

MUSIC

NORTH

1. FAME RECORDING STUDIOS — MUSCLE SHOALS

FAME is the still-working shop where Rick Hall helped create the “Muscle Shoals Sound” and cut landmark hits for legends from Aretha Franklin to the Rolling Stones. Visitors are welcome to tour the world-renown studios.

2. MUSCLE SHOALS SOUND STUDIO — SHEFFIELD

In this living music landmark, you can stand in the restored studio of “The Swampers” where a generation of soul, rock, and rhythm-and-blues classics were recorded and still echo.

3. W.C. HANDY MUSEUM — FLORENCE

The W.C. Handy Cabin, Museum & Library preserves the birthplace and collections of the “Father of the Blues,” tracing how the Alabama native shaped music worldwide.

4. ALABAMA MUSIC HALL OF FAME — TUSCUMBIA

This hall celebrates Alabama’s outsized musical legacy with immersive exhibits and memorabilia spanning blues, country, rock, soul and pop greats from every corner of the state.

5. ALABAMA FAN CLUB & MUSEUM — FORT PAYNE

The museum in the hometown of the band Alabama showcases 50+ years of awards, instruments and personal memorabilia, telling the story of one of country music’s best-selling groups.

6. THE ORION AMPHITHEATER — HUNTSVILLE

In Huntsville’s MidCity District, The Orion is a state-of-the-art, 8,000-seat outdoor amphitheater that opened in 2022. It quickly became a premier stop for major tours and is a centerpiece of the city’s music scene.

CENTRAL

7. ALABAMA JAZZ HALL OF FAME — BIRMINGHAM

Inside Birmingham’s historic Carver Theatre, the Alabama Jazz Hall of Fame spotlights the state’s jazz innovators with museum galleries and live performance programming.

8. COCA-COLA AMPHITHEATER — BIRMINGHAM

Opened in 2025 on the former Carraway Hospital site, this 9,000+ seat, state-of-the-art outdoor venue has quickly become Birmingham’s premier stop for major touring acts.

9. LYRIC THEATRE — BIRMINGHAM

The restored 1914 Lyric Theatre is a landmark vaudeville-era venue turned modern performance hall, celebrated for its ornate interior and deep ties to the city’s cultural and civil rights history.

SOUTH

10. HANK WILLIAMS STATUE — MONTGOMERY

In Montgomery’s riverfront district, this life-size bronze statue honors Hank Williams right where his career took off. A stop here feels like standing with a country music original.

11. HANK WILLIAMS MUSEUM — MONTGOMERY

This intimate museum preserves the life and legacy of country music’s first superstar with stage suits, songwriting artifacts and standout memorabilia like Williams’ 1952 Cadillac.

GULF

12. THE WHARF AMPHITHEATER — ORANGE BEACH

The Wharf Amphitheater is a 10,000-seat open-air venue on the Gulf Coast that draws top touring acts and anchors one of Alabama’s biggest entertainment districts.



ALABAMA MUSIC HALL OF FAME

LITERATURE + ARTS

NORTH

1. HELEN KELLER BIRTHPLACE — TUSCUMBIA

Ivy Green, built in 1820, was Helen Keller's birthplace and childhood home. Today, exhibits and gardens at the home trace how she became one of America's most influential advocates for disability rights.

2. LOWE MILL ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT — HUNTSVILLE

This restored historic textile mill is the largest privately owned arts facility in the U.S. It's packed with 150+ working studios, galleries and performance spaces where you can watch creativity happen in real time.

3. FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT'S ROSENBAUM HOUSE — FLORENCE

The Rosenbaum House, built in 1940, is the only Frank Lloyd Wright-designed building in Alabama and is beautifully preserved. The Usonian-style home-museum offers guided tours.

CENTRAL

4. BIRMINGHAM MUSEUM OF ART — BIRMINGHAM

This free-admission museum holds a sweeping collection of 20,000+ works, including a standout Asian art collection and one of the nation's largest collections of Wedgwood ceramics.

5. ALABAMA THEATRE — BIRMINGHAM

The Alabama Theatre is a lavish 1927 movie palace-turned-performing-arts landmark, famed for its ornate interior and original Wurlitzer organ, featured during films and live shows.

6. AMERICAN VILLAGE — MONTEVALLO

American Village is a living-history campus where costumed interpreters and hands-on programs bring the Revolutionary era to life. In this setting, visitors can step straight into America's founding story.

SOUTH

7. OLD COURTHOUSE MUSEUM — MONROEVILLE

The 1903 courthouse-turned-museum inspired the book *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Alabamian Harper Lee. The museum spotlights the town's literary legacy with major exhibits on Lee and fellow Alabama writer Truman Capote.

8. TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE — TUSKEGEE

This National Historic Site preserves the original campus founded by Booker T. Washington as well as his home, The Oaks, and the George Washington Carver Museum. The site tells a cornerstone story of Black education and innovation.



9. F. SCOTT AND ZELDA FITZGERALD MUSEUM — MONTGOMERY

In Montgomery's Old Cloverdale neighborhood, the Fitzgerald Museum is the only one in the world dedicated to writers F. Scott and Zelda. The museum is in the home where the couple lived from 1931-1932 and worked on landmark novels of the Jazz Age.

10. BOOKER T. WASHINGTON HOME — TUSKEGEE

The Oaks, Booker T. Washington's last home, was designed by pioneering Black architect Robert R. Taylor and offers an intimate look at the leader behind the rise of Tuskegee Institute.

11. GEE'S BEND QUILTERS COLLECTIVE — BOYKIN

In the Gee's Bend community near Boykin, this collective sustains a 19th-century Black Belt quilting tradition rooted in enslaved families and now world-recognized for its bold, improvisational designs.

12. LITERARY CAPITAL BRONZE SCULPTURE TRAIL — MONROEVILLE

The sculpture trail honors the town's remarkable roster of writers, including Harper Lee and Truman Capote, with outdoor sculptures that tell the story of "Alabama's Literary Capital."

13. THE GOGUE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER — AUBURN

The Gogue Center on the Auburn University campus is an 85,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art venue with a 1,200-seat indoor theater and a large outdoor amphitheater that brings Broadway productions, major concerts and national touring acts to East Alabama.

GULF

14. MOBILE MUSEUM OF ART — MOBILE

Situated in Langan Park, the Mobile Museum of Art is the Gulf Coast's largest art museum, with 6,400+ works spanning centuries and cultures plus rotating exhibitions in a bright, lakeside setting.

SPORTS

NORTH

1. JESSE OWENS MEMORIAL PARK & MUSEUM — DANVILLE

This museum and 20-acre memorial park honors four-time 1936 Olympic gold medalist Jesse Owens with interactive exhibits, rare memorabilia and a replica of his boyhood home.

2. TOYOTA FIELD — HUNTSVILLE

Toyota Field, the modern home of the Rocket City Trash Pandas, is a 7,000-seat, fan-friendly ballpark built for high-energy minor-league nights.

CENTRAL

3. BRYANT-DENNY STADIUM — TUSCALOOSA

Bryant-Denny Stadium and Saban Field is the massive home of Alabama football, seating about 100,000 and anchoring one of the sport's most iconic game day atmospheres.

4. REGIONS FIELD — BIRMINGHAM

Regions Field in the city's Parkside district is the 8,500-seat home of minor league baseball team the Birmingham Barons and delivers skyline views and an easy-going, in-city ballgame vibe.

5. ALABAMA SPORTS HALL OF FAME — BIRMINGHAM

The Alabama Sports Hall of Fame honors the state's greatest athletes, from Heisman Trophy winners to Olympic legends, and showcases 5,000+ artifacts.



6. BARBER VINTAGE MOTORSPORTS MUSEUM — LEEDS

This world-class museum houses one of the largest motorcycle collections in the world, displayed in a striking, multistory gallery.

7. TALLADEGA SUPERSPEEDWAY — LINCOLN

Talladega Superspeedway is NASCAR's legendary 2.66-mile tri-oval, famous for pack racing, huge race weekends and pure speed.

8. RICKWOOD FIELD — BIRMINGHAM

Rickwood Field, which opened in 1910, is America's oldest professional ballpark and a living landmark of both minor league and Negro League history.

9. PAUL W. BRYANT MUSEUM — TUSCALOOSA

The Paul W. Bryant Museum preserves the history of Crimson Tide football, starting with the premiere team in 1892. Visitors can view exhibits honoring Coach "Bear" Bryant, the "Wall of Honor," and displays of trophies and game-changing memorabilia.

SOUTH

10. JORDAN-HARE STADIUM — AUBURN

Jordan-Hare Stadium, home of the Tigers since 1939, packs 88,000+ football fans into one of college football's loudest, most tradition-rich venues.

11. RIVERWALK STADIUM — MONTGOMERY

Riverwalk Stadium is a 7,000-capacity riverfront baseball park for the Montgomery Biscuits, set inside a restored historic train-shed footprint.

12. MONTGOMERY WHITEWATER — MONTGOMERY

This state-of-the-art outdoor adventure park features one of the country's largest man-made whitewater courses, blending Olympic-level rafting, kayaking and surfing with trails and lively events.

HERITAGE

NORTH

1. THE SCOTTSBORO BOYS MUSEUM — SCOTTSBORO

This small but powerful museum and cultural center preserves the story of the 1931 Scottsboro Boys legal case through exhibits and archives that trace its lasting impact on civil rights and justice.

CENTRAL

2. 16TH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH — BIRMINGHAM

In Birmingham's Civil Rights District, this active church is a National Historic Landmark known worldwide as the 1963 bombing site that killed four girls and galvanized the Movement.

3. BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH — BIRMINGHAM

This Birmingham landmark led by the Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth served as a strategic hub for the Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights, Freedom Rides support, and the city's major desegregation campaigns.

4. BIRMINGHAM CIVIL RIGHTS INSTITUTE — BIRMINGHAM

Facing Kelly Ingram Park, the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute is a Smithsonian Affiliate museum and archive that immerses visitors in the city's frontline role in the Movement in 1963 and the national fight for equality.

5. FREEDOM RIDERS NATIONAL MONUMENT — ANNISTON

This monument recognizes the Greyhound station and bus-attack sites where Freedom Riders were firebombed in 1961, a pivotal moment that forced federal action on desegregating interstate travel.

6. KELLY INGRAM PARK — BIRMINGHAM

Kelly Ingram Park was the main staging ground for the 1963 Children's Crusade and Project C protests. Powerful sculptures in the park stand near streets where demonstrators faced fire hoses and police dogs.

SOUTH

7. DEXTER AVE KING MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH — MONTGOMERY

Steps from the Alabama Capitol, this National Historic Landmark is where Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. pastored and helped lead the Montgomery Bus Boycott, making it one of the Movement's most significant working churches.

8. ROSA PARKS MUSEUM — MONTGOMERY

Located at the site of Rosa Parks' 1955 arrest in downtown Montgomery, this interactive museum is the nation's only one dedicated to her life and the Montgomery Bus Boycott she sparked.

9. EDMUND PETTUS BRIDGE — SELMA

Spanning the Alabama River, this 1940 bridge was the iconic starting point of "Bloody Sunday" and the Selma-to-Montgomery marches that pushed the Voting Rights Act into history.

10. TUSKEGEE AIRMEN NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE — TUSKEGEE

This National Park Service site at Moton Field in Tuskegee honors the pioneering Black pilots of World War II with restored training facilities and exhibits that connect their legacy to broader civil rights progress.

11. CIVIL RIGHTS MEMORIAL CENTER — MONTGOMERY

The Southern Poverty Law Center's Civil Rights Memorial Center interprets the black-granite memorial created by architect-designer Maya Lin. It sits adjacent to the center, which honors martyrs of the Movement and pairs a contemplative memorial plaza with exhibits that connect past sacrifices to ongoing work for justice.



 DEXTER AVENUE KING MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

