



# Calhoun, GA



Calhoun, Georgia, was originally named for the owner of a general store in the area, but was later renamed for U.S. Senator John C. Calhoun after his death in 1850.

The Roland Hayes Museum is located in the Harris Arts Center and honors the Gordon County native who was the first African-American classical singer to have an international career on the concert and operatic stage. He also performed African-American folk songs in concert with operatic arias.

The Gordon County Historical Society is located in Oakleigh, which was used as General Sherman's headquarters during the Civil War. It contains restored items from antebellum homes and one of the largest private doll collections in Georgia.

New Echota was established in 1825 as the capital of the Cherokee nation and was the site where the tragic "Trail of Tears" officially began in 1838. The site contains the reconstructed Council House, Court House, Print Shop, Missionary Samuel Worcester's home, and an 1805 store as well as smoke houses, corn cribs, and barns.

The Harris Arts Center is home to the Roland Hayes Museum, Calhoun Little Theatre, the Calhoun Community Chorus, the Visual Arts Guild and fine art galleries, the Roland Hayes Music Guild/ACTS Performance Series, and the Milton M. Ratner Performing Arts Theater.

The Resaca Battlefield is the site of an important battle during the Civil War, which is reenacted during the annual Battle of Resaca Reenactment held annually during the third weekend in May. The battle was the first major conflict of Sherman's march on Atlanta. The Resaca Confederate Cemetery is the first Confederate Cemetery in Georgia.

## NEIGHBORHOODS

Downtown Calhoun is not a residential area; however, several residential areas are located on the east side of the downtown. The College Street and Trammel Street neighborhoods are among the oldest in the city, with most houses built in the early 1900s from wood, brick, or rock. Houses range in size and are situated on smaller lots. The Wexford subdivision contains primarily two-story red brick homes that were built within the past 15 years on large lots; a few lots are available for new construction.

Further east, the Devonwood neighborhood is located near the Gordon Hospital. Red brick ranch-style homes with large set backs on large lots dominate this neighborhood that was constructed in the late 1960s through the 1970s.

## PARKS AND RECREATION

Amenities at Calhoun's River Street recreation facility and Clarence E. Harris River Park include softball and baseball fields, a gymnasium, full-size soccer fields, a football field, tennis courts, a pool, and several acres of green space.

Calhoun Seventh-day Adventist Church is home to The Garden, which contains diminutive churches, houses, and castles and porcelain figures of people and animals. The Garden is surrounded by an acre of flowers and greenery.

Nearby Salacoa Creek Park is a county recreational area that features a 126 acre lake, swimming and beach area, 2 playgrounds, boat launch area, camping sites, and a 1.5-mile nature trail. Located in the Chattahoochee National, the Forest James H. "Sloppy" Floyd State Park offers fishing on two stocked lakes, hiking, and bird watching. Other amenities include a playground and rental pedal boats. The Conasauga Ranger District covers a third of the Chattahoochee National Forest and offers many opportunities for camping, fishing, hiking, swimming, horseback riding, motorized boating, and target shooting.

## EDUCATION

Calhoun City Schools System educates 3,094 students in a pre-kindergarten school, primary school, elementary school, middle school, and high school. Calhoun Primary School is located at 102 Raymond King Drive in Calhoun, Georgia. The Calhoun Online Learning Academy offers full-time and supplemental courses.

Higher education is available at the Gordon County Campus of Georgia Northwestern Technical College, which offers associate degrees, diplomas, and technical certificates in various areas.

## HEALTH CARE

Gordon Hospital is a 69-bed community hospital.

### CITY STATS

2012

City Population	15,812
Metropolitan Statistical Area Population	55,766
Per Capita Personal Income, Calhoun, GA (Micropolitan Statistical Area)	\$28,656