

Marietta Welcome Center

4 Depot Street



Housed in the Western & Atlantic passenger depot, this brick structure was built in 1898 and is typical of passenger depots used at the turn of the century. It was built on the site of the original depot

(1840s), which was burned by Sherman's troops in 1864.

(P) Hours: Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sunday 1-4 p.m.

Kennesaw House and Marietta History Museum

(c. 1845)

1 Depot Street (next door to Welcome Center)



Originally a small breakfast house from 1844-1855, a four-story hotel was built around it. During the Civil War, it was the 1862 meeting place for Andrews Raiders the night before they stole the locomotive,

The General, of "The Great Locomotive Chase" fame. It served as a Confederate hospital, was later occupied by Federal troops and briefly served as Sherman's headquarters when it was partially burned. After the war, it was remodeled as a three-story hotel and renamed the Kennesaw House. Today, it houses the Marietta Museum of History. **(P) Hours: Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.**

For more information, see the following brochures: *Historic Marietta Walking/Driving Tour*, *The Cannonball Trail: A Driving Tour of Marietta's Civil War Sites and Marietta City Cemetery and Confederate Cemetery*.

Symbols

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NP – Not open to the public

B – Building currently contains a business

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Cobb Landmarks & Historical Society
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Marietta Welcome Center & Visitors Bureau
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Driving Tour Map

Welcome to historic Cobb County!

Located in the rapidly growing metropolitan Atlanta region, Cobb County boasts numerous historic buildings and sites. This brochure highlights historic areas in the six cities of Marietta, Acworth, Kennesaw, Austell, Powder Springs, Smyrna and unincorporated areas. Be sure to drive all three tours and enjoy learning about historic Cobb County. All tours begin at the Marietta Welcome Center.

Directions to Marietta

From Atlanta: Take I-75 north to exit 263. This road becomes South Marietta Parkway 120 S. Loop. Follow west about 5 miles to Atlanta Street, turn right. Marietta Square is two blocks ahead.

From Kennesaw, Cartersville or Chattanooga: Take I-75 south to exit 267B. Follow ramp to Highway 5 (Marietta, Smyrna). Road becomes Church Street. Go about 2½ miles to Marietta Square.

Marietta

Marietta was established in 1834 on former Cherokee Indian land and designated the county seat. The downtown area was patterned after Savannah and laid out in 1833. The square was destroyed by Union Gen. Sherman's troops in 1864, so most of the current buildings date in the 1880s, giving it a turn of the century appearance. Marietta became a thriving community, due in part to the extension of the Western & Atlantic Railroad to the city in the 1840s. Prior to the Civil War, people from the coast came for the climate and to avoid yellow fever and malaria epidemics. Many of Marietta's historic homes were summer homes of these coastal residents. Marietta is the proud possessor of five national historic districts listed in the National Register of Historic Places, which contains more than 100 homes, antebellum to Victorian, built prior to 1900. These homes evoke the warmth, sentiment and beauty of the Old South.

Cobb County Historic Driving Tours

