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Just South of Savannah, but a world away . . .

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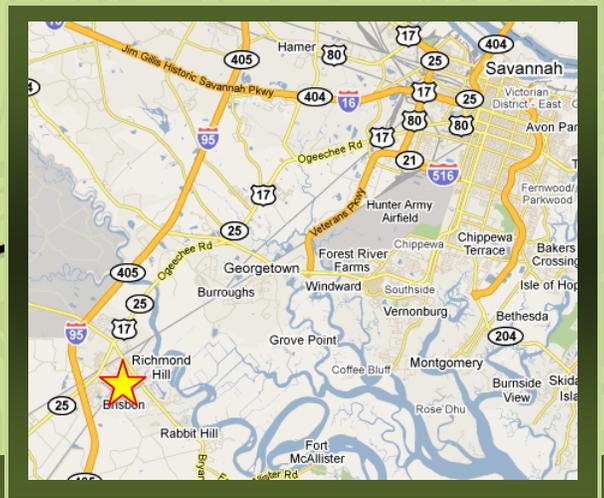
Relax...Unwind...Enjoy our slower pace. Richmond Hill is a serene and natural place to be on the GA Coast! We are centrally located, less than an hour from the most popular attractions in Savannah, Hilton Head, and the Golden Isles. Come experience a true “southern community” with our small town charm and friendly folks. Here you’ll tread on ground that once was home to the Guale Indians, rice plantation owners, Civil War heroes, and modern inventors.



Two historic figures exercised decidedly different impacts on our surroundings: Gen. William T. Sherman, who marched across our lives, and automobile magnate Henry Ford, who built us back up. When Sherman arrived in 1864 on his way to Savannah, he left a trail of destruction and poverty through Bryan County and our town, then known as Ways Station. Seventy-five years later, Henry and Clara Ford came to our rescue, building their winter estate on Sterling Bluff and constructing medical clinics, schools, a church, commissary, and homes for Ford’s 600 employees, and saved Ft. McAllister from demise.



In 1941, Ford and the local residents renamed our town from Ways Station to Richmond Hill in honor of Ford’s estate. Today, Richmond Hill is thriving as the quieter side of Savannah, centrally located to a large number of attractions on Georgia’s Coast. We have 3 marinas, 12 hotels, over 50 restaurants, and enough quaint shopping to keep you coming back for more.



**Environmental Innovation:**

- Richmond Hill City Center – Our new, LEED® *certified* conference and event center
- Richmond Hill Wastewater Treatment Plant - *Ecologically friendly* and a mecca for wildlife
- J.F. Gregory Park – Richmond Hill’s **330 acre park** has 3 miles of walking and biking trails, birding tower, indoor and outdoor event venues for any size group, modern playground and the Veterans Monument. It is also a part of the **GA Coastal Greenway** and the **Colonial Coast Birding Trail**.



### Festivals and Events:

- Great Ogeechee **Seafood Festival** – headlining bands, arts and crafts, great food, carnival, fun for the whole family ( [www.goseafoodfestival.com](http://www.goseafoodfestival.com) )
- Old Fashioned Fourth of July **Family Fun** – Great BBQ, entertainment and fireworks
- Holiday **Parade** and Chili Cook-off Weekend – Fantastic chili recipes to try, live entertainment and a fun holiday parade ( [www.richmondhill-ga.gov](http://www.richmondhill-ga.gov) )



### Arts and Entertainment:

- Local **Craftsman** and **Artists** - Make the most of the beauty and inspiration of the GA coast
- Arts on the Coast - sponsors numerous **arts and crafts events**, drama productions, and classes throughout the year (<http://artsonthecoast.org/> )
- Live Music and **Entertainment** – many local restaurants sponsor **live music** on weekends and for special events



### History

- Ft. McAllister State Park – Historical site, **museum** and one of the most popular **campgrounds** in GA
- Coastal Bryan Heritage Trail – Take a **driving tour** of South Bryan’s many historical sites ([www.richmondhillvisit.com/index.php/businesses/page/coastal\\_bryan\\_heritage\\_trail/](http://www.richmondhillvisit.com/index.php/businesses/page/coastal_bryan_heritage_trail/) )
- Veterans Monument @ J.F. Gregory Park – Come see Richmond Hill’s **monument** to our **local heroes**

### Henry Ford:

- **Builder** – Ford built many homes in Richmond Hill along with a church, community center and others that still exist today
- **Inventors** - Ford traveled to the area with Thomas Edison and Harvey Firestone. He built the first African American schoolhouse in our area and named it the Carver School after his friend and fellow inventor George Washington Carver
- **Museum** – The Ford Kindergarten is home to the Richmond Hill Historical Society and many Ford era artifacts
- **Mansion** – His family home on Sterling Bluff, site of the Richmond Plantation, is now a part of one of the best private golf communities in the US

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