



The Faces of War Memorial
38 Hill Street
Located in the memorial gardens at Roswell City Hall, this life-size sculpture depicts fifty faces cast in bronze, all touched by war and showing a variety of emotions.

Roswell Historical Society/City of Roswell Research Library and Archives
950 Forrest Street, 770-594-6405
Located on the second floor of the Roswell Cultural Arts Center.
Open Mon. & Thurs from 1 – 4:30 P.M.

Roswell Historic Cemeteries...
Founders Cemetery (1840) – Sloan Street
Old Roswell Cemetery (1848) – Woodstock Road
Presbyterian Church Cemetery (1840) – Atlanta Street
Pleasant Hill Cemetery (1855) – Old Roswell Place



Mill Workers Monument
Sloan Street Park
July, 1864, many of the men had marched off to battle, leaving behind mostly women to operate the mills. Upon the Union Army's arrival, actions resulted in the women being arrested, charged with treason and sent north. The harsh treatment of the women brought outrage from good citizens both north and south. A northern newspaper reported: "...only think of it! Four hundred weeping and terrified Ellens, Susans, and Maggies, transported in spinning tent-cloth." Many of their individual stories remain a mystery. Downloadable audio tour available at www.visitroswellga.com.

Teaching Museum-North – www.teachingmuseumnorth.org
793 Mimosa Blvd., 770-552-6339
Exhibits of political, social and historical interest tell stories of the history of the United States, Georgia and Roswell. Topics reflect a variety of themes appealing to all ages.



Roswell's Historic District offers 640 acres of vintage homes, historic sites, museums, monuments, churches and cemeteries.

Heritage Center at Roswell Visitors Bureau
617 Atlanta Street 770-640-3253 www.visitroswellga.com
Exhibits of the Roswell Mills and Mill Life, printed information, downloadable audio tour available for Roswell Mill Village.

Roswell Ghost Tour – in Roswell's Historic District
770-649-9922 or www.roswellghosttour.com
Stories of the spirits said to dwell behind the walls of the mansions and the toilsome tales of the mill village will capture your imagination. Most Friday and Saturday evenings by reservation. Other times may be arranged for groups.

Walking Tours
Self-guided walking tours and audio tours are available from the Roswell Visitors Center. Groups tours and step-on guides may also be arranged. Please call 770-640-3253 to schedule.

Purchase the Trilogy Pass to all three homes and receive a discount. Trilogy Passes are available at each site or the Roswell Visitors Center.

Experience the Cell Phone Audio Tours of the grounds of each site. With 10 stops at each property, hear the sounds and voices of the past describe the life at these spectacular properties. The audio tour is offered at no charge to visitors, but please be aware that your normal plan minutes will apply.

Smith Plantation, 1845
Reminiscent of a time when the white of the cotton blossoms could be seen for miles, swaying in the cool southern breeze, Smith Plantation exemplifies the life of an affluent farm family in early Roswell. Archibald Smith came here to escape the summer heat and insects of coastal Georgia, bringing his wife, children and 30 slaves to help them run the plantation. Fully furnished in period pieces belonging to the original family, Smith Plantation is complete with a parson's room and 10 original outbuildings, including slave quarters and a spring house. Enjoy stories of the family and the Civil War as you tour the home. Named a Gem by AAA as a Must See Point of Interest in Metro Atlanta. 935 Alpharetta Street – 770-641-3978



Bulloch Hall, 1839
Built by Major James Stephens Bulloch, grandson of Georgia's Revolutionary Governor, Archibald Bulloch, this home has been described as one of the most significant houses in Georgia and one of the South's finest examples of true temple-form architecture with full pedimented portico. Not only is it an architectural treasure, its history is interwoven with some of the most influential names in our nation's history. Major Bulloch's daughter, Mittie, would become the mother of a U.S. President, Teddy Roosevelt. Her son Elliott's daughter would become one of our nation's most beloved First Ladies, Eleanor Roosevelt would have a major impact on changing the role of women in the White House and the nation. Tour the home, enjoy strolling the beautiful grounds, visit the reconstructed slave quarters and Bulloch's extensive Museum Shop. 180 Bulloch Avenue – 770-992-1731



Barrington Hall, 1842
In the 1830s, Barrington King and his father, Roswell, co-founded the colony which became Roswell. On the highest point, overlooking the town, Barrington built a home for his family which today is recognized as one of the finest examples of Greek Revival temple architecture in the country. "These mills and the whole country around here is owned by King & Co., they own all the stores, provisions, etc.: they allow no liquor sold in the town, and in truth run everything to suit themselves – Had their own paper currency, which circulated all through this country as better than confederate scrip..." (from The History of Chicago Board of Trade Battery by John A. Nourse from records at the Chicago Historical Society, referencing July 7, 1864 during the Civil War and the burning of the Roswell Mills.)
535 Barrington Drive – 770-640-3855



The Smiths - Roswell's Renaissance Planters
Connect With the Land:

The Bullochs - Roswell's Social Aristocrats
Glimpse a Presidential Past:

The Kings - Roswell's Founding Family
Experience a Bold Inspiration:

The Southern Trilogy of the Authentic Story of the American South.

Not to Miss Events

For Additional Information visit www.visitroswellga.com

January - Roswell Wedding Showcase	August - Great Chattahoochee River Paint Out
February - Roswell Roots - Black History & Culture - Chattahoochee Challenge 10K & Fun Run	September - End of Summer Celebration & Fireworks - Roswell Arts Festival
March - Great American Cover-Up Quilt Show - Expressions of Light Photography Exhibit - Roswell Woman's Club Showhouse	October - Youth Day Parade - Taste of Roswell - Halloween Hikes - Haunting of the Hall
April - Down To Earth Kid's Fest - Criterium will sometimes be in April and sometimes in May. www.roswellcriterium.com	November - Genesis Art Exhibit - Tellabration - Christmas in Roswell begins
May - Colors Festival of Arts - Roswell Remembers Memorial Day	December - Christmas in Roswell
June - Back to the Chattahoochee Race & Festival	More Happenings - Alive After 5 Street Party (April - Oct.) - Riverside Sounds Concert Series (May - Oct) - Guided Canoe Trips (May - Sept) - Puppet Show Series (June & July)
July - Butterfly Festival - Fourth of July Fireworks Extravaganza - Hospitality Highway Century Ride	

Lodging

Best Western Roswell Suites 907 Holcomb Bridge Road 770 552-5599 800-Suite21	Holiday Inn Express Roswell/Alpharetta 2950 Mansell Road 770 552-0006 800 315-2621
Comfort Suites 3000 Mansell Road 770 645-6060 800 228-5150	Intown Suites 1175 Hembree Road 770-410-9094 800 553-9338
Courtyard by Marriott 1500 Market Boulevard 770 992-7200 800 321-2211	La Quinta Inn Atlanta/Roswell 575 Old Holcomb Bridge Road 770 552-0200 800-531-5900
DoubleTree Roswell/Atlanta 1075 Holcomb Bridge Road 770 992-9600 800 222-Tree	Ramada Limited Suites 3020 Mansell Road 678-461-7300 800-272-6232
Holiday Inn Atlanta/Roswell 909 Holcomb Bridge Road 770-817-1414 877-817-1414	Studio 6 9955 Old Dogwood Road 770 992-9449 888 897-0202

Historic Roswell CVB
617 Atlanta Street
Roswell, GA 30075
www.visitroswellga.com



Roswell GEORGIA

The Bridge to History & Nature



Nature & Outdoors

Explore Roswell with a hike, stroll, or by canoe, kayak, or raft. You'll want to keep a pair of binoculars handy for birdwatching and perhaps a journal to log the flora and fauna you will find along the way. For maps and information to help you enjoy the "natural side" of Roswell, please visit the Roswell Visitors Center at 617 Atlanta Street or contact 770-640-3253; 800-776-7935 or www.visitroswellga.com

Chattahoochee Nature Center

9135 Willeo Road; 770-992-2055 or www.chattnaturecenter.org

An interpretive center for the Chattahoochee River, CNC is the oldest and largest private, non-profit natural science learning center in the Southeast. This environmental sanctuary encompasses 27 species of native wildlife and 127 acres of native plants and gardens. The Nature Center grows over 50% of the rare and endangered plant species found in Georgia in their gardens. Learn about Georgia's Living Wetlands, depicting 5 different wetland habitats threatened throughout the State of Georgia. A Butterfly Garden, Bog Garden with carnivorous plants, river boardwalk and woodland trails add to the experience. The Discovery Center is a 10,000 sq. ft. LEED Certified Building featuring interactive exhibits, a 65 seat, high-definition theatre and a rooftop garden terrace.

Big Creek Park

160 undeveloped acres provide trails for mountain biking and hiking. Big Creek Park trails link with the Alpharetta Greenway, for extended hiking & biking enjoyment.

Old Mill Park

One of the most beautiful areas in Roswell, this park has an interpretive walk highlighting the old mill ruins and allows visitors to get close to Vickery Creek and its dam. The Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area is linked by the Vickery Creek Covered Pedestrian Bridge. All along wooded areas, creek beds and river banks you will find trail systems just waiting for your enjoyment. For a quick stroll or hours of exploration.

Roswell Bicycles-Bicycle Rental Program

Along with being designated an official ~Bicycle Friendly Community~ by the League of American Bicyclist, Roswell is filled with beautiful parks, venues, trails, riverside paths, and roads just waiting to be experienced from a bicycle. Whether you are visiting family and friends, a Roswell lodging facility, or new to the area, experience this beautiful city by utilizing the bicycle rental program with Roswell Bicycles. Affordable rates, expert advice. 670 Houze Way; 770-642-4057 or www.roswellbicycles.com

Canoe, Kayak, Raft, and Bike Rentals

203 Azalea Drive, Roswell; 770-641-3705; or 770-650-1008. Spring thru Fall and as weather allows.

Chattahoochee River Walk & Roswell Trail System

770-640-3253; 770-641-3705; 800-776-7935

Miles of trails throughout the city. A 7-mile linear park, encompassing Azalea Park/Azalea Drive, Don White Park/Riverside Road, and the beautiful Riverside Park/Riverside Road, provides the opportunity to enjoy the Chattahoochee River as it winds its way through Roswell. Picnic areas, playgrounds, boat ramps, fishing and more. Maps and information available at the Roswell Visitors Center.

Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area

1978 Island Ford Parkway; 678-538-1200; www.nps.gov/chat

A 48-mile stretch of the Chattahoochee River and 14 land units along its corridor. CRNRA trails are linked to Roswell's historic district and city trail system by the Vickery Creek Covered Pedestrian Bridge.

Art & Culture

Roswell is home to a thriving arts community. Visit the Historic District where you will find an array of galleries and opportunities to "meet the artists". Throughout the year a variety of special events and activities may be enjoyed. www.visitroswellga.com or 800-776-7935.

Roswell Cultural Arts Center

950 Forrest Street; 770-594-6232

Entertainment ranging from theatrical, musical, and dance performances to pageants, celebrations, special events, exhibits and puppet shows.

Roswell Visual Arts Center

10495 Woodstock Road in Roswell Area Park.

Exhibits by area and regional artists and master workshops highlight the calendar. 770-594-6122.

Art Center West

1355 Woodstock Road - Provides exhibits, sales and special events featuring works in clay. 770-641-3990.

Georgia Ensemble Theatre

950 Forrest Street; 770-641-1260; www.get.org

Professional theatre located in Roswell Cultural Arts Center, providing a variety of outstanding performances.

Rosewater Theatre

633 Holcomb Bridge Rd.; 770-640-5500

or www.rosewatertheatre.com

Performances include musicals, comedies, drama and Shakespeare.

Riverside Sounds Concert Series

From May – October the first Saturday of each month.

7:30 P.M. at Riverside Park.

Tasty Treats, Culinary Delights and Great Shops



Award-winning Restaurants abound

Continental cuisine, down-home cooking, southern BBQ, cozy tea rooms, ice cream parlors and much more make Roswell a culinary delight. For a quick bite or a leisurely meal, Roswell is "The Place" to be. www.visitroswellga.com or 770-640-3253; 800-776-7935.

Shopping in Roswell dates back to the mid-1800s when the Roswell Manufacturing Company opened their commissary or "general store" to sell tonic, sugar, and most provisions except liquor

Today, Uptown, Downtown, and All Around Town, Roswell is a shopper's paradise. Period storefronts of the historic district blend with eclectic treasures throughout the city. A varied selection of items in a delightful setting, mixed with friendly service and warm smiling faces, make shopping in Roswell an experience to remember and share with friends again and again. Visit the Heart of Roswell/Canton Street Shops, Plum Tree Village, Oak Street, Historic Town Square and explore the entire city for great finds at reasonable prices. www.visitroswellga.com

Sports & Entertainment excitement, adventure and fun...



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11000 Alpharetta Hwy.;

770-992-5688 or

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Roswell is a Bicycle Friendly

Community with national bike

races, a children's bicycle safety

rodeo, a Mayor's Ride and a

weekly 26-mile bike ride.

www.bikeroswell.com



Tournaments & Games

The Roswell Recreation & Parks Department offers sports activities, games, and tournaments throughout the year.

For specific information call 770-641-3705.



Weddings, Reunions, Special Occasions & Meetings



Historic facilities, river views and more provide the perfect settings. For all the information you need to make your special occasion one you will remember forever call 800-776-7935; 770-640-3253 or visit www.visitroswellga.com

Roswell Visitors Center

617 Atlanta Street | Roswell, Georgia 30075

770-640-3253 or 800-776-7935;

www.visitroswellga.com



Whether you love history, culture, the peacefulness of the great outdoors, or the excitement of entertainment, Roswell offers a wide selection of attractions to see and tours to take. Numerous festivals and special events are held year-round. Stop at the Roswell Visitors Center and enjoy a video of the area, exhibits and warm southern hospitality. Self-guided tour maps, audio tours and an array of printed materials about the area are available, and friendly staff will answer questions.

History

The discovery of gold in north Georgia in 1828 attracted the interest of Roswell King from Darien, GA. Traveling on horseback, he followed Indian trails to the Chattahoochee River near what is now Roswell. Here, he discovered vast forests and the rushing waters of Vickery's Creek, causing him to envision a mill, powered by water, and a community close by.

In 1838, Roswell King began work on the first cotton mill, incorporating it in 1839 as The Roswell Manufacturing Company. King offered home sites and investment opportunities to his friends and associates from coastal Georgia. Magnificent homes were built for the founding families, a church and educational academy for the children. Apartments and cottages were constructed for the mill workers.

By 1850, Georgia was referred to as "The New England of the South." Water would provide power for the mills and empower the economy of Georgia. The mills of the Roswell Manufacturing Company would become some of the most successful in Georgia as orders for cloth, tenting, rope, yarn and flannels poured in.

Affluent members of Roswell's society lived in stately homes, slave quarters housed the slaves, and the mill workers lived in company owned housing and purchased their goods from the company owned general store. They often worked 11 hour days and were paid in scrip. In many mill villages throughout the south, mill owners and managers used the rule of thumb

that a house would provide one worker for each room. Thus, a three room house would mean that a family had three members working at the mill. Entire families – men, women, children and the elderly – often worked at the mill, to simply "make ends meet."

The Civil War: On July 3, 1864, Confederate General Joseph E. Johnston, retreated south from Kennesaw to pre-constructed trenches on the Chattahoochee River, known as the "River Line." Sherman knew direct assault on these Confederate defenses would be too costly in human lives, so he sent 4,000 mounted men twelve miles up river to out-flank the Confederate army. This flanking column was under the command of Union General Kenner Garrard whose mission was to capture the covered bridge at Roswell, gaining a crossing point to threaten the Confederate position down stream. In an attempt to slow the Union's advancement to Atlanta, retreating Confederate soldiers burned the bridge.

Trying to save the mills, an employee of French descent hoisted a French flag, hoping to claim neutrality, but Union troops found the initials CSA woven into the fabric. General Garrard sent word to Sherman... "one woolen factory, capacity 30,000 yards a month, and has furnished up to within a few weeks 15,000 yards per month to the rebel government. ...Capacity of cotton factory 216 looms, 191,086 yards per month and 51,666 pounds of thread, and 4229 pounds of cotton rope. This was worked exclusively for the rebel government. An enraged Sherman ordered the workers arrested and charged with treason: *Arrest all people connected with those factories,*

no matter what the clamor, and let them foot it, under guard to Marietta, whence I will send them by cars to the North ... The poor women will make a bowl...

Four hundred mill workers, mostly women and children, were gathered up, held under guard in the Town Square until they were transported by wagons to Marietta. On July 15th, they, and women from the mill at Sweetwater Creek, were marched to the train station and sent by cattlecar to the North where they were released to fend for themselves. They were never tried for the crime of treason and some of their fates remain a mystery. *They didn't feed us much of nothing, and then they put us on trainsand they called us prisoners.* Synthia Stewart Boyd, deported mill worker.

On July 22, the Union army that crossed at Roswell engaged with the Confederates in the Battle of Atlanta. After the War, families returned to the area and began to pick up the pieces of their lives. Mills were rebuilt and the textile industry once again became a strong part of the town's economy.

From 1880-1883 Georgia would see a significant increase in the number of mills contributing to its economy. In 1881, the International Cotton Exposition was held in Atlanta, an event that would be credited for helping make Georgia the leader in the manufacturing of cotton goods in the South. Mills would play a significant part in Roswell's economy until 1975.

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