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# All Out WELCOME

Columbus RiverWalk

# +51 Reasons to Stay & Explore Columbus, GA

Columbus, Georgia is the place people go for all out fun!

The white waters of the Chattahoochee River rush by the walkers and bikers who steadily stroll and roll along the RiverWalk. In the water, people in yellow rafts laugh

through the spray of the water while others enjoy a leisurely paddle in the river's quieter stretches. Bird watchers hit the RiverWalk with their binoculars to see a variety of

feathered wonders that are attracted to the food and water promised by the river's presence. Above, squeals of excitement echo from daring folk ziplining from one side of the river to the other.

Just a few streets over, a different kind of urban adventure is taking place, with shoppers seeking out Columbus' locally-owned shops and boutiques in easily walkable shopping districts. They stop to admire a bronze statue of a little girl in a rain coat before sitting down under a red table umbrella



Vibrant Music Scene





Sculpture Walk

to order lunch. 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 production at the Springer Opera House.

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

This is Columbus – exciting and adventurous, quaint and friendly, spirited and courageous. And 51 Reasons is just the start... so bring this book and come see for yourself!

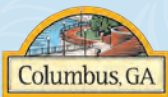
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There are so many things to do in Columbus! Use your mobile device to scan this QR code to watch a video that showcases some of Columbus' many fun activities.



**Tech Tip:** You may need to download a QR code reader application to your mobile device to use this function. Go to your phone's app store or marketplace to download a reader.

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## All Out PLANNING

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adventure with...

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major area attraction and  
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Information on Tours



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## All Out ADVENTURE

Free Uptown Concerts



# 9 Columbus Adventures

Columbus' attractions and activities provide plenty of urban adventure choices for all out fun! Take the city on two wheels along the Chattahoochee RiverWalk and Fall Line Trace. Explore Columbus' abundant artistic and historic gems. For a super adrenaline rush, fly across the Chattahoochee River on a zip line, or get drenched on a raft sliding through the river's rapids. Here are nine of our favorite activities.

## 1 Move that BODY

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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Oxbow Meadows

## 2 Watch 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**, 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](http://oxbow.columbusstate.edu)



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## 3 Ride the RAPIDS

Take the plunge down the longest urban **whitewater course** in the world! Choose from mild to wild, the low-water trip with Class I-II rapids, or the high-water trip with Class II-IV+ rapids. [whitewaterexpress.com](http://whitewaterexpress.com)



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Whitewater Rafting



## 4 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. [columbusblackmus.wixsite.com/cbhm](http://columbusblackmus.wixsite.com/cbhm)



"Birth of blues"



# 5 Fly across THE RIVER

Step off a 60-foot tower in Woodruff Park on the **Blue Heron Adventure Course zip line** and almost immediately find yourself about 100 feet above the Chattahoochee River as you race toward the Phenix City, AL tower at speeds of 35-40 mph. Once there, get ready to navigate a two-tier aerial course, set off on another 400-foot zip line through the trees along the riverbank, then board a pontoon boat for a ride back to Columbus. [whitewaterexpress.com/blue-heron-adventures](http://whitewaterexpress.com/blue-heron-adventures)



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Columbus Museum

### 6 See fantastic ART

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### 7 Pilot a MARS ROVER

Become an astronaut for a day at **Columbus State University's Coca-Cola Space Science Center**. With interactive exhibits and Georgia's largest collection of NASA Space Shuttle artifacts, children and adults can embark on space adventures and awaken their senses by controlling miniature Mars Rovers, piloting flight simulators, or voyaging through space and time in the full-dome Omnisphere Theater. Don't miss the new Space Shuttle Odyssey program. [ccssc.org](http://ccssc.org)



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### 8 Discover Historic COLUMBUS

See "100 years of history per hour." Take a walk through time at the oldest house in Columbus or discover the history and architecture of our town with a driving tour of several historic districts. Admission to tour the **Walker-Peters-Langdon House** is \$5 for adults and \$1 for students. Buses must be provided by the group and Historic Columbus will provide the step-on guide for \$3 per person. All tours are by appointment only. [historiccolumbus.com](http://historiccolumbus.com)



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COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

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## 9 Look for your LUNCHBOX

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UP  
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## All Out in the REGION

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## Must-See Attractions in West Georgia

Columbus' abundance of adventures in its urban setting makes it easy to fill your time within the city limits. But don't miss some of the fantastic experiences in the surrounding region. Hike, camp and horseback ride through F.D. Roosevelt State Park, trek through Providence Canyon, exercise your "picker" skills at country antique shops. Sites you don't want to miss include:

### 1 Little White HOUSE

See the "Unfinished Portrait" of the nation's 32<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://gastateparks.org/LittleWhiteHouse)



Little White House

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## 2 Providence Canyon OUTDOOR RECREATION AREA

Georgia's "Little Grand Canyon" is a testament to the power of man's influence on the land. Massive gullies as deep as 150 feet were caused simply by poor farming practices during the 1800s, yet today they make for some of the prettiest photographs in the state. The rare plumleaf azalea grows only in this region and blooms during July and August when most azaleas have lost their color. The canyon soil's pink, orange, red and purple hues make a beautiful natural painting at this quiet park. [gastateparks.org/ProvidenceCanyon](http://gastateparks.org/ProvidenceCanyon)



*"Perfect day trip"*



Providence Canyon



Plains, GA

## 3 Plains, GEORGIA

Explore the rural, Southern culture that influenced America's 39<sup>th</sup> president, Jimmy Carter. The Jimmy Carter National Historic Site in Plains includes the Plains Depot, a museum of the 1976 campaign, Carter's boyhood home, and Plains High School.



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All Out  
ART

Columbus Museum

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## Cool Art Scenes

Columbus' artistic nature goes all out to fuel creativity and provide inspiration, even as you walk through the city. You'll start to 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.

1 The Columbus  
MUSEUM

Enjoy the Columbus Museum's permanent and temporary exhibitions on regional history and American art, and its multimedia theater offering a film exploring the history and culture of the Chattahoochee Valley. Visitors can also enjoy the Bradley Olmsted Garden, designed in the 1920s by the Olmsted Brothers firm, founded by famed landscape

architect Frederick  
Law Olmsted.  
[columbusmuseum.com](http://columbusmuseum.com)


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*"Always finding  
something new"*

2 Gallery on  
TENTH

The Gallery on Tenth is an artists' co-op selling local and regional fine art in Uptown Columbus. [galleryon10th.com](http://galleryon10th.com)

3 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. [historiccolumbus.com/heritage-park](http://historiccolumbus.com/heritage-park) 

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*"Great little find"*



## 4 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](http://artbeatcolumbus.org/art-walk) 🐾



## 6 Pasaquan, BUENA VISTA, GA

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 seven acres are dozens of carved walls, pagodas and totems, all brightly decorated with house paint. The imagery is exclusively otherworldly, rendered with a discernible sense of humor. [pasaquan.com](http://pasaquan.com)

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*"Visionary art to marvel at"*

## 5 Illges Gallery/Corn Center for Visual Arts/ COLUMBUS STATE UNIVERSITY

Attend one of the 6 to 8 annual exhibitions presented by the Norman Shannon and Emmy Lou P. Illges Gallery in the Corn Center for Visual Arts. These exhibitions are both national and international in scope, often with accompanying lectures and gallery talks. The Illges Gallery is free and open to the public. [art.columbusstate.edu/exhibition](http://art.columbusstate.edu/exhibition)

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All Out  
ENTERTAINMENT

Springer Opera House

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## Places to See a Show

You'll be applauding until the curtains come down in Columbus, whether you experience our music, acting, dance and comedy 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.

1 Springer Opera  
HOUSE

Catch a musical, drama or comedy at the Springer Opera House, the State Theater 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. With the historic Emily Woodruff

Hall Mainstage Theatre and the new Dorothy McClure Theatre, the Springer produces Mainstage, Studio II and Children's series of musicals and plays and is the home of the largest theatre academy for the training of young actors (5-18 years) in the Southeast. [springeroperahouse.org](http://springeroperahouse.org)

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*"Beautiful theatre – excellent talent!"*

## 2 RiverCenter for the PERFORMING ARTS

In the heart of Uptown Columbus, this artistic cultural institution hosts Broadway shows, plays, and acts such as Jerry Seinfeld, Vince Gil, Celtic Woman, and Yo Yo Ma. RiverCenter presents its own season of 20-30 major productions and supports hundreds of functions each year. Highlights of the 2016-2017 season include: *Romeo & Juliet* by the Russian National Ballet, *Taj Express* the Bollywood musical, *Drumline Live*, *Mamma Mia* Farewell Tour, and *Cinderella*. RiverCenter is also home to the Columbus Symphony Orchestra, Schwob School of Music, Youth Orchestra of Greater Columbus, Cantus Columbus, and the Columbus Ballet. The facility offers unique arts experiences within its three state-of-the-art performance halls: Bill Heard Theatre, seating 2,000; Legacy Hall, seating 430; and Studio Theatre, seating 150.

In addition, outdoor events and activities are often held on RiverCenter's Illges Plaza on the corner of Broadway and 10<sup>th</sup> Street.

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"Grand venue"



RiverCenter



**Springer**  
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### 3 No Shame THEATRE

If the stage is calling your name, you'll want to be at the Springer Opera House on Friday nights at 10:30 for No Shame Theatre. In this weekly showcase of original works, you will see improv, music, comedy, poetry, dance and more. Must be 18, you can't break anything, must perform original material and act can only be 5 minutes long. \$5 at the door and you can light up the stage or be awed in the audience. [springeroperahouse.org/no-shame-theatre](http://springeroperahouse.org/no-shame-theatre)



*"Always a good time"*



### 4 Sherlock's Mystery DINNER THEATRE

Step into the spotlight in this interactive and comedic, murder mystery theatre where actors and audience members solve the crime together. Hosted at RiverMill Event Centre, this mystery dinner theatre has been entertaining thousands since 2008. You can help solve the mystery, or just watch and enjoy during this seasonal offering. [SherlocksDinnerTheatre.com](http://SherlocksDinnerTheatre.com)



*"So entertaining!"*

### 5 Historic Liberty THEATRE

Opened in 1925, Columbus' first Black theater 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, Ethel Waters, Lena Horne, the big bands of Duke Ellington, Cab Calloway and Fletcher Henderson, as well as Columbus' own Ma Rainey and her protégé, Bessie Smith. [libertycolumbusga.org](http://libertycolumbusga.org)

### 6 Family THEATRE

Presenting family friendly entertainment, Family Theatre provides children, teens and adults an opportunity to perform onstage. Musicals, comedies, dramas, children's theatre and an occasional magic show provide a variety of entertainment for the whole family. 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](http://familytheatre.org)

## 7 Theatre on the Park/ RIVERSIDE THEATRE COMPLEX

Columbus State University's Department of Theatre offers a regular menu of cutting-edge performances at its Riverside Theatre Complex. [theatre.columbusstate.edu](http://theatre.columbusstate.edu)

## 8 Columbus CIVIC CENTER

With 10,000 arena seats and various events throughout the year, the Columbus Civic Center is the most diverse entertainment venue in Columbus. Events include the circus, Disney on Ice, the Columbus Cottonmouths professional ice hockey team, Columbus Lions professional indoor football team, concerts, comedy shows, pro bull riding and more. There is always something to see at the arena. [columbusciviccenter.org](http://columbusciviccenter.org)



## 9 EXPERIENCE RIVERCENTER

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Columbus, Georgia's original murder mystery dinner theatre!  
[www.SherlocksDinnerTheatre.com](http://www.SherlocksDinnerTheatre.com)



## All Out EATS

Plucked Up Chicken

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## Delish Local Dishes

### 1 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.

### 2 The Chelsea Biscuit SANDWICH

It's unlike any biscuit you've had before...complete with fried chicken, pimento cheese, bacon and jalapeno jelly and the only place you'll find it is at **Plucked Up Chicken & Biscuits!**



### 3 Red Velvet PANCAKES

Originally a Valentine's Day special, **Ruth Ann's** now serves these red velvet pancakes with a cream cheese drizzle every day!





## 4 Mac 'n CHEESE

This Southern fare meets a Columbus twist with a Ritz cracker topping at **Mark's City Grill** and truffles at **Epic Restaurant**. Try them all. You won't be disappointed!



## 5 Award-winning FRIED CHICKEN

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## 6 Pimento CHEESE BURGER

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Breakfast, lunch, or dinner, Columbus cuisine goes all out. From a hearty **meat-and-three** plate to a **cooked-to-perfection angus steak**, a delicious, **authentic Italian pasta** dish, or a signature cocktail, your taste buds will tell you – Columbus offers it all!



### 18 SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY

#### 11TH & BAY

1050 Bay Ave.

706.940.0202

[www.11thandbay.com](http://www.11thandbay.com)

11th and Bay is a Southern table restaurant inspired by Southern hospitality and fresh creative food. We hope you'll pull up a chair and stay awhile!



### 19 AMAZIN' GRAZIN'

#### THE BLACK COW STEAKHOUSE & OYSTER BAR

115A 12<sup>th</sup> St., Ste. A

706.321.2020

Uptown's only Oyster Bar. Southern comfort food in a laid back rustic atmosphere. Voted best burgers in the South by *Garden & Gun* readers.



### 20 HONEST FOOD CRAFT BEERS

#### CANNON BREW PUB

1041 Broadway

706.653.BEER (2337)

[thecannonbrewpub.com](http://thecannonbrewpub.com)

Wood fired pizzas, homemade burgers, great steaks, pastas, and the finest craft brewed beers made in West Georgia.



## RESTAURANTS



### 21 EVERY DAY IS CINCO DE MAYO

#### THE CANTINA

1030 Broadway | 706.320.4520  
Serving up fresh authentic Mexican dishes for lunch and dinner. Try our delicious homemade chicken soup or our Hot Sizzling Fajita style dishes. Beautiful outside patio located in the heart of Uptown. 



### 23 SCRAMBLED DOG HEADQUARTERS

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### 25 AUTHENTIC PUERTO RICAN

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19 12<sup>th</sup> St. | Columbus, GA 31901  
706.221.8131

elflamboyantcolumbus.com  
Authentic Puerto Rican, Mexican & American Restaurant. Fresh, homemade, cooked-to-order food. Happy Hour every day, all day. Live music Friday & Saturday, 6pm.



### 26 YOUR EXPERIENCE BEGINS HERE

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706.507.9909 | epiccuisine.com  
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### 27 EAT & EXPLORE

#### FIFE & DRUM

1775 Legacy Way (inside the National Infantry Museum)  
706.685.5801  
facebook.com/fifeanddrum.  
restaurant

An American bistro featuring classic American fare served in a richly appointed dining room.



### 28 CONVENIENTLY DELICIOUS

#### HOULIHAN'S

800 Front Ave.  
706.653.1898 | houlihans.com  
Inside the Columbus Marriott Hotel, Houlihan's has become one of the most popular restaurants in Columbus. Enjoy a lively atmosphere, excellent service with an exceptionally creative menu.



## 29 DINE IN STYLE

### HOULIHAN'S

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706.243.0551 | houlihans.com  
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## 30 EXTRAORDINARY COFFEE

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706.992.6609  
ironbankcoffee.com  
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## 31 PIZZA UNLIKE ANY OTHER

### MELLOW MUSHROOM

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10:30am-2pm  
Dinner Tues-Sat: starts 5pm



## 33 A COLUMBUS TRADITION

### RUTH ANN'S RESTAURANT

941 Veterans Pkwy.  
706.221.2154  
ruthannsrestaurant.com  
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## 34 IRISH RESTAURANT PUB • BAR

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# All Out SHOPPING

## Places for Retail Therapy

### Columbus Park Crossing:

Enjoy a wide variety of restaurants, the nation's most popular stores and a diverse collection of services. **Whittlesey Blvd., Exit 10 off I-185**

Whitewater Express' shop offering outdoor gear for venturing on their rafting or kayaking trips down the river.

**Gift shops** at Columbus' many museums – pick up

something for your history-loving friends.

### Regional shopping:

Charming shops, boutiques and antique stores are found throughout the region.

### The Shoppes at Bradley Park:

With stores like Chico's and Talbots, this lifestyle center lets you indulge in pure retail therapy. **6401 Whitesville Rd.**

### The Landings:

This pedestrian-friendly shopping center is a FUN place to shop. **Airport Thruway**

### Peachtree Mall:

Satisfies your itch for upscale goods and refined service in a traditional indoor setting. **3131 Manchester Expy.**

### Uptown Columbus:

Uptown is home to the best locally owned and operated retailers, including



### 14 LIVE BIG WITH BIG DOG

**BIG DOG  
RUNNING COMPANY**  
1228 Broadway  
706.322.2786

Big Dog Running Company is a specialty running/walking store, offering a full array of running and walking shoes, apparel and accessories.



### 16 A UNIQUE BOUTIQUE

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theposhpeach.com  
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All Out  
GORGEOUS

Columbus Botanical Garden

## Great Botanical Wonders

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


### 1 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](http://columbusbotanicalgarden.org)

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*"Beautiful hidden gem"*

### 2 Bradley Olmsted GARDEN

Look for this jewel tucked in the 13 acres of what is now the Columbus Museum. Designed in the 1920s by Olmstead & Olmstead, scions of the designer of New York's Central Park, this 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](http://columbusmuseum.com). 

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### 3 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](http://hillsanddales.org).

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### 4 Callaway GARDENS®

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FEATURING

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HOME AND GARDEN MUSEUM**



**A THREE-ACRE  
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**Hills & Dales**  
E S T A T E

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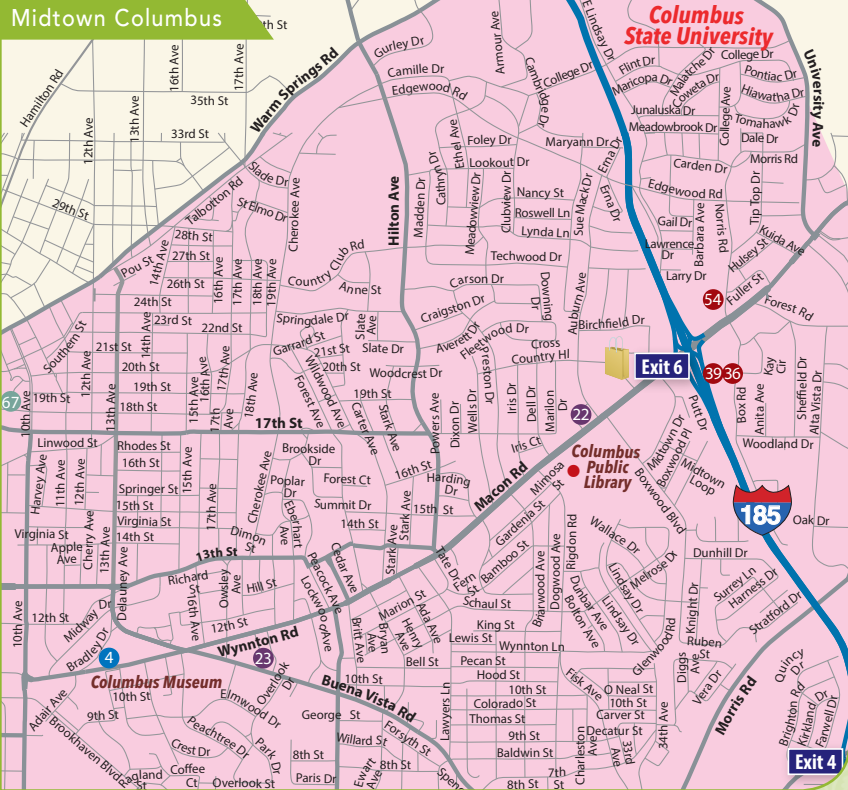
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HILLSANDDALES.ORG**

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BiblicalHistoryCenter.com**





**Sand Hill Map Key**

Area code for all numbers is 706

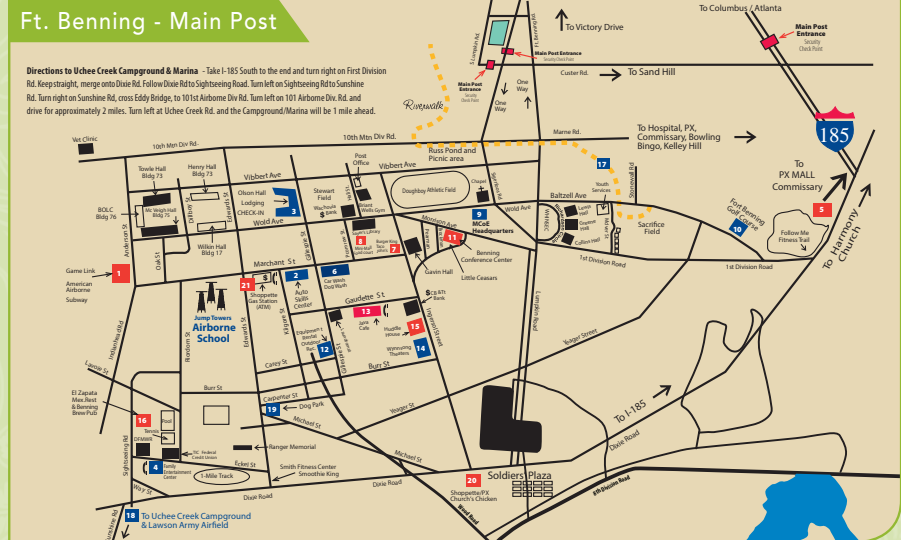
Activity	Bldg	Phone
1 Gymnasium (Santiago)	3350	544.9595
2 Visitors Center/Subway Rec. Center/Pro Photo	3308	544.9161
	3308	685.2222



**Main Post Map Key**

Red buildings indicate eateries  
Blue buildings indicate points of interest

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





Columbus Area Map

Detailed Map Insets Key

North Columbus

Midtown Columbus

South Columbus

Uptown Columbus

Ft. Benning/Sand Hill

Columbus Visitors Center

Shopping

- Attractions
- 1 Bull Creek Golf Course

2 Chatt Glide Tours

3 Coca-Cola Space Science Center

4 Columbus Museum

5 National Civil War Naval Museum at Port Columbus

6 National Infantry Museum

7 Oxbow Creek Golf Course

8 River Market Antiques

9 RiverCenter for the Performing Arts

10 Sherlock's Mystery Dinner Theater

11 Springer Opera House

12 Strong Point Gun Range & Shooting Complex

13 Whitewater Express
- Shopping
- 14 Big Dog Running Company

15 The Outside World

16 The Post Peach

17 Ride on Bikes
- Restaurants
- 18 11<sup>th</sup> & Bay Southern Table

19 The Black Cow

20 Cannon Brew Pub/The Growler

21 The Cantina

22 Country's BBQ

23 Dinglewood Pharmacy

24 Downstairs at the Loft

25 El Flamboyen

26 Epic Restaurant

27 Fife & Drum

28 Houlihan's - Uptown

29 Houlihan's - North

30 Iron Bank Coffee

31 Mellow Mushroom

32 Meritage

33 Ruth Ann's Restaurant

34 Scruffy Murphy's Irish Pub
- Accommodations
- 35 Candlewood Suites - Victory Drive

36 Comfort Inn

37 Country Inn & Suites

38 Courtyard by Marriott

39 Days Inn Columbus

40 - North Fort Benning

41 Econo Lodge - Fort Benning

42 Fairfield Inn & Suites

43 Hampton Inn - Airport

44 Hampton Inn - Fort Benning

45 Hampton Inn - LaGrange

46 Hampton Inn - North Columbus

47 Hilton Garden Inn

48 Holiday Inn Express & Suites

49 - Fort Benning

50 Holiday Inn Express & Suites @ Northlake - Columbus

51 Holiday Inn North - Fort Benning

52 Homewood Suites

53 Hyatt Place

54 Marriott Columbus

55 Quality Inn

56 Sleep Inn

57 Staybridge Suites

58 Wingate by Wyndham

59 - Columbus/Fort Benning
- Regional Attractions
- 60 The Bulloch House

61 Callaway Gardens

62 City of Plains

63 Hills & Dales Estate

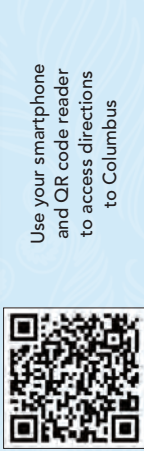
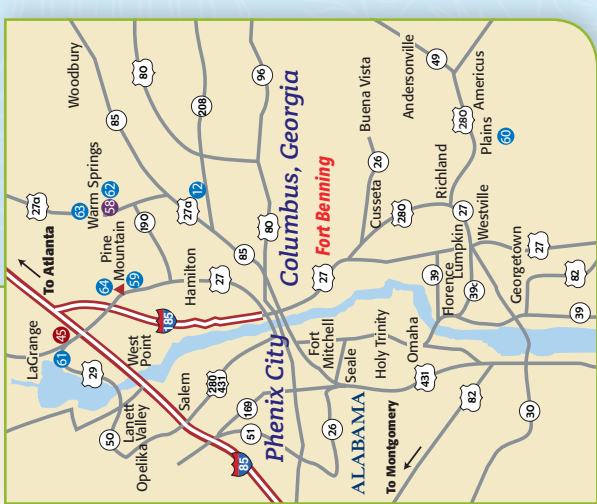
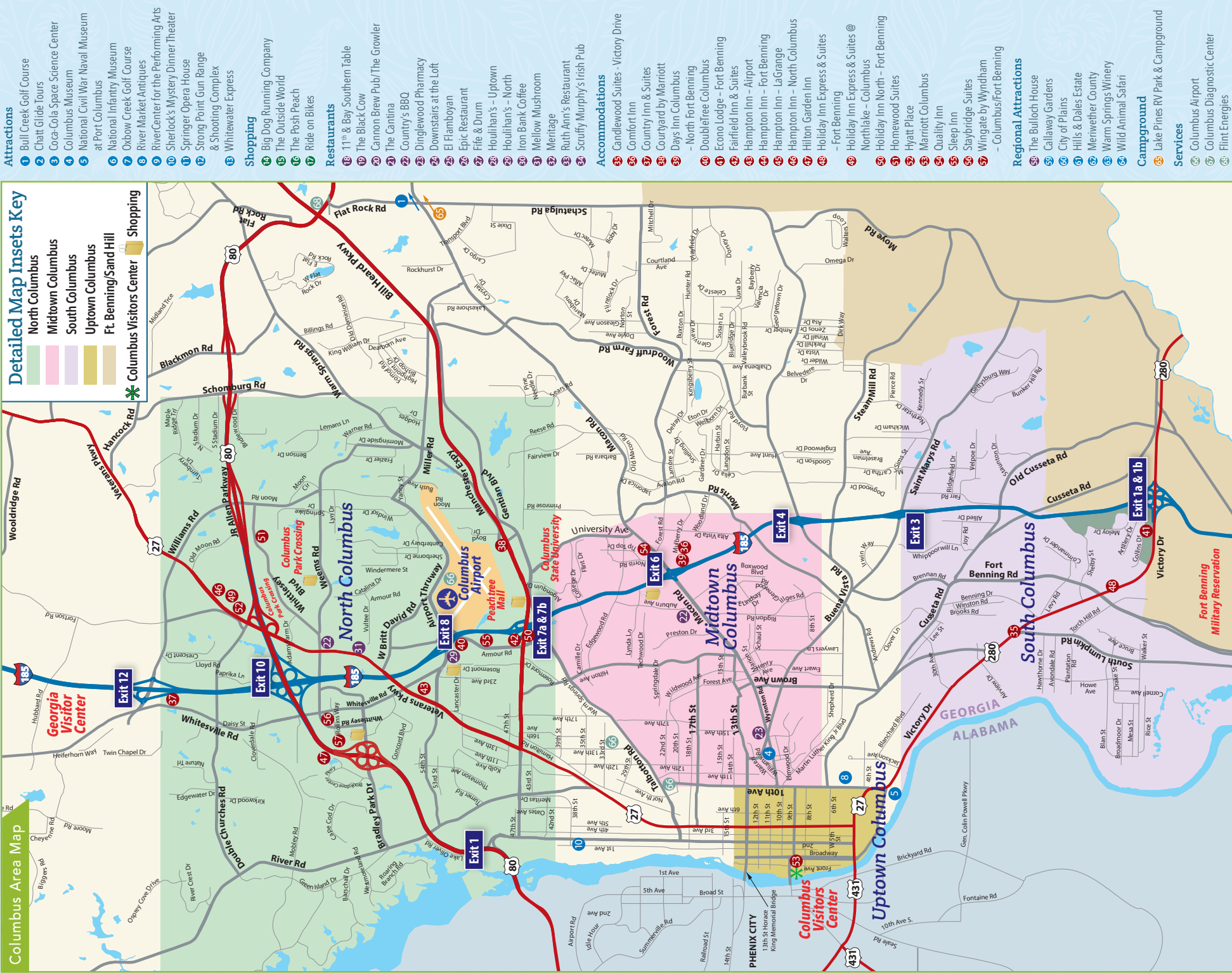
64 Meriwether County

65 Warm Springs Winery

66 Wild Animal Safari
- Campground
- 67 Lake Pines RV Park & Campground
- Services
- 68 Columbus Airport

69 Columbus Diagnostic Center

70 Flint Energies



Use your smartphone and QR code reader to access directions to Columbus







Get comfortable.<sup>SM</sup>

## Kick back, unwind, and settle in.

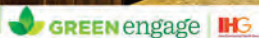
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All Out  
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## Meet Me at the hotel

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Candlewood Suites - Ft. Benning	706.683.9900	81	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	
Comfort Inn	706.256.3093	72/2	✓		✓			✓	✓	✓
Country Inn & Suites	706.660.1880	62	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Courtyard by Marriott	706.323.2323	139	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	
Days Inn - North Ft. Benning	706.561.4400	119	✓		✓			✓		✓
DoubleTree Hotel Columbus	706.327.6868	175/1	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Econo Lodge - Ft. Benning	706.682.3803	80	✓		✓		✓	✓		✓
Fairfield Inn & Suites - Airport	706.317.3600	57/22	✓		✓			✓	✓	✓
Hampton Inn - Airport	706.576.5303	118	✓		✓			✓	✓	✓
Hampton Inn - Fort Benning	706.660.5550	102	✓		✓			✓	✓	✓
Hampton Inn - LaGrange	706.845.1115	81	✓		✓			✓	✓	✓
Hampton Inn - North Columbus	706.256.2222	87/2	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Hilton Garden Inn	706.660.1000	120	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	
Holiday Inn - North - Ft. Benning	706.324.0231	117	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
Holiday Inn Express & Suites-Ft. Benning	706.507.7080	81	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
Holiday Inn Express & Suites @ Northlake	706.507.7200	23/65	✓		✓			✓	✓	✓
Homewood Suites	706.568.3545	91	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Hyatt Place	706.507.5000	82	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Marriott Columbus	706.324.1800	172/5	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Quality Inn	706.568.3300	51/4	✓	✓	✓			✓		✓
Sleep Inn & Suites	706.653.1330	61/6	✓		✓			✓	✓	✓
Staybridge Suites	706.507.7700	83	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
Wingate By Wyndham	706.225.1000	84	✓		✓			✓	✓	✓



## HOTELS



### 35 NEAR FT. BENNING

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3389 Victory Dr. | 706.683.9900  
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## HOTELS



### 44 CLOSEST HOTEL TO FT BENNING

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## 57 RECENTLY REMODELED

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• Extended Stay America - Bradley Park .....	706.653.9938
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# All Out HONOR

National Infantry Museum

## Fort Benning, Maneuver Center of Excellence

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.

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# NATIONAL INFANTRY MUSEUM



## A PLACE TO HONOR, EDUCATE AND REMEMBER.



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, 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.

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## FORT BENNING



173<sup>rd</sup> Airborne Brigade Memorial

- **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.

- **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 comrades of World War I.

- **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.

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## NATIONAL CIVIL WAR NAVAL MUSEUM <sup>5</sup>



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All Out  
GLORY

National Civil War Naval Museum

4 Places to Explore  
Military History

Our nation's military heritage gets a lot of attention in Columbus, and for good reason. Neighboring Fort Benning has trained hundreds of thousands of soldiers for our country's defense since 1918.

1 National Infantry Museum &  
SOLDIER CENTER

Visit the best free museum in America as voted by *USA Today's* 2016 Readers' Choice Awards! Trace the footsteps of the Infantryman from early wars to the jungles of Vietnam to the sands of the Persian Gulf



National Infantry Museum

through an interactive experience with amazing special effects. "Meet" Infantrymen from the Revolutionary War through today's War on Terrorism and come to understand why an Infantryman puts himself in harm's way in the name of liberty. The Patriot Park campus includes the museum, a  $\frac{3}{4}$ -scale replica of the Vietnam Wall, stadium and parade field for weekly graduations of new soldiers, Memorial Walk of Honor, authentic World War II Company Street, a full-service restaurant, gift shop, combat simulators, and theater. [nationalinfantrymuseum.org](http://nationalinfantrymuseum.org)

"An amazing tribute"



Andersonville POW Monument

## 2 National Civil War Naval Museum AT PORT COLUMBUS

You can still smell the charred wood 150 years later of the two original Civil War military vessels dredged up from where they burned on the Chattahoochee River. There are stories you'll hear nowhere else – of sailors, marines, sailing ships, and history-changing battles. Step into a reproduction exhibit of the USS Hartford and CSS Albemarle. There's always something new to discover! [portcolumbus.org](http://portcolumbus.org) 🐾 (outside only)



*"If you are a Civil War buff, then this is a must!"*

## 4 And one more... ANDERSONVILLE

Travel about an hour's drive southeast of Columbus to Andersonville, site of Camp Sumter, a prisoner of war camp that is 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](http://nps.gov/ande) 🐾 (outside only)



*"Moving experience"*

## 3 Eternal Flame MONUMENT

Honor our veterans when you visit the Eternal Flame monument on the south side of Columbus' Government Center at 100 10<sup>th</sup> Street (the 9<sup>th</sup> Street side of the building). The monument also recognizes the city's five Medal of Honor recipients.



Eternal Flame Monument



All Out  
FUN9 Places Your  
Kids Will Love

Let your little ones go all out with these kid-friendly activities. Splash around at Woodruff Park, let your imagination take flight or journey to sea at Columbus museums, or travel on an exotic safari. You'll never hear "I'm bored" again!

# 1

**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.



"Great adventure!"

# 2

**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](http://animalsafari.com).



"Very fun, exciting safari drive"

### 3 **G O: The Columbus Museum** **D O: 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 create a work of art in the process. And the best part is, all activities are completely free! [columbusmuseum.com](http://columbusmuseum.com)



*"A family favorite for many years"*



Columbus Museum

### 4 **G O: Family Theatre** **D O: Let your imagination soar**

Be transported by the musicals, comedies, dramas, children's theatre and an occasional magic show. Enjoy an intimate theatre experience in a relaxed atmosphere, complete with a café and desserts at intermission. Located in the historic Rose Hill district in Columbus. [familytheatre.org](http://familytheatre.org)

### 5 **G O: Coca-Cola Space Science Center** **D O: Take off into Outer Space**

Use your imagination along with incredible interactive exhibits and Georgia's largest collection of NASA Space Shuttle artifacts to find yourself in outer space! Control miniature Mars Rovers, pilot flight simulators, and experience the universe like never before in the center's Omnisphere Theater. Children will embark on cosmic adventures through discovery learning. And for the tiny astronauts in training, there's even a designated "KidsSpace." **706.649.1470, [ccssc.org](http://ccssc.org)**



*"Out of this world!"*



Coca-Cola Space Science Center

## 6 G O: Oxbow Meadows D O: Discover Columbus wildlife

Experience nature up close 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 will be fascinated by the center's reptiles, amphibians, fish and other live exhibits. Admission is free, some programs do require a fee; donations always welcome.

[oxbow.columbusstate.edu](http://oxbow.columbusstate.edu)



*"Learning made fun"*



Oxbow Meadows

## 7 G O: National Infantry Museum & Soldier Center D O: Dress up like a Soldier!

Visit the best free museum in America as voted by *USA Today's* 2016 Readers' Choice Awards! Explore the museum's Family Gallery to learn about the sacrifices made by those who love a Soldier. Try on uniforms, boots, and hats and crawl into the virtual interior of a Bradley Fighting Vehicle, where stereoscopes reveal images of Soldiers befriending children. [nationalinfantrymuseum.org](http://nationalinfantrymuseum.org)



*"Exhibits capture your attention and ignite your patriotism"*

## 8 G O: Columbus Ice Rink D O: Perform your best arabesque

Practice your figure skating, play hockey, take lessons or just glide around the rink on your blades. The Columbus Ice Rink is an NHL regulation-sized ice surface, offering public ice skating, party rentals and programs in hockey, figure skating, and learn-to-skate classes for all ages. [ColumbusIceRink.org](http://ColumbusIceRink.org)





## CHILD'S PLAY



Splash Pad

### 9 GO: Riverfront Splash Pad 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.



*"Great escape with children"*

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 out the calendar of events on page 60 or visit [calendarcolumbusga.com](http://calendarcolumbusga.com)



SPACE SHUTTLE  
MAIN ENGINE NOZZLE


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**NASA ARTIFACT  
EXHIBITS**

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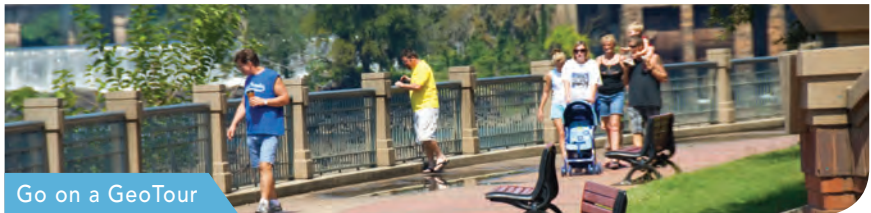
# All Out Treasure HUNT

## Take the RiverWalk GeoTour

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

Pick up a RiverWalk GeoTour Grid Sheet from the Columbus, GA Convention & Visitors Bureau (900 Front Avenue 31901) or download it from [visitcolumbusga.com/visitors/riverwalk\\_geotour](http://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 31 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.



Go on a GeoTour

## TWO WAYS TO WIN!

### 1 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 trading 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 the Columbus Convention & Visitors Bureau during regular hours.



### 2 In addition, complete a specific number of caches to get a custom geo-coin.

Bring your completed grid sheet into the Columbus Convention & Visitors Bureau 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**.



All Out  
BARGAINS

Bike the Fall Line Trace

9 Ways to Enjoy Columbus  
for \$5 or Less

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



RiverWalk Run

1 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.

2 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 18, you can't break anything, must perform original material and act can only be 5 minutes long.

## 3 Immerse YOURSELF

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

## 4 Release your INNER ARTIST

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

## 5 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.

## 6 Discover the WARES

of artists, artisans and crafters at **Uptown's First Friday** events, 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.



Uptown's First Friday



## 7 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 requested at the door; some programs have a fee.

## 8 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.

## 9 Pedal 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.

51+ HOURS IN COLUMBUS

## All Out Long WEEKEND

Kayak the Chattahoochee River

# 51+ Hours in Columbus

Not sure where to start your fun in Columbus? We're here to help. We've taken care of everything including the itinerary, so the only thing you have to worry about is what to do when the family doesn't want to leave!

## DAY ONE



Chattahoochee River

### 8 AM

Start the morning right with a fresh cup of coffee. Stop in **Uptown Columbus** for a steaming brew or a muffin at a shop you can't find in your hometown.

### 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.



## 51+ HOURS IN COLUMBUS

### 10 AM

Explore Uptown's unique shops. Local retailers bring you clothing, jewelry, unique 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.



War Posters at the National Infantry Museum

### 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.

### 3 PM

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



Oxbow Meadows Environmental Learning Center

**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!

**8 PM**

Attend a Broadway touring production at **RiverCenter for the Performing Arts**, or take the family to see the latest Hollywood blockbuster at Carmike Cinema's Ritz 13, Peachtree 8 or Carmike 15 theaters.

**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.



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## DAY TWO



### 8 AM

Fill your belly with a Southern breakfast at **Ruth Ann's Restaurant**, a Columbus landmark. We recommend the red velvet pancakes with a cream cheese drizzle!

### 9 AM

Stretch your legs with a walk on the **Chattahoochee RiverWalk**.



Zip Line



RiverWalk

### 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 rafting in the world!

### 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!

### 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**.



### 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.



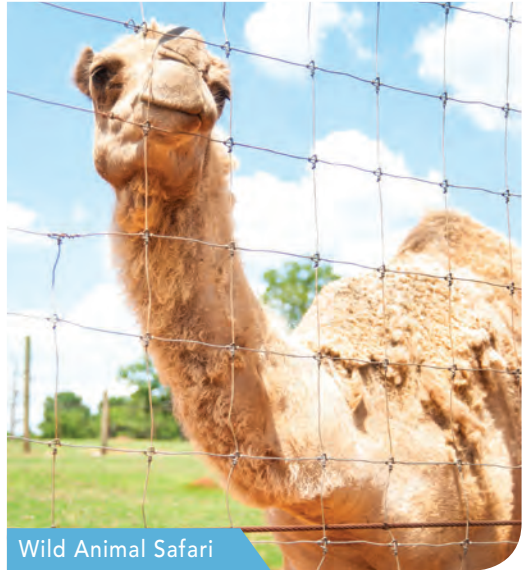
## DAY THREE

## 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

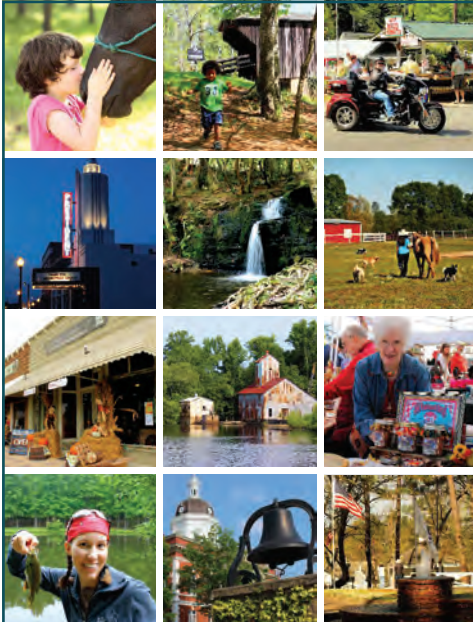
Encounter zebras, giraffes and other exotic animals when you drive through **Wild Animal Safari** in **Pine Mountain**. You may even have animals eating right out of your hand!



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.



*Memories*  
await in  
*Meriwether*

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## FROM PAST TO PRESENT, WATER TO LAND

Each of its seven cities offers something unique – history; attractions; dining; shopping; festivals; and eco-friendly outings. Enjoy new murals that portray beauty, charm and stories of each city. Butterfly gardens are underway in what will become a county-wide Meriwether Murals and Monarchs Trail. Geocache adventures are being developed with The “Real Woodbury” Zombie GeoQuest now available with the soon-to-be launched Magic City RailQuest in Manchester and the Marvelous GeoVengers in Warm Springs. *Come & make your memories in Meriwether...*

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## 51+ HOURS IN COLUMBUS

### 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 the 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, Georgia**, the hometown of another



F. D. Roosevelt State Park

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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.

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WARM SPRINGS WINERY

**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**. 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 the Columbus Convention & Visitors Bureau 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. For details, contact the Visitors Bureau at 800.999.1613 or [ccvb@visitcolumbusga.com](mailto:ccvb@visitcolumbusga.com) or visit the website at [visitcolumbusga.com](http://visitcolumbusga.com). Refer often to the Columbus Event Calendar, [calendarcolumbusga.com](http://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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- Visit the Billy Carter Gas Station Museum
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# 15 Reasons to mark your calendar



JANUARY

COLUMBUS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA  
**Mozart & Friends Festival**



FEBRUARY

BLACK HISTORY  
**Month Events**



MARCH

COLUMBUS BALLET'S  
**Spring Repertory**



APRIL

THUNDER IN THE VALLEY  
**Airshow**



APRIL

**Riverblast**  
AT NATIONAL CIVIL WAR NAVAL  
MUSEUM AT PORT COLUMBUS



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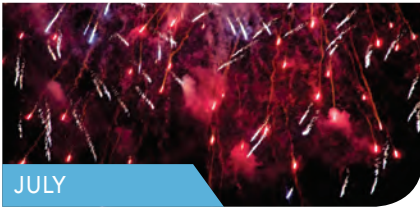
UPTOWN RIVERFEST  
**& Dragon Boat Festival**



JUNE

MISS GEORGIA  
**Pageant**

## ALL OUT EVENTS



JULY

4TH OF JULY

### Fireworks



SEPTEMBER

UPTOWN

### Beer & Wine Festival



OCTOBER

SPOOKTACULAR

### Halloween Festival



DECEMBER

### Victorian Christmas

AT NATIONAL CIVIL WAR NAVAL  
MUSEUM AT PORT COLUMBUS



AUGUST

JIM BLANCHARD

### Leadership Forum



OCTOBER

### Arts

ON THE RIVER



NOVEMBER

CHRISTMAS

### Made in the South



DECEMBER

### Polar Express

AT THE NATIONAL  
INFANTRY MUSEUM

For details on these and many other Columbus Area Happenings,  
visit the Event Calendar at [ColumbusGaCalendar.com](http://ColumbusGaCalendar.com)



Columbus Airport

# All Out DIRECTIONS



## Getting Here & Getting Around

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](http://flycolumbusga.com). Delta Air Lines offers daily flights to Columbus from Atlanta, Georgia. At the airport, car rentals, cabs, and airport and hotel shuttles are available to help you get to all our shopping centers, accommodations, restaurants, sites, and attractions.

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 8:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday and picks up from bus stops located all around the city. Visit [columbusga.org/metra](http://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](http://zipcar.com/columbusstate) for more information.

It's easy to get around in our city, because exits are clearly marked and our citizens are some of the friendliest people in the South, so just ask! You'll soon feel right at home!

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