MARCH
ARTE GRAS
APRIL
Native American Heritage Day
Wild Azalea Festival
JULY
4th of July at "The Beach"
AUGUST
Victorian Mournings
SEPTEMBER
International Park’s "The Beach" OPENS
FALL Festival Celebration
TRAIL OF TERROR
NOVEMBER
TREE LIGHTING
DECEMBER
Holiday Home at Stately Oaks
YULE LOG CELEBRATION
FESTIVAL OF TREES & LIGHTS

Just 15 miles south of Atlanta, Clayton County invites you to enjoy the romance and revelry of the old south amid a progressive urban environment. Designated as the Official Home of Gone With The Wind, Clayton County offers a glimpse into Margaret Mitchell's classic novel through the Road To Tara Museum, Southern Belles and Whistles Tour and Peter Bonner Gone With The Wind Tour.

A timeless tale of love and war, Margaret Mitchell’s Gone With The Wind juxtaposes life at the Road To Tara Museum with the grandeur of antebellum life. Revisit Rhett and Scarlett’s sweeter romance by enjoying the Road To Tara Museum’s original movie props and wardrobe items, foreign edition library, original manuscripts, costume reproductions, extensive photo gallery and collectible plate and doll collection.

Glimpse into an era of petticoats, cotton fields, and cannon fire with the Southern Belles and Whistles Tour. Steeped in southern charm and history, Jonesboro is home to truths and tales of brave gentlemen, spirited southern belles, and the most decisive battle of the Civil War’s Atlanta Campaign.

The Gone With The Wind Tour is a nostalgic audio narrative through the rich and romantic antebellum era that inspired Mitchell’s legendary novel. Be regaled by author and historian, Peter Bonner, with the details of Margaret Mitchell’s world-renowned Gone With The Wind and its unique literary ties to Jonesboro, Georgia.

Explore the grandeur and architectural influence of the antebellum period at Jonesboro’s Stately Oaks Plantation. Built in 1839, Stately Oaks Plantation presently serves as a historic home open for interior and grounds tours.

www.VisitScarlett.com - 800.662.7829
www.HistoricJonesboro.org - 770.473.0197

EXPLORE THE SOUTH'S RISE TO REVOLUTION
AND DISCOVER JONESBORO'S SITES, CHARACTERS AND CONSEQUENCES OF THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR.

Revisit the battle sites and tales of war by visiting notable sites including the Patrick Cleburne Confederate Cemetery, Warren House and the location of the Battle of Jonesboro.

Located in downtown Jonesboro, the Patrick Cleburne Confederate Cemetery contains a mass grave numbering between 600 and 1,000 soldiers. The Warren House, built in 1840 by G.L. Warren, was used as a field hospital by both Confederate and Union troops during the Civil War. Considered one of the most decisive battles of the Civil War, the 1864 Battle of Jonesboro enabled victorious Union soldiers to cut off Jonesboro’s railroad supply line effectively cutting off supplies to Atlanta and forcing the city to surrender. Today, visitors are invited to reflect and explore Clayton County’s Civil War history. www.VisitScarlett.com - 800.662.7829
**Outdoors**

Hike under a canopy of trees, listen to the flow of babbling waters and experience an up-close encounter with wildlife - all at Reynolds Nature Preserve. Home to 146 acres of lush vegetation, Reynolds Nature Preserve features four miles of hiking trails, natural springs and ponds, an outdoor butterfly and hummingbird garden, Interpretative Nature Center and outdoor picnic areas. www.reynoldsnaturepreserve.org - 770.603.4188

Feel the thrill of hooking a bass, bream, crappie, bluegill or channel catfish at the 3.69" Blalock Reservoir/Shamrock Reservoir or picturesque 3.62" J.W. Smith Reservoir. The reservoirs are also available for canoeing, while the welcoming shores provide the perfect place for a water’s edge picnic. www.ccwa.us - 770.603.5605

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Turn off your blackberry and turn up the fun at Lake Spivey Golf Club! Appealing to both the amateur and pro player, Lake Spivey Golf Club features an 18 hole championship course with rolling greens and challenging holes. www.LakeSpivey.net - 770.477.9836

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**The Arts**

The intimate and acoustically superior Spivey Hall at Clayton State University presents internationally renowned jazz and classical music year-round and is home to the astounding Albert Schweitzer Memorial Organ – a breathtaking 79-rank, 3-manual, 4,413-pipe organ. www.spiveyhall.org - 678.466.4200

Clayton County offers an assortment of performing and visual arts activities and venues to enrich the mind and nourish the soul. Arts Clayton Gallery in historic downtown Jonesboro features professional and emerging Georgia artists of all styles and art mediums. Visitors are invited to experience Gallery exhibits, purchase original paintings and browse the Gift Shop for uniquely handcrafted art, jewelry, turned wood, glass works and much, much more. www.ArtsClayton.org - 770.473.5457

The National Archives at Atlanta is home to the famous, the infamous and the anonymous heroes of the shared past. Discover the legacies of internationally known personalities or the intimacies of family history as the past comes to life through the records of the Federal Government. www.archives.gov/southeast/ - 770.968.2100

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**Shopping**

From unique to boutique to deals on the cheap, Clayton County offers a wide selection of shopping alternatives designed to suit the styles of both families and fashionistas!

Boasting more than 120 stores and specialty shops, Southlake Mall offers many traditional family favorites including Macy’s, Sears, American Eagle, and Victoria’s Secret. Kick up your heels and enjoy your purchases! www.southlakemall.com - 770.961.1050

Home decor, fine apparel, jewelry and more can be found in charming, local shops tucked throughout Clayton County’s eight cities. For more information on shopping local, please contact 800.662.7829.

**Dining/Farmers Market**

Taste the tangy flavor of Dean’s Barbecue, savor the smoothness of Butch’s banana pudding and sample melt-in-your-mouth fried chicken at Oakwood Cafe. Home to locally owned restaurants and familiar family chains, Clayton County’s international, world-renown and down home flavors await your palette.

From sweet Georgia peaches to crispy Vidalia onions, the Atlanta State Farmers Market is home to 150 acres of outdoor stands containing fresh fruits and vegetables, plants, flowers and more! The Atlanta State Farmers Market is considered the largest outdoor market of its kind in the world and is conveniently located immediately off I-75, exit 237. Discover nature’s bounty! www.atlantaproducedealers.org - 404.675.1782

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