



Break out the camera and capture the beauty of spring in Georgia at the five most photographed places in Cartersville and Adairsville. All are just a short drive from Atlanta and there are plenty of attractions to capture in your lens, making this an ideal place for a springtime getaway with family and friends. Read on to see our five ideal backdrops, then see VisitCartersvilleGA.org to pick more things to see and do, the best places to eat, and to make hotel reservations.

Photo 1: Adairsville Canola Fields



Just north of Adairsville on US 41, is a golden site to behold this spring, as 1,000 acres of canola are blooming now. Brides-to-be, children, and prom dates have all flocked to these fields for brilliant roadside images. Pictured here, friend and author Amber Nagle and dog Cali could not resist capturing their sunny smiles on a recent evening outing.

Adairsville offers many unique locations for photography. As the first city in Georgia listed in its entirety on the National Register of Historic Places, here vintage-inspired photos

are a breeze. Just head down Main Street, also known as the Old Dixie Highway, and you'll find the downtown square with the 1840s W&A Railroad Depot, brick sidewalks, and Victorian mercantile buildings. Just south of the town square, adjacent to the railroad, is the Adairsville Gin which

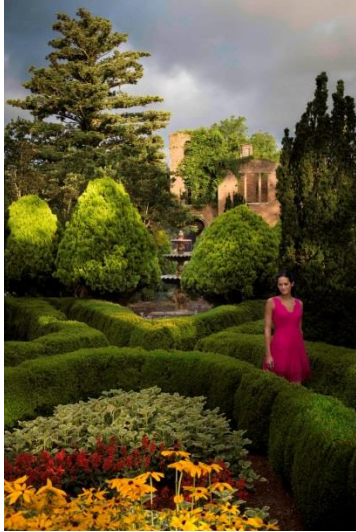


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offers a more rustic framework for photography.

Continue south on US 41 to Manning Mill Park for a natural, woodland setting. This recreational park is built around a sparkling lake with nature trails, ducks and geese.

Photo 2: Historic Barnsley Gardens



Centuries-old brick ruins, historic gardens, and luxury resort amenities attract visitors to Barnsley Resort in every season, but the resort is arguably most beautiful in spring. Guests enjoy walking through the legendary gardens created with love by Godfrey Barnsley for his wife Julia.

Photo shoots here are subject to advance reservation and a fee. The Barnsley Resort Photography Policy available online at BarnsleyResort.com provides more details. Reservations may be made by calling 770-773-7480.

An unexpected photographic surprise for resort guests is the Barnsley Barnyard.

Included with the price of Garden Admission, the Barnyard is open for visits from 8:30 AM-4:30 PM (when not reserved for a special event). Animal encounters may include sheep, miniature horses, a pot-bellied pig, donkeys, a goat and more. Be sure to call ahead for interactive experiences such as feedings or pony carousel rides.



Photo 3: Rose Lawn – May Market



Victorian architecture, a rustic carriage house, and 200 roses in bloom on a three-acre historic district estate attract both amateur and professional photographers to Rose Lawn Museum in downtown Cartersville. Once home to renowned evangelist Samuel Porter Jones, the museum is open Tuesday-Friday for tours and serves as a special events home each weekend. Guests should call ahead (770-387-5162) to ensure availability when planning photos at Rose Lawn.

Two weekends each year, the museum and grounds are open to the public during two of the region's best arts & crafts festival. The spring celebration, May Market, is held the first weekend each May. More than 75 artists and vendors participate in the event which is open Saturday 10 AM-6 PM and Sunday Noon-5 PM. Admission is free. The



museum's well-known autumn event, The Arts Festival at Rose Lawn, has been held each September since 1976, and boasts more than 150 artists and handcrafters participating in the two-day juried festival. During each event guests can bring their cameras inside to capture Rev. Sam Jones' legacy.

Photo 4: First Coca-Cola Wall Sign



It may look a little different than today's iconic brand, but that's because the World's First Outdoor Painted Wall Sign for Coca-Cola was not commissioned by the corporate marketing team. Instead, the advertising marvel was painted on the side of Young Brother's Pharmacy in downtown

Cartersville in 1894, by an industrious syrup salesman.

James Couden believed that if he could just tell people to "Drink Coca-Cola" that they would be reminded of their thirst when stepping off the train, causing them to venture inside Cartersville's oldest business for refreshment. Look carefully at the sign and you'll see just how feverishly Couden worked, as he left out the "l" in "Drink," adding it after the sign was finished.

The rest truly is history, and today thousands of selfies are shot here in downtown Cartersville as visitors continue to "Have a Coke and a Smile."

Photo 5: Old Car City USA



Old Car City USA, just northeast of Cartersville in White, Georgia, is the world's largest known classic car junkyard with more than 4,000 vehicles. Photographers from across the globe have been captivated by how nature has intertwined, sometimes literally, with the cars rusting daily at Old Car City. What began as a family-owned and operated car dealership in 1931, has become a unique attraction of "ghosts of beautiful classic cars," and folk art.

Lauded by CBS

Sunday Morning, the *New York Times*, *Roadside America* and many more, this attraction is a must-see for auto and photo enthusiasts alike. Old Car City USA is open Wednesday-Saturday 9 AM- 4 PM. General photographic admission is \$25 per person. Commercial photographers should call for a reservation, 770-382-6141.



Planning a visit? See the Cartersville-Bartow County Convention & Visitors Bureau

The Cartersville-Bartow County Convention & Visitors Bureau provides free information on Cartersville, Adairsville, Emerson and all of Bartow County, plus brochures from 300 destinations in Georgia. The CVB operates the Official Georgia Local Welcome Center and the Clarence Brown Conference Center, both at 5450 State Route 20 in Cartersville at I-75 Exit 290 west. Visitor assistance is available Monday-Friday 8:30 AM-5 PM. On Saturday stop in 11 AM-4 PM at the historic Railroad Depot in downtown Cartersville. Free local brochures are available at both locations 24-hours daily. For information call 770-387-1357 or visit online at www.VisitCartersvilleGA.org.

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