

**HISTORIC ROSWELL HAS THE RECIPE FOR A
PERFECT WEEKEND GETAWAY**

*History, galleries, eateries and the great outdoors are the ingredients
for creating a fun and memorable visit*

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ROSWELL, GA – September, 2007 – Nature lovers, history buffs, art aficionados and foodies can follow their passion to Historic Roswell and indulge in all their favorite pastimes. This savvy suburb just 20 minutes north of Atlanta, Georgia, has the perfect ingredients for a wonderful weekend getaway.

WELL-ENDOWED MOTHER NATURE

Located on the northern banks of the Chattahoochee River, Roswell is perched in the palm of Mother Nature, with the Chattahoochee Nature Center, an environmental sanctuary encompassing 30 species of native wildlife and 127 acres of native plants and gardens, and a large swatch of the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area right at its front door.

With such a vibrant green scene, biking, hiking, picnicking, kayaking, canoeing, rafting and fishing are popular pursuits. Outdoor enthusiasts will enjoy hiking the miles of trails winding through the city, its parks and wooded areas and Historic District. They can follow in the footsteps of town founder Roswell King along the Vickery Creek Trail, traversing the covered pedestrian bridge that links the wilds of Roswell to its 640-acre Historic District.

LIVING HISTORY

History buffs will want to explore as much of the Historic District as possible, especially the 122 acres listed on the National Register of Historic Places that include the circa 1839 Town Square. A few steps from the square is Barrington Hall, one of the best examples of Greek Revival Temple Architecture in the United States. Built for Roswell King's son, it was used as Union headquarters in the Civil War and is today furnished with many original family possessions, including china and photos.

Also near the square is Bulloch Hall, a Greek Revival mansion with ties to a U.S. presidency. Built in 1839 by Major James Stephens Bulloch, it is where Teddy Roosevelt's mother, Mittie

Bulloch, married Theodore Roosevelt, (Sr.). The ceremony, which took place in the formal dining room, was so auspicious an occasion that ice cream, a rare delicacy, was served to guests—a first for this part of Georgia. Margaret Mitchell would later write about Bulloch Hall for the Atlanta newspaper.

The elegant Smith Plantation Home is a slice of genteel farming life, circa 1845. A living history museum, the 12-building complex includes the Smith's two-story farm house, servants quarters, cook house, smoke house, carriage house and more. Inside the house visitors will see fine antiques, including the 1833 piano in the parlor that the family had crated up and moved to safety when they fled Union forces during the War Between The States.

ONE-OF-A-KIND SHOPPING AND GALLERY HOPPING

Against this vintage backdrop is a lively shopping landscape, from the period storefronts of the Shops of Historic Roswell that encompass boutiques, antiques, art galleries, tearooms and an eclectic array of eateries to the Shoppes of Plumtree Village where bricked sidewalks lead to more shops and galleries and a coffeehouse, all tucked into Queen Ann and Gothic Victorian houses.

Roswell is shopping decadence from the American Sampler, the go-to boutique for Southern primitive pottery and handmade American country and folk art and furnishings to The Chandlery and its sophisticated mélange of gifts, bed and bath linens and accessories. The Canton Street Antique Market provides hours of poking-about possibilities as does SoCA, a unique retail lineup with a loft vibe.

Roswell has a dynamic galley scene with nearly three dozen art galleries. The Lola Art Gallery & Gift Shop showcases the works of Georgia artists, including paintings, sculpture and decorative items. The gorgeous and airy Raiford Gallery, whose barn-like interior is hung with colorful art glass, represents the work of 400 artists: jewelry, furniture, paintings, sculpture, ceramics, metalworks, glassworks and more. The Taylor Kinzel Gallery carries original contemporary paintings, mixed media sculpture, art glass and handmade jewelry.

INCREDIBLE EDIBLES

Roswell's Historic District and its dozens of restaurants serve up something for every taste: barbecue and bistro, tapas and Thai, down-home Southern cooking and continental cuisine. From the newest addition to the Historic Town Square, Relish Restaurant with its lively no-fuss

Southern-style comfort food served in one of Roswell's landmarks to the hickory-enhanced edibles of Brookwood Grill served up in the booming Holcomb Bridge Road neighborhood, Roswell is an adventure in dining. In between, there is the always convivial Fickle Pickle Café with its salads and sandwiches menu, the sensational SUGO Restaurant and Tapas with its inimitable Italian and Greek fusion fare and enough barbeque eateries to quell the cravings of the most enthusiastic barbecue gourmand.

Roswell has nearly a dozen hotels, something to suit every taste and budget, from the oldest hotel site—now the newly restored and renovated DoubleTree Hotel—to the new Holiday Inn, tricked out with Wifi and flat-screen TVs.

Located on the northern banks of the Chattahoochee River in Fulton County, Roswell, Georgia's sixth largest city, is in an area whose history was impacted and shaped by the 1828 discovery of gold in north Georgia, the opening of cotton and woolen mills known collectively as the Roswell Manufacturing Company a decade later and the occupation by Union troops in July of 1864 on their march to Atlanta. Today, Roswell thrives with historic and natural attractions, shopping and gallery hopping and casual and formal dining options—all the ingredients for a perfect weekend getaway. For more details, contact the Historic Roswell Convention & Visitors Bureau by calling toll-free 1.800.776.7935 or by visiting www.cvb.roswell.ga.us.

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