

# Visit COLUMBUS

VISITORS GUIDE



..... THE CITY

*That Has It All!*

ATTRACTIONS · SHOPPING · LODGING · EVENTS & MORE!

# TENNESSEE WILLIAMS HOME AND WELCOME CENTER



Make the first home of legendary playwright Tennessee Williams your first stop in Columbus. This home was the rectory of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, where his grandfather, the Reverend Walter Dakin, served. In 1993, the rectory was in jeopardy of being torn down to make room for a church expansion. In an effort to preserve this historical and literary landmark, the home was loaded onto flatbed trucks and taken to its new site on Main Street.



Extensive efforts were made to restore the 1875 Victorian home to its original glory. It was then reopened as the official Welcome Center for the city of Columbus. Just three months after the opening, Tennessee Williams was honored with a U.S. postage stamp, and a ceremony was held

at the home. The Tennessee Williams Welcome Center, also a National Literary Landmark, is located in the heart of Columbus' downtown historic district at the corner of Main Street and Third Street South.

## VISITOR SERVICES

ADA Accessible

Brochures and Maps

Complimentary Coffee

Gift Shop

Motor Coach Parking

Public Restrooms

Travel Counselor

Visitor Parking

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24-Hour Information

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## COLUMBUS WELCOME CENTER

300 Main Street • 662.328.0222

[marketing@visitcolumbusms.org](mailto:marketing@visitcolumbusms.org)

Open Monday - Saturday • 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

# WELCOME TO COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI

*“Whoever you are, I have always depended on the kindness of strangers.”*

If this line sounds familiar, you’ve probably seen *A Streetcar Named Desire*, a play written by legendary playwright Tennessee Williams. Long before Tennessee was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for *A Streetcar Named Desire* and *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*, he was just a southern boy living in Columbus, Mississippi. Through perseverance and creativity, he rose to fame and established himself as an icon for present and future generations. Throughout his lifetime, Tennessee made several trips back home to Columbus, even when he no longer had relatives here. He was always greeted with a welcoming smile and open arms, because Columbus’ kindness was something on which he knew he could depend.



That same kindness is extended to each and every visitor and is a quality deeply entwined with the city’s rich history. During the Civil War, Columbus opened its churches and homes to the wounded. While other cities were ravaged, its status as a “hospital town” left the antebellum and Victorian homes, along with their contents,

untouched. Many of these architectural gems are open for tours year-round. The National Trust for Historic Preservation named Columbus, Mississippi, one of its *Dozen Distinctive Destinations* and Visit Columbus is accredited by the Destination Marketing Accreditation Program. Columbus is home to three National Register Historic Districts that boast an impressive 676 properties. In addition to daily home tours, Columbus offers numerous attractions, scenic outdoor recreational venues, and endless options for lodging, dining, and shopping.

**Call Visit Columbus today and let us assist you in all aspects of your visit, or stop by 117 Third Street South, behind the Tennessee Williams Home & Welcome Center. 800.327.2686 • 662.329.1191 • VisitColumbusMS.org**

## ABOUT COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI

*Columbus, Mississippi, with its rich historical heritage, is the perfect destination for anyone who appreciates classic Southern architecture, food, and hospitality.*

The site, now called Columbus, was first mentioned in the writings of explorer Hernando de Soto, who is reputed to have crossed the nearby Tombigbee River in December of 1540 on his search for El Dorado.

Before it was named Columbus, the settlement was referred to as Possum Town, a moniker created by the local Native Americans. The nickname is still used by some locals.

During the American Civil War, Columbus maintained an arsenal that made gunpowder, handguns, and cannons. Because of this, the Union Army repeatedly tried to invade Columbus, but was stopped by forces under the command of General Nathan Bedford Forrest. As a result of Forrest's success and Columbus' status as a hospital town, many of its antebellum homes were spared, making its collection second only to Natchez as the most extensive in Mississippi.

The nation's Memorial Day originated in Columbus when, after the war, women of the town decorated the graves of both Confederate and Union soldiers. The generous deed was memorialized in the poem, *The Blue and the Gray* by Francis Miles Finch of New York, who saw mention of the act in *The New York Tribune*.

While Tennessee Williams remains one of our most beloved sons, he is not the only native with extraordinary talent and achievement. Red Barber, famous baseball announcer, and Henry Armstrong, the first boxer ever to have held world championships in three different divisions at the same time, were born in Columbus. Sam Hairston, the first African-American player signed to the Chicago White Sox, was born in nearby Crawford, Mississippi, also in Lowndes County. Jerry Rice, NFL great and Pro Football Hall of Famer, was also born and raised in Crawford. Oscar®-winning animator and one-time head of Walt Disney Production's animation effects department, Joshua Meador, spent his childhood honing his artistic talents surrounded by the sights and sounds of Columbus. Lenore L. Prather, the first female Chief Justice of the Mississippi Supreme Court, is also from Columbus, and the city provided inspiration for yet another Pulitzer Prize-winner, Eudora Welty, who began her undergraduate work at Mississippi University for Women.

Columbus continues to break through boundaries and produce pioneers in the arts, education, and cultural diversity. Columbus citizens pride themselves on keeping up with the times while preserving the past.

*Columbus is a place people are proud to call home.*



*Drink It In.* Beauty, style, and a rich sense of place make the attractions of Historic Columbus a real pleasure: Gorgeous historic homes, treasure-filled antique and specialty shops, divine dining from casual to elegant, year-round celebrations, and outstanding recreation at parks, campgrounds, golf courses and, of course, the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway. Dive right in and soak up the atmosphere!

**COLUMBUS AIR FORCE BASE**  
**Highway 45 North • 662.434.7068**  
 CAFB has trained pilots since World War II. Once home of the B-52 bomber, it graduates hundreds of Air Aces annually.

**COLUMBUS ARTS COUNCIL/  
 ROSENZWEIG ARTS CENTER**  
**501 Main Street • 662.328.2787**  
 The RAC features sales and exhibit galleries, classroom, meeting, and theater spaces, and hosts free monthly gallery shows.  
 Open Tue - Fri, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sat 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**COLUMBUS-LOWNDES  
 PUBLIC LIBRARY:**  
**BILLUPS-GARTH ARCHIVES/  
 BUCKLEY GENEALOGY ROOM**  
**314 Seventh Street North  
 662.329.5300**  
 Peruse extensive records of many aspects of Columbus history including education, churches, government, businesses, buildings, historic homes, and local organizations.

**COLUMBUS WAR MUSEUM**  
**1501 Main Street • 205.662.4129**  
 Created to honor and recognize not only those who died in military battles but also the many who lived through them. Open year-round. Free admission.

**EUGENIA SUMMER GALLERY**  
**Mississippi University for Women**  
**1100 College Street • 662.329.7341**  
 Located on MUW campus and housing the departments of Art and Design and Music and Theatre. Open Mon - Fri.

**HISTORIC DISTRICT DRIVING TOUR**  
 Wind through Columbus' scenic historic district while learning about the historic and architecturally significant sights of Columbus. Information is available at the Tennessee Williams Welcome Center.

**LOWNDES COUNTY COURTHOUSE**  
**505 Second Avenue North  
 662.329.5800 • 662.329.5900**  
 Where the Mississippi Legislature met during the Civil War after the city of Jackson fell to Union forces.

**MAIN STREET COLUMBUS**  
**662.328.6305**  
 The district is made up of blocks of specialty shops, restaurants, and historic buildings.

**SEN. TERRY BROWN AMPHITHEATER**  
**Downtown Columbus**  
 Outdoor venue situated near the Tombigbee River, Columbus Riverwalk, and Pedestrian Bridge features a 42-by-56-foot stage and seats 3,500 between general admission and lawn seating, permanent chair back seats, and additional flexible seating. ADA accessible. Coming soon.



**TENNESSEE-TOMBIGBEE WATERWAY  
 TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM**  
**318 Seventh Street North  
 662.328.8936**  
 The museum highlights not only the uniqueness of the Waterway with its extensive lock and dam system but also artifacts from rail and highway transportation.



*See Columbus from a whole new angle.*

During events, Columbus' authentic British double-decker bus will be cruising the streets of Historic Downtown Columbus, allowing visitors and locals alike to gain a fresh perspective on the sights and sounds of the city. The bus is also available for rent by anyone looking for unique private event transportation. To book the bus for your event, call **Visit Columbus** at 800.327.2686 or 662.329.1191.

**AFRICAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE DRIVING TOUR**



*View significant landmarks* that show the remarkable impact the African-American community had on the city of Columbus and Lowndes County.

**CATFISH ALLEY**  
Fourth Street South between Main Street & College Street

**CONCORD CME CHURCH**  
1213 Concord Road

**THE HAVEN**  
315 Second Avenue North

**HORACE KING/BRIDGE BUILDER & BRIDGE STREET BRIDGE SITE**  
West end of Fourth Avenue South

**DR. THEODORIC V. JAMES HOME**  
1104 Fifth Avenue North

**MISSIONARY UNION BAPTIST CHURCH**  
1207 Fifth Avenue North

**W.I. MITCHELL HOME SITE**  
Corner of Seventh Avenue & 16th Street North

**PENNY-SAVINGS BANK BUILDING**  
Corner of Second Avenue North & Fifth Street North

**R.E. HUNT MUSEUM & CULTURAL CENTER**  
924 20th Street North  
662.251.1855

**QUEEN CITY HOTEL SITE**  
15th Street North & Seventh Avenue North

**SANDFIELD CEMETERY**  
On Martin Luther King Drive South & College Street

**SHILOH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
110 Second Avenue North

**UNION ACADEMY**  
1425 10th Avenue North  
*Established in 1877. As indicated by the state historic marker on Ninth Avenue South, the original Union Academy was located at the site of a former Confederate Arsenal just south of the railroad tracks.*

**ROBERT WALKER HOME SITE**  
Corner of Seventh Avenue & 14th Street North



## BLUES TRAIL MARKERS

The Mississippi Blues Trail identifies influential musicians as well as historic sites and places that contributed to our wonderful blues heritage.

### BIG JOE WILLIAMS BLUES MARKER

#### Downtown Crawford, MS

In the late '50s Big Joe began a career as a “folk blues” artist. He performed widely at coffeehouses and festivals and recorded many albums for Delmark, Arhoolie, Testament, and Bluesville. He was particularly popular in Chicago, where he lived in the basement of the Jazz Record Mart, and his legendary travels and cantankerous personality were captured in guitarist Mike Bloomfield’s memoir, *Me and Big Joe*. Williams died in Macon on December 17, 1982, and is buried about six miles west of town in Oktibbeha County. He was inducted into the Blues Hall of Fame in 1992.

### HOWLIN’ WOLF BLUES MARKER

#### Downtown West Point, MS

One of the giants of post-World War II Chicago blues, Chester Arthur Burnett, aka “Howlin’ Wolf,” was born in White Station, just north of West Point, on June 10, 1910. In his early teens, Burnett began performing in the Delta and was later a pioneer in electrifying the Delta blues. After moving north, Burnett nonetheless remained a strong presence on the Mississippi blues scene. He frequently returned to this area to visit friends, hunt and fish, and perform at local venues such as Ferdinand Sykes’s place on Cottrell Street in West Point, Roxy’s juke joint in White Station, and the Chicken Shack in Union Star. He died on January 10, 1976, in Hines, Illinois. West Point established a festival in his honor in 1996 and a museum in 2005.

***A printable map of the blues markers can be viewed at [MSBluesTrail.org](http://MSBluesTrail.org).***



### CATFISH ALLEY BLUES MARKER

#### Downtown Columbus, MS

“Catfish Alley deserves this Blues Trail marker for its legendary reputation as the epicenter of blues, jazz, and soul music in North Mississippi. Located in the region that produced famed musicians like Howlin’ Wolf and Big Joe Williams, Catfish Alley successfully attracted national music acts like B.B. King, Duke Ellington and Little Richard,” Mississippi Governor Haley Barbour said.

“Catfish Alley,” is a long-time center of African-American business and social life. Some say the name originated after local fishermen brought their catches from the Tombigbee River to be cooked on the street, with the aroma of frying catfish permeating the air.

### QUEEN CITY HOTEL / SEVENTH AVENUE NORTH

#### Columbus, MS

For several decades beginning in the early 1900s, the area that includes the site of the Queen City Hotel was part of a vibrant African-American community along Seventh Avenue North. The hotel, founded by a former slave, catered to African Americans throughout the segregation era, and once housed visiting celebrities such as Ella Fitzgerald, B.B. King, Duke Ellington, and James Brown, along with many famous athletes of the day.

## HISTORIC HOME TOURS

### ATTRACTIONS

When we say you'll have a grand time in Historic Columbus, we really mean grand. Daily tours of our impeccable historic and architectural gems offer a one-of-a-kind experience that you'll want to enjoy again and again. Daily schedules available, call 662.328.0222 or 662.329.1911 for information. Admission fees apply.



### **AMZI LOVE (C.1848)** **305 Seventh Street South**

Amzi Love contains original furnishings from 1848 when the house was built. Mr. Sid Caradine, owner and curator, is the seventh generation of his family to live in the home. Beautiful gardens surround the house, and it has been featured in the New York Times travel section.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Sidney Caradine, III / National Register  
Open Tue, Thu, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. or by appointment.  
662.328.5413, 800.920.3533, 662.328.0222 or  
662.574.1209



### **ROSEDALE (C.1856)** **1523 Ninth Street South**

Rosedale is considered one of the finest examples of Italianate architecture in Mississippi. The home's colorful, design-perfect interior is often the subject of articles and reviews. The Imes' collection of American-made antiques is unsurpassed in the state of Mississippi.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Imes / National Register  
800.920.3533 or 662.328.0222  
Open by appointment with two-day  
advance scheduling.



### **ROSEWOOD MANOR & GARDENS** **(C.1835)**

#### **719 Seventh Street North**

This beautiful Greek Revival antebellum mansion has been featured in *Marvelous Old Mansions*, *Historic Houses*, and *Colonial Homes*. Period furnishings, hand chosen by Mrs. Hicks, are displayed throughout the home. Many objects are museum quality. Enjoy an authentic old plantation chapel and lovely gardens.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt Hicks / National Register  
662.328.7313 or 662.364.0705  
Open Mon - Sat by appointment.



### **STEPHEN D. LEE HOME & MUSEUM** **(C.1847)**

#### **316 Seventh Street North**

Once the home of CSA Gen. Stephen D. Lee, this home was restored in 1960 by the Historical Society and the Society for Preservation of Antiquities. It is now a public home and museum exhibiting Civil War collections and artifacts.

Owned by the Stephen D. Lee Foundation  
National Register / Mississippi Landmark  
800.920.3533, 662.327.8888 or  
662.435.2368  
Open Fri, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. or by appointment.



**TEMPLE HEIGHTS (C.1837)**  
**515 Ninth Street North**

This classically designed house combines Federal and Greek Revival features. The home includes four floors, porches on three sides, and fourteen Doric columns. The home is the setting for historic narratives about 19th century life in Columbus.

Dr. and Mrs. Mark Novotny / Mississippi Landmark / National Register / Historic American Buildings Survey  
800.920.3533 | Open by appointment.



**WAVERLEY PLANTATION MANSION (C.1852)**  
**1852 Waverley Mansion Road, West Point, MS**

Waverley, one of the most photographed homes in the South, has graced the covers of prestigious national and international publications. The home was also featured on the A&E television series, *American Castles*. Lovingly restored to its former grandeur over a period of more than 25 years by the Robert Snow family, this show place is open year-round.

Robert Snow Family / National Register / National Historic Landmark / National Restoration Award  
National Historic Landmark  
800.920.3533 or 662.494.1399  
Open Tue - Sat, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.



**TENNESSEE WILLIAMS HOME (C.1875) AND WELCOME CENTER**  
**300 Main Street**

Originally the rectory for St. Paul's Episcopal Church and the first home of Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright, Tennessee Williams, the structure now serves as the official Welcome Center for the city of Columbus. The rectory was moved from its original location to its present one in 1995 when St. Paul's underwent expansion. The Victorian home was restored, and recently it received the designation of National Literary Landmark.

855.254.2895 or 662.328.0222  
Open Mon - Sat, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.



**WHITEHALL (C. 1843)**  
**607 Third Street South**

Built in 1843 by James Walton Harris, Whitehall was originally designed as a two-story Greek Revival townhouse. The stately mansion exhibits six square, paneled columns at the edge of a wooden porch. The banisters bordering the porch consist of identically-milled hardwood balusters. Inside the home, heart-pine floors and handsome woodwork provide the background for the Boggess' collection of 18th- and 19th-century antiques.

Dr. and Mrs. Joe Boggess & Family / National Register / Historic American Buildings Survey  
800.920.3533 or 662.328.0222  
Open by appointment.





### FRIENDSHIP CEMETERY

**Fourth Street South &  
15th Avenue South  
662.328.4164**

Founded in 1849, the cemetery was the site of the first Decoration Day in 1866, which led to the modern Memorial Day celebration.

Poignant images of the mass loss of life in the Civil War are evident in Friendship Cemetery. Rows and rows of marble stones marking the final resting place of 2,194 Confederate soldiers cover the beautiful landscape.

Among the graves is a stone recognizing Mrs. Canant, Vol. Nurse, CSA. She is the only Confederate nurse officially recognized by the United States Government.

### THE HITCHING LOT FARMERS MARKET

**Corner of Second Avenue North  
& Second Street North  
662.328.6305  
columbusmainstreet.com**

From April - October, enjoy the harvest of local farmers, food producers, artisans, crafters, and musicians. Mondays, Thursdays & Saturdays.



### THE W 1100 College Street 877.Go.2.The.W

Founded in 1884 as The Industrial Institute and College, The W was the first public college for women in the United State of America. It later became Mississippi State College for Women and eventually Mississippi University for Women, affectionately known as The W. The university first admitted men in 1982. The historic campus boasts 23 buildings listed on the National Register of Historic Places and houses the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science. Its many accolades include being named a Top Public Southern Regional University by U.S. News and World Report.

### PLYMOUTH BLUFF CENTER 2200 Old West Point Road 662.241.6214 plymouthbluff.com

Plymouth Bluff offers four miles of self-guided nature and fitness trails. The Conference Center boasts almost 12,000-square-feet of multipurpose lecture/conference space and 24 guest rooms.

### BUTTAHATCHEE BARN QUILT TRAIL

Quilt trails wind throughout rural Mississippi, including Lowndes County, brightening the landscape. These community efforts, spearheaded by a Barn Quilt Association, mirror a national folk art trend displaying quilt square patterns, a series of painted wood or metal, hung or free-standing, along a route. Discover in the area beautiful quilt squares as part of the Buttahatchee Barn Quilt Trail.

## PARKS AND RECREATION



### TENN-TOM WATERWAY

This 234-mile stretch connects Middle America with the Gulf of Mexico.

The Waterway offers numerous opportunities for outdoor recreation including boating, fishing, picnicking, nature trails, and playgrounds.

**For more information on the Tenn-Tom Waterway:**

**800.457.9739 or  
662.328.3286**

### BLACK PRAIRIE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

**744 Firetower Road  
Crawford, MS**

**662.272.8303**

Home to multiple national and regional bird dog field trials and fox hunts.

### BROWNS RV TRAILER PARK

**2002 Bluecutt Road  
662.328.1976**

Camping featuring on-site laundry, cable TV, and full hook-ups.

### COLUMBUS LAKE ON THE TENNESSEE-TOMBIGBEE WATERWAY

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
662.327.2142**

Columbus Lake offers 9,000 acres of fresh water for fishing and water sports.

### BURNT OAK LODGE

**1563 Penn Station Road,  
Crawford, MS**

**662.272.9550**

**burntoaklodge.com**

Burnt Oak Lodge has quickly become a favorite for corporate functions, wedding receptions, football weekends, getaways, and quail hunting.



### COLUMBUS LOCK & DAM EAST BANK

**Wilkins-Wise Road  
662.245.0461**

Recreation and picnic area plus an exercise trail.



**COLUMBUS MARINA**  
**295 Marina Drive**  
**Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway,**  
**Mile 335 • 662.327.8450**  
 Located just above the Stennis  
 Lock and Dam.

**COLUMBUS RIVERWALK & TRAIL**  
**662.328.4164**  
 4.4 mile walking/biking trail. The trail  
 begins at Main Street and winds along  
 the Tombigbee River. The trail offers two  
 pavilions, bathrooms, benches, bike racks,  
 and picnic tables.

**COLUMBUS SOCCER COMPLEX**  
**406 Third Street North**  
**662.327.4935 • clra.net**  
 Championship-level soccer and football  
 complex complete with a dog park and  
 more than a mile of sidewalks and trails.  
 The complex ties into the Farmers Market  
 and connects to the Columbus Riverwalk  
 and Trail.



**DEWAYNE HAYES RECREATION  
 AREA & CAMPGROUND**  
**7934 Barton Ferry Road**  
**662.434.6939**  
**Day-Use 662.434.6808**  
 Located immediately next to Columbus  
 Lake on the Tenn-Tom Waterway, the  
 Dewayne Hayes Recreation Area has 100  
 sites with electric and water hookups  
 and 10 primitive sites. The campground  
 provides convenient access to the waterway  
 and there is ample opportunity for fishing,  
 boating, or just spending the day hiking  
 and sightseeing along the banks of the  
 river. Kids will love the day-use Spray Park.

**ISLAND ROAD RV**  
**533 Island Road**  
**662.549.2307**  
**Islandroadrvpark.com**  
 Conveniently located to downtown  
 Columbus, park includes 8 camping sites,  
 with water, sewer, and electric hook-ups.

**LAKE LOWNDES STATE PARK/  
 OPOSSUM TRAIL**  
**3319 Lake Lowndes Road**  
**662.328.2110**  
 Lake Lowndes State Park offers complete  
 recreational facilities for individuals, fam-  
 ilies, and groups. Included are award-win-  
 ning hiking trails, such as the Opossum  
 Trail—a 5.6-mile trail with a self-guided  
 tour outlining native plants, trees, and  
 wildlife in the park. Located on a beautiful  
 150-acre lake, the park provides limitless  
 opportunities for fishing and camping.  
 Cabins available for rent, as well as  
 facilities for football, tennis, softball, and  
 other organized sports.

*Here in Columbus, we'll show you the meaning of "good sport."*

**LEE PARK**

**Located off Seventh Street North  
662.327.4935**

Facility includes a state of the art playground area designed by Leather and Associates, pavilion with BBQ grill, and a family changing room for infants.

**PLYMOUTH BLUFF CENTER**

**2200 Old West Point Road  
662.241.6214**

Plymouth Bluff offers 190 acres of clean air, blue skies, refreshing scenery, abundant wildlife, peaceful surroundings, and four miles of self-guided nature and fitness trails—perfect for avid hikers and nature enthusiasts.

**PROPST PARK**

**2509 - 2641 Second Avenue North  
662.327.4935 • clra.net**

Park and recreational facilities for baseball, softball, disc golf, and a Bark Park for dogs.

**TOMBIGBEE RIVER RV PARK**

**Wilkins-Wise Road  
662.328.8655**

Park includes water, sewer and electric hook-ups, bathhouse, and laundry.

**U.S.ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS**

**3606 West Plymouth Road**

For 170 years the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers members have been “nation builders” as well as nation defenders. A major part of this mission has been developing and managing water resources in the public interest. Indeed, the hydrologic landscape of the United States has been transformed by locks, dams, reservoirs, canals, levees, dikes, and other features of the Corps Rivers and Harbors mission.

**GOLF**



**ELM LAKE GOLF CLUB**

**1609 Taylor Thurston Road  
662.329.8964**

**elmlakegolfcourse.com**

A 6,913-yard, 18-hole, 72-par championship course designed by Kevin Tucker.

**GREEN OAKS GOLF CLUB**

**326 Green Oaks Drive  
662.328.3879**

**greenoaksgolf.com**

A 6,491-yard, 18-hole, 72-par course.

**LION HILLS GOLF CLUB**

**2331 Military Road • 662.328.4837  
Pro Shop • 662.329.6747**

**eastms.edu**

A 6,410-yard, 18 hole championship course open to the public Tue – Sun.



**MOTORSPORTS**

**COLUMBUS SPEEDWAY**

**660 Hutcherson Road  
662.436.1642**

**columbusbullring.com**

Get in on the weekly auto racing at this .3-mile red clay oval track.

**MAGNOLIA MOTOR SPEEDWAY**

**495 Highway 45 South  
662.240.3478**

**magnoliadirt.com**

Enjoy racing excitement at this .375-mile oval racetrack.

## SPECIAL EVENTS



Visit *Columbus*, in conjunction with the Columbus Cultural Heritage Foundation, is proud to present a number of special events that highlight unique aspects of Columbus' rich culture and heritage. Events range from literary celebrations and tours with tall tales to architectural tours and educational forums. There is a little bit of something special for everyone in Columbus.

### ANNUAL SPRING PILGRIMAGE

The antebellum mansions of Columbus are impeccably maintained and resplendent as ever. Many tour homes feature recreated activities of the 1800s complete with period costumes, which add even more authenticity to this historic event.

Late March, Early April



### TALES FROM THE CRYPT

The Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science students recreate the lives of noted local personalities interred at the historic Friendship Cemetery, site of the Decoration Day that inspired the poem, *The Blue and the Gray*.

Late March, Early April, during Spring Pilgrimage

### CATFISH IN THE ALLEY®

A celebration of the lives of African-Americans in Columbus and the important contributions they have made, from political to artistic to athletic. The event includes live music and Mississippi farm-raised catfish. Late March, Early April, during Spring Pilgrimage

### ARTS N' ANTIQUES SHOW & SALE

Enjoy this annual event of entertainment, advice, and discussion that yields a true sense of the relationship of past, present, and future.

Late March, Early April, during Spring Pilgrimage

### GHOSTS & LEGENDS TOUR

Embark on a guided journey through Columbus' historical and haunted past.

Mid November



MARCH / APRIL

**CATFISH IN THE ALLEY®**

A celebration of the lives of African-Americans in Columbus and the important contributions they have made throughout the community. The event includes live music and Mississippi farm-raised catfish. **800.920.3533**



**DOWNTOWN SPRING OPEN HOUSE**

**Main Street Columbus**  
Downtown businesses open special hours with refreshments and sales. **662.328.6305**



**PILGRIMAGE HALF-MARATHON & 5K RUN**  
**Starting at the Tennessee Williams Welcome Center**

Participate in or cheer on the annual Columbus Pilgrimage Half-Marathon and 5K! The half-marathon winds on a scenic course that takes you along the Tombigbee River and ends at the historic river bridge, while the 5K loops through some of the South's most beautiful, historic neighborhoods. **Columbushalfmarathon5k.com**

**COLUMBUS SPRING PILGRIMAGE**  
**Visit Columbus**

Annual tour, of homes with daily tours, candlelight tours and carriage rides of historic Southside Columbus. **Admission 800.920.3533**



**TALES FROM THE CRYPT**

**Friendship Cemetery**  
History and drama recreate lives of personalities at their grave sites. **Admission 800.920.3533**





## MAY/JUNE

### MARKET STREET FESTIVAL

#### Downtown Columbus



Music and art festival held in historic downtown Columbus.

**Admission to some activities**

### JUNETEENTH

#### Sim Scott Park

A celebration of African-American freedom, Juneteenth emphasizes education and achievement, and presents the community with a time for reflection and rejoicing.

The event offers a variety of speakers, arts and crafts, music, and food.

**No admission**

## JULY/AUGUST

### FIREWORKS ON THE WATER

#### Stennis Lock and Dam, East Bank

Free family event celebrating our nation's birthday features musical entertainment, children's activities, food and beverage vendors, and fireworks!

**No admission • [visitcolumbusms.org](http://visitcolumbusms.org)**

### SOUTHSIDE/TOWNSEND PARK BLUES FESTIVAL

This festival offers a fun-filled Independence Day celebration featuring live music and family-oriented activities.

**No admission**

### SOUTHSIDE HERITAGE FESTIVAL

A two day event offering food, entertainment, and historical information.

**No admission**

### CRAWFORD COTTON BOLL FESTIVAL

#### Downtown Crawford, MS

This festival celebrates and honors those who helped make cotton one of the leading industries in the South. Held in Crawford, the event features an array of live entertainment, speakers, a step show, and more.

**No admission**

### ARTESIA DAYS

#### Artesia

This late summer festival offers activities and entertainment for the entire family. Enjoy live music, great food, story time with Mother Goose, train rides for the kids, and even a school supply giveaway.

**No admission**

### POSSUM TOWN TRIATHLON

#### Columbus Lake

USA Triathlon-sanctioned event. Swim, bike, and run in beautiful, historic Columbus.

**Fee to participate:**

**[possumtowntriathlon.com/registration](http://possumtowntriathlon.com/registration)**





## SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

### TENNESSEE WILLIAMS TRIBUTE

Tribute honoring America's most prolific playwright, Tennessee Williams. Enjoy plays, forums, exhibits, and Victorian home tours.

**Admission to some events.**  
[tennesseewilliamstribute.org](http://tennesseewilliamstribute.org)

### ROAST-N-BOAST

#### Columbus Fairgrounds

Festival including live music and a barbecue-cooking contest.

**Admission**



### EUDORA WELTY WRITERS SYMPOSIUM

#### The W

A three-day celebration of Southern literature.

**Admission to some activities**  
 662.329.7386  
[muw.edu/welty](http://muw.edu/welty)

### CALEDONIA DAYS

#### Downtown Caledonia, MS

This festival offers activities and entertainment for the entire family. Enjoy live music, arts and crafts and great food.

**No admission**

### SEVENTH AVENUE HERITAGE FESTIVAL

A celebration of the unique culture and entrepreneurial spirit of one of the city's most highly profiled business and entertainment districts. In its heyday, the Queen City Hotel hosted a wide array of entertainment royalty such as

Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Fats Domino, B. B. King, and Little Richard. The event includes live music, great food, and activities for the entire family.  
**No admission**

## NOVEMBER/DECEMBER



### GHOSTS & LEGENDS TOUR

Embark on a guided journey through Columbus' historical and haunted past.

**Admission**  
 662.328.2787

### DOWNTOWN CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

#### Downtown Columbus

Downtown businesses open special hours with refreshments and sales.

**No admission • 662.328.6305**

### WASSAIL FEST

#### Downtown Columbus

Great night of entertainment with a homemade wassail contest and shopping with downtown merchants.

**No admission • 662.328.6305**

*For a complete Calendar of Events*

Contact **Visit Columbus** at 800.327.2686  
 or [VisitColumbusMS.org](http://VisitColumbusMS.org)

## LODGING



*At the end of the day, it's all about the experience.*

In Historic Columbus, you'll experience a level of comfort and hospitality like no place else. Truly accommodating, for every taste and every budget.

## BED AND BREAKFASTS

### AVAKIAN-SHADOWLAWN INN (CIRCA 1848)

1024 College Street • 662.327.3600  
shadowlawncolumbus.com

### BURNT OAK LODGE

1563 Penn Station Road, Crawford, MS  
662.272.9550  
burntoaklodge.com

### JACKIE O' HOUSE

1700 Ninth Street South • 662.327.5100  
jackieohouse.com

### PUCKETT HOUSE

The W Campus  
1100 College Street • 662.329.7126



## HOTELS / MOTELS

### AMERICA'S BEST VALUE INN

510 Hwy. 45 North  
662.329.8788

### BEST WESTERN EXECUTIVE INN

303 Shoney Drive  
662.329.2255  
National reservations  
800.528.1234

### COLUMBUS INN & SUITES

506 Hwy. 45 North  
662.328.5202

### COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT

1995 Sixth Street North  
662.245.1540

### DAYS INN

1133 Hwy. 45 North  
662.329.4545  
National reservations  
800.329.7466

### FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES BY MARRIOTT

2011 Sixth Street North  
662.241.1990  
National reservations  
888.236.2427  
[marriott.com/gtrfi](http://marriott.com/gtrfi)

### HAMPTON INN & SUITES

1915 Sixth Street North  
662.245.1085

### HERITAGE INN

1209 Hwy. 45 North  
662.328.4405

### HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS

2000 Sixth Street North  
662.245.6133



LODGING

### HYATT PLACE OF COLUMBUS

101 Hospital Road Ext.  
662.370.1800

### LAQUINTA

1200 Hwy. 45 North  
National reservations  
888.890.0242

### MOTEL 6

1203 Hwy. 45 North  
662.327.4450  
National reservations  
800.466.8356

### PLYMOUTH BLUFF

2200 Old West Point Road  
662.241.6214

### QUALITY INN

1210 Hwy. 45 North  
662.329.2422  
National reservations  
800.221.2222

### RIVER CHASE INN

2015 Military Road  
662.328.6720

### WINGATE BY WYNDHAM

129 Brickerton Street  
662.327.9999  
National reservations  
800.228.1000





## SHOPPING



As you browse our unique specialty stores, boutiques, and antique emporiums, enjoying the delightful atmosphere of our charming city you'll understand...

*The journey can be as rewarding as the find.*



### ANTIQUES

#### **BEARD'S FURNITURE & ANTIQUES**

248 Chubby Drive  
662.386.6157 • 662.570.1717

#### **LIGHTING UNLIMITED**

1116 Gardner Boulevard  
662.329.1825

#### **MAGNOLIA ANTIQUES MALL**

302 Alabama Street  
662.328.4750

#### **MEADOW'S AUCTION COMPANY**

250 Westbank Access Road  
662.329.1854



### SHOPPING CENTERS

#### **BELK DEPARTMENT STORE**

2031 Hwy. 45 North • 662.241.4443

#### **COLUMBUS MAIN STREET (DOWNTOWN MERCHANTS)**

662.328.6305

#### **THE CROSSING**

Hwy. 45 North

#### **GATEWAY CENTER**

201 Alabama Street • 662.329.4187

#### **JACKSON SQUARE**

Hwy. 45 North

#### **LEIGH MALL**

1404 Old Aberdeen Road • 662.328.0333

#### **LITTLEWOODS MALL**

Wilkins-Wise Road

#### **MAGNOLIA PLACE**

Hwy. 45 North

#### **SHEFFIELD COURT**

2118 Hwy. 45 North

#### **THE SHOPS AT BRICKERTON**

Hwy. 82 and Military Road  
662.327.4676

#### **WINDCHASE SHOPS**

Hwy. 45 North

## REGIONAL ATTRACTIONS



*Location, location, location.* Historic Columbus puts you right where you want to be when you want to explore the region – at the hub of all the area’s exciting activities. See it all and enjoy it more when you start in Columbus.

### **BROOKSVILLE, MS** 25 miles Southwest

**Ole Country Bakery 662.738.5795**  
Traditional Mennonite bakery.

**Sam D. Hamilton Noxubee Wildlife Refuge • 662.323.5548**

48,000-acre refuge for hunting, picnicking, birding, and hiking.

### **PICKENSVILLE, AL** 25 miles Southeast

**Tom Beville Visitors Center & Museum 205.373.8705**

An antebellum-style mansion that tells the story of the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway through displays, models, audio-visual programs, and exhibits.

### **STARKVILLE, MS** 25 miles West

**Starkville Historic Districts  
Starkville Convention & Visitors  
Bureau 662.323.3322**

**starkville.org**

Take a tour of Starkville’s five Historic Districts – houses in these districts reflect Queen Ann, Folk, Tudor Revival, Colonial Revival, and mid-20th-century Craftsman-style architecture.

**Mississippi State University Welcome Center 662.325.5198**

**visit.msstate.edu**

Visit the beautiful campus of MSU for guided tours (historical, horticultural or children’s) or join in all the excitement of SEC collegiate sports. Don’t miss the chance to spend time in the John Grisham Room, located in MSU’s Mitchell Memorial Library, viewing memorabilia from the writings and achievements of the bestselling author and MSU alumnus.

### **TUPELO, MS** 65 miles North

**Elvis Presley Birthplace & Museum 662.841.1245**

**elvispresleybirthplace.com**

The birthplace of the “King of Rock and

Roll” includes the modest home Elvis’ father built, a statue of Elvis with his first guitar, a memorial chapel, walk of life, fountain of life, park, story wall, gift shop, newly renovated museum, and the church Elvis attended as a child.

**Tupelo Automobile Museum**

**662.842.4242**

**tupeloautomuseum.com**

Impressive collection of 150 automobiles, including an 1886 motorized carriage created by Karl Benz that is considered the world’s first automobile.

**Tupelo Buffalo Park & Zoo**

**662.844.8709**

**tupelobuffalopark.com**

Home to one of the largest buffalo herds East of the Mississippi River.

### **TUSCALOOSA, AL** 75 miles Southeast

**Children’s Hands-On Museum**

**205.349.4235 • chomonline.org**

Learning through play, children are encouraged to touch, feel and play in our exhibits. Three floors of fun wait for families and school groups.

**University of Alabama**

**205.348.6010 • ua.edu**

Home of the Crimson Tide, U of A was founded in 1831 as Alabama’s first public college.

### **WEST POINT, MS** 25 miles Northwest

**Howlin’ Wolf Museum & Statue**

**662.605.0770**

Blues museum featuring history and artifacts of Howlin’ Wolf and the Black Prairie Region, Big Joe Williams, and Bukka White. Granite statue of Howlin’ Wolf on display.

**Magnolias at the Ritz 662.494.7489**

**magnoliasattheritz.com**

Once an abandoned 1930s movie theatre, this historic landmark is now a center of activity. Magnolias at the Ritz offers a unique dining experience in a nostalgic setting.

# AROUND COLUMBUS

- W Welcome Center
- ? Visit Columbus
- H Hospital
- ★ Police Department

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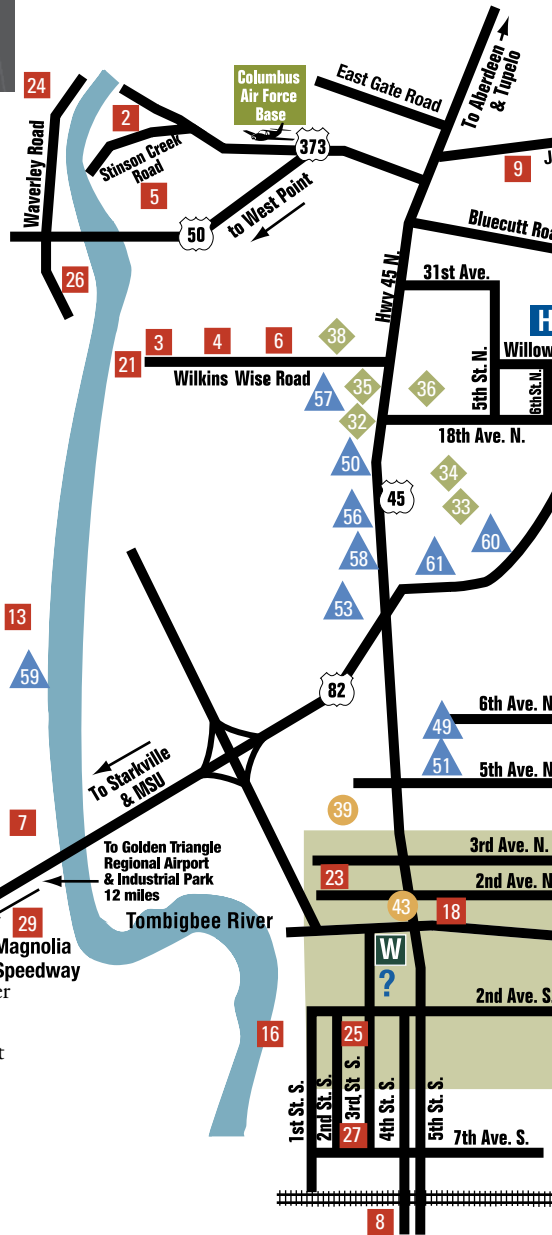
1. Amzi Love
2. Bryn Bella
3. Columbus Lake/Tenn-Tom Waterway
4. Columbus Marina
5. DeWayne Hayes Rec. Area
6. East Bank Boat Ramps
7. Elm Lake Public Golf Course
8. Friendship Cemetery
9. Green Oaks Golf Club
10. Lake Lowndes State Park
11. Stephen D. Lee Home and Museum
12. Lee Park
13. Plymouth Bluff Center
14. Lion Hills Golf Club
15. Propst Park
16. Riverwalk
17. Rosedale
18. Rosenzweig Arts Center/Columbus Arts Council
19. Rosewood Manor
20. Sandfield Cemetery
21. Stennis East Bank Lock & Dam
22. Temple Heights
23. The Haven
24. Town Creek Campground
25. Twelve Gables
26. Waverley Plantation
27. Whitehall
28. Columbus Speedway
29. Magnolia Speedway
30. R.E. Hunt Museum & Cultural Center

## ◆ SHOPPING CENTERS

31. Historic Downtown Shopping District
32. Jackson Square
33. Leigh Mall
34. Magnolia Place
35. Belk Department Store
36. Sheffield Court
37. Shops at Brickerton
38. Littlewoods Mall

## ● FACILITIES

39. Soccer Complex
40. Columbus Fairgrounds
41. Golden Triangle Regional Airport
42. Columbus-Lowndes Public Library/Billups-Garth Archives
43. Trotter Convention Center
44. The W



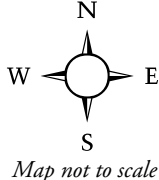
## ▲ ACCOMMODATIONS

45. Amzi Love B&B
46. Avakian-Shadowlawn B&B
47. Jackie O' House B&B
48. Puckett House
49. America's Best Value
50. Best Western
51. Columbus Inn & Suites



**Miles to Columbus from:**

- 52 Natchez Trace Parkway
- 60 Tuscaloosa, AL
- 65 Tupelo, MS
- 120 Birmingham, AL
- 154 Jackson, MS
- 172 Memphis, TN
- 227 Mobile, AL
- 259 Nashville, TN
- 293 New Orleans, LA
- 308 Little Rock, AR
- 326 Baton Rouge, LA



- 52. Courtyard by Marriott
- 53. Days Inn
- 54. Fairfield Inn & Suites
- 55. Hampton Inn & Suites
- 56. Heritage Inn
- 57. Hyatt Place
- 58. Motel 6

- 59. Plymouth Bluff Center
- 60. Quality Inn
- 61. La Quinta
- 62. Riverchase Inn
- 63. Wingate by Wyndham



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