

### Huntsville/Madison County Convention & Visitors Bureau

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#### CENTRAL TIME ZONE

# ATTRACTIONS

VISITOR CENTERS • Brochures, calendars and hotel information available through the Convention & Visitors Bureau Visitor Centers. Located at 500 Church Street NW, Huntsville International Airport, and Redstone Arsenal. 256-533-5723.

**REDSTONE ARSENAL INFORMATION • 256-876-2151.** 

ALABAMA CONSTITUTION VILLAGE • A living village commemorating Alabama's entry into the Union at the 1819 Constitutional Convention. Franklin Street at Gates Avenue. 256-564-8100 or 1-800-678-1819.

**BURRITT ON THE MOUNTAIN** • Former home of physician, Dr. William Burritt. Historic structures include log cabins, blacksmith shop and church. Nature trails. Panoramic views. 3101 Burritt Drive. 256-536-2882.

**EARLYWORKS Children's History Museum** • Youngsters enjoy hearing the story-telling tree and talking clock. Board a floating keelboat. 404 Madison Street. 256-564-8100 or 1-800-678-1819.

**HARMONY PARK SAFARI** • A federally-licensed nature preserve of free-ranging exotic and endangered animals. Remain in your car on a route to see zebras, zebus, antelope, buffalo, camel, ostriches, pythons, crocodiles. 431 Clouds Cove. 877-726-4625.

HARRISON BROTHERS HARDWARE • Established in 1879, Alabama's oldest operating hardware store is operated by the Historic Huntsville Foundation. Nostalgic items displayed and sold. 124 South Side Square. 256-536-3631.

**HISTORIC DISTRICTS** • Twickenham district north and east of the Courthouse Square contains the state's largest collection of antebellum homes, dating from 1814. Old Town district contains Federal and Victorian homes. Five Points contains many bungalows. The railroad runs through Historic Downtown Madison.

HISTORIC HUNTSVILLE DEPOT • Guided tours of the restored 1860 passenger depot. Civil War exhibits as well as period locomotives and other vehicles are featured. 320 Church Street. 256-564-8100 or 1-800-678-1819.

**HUNTSVILLE BOTANICAL GARDEN** • The 120-acre garden east of the Space & Rocket Center features gardens for roses, herbs, ferns, daylilies and aquatic plants. Nature trails. The Butterfly House is open seasonally. 4747 Bob Wallace Avenue. 256-830-4447.

**HUNTSVILLE MUSEUM OF ART** • The museum in Big Spring Park has a growing collection of prints, paintings and sculptures. Galleries feature touring exhibits and the museum's permanent collection. 300 Church Street. 256-535-4350.

**LOWRY HOUSE** • An 1850s fully restored home on the National Register of Historic Homes. 1205 Kildare Street. 256-489-9200.

**LOWE MILL ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT** • Home to a diverse community of artists and businesses dedicated to the free expression of the arts. 2211 Seminole Drive. 256-533-0399.

**THE LUMBERYARD** • The hundred-year-old lumberyard offers party space with easy access and abundant parking in the heart of uptown Huntsville. 120 Cleveland Street. 256-651-3417.

**MAPLE HILL CEMETERY** • The city's historic cemetery dates from 1822 and contains the graves of five governors, Civil War soldiers and many civic leaders. East of California Street.

**MERRIMACK HALL PERFORMING ARTS CENTER** • Includes a 300-seat performance hall, a 3,000 sq. ft. dance studio and rehearsal space. 3320 Triana Boulevard. 256-534-6455.

NORTH ALABAMA RAILROAD MUSEUM • Includes a restored depot and walk-through passenger train. Ride the Mercury & Chase Railroad. 694 Chase Road. 256-851-6276.

SCI-QUEST-NORTH ALABAMA SCIENCE CENTER • Fun-filled, hands-on science center adjoins Calhoun Community College. 102-D Wynn Drive. 256-837-0606.

**16 MAIN GALLERY** • A community of professional working artists, sharing one of Madison's beautiful historic homes offering classes, workshops and other artful activities. 16 Main Street. 256-325-0161.

**STATE BLACK ARCHIVES/MUSEUM** • Chronicles African American achievements, the famed Buffalo Soldiers and St. Bartley Church, the state's oldest black church. A&M campus. 256-851-5846.

U.S. SPACE & ROCKET CENTER • America's largest rocket collection plus Apollo spacecraft, Space Shuttle replica, flight simulators and Space Camp. IMAX<sup>®</sup> theater. I-565 exit 15. 256-837-3400 or 800-637-7223.

**VETERANS MEMORIAL MUSEUM** • Displays more than 30 historical military vehicles from World War I to the present, as well as tableaus, artifacts and other memorabilia dating back to the Revolutionary War. 2060-A Airport Road. 256-883-3737.

**VON BRAUN CENTER** • North Alabama's multi-purpose entertainment, convention and sports complex. The center contains an 8,000-seat arena, concert hall, playhouse, banquet hall and 170,000 square feet of exhibit space. 700 Monroe Street. 256-533-1953.

**WEEDEN HOUSE MUSEUM** • Located in the Twickenham Historic District, the 1819 Federal house was the birthplace of 19th century artist Maria Howard Weeden. 300 Gates Avenue. 256-536-7718.

## **PARKS & RECREATION**

**BIG SPRING INTERNATIONAL PARK** • Located in the heart of Huntsville just west of the Courthouse Square, Big Spring is the site where pioneer John Hunt built a cabin in 1805. The park contains gifts donated by foreign countries. Panoply art festival held here.

**BRAHAN SPRING PARK** • City park containing tennis courts, baseball fields, frisbee golf course, horseshoe pitching courts, playgrounds, picnic areas and lagoons for fishing. Indoor Olympic-size pool. Drake Avenue west of Memorial Parkway.

**CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING PARK** • This well-marked cross country course follows a grassy path for a two-mile or three-mile loop between the old airport runway and golf course. John Hunt Park on Airport Road off U.S. 231 S.

**DITTO LANDING MARINA** • Situated along the Tennessee River with full boating facilities, wet and dry storage, transient docks, picnic tables, picnic pavilions, campsites, lighted tennis courts, softball diamond and playground. From South Memorial Parkway, turn east on Hobbs Island Road and right on Ditto Landing Road. 256-882-1057.

**DUBLIN PARK RECREATION CENTER** • Located in Madison, the 60-acre park includes outdoor and indoor swimming pools, gymnasium with walking track, outdoor walking trail, soccer fields, playground and tennis courts. 8324 Old Madison Pike, Madison. 256-772-9300.

#### **GOLF COURSES**

ROBERT TRENT JONES GOLF TRAIL AT HAMPTON COVE U.S. 431 South. 256-551-1818.

COLONIAL GOLF COURSE U.S. 231, Meridianville. 256-828-0431.

FOX RUN GOLF COURSE McCollum Road, Meridianville. 256-828-7564.

MADISON GOLF CENTER 401 Lime Quarry Road, Madison. 256-772-5845. BECKY PIERCE MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE 2151 Airport Road. 256-880-1151.

RICHLAND GOLF CENTER 10028 North Memorial Parkway. 256-858-6622. SUNSET LANDING GOLF CLUB Huntsville International Airport. 256-464-5050.

HUNTSVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 225 Church Street NW, 256-535-2000

HUNTSVILLE MUNICIPAL BUILDING 308 Fountain Circle, 256-535-2489 HUNTSVILLE POLICE 815 Wheeler Avenue, 256-427-7030

HUNTSVILLE AIRPORT 1000 Glenn Hearn Boulevard, 256-772-9395

HUNTSVILLE UTILITIES 112 Spragins Street NW, 256-535-1200 HAYS NATURE PRESERVE and GOLDSMITH SCHIFFMAN WILDLIFE SANCTUARY • Comprises 538 acres with 10 miles of trails, suitable for walking or biking. Also part of the NORTH ALA-BAMA BIRDING TRAIL. Located off Old Hwy. 431. 256-427-5116.

HUNTSVILLE VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK • Sparkling fountains provide the hub of a semi-circular design that pays homage to America's wartime efforts. 200 Monroe Street NW

**ICE COMPLEX** • Hosts public skating on two National Hockey League regulation rinks. Near Joe Davis Stadium off South Memorial Parkway on Leeman Ferry Road. 256-883-3774.

**JOE DAVIS STADIUM** • Home to the Huntsville Stars baseball team. 3125 Leeman Ferry Road. 256-882-2562.

**THE LAND TRUST TRAILS** • Year-round hiking/biking on 38+ miles of public trails dawn to dusk. Scenic mountain vistas and waterfalls on three Nature Preserves offering 2,915 acres to explore – all within Huntsville city limits. Trail maps at www.LandTrust-HSV.org or call 256.534.LAND.

MADISON COUNTY LAKE • A state-owned public lake on 105 acres. Boat rentals, fishing licenses and permits are available. Located on County Lake Road near Gurley. 256-776-4905.

**MONTE SANO STATE PARK** • The 2,000-acre park, offers 14 rustic rental cabins, hiking trails, picnic and playground facilities, RV hook-ups, primitive camping sites, electricity and water. A spectacular view of the Tennessee Valley is below. 5105 Nolen Avenue. 256-534-3757.

**NATURE TRAIL** • Located on Green Mountain 12 miles from downtown Huntsville. The 72-acre Nature Trail has wooded paths, a 16-acre lake, picnic pavilion and picnic area, chapel, a covered bridge, wildlife sanctuary, 2 miles of trail and a Braille Trail. South Shawdee Road. 256-883-9501.

**RECREATION SERVICES** • Offering recreational opportunities in tennis, swimming, athletic activities and passive activities for adults. 256-427-5230.

**SHARON JOHNSTON PARK** • 250-acre park contains 12-acre fishing lake, Olympic pool, sanctioned horse show arena, shelters, campgrounds, special needs playgrounds, grills and shooting range. Coleman Road near New Market. 256-379-2868.

**TENNIS CENTER** • Features 24 lighted rubico courts (soft) with two-story clubhouse and pro shop. 2305 Airport Road. 256-883-3986.

MADISON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 130 Park Lane, 256-325-8317

MADISON CITY HALL 100 Hughes Road, 256-772-5600 MADISON POLICE

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MADISON HOSPITAL 8375 Highway 72 W, 256-265-2012 MADISON PUBLIC LIBRARY 130 Plaza Blvd., Madison AL 35758

Madison Street at Governors Drive, 256-265-1000 HUNTSVILLE HOSPITAL WOMEN & CHILDREN Governors Drive at Franklin Street, 256-265-1000 HUNTSVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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AAA ALABAMA MOTORISTS ASSOCIATION 2625 Memorial Parkway SW, 256-539-7493

GREYHOUND STATION 601 Monroe Street NW, 256-534-1681