DID YOU KNOW?

- Cartersville is the smallest town in the U.S. with two Smithsonian Affiliate Museums, with a third rising now as the Savoy Automobile Museum hopes to open in late 2020.
- The Cartersville area is home to one of the world’s few Styrofoam Cup Art Gallery – a unique site to behold.
- Georgia’s First State Park for African Americans is George Washington Carver Park, along with the soon-to-reopen Pine Acres Retreat, are true landmarks in Georgia’s Civil Rights History. Both are maintained by the Cartersville-Bartow CVB. Let us tell you more stories for Black History Month, including how the gravesite of First Lady Michele Obama’s great-great-great grandmother was found in Kingston, Georgia.
- The largest camel herd in Georgia lives at Cartersville’s Pettit Creek Farms. Georgia’s oldest restaurant without a telephone is Cartersville’s 4-Way Lunch.
- The World’s Largest Know’d Junkyard–or so the sign says–is Old Car City USA – See how nature’s canvas reacts with rusty gold in this photographer’s paradise.

CARTERSVILLE AT A GLANCE

Smithsonian-affiliated museums, unique findings, such as Old Car City USA, and two performing arts theatres make Cartersville a destination with small town charm and big city offerings. Bring your appetite, too, because Cartersville is also a dining destination with a variety of curated places to shop.

WHAT’S NEW

Barnsley Resort—In addition to the Inn at Barnsley Resort and Georgian Hall Conference Center, which opened in 2018, North Georgia’s enchanting resort brings you:

High Adventure Shooting Grounds—Barnsley’s Springbank Plantation joined forces with America’s leading provider of high-end sporting adventures to establish the newly branded High Adventure Shooting Grounds at Barnsley Resort. Enjoy 3,000 acres of world-class upland bird hunting and clays shooting adventures.

Another BIG partnership is coming in January 2019—ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE SENT TO YOU FOLLOWING MEDIA MEETUP!

The Golf School—Master Teaching Professional Travis Nance will lead the golf program at Barnsley Resort. The addition includes an indoor teaching studio, TrackMan radar systems and private instruction for all levels of play. Barnsley Resort is the exclusive Atlanta-area location for PXG club fittings. Two-day golf school packages are available.

Commanders in Chief—A Living Art Exhibit at Booth Western Art Museum through late 2019

Texas philanthropist, businessman, patriot and Vietnam Veteran, Harry Patterson, purchased a 13’ x 20’ Ross Rossin painting from the Booth Museum which depicted the United States Presidents of the 20th century. Patterson has additionally commissioned Rossin to paint two more canvasses: the 23 Founding Fathers from the 19th century and the three Presidents of the 21st century—Bush, Obama and Trump. These two masterpieces, combined with the current Patterson purchase, will hit the road headed across America in a traveling art exhibit (TBA in 2020).
WHAT'S COMING 2019-2021

Andy Warhol Exhibit at Booth Western Art Museum—August 24, 2019-January 12, 2020
The first museum exhibition to fully explore Andy Warhol’s love of the west represented in his art, movies, attire, relationships and collecting, a major traveling exhibition of more than 100 objects and works of art.

At Tellus Science Museum
Georgia Stone: Building a Nation—February 9, 2019-January 5, 2020
This special exhibit focuses on how stone and minerals from Georgia have shaped the nation.

Rediscovering the Moon—Opens July 20, 2019
Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the first manned lunar landing, this exhibit explores all we have learned about the Moon from 60 years of manned and unmanned lunar exploration.

Pine Acres Retreat—Opens March 2019
This former girl scout camp known as Camp Pine Acres, is located on picturesque Lake Allatoona and was originally part of the acreage subleased by John Atkinson for George Washington Carver Park (GWCP), and thus began a partnership with the Atlanta Girl Scout Council to provide a place for young black scouts to camp, learn to swim and enjoy outdoor activities. The property will offer event venues, overnight lodging with cabins, camping pods, a pool, picnic shelters, an archery range, pebble beach and other outdoor recreation. Finally, for the first time since 1950, the Lake Allatoona shoreline once set aside as Georgia’s First State Park for African Americans is “Whole Again” under the operation of the Cartersville-Bartow County Convention & Visitors Bureau, via management agreement with Bartow County Government.

Savoy Automobile Museum—Opening 2021
An endeavor of Georgia Museums, Inc., the same organization that oversees Booth Western Art Museum, Tellus Science Museum and Bartow History Museum, this 35-acre campus will feature the museum with 65,000 sq. ft. of exhibit space in four galleries, a presentation theatre and on-site café; storage and garage facilities housing 150+ cars, and an outdoor pavilion to accommodate large-scale year-round car shows, concerts and cruise-ins.

FEET ON THE GROUND ADVENTURE
Whether diving deep into the waters or climbing high above the city, outdoor adventure awaits in Cartersville. Hike a stream-filled forest studded with vast granite outcrops, 1,562 feet above sea level, the highest point in the city with rewarding views of Lake Allatoona, Stone Mountain and Kennesaw Mountain.

• Red Top Mountain State Park—Special programs, hiking, camping, cabins—plus archery, water skiing and, for newbies, a First Time Camper Program, with all equipment included.
• Superhuman Skills Not Required—Terminus Wake Park’s running cable system gives the thrill of towed watersports without a boat. Choose from wakeboarding, wake skating, kneeboarding or water-skiing. No experience? No problem. STORY TIP – Ask us how a Grandfather age 70 got hooked on wakeboarding here and put in enough laps to take him to Los Angeles and back!
• Lake Allatoona—Cottages, Campgrounds, marinas, boat launches and boat rentals make this a destination for lake lovers.
• Tubing and Kayaking—Bring-your-own equipment or rent it on the Etowah River Trail and Euharlee Creek Outfitters.

EYE CANDY AND BRAIN FOOD: BEST-IN-CLASS MUSEUMS
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At the Tellus Science Museum, eye-popping exhibits, like an 80 foot-long Apatosaurus and a replica Wright flyer, excite and amaze. Children have a blast conducting hands-on experiments with light, sound, magnets and more. Dazzling gems and minerals sparkle and glow alongside interactive exhibits demonstrating how the Earth moves and changes. Quiet Mornings at Tellus enables those with different sensory processing skills to have a fun and interactive learning experience.

BOUJTIQUE RESTAURANTS, LOCAL FLAVORS
Discover the flavors of Downtown Cartersville. From quintessential Southern barbecue and “meat & threes” to contemporary casual family eateries to white tablecloth dining, Cartersville’s eclectic culinary scene is hitting its stride with 14 chef-owned & operated restaurants. You’ll find traditional favorites as well as delightful chef inspirations.

Legacy of Local Food Love
Georgia’s 100 Plates Locals Love
• Table 20’s Georgia Trout—2018
• Taverna Mediterranean Grill’s Italian Pot Roast—2018
• Maine Street Coastal Cuisine’s Shrimp & Grits—2016
• 2017’s plate was the Redneck Reuben from Johnny Mitchell’s Smokehouse and is now available only with catered affairs.
• Swheat Market’s Black Bean Burger—2015
NEW! Vine to Tap
• Cartersville neighbor Big Door Vineyards is a farm winery founded on friendship, vintage wine and memorable times. Go for a wine tasting and enjoy small acoustic performances on the winery pier.
• Award-winning home brewers in Cartersville are opening Drowned Valley Brewing Company in March 2019 to share their beer with YOU!

ONLY IN CARTERSVILLE
• World’s First Coca-Cola Sign—See Where the Iconic Advertising Began in Cartersville
• 1886 Euharlee Covered Bridge and Museum, a landmark on “Georgia’s Covered Bridge Trail”
• Old Car City USA—The world’s largest known classic car junkyard covers 34 acres with six miles of walking trails through more than 4,000 cars on display in all their rusted glory. Additional oddities include the owner’s extensive Styrofoam cup folk art collection and Elvis Presley’s last automobile.
• 4-Way Lunch & Ross’ Diner – The first has been in business since 1931 and not having a telephone has not hurt their success. A fire in the 1990s didn’t even slow them down. Locals became somewhat devided with the latter appeared on the lunchcounter scene in 1945. The result – two small town diners that fuel a great passion in their followers. You be the judge!

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