Walking Tour # 1
2.0 Miles: Approx. 1 Hour 30 Minutes

1 Roswell Store
616 Atlanta St.
Founded in 1854
Originally the company store for the Roswell Manufacturing Company textile mills
Was a general store

2 Roswell Town Square
616 Atlanta St.
Circa 1840
Designed to be the center of Roswell King’s original town plan
Theodore Roosevelt addressed the citizens of Roswell here in 1905

3 Barrington Hall®
535 Barrington Dr.
Built in 1842 for Roswell King’s son Barrington King
Recognized as one of the best examples of Greek Revival Architecture in the state

4 W.J. Dolvin House
136 Bulloch Ave.
President Jimmy Carter frequently visited his aunt in this Victorian style house
Known as the Roswell White House

5 Bulloch Hall®
180 Bulloch Ave.
Circa 1840
Childhood home of Mittie Bulloch
Mittie married Theodore Roosevelt Sr. in the early 1900s

6 Mimosa Hall
864 Mimosa Blvd.
Circa 1840
A home of John Dunwody, one of the founders of Roswell

7 Holly Hill
632 Mimosa Blvd.
Circa 1840
Catherine Barrington, niece of Roswell King, lived here with her husband, Robert Lewis, a Savannah cotton broker

8 Primrose Cottage
674 Mimosa Blvd.
Circa 1839
First permanent residence in Roswell

9 Roswell Presbyterian Church
735 Mimosa Blvd.
Circa 1840
Constructed in 1840
Oldest public building in Roswell

10 Great Oaks
866 Mimosa Blvd.
Built in 1842
Union troops camped here during the Civil War

11 Francis J. Minninhett House
815 Mimosa Blvd.
Circa 1849
Home of superintendent of Roswell Manufacturing Company Cotton Mill

12 Brantley-Newton House
816 Mimosa Blvd.
Built in 1919; designed by noted Atlanta architect Neil Reid
Home of Roswell High School’s first basketball coach, Charles Newton

13 Pastorium - First Baptist
864 Mimosa Blvd.
Circa 1902
Formerly used as home of John Dunwody, a founder of Roswell

14 Miss Sallie’s Place
881 Mimosa Blvd.
Circa 1880
Served as Roswell’s first boarding house

15 The Castle
37 Magnolia St.
Circa 1839
Site of the home of Roswell King, founder of Roswell

16 Minton House
14 Norcross St.
Circa 1840
Original site of the home of John Minton

17 Broadwell Home
227 S. Atlanta St.
Built circa 1849
Home of John Dunwody, one of the founders of Roswell

18 Goulding House
110 Paces Ferry Rd.
Built circa 1840
Home of Robert Lewis, a Savannah cotton broker

19 Naylor Hall
121 Canton St.
Circa 1840
Built by Barrington King for the manager of Roswell Manufacturing Company

20 Fowler House
1159 Canton St.
Circa 1830
Served as Roswell’s first permanent residence

21 C. J. Perry House
1175 Canton St.
Circa 1880
Served as home of Roswell’s first Methodist Church from 1859-1920

22 Old Methodist Church
1053 Alpharetta St.
Circa 1842
First Baptist Church occupied the property until 1849

23 Smith Plantation®
864 Mimosa Blvd.
Circa 1842
Built for R. Lee Buice; the first house on the property

Driving Tour
Best if you drive to visit these locations

24 Old Roswell Cemetery
1053 Alpharetta St.
Founded in the early 1800s

25 Zion Missionary Baptist Church
888 Zion Cir.
Church founded July 21, 1866

26 Waller Park
227 S. Atlanta St.
Developed in 1846 on land donated for the purpose of a park

27 Presbyterian Cemetery
732 Pleasant Hill St.
Established circa 1841

28 Pleasant Hill Baptist Church
Pleasant Hill St.
Built circa 1840

29 The Old Brick
250 Oak St.
Circa 1820

30 Founders Cemetery
200 Sloan St.
Circa 1850

31 Roswell Mill
855 Old Mill Rd.
Circa 1839

32 Allenbrook
Circa 1840
Built around 1850; site of Roswell Manufacturing Company

33 Willeo Baptist Church
990 Willeo Rd.
Circa 1835

34 Peachtree Baptist Church
315 Pine Grove Rd.
Built in the 1870s

35 Houze House
1105 Chaffin Rd.
Circa 1850

36 Pleasant Hill Cemetery
Old Roswell Pl.
Circa 1840

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Major Minton served in five wars

The church no longer stands on the site

The church no longer exists

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3. Sites listed reflect current historical market identification which may or may not necessarily represent present day use
4. Author's (*) identify buildings open to the public
A Brief History of Roswell

Roswell, Georgia is located on the northern banks of the Chattahoochee River in an area that was once part of the Cherokee Nation. In 1828, gold was discovered in north Georgia, causing a rush of settlers to the region and the eventual removal of the Cherokees to land west of the Mississippi River.

It was during this time Roswell King of Darien, Georgia passed through the area on his way to Dahlonega for business. Following the river, King discovered the rushing waters of Vickery Creek. The sight of this natural resource inspired him to envision a mill, powered by the water, and a community for his coastal families and friends to enjoy away from the unhealthy, sultry climate of the coast.

By 1835, King began to purchase land to build the first cotton mill, which was incorporated as The Roswell Manufacturing Company in 1839. He offered home sites and investment opportunities to wealthy families from coastal Georgia. They constructed beautiful homes for themselves, cottages and apartments for mill workers, a general store, a church, and an academy to address the educational needs of the children. Enslaved African Americans were brought to the area by white settlers to provide labor for the construction of the mills and homes, to cultivate the fields, and to tend to the households of the founding families. Mill workers sought employment in the mills. The town of Roswell was incorporated in 1854.

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