



# explore jasper county GA

History  
Heritage  
& Adventure

Hillsboro  
Monticello  
Shady Dale

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## So Many Ways to Explore

**See** central Georgia's best kept secrets in Jasper County. Whether it is **bicycling, photography, hiking, horseback riding, hunting, fishing, or a relaxing game of golf**, you're sure to find outdoor fun waiting for you!

**Share** in the local experience on Saturday mornings, and visit the local **Farmers Market**. The months of May through September are extra special on the downtown Square in Monticello.

**Visit** landmarks of yesteryear and submerge yourself in the lavish history that includes preserved **Trails of Indigenous Peoples**, **Award-Winning Musicians**, and an **Academy Award** winning film.

### TRAILHEAD, VISITORS' CENTER & MUSEUM

» Located in a renovated general department store at 119 West Washington Street on the downtown Square in Monticello, the **Trailhead and Visitors' Center** is a resource center for everything you want to know while exploring Jasper County.



## Explore Here

- » Benjamin Harvey Hill Historic Site
- » Cedar Creek Wildlife Management
- » Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center and Museum
- » Dow's Pulpit
- » Historic Markers and Monuments
- » Jackson Lake
  - Bear Creek Marina
  - Berry's Boat Dock
  - Martin's Marina
  - Turtle Cove
- » Hunter Pope Country Club
- » Monticello Crossroads Scenic Byway and Trailhead
- » Monticello Farmer's Market (May - September)
- » National Register of Historic Places
- » Oconee National Forest
  - Bird Watching Trails
  - Boat Landings
  - Equestrian Trails
  - Hiking Trails
  - Ocmulgee Flats Hunt Camp
  - Ocmulgee Mill Run
  - Ocmulgee River and River Trail
- » Piedmont National Wildlife Refuge
- » Seven Islands Indian Trail
- » Seven Islands Stagecoach Route
- » Shady Dale Well
- » Sherman's March to the Sea Route
- » Trisha Yearwood Parkway
- » Visitors' Center and Museum

» In Jasper County, our agriculture, natural resources, rural setting, and historic qualities appeal to the day tourist who enjoys the outdoors. The beauty that is Jasper County is found in rolling hills and pine forests, pasture land, fields of hay, cattle farms, pecan groves, ponds, streams, a river and lake, making the scenery a "must see."

## HISTORIC HOMES & MONTICELLO

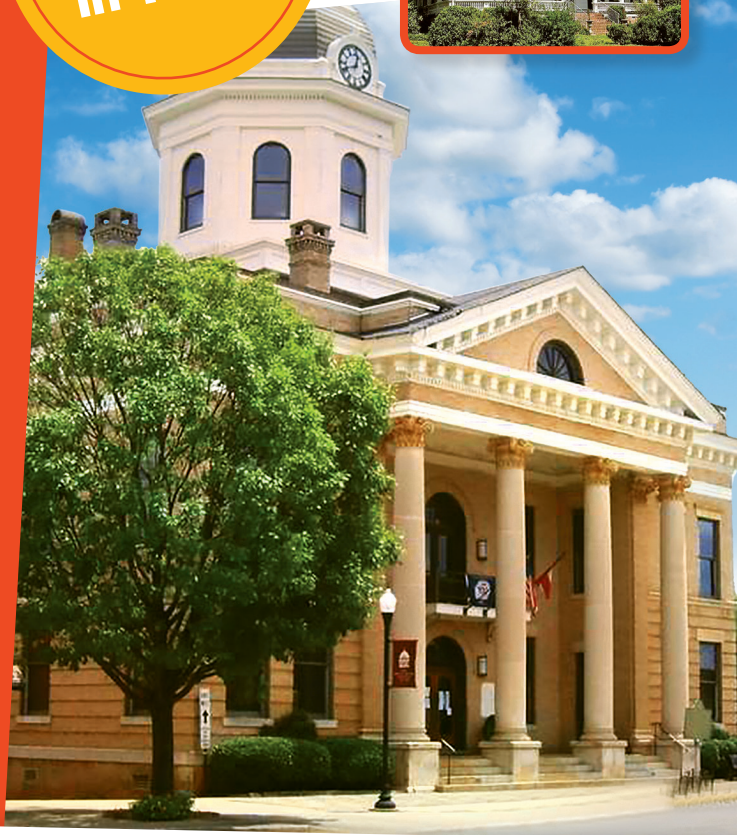
Monticello was designated the county seat of Randolph County (later Jasper County) on December 10, 1808, and was listed August 8, 1997 on the National Register of Historic Places.

**Architectural styles** include Greek Revival, Gothic Revival, Italianate, Queen Anne, Second Empire, English Tudor, Colonial Revival, Neoclassical, and Craftsman. There are five cemeteries of historical significance in the city.

### MONTICELLO'S MOTTO:

"Small town feel. Urban access.  
Endless opportunities."

Explore  
in Town



## HISTORIC MARKERS & LANDMARKS

- » Across the Ocmulgee
- » Birthplace of Benjamin Harvey Hill
- » Bethel Stagecoach Stop
- » Concord Church Stagecoach Stop
- » Dow's Pulpit
- » Hebron Baptist Church
- » Home of Senator Alfred Cuthbert
- » Isaac Parker Inn
- » Jackson Springs
- » Jasper County
- » Mill Run
- » Providence Baptist Church
- » Reese Home
- » Site of Inn
- » Sherman's March to the Sea Route
- » The Old Lloyd Place
- » The Stoneman Raid

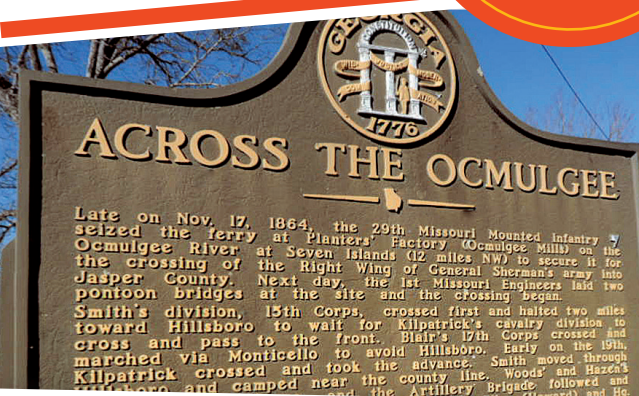
### MARCH TO THE SEA

**THE RIGHT WING:** A historic marker notes the Federal 14th Corps, accompanied by General Sherman, passed through Shady Dale on November 20, 1864 on their way toward the vicinity just west of Eatonton.



**THE LEFT WING:** On November 18-20, 1864, the entire Federal Right Wing and cavalry, over 33,000 men, crossed the Ocmulgee River on pontoon bridges at Seven Islands. Planters Factory was also burned; it had been making cotton cloth for the Confederacy. In Hillsboro, the headquarters for General Osterhaus's Federal 15th Corps was established here the night of November 19, 1864. Three 15th Corps divisions camped in the area that night and the fourth on the 21st.

Explore  
in Time



## Explore Outdoors



### CHARLIE ELLIOTT VISITORS' CENTER

» The **Charlie Elliott Visitors' Center** is the information "hub," so if you are not sure how to begin your outdoor adventures, start here. If you prefer learning about nature while indoors, you will love the museum housed inside the Visitors' Center! Come experience Charlie Elliott's life through the collection of books, photographs and other hunting and fishing memorabilia that he donated. The museum also houses a replica of Charlie's actual den, interactive wildlife exhibits, a freshwater aquarium and a bird-viewing alcove, which overlooks the ponds and plant garden.

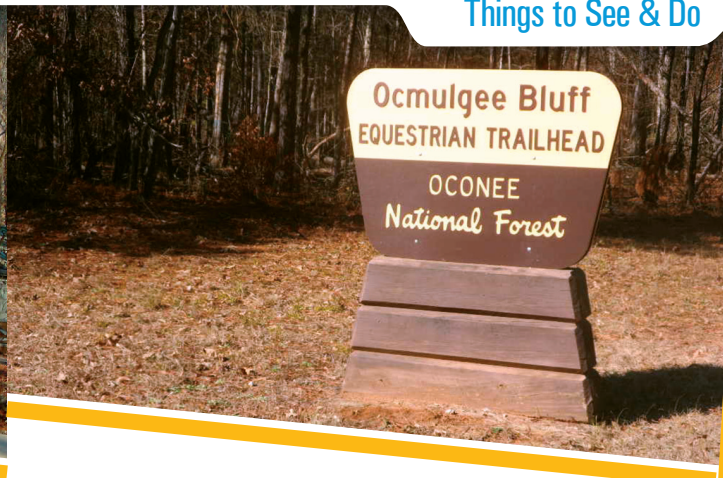
### CHARLIE ELLIOTT WILDLIFE CENTER

» This 6,400-acre wooded land with 22 ponds is managed by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. It is the perfect spot for fishing, plus there are shooting and archery ranges. Hiking, biking, hunting, primitive camping, self-guided driving tours, bird watching, horseback riding, and picnicking are all available for you to enjoy.



Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center | 543 Elliott Trail | Mansfield, GA 30055  
770.784.3059 | Directions from Monticello: Highway 11 North  
[www.georgiawildlife.com/CharlieElliott](http://www.georgiawildlife.com/CharlieElliott)

*"There are heartbeats in the wilderness. They share our moments in the mountains, in the swamps, and in and on the waters of our land, wherever we might be: They are the large part of the reason we are there, whether with a camera, gun, fishing rod, or pack sack on." -Charlie Elliott*



### OCMULGEE BLUFF EQUESTRIAN TRAILHEAD

Directions: Smith Mill Road Access on Hwy 16 West or Hwy 83 South

» Hikers, bicyclists, and horseback riders find Jasper County's multi-use trails to be a big attraction. This **16-mile trail** is in the Oconee National Forest. This is great for day rides with the use of the trailhead and day camp. Overnight camping is available on Forest Service Road 1099 at **Ocmulgee Flats Hunt Camp**. Meander along the Ocmulgee River, Georgia's red dirt hills blanketed by pine forest, and rich bottomlands shaded by the forest's towering canopies. You can kayak, canoe, or fish at the **Marjorie Kahn Boating Access Area**.

Get the Forest Service App at  
[www.fsusda.gov](http://www.fsusda.gov)

### JACKSON LAKE & OCMULGEE RIVER

» **Jackson Lake** is one of the oldest reservoirs in Georgia which provides a location for swimming, boating, water sports, skiing, wakeboarding, fishing, camping, and picnic areas. Below the lake is Lloyd Shoals Dam which serves as the lake's outlet to the Ocmulgee River. There is a public boat ramp and picnic area at the **Ocmulgee River Public Boat Ramp**. Explore the Ocmulgee by spending a day tubing or kayaking down the river.



» At **Turtle Cove** enjoy golf, tennis, picnic areas, swimming, beaches, boat ramps, and clubhouse — all on the waterfront.

## BIRD WATCHING

Directions: Clay Road, National Forest Service Roads 1016, 1013, 1032. You will also find birds in the Charlie Elliott Wildlife Piedmont and National Wildlife Refuge area.

» Bird watchers, cast your binoculars on the endangered **Red Cockaded Woodpecker**, the federally protected Bald Eagle, and many species of concern - the Bachman Sparrow, Wood Thrush, Swainson's Warbler, and Yellowbilled Cuckoo birds.



## MONTICELLO CROSSROADS SCENIC BYWAY

Directions: State Hwy 11 North and Hwy 83 North - from county line to the Trailhead. Visitors' Center: 119 West Washington Street, Monticello, Ga

» Pine forests and rolling pastures dominate the views along the Scenic Byway roads as it runs through the Jasper County. This 29-mile byway emphasizes the rural and historic qualities of the area as it follows **Native Americans** and **evangelical Methodist circuit riders** who once used these routes as they crossed the state.  
<http://scenicbyways.info/byway/1324>

## SEVEN ISLANDS ROAD INDIAN TRAIL

» Enjoy a nostalgic ride through Jasper County on this dirt road that was once an Indian trail that **dates back to 1670**. It later became a stage coach route from Barksdale Ferry on the Savannah River to Whatley Ferry on the Chattahoochee River.

## DEER CAPITAL OF GEORGIA

» Jasper County has been designated the **Deer Capital of Georgia**. For Georgia hunting regulations and seasonal dates: [www.georgiawildlife.com](http://www.georgiawildlife.com)

Explore  
on the Trail



## SHADY DALE RODEO

Directions: Hwy 83, Shady Dale, Ga

» Held the first full weekend in June since 1983 (Friday and Saturday at 8 pm), this IPRA-sanctioned professional rodeo event produced by Southern Rodeo Company is attended by thousands. The rodeo has been voted the **"Number One Outdoor Rodeo in the Southeast"** many times.

## THE DEER FESTIVAL

» This event has been celebrating the county's designation as **"The Deer Capital" of Georgia since 1966**. On the first Saturday in November, the downtown square of Monticello fills with an air of excitement! About 5,000 people faithfully attend, looking for that special art or craft and specialty food. The festival has something for everyone including a parade, venison cook-off, children's activities, live entertainment, and more! Are you a walker or runner? Come and participate in the award-winning Deer Dash. This 5k Walk or Run and 1 Mile Fun Walk/Run is held the morning of the Annual Deer Festival.

## FARMER'S MARKET FESTIVAL

» Saturday mornings during the months of May through September are extra special on the downtown Square in Monticello. Our Farmer's Market Festival is filled with an abundance of **hometown flare and family atmosphere**. You will find seasonal homegrown and/or "Georgia Grown" fruits and vegetables, along with local crafts, organizations, and musicians, all ready to help make your day in a market festival atmosphere.

Explore  
Year Round

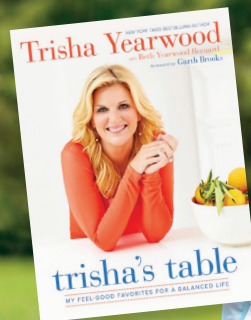


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CAMERA READY COMMUNITY

Visit *My Cousin Vinny* film sites at the Jasper County Courthouse, Dave's Barbecue, the downtown Square, and Sac-O-Suds. This film received an Academy Award, The American Comedy Award, and the MTV Award in 1993. Another movie filmed here was *The Bingo Long Traveling All-Stars & Moto Kings*. Jasper County has also been featured in scenes of *The Walking Dead*, *the Originals*, *Endless Love*, *Murder in Coweta County*, *Wiseblood*, and *Unspoken Words*.

## JASPER COUNTY NOTABLE NATIVES AND RESIDENTS

- » **Jason Aldean** - Award-winning country music artist
- » **James Barney Cobb, Jr. (J.R. Cobb)** — guitarist, songwriter and member of the Classics IV and the Atlanta Rhythm Section
- » **William A Connelly** - 6th Sergeant Major of the U.S. Army
- » **Rob Evan** - singer, actor in many Broadway musicals, including *The Dream Engine*
- » **Willis Flournoy** - Negro League baseball player
- » **Tiana Griggs** - Miss Georgia 2014 and Miss USA 2nd Runner-up
- » **Buckshot Jones** - NASCAR driver
- » **Ulysses Norris** - University of Georgia football player; 7 year NFL career with the Detroit Lions (5 years) and Buffalo Bills (2 years)
- » **John Gill Shorter** - 17th Governor of Alabama
- » **Odell Thurman** - University of Georgia and NFL football player
- » **Trisha Yearwood** - Grammy award-winning country music artist, decorator, and author of best-selling cookbooks

Explore  
in Trisha's  
Hometown

**COUNTRY STAR TRISHA YEARWOOD'S** story began in her tiny hometown of Monticello, GA. After moving to Nashville to study music business at Belmont University, the future **three-time Grammy award-winning artist** would spend time first as a tour guide at the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum and then as receptionist at a record company before signing her record deal. Now, millions of albums and countless accolades later, Yearwood is among the highest selling female artists in country music history. In addition to her music, Trisha is known for her three *New York Times* best-selling cookbooks, her Emmy award-winning TV show *Trisha's Southern Kitchen*, and most recently for her home furnishing collection.

## TRISHA'S SWEET ICED TEA

- » **4 large, family-size tea bags**
- » **16 cups of water**
- » **1½ cups of sugar**

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Fill a teakettle or saucepan with enough water to completely cover the tea bags, about 2 cups. Bring to a boil and remove from the heat. Let the tea stand for 10 minutes. Put the sugar into a gallon pitcher and add 1 cup of cold water. Stir to mix slightly. Pour the hot tea into the sugar mixture and stir until the sugar is dissolved. Stir in the remaining 13 cups of cold water to fill the pitcher.

Explore  
With Us



### All roads lead to Monticello!

Monticello is located 60 miles southeast of Atlanta and 40 miles northeast of Macon. Georgia State Highways 212, 11, 83, or 16 will lead you to the downtown Square.

# JASPER COUNTY GEORGIA

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