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MORGAN COUNTY TOURISM

Visitor's Guide

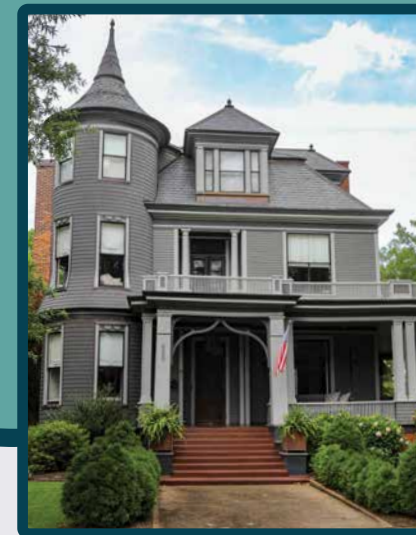
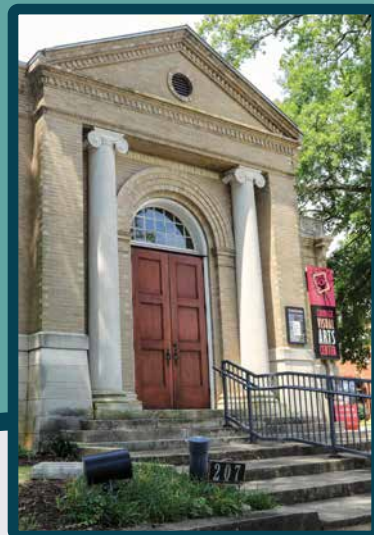


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Attractions

VISIT WORLD CLASS MUSEUMS, ENJOY ART,
& STROLL THROUGH HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOODS.



Cook Museum of Natural Science

133 4TH AVE. NE, DECATUR

Discover something amazing at Cook Museum of Natural Science, a world-class, hands-on museum with over 2,000 exhibits and artifacts. The museum includes many hands on, interactive exhibits that delight and engage children and adults alike. Learn about local wildlife and endangered species, walk through a cave, explore oceans, forests, and the stars.

COOKMUSEUM.ORG

Carnegie Visual Arts Center

207 CHURCH ST. NE, DECATUR

Visit the Carnegie Visual Arts Center and experience their latest rotating art exhibit. As a non-profit, cultural, educational, and community-service organization, the center provides an environment which promotes learning, creation and appreciation of the visual arts.

CARNEGIEARTS.ORG

Point Mallard Park

2901 POINT MALLARD DR. SE,
DECATUR

Point Mallard Park, one of Alabama's most visited attractions, features a water park, a beautiful wooded campground, a scenic 18-hole golf course, and is the location for many local festivals and events. Point Mallard's 35-acre water park features America's first Wave Pool, the Duck Pond and Squirt Factory kid's pools, a lazy river, two new drop slides and more!

POINTMALLARDPARK.COM

Alabama's Largest Victorian Era Historic Neighborhoods

207 CHURCH ST. NE, DECATUR

The Old Decatur and Albany Historic Districts of Decatur make up the largest concentration of Victorian era craftsmen and bungalow homes in Alabama. A diverse display of architectural styles showcase the changing trends in American architecture. Both neighborhoods are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. A detailed tour map and brochure are available at the visitor center.

VISITDECATURAL.ORG

Attractions

EXPLORE MORGAN COUNTY'S RICH HISTORY FROM THE CIVIL WAR, TO THE IMPORTANCE OF THE RAILROAD, TO CIVIL RIGHTS.



Decatur Historic Depot & Railroad Museum

701 RAILROAD ST. NW, DECATUR

The historic Decatur Union Passenger Depot was built by the Southern Railway in 1905 and is a symbol of the city's rich railroad heritage which extends back to the 1830s when the first railroad west of the Allegheny Mountains was built. Today, the Historic Depot and Railroad Museum features the original ticket office, a number of artifacts, and an extensive model train layout.

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Old State Bank & Museum

925 BANK ST. NE, DECATUR

Since its construction in 1833, the Old State Bank has weathered two depressions and a Civil War, and has served as a hospital, guardhouse, bank and dance hall. The Bank is an example of Classic Revival architecture and was named to the National Register of Historical Places in 1972. Visit the Old State Bank to view antiques from the Federal and Empire Period or schedule a personal tour to learn more about the bank's unique role in local history.

DECATURPARKS.COM



Morgan County Archives

624 BANK ST. NE, DECATUR

The 1927 Tennessee Valley Bank Building located on Decatur's historic Bank Street, holds approximately 1,500 cubic feet of archival and manuscript materials. Permanent displays include: the Civil War in Morgan County, the Scottsboro Boys landmark civil rights trial and Veterans of Morgan County.

DECATURPARKS.COM



Hartselle's Historic Downtown & Depot

110 RAILROAD ST. SW, HARTSELLE

Stroll through Hartselle's historic and charming downtown and visit unique shops and restaurants. 69 of the downtown buildings have been nominated for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places due to their architectural and historic significance. Built in 1914, the Hartselle Depot includes historical displays provided by the Hartselle Historical Society.

HARTSELLECHAMBER.COM

Festivals & Events



YEAR AROUND

Princess Theatre for the Performing Arts

DECATUR

The historic art deco style Princess Theatre began as a livery stable in 1887 but was transformed into a vaudeville and silent film playhouse in 1919. Listed in the National Register of Historic Places, the 677-seat theatre now serves as Decatur's performing arts center and features renowned musicians, national theatre productions, and local performances. Visit the website to learn about current and upcoming events.

PRINCESSTHEATRE.ORG

Step Out Trail

MORGAN COUNTY

The Trail is a year-round shopping and outdoor fun experience for all ages. It is a collection of businesses that have come together to promote local agriculture and their fellow local businessmen. Enjoy shopping for locally grown produce, and enjoy making memories in a range of fun, outdoor activities—birdwatching, canoeing, zip-lining, and more!

STEPOUTTRAIL.ORG

Downtown Turtle Trail

DECATUR

Ten bronze turtles are hidden in various locations along 2nd Avenue, each with a unique accessory that reveals something special about Decatur's history on that site. Use these clues to find all ten!

DECATURDOWNTOWN.ORG/TURTLE-TRAIL/

THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE VISIT
DECATUR-MORGAN COUNTY
EVERY YEAR TO ENJOY ART, CULTURAL,
OUTDOOR, & RECREATIONAL FESTIVALS & EVENTS.

JAN.

Festival of Cranes

DECATUR

More than 14,000 Sandhill Cranes and several pairs of Whooping Cranes spend the winter at Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge. Events include viewing the cranes up close, birding workshops and nature walks, kid's activities, sponsor booths, and live raptors.

FRIENDSOFWHEELERREFUGE.ORG

APRIL

Free Historic District Walking Tours

DECATUR & HARTSELLE

Embrace the history and beauty of Morgan County, Alabama, with a guided walking tour through the Old Decatur and Albany Historic Districts in Decatur, and Hartselle's Historic Downtown Commercial District. These free tours are usually offered on Saturday mornings from Memo.

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MAY

The Alabama Jubilee Hot-Air Balloon Classic

DECATUR

Held each Memorial Day Weekend, pilots from across the United States gather to compete in balloon races. This free event lets visitors mingle with the pilots as they inflate and launch their seven story tall balloons for 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. races. The festival also features arts and crafts, antique car, tractor and engine shows, live entertainment and an international food court. Saturday night features the "balloon glow" and fireworks take place on Sunday night.

ALABAMAJUBILEE.NET

FEB.

Carnegie Carnival

DECATUR

The Carnegie Carnival takes place over two days in Historic Downtown Decatur. This family-friendly, Mardi-Gras-style celebration includes The Carnival Canines Parade for dogs, The Prince and Princess Parade for children, the Carnegie Carnival Parade, a Carnival Crewe Party, and the Carnival Red Beans and Rice Cook-Off.

CARNEGIEARTS.ORG

MAY

Daikin Japanese Festival

DECATUR

Every year, the Decatur Plant of Daikin America hosts a festival intended to introduce more people to Japanese culture. Attracting more than 17,000 visitors, participants receive a traditional Japanese "happy coat" and enjoy delicacies such as yakisoba and Southern Barbeque.

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APRIL-OCT.

3rd Friday Downtown

DECATUR

Every third Friday of the month from April through October, downtown Decatur comes alive with family-friendly activities, live entertainment on every block, delectable restaurant dining, and special merchant sales at great little shops.

DOWNTOWNDECATUR.ORG/VISIT

MAY

Dragon Boat Race & Festival

DECATUR

Hosted by the Decatur Morgan Hospital Foundation, the Dragon Boat Race Festival features up to 60 teams racing on the Tennessee River in authentic 46-foot long Hong Kong style dragon boats, with 10 seats, 20 paddlers, a drummer, and a steerer.

DECATURMORGANFOUNDATION.ORG

JUNE

Dine En Blanc

DECATUR

Held annually in June, At the last minute, the secret location is revealed to thousands of friends who have all been patiently waiting to learn where "Dîner en Blanc" will take place. Thousands of people, dressed all in white, and conducting themselves with the greatest decorum, elegance, and etiquette, all meet for a mass "chic picnic" in a public space.

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Festivals & Events



JULY

Spirit of America Festival

DECATUR

This fourth of July event is an annual family-friendly event offering games, sports tournaments, entertainment, food and craft vendors, booming fireworks, and presentation of the Audi Murphy Patriotism Award.

SPIRITOFAMERICAFESTIVAL.COM

SEPT.

Sizzle & Smoke

DECATUR

Sizzle and Smoke will be both a KCBS sanctioned and SCA sanctioned World BBQ and Steak Cook-Off. Both pro and backyard BBQ teams from all over the country will settle in Decatur mid-September. The winner of this competition will automatically receive a Golden Ticket to the World Food Championship Cook-Off.

SEPT.

Hartselle Depot Days

HARTSELLE

Held the third Saturday in September, Hartselle Depot Days celebrates the history of the railroad and its contribution to the area. Festivities include a street dance, live bands, truck, motorcycle, and antique tractor shows, custom crafts, merchant sales, booth activities and exhibits throughout downtown, midway-style rides, a 5k run, and plenty of concessions.

HARTSELLECHAMBER.COM

SEPT.

The Battle for Decatur

DECATUR

Held each Labor Day weekend, this free Civil War reenactment commemorates the 4-day battle for Decatur in 1864. More than 200 reenactors engage in daily battles, drills, and Civil War camp tours. A guided Decatur Civil War Walking Tour is held on Saturday afternoon.

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NOV.

Día De Los Muertos Celebration

DECATUR

Held in Downtown Decatur is a colorful celebration of the Mexican holiday. Día de los Muertos also known as the “Day of the Dead” is a chance to honor and remember lost loved ones. Decatur’s celebration includes a family-friendly street festival with music, traditional Mexican food, and even a community altar for families to remember their deceased together.

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THE FESTIVALS & EVENTS IN DECATUR-MORGAN COUNTY CELEBRATE BBQ, HISTORY, THE ARTS, & LOCAL CULTURE.

SEPT.

Eva Frontier Days

EVA

Eva Frontier Days is a family-friendly event beginning the last full week of September, featuring Battle of the Bands, a street dance, community singing, a parade, an old-fashioned frog jumping contest, pig calling, greased pig chase, the world’s longest hayride, and more.

EVAFRONTIERDAYS.ORG



OCT.

River Clay Fine Arts Festival

DECATUR

Held annually on the 4th weekend of October, River Clay Fine Arts Festival brings together people from across the region to celebrate the visual arts in all its forms. The juried fine arts festival includes an artist market, artist demonstrations, children’s art activities, student art exhibits and much, much more.

RIVERCLAY.ORG



DEC.

Christmas Tour of Homes & Parade of Lights

DECATUR

Historic homes in Decatur’s two historic districts open their doors and invite the public to view the beautiful decorations inside. Carolers and seasonal seminars are also a part of the tour. The annual Christmas Parade of Boats begins at Riverwalk Marina and features dozens of watercraft of all sizes floating down the Tennessee River with seasonal music, floating Christmas trees and bright lights.

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Outdoor Adventures

WHEELER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

DECATUR

The Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge encompasses 34,500 acres of preserved woodlands and is home to one of the South's largest educational centers for waterfowl and wildlife studies. Features include: trails, a Visitor Center, a large glass observatory, and self-guided tours. Each year, thousands of Sandhill cranes and a wide variety of waterfowl winter at the refuge as well.

[FWS.GOV/WHEELER](https://www.fws.gov/wheeler)



Veterans Park

PRICEVILLE

The Morgan County Veterans Memorial is a one-acre park that features a fallen soldier monument and five Armed Forces black granite monuments listing the names of all the Morgan County residents who gave their lives in defense of our country.



Wheeler Lake

PRICEVILLE

Wheeler Lake is the largest lake located within the Wheeler Reservoir along the Tennessee River, stretching approximately 60 miles. The lake flows through the City of Decatur and has played host to many national fishing events, including the Bassmaster Top 150 Tournament, Bassmaster Invitational, Wal-Mart FLW, and the Crappie USA National Championship.

MARINAS

Ignalls Harbor

DECATUR

A site on the Alabama Bass Trail, Ingalls Harbor features a large boat launch and docking area often used by tournaments. Ingalls Harbor also includes a 27,000 square foot multi-purpose pavilion and green space.

[DECATURPARKS.COM](https://www.decaturoparks.com)

Riverwalk Marina

DECATUR

The Riverwalk Marina, located on the north bank of the Tennessee River at mile marker #305, features private slips and boathouses, public launching ramps, vending area, a restaurant, boat sales, and dock side gas/oil.

[DECATURSPORTS.COM](https://www.decatursports.com)

Brickyard Landing

DECATUR

Located on the south bank of the Tennessee River at mile marker #303.5, Brickyard Landing does not have a public boat launch, but includes 240 dry-docks, boat repair, waterfront marina store, and dock side gas/oil.

[BRICKYARDLANDINGMARINA.NET](https://www.brickyardlandingmarina.net)

Jay Landings Marina & RV Park

DECATUR

Located on the south bank of the Tennessee River at mile marker #302.5, Jay Landings Marina & RV Park features wet-slips, vending, RV sites, and a public boat launch for a fee.

[JAYLANDINGSMARINA.COM](https://www.jaylandingsmarina.com)



STEP OUTSIDE IN DECATUR-MORGAN COUNTY
& SPEND TIME ON THE RIVER,
ON A TRAIL, OR IN A PARK.

GOLF COURSES

Point Mallard Park

DECATUR

Point Mallard Golf Course features 18 manicured Tiftdwarf Bermuda greens designed to United States Golf Association (USGA) specifications and includes a modern clubhouse with a pro shop, restaurant, and shower and restroom areas. The 200-acre course has been recognized as "The Best Public Course to Play" by the Tennessee Valley Golf News and as one of the best three public courses to play in the state by members of the Dixie Section of the Professional Golfers Association of America (PGA).

[POINTMALLARDPARK.COM](https://www.pointmallardpark.com)

Quail Creek Golf Course

HARTSELLE

Quail Creek Golf Course is an 18-hole, par 71 course laid out over 6,007 yards of manicured greens. Quail Creek hosts many leagues and tournaments and features a pro shop, swimming pool, RV park and activity center.

[QUAILCREEKGOLF.COM](https://www.quailcreekgolf.com)

Tours & Trails



Point Mallard Indian Interpretive Trail

DECATUR

The Point Mallard Indian Interpretive Trail is a beautiful 5.5-mile natural walking trail that celebrates Native American culture in Morgan County and the Tennessee River area. The four connected trails honor four local chiefs: Cherokee Chiefs, Doublehead & Black Fox; Creek Chief, Bigfoot; and Chickasaw Chief, George Colbert.

The Alabama Scenic River Trail

MORGAN COUNTY

The trail is the longest and most experience-rich river trail in America—from mountain streams to multi-class whitewater to river delta and the salty waves of the Gulf of Mexico. The Decatur and Morgan County trail section explores the Tennessee River and Wheeler Natural Refuge.

ALABAMASCENICRIVERTRAIL.COM

North Alabama Birding Trail

MORGAN COUNTY

Decatur-Morgan County is part of the Central Loop of the North Alabama Birding Trail, which features over 50 designated stations that allow visitors to observe the birds in their native habitats. There are 18 stations located along the Central loop, including eight within the Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge in Morgan County. The Refuge embraces both banks of the Tennessee River and is home to more than 300 species of birds.

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Battle for Decatur Civil War Walking Tour

DECATUR

The Civil War Walking Tour winds through 13 blocks of the Old Decatur and New Albany Historic Districts, near downtown Decatur. The self-guided walking tour chronicles events surrounding Confederate General John Bell Hood's attempted advance across the Tennessee River, a four-day battle that took place in October of 1864.

The Decatur Trail of Tears Walking Tour

DECATUR

The Decatur Trail of Tears Walking Tour, part of the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail, highlights points of interest during the 1830's forced removal of Native American tribes from their southeastern tribal lands as they passed through Decatur en route to western reservations. The self-guided walking tour includes Rhodes Ferry Landing, Decatur Railroad Depot, the Dancy-Polk House, Old State Bank and the Rhea-McEntire House.

EXPLORE DECATUR-MORGAN COUNTY
BY THE TRAIL OR TOUR IN
THE THEME OF YOUR CHOICE.

African American Heritage Tour

DECATUR

Discover Decatur's African American Heritage and Freedom Pioneers with the Scottsboro boys walking, biking, and driving tour. Most of The Scottsboro Boys trials of the 1930's took place in Decatur, Alabama and rank among the most significant cases in American legal history.

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North Alabama Craft Beer Trail

DECATUR

The Cross Eyed Owl Brewing Company in Decatur is part of the North Alabama Craft Brew Trail. More than a dozen specialty and seasonal beers are offered at the brewery. Periodic special events including music, food trucks, and more are hosted by the brewery.

XEOBREWING.COM

Amen Trail

MORGAN COUNTY

This self-guided tour recognizes churches that define the heart of Decatur and Morgan County's rich and diverse cultural and spiritual heritage. Many of the churches featured on Morgan County's Amen Trail are at least 100 years old, on an original site, and still hold services today. Two of the 19 churches listed on the Amen Trail are also a part of North Alabama's Hallelujah Trail, published in The National Geographic's Driving Tours of Appalachia.

VISITDECATURAL.ORG

Moco Treat Trail

MORGAN COUNTY

Experience Morgan County's amazing pies, cakes, candy, and more with the Sweet Treats Trail! Check-in at 10 of the participating locations to earn a Sweet Treats Trail t-shirt from the Decatur Morgan County Tourism's visitor center. Enjoy all the deliciousness on the MoCo Sweet Treats Trail!

MoCo Mural Trail

MORGAN COUNTY

Take a free mural tour of Morgan County Alabama! Unique and vibrant murals are popping up all throughout MoCo! You can mix and match any of the locations on the MoCo Mural Trail to best fit your location and itinerary! Make sure to take a selfie and #VisitDecaturAl.

Downtown Turtle Trail

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Up and down Second Avenue, ten turtles are hidden in various locations, each with a unique accessory revealing something special about Decatur's history. Use the below clues to find the turtles on the Downtown Turtle Trail and learn about historical places and events along Second Avenue.

Bad & Boujee Bourbon Club

MORGAN COUNTY

We have created the Bad & Boujee Bourbon Club as a way to help promote our unique locations and their special offerings. The Bad and Boujee Bourbon Club would help bourbon lovers from all over come to Morgan County to have an enjoyable boujee experience with their drink of choice. Members of the Club will help promote the bourbon trail and receive many benefits from DMCT as well as a boost in business due to adding the popular drink to their menu of offerings.

PLAN YOUR NEXT ADVENTURE IN

Decatur-Morgan County, Alabama

Accommodations

- 1 BEST WESTERN RIVER CITY HOTEL
- 2 DECATUR INN
- 3 COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT
- 4 DOUBLETREE BY HILTON | RIVERFRONT
- 5 ECONO LODGE
- 6 HAMPTON INN
- 7 HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS & SUITES
- 8 HOME2 SUITES BY HILTON | INGALLS HARBOR
- 9 INTOWN SUITES
- 10 LAQUINTA
- 11 MAGNOLIA MOTEL
- 12 SLEEP INN
- 13 MOTEL 6
- 14 QUALITY INN
- 15 RESIDENCE INN
- 16 STAY LODGE EXTENDED STAY
- 17 STUDIO 9
- 18 BUDGET INN
- 19 COMFORT INN
- 20 DAYS INN
- 21 SUPER 8 MOTEL
- 22 EXPRESS INN
- 23 LACON MOTEL
- 24 QUAIL CREEK GOLF RESORT
- 25 RED ROOF INN
- 26 POINT MALLARD PARK & CAMPGROUND

Attractions

- A ALBANY HISTORIC DISTRICT
- B CARNEGIE VISUAL ARTS CENTER
- C CIVIL WAR WALKING TOUR
- D COOK MUSEUM OF NATURAL SCIENCE
- E DELANO PARK & SPLASH PAD
- F GOFAR USA PARK
- G INGALLS HARBOR & PAVILION
- H MORGAN COUNTY ARCHIVES
- I NORTH ALABAMA BIRDING TRAIL
- J OLD DECATUR HISTORIC DISTRICT
- K OLD STATE BANK & MUSEUM
- L PIPER AND LEAF TEA COMPANY
- M POINT MALLARD PARK
- N PRINCESS THEATRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS
- O REEVES PEACH FARM
- P WHEELER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE



With world-class museums, history, outdoor recreation, the arts, and fun festivals and events, you can create a memorable adventure in Decatur-Morgan County, Alabama. Whether you're here for a day or weekend trip, or an extended stay, we guarantee your visit will be unforgettable.

PLAN YOUR VISIT TO Decatur-Morgan County, Alabama!

The team of friendly professionals at Decatur Morgan County Tourism are committed to making your visit the most enjoyable ever. We offer a full-service Visitor Center with brochures, trail and tour information, festival & event information, and area maps. We can answer your questions about local and regional attractions and help you design a memorable visit. Remember to double check hours and dates before making a long drive.

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