Dalton:
the way



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# **History**

Dalton, Georgia. Long before any European settlement, Dalton was home to the Creek Nation. They held this area until the mid-1800's when the Cherokee pushed them to the West and South, renaming this beautiful territory the "Enchanted Land." However, in 1838, the United States government forced the removal of the Cherokee from these lands in a travesty known today as the "Trail of Tears." Nearby, Red Clay State Park, New Echota, and the Chief Vann House stand as reminders of the legacy left by the Cherokee.By the time the last Cherokee had left, work was underway for an exciting Railroad. The Western and Atlantic rail linked the Tennessee River with the cities near the Chattahoochee. The pivotal railroad was finished in 1850, allowing for a second rail to connect East Tennessee to Georgia. The town that emerged from the two rails was Dalton, whose borders were defined as a mile radius from the Western & Atlantic Depot, known today as the Dalton Depot.

Due to its proximity to the rail line, Dalton became a production center and hospital town during the Civil War, which would lead to Dalton's part in several historic events. On April 12,1862, the Great Locomotive Chase placed Dalton in the national eye. On September 19,1863, a massive conflict was fought nearby at the Battle of Chickamauga, which would develop into the Siege of Chattanooga. Finally, in May 1864, Dalton became the starting point for General Sherman's notorious Atlanta Campaign. The war ended in 1865, but many of its stories can still be found in Dalton. In the early 1900's, a young farm girl sparked a local industrial revolution. Through the use of the colonial art of tufting, Catherine Evans Whitener made a simple bedspread that sold for \$2.50. From this act, a new market was born along U.S. Hwy 41, known by locals as Peacock Alley. This market evolved into the modern carpet industry that still goes hand-in-hand with Dalton, giving the city its title as "Carpet Capital of the World."



## Recreation



#### The Disney Trail

West of Dalton, this steep trail ascends Rocky Face Mountain. Considered by many to be the most challenging trail in Northwest Georgia, Disney gets its name from the lone grave of an English-born Confederate named George Disney. His grave is located at the end of the difficult, but rewarding, trail where Disney fell. Access begins behind the Nazarene Church at I-75, exit 336, Hwy 41-North one mile.

U.S. 41 Dalton, GA 30720 www.georgiatrails.com

### Dalton Parks & Rec

Playgrounds, baseball fields, tennis courts, trails, or picnic shelters. Whatever your family is feeling up to, all this and more can be found throughout Dalton.

904 Civic Drive Dalton, GA 30720 (706) 278-5404

#### Disc Golf

Heritage Point Park features one of the few Disc Golf courses in Georgia. Great for families, sporting events, or company training, disc golf follows many of the basic rules of standard golf.

1275 Cross Plains Trail, Dalton, GA 30721 (706) 370-5772

### Pinhoti Trail

This 245 mile, multi-use trail connects the Appalacian Mountains to the Talladega Forest in Alabama. Open daily during daylight hours, it is the longest footpath in the state.

(706) 695-6736 www.georgiatrails.com

### Raisin Woods Bike Trail

Located a few minutes from downtown Dalton, Raisin Woods is a great place for mountain biking. Whether you're new to the biking world or a seasoned pro, Dalton serves as a biking destination for bikers of all skill levels.

145 Raisin Way Dalton, GA 30721 www.nwgasorba.org

#### Conasauga River

93-mile Conasauga River runs through Southeast Tennessee. The river falls off the inclines of the Northwest Georgia mountains before making its way through the peaceful Cohutta Forests.

Recommended access points: Dalton, GA- Dalton Utilities by Norton Bridge Beaverdale, GA- Behind the Superette Gas Station on Praters Mill Road. (706) 695-3950

## Nob North Golf Course

As a Gary Player designed golf course, this 40-year-old venue features all the amenities of a private club without any steep membership fees. 6,573 yards, par 72, and open seven days a week during daylight hours.

298 Nob North Drive Cohutta, GA 30710 (706) 694-8505 cityofdalton-ga.gov/recreation

## Dalton Falls Fun Center

An 18-hole mini golf course, bumper cars, bubble ball, and an outdoor laser tag arena for the whole family. Dalton Falls also offers hand-dipped ice cream, arcade, and a hall of fame wall.

2817 Airport Rd. www.daltonfallsfuncenter.com (706) 272-3574



## **Live Music**

The Butcher's Market and Blues Street Cafe
Blues Street Cafe offers live music almost every Saturday.
3619-A Cleveland Hwy
Dalton, Georgia 30720
706-279-9277

http://thebutchersmarket.com/#/events

Crescent City Tavern

Crescent City Tavern has live music regularly on Thursday's through Saturday's.

324 S. Depot St.

(706) 529-0467

Hamilton's Food & Spirits
Hamilton's hosts live music on most Friday's
and Saturday's.
243 N. Hamilton St. #5
(706) 270-0467

Cherokee Brewing & Pizza Company Keep up with Cherokee's live music and events by finding them on Facebook. 207-W. Cuyler St. (706) 529-9478

Conductors Bar and Grill Conductor's is the new late night live music venue in Dalton. 319 N. Hamilton St. 706-529-7043

The Dalton Distillery Live music, comedy shows, and more. 109 E. Morris St. (706) 483-2790



# Leisure

# Georgia Athletic Coaches Association Hall of Fame

Bronze Plaques commemorate Georgia high school coaches who made a significant impact on their students.

Open Monday-Friday 8am-5pm. Located in the lower level of the Dalton Convention Center.

2211 Dug Gap Battle Rd. | (706) 272-7676

Creative Arts Guild and Sculpture Garden

Dalton has a growing arts community, primarily based out of the Creative Arts Guild. The guild hosts a variety of events and concerts for locals and visitors. The CAG also oversees a local sculpture garden that is open to the public.

520 W. Waugh St. | (706) 278-0168 www.creativeartsguild.com

Dave & Pauli's Art Emporium

Located at the heart of historic downtown Dalton, Georgia, Dave and Pauli's Art Emporium is a working artist's studio and art gallery specializing in creative works by local and regional artists. The main gallery hosts special events and showings throughout the year.

218 N. Hamilton St. | (706) 313-9518

### The Dalton Distillery Tour

Dalton Distillers, LLC is a small craft distillery that specializes in delivering a safe authentic product of Real Georgia Moonshine. Dalton Distillers, LLC uses a family secret recipe that is over 100 years old. Only the very best produce and grains grown in Georgia are used to make the Authentic Moonshine. The distillery also hosts tours and various live events with well-known performers.

109 E. Morris St. | (706) 483-2790



## Civil War



### Potato Hill

See the undisturbed earthworks atop this anchor point that formed a part of the Confederate defensive line across Crow Valley. Comprised of artillery platforms and infantry entrenchments, this site under the overall command of Maj. Gen. Carter Stevenson withstood spirited assaults from Brig. Gen. Jacob Cox's Union division on May 9, 1864. 2261 Reed. Rd.

Dug Gap Battle Park These breastworks were built by soldiers during the Atlanta Campaign on Rocky Face Ridge. The site is open during daylight hours. I-75, exit 333, 1.5 miles west on Dug Gap Mountain Road.

Confederate Cemetery and Memorial Wall West Hill Cemetery is the final resting place for 421 Confederates and 6 Unionists who died fighting in Tennessee and Georgia. The memorial nearby lists the names of Confederates buried here. I-75, Exit 333, east on Walnut Ave. for 2 miles, then left on Cuyler St. The cemetery entrance is across from West Hill Chapel. (800) 331-3258

# The General Johnston Statue

Dalton is home to the first outdoor statue of General Joseph E. Johnston, who led the army of Tennessee in Atlanta Campaign. The figure was cast by Tiffany Studio of New York City in standard United States bronze Located in downtown Dalton at the east end of Crawford Street.

#### Civil War

Heritage Trails Georgia Civil War Heritage Trails interpret the heritage of Civil War, leading visitors on a trip back in time. (800) 331-3258 www.gcwht.org

DOWNLOAD
THE FREE
"DALTON CIVIL WAR"
APP!

Clisby Austin House Constructed in 1848 by Reverend Clisby Austin, "Meadowlawn" is a prime example of an antebellum style home. A wooden plank walkway extended from the house to the nearby Western and Atlantic Railroad Depot.When Civil War hostilities approached this area in 1863, the town of Tunnel Hill became an integral part of the Confederate Army Hospital system. The dwelling's next role was that of headquarters for General William T. Sherman, who stayed in the house for a week in May 1864 during the opening actions of his famous Atlanta Campaign. Tours: Mon-Sat 9AM-5PM (706) 876-1571 civilwarrailroadtunnel.com

Fort Fisk at
Mill Creek Gap
Situated adjacent to the Mill
Creek Gap pocket park is
an earthen artillery platform
which the Confederates

called Fort Fisk. Take a short hike and see this perfectly preserved earthwork, which was occupied by Oliver's Eufaula Alabama Battery during the period from May 6-12, 1864. This position helped defend against assaults from Union Brig. Gen. Jefferson C. Davis's division, Army of the Cumberland. U.S. Hwy. 41, Rocky Face, GA. Next to the Georgia State Patrol Barracks

#### Mt. Rachel

Put on your hiking shoes and ascend Mt.Rachel to an undisturbed Confederate artillery platform that guarded the East Tennessee & Georgia Railroad running South from Knoxville. Constructed during the Army of Tennessee's late 1863-early 1864 winter encampment, this structure is thought to have been manned by an artillery battery belonging to Lt. Col. Samuel Williams' battalion. W. Park St. Dalton, GA 30720



# Lodging

- 1 Country Inn & Suites 706.278.9700
- 2 Comfort Inn & Suites 706.259.2583
- 3 Hampton Inn 706.226.4333
- 4 Super 8 706.529.7800
- 5 Red Roof Inn 706.226.1100
- 6 Days Inn 706.278.0850
- 7 Quality Inn 706.278.0500
- 8 Hilton Garden Inn 706.529.6000
- 9 Super 8 706.275.0100

- 10 Holiday Inn Express 706.217.6200
- 11 Howard Johnson 706.281.1880
- 12 Courtyard by Marriott 706.275.7215
- 13 LaQuinta Inn & Suites 706.272.9099
- 14 Econolodge 706.226.9579
- 15 BaymontInn & Suites 706.226.5022
- 16 Motel 6 706.278.5522
- 17 Guest Inn 706.226.4545
- \* See page 12 for more details



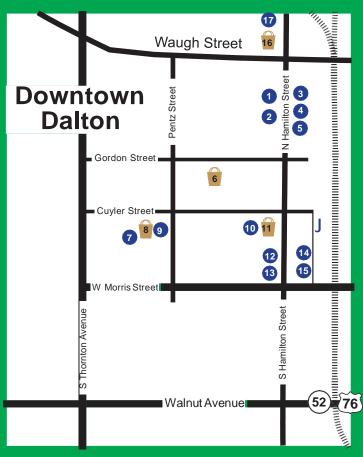
# **Downtown**

## **Restaraunts & Shops**

- 1 Hamilton's 706.270.0467
- 2 Hamilton's Pizzeria 706.270.0467
- 3 Cyra's 706.370.7305
- 4 Boulevard of Beer & Wings 706.529.2583
- 5 Buckin' Burrito 706.529.8226
- 6 Grace 251 706.529.5683
- 7 Cherokee Brewing & Pizza Company 706.529.9478
- 8 Raspberry Row 706.277.3500
- 9 Oakwood Cafe 706.529.9663

- 10 Love Empanadas 706.529-9244
- 11Trailheads Outdoor Gear 706.671.1685
- 12 Tijauna's 706.226.4113
- 13The SweetSpot 706.529.7768
- **14** Crescent City Tavern 706.529.0467
- 15 Dalton Distillery 706.483.2790
- 16 Cotton & Twine 706.529.8186
- 17 Conductors Bar & Grill 706-529-5454

\* See page 14 for more details



# Lodging



The Cuyler St. Bungalows 203 W. Cuyler St. (706) 218-8065 (Pictured Above)

Comfort Inn & Suites 905 West Bridge Road (706) 259-2583

Courtyard by Marriott 785 College Drive (706) 275-7215

Hampton Inn 1000 Market Street (706) 226-4333

LaQuinta Inn & Suites 715 College Drive (706) 272-9099

Red Roof Inn 1529 W. Walnut Avenue (706) 226-1100

Days Inn 1518 W. Walnut Avenue (706) 278-0850

Holiday Inn Express 865 Holiday Inn Drive (706) 217-6200 Hilton Garden Inn 879 College Drive (706) 529-6000

Howard Johnson 790 College Drive (706) 281-1880

Quality Inn 875 College Drive (706) 278-0500

Motel 6 2200 Chattanooga Road (706) 278-5522

Baymont Inn 2106 Chattanooga Road (706) 226-5022

Country Inn & Suites 903 Westbridge Road (706) 278-9700

Econolodge 1507 North Tibbs Road (706) 226-9579

## **Events**

#### **JANUARY**

Snake Creek Gap Mountain Biking Time Trails

#### **FEBRUARY**

Snake Creek Gap Mountain Biking Time Trails

Chickamauga Civil War Show

Woodsongs Dalton Concert Series

#### **MARCH**

Wash Me Pink Run

Woodsongs Dalton Concert Series

#### **APRIL**

Dixie Highway Festival

Downtown Dalton Sampler

Huffabaloo 5K Run

Downtown Dalton Spring Open House

#### MAY

**National Tourism Day** 

Train Day

Bill Gregory Healthcare Classic

**Downtown Farmers Market** 

Huffabaloo

Screen on The Green

Memorial Day Celebration

#### JUNE

Dixie Highway Yardsale

**Downtown Farmers Market** 

Screen on The Green

Police & Fire Games

**Summer Music Series** 

#### JULY

Southeastern 7on7 Football Tournament

July 4th Fireworks Festival

**Downtown Farmers Market** 

Screen on The Green

**Summer Music Series** 

### **AUGUST**

**Downtown Farmers Market** 

**Summer Music Series** 

### **SEPTEMBER**

Tunnel Hill Reenactment (Weekend after Labor Day)

**Creative Arts Guild Festival** 

Georgia Jewel

100 Mile Trail Run

Downtown Dalton

Beer Festival

**Summer Music Series** 

### **OCTOBER**

Dalton Red Carpet Half Marathon and 5K

Prater's Mill Country Fair (2nd weekend of October)

North Georgia Fair

Downtown Dalton Trick or Treating

#### **NOVEMBER**

United States Tennis
Association Championships

Downtown Dalton Holiday Open House

#### **DECEMBER**

Christmas Parade (First Thursday)

Silver Bell Sprint (First Friday)

# **Downtown Dining**

Hamilton's
Food & Spirits
243 N. Hamilton St.
(706) 270-0467
Fine food and spirits.

Hamilton's Pizzeria 243 N. Hamilton St. (706) 270-0467 Delicious brick oven pizzas.

Oakwood Cafe 195 W. Cuyler St. (706) 529-9663 Dalton's most famous restaurant.

Love Empanadas 107 W. Cuyler St. (706) 529-9244 The best empanadas in the world.

Crescent City Tavern 324 S. Depot St. (706) 529-0467 Sports bar and concert venue.

Cherokee Brewing
& Pizza Company
207-B West Cuyler St.
(706) 529-9478
Authentic pizza and craft beer
firmly grounded in Southern roots
and love of community.

Cyra's Fine Dining
234 N. Hamilton St.
(706) 370-7305
A natural and chemical free restaurant. Serving freshest & finest ingredients available.









#### The Perfect Cup

112 W Crawford St. #101

(706) 270-0669

Homemade soups, sandwiches, hot and cold. drinks.

## Boulevard of Beer & Wings

222 N. Hamilton St.

(706) 529-2583

Hot wings and craft beer.

#### Lisa's Cafe

410 S. Hamilton St.

(706) 218-4898

Southern Food at it's finest.

### Willie's Burger Shack & Fish Fry

301 W. Emery st.

(706) 226-1953

The best burgers and fish around.

#### Buckin' Burrito

212 N. Hamilton St.

(706) 529-8226

Dalton's favorite Tex-Mex.

### Lalo's To Go

221 W. Cuyler St.

(706) 671-1800

A delicious Mexican drive thru.

#### The Sweet Spot

336 S. Hamilton St.

(706) 529-7768

FROYO your way.

#### Conductors Bar and Grill

319 N. Hamilton St.

706-529-5454

An upscale sports bar.

# **Shopping**



## Bugs & Kisses Children's Boutique

265 N. Hamilton St. (706) 529-7270

## Cotton & Twine Boutique

305 N. Hamilton St. (706) 529-8186

## Trailheads Outdoor Gear

300 S. Hamilton St. (706) 671-1685

## The Yellow Bird

235 N. Hamilton St. (706) 275-9251

## Grace 251

111 W. Gordon St. (706) 529-5683

## Raspberry Row

205 W. Cuyler St. (706) 277-3500

## The Cherry Tree

238 N. Hamilton St. (706) 529-4989

## **Bucket List Antiques**

300 N. Hamilton St. (706) 428-9590

# **Train Watching**



Dalton Freight Depot



Originally built as the Southern Railway Freight Depot in 1911, this depot was restored by the city in 2009 and today houses the Dalton Visitor's Center and Gift Shop. The Freight Depot is a train fan's delight with a covered viewing platform, and a live audio feed from train radios. Watch the dual tracks of the CSX and Norfolk

Southern Railroads pass the "Dalton Diamond," a 45

degree crossing directly in front of the viewing platform.

Adjacent to the Dalton Freight

Depot is the 1949 Southern

"Crescent City" Pullman car.

The Dalton Freight Depot is

now home of the Bandy

Heritage Center Museum. 305 S. Depot Street Dalton, GA 30720 Open Monday-Saturday, 9am-5pm. For more information call: (706) 270-9960

Historic Western and Atlantic Railroad Tunnel, Museum, **General Store &** Clisby Austin House Just 5 miles North of Downtown Dalton stands a true marvel of engineering. Built completely by hand in just 22 months, the Historic Western & Atlantic Railroad Tunnel was completed in 1850. It was later abandoned in 1928 when a larger parallel tunnel was opened nearby. Visitors can take guided tours through the entire length of 1,477-foot tunnel, where steam from the original trains' exhaust is still visible on the ceiling. The museum contains interesting artifacts from the tunnel, along with railroad memorabilia including an original section of 19th century strap rail and a fine display of the "Sherman Necktie" method of destroying the rails during the Civil War. So whether you are an average museum goer or a history buff, this tunnel is a unique chance to step back into American History.

215 Clisby Austin Road, Tunnel Hill, GA 30755 (706) 876-1571

Textile Heritage Tours are available at these locations.

## **Historic Sites**



#### Prater's Mill

Built in 1855, this historic gristmill is the site of an annual old-fashioned country fair held each October. The park is also open year-round and free to the public. Walk the nature trails, fish in Coahulla Creek, or just relax in the shade. Open every day during the daylight hours.

5845 Georgia Highway 2 (706) 694-6455 www.pratersmill.org

#### The Blunt House

The oldest wood frame house in Dalton was once the home of the community's first postmaster, community leader, and mayor. Hear the story of the Blunt family that lived in this home continuously until its donation. Inside are the original furnishings, as well as the stories of the Blunts' place in Dalton's history. Open Fridays 10-4. 506 South Thornton Ave. (706) 278-0217

The Hamilton House Dalton's oldest home was built in 1848 as the residence of John Hamilton, engineer of the Western & Atlantic Railroad. During the Civil War, his home served as headquarters for the Kentucky Orphan Brigade. Today the home acts as a museum to the early bedspread industry, the Cherokee, and the Civil War.

715 Chattanooga Avenue (706) 278-0217

#### The Huff House

This Antebellum home was the headquarters of General Joseph E. Johnston during the Civil War in the winter of 1864-1865. It was also the site where General Patrick Cleburne proposed arming slaves in return for their freedom to alleviate the manpower shortage facing the Confederacy.

314 N. Selvidge St. (706) 278-0217

### History Center & Archives

The offices of Crown Cotton Mill serve as the Archives of the Whitfield-Murray Historical Society. The vast collection includes local history and genealogy research.

Tuesday-Friday 10am-4pm and Saturday 9am-1pm 715 Chattanooga Avenue (706) 278-0217 whitfield-murrayhistoricsociety.com

## West Hill Cemetery

The cemetery boasts an impressive collection of grave markers that represent every period of mortuary landscape architecture from 1844 to present day. The cemetery also has a number of mausoleums of varying size, including large family tombs of granite and marble. To the west of the chapel is the Confederate Cemetery with 421 graves marked by simple stone markers, few of which bear a name. From downtown, take Cuyler St. West to the cemetery.

#### Chieftains Trail

The Chieftains Trail guides travelers to nine public sites representative of the Native American Cultures that once thrived in this region. Dalton is one of four gateway cities where you can begin your exploration. www.chieftainstrail.com

The Emery Center Constructed in 1886 the institution was built to address the educational needs of African-American children between the ages of seven and sixteen. Today the exhibits include contributions of local Daltonians, Major Richard Robert Wright, the first President of Savannah State University, Major League Baseball Player Harry"Suitcase" Simpson, and Historian Levi Branham, author of "My Life and Travels," are evident of the rich and diverse history of the **Dalton and Northwest** Georgia area. The center's vast collection offers visitors an in-depth look at history from a local, state, national, and international perspective.

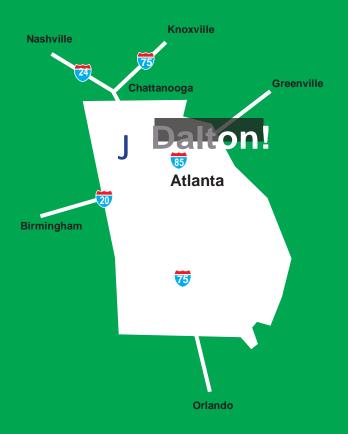
110 West Emery Street (706) 277-7633

Open by appointment.

## Old Federal Road Driving Tour

In 1805, the U.S. and Cherokee established the Treaty of Tellico to build the Federal Road through Cherokee territory. Driving the route takes about three hours. The audio CD tour may be purchased at the W&A Railroad Museum.

215 Clisby Austin Road Tunnel Hill, GA 30755 (706) 876-1571





305 S. Depot St. Dalton, GA 30720 www.VisitDaltonGA.com (800) 331-3258



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