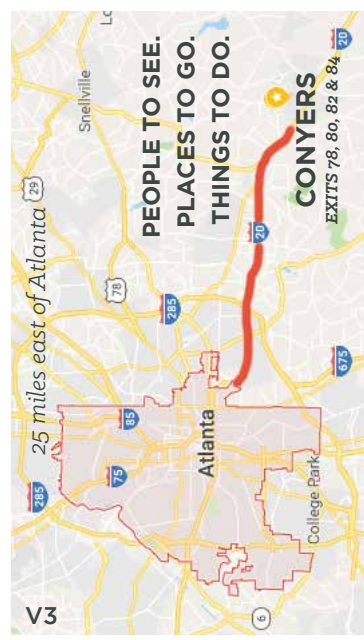


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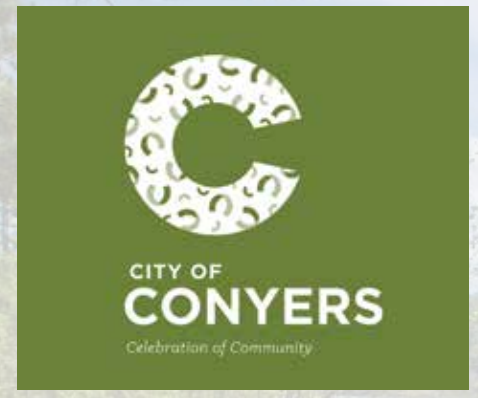
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**Baan Thai**  
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Conyers, GA 30094  
770-761-6161

**Las Flores Olde Town Mex**  
957 S. Main St NE  
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770-602-4949

**Gyros To Go**  
1191 Irwin Bridge Rd.  
Conyers, GA 30012  
770-285-4520

**Bella Vista Cafe**  
1373 Iris Dr. SE  
Conyers, GA 30013  
770-483-6544

**Nana's Chicken N Waffles**  
1040 Flat Shoals Rd. SE  
Conyers, GA 30013  
770-285-6591

**Tokyo Hibachi Express**  
2140 Salem Rd SE  
Conyers, GA 30013  
770-860-1234

**Atlanta Pizza and Gyro**  
1565 Hwy 138, Suite B  
Conyers, GA 30094  
770-483-6228

**Taco N Madre**  
1264 Parker Rd.  
Conyers, GA 30094  
770-679-5484

**Kumo Hibachi Sushi**  
1889 Hwy 20 SE  
Conyers, GA 30013  
678-607-0419

**BJ Buffet**  
1823 Hwy 138 SE  
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678-806-5590

**Celtic Tavern Irish Pub**  
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Conyers, GA 30012  
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## STAY WITH US



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Conyers, GA 30012  
770-483-1332

**Comfort Inn**  
1363 Klondike Road SW  
Conyers, GA 30094  
770-760-0300

**Conyers Inn**  
1056 Dogwood Drive SE  
Conyers, GA 30012  
770-483-4724

**Country Inn & Suites**  
1312 Old Covington Hwy SE  
Conyers, GA 30012  
770-785-2400

**Courtyard by Marriott**  
1337 Old Covington Hwy SE  
Conyers, GA 30013  
770-922-2251

**Econo Lodge**  
1350 Dogwood Drive SE  
Conyers, GA 30013  
770-922-3314

**Hampton Inn**  
1340 Dogwood Drive SE  
Conyers, GA 30013  
770-483-8838

**Hawthorn Suites**  
1659 Centennial Olympic Pkwy  
Conyers, GA 30013  
770-285-7952

**Horizon Extended Stay**  
1385 Old McDonough Hwy  
Conyers, GA 30094  
770-918-0618

**InTown Suites Extended**  
1125 Northlake Drive  
Conyers, GA 30013  
770-860-9355

**Jameson Inn**  
1070 Dogwood Drive SE  
Conyers, GA 30012  
770-760-0777

**LaQuinta Inn & Suites**  
1184 Dogwood Drive SE  
Conyers, GA 30012  
770-918-0092

**Microtel Inn & Suites**  
1412 Old McDonough Hwy  
Conyers, GA 30094  
770-648-2246

**Motel 6**  
1351 Dogwood Drive SW  
Conyers, GA 30012  
770-483-3220

**Premier Inn**  
1302 Green Street SW  
Conyers, GA 30012  
678-964-2400

**Quality Inn**  
1164 Dogwood Drive SE  
Conyers, GA 30012  
770-760-1230

**WoodSpring Suites**  
2000 W Iris Drive  
Conyers, GA 30013  
770-785-6649



## TRIP WORTHY SHOPPING SITES

### Independent Retailers

**K & D Shoes**  
Georgia's Largest Shoe Store  
2240 Dogwood Dr SE  
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Home Decor, 20,000 sq. ft.  
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Conyers, GA 30013  
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**Poppin' Stop**  
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Conyers, GA 30012  
678-607-0067

**Lingering Memories**  
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Conyers, GA 30094  
770-761-3486

**The Stock Market**  
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Conyers, GA 30013  
770-483-8620

**Sigman Bottle Shop**  
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East Metro Atlanta  
439 Sigman Rd NW  
Conyers, GA 30012  
770-929-8797

**Party Out The Box**  
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2221 GA Hwy 20  
Conyers, GA 30013  
770-484-5273

### NATIONAL RETAIL SITES

**Conyers Crossroads**  
1454 Dogwood Dr. SE  
Conyers, GA 30013  
conyerscrossroads.com

**Conyers Plaza**  
1360-1380 Dogwood Dr. SE  
Conyers, GA 30013

**Conyers Crossing**  
1485 GA Hwy 138 SE  
Conyers, GA 30013

**Conyers Commons**  
2195 Hwy 20 SE  
Conyers, GA 30013

**Heritage Square**  
1895 GA Hwy 20 SE  
Conyers, GA 30013

**Salem Gate Market\***  
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garden, nearby golfing & hotel lodging, 173 designated acres of wetlands with an overlook pavilion, kayak/canoe boat launch, interpretive signs, and geocaching.

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georghorsepark.com • 770-860-4190

We are Ticked Pink to invite you to our Spring Celebration, the **CONYERS CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL!** Shop among hundreds of unique art and craft vendors,

eat your way through the multiple food courts, enjoy cultural performances, listen to live music, and play in the children's area.

The Cherry Blossom Festival originated as a way to encourage cultural



understanding and friendship through international music, dance, games, food and crafts. The cherry blossom is a symbol of short-lived beauty in Japan, and the City of Conyers embraces this tradition as well. The blooming of the cherry trees offers a time to reflect upon our lives. Like the blooming of the trees, life is short, so you have to appreciate and embrace it.

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conyerscherryblossomfest.com • 770-860-4190

## Big Haynes Creek Nature Center

173 acres of the GIHP has been designated as a nature preserve devoted to the preservation and study of native plants and wildlife.

Enjoy kayaking, canoeing, and watching wildlife from the observation platform overlooking the wetlands. There's also several miles of trails to accommodate hikers, mountain bikers and horse enthusiasts. Open year-round to the public from sunrise to sunset.



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## Cherokee Run Golf Club & Dining

Our destination golf course is nestled in the rolling hills of Rockdale County and located within the GIHP. The clubhouse features an upscale golf shop, restaurant, banquet and special event facility. Book your tee time right from the website. Join us for breakfast or lunch seven days a week. Breakfast & Lunch: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. daily.

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cherokeerungolfclub.com • 770-785-7904



Cherokee Run Golf Club has once again made the "Top 25 Courses in Georgia" list from Golf Advisor. Cherokee Run Golf Club ranked #6 on the 2021 list, as well as

ranking #21 in the top 25 courses designed by Arnold Palmer worldwide.

Ranked over the years in Georgia:  
(2021 #6) (2020 #7) (2019 #19)  
(2018 #10) (2017 #15) (2016 #15)  
(2015 #16) (2014 #11)



## Walk of Heroes Veterans War Memorial

In a park setting, the memorial provides a self-paced and self-guided tour that is located on a 6-acre site adjacent to Black Shoals Park & Randy Poynter Lake entrance. A botanical garden, military helicopter, and public

restrooms are also on-site. Check their website for events, and fundraiser opportunities. (Closed on Wednesdays)

3001 Black Shoals Rd., Conyers, GA 30012  
walkofheroes.org • 770-278-7000



## Black Shoals Park, Retreat House & Randy Poynter Lake

**BLACK SHOALS PARK** is located in North Rockdale County and includes areas for picnicking, hiking, and a 650-acre reservoir. It is also adjacent to the Walk of Heroes Veterans War Memorial.

One of the newest additions to the park is the **RETREAT HOUSE**, which can accommodate up to 100 - 150 guests. This new venue is located in a serene natural setting next to the Randy Poynter lake. It is ideal for weddings, family reunions, team building meetings, retreats, or birthday parties.

**RANDY POYNTER LAKE** at Black Shoals is a picturesque spot. This 650-acre water-supply reservoir is clear and beautiful, set in wooded surroundings and dotted with standing timber on the upper end. A great place for fishing, boating (no gas motors allowed), kayaking and canoeing. A fishing pier, bank fishing, and a boat ramp are available, as well as a pavilion. There is also boat storage on site.

3001 Black Shoals Rd., Conyers, GA 30012  
rockdalecountyga.gov • 770-761-1611



## Costley Mill Park

Nestled on 77 acres, **COSTLEY MILL PARK** is located in Rockdale County off of Georgia Highway 138. This is a perfect venue for nature-inspired events. Take a hike or cycle on the paved trails in the scenic and wildlife areas year-round. Ponds, waterfalls and a sandy beach are extensions of Big Haynes Creek that encircle the park. With the unique landscape and building fixtures, Costley Mill Park has become a backdrop location for the film industry and professional photographers. For kids of all ages, there is a large playground area. Dogs (on leashes) are also welcome, too! (Closed on Mondays). It is ideal for weddings, family reunions, team building meetings, retreats, or birthday parties. We encourage you to plan ahead and connect on social media at @rockdaleparks, or call us at 770-278-7209 for questions or park closures.

2455 Costley Mill Rd. NE, Conyers, GA 30013  
rockdalecountyga.gov • 770-278-7209

## Haralson Mill Covered Bridge

Built in 1997, this bridge is the first of its kind to be built in Georgia since the 1890s. The structure emulates the 1820s era Town Lattice Truss design patented by

Connecticut architect Ithiel Town. The innovative design of this deck type is unlike any method previously used in the State of Georgia. This bridge is 150 feet long and 36-feet wide. Its truss is styled with decorative lattice, and goes over Mill Rock Creek. There is a parking area at this bridge.

4400 Haralson Mill Rd., Conyers, GA 30013  
rockdalecountyga.gov • 770-278-7529



## OLDE TOWN CONYERS HISTORIC DISTRICT



### Bike Rentals



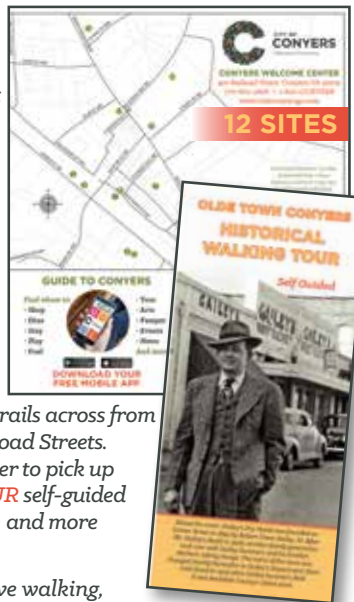
Pedal through six miles on the Olde Town Conyers PATH Trail while sightseeing many places of interest!

Bicycle rentals are available across the street from the Conyers Welcome Center at: **C Town Bikes**  
902 Center St.  
Conyers, GA 30012  
770-922-8511  
ctownbikes.com

## TOUR WITH US

Since Conyers developed as a train station, the Depot remains in the Olde Town Business District as the most historic site. In 2005, the Depot became the home of the Conyers Welcome Center. The Rockdale Historical Society oversees this facility, along with the Old Jail Museum, and the "Dinky," a 1905 Rogers steam locomotive that transported thousands of cotton bales and bleached cotton duct to and from nearby Millstead. The Dinky is one of only three such locomotives of its type in the world. It is permanently parked on the siderails across from the Depot, between Green and Railroad Streets. Be sure to stop by the Welcome Center to pick up your **HISTORICAL WALKING TOUR** self-guided brochure with these sites mentioned, and more during your visit to Olde Town.

If you love historic homes, you'll love walking, bicycling, or golf carting through the residential historic district of Olde Town. Many of the homes were built in the early 1900's during the Craftsman Cottage Bungalow era. For over twenty years, our holiday **TOUR OF HOMES** is a community favorite!



## Eateries & Libations

**Beasley's Soda Fountain & Deli**  
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beasleydrugco.com/menu.html

**Celtic Tavern Irish Pub**  
918 Commercial St. • 770-785-7001  
celtictavernconyers.com

**Creamberry's Ice Cream Parlor**  
925 Commercial St. • 770-860-1788  
creamberrysicecream.com

**Iron Skillet Southern Kitchen**  
908 Commercial St. • 770-679-4435  
ironskilletsouthernkitchen.com

**Another Veggy Addict**  
936 Green St. SW • Suite 400  
678-831-5781 • anotherveggyaddict.com

**Seis Hermanas**  
977 S Main St. NE • 770-679-9611  
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**Las Flores Olde Town Mex Grill**  
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lasfloresmex.com

**Sweet Treat Depot**  
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sweettreatdepot.com

**Thai Palace & Sushi Bar**  
968 Main St. • 770-785-7778  
thaipalacega.com

**The Pointe**  
939 Railroad Street  
770-483-1918

**The Sandwich Factory**  
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## OLDE TOWN CONYERS ARTS COMMUNITY



**The Sketching Pad Art Studio**  
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thesketchingpad.com • 678-787-2552

**Conyers School of Ballet**  
931 Center St., Conyers, GA 30012  
conyersschoolofballet.org  
770-483-5280

**The New Depot Players**  
912 Center St., Conyers, GA 30012  
thenewdepotplayers.com  
678-374-3224

If you enjoy live theater, music, fine arts, children's programs and art classes – the CRCA offers all of these and more. Experience a broad variety of art offerings in the intimate black box theater, nationally renowned artists and learn from the expert instructors during ArtSmart Summer Camp.

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**The New Depot Players**  
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thenewdepotplayers.com  
678-374-3224

**Reed's Framing & Art Gallery**  
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reedscustomframingconyers.com  
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## Paula Vaughn Black Box Theater

Located in historic downtown Conyers, the **Paula Vaughn Black Box Theater** is a 2,500 square foot facility that features an intimate



83 seat theater, with a stage area, green room behind the stage, small upstairs dressing room, lighting and tech box, as well as restrooms.

The **CRCA** hosts and produces many of its sponsored events in this theater, but also arranges for its use by other artists and organizations.

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## Wine Down Wednesdays & Winter Wonderland

Chardonnay, merlot or pinot grigio? Yes, please! Wine down any time of the week, but in particular, on Wednesdays at **Corks and Cuvee Wine and Gift Shoppe** located at 923 Center Street in Olde Town Conyers. Corks and Cuvee often hosts special tasting events



highlighting wines from various regions. Pop in for a sample when you're in town! [www.corksandcuvee.com](http://www.corksandcuvee.com)

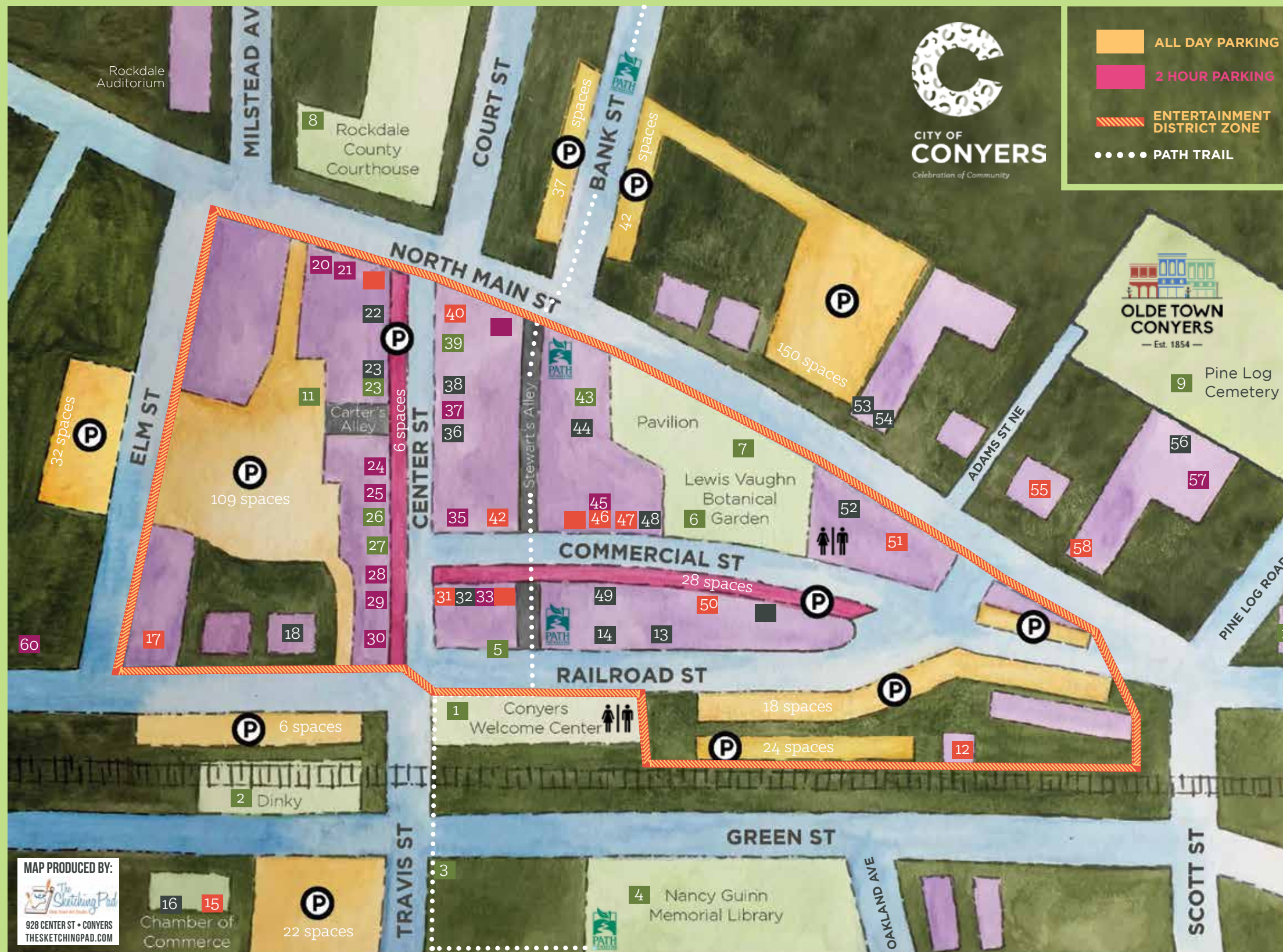


Sweet summertime is often the best season to relax on the lawn at the **Randal S. Mills City Center Park** or under the shaded **Olde Town Pavilion** and sway to the tunes from a tribute band or soloist entertaining the crowd. Our calendar of events is full of opportunities to groove to live music!

During the cooler months, be sure to visit us November through February for Georgia's longest running **REAL** ice rink. For over 20 years, visitors from near and far have come to ice skate at the **Olde Town Conyers Pavilion** at **Randal S. Mills City Center Park** located at 949 S. Main St., Conyers, GA 30012. Check **IceDays** schedule and details at [www.icedays.com/conyers](http://www.icedays.com/conyers)







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### Monastery of the Holy Spirit



Monks were among the first groups to consciously form their environment in order to further their chosen mode of life. The simple and unique stained glass displayed throughout the **ABBEY CHURCH** at the Monastery is sure to give visitors an inside look into the nature of the Cistercian lifestyle.

The **MONASTIC HERITAGE CENTER** is a 17,000 sq. ft. complex that incorporates both new and renovated historic Monastery structures and integrates elements of learning and hands-on activities to create a unique experience.

Heritage Center Hours:  
M – Sat. 10 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The complex brings together the public spaces: **VISITOR CENTER** and **HISTORIC BARN**, the **ABBEY GIFT SHOP AND CAFÉ**, the **CENTRAL COURTYARD**, and the **MEMORIAL PLAZA** and **PRAYER WALK**.

The **ABBEY STORE** is the largest spiritual bookstore in Georgia. It provides the unique opportunity for visitors to purchase a wide variety of fine gourmet food, gifts and books. If you're looking for monk



made products, many of the food products are made at **THE MONASTERY BAKERY** by the Monks and can be purchased at The Abbey Store or online.

Abbey Store Hours:  
Tue. – Sat. 11:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
2625 Hwy 212 SW  
Conyers, GA 30094  
trappist.net • 770-483-8705

### Retreats

Retreat. Rest. Reflect. Renew. People of all walks of life have been coming to The Monastery of the Holy Spirit for many years because it is a place where you can "get away from it all" to revitalize your spirit and rejuvenate your soul.

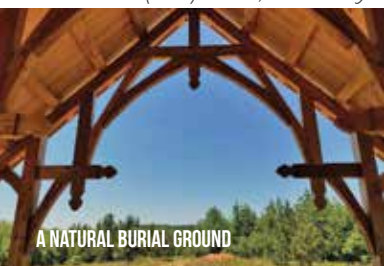
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### Honey Creek Woodlands

Featured in the June 2018 Southern Living Magazine. Martin Gatlin's Chapel at **HONEY CREEK WOODLANDS**

It's refreshing to know that there are places devoted solely to serenity and inner reflection. Home to around 30 Cistercian monks (more commonly known as "Trappists"), the Monastery of the Holy Spirit in Conyers, Georgia, invites its visitors to enjoy its quiet solitude while observing the monks' solemn commitment to monastic life. To encourage a closer bond with nature, they recently selected craftsman Clay Chapman and his firm to construct a new open-air chapel on the property. Chapman, who launched a building initiative called Hope for Architecture (HFA) in 2012, instinctively understood the Trappists' desire for a



A NATURAL BURIAL GROUND

straightforward yet elegant structure that would complement the grounds. Consisting of intricate timber trusses that are connected with wooden pegs, this "Woodland Chapel," as it's called, represents HFA's principles of employing tried-and-true building methods and durable materials. Because walls composed entirely of brick are also Chapman's specialty, he and his team completed the chapel with a wonderfully detailed bell tower.

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### Panola Mountain State Park

Just 15 minutes from Atlanta is a recreational haven for all ages and interests. Visitors can picnic while children work off energy on the playground. The park offers

archery, geocaching, orienteering, birding and tree-climbing programs. A paved trail is open for biking, roller blading, jogging and dog-walking, while forested fitness trails are open for hiking and running.

**PANOLA MOUNTAIN STATE PARK** is a 100-acre granite outcrop similar to Stone Mountain, but smaller and much more pristine. Park visitors will see the outcrop and its rare ecosystem just as Native Americans did centuries ago. Reservations are required for ranger-led hikes that teach about the rare plants and animals found in this habitat.

Panola Mountain State Park is the crown jewel of the Arabia Mountain National Heritage Area, one of only three National Heritage Areas in the state. The park's unusual natural beauty and intriguing cultural changes are the basis for this special recognition. Over the years, this area has been home to early settlers, immigrant rock cutters, freed slaves and even Trappist monks. Arabia Mountain National Heritage Area is a partnership among the state of Georgia, DeKalb, Henry and Rockdale counties, the Monastery of the Holy Spirit, and numerous communities and public-private partners. Panola Mountain has also been designated a National Natural Landmark.

2620 Highway 155 SW  
Stockbridge, GA 30281  
(Rockdale County)  
gastateparks.org/PanolaMountain  
770-389-7801



The **PATH FOUNDATION**, in partnership with DeKalb County, Rockdale County, and the Arabia Mountain Heritage Alliance has developed an extraordinary trail system through 7,000 acres of greenspace southeast of Atlanta. The **ARABIA MOUNTAIN PATH (AMP TRAIL)** network meanders through incredible rock outcroppings, colorful wildflower fields, rushing streams, and towering pines as it makes its way from the Mall at Stonecrest into Panola Mountain State Park and the Monastery of the Holy Spirit. The trail system is over 33 miles long with several additional segments planned for development. The AMP trail system is not built on a rail bed so it follows the hilly terrain offering users a more challenging experience than the Silver Comet and Stone Mountain Trails.

Arabia Mountain PATH  
pathfoundation.org/trails/  
arabia-mountain



The **ARABIA MOUNTAIN NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA** is a National Heritage Area that encompasses natural, cultural, and historical elements to form a cohesive, nationally significant environment. The area is due east of Atlanta and spans 40,000 acres reaching from the historic commercial center of Lithonia to the Monastery of the Holy Spirit in Conyers, including Panola Mountain State Park, and a number of sites in between.

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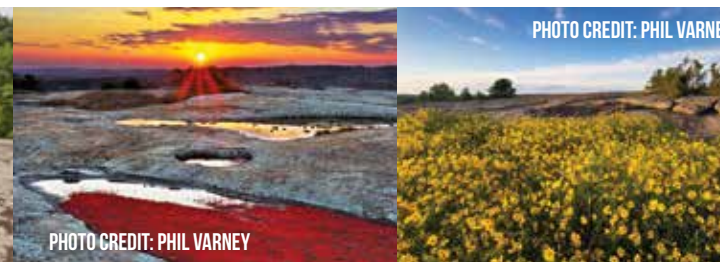


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## FILMING AROUND TOWN



FILMING THE ORIGINALS IN OLDE TOWN CONYERS

What's filming around town? Among the many movies and television shows filmed in Conyers in recent years, here are a few noteworthy mentions:

*Joyful Noise*  
*Goosebumps*  
*Sweet Magnolias*  
*Coat of Many Colors*  
*Sweet Home Alabama*  
*Alvin & The Chipmunks 4*

*Ozark*  
*MacGyver*  
*The Resident*  
*Stranger Things*  
*The Dukes of Hazard*  
*In The Heat of the Night*

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### OLDE TOWN CONYERS

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 Conyers, GA 30012  
 celtictavernconyers.com  
 770-785-7001

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 GUIDED TOURS



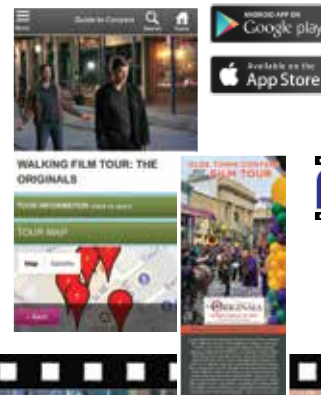
### Studios

Over 750,000 square feet of studio space in Conyers is utilized on a regular basis by productions such as Warner Brothers, Twentieth Century Fox, and many others.

credcga.org



Be sure to pick up a free brochure at the Conyers Welcome Center, or download the free mobile app *Guide to Conyers* to take self-guided **FILM TOURS**



The Biggest Little Filming Community in Georgia  
 For more info on filming around Conyers (Rockdale County), visit: [filmrockdale.com](http://filmrockdale.com)

## CELEBRATE WITH US

### Rental Facilities Around Conyers



The **OLDE TOWN CONYERS PAVILION** is located in historic Olde Town Conyers and adjacent to the Lewis Vaughn Botanical Gardens. The pavilion is open-air and 6,400 square feet of event space. Restroom facilities are available on-site. 770-602-2606



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The **LEGACY ROOM** can be used as a bridal party room, allowing the bride and her friends to pamper themselves before the ceremony. The room is also a great place for hosting rehearsal dinners or a bridal shower.

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### Weddings & Receptions



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## Plan Your Trip to Conyers

### TRAVEL DATES

### LODGING CHOICES (PG. 3)

### RESTAURANTS

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### MUST VISIT PLACES

### MUST ATTEND EVENTS

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## 12 FREE THINGS TO DO IN CONYERS

1. Make your first stop the **Conyers Welcome Center** and explore the **Conyers Historic Train Depot** (1891).
2. If you're a fan of history, art, and/or film, take one (or all) of our fascinating **self-guided tours** in Conyers. Brochures are available at the Conyers Welcome Center, download from our website, or free mobile app Guide to Conyers.
3. From the Conyers Welcome Center, walk across the street to view **The Milstead 104 "Dinky" Steam Locomotive**. It is a 1905 Rogers Steam Locomotive, and only one of three left in the world.
4. Wander the quaint **Lewis Vaughn Botanical Garden** in the heart of Olde Town and view plants and flowers of the Georgia Piedmont region. Entrance on Commercial Street.
5. Enjoy the 1,400-acre **Georgia International Horse Park**, a legacy of the 1996 Centennial Olympic Games, offering year-round events. Many events are free to the public!
6. Experience power pedaling over nine miles of **Olympic designed mountain bike trails** at the Georgia International Horse Park. If you prefer horse riding, bring your favorite equine as there's also over 15 scenic miles of **horse riding trails**.
7. Stroll the 173-acre **Big Haynes Creek Nature Center** trails at the Georgia International Horse Park. With a platform to view wildlife habitat over the protected wetlands, a picnic area, interpretive signage, and a boat launch for kayaks or canoes, you'll enjoy the tranquility found there.
8. Seek the peaceful serenity of the Rockdale County Master Gardeners **Memorial Aboretum**, located at the Georgia International Horse Park.
9. In an outdoor park setting, walk with heroes at the **Georgia Veterans War Memorial/Walk of Heroes**, remembering the sacrifices made during the twentieth century by veterans on a battlefield and by their families on the homefront.
10. Visit the iconic **Haralson Mill Covered Bridge**, one of only 15 covered bridges in Georgia. Parking and trails nearby.
11. Take a stroll, jog, or bike ride through some of Conyers and Rockdale County's most scenic **PATH Trails**. With over 40 miles to cover, there are two trails to choose from: The Olde Town Conyers Trail, and the Arabia Mountain PATH Trail.
12. Renew your spirit with a stop at Georgia's only Trappist community **Monastery of the Holy Spirit**, a 2,300-acre home to Cistercian monks for over 75 years. You'll admire the beauty of monk-made and designed stained glass, architecture, and interactive heritage museum.

## Annual Events



### JANUARY / FEBRUARY

Ice Skating by Ice Days Conyers



### MARCH / APRIL

World's Fastest Growing  
St. Patrick's Day Parade  
World's Shortest Endurance Run  
Conyers Cherry Blossom Festival  
N. GA Live Steamers Train Ride



### MAY / JUNE

Taste of Spring & Car Show  
N. GA Live Steamers Train Ride  
Memorial Day Ceremony  
ArtSmart Summer Camp



### JULY

Red, White & Boom!



### OCTOBER

N. GA Live Steamers Train Ride  
Olde Town Fall Festival



### NOVEMBER

N. GA Live Steamers Train Ride  
Veterans Day Ceremony  
Ice Skating Season Opens  
Handmade Holiday Festival



### DECEMBER

Olde Town Christmas Party  
Conyers Christmas Parade  
Winterfest by Ice Days Conyers  
Ice Skating by Ice Days Conyers