

Museums

Past comes to life

Interactive experiences are the norm at Byron, Georgia area museums, whether they are focused on military aircraft, history, fishing, or something else. Spend some sweet time exploring the collections of memorabilia and history in Middle Georgia.



Byron Train Depot Museum

Area of Interest: Local History & the Railroad Influence

In the exact center of town, the Byron Depot is a historic railroad depot and caboose, beautifully restored to reflect times in Byron in the early 1870s when the community was a flag-stop known as “Number One and One-Half Station” on the Southwestern Railroad. Take a photo at the caboose, or call ahead to arrange to see the museum inside the depot which presents the history of Byron through pictures, artifacts, and other memorabilia. History presumes that more area-grown peaches were shipped through this site daily in the 1920s and 1930s than anywhere in the world.

101 East Heritage
Byron, GA 31008
(478) 918-3666
www.byronga.com

Old Jail Museum

Area of Interest: Local History & Genealogy; Law Enforcement

The old Byron jail, built around 1875, is now the headquarters building for the Byron Area Historical Society which renovated the building in 1998. It serves as a repository for society records and documents and houses historic pictures and memorabilia from Byron's past. Tours may be arranged at any time.

108 Jailhouse Alley

Byron, GA 31008

(478) 918-3666



FORT VALLEY, GA

15 miles southwest

Anderson House

Area of Interest: Civil War & Reconstruction-era House Museum

Fort Valley State University's oldest building, the Anderson House, contains the Biggs Collection of period furnishings, silver, glassware, china, quilts, linens and Civil War memorabilia. Most of the items on display date from about 1860 to 1900. The English Victorian furniture outfitted the parlor, dining room and bedrooms of an antebellum home in Box Springs, Georgia. The contents of the home were bequeathed by the plantation owner to Mr. Biggs' grandmother, who was a slave.

1005 State University Dr.

Fort Valley, GA 31030

(877) 462-3878

Massee Lane Gardens

Area of Interest: Porcelain Sculptures; Art

Fort Valley also is home to the largest collection of Edward Marshall Boehm porcelain sculptures on public display in the United States, housed in Massee Lane Gardens' Stevens-Taylor Gallery and the Annabelle Lundy Fetterman Educational Museum. This stunning porcelain collection also includes pieces by Connoisseur, Bronn, Cybis, Royal Worcester, Dorothy Doughty, Gunther Granget, and Hummel.

100 Massee Ln.

Fort Valley, GA 31030

(478) 967-2358

WARNER ROBINS,GA

16 miles southeast

Museum of Aviation

Area of Interest: Military Aviation

With a collection dating from a replica of an early 1896 glider to modern-era aircraft such as the B-1B bomber, the SR-71 Blackbird, the U-2 Dragon Lady and F-15 Eagle, the Museum of Aviation is the second largest museum in the U.S. Air Force and the fourth most visited museum in the Department of Defense. Exhibits tell the story of aviation events from World War II to the present, including depicting the mission of Robins Air Force Base, the largest industrial employer in Georgia. The on-site Georgia Aviation Hall of Fame displays the achievements and artifacts of civilian and military men and women who made significant contributions to aviation in Georgia. Located adjacent to Robins Air Force Base, the museum is free to visit.

1942 Heritage Blvd.

Warner Robins, GA 31098

(478) 926-6870



Perry,GA

17 miles south

Go Fish Education Center

Area of Interest: Georgia's Watersheds and Aquatic Wildlife

Take an educational journey through Georgia's watersheds at the Go Fish Education Center to learn about Georgia's diverse aquatic wildlife, their natural habitats, and the impacts of water pollution. Beyond that, the Center serves as a great resource of fishing information for any level of angler – where to go, what bait to use and when. You can even catch fish in the stocked pond, and try out the interactive fishing and boating simulators.

401 Golden Isles Pkwy.

Perry, GA 31069

(478) 988-6701



Perry Area Historical Museum

Area of Interest: Perry Area History and Genealogy

The Perry Area Historical Society's Historical Museum offers a collection of artifacts and memorabilia from Perry's earliest days. Of particular interest to researchers is the Museum's Resource Room which contains many family histories and photos.

901 Northside Dr.
Perry, GA 31069
(478) 224-4442

Sam Nunn Museum

Area of Interest: Retired Georgia Senator Sam Nunn

Housed in the Houston County Board of Education building, the Sam Nunn Exhibit displays memorabilia from the early childhood days of retired Senator Sam Nunn to his Washington, D.C. days as a senator from the State of Georgia.

1100 Main St.
Perry, GA 31069
(478) 988-6200

MACON,GA

18 miles northeast

The Allman Brothers Museum at the Big House

Area of Interest: Music History

The Big House was once the home of members of The Allman Brothers Band and now houses the world's largest collection of the band's memorabilia.

2321 Vineville Ave.

Macon, GA 31204

(478) 741-5551

Georgia Sports Hall of Fame

Area of Interest: Georgia Sports History

The nation's largest state sports museum houses almost 4,000 artifacts, high-energy exhibits, and interactive area that features a basketball court with four goals, a NASCAR simulator, a sports trivia game, a football area with a field goal, and more!

301 Cherry St.

Macon, GA 31201

(478) 752-1585

Ocmulgee Mounds National Historical Park

Area of Interest: Prehistoric Peoples Who Lived in Middle Georgia

This prehistoric Native American site has experienced 17,000 years of continuous human habitation. Explore the site's six miles of trails, mounds, museum and the only recreated earth lodge with original 1,000-year-old floor – the largest archaeological dig in the U.S. Free admission.

1207 Emery Hwy.

Macon, GA 31217

(478) 752-8257

Cannonball House and Museum

Area of Interest: Civil War-era House Museum

The only house in Macon hit and damaged in the Civil War, this mansion houses a Civil War museum as well as furnishings from the Wesleyan College meeting rooms of Alpha Delta Pi and Phi Mu sororities.

856 Mulberry St.
Macon, GA 31201
(478) 745-5982

Hay House

Area of Interest: Civil War-era House Museum

The Hay House's seven stories, 80-foot cupola, amazing fine arts and a 15-room speaker tube system have been featured on CSPAN's "Cities Tour." A guided tour of the 1850s Italian Renaissance Revival-style mansion is available.

934 Georgia Ave.
Macon, GA 31201
(478) 742-8155

Museum of Arts and Sciences

Area of Interest: Understanding of Humankind Through Art, Science, History and Culture

If you are curious about everything around you, this museum will acquaint you with Ziggy, a 40-million-year-old whale fossil; bring you face to face with more than 50 animals that live at the museum; and give you access to the stars in the Mark Smith Planetarium.

4182 Forsyth Rd.
Macon, GA 31210
(478) 477-3232

Otis Redding Mini-Museum

Area of Interest: Music History

Soak up some Middle Georgia musical history and learn about the King of Soul, Otis Redding, through exhibits and displays provided by the Redding family.

339 Cotton Ave.
Macon, GA 31201
(478) 742-5737

Tubman African American Museum

Area of Interest: African American History and Heritage

Explore the Southeast's largest facility devoted solely to African American art, history and culture. Learn about Harriet Tubman, the amazing survival story of William and Ellen Craft, and see creations from the minds of African American inventors, among the variety of exhibits.

310 Cherry St.
Macon, GA 31201
(478) 743-8544

ROBERTA,GA

19 miles northwest

Museum of Southeastern Indians and Farm Museum

Area of Interest: Native American History and Farm Heritage

The Museum of Southeastern Indians offers Native American pottery and artifacts 700 to 1500 years old for viewing. The Farm Museum displays farming equipment of yesteryear. By appointment only.

777 Julia Jordan Rd.
Roberta, GA 31201
(478) 836-2696

AMERICUS,GA

50 miles southwest

[Andersonville National Historic Site](#)

Area of Interest: Military History

Andersonville National Historic Site is the site of the former Camp Sumter, a Civil War prisoner of war camp that is now a memorial to the nearly 13,000 Union POWs who died there. The site includes the former prison, the National Prisoner of War Museum, which honors all American POWs in the United States' various military conflicts, and the Andersonville National Cemetery

760 POW Rd.

Andersonville, GA 31711

(229) 924-0343

PLAINS,GA

57 miles southwest

[Jimmy Carter National Historic Site](#)

Area of Interest: Presidential History

The rural Southern culture of Plains, Georgia, that revolves around farming, church and school, had a large influence in molding the character and in shaping the political policies of the 39th President of the United States. The Jimmy Carter National Historic Site includes the Plains Depot, a museum of the 1976 campaign, Carter's boyhood home, and Plains High School.

300 North Bond Street

Plains, GA 31780

(229) 824-4104

