



All About:  
**ROSWELL**



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## A Progressive City with a Storied History

Roswell, GA is located about 22 miles from downtown Atlanta and borders the Chattahoochee River. It's a large town with a small-town feel, and was chosen twice by Atlanta Magazine as the best place to live in the metro Atlanta area. Residents love the outdoor activities available in town, including biking, running, hiking, rafting and kayaking. Roswell offers a myriad of shopping and dining options, riverfront parks for those with active lifestyles, and affordable neighborhoods in a rich, historic setting.

While Roswell officially became a city in 1854, the area was home to the largest cotton mill in north Georgia, Roswell Mill, which was established in the 1830s by town co-founder Roswell King and his son, Barrington King. The original mill was destroyed during the Civil War in 1864. They rebuilt, but the mill was destroyed again in a fire in 1926.

The remaining ruins of the historic Roswell Mill buildings are now under the jurisdiction of the U.S. National Park Service, and are considered part of the popular tourist attraction of the Chattahoochee River Recreation area. Visitors can still see the waterfall that originally provided water power to the mill, and one of the buildings is still standing, having survived both the war and the fire.

Roswell boasts a 640-acre historic district and is home to many other historic landmarks. Barrington Hall (the former home of Barrington King) and Bulloch Hall, the childhood home of Theodore Roosevelt's mother Mittie Bulloch, are open to the public. The Barrington Hall home, near downtown Roswell, is one of the best examples of Greek Revival Temple architecture in the United States today, and sits on seven acres of property. Numerous original outbuildings sit on the surrounding property, which was held by the King family for more than 160 years. The hall is now owned by the city of Roswell, and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Visitors can enjoy a docent-led tour inside the home, and stroll the grounds and gardens.

Bulloch Hall was built in 1839 by Major James Stephens Bulloch, one of Roswell's first residents. Like Barrington Hall, this house is also considered a significant historical home due to its outstanding Greek Revival architecture and the people who once called it home. Mittie Bulloch, mother to former U.S. President Theodore Roosevelt, was married at Bulloch Hall in 1853. The grounds of the house include a demonstration garden and nature trail. The hall hosts events such as the Great American Cover-Up Quilt Show in March and the Garden Faire in April. Visitors can tour both the house and the grounds.

The Roswell Town Square was built in 1839 as part of the original design of the town envisioned by founder Roswell King, and was created to be a space for recreation. The bandstand was added in 1905 on the occasion of President Theodore Roosevelt's visit, and today showcases many forms of entertainment during Roswell's various

festivals. A fountain in the middle of the square honors Roswell's founding families. Today, the square is the site of art shows and other festivals and events, including weddings.

The Roswell Visitor's Center is located near the town square, and period storefronts in this historic district provide residents and visitors with unique shopping opportunities, art galleries, and restaurants.

Roswell's vibrant past is still alive today, treasured by residents who call this area home. Families are drawn to the city's good local schools and low taxes. The city's family-friendly neighborhoods are drawing Atlanta residents who want to maintain proximity to downtown, but enjoy the small-town feel and lifestyle benefits that Roswell provides, and the city has grown steadily over the past 15 years. The city has received national recognition, named to the Top 100 Places to Live in the US list by CNN, and as One of the Top Three Cities in the Nation to Raise Your Family by Frommer's. Recently, Roswell was named the first bicycle friendly city in Georgia by the League of American Bicyclists.

Roswell calls itself a city with modern spirit and southern soul, and residents are happy to marry the area's storied past with a bright future.

## **A Vibrant Community with Strong Neighborhood Connections**

The city of Roswell is known for its charming town square and friendly, small-town feel. Here you'll find restaurants, shops and art galleries, alongside 13 parks and more than 900 acres of parkland and facilities, including the Chattahoochee River and Chattahoochee Nature Center. There are many desirable areas in Roswell, and the city prides itself on nurturing strong neighborhoods. Roswell neighborhoods offer a relaxed environment, and feel far removed from what you would typically find in an Atlanta suburb.

### **Here are a few of Roswell's most sought-after communities:**

#### **East Roswell**

An active community with a number of outdoor activities, East Roswell attracts both families and singles. East Roswell Park, while off the beaten path, is brimming with amenities for residents, including tennis courts, disc golf, soccer, hiking/walking trails, and a fitness center. It also features a lake, picnic area, dog park, recreation center, and popular sprayground. East Roswell is a lively area with lots of new development and businesses moving into town.

#### **North Roswell**

North Roswell offers the convenience of an affordable suburban community with easy access to Atlanta. It's a thriving area that's perfect for nature lovers. There are picturesque hiking and walking trails, and beautiful parks and picnic areas. Vickery

Creek Mill is a popular destination for hiking and features a rushing dam waterfall for swimming and admiring. North Roswell also features great shopping nearby. It's only minutes away from two premier shopping malls: North Point and Perimeter Mall, and is close to the area's newest mixed-use development, the Avalon.

## Historic/Downtown Roswell

Historically and culturally rich, the Downtown Roswell area features more than 200 independent restaurants, art galleries, shops, and businesses. There are several popular swim and tennis communities close by, and residents here live among well-known historical landmarks like the Roswell Mill, Bulloch Hall, Barrington Hall and Smith Plantation. Indulge in delicious food at the many award-winning restaurants, and admire the talented local artists at the art galleries around town. Each of the neighborhoods in the downtown area has something unique to offer, and the year-round festivals and live concerts bring residents from all over Roswell to the downtown area, creating a bustling environment.

Roswell is known as a safe and affordable area. The average home in this community sells for about \$350,000, but it's possible to find something that suits almost any budget. Families are drawn to the city's good local schools and low taxes. This is an ideal community for those looking to balance home and work – Roswell puts them close to Atlanta, but keeps all the amenities of an active family lifestyle close at hand.

## Schools That Prepare Kids for College & the Technology of Tomorrow

Roswell is home to some of North Fulton's most regarded public schools, making the area one where growing families want to live. Schools in the city offer STEM programs, gifted programs, and feature technology as part of the curriculum. Whether you have a child in elementary or high school, Roswell's schools provide a strong foundation and foster a love of learning.

## Elementary Schools

### Sweet Apple Elementary School

Located near the border of the city, Sweet Apple teaches students to work together to excel in academics and citizenship, the encouraging student leaves their mark and respect each other.

#### Programs offered at Sweet Apple include:

- Music/Chorus/Band
- Performing Arts
- Chess Club
- Computer Arts
- Soccer
- Basketball
- Media Center

## Hembree Springs Elementary School

Established in 2001, the Hembree Spring's vision is "working together to learn and grow beyond our dreams. It is a digital citizenship certified school, a recognition that honors schools that teach digital literacy and citizenship to students. A safe, caring environment, the school has open lines of communication and works to assure the academic, physical, social and emotional well being of each child.

### **Programs offered at Hembree Springs include:**

- Music/Chorus/Band
- Performing Arts
- Baseball
- Soccer
- Basketball
- Volleyball
- Media Center

## Mountain Park Elementary School

A long-time neighborhood school, Mountain Park students and their families contribute to school's success. It has been recognized as a National Blue Ribbon School in 2003 and 2013.

### **Programs offered at Mountain Park include:**

- Music/Chorus/Band
- Performing Arts
- Sports
- Media Center
- Young Authors Fair
- Fulton Technology Competition
- Spelling Bee

## Northwood Elementary School

A caring community that foster's a passion for learning and inspiring students to reach their fullest potential, Northwood's mission is to create global thinkers who connect learning with future success. The school has been recognized in the community for its academic achievement and rising test scores.

### **Programs offered at Northwood include:**

- Chorus
- Art Club
- Math Club
- Explorer Academy
- Reading Bowl
- Spanish Instruction

- Tech and Science Clubs
- Tennis
- Soccer
- TAG (Talented and Gifted) Program
- Media Center

## River Eaves Elementary School

River Eaves nurtures and promotes self-worth and respect for all. Learning through technology and fine arts, students strive to be their best. Teachers hold each student to a high standard of learning, encouraging students to be life-long learners.

### Programs offered at River Eaves include:

- STEM Education
- TAG Education Collaborative
- Music/Chorus/Band
- Performing Arts
- Computer Arts
- Baseball
- Soccer
- Basketball
- Media Center
- French/Spanish Instruction
- Spelling Bee
- Accelerated Reader

## Roswell North Elementary School

Roswell North provides a safe, nurturing environment for students with engaging classes and instruction. Striving to create life-long learners, teachers encourage students to acquire knowledge while providing a foundation to learn the skills needed for tomorrow.

### Programs offered at Roswell North include:

- Music/Chorus/Band
- Performing Arts
- Photography
- Computer Arts
- Ceramics
- Softball
- Soccer
- Basketball
- Gymnastics
- Media Center

## Esther Jackson Elementary School

Learning leads the way at Jackson, where teachers help each student learn to his or her highest potential. The faculty member has high expectations but offers the support needed to reach each goal. With a focus on interactive and hands-on learning, received an Innovation Fund Tiny Grants, awarded by the Governor's Office of Student Achievement (GOSA) to support Project SOAR, the Summer of Accelerated Reading.

### **Programs offered at Esther Jackson include:**

- Music/Chorus/Band
- Performing Arts
- Spanish Instruction
- Chess Club
- Basketball
- Media Center

## Mimosa Elementary School

With a mission to educate and challenge the student to reach their academic potential, Mimosa offers a safe respectful and positive learning environment. Teachers help each student to learn at his or her own pace, using differentiated instruction methods.

### **Programs offered at Mimosa include:**

- STEM Club
- Robotics
- Math Club
- Music/Chorus/Band
- Chess Club
- Media Center
- Sports

## Middle Schools

### Elkins Pointe Middle School

With a curriculum that follows the state standards, Elkins Pointe focuses on personalized learning to meet each unique students needs.

### **Programs offered at Elkins Pointe include:**

- Advanced Learning
- STEM
- JROTC
- Music/Chorus/Band
- Performing Arts
- Japanese/French/Spanish Instruction



- Sports – Soccer, Baseball, Basketball, Football, Track
- Baseball
- Martial Arts
- Basketball
- Media Center

## Holcombe Bridge Middle School

At Holcombe Bridge, educators focus on fostering educational excellence, individual excellence and cultural enrichment in a safe, respectful, global learning environment. They emphasize project based learning, continuous progress monitoring and assessment, and data driven decision-making. In 2016, Holcombe Bridge was recognized as a Verizon Innovative Learning School, a Microsoft Showcase School and a Georgia Lighthouse School to Watch.

### Programs offered at Holcombe Bridge include:

- Academic Bowl
- Art Club
- Boys 2 Men (group mentoring program)
- Chess Club
- Athletics (Soccer, Tennis, Volleyball, Gymnastics, Basketball, Track)
- FCA: Fellowship of Christian Athletes
- Model UN
- Newspaper Club
- Photography Club
- National Jr. Honor Society
- Reading Bowl
- POP: Power Over Prejudice
- SWAT: Students Working to Advance Technology
- Robotics
- Technology Club

## High Schools

### Roswell High School

A Georgia School of Excellence, Roswell High has been recognized as one of the top academic schools in the state. The school's mission is to promote student learning, expect excellence, and celebrate the achievement.

### Programs offered at Roswell include:

- Over 20 AP Classes
- STEM
- TAG (Talented and Gifted) Program
- Communications Team

- Dual Enrollment Program
- Music/Chorus/Band
- Performing Arts
- Student Publications
- JROTC
- Competitive Sports – Football, Basketball, Soccer, Volleyball
- Model U.N.
- Mock Trial
- National Honors Society
- Media Center

## Centennial High School

Teaching students to collaborate, think, learn and create, Centennial offers students an academic program that readiness them for college and to work with the technology of tomorrow. An AP STEM, AP Merit, and AP Humanities Honor School, the teachers hold each student to a high standard of academic success.

### **Programs offered at Centennial include:**

- AP Classes
- STEM
- TAG (Talented and Gifted) Program
- Music/Chorus/Band
- Performing Arts
- Student Publications
- JROTC
- Competitive Sports – Football, Basketball, Soccer, Volleyball
- Model U.N.
- Mock Trial
- National Honors Society
- Media Center

Because of the county's unique school system, Roswell has become a top destination for families moving into the area. Not only does the area have great public schools, but also some of the most highly lauded private schools are also located in Roswell. These include The Atlanta Academy, The Cottage School, Blessed Trinity, Fellowship Christian Academy and The Porter School. A diverse area, the schools in Roswell reflect the individuality and culture of the area.

## A Fit for Foodies, Arts Lovers and Outdoor Explorers

Close to the hustle and bustle of the city, but far enough to offer suburban living at its finest, Roswell is a unique community that has been recognized nationwide for all that it offers its residents. From world-class shops and restaurants to professional theatre, this historic city is one of Atlanta's most desirable suburbs.

### Unique Shopping and Eating Opportunities

Home to award-winning restaurants and one-of-a-kind shops, Roswell offers something for both those looking for the latest fashions and those on the hunt for rare antiques.

Built along the ruins of the historic mills off *Highway 9*, *Roswell Mill* offers several upscale boutique shops.

At *The Historic Town Square*, residents can window shop along historic storefronts, finding boutique stores, art galleries, and antique shops. Along *Canton Street*, restaurants, sidewalk cafes, and art galleries abound.

Located on *Plum Tree St.*, *Plum Tree Village* offers a variety of shops, which include a *Bilthouse* boutique store similar to *Anthropologie* and *Uniquities*, which offers European décor along with cafes and restaurants.

The *Roswell Town Center* is a small mall that houses a variety of stores and entertainment options, including a movie theater, mini golf, and a whirly ball court.

In addition to the boutique shopping, you can find neighborhood shopping centers with a variety of national chain stores such as *Kroger*, *Trader Joe's*, *Publix*, *Walmart* and *The Home Depot*. Whether someone is looking for a few things for dinner or a lawn tool, the area centers offer you a variety of stores that people know and trust.

### Where Nature Abounds

Nestled along the *Chattahoochee River* and *Vickery Creek*, the city offers over 900 acres of public green space in 13 parks. Several parks provide the community areas for baseball, softball, soccer, and tennis.

Part of the *National Parks Service*, Roswell's portion of the *Chattahoochee River Recreation Area* includes nature trails and running paths at the site of the historic mills.

At the *Chattahoochee Nature Center*, you can enjoy wildlife programs, hiking, environmental classes, flowers and more. The center offers rehabilitation services for a variety of animals and guest can get up close and learn more about the animals.

Nature enthusiasts will find several activities at *Azalea Park* along the Chattahoochee River. Here residents can canoe, kayak, fish, picnic, hike along riverside trails, and play in a playground.

Next door, *Riverside Park* lets residents enjoy access to the river and offers a canoe/kayak launch, fishing areas, playgrounds, river access, hiking trails, multi-use trails and picnic areas.

For those looking for a place to run, *Big Creek Park* offers hiking and jogging trails along the creek. Biking is also allowed on the paved trails.

Hikers will also enjoy *Old Mill Park*, which offers hiking and walking trails. Town Square offers a picnic area and a town green used for concerts and other outdoor events.

*Waller Park* offers a recreation and fitness center as well as classrooms, meeting rooms, picnic area, a playground and creek access.

## The Art's Flourish

For the *First Friday Art Walks*, eight galleries in the Roswell Arts District allow guests to take a self-guided tour through the galleries. There are talks, music, food, and drink. A trolley takes guests from Canton Street to Plum Tree Village and Oak Street.

*Arts Center West* and the *Arts Center at East Roswell Park* both offer residents studio space, classrooms, and gallery space.

The *Roswell Cultural Arts Center* offers a variety of theatre, art exhibits, dance recitals, and more.

The *Atlanta Wind Symphony* offers fans of music a chance to find a musical outlet. Housed at the Roswell Cultural Arts Center, the groups offer events throughout the year.

A professional theatre, *Georgia Ensemble Theatre* offers patrons world premiere shows and classic works to "captivate the current generation of theatre-goers and nurture future generations." The award-winning theatre performs year-round at the *Roswell Cultural Arts Center*.

## Fun for the Whole Family

Every third Thursday of each month from April to October, the city offers *Alive Roswell* on the Historic Roswell Square, on the Historic Canton Street and at the Faces of War Memorial Park. From 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., the festivals features food trucks, bands, vendors, games and other entertainment for the whole family.

During May through October, *Riverside Park* hosts the *Riverside Sounds Concert Series*. Guests can bring a picnic meal or visit a food truck while enjoying the sounds of a live band in concert.

Each March the Historic Bulloch Hall lets quilt lovers find exclusive hand-made quilts at the *Great American Cover-Up Quilt Show*.

Celebrate Black History at the *Roswell Roots Festival*. Held in February, the festival highlights black history and culture.

Are you a beer aficionado? The *Roswell Beer Festival* lets you taste a variety of beers. Held on the Historic Town Square each March, the festival offers lots of fun with great food and drink.

In April, the city hosts the *Annual Roswell Azalea Festival* where Master Gardeners offer hobbyists the tools to make an eye-catching garden. Find birdhouses, plants, art, food and live entertainment.

Watch fireworks light up the sky at the city's annual *Fourth of July Fireworks Extravaganza*. Families gather on the lawn in front of Roswell High School to view the show and listen to live entertainment. The event includes games and food.

The *Annual Roswell Wine Festival* takes place each October. During the festival, guests can walk along Canton Street, enjoying a taste of local restaurants and wine tastings.

For the holidays, the city offers *Christmas in Roswell* during November and December. A celebration of arts and culture, the highlight of the event is *The Nutcracker*, presented by the Roswell Dance Theatre at the *Roswell Cultural Arts Center*.

Roswell continues to be one of the most sought-after areas in metro Atlanta, due to the variety of amenities and experiences it offers residents. Empty nesters and families alike love the charm and personality of this suburban gem.

## Let us show you Roswell!

If you'd like to learn more about Roswell from professionals who know what it's like to live and work here, give our team a call. We are all local residents who have raised our families in the area, and we're happy to help you discover whether Roswell is right for your family!



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