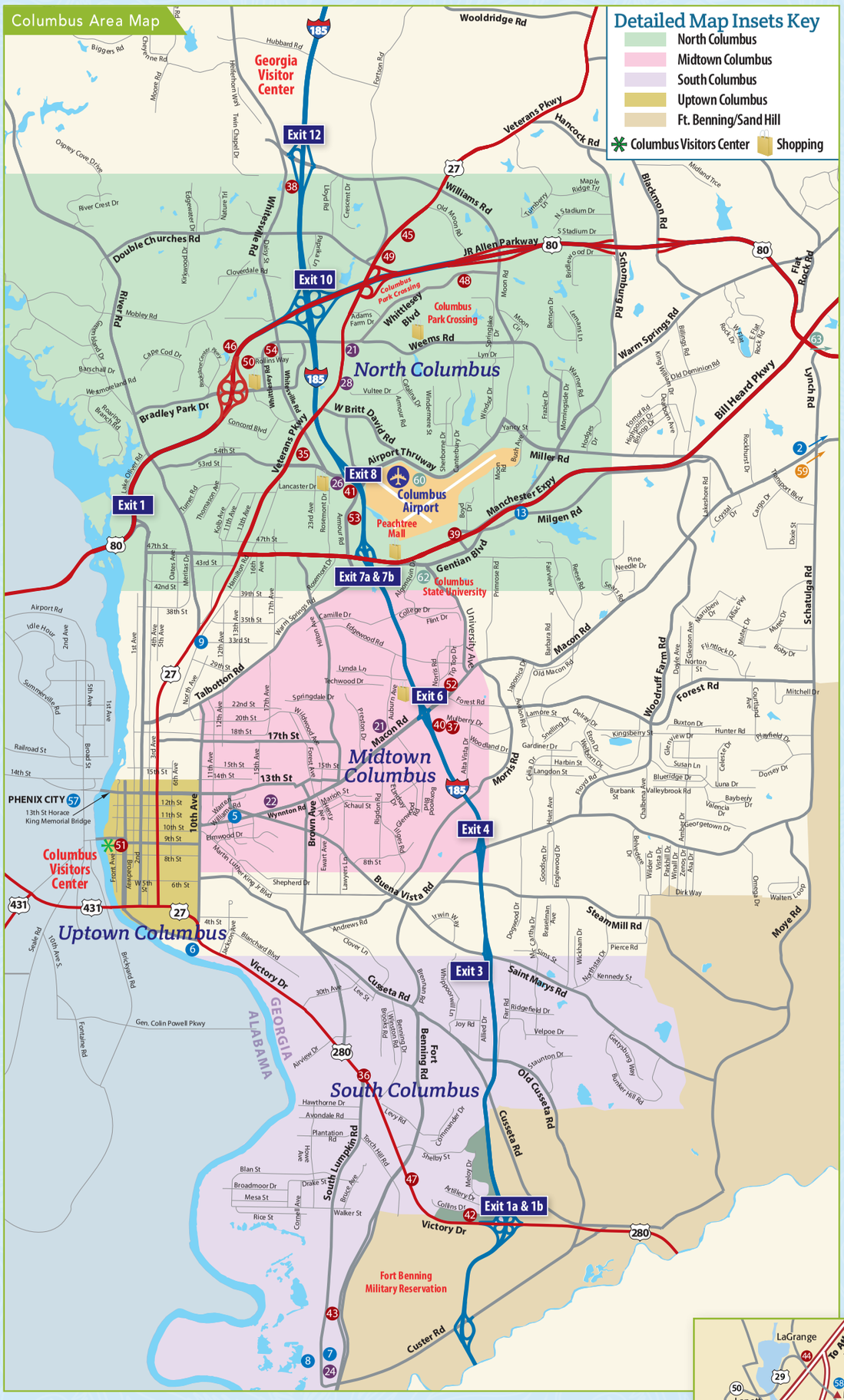


Attractions

1. Brushes and Beverages
2. Bull Creek Golf Course
3. Chatt Glide Tours
4. Coca-Cola Space Science Center
5. Columbus Museum
6. National Civil War Naval Museum at Port Columbus
7. National Infantry Museum
8. Oxbow Creek Golf Course
9. River Market Antiques
10. RiverCenter for the Performing Arts
11. Springer Opera House
12. Strongpoint Gun Range & Shooting Complex
13. Treadstone Climbing Gym
14. Whitewater Express

Shopping

15. Outside World
16. Salt Life
17. Uptown Wine and Spirits

Restaurants

18. 11th & Bay Southern Table
19. The Black Cow
20. Cannon Brew Pub
21. Country's BBQ
22. Dinglewood Pharmacy
23. Epic Restaurant
24. Fife & Drum
25. Houlihan's – Uptown
26. Houlihan's – North
27. Kilwins
28. Mellow Mushroom
29. Meritage
30. My Boulange Bakery
31. River and Rail
32. Ruth Ann's Restaurant
33. Scruffy Murphy's Irish Pub
34. Smoke Bourbon and Barbeque

Accommodations

35. Baymont Inn
36. Candlewood Suites - Ft. Benning
37. Comfort Inn
38. Country Inn & Suites North
39. Courtyard by Marriott
40. Days Inn Columbus – North Fort Benning
41. DoubleTree Columbus
42. Econo Lodge – Fort Benning
43. Hampton Inn – Fort Benning
44. Hampton Inn – LaGrange
45. Hampton Inn – North Columbus
46. Hilton Garden Inn
47. Holiday Inn Express & Suites – Fort Benning
48. Homewood Suites
49. Hyatt Place
50. LaQuinta Inn & Suites North
51. Marriott Columbus
52. Quality Inn
53. Sleep Inn
54. Staybridge Suites

Regional Attractions

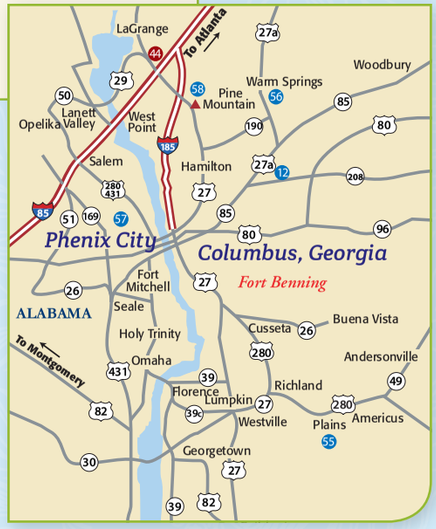
55. City of Plains
56. Meriwether County
57. Phenix City
58. Wild Animal Safari

Campground

59. Lake Pines RV Park & Campground

Services

60. Columbus Airport
61. Columbus Convention & Trade Center
62. Cunningham Center
63. Flint Energies



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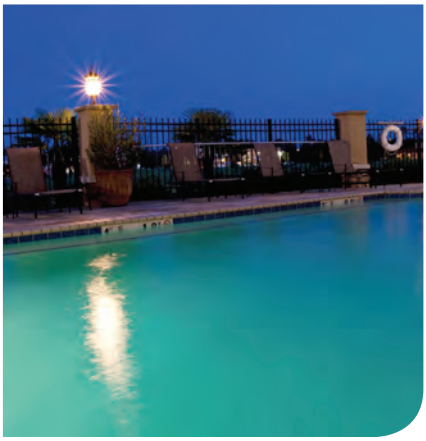

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Hampton Inn - Fort Benning	706.660.5550	102	✓		✓			✓	✓	✓
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Hampton Inn - North Columbus	706.256.2222	89	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Hilton Garden Inn	706.660.1000	120	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	
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Marriott Columbus	706.324.1800	177	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
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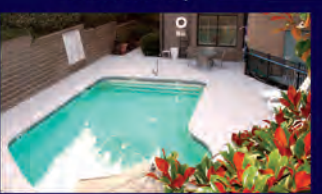

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Eternal Flame Monument

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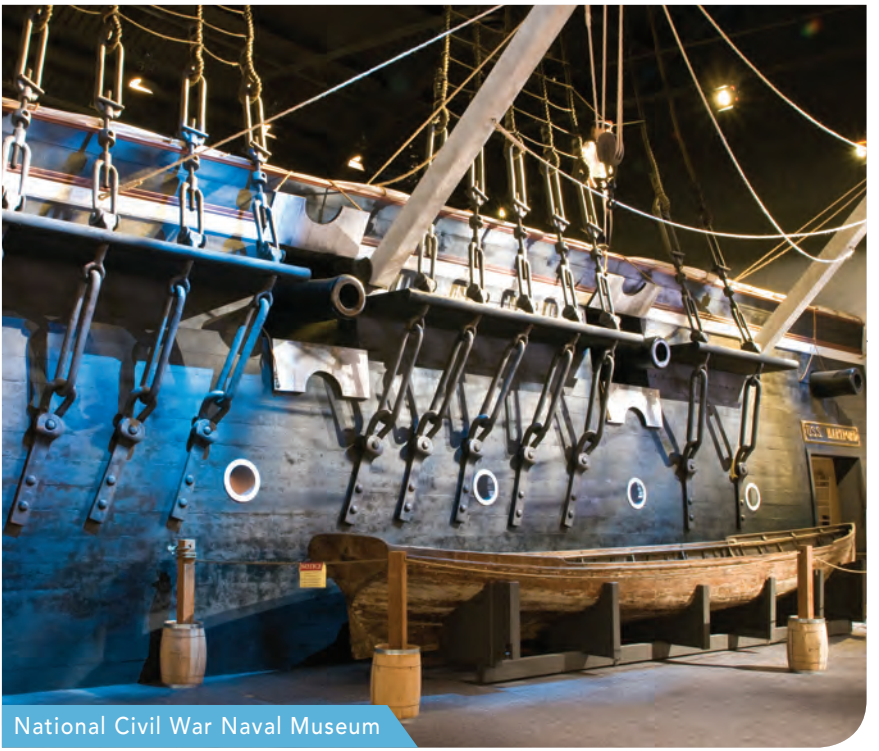
"Literally one-of-a-kind exhibits and artifacts."


National Civil War Naval Museum

National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center

Historic ANDERSONVILLE

About one hour's drive southeast of Columbus is Andersonville, site of Camp Sumter, a prisoner of war camp. It's now Andersonville National Historic Site, a memorial to the nearly 13,000 Union POWs who died at the camp during the Civil War.

In addition to the prison, the site includes the Andersonville National Cemetery and the National Prisoner of War Museum, which honors all American POWs in the United States' various military conflicts.

nps.gov/ande (outside only)

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"Must-see Civil War history."

Andersonville POW Monument

Forward march!

Columbus' patriotic spirit goes all out every day for the steady stream of visitors who make their way to take part in activities at neighboring Fort Benning, or to visit soldiers and their families in the area.

Fort Benning has served as the Home of the Infantry since 1918, transforming into the Maneuver Center of Excellence in 2005. Since World War I, its mission has been to "produce the world's finest combat infantrymen."

The U.S. Army Infantry School at Fort Benning has developed such military leaders as five-star generals Omar Bradley, George Marshall and Dwight D. Eisenhower. George Patton and Colin Powell also trained at Fort Benning.

Since the 1970s, new missions at Fort Benning have included the Airborne school and the Ranger school.

Possible Fort Benning activities include:

Riverside PLANTATION

Built in 1909 by businessman Arthur Bussey, Riverside is on the National Register of Historic Places and is the commandant's residence.

Riverside Plantation

NATIONAL INFANTRY MUSEUM

A PLACE TO HONOR, EDUCATE AND REMEMBER

USA TODAY 10BEST READERS' CHOICE 2016
BEST FREE MUSEUM
NATIONAL INFANTRY MUSEUM & SOLDIER CENTER

Nowhere is the American Soldier more revered than at the National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center, voted the nation's Best Free Museum in USA Today's Readers' Choice Awards. The 185,000-square-foot, world-class museum in Columbus, Georgia, just outside the gates of Fort Benning, honors the legacy of valor and sacrifice of Soldiers past, present and future. From our collection of priceless artifacts, to our authentic World War II Company Street, to our three-quarter scale Vietnam Wall and our brand new memorial to the Global War on Terrorism, the National Infantry Museum is a must-see attraction. Whether you have only a couple of hours to visit or are looking for a memorable spot for your reunion group's next gathering, it is an experience you'll never forget.

See for yourself why this is... *A Place to Remember.*

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NATIONALINFANTRYMUSEUM.ORG

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POW MONUMENT

Erected in 1946, this monument was originally intended to honor U.S. prisoners of World War II. It was later moved to its current location and altered to also reflect the POWs of World War I, Korea, and Vietnam.

Historic CUARTELS

Designed and constructed in the 1920s, this building serves as offices and quarters for visiting officers. The building appeared in the 1941 edition of *Ripley's Believe It or Not* for the world's longest continuous porch.

WHINSEC Change of Command Ceremony

International WHINSEC

Currently training officers of foreign countries, this building originally served as the U.S. Army Infantry School and Fort Benning Headquarters.

Doughboy STADIUM

Built by U.S. Army Infantrymen as a memorial to their fallen comrades of World War I.

Contact VisitColumbusGA at **800.999.1613** for more information.

POW Monument

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WWW.PORTCOLUMBUS.ORG

Family Fun? You Bet!

Let your kids (and you!) go all out with these family friendly activities. You'll never hear "I'm bored" again!

GO: The Columbus Museum

DO: RELEASE YOUR INNER PICASSO

Draw a self-portrait, put on a puppet show, or read an art story in the reading area of Transformations, The Family Gallery at the Columbus Museum. Kids can develop their creative side and craft a work of art in the process. And the best part is, all activities are completely free! **columbusmuseum.com**

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"One of the strengths of the beautiful Columbus Museum is the children's area."

GO: Columbus Ice Rink

DO: PERFORM YOUR BEST ARABESQUE

Play hockey, practice your figure skating, take lessons or just glide around the rink on your blades during public skating. The Columbus Ice Rink is a 38,122 square-foot facility with an NHL regulation-sized ice surface. The rink is home to Auburn University Hockey, as well as a multi-use ice facility that offers private ice time, party rentals and programs in hockey, figure skating, and learn-to-skate classes for all ages. **ColumbusIceRink.org**

★★★★½

"I loved this rink and ice skating experience."

Riverfront Splash Pad

GO: Riverfront Splash Pad and Playground

DO: SPLASH AROUND

Run through the refreshing, spraying waters that will keep kids cool on those sticky, summer days. This kid-friendly interactive fountain in Woodruff Park provides hours of summertime fun and entertainment.

Open 9 a.m.-10 p.m. daily, April-September.

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"Lots of family fun!"

GO: Oxbow Meadows

DO: DISCOVER COLUMBUS WILDLIFE

Experience nature up close and personal at Oxbow Meadows. See if you can spot the Queen Bee in an observation bee hive, watch the American Alligators swimming in the enclosed pond, or catch the carnivorous plants in action. Children and parents alike will be fascinated by the center's reptiles, amphibians, fish and other live exhibits. Admission is free, some programs do require a fee; donations help maintain and expand exhibits. **oxbow.columbusstate.edu**

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"The view from the canopy walk was spectacular!"

Oxbow Meadows

Civil War Wreckage

GO: National Civil War Naval Museum at Port Columbus

DO: EXPLORE THE USS HARTFORD

It was on board this ship that Admiral Farragut famously damned the torpedoes at the Battle of Mobile Bay. A recreated berth deck, wardroom and captain's cabin are displayed and are frequently used in living history at the museum.

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"Much you never knew."

Wild Animal Safari

GO: Wild Animal Safari

DO: GET YOUR WILD-LIFE ON

Drive through one of the best animal parks in the Southeast and encounter more than 500 animals. Like no other zoo you've been to! Only ½ hour from Columbus in Pine Mountain, Georgia. Feed and interact with animals from six continents and enjoy a ride in a zebra van or tour bus (seasonal). Visit online for more info at **animalsafari.com.**

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"This place brings out the kid in you!"

GO: National Infantry Museum & Soldier Center

DO: DOWNRANGE COMBAT SIMULATORS

Put yourself in the mind of a soldier as you experience the adrenaline rush of a simulated evacuation mission. Arm yourself in a real Humvee or a model Black Hawk helicopter to provide cover-fire for your friends and family. The DownRange Combat Simulators give you an idea what service members do every day, and why they deserve our respect and gratitude. **nationalinfantrymuseum.org**

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"There is really nothing else like this!"

Infantry Museum Simulator

GO: Family Theatre

DO: LET YOUR IMAGINATION SOAR

Be transported by the musicals, comedies, dramas, children's theatre and an occasional magic show presented by Family Theatre. An intimate theatre experience awaits audiences in a relaxed atmosphere, complete with a café and complimentary desserts at intermission. Family Theatre is located in the historic Rose Hill district in Columbus. **familytheatre.org**

"This place brings out the kid in you!"

Rain or shine, there's always something going on in Columbus to entertain the kids, whether it's 3-D blockbusters at The Ritz, arcade games and bumper cars at Stars and Strikes, or special children's performances at RiverCenter for the Performing Arts and the Springer Opera House. Check the calendar at **VisitColumbusGa.com** for details on family activities in Columbus.

MAPPING THE TREASURE Hunter

Two Ways to Win!

Bring your family and friends along for the RiverWalk GeoTour and hunt for treasure along the Chattahoochee River. Locate hidden containers, called geocaches, then share your experiences online. You can even take home prizes!

Pick up a RiverWalk GeoTour Grid Sheet from VisitColumbusGA (900 Front Avenue 31901) or download it from **visitcolumbusga.com/visitors/Riverwalk-geotour**. If you are not already registered to geocache, go to Geocaching.com, create a log-in and find the GPS coordinates and additional information for the RiverWalk GeoTour locations.

Locate one or all the caches – labeled as RiverWalk GeoTour geocaches – using a hand-held GPS unit. Caches are located at 32 points along the 15-mile Chattahoochee RiverWalk. When you find a RiverWalk GeoTour cache, log your name and comments in the logbook inside the container. Then, fill in the correct space on the grid sheet with the letter found inside each cache container.

Great for Families

There are six unique geocache SERIES in the RIVERWALK GEOTOUR

- RiverWalk
- Dams
- Attractions
- Mills
- Chattahoochee River
- Whitewater

Complete each of the series to qualify to win a limited edition **RiverWalk GeoTour playing card.** There are 5 to 6 caches in each series. Collect one or all six cards. Present your RiverWalk GeoTour Grid Sheet with the appropriate spaces filled in at VisitColumbusGA during regular hours.

RiverWalk GeoTour

Gear in Hand

In addition, complete a specific number of caches to get a CUSTOM GEO-COIN

Bring your completed Grid Sheet to VisitColumbusGA during regular hours to receive your coin.

- 10 completed caches = **bronze level coin**
- 20 completed caches = **silver level coin**
- 30 completed caches = **gold level coin**

RiverWalk

Enjoy Columbus on $5 or Less

Check out these fun and funky ideas to enjoy Columbus on a budget.

Grab your SNEAKERS

and get a good stretch before you hike, bike or skate the 15-mile Columbus RiverWalk that hugs the banks of the Chattahoochee River. Extending from the main post of Fort Benning to the cotton mill town of Bibb City, this exercise routine is completely free.

Come face TO FACE

with Infantrymen from the Revolutionary War to today's War on Terrorism at the National Infantry Museum. This amazing, interactive experience is free. $5/person donation suggested at the door; some programs have a fee.

On the RiverWalk

Hunt for GHOSTS

behind the scenes at the historic Springer Opera House. On Mondays and Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m., a 30-minute tour is offered for just $5. The tour gives you access to the ornate trappings of the State Theater of Georgia, a haunted thrill or two, and much more.

Springer Opera House Tour

Release your INNER ARTIST

at the Columbus Museum—always changing… and always free.

Peddle THROUGH TOWN

along the former railroad path that once connected Columbus to the rest of the nation. The Columbus Fall Line Trace weaves its way through town for cyclists, walkers, and joggers to enjoy. Free.

Immerse YOURSELF

in Columbus' history and art on a self-guided tour of Heritage Park or the Sculpture Walk in Uptown Columbus. Free.

Take a WALK

through one of the largest botanical gardens in the Southeast, Columbus Botanical Garden, where stopping to smell the roses is always free. Open dawn to dusk.

No Shame Theatre

Step into the SPOTLIGHT

or watch from a cushy seat in the audience during No Shame Theatre every Friday night at the Springer Opera House. For $5 you can entertain the city or watch your comrades perform original acts of improv, music, comedy, poetry and dance. Must be at least 18, you can't break anything, must perform original material and your act can only be 5 minutes long.

Discover THE WARES

of artists, artisans and crafters at Uptown's Saturday morning Market Days on Broadway, or bring a picnic and a blanket to one of Uptown's frequent concerts held on the stage in the 1000 Block of Broadway. Free.

Three Days in Columbus

Columbus has so much to see and do that a day just isn't enough. Come for the weekend, and longer if time allows. To help you see the best of Columbus, we've taken care of everything including the itinerary, so all you have to do is get ready to go all out!

DAY ONE

8 AM

Fill your belly with a Southern breakfast at Ruth Ann's Restaurant, a Columbus landmark. We recommend the Capt'n Crunch French Toast for a grown-up take on one of your inner child's favorites.

9 AM

Rent a bike and take the kids for a ride on the Chattahoochee RiverWalk, or stroll through Heritage Park to see the granite pools, outdoor sculptures and interpretive markers that celebrate Columbus' industrial heritage.

Pedal the RiverWalk

10 AM

Explore the Columbus Museum's ever-changing exhibits of art, furnishings and historical artifacts that will provide you and your family with a fresh outlook on Columbus' past and present.

12 Noon

Try Columbus's hidden hotdog gem, the "scrambled dog" at Dinglewood Pharmacy. Pair it with a cherry Coke or vanilla malt.

1 PM

Strap on your helmet and prepare for the ride of your life as you raft the Class I-II whitewater rapids on the Chattahoochee River, the longest urban whitewater course in the world!

Zip Across the River!

3 PM

Get a birds-eye view of the river on the Blue Heron Adventure Course complete with a 1,200-foot zip line that glides you 100 feet over the water. Then jump on the Phenix City line to zip back across to Columbus!

Rafting Fun!

4:30 PM

Didn't get enough of the rapids? Do it again, this time on the highwater trip, a Class II-IV+. The river has rapids like those found in Colorado and Zimbabwe!

6 PM

Shower and change into some dry clothes back at the hotel.

7 PM

Help solve a crime at Sherlock's Mystery Dinner Theatre. Did the butler do it?

9 PM

Unwind and share memories of the day at a martini bar, sports bar, or sweetery in Uptown, Bradley Park, the Landings, or Columbus Park Crossing.

DAY TWO

8 AM
Start the morning right with a fresh café au lait and croissant at Uptown's French bakery, My Boulánge Bakery and Café.

My Boulánge Bakery

9 AM
Stretch your legs with a walk, run or bike ride on the Fall Line Trace.

Bike Rentals

10 AM
Explore Uptown's one-of-a-kind shops. Local retailers bring you carefully curated selections of clothing, jewelry, gifts, new running shoes, outdoor apparel and more.

11 AM
Become an astronaut for a day at the Coca-Cola Space Science Center on Front Avenue. Engage with flight simulators and other interactive tools, and journey through time and space in a show in the Omnisphere Theater.

12 Noon
Enjoy Japanese, Mexican, Thai, or fried chicken for lunch – there is no shortage of choices for dining in Columbus. Lunch at the Fife & Drum, the restaurant in the National Infantry Museum, puts you steps away from the museum's interactive wonders.

2 PM
After exploring the National Infantry Museum, get some fresh air with a visit to Oxbow Meadows Environmental Learning Center, an animal "museum" filled with living reptile and aquatic exhibits. See the carnivorous plants in the Bog Garden, or look for birds in the Aviary Garden.

Uptown Dining

3 PM

Continue from Oxbow Meadows to the National Civil War Naval Museum at Port Columbus. See the "bones" of ships that burned and sank on the Chattahoochee River during the U.S. Civil War.

5 PM

Freshen up at the hotel for the evening's adventure.

6 PM

Go out for a delicious dinner at a Columbus bistro, grille or other local favorite. A bowl of crab bisque at Meritage, perhaps? Delicious!

RiverCenter for the Performing Arts

8 PM

Take your seat at RiverCenter for the Performing Arts to hear the best of Bach, Beethoven, or many of your favorite classical, pop or Broadway Show tunes by the Columbus Symphony Orchestra.

10 PM

Cap off the evening with a late-nite milkshake or a frozen yogurt, then settle down for a great night's sleep at one of Columbus' welcoming and comfortable hotels.

DAY THREE

8 AM

Try the Plucked Up Chicken Biscuit with pineapple marmalade. Yum! Then hit the road for the 45-minute drive to Pine Mountain, Georgia.

10 AM

Encounter zebras, giraffes and other exotic animals when you drive through Wild Animal Safari in Pine Mountain. You may even have animals eating right out of your hand!

Wild Animal Safari

12 Noon

Have lunch at the Safari Café or drive over to the village of Warm Springs for an authentic Southern lunch served buffet-style.

Warm Springs

1 PM - 4 PM

Meander through Warm Springs for an afternoon of shopping. The town is filled with gift boutiques, mercantiles, galleries, antique shops, and more. If you're in the mood for a little more history, visit President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's Little White House, his Georgia home and escape from the concerns of our nation's capital. The entire family can enjoy hiking, horseback riding, swimming, and more at neighboring F.D. Roosevelt State Park. If you'd rather see more of the region after lunch, head south to Plains, GA, the hometown of another president, Jimmy Carter. The Jimmy Carter National Historic site includes the Plains Depot, a museum to the 1976 presidential campaign, Carter's boyhood home, and Plains High School.

6 PM

Come back to Columbus for a BBQ dinner in an old bus. Country's Barbecue's Uptown location serves up delicious pork, chicken and beef in a restored bus station, complete with a dine-in bus.

The Little White House

8 PM

For live drama, comedy or musicals, snag tickets to the Springer Opera House, the State Theatre of Georgia.

11 PM

Stop for a late dessert and coffee or nightcap after the show, then back to the hotel to rest up for the trip home – that is, if you can convince the family to leave.

Contact VisitColumbusGA for suggested itineraries to satisfy interests ranging from the arts, education, military, and regional explorations. We can also help you set up a custom itinerary for your group. **visitcolumbusga.com.**

Refer often to the Columbus Event Calendar, **calendarcolumbusga.com**, for the latest information on what's going on in and around the Columbus area – where to go, when you need to know.

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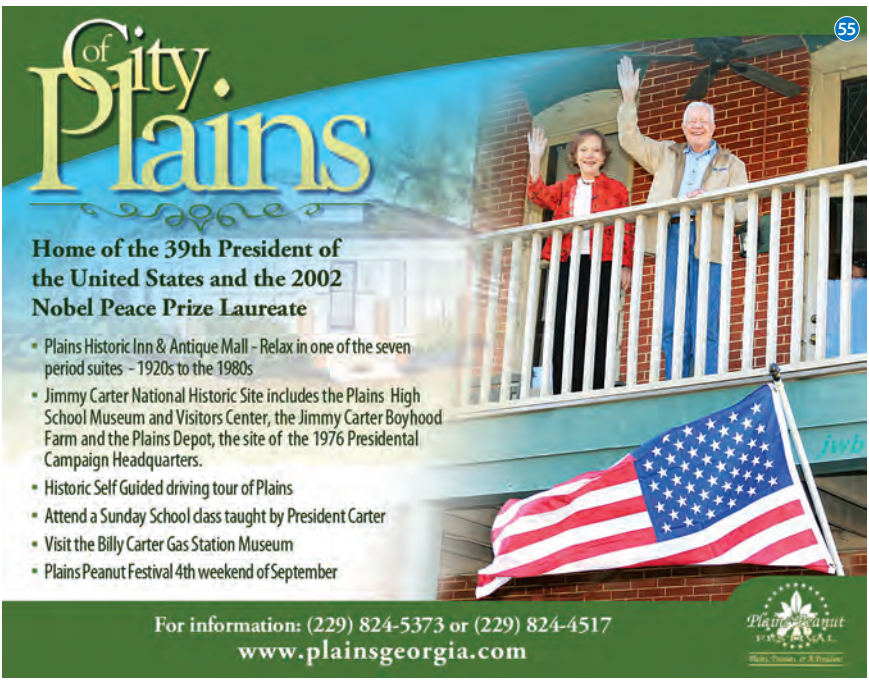

Iconic Spaces for Your Event

Why bring your group to Columbus? It's the place for culture, commerce, outdoor adventure and a remarkable place for meetings from 10 to 10,000.

Columbus Civic Center

- Columbus is Georgia's 2nd largest city.
- Columbus has more than 4,600 first-class rooms.
- Columbus has more than 750,000 square feet of meeting space.
- Columbus' vibrant arts and entertainment district is within walking distance to meeting facilities and accommodations.
- Columbus offers renowned museums of historic, artistic and military importance.
- The historic Columbus Convention & Trade Center, also known as the Iron Works, is a one-of-a-kind meeting and exhibition venue.
- Columbus Civic Center is a 10,000-seat sporting arena with hospitality suites and well-appointed amenities to accommodate VIP treatment.
- Columbus has the state-of-the-art RiverCenter for the Performing Arts with 450-seat concert hall and 2,000-seat theatre with three levels.
- Some of the South's best cuisine is in Columbus: 500+ great restaurants with dishes featured in nationally-recognized publications.
- Columbus is home to the longest urban whitewater course in the world.

Columbus Convention and Trade Center

Our VisitColumbusGA staff makes planning a successful Columbus meeting or event easy. From site visits to surveys, from rate negotiations to receptions and everything in between, our Meeting Planner Professionals are ready to assist. Call us at **800.999.1613.**

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Put Columbus on Your Calendar

This is just a small sampling of the fun things to see and do in and around Columbus! To find out more, make sure you check out the Event Calendar at visitcolumbusga.com.

COLUMBUS
Wedding Extravaganza

BLACK HISTORY
Month Events

COLUMBUS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AND COLUMBUS BALLET PRESENT
Sleeping Beauty

THUNDER IN THE VALLEY
Airshow

Riverblast
AT NATIONAL CIVIL WAR NAVAL MUSEUM AT PORT COLUMBUS

UPTOWN RIVERFEST
& Dragon Boat Festival

MISS GEORGIA
Pageant

4TH OF JULY
Fireworks

JIM BLANCHARD
Leadership Forum

UPTOWN
Beer & Wine Festival

SPOOKTACULAR
Halloween Festival

Arts
ON THE RIVER

GREATER COLUMBUS
Fair

CHRISTMAS
Made in the South

Victorian Christmas
AT NATIONAL CIVIL WAR NAVAL MUSEUM AT PORT COLUMBUS

Broadway Holiday
IN UPTOWN COLUMBUS

Transportation Your Way

Getting to Columbus couldn't be easier! Visitors to our city are served by the Columbus Airport, located at 3250 W. Britt David Road, 706.324.2449, flycolumbusga.com. Delta Air Lines offers daily flights to Columbus from Atlanta, Georgia.

At the airport, car rentals, taxis, and hotel shuttles are available to help you get to all our shopping centers, accommodations, restaurants, sites, and attractions. Lyft and Uber ride sharing services also have designated areas at the airport; an app is required to use these services.

Columbus is also served by several of the state's major highways, including Interstate 185 and U.S. 27/27Alt. off I-85 South out of Atlanta, U.S. 80 West out of Macon, and U.S. 280 North out of Albany.

Columbus's METRA bus system operates from 4:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Monday-Saturday and picks up from bus stops all around the city. Visit **columbusga.org/metra for** schedules and fare information.

If you are a Zipcar member, there is a Zipcar lot on the main campus of Columbus State University, near the airport. Go to **zipcar.com/columbusstate** for more information.

It's easy to get around in our city, with clearly marked exits and citizens who are some of the friendliest people in the South, so just ask!

See the maps in the center of this guide for more help in enjoying our city.

Columbus Airport Commission

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DoubleTree by Hilton

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Columbus, GA 31904
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45 North Columbus

Hampton Inn

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Columbus, GA 31909
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44 LaGrange, Georgia

Hampton Inn

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The Fife & Drum Restaurant

Inside the National Infantry Museum
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