



# Liberty County

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Liberty County, from wetlands and coastline to city life and urban jungles, we have a host of undiscovered gems waiting to be unearthed! One of only six counties on the beautiful Georgia coast, we would love to show you the Spanish moss gracefully draping our magnificent Live Oak trees, as well as the wide array of birds and wildlife who make their homes in our saltwater marshes and forests. Liberty County is a land of raw and haunting natural beauty, where the tourist can take a step back in time and really experience what our country was like 100 years ago. If nature is not your thing let us introduce some of today's rising musical and artistic talents!



Home to Hinesville, one of the fastest growing cities in Georgia, Liberty County has biking, kayaking, camping, fishing, hunting, birding, geocaching, festivals and so much more. We are also home to Fort Stewart and the 3rd Infantry Division, the largest Army Installation east of the Mississippi River. Come honor our heroes and view Warrior's Walk, a living tribute to those who have lost their lives in the fight for freedom.



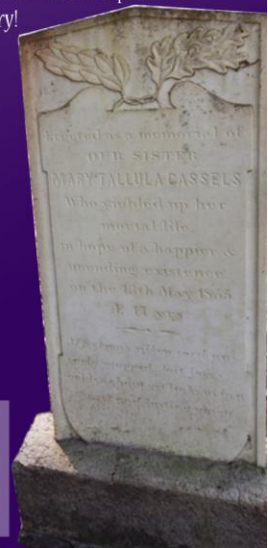
Museums, a State Park, historic sites, the place where Martin Luther King, Jr came to relax and so much more await you in this bustling coastal county. A community on the move, Liberty County has a host of experiences to keep you entertained and enthralled. Plan your trip today and come live our history!

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Services offered to Media

- Information packet containing area background, news releases, brochures and high-resolution images of selected area attractions. Available on CD.
- Area tours for visiting writers.



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## Liberty County Story Ideas

### Warrior's Walk

Home of the largest US Military Installation east of the Mississippi River and some 20,000 US Army Soldiers, Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield is teeming with family life and our heroes. One salute to the fallen that has become a pilgrimage to many is Warrior's Walk. An Eastern Red Bud Tree is planted in honor and memory of every 3rd ID soldier who has fallen. This spring as the trees bloomed, thousands tracked their daily progress on Facebook, Twitter and other social media outlets. This tribute to our Nation's heroes is something that is not to be missed. Liberty County has been referred to as one of the most important counties in the country in terms of American History. Liberty County is only one of three counties in Georgia not named for a person. Named instead for the unquenchable spirit of Liberty, Liberty County Georgia has been instrumental in shaping the landscape of America. From the Revolutionary War to the Civil War, Fort Morris to Fort Stewart, from the Civil Rights movement to the fight against terrorism, Liberty County has played a major role in every significant event in American history.



### Historic Treasures

The Liberty Trail offers sightseers and adventurers boundless opportunities to absorb the history of our country into their blood. From places like the Midway Museum, which is an original re-creation of a colonial structure, to the Dorchester Academy where legendary leaders like Martin Luther King Jr would come to unwind and play baseball while planning his next strategy in the fight for Civil Rights, Fort Morris, an original Revolutionary War fort with the actual earthenworks still in place to explore and the Fort Stewart museum which tells the tale of the 3rd ID from its infancy, there is plenty to keep both the novice and the avid historian busy for days. With four historic cemeteries still in pristine condition the tourist is apt to find fascinating and scintillating details that will keep them telling tales for months to come. Home to three signers of the Declaration of Independence, Liberty County brings history to life!

### Family Friendly Nature

With some of the most seasonal temperatures in the State, Liberty County offers plenty of chances to play outside! With biking, walking, birding and geocaching there is plenty for the family to do together. Visit LeConte-Woodmanston Plantation, the site of a Civil War plantation and see their extensive gardens, with some of the most sought after camellias in the world. At LeConte visitors can also find an authentic slave cabin, as well as the original earthenworks and rice dikes from the 1800s. Liberty County also plays host to some unique opportunities to view birds, as well as four endangered species, not the least of which is the Flatwoods Salamander. In 2009, Fort Stewart received the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Military Conservation Partner Award recognizing an extraordinary conservation partnership that, among other highlights, has seen the state's largest red-cockaded woodpecker population more than double in 15 years. Fort Stewart has been cited with bold conservation partnerships that feature enhancing growing red-cockaded woodpecker populations, supporting the recovery of nearly two dozen other threatened and endangered species and promoting outdoor recreational opportunities to hunt, fish and watch wildlife.



### The African Influence

Professional historians, as well as contributing Universities and Colleges have worked tirelessly alongside volunteers to preserve unmolested elements of African culture that exist in the Gola-Kissi (Geechee Kunda) lands of the Southeastern United States. Geechee Kunda, here in Liberty County, is reflective of the family compounds that exist throughout the Gullah Geechee areas of the Carolinas, Georgia and Northern Florida as well as Africa. It is a living institution dedicated to preserving the culture of a living people. Its museum is filled with African art, textiles, painting, tools, utensils, implements, craftworks and essentials used by Gullah Geechees from the 1700s to the 1900s. The museum houses artifacts from the period of slavery and is used for lectures, workshops, classes, seminars and special events.

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