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ABOUT THE COVER: Formerly known as the "Festival of Speed", the acclaimed Pro-Race Series at East Point's Dick Lane Velodrome brings to the forefront the best of the best riders that the U.S. has to offer. *Photo: Chris Kelly/ckdake.com*



East Point Historical Society

# East Point History

## From Convenient Location to Modern Destination

**S**ince its creation 125 years ago, East Point has been known for its location. Established in 1887, the City of East Point rapidly grew because of its position at the most eastern point along the Atlanta & West Point railroad, situated opposite from West Point, Georgia.

The City of East Point, which started with only 16 families in 1870, steadily grew throughout the century as an inviting place for local industry. In 1880, a saw mill, distillery, post office, school and two churches

### DID YOU KNOW?

East Point has the second steepest concrete cycling track in the country at the Dick Lane Velodrome — the only Velodrome in Georgia.

sprang up, attracting more residents.

Within 10 years, the city of East Point experienced its first housing boom. A major portion of property along East Point Avenue was developed by 1890.

Main Street/Highway 29 was completed in 1892, despite protests from early settlers who thought one thoroughfare, Newnan Road, was sufficient. Today, Main Street remains one of East Point's most popular roads and is home to many annual events, dining options and growing businesses.

The original three buildings on Main Street are currently occupied by thriving businesses. What used to serve as the lifeline of the city more than 100 years ago is now



Historic City Hall



popular for strolling and grabbing a great meal at a local restaurant.

East Point is dedicated to expanding its commercial areas and neighborhoods, and preserving historic neighborhoods such as Jefferson Park, Conley Hills and Frog Hollow.

One popular development in East Point is the Dick Lane Velodrome. Inspired by a group of residents and city officials who visited the 1972 Munich Olympic Games, this bicycling track was one of the only two velodromes in the United States at the time of its construction in 1974.

The Velodrome served as an Olympic training facility for the 1996 Centennial Olympic Games.

From Olympic facilities to world-class transportation, this 125-year-old city has grown to be a key location for travelers throughout Atlanta. Its historic charm and growing developments are just a few reasons why East Point is a hidden jewel in metro Atlanta.



Dick Lane Velodrome

### Stay and Play in East Point

The unique and scenic community of East Point, Georgia offers the amenities of a bustling city and convenience of being right near the airport. Your family can stay and play in East Point and also enjoy world-famous Atlanta dining, attractions and entertainment! Find out more at [VisitEastPoint.com](http://VisitEastPoint.com)

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# Events in East Point

This small town packs enough activity and diversity into its annual schedule to please travelers looking for traditional, as well as out-of-the-ordinary fun.

## MAY

### Taste of East Point

Think 'local' the last Saturday in April. The event showcases the food, art and music created in the South Metro area. Local artists show off handmade wares from intricate jewelry designs to deftly turned wooden bowls. Bands perform a mix of funk, soul and blues. Taste samplings of cuisine from renowned area restaurants.



East Point Fall Festival carnival

## MAY-SEPTEMBER

### Friday Night Flicks

On the third Friday of the month from May through September, the City raises a big screen and sound system to welcome families to the Downtown 'Commons' area with lawn chairs and blankets. Kids' activities take place one hour before the show and popcorn, sodas and candy are available. The focus is on family fun.

## JUNE

### East Point Possums Show

Roll out the red carpet, for the drag queens take center stage at the Downtown 'Commons' with the biggest drag show in the Southeast. Musical and theatrical performances raise money for non-profits the third Saturday of June every year. During

daylight hours there is a field day of tug-of-war, beer barrel races and more. Once the sun goes down, the possums come out to put on a glitzy show.

## JULY

### Salute to the Red, White and Blue Fourth of July Hometown Celebration

Ride the Ferris wheel and take a carousel spin at one of the oldest and largest South Fulton County celebrations. Before the fireworks, big appetites meet their match at watermelon- and pie-eating contests. All eyes are on the sky when reds, golds, blues and greens explode overhead to a synchronized musical score.

## MAY-DECEMBER

### Farmers Market on the Commons

On select weekdays and on the third Saturday of the month, May through October, and as a special holiday treat in November and December, local growers meet East Point citizens with fresh, healthy foods direct from the ground. In addition to fruits and vegetables, artisans offer handmade edibles and local craft items.

## OCTOBER

### Destination East Point

The second Saturday in October means fall festival time. There's a pie baking contest, chili cookoff, a carnival with rides, music, an artist market, face painting and circus performers.

## DECEMBER

### East Point Celebrates the Holidays

Cooler weather means the holidays are on their way. Come out for a visit with Santa, Holiday music, hot cocoa, treats and the annual tree lighting at East Point City Hall.



Main Street in Historic Downtown

## What to Do in East Point

Enjoy the small-town charm of East Point's shopping, food, parks and attractions. No matter what you feel like doing, it is within reach in East Point.

### SHOPPING

East Point's **Camp Creek Marketplace** spans 1,400 acres with more than 100 affordable shops and restaurants. Located just five minutes from Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, this center gives residents and visitors the ability to shop with convenience and ease.

If small town charm and local restaurants are more your style, **Downtown East Point** is perfect. The shops, boutiques, restaurants and businesses maintain the same historic character as the day they were built in the 1800s.

#### DID YOU KNOW?

Camp Creek Marketplace Shopping Center in East Point was one of the largest in the state when it was built, and has some of the highest-producing restaurants in the state.

Camp Creek Marketplace



East Point allows you to enjoy slow, Southern charm, with downtown Atlanta as a backdrop.





This Is It! Barbecue & Seafood's chopped pork sandwich

## FOOD

East Point is within five miles of 323 Zagat-rated restaurants. With numerous establishments in East Point and close by in Atlanta, you'll never go hungry.

Hop on Camp Creek Parkway to **Camp Creek Marketplace**, East Point's newest dining, shopping and entertainment center right off the interstate and minutes from the airport. Savor southern comfort favorites like fried chicken, barbeque ribs, collard greens, cornbread and sweet tea at **This is It! Barbecue & Seafood**. Bring the kids to family-favorite restaurants, such as **Longhorn Steakhouse**, or catch the game at the new fan favorite **The Ultimate Sports Bar & Grill**.

**East Point Corner Tavern**, located in the Main Street Business District, is a well-known watering hole. You'll find 16 specialty beers on

tap and a menu that ranges from barbeque to chef-driven specialty entrees, homemade soups and wing specials.

East Point takes pride in products grown by local farmers and no other restaurant embraces this concept better than **Lov'n It Live** — the leader in organic living and vegan cuisine. The inviting environment at Lov'n It Live will rejuvenate you and the exotic cuisine will excite your taste buds. Atlanta's premier fresh juice manufacturer, **Arden's Garden** makes fresh juices from its East Point headquarters five days a week to send to supermarkets, specialty health food stores and health clubs across the city. The tasty, natural concoctions are made from more than 20 different fruits and vegetables, so stop by East Point's

own Arden's Garden on Main Street and drink to your health! Indulge in a sweet treat at **E'vans Bake Shop** when visiting downtown East Point. Try the mini pecan pie — a Southern classic, or choose from the variety of cupcakes — key lime, strawberry and red velvet, just to name a few,



East Point Corner Tavern (top) and Oz Pizza's patio (above)



all homemade in the shop.

**Oz Pizza** and **Shack on Main** in downtown East Point are known for their delicious food, community and great hometown service.

**Thumbs Up Diner** specializes in classic American diner fare featuring blue plate specials, skillet meals and buttermilk pancakes.

Most of downtown East Point's restaurants are located on Main Street, East Point Street and White Way, also located across the street from the East Point MARTA station, so you'll feel at ease walking through town to take in East Point's charm. For a laid back place to enjoy a meal, visit the patio at Oz Pizza.

Up the road from downtown East Point and around the corner from the airport, you'll find Virginia Avenue, surrounded by hotels and

restaurants ranging from casual dining chains to **Giovanna's Italian Kitchen**, and **Spondivits**, a seafood restaurant with a Floridian vibe.

Whether you are in the mood for pizza or classic Southern soul food, these locations will leave you full and feeling like a local.



Lov'n It Live

#### DID YOU KNOW?

Highly popular, trusted family friendly American restaurant chains Longhorn Steakhouse, Chick-fil-A and Ruby Tuesday all serve as the number one locations in their chains at Camp Creek Marketplace.

## ATTRACTIONS

Built as a training facility for the 1996 Olympic Games, the **Dick Lane Velodrome** remains one of the most unique cycling structures in the world. Home to activities such as Bicycle Little League, Pro Race Series, Junior Track Classic, Regional Bicycling Championships and weekly themed racing nights, this track continues to be one of the most distinctive and premier facilities of its kind.

With six of 16 planned international quality turf fields, 100 acres of green space and a planned 500+ seat stadium, the **Georgia Sports Park** is a prime location to get active and play like a pro.



Dick Lane Velodrome

Be sure to visit the **Jefferson Park Recreation Center**, **Alfred "Tup" Holmes Golf Club** or the **John D. Milner Sports Complex** for more fun and active getaways around East Point.

Take a break from all the energetic outdoor activities and experience heritage and history in a whole new way at the **East Point Historical Society**. The

Society contains city archives, historic council minutes, family records and more dating back to the 1800s. It also actively preserves the history of local cemeteries and neighborhoods throughout East Point.

Coming soon: **Odyssey Bowling & Entertainment Plaza** is expected to open in Spring 2013. Guests will not only enjoy bowling but a tropically landscaped miniature golf course, a Go Kart Track, rock climbing wall and zip line, Laser Tag and Laser Frenzy. The Executive Briefing Center will allow for corporate functions and team building. There will also be three private, four-lane VIP bowling suites.

# Hotels and Event Facilities

BY LAURA RAINES



Crowne Plaza Airport

If you're looking for a place to stay for an Atlanta business meeting or vacation, consider East Point. You'll find accommodations in a variety of styles offering comforts to fit every traveler's personality. East Point has approximately 2,200 select service, limited service and conference hotel rooms with approximately 46,200 square feet of hotel meeting space within three miles of Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (HJIA).

East Point is just a few miles from HJIA and the Georgia International Convention Center. The majority of hotels offer free, round-the-clock transportation to and from the airport.

For more information about these East Point hotels, please visit [www.visiteastpoint.com/hotels](http://www.visiteastpoint.com/hotels).

## DID YOU KNOW?

East Point has 16 great hotels to choose from, with close proximity to the airport, shopping and restaurants.

### **Comfort Inn & Suites: Airport North; (404) 762-5566**

Should your business or family sightseeing plans require an extended stay, this hotel offers discounted weekly rates. Each suite is furnished with a living area and kitchenette complete with refrigerator and microwave. After a busy day, enjoy the workout area or seasonal pool. You'll enjoy the convenience of knowing that you're just minutes from the airport and Downtown Atlanta.

### **Country Inn & Suites: Atlanta Airport North; (404) 767-9787**

Providing a home-away-from-home feeling is the aim here. You'll feel welcomed by the cozy lobby with a fireplace and conversational seating. The complimentary hot breakfast, indoor pool with a sundeck and the many restaurant choices on Virginia Avenue — all within walking distance — may make this establishment seem better than home.

### **Courtyard by Marriott: Atlanta Airport West; (404) 344-4414**

Just four miles from the airport, this Courtyard offers 124 rooms and four stylish suites with state-of-the-

art technology. You'll also appreciate staying across from the Camp Creek Marketplace, the Southside's premier shopping center.

### **Crowne Plaza Atlanta Airport Hotel; (404) 768-6660**

You'll find all the luxury you'd expect from a 378-room, high-rise upscale hotel, but here's the twist: You'll also find an intimate, family-oriented attitude that speaks Southern hospitality. The hotel's proximity to the airport, a 24-hour shuttle and its central location to East Point's restaurant district makes this a favorite site for large meetings.

### **Doubletree by Hilton: Atlanta Airport; (404) 763-1600**

The cascading water wall and fireplace in the lobby offer a warm, contemporary setting for travelers. The rooms are newly renovated and feature extra touches like "Sweet Dreams" luxury bedding, Wolfgang Puck coffeemakers and oversized work desks with dual-line phones. Find Southern and traditional cuisine at the Season's Bakery and Grille or choose a "Grab & Go" selection on your way to a meeting.

### **Fairfield Inn & Suites: Atlanta Airport North; (404) 767-5374**

A free airport shuttle and complimentary breakfast make business travel easier at this 55-room, 30-suite inn. Pump up your energy after work using the cardiovascular equipment in the fitness center, take a dip in the pool or relax in the living area with free cable LGHD TV.

### **Hampton Inn & Suites: Atlanta I-285 & Camp Creek Parkway; (404) 344-4474**

Whether you want to explore the art galleries in East Point or the nearby Camp Creek Marketplace, you'll find the going easy at this newest Hampton Inn near the airport. A free shuttle to the College Park MARTA station puts Atlanta at your fingertips, and you'll appreciate extra touches like the complimentary beverage bar and the flight board in the lobby.



Courtyard by Marriott Atlanta Airport West

### **Hilton Garden Inn: Atlanta Airport North; (404) 477-6600**

You can't beat the location of this relatively new (2009) Hilton Garden Inn, one mile from the airport. It offers beds that you can adjust to suit your own support levels, a hospitality center in each room with refrigerator, microwave and coffeemaker, and a 24-hour Pavilion Pantry. Comfortable meeting rooms make the Hilton Garden a perfect choice for business meetings (up to 200), training sessions or special family events.

### **Hyatt Place: Atlanta Airport North; (404) 768-8484**

The spacious rooms in this Hyatt offer oversized beds, cozy sofa-sleepers and a business/media center. Free Wi-Fi and a Hyatt Plug Panel will keep all devices humming. Specialty coffee drinks in the café, beer and wine in the lounge, self-service check-in/check-out kiosks, complimentary newspapers, airport transportation and a 24-hour Stay-Fitness Center recall the days when travel was a pleasure.

#### **OTHER EAST POINT CHOICES**

**Drury Inn & Suites Airport Atlanta; (404) 761-4900**

**Econo Lodge; (404) 761-5201**

**Efficiency Lodge; (404) 559-1221**

**Hampton Inn & Suites: Atlanta Airport North; (404) 767-9300**

**Holiday Inn Atlanta Airport North; (404) 305-9990**

**Regency Inn; (404) 762-5555**

**Wellesley Inn Atlanta Airport; (404) 762-5111**

# Event Facilities



Georgia International Convention Center

**M**inutes from Atlanta and Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, East Point is the ideal location for a hassle-free meeting. In addition to more than 2,000 hotel rooms with welcoming accommodations and top-notch amenities, East Point is conveniently located close to Georgia's most prominent convention centers.

**The Georgia International Convention Center (GICC)** is only 3.3 miles from the heart of East Point and has 400,000 square feet of flexible meeting space. The facility's bold and contemporary rounded forms, angled walls and modern fixtures prove that the GICC is a marvel of form as well as function. As the world's only convention center directly attached to a major airport, the GICC creates a new standard of accommodation in the convention industry. In just minutes, guests are transported straight from the airport to the GICC on the ATL SkyTrain, followed by only one other stop at the new airport Rental Car Center.

Only eight miles or 17 minutes from East Point in the heart of Atlanta sits the **Georgia World Congress Center (GWCC)**, the fourth largest convention center in the nation with 3.9 million square feet that includes meeting rooms, galleries, exhibit halls, kitchens and store rooms. Spanning three buildings with multiple levels, the GWCC offers many amenities

and countless exhibitor possibilities. Located in the convention corridor of downtown Atlanta, next to a variety of restaurants and attractions, the GWCC is accessible from East Point via major U.S. interstates or the MARTA rail system. Constant improvements in productivity, green initiatives and service have made this one of the five largest convention destinations in the world.

Among the skyscrapers and busy streets of downtown Atlanta is the impressive **Atlanta Convention Center at AmericasMart**. Eight exhibit floors offer up to 850,000 square feet of exhibit space with unique, full-service facilities, including a Penthouse Theatre and Grand Atrium that can be transformed to accommodate meetings and conventions of any size. Welcome your attendees as they breeze in from the airport via the MARTA rapid transit system. The Atlanta Convention Center at AmericasMart takes pride in its highly acclaimed service and staff that ensure your group's satisfaction.

# East Point: Gateway to Atlanta and the World

**N**ext door to the world's busiest and most efficient airport,\* East Point feels a world apart. The 125-year-old city straddles the railroad; the lifeblood of Atlanta's past and present. Today, East Point serves as the second MARTA stop from Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport. Travelers hop off in the updated city center of East Point's historic downtown. The community also sits at the apex of three major interstates, making it even easier to get into town.

Courtesy shuttle service to and from the Atlanta airport is one of the many valuable amenities offered by the upscale hotels in East Point. Many East Point hotels offer convenient parking for cars and motor-coach buses, as well as Stay Park & Fly programs. The new Hartsfield Jackson Rental Car Center is the one-stop-shop for guests in need of a rental car during their visit. All local rental car companies are located in the center, which is accessible using the ATL SkyTrain railway—it is the second stop after the Georgia International Convention Center. Rental contracts, keys and cars are all located in one convenient location for fast service that meets guests' needs.

East Point's prime location makes it easily accessible from major U.S. interstates 75, 85, and 285. When exiting the interstate East Point welcomes visitors with a variety of shopping, dining and entertainment options, as well as a wide-range of overnight parking selections, such as **Park 'N Go**, where you can rest assured that your vehicle is safe and secure during your travels.

Every major Atlanta attraction is accessible from East Point in 30 minutes or less. Enjoy comfortable accommodations right outside of the city at an East Point hotel and explore Atlanta's unique features.

Stay informed of all traffic conditions and trip times with Georgia 511, the free real time travel information network.

For quick, easy and affordable travel from the airport all the way to

## DID YOU KNOW?

Hartsfield-Jackson offers non-stop service to 150 domestic and 95 international cities in 57 countries.



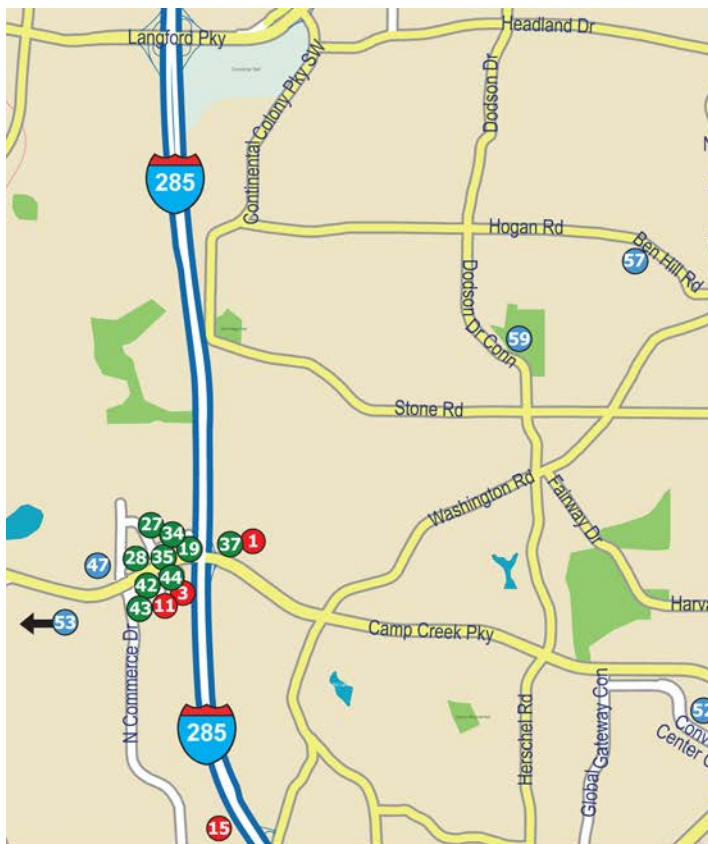
Buckhead, hop on MARTA (Metro Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority), Atlanta's local public transportation system. With direct train service to Hartsfield Jackson Atlanta International Airport, as well as hundreds of buses covering over 91 routes, MARTA is your efficient connection. MARTA stations are located at the airport, in East Point, two stops in downtown Atlanta, Midtown, Buckhead and beyond. A one-way ride on MARTA is \$2.50 and discount programs are offered for groups and convention visitors.

Taxis are readily available at the Atlanta airport to take you to your destination with costs that range depending on the destination.

If you're travelling with a large group for a convention, sporting event, church trip or reunion, **Coast to Coast Tours** offers quality charter bus accommodations for all travelers at affordable prices.

Stay in East Point and enjoy convenient airport location and accessible transportation options.

*\*Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport has been ranked world's busiest for 13 years and world's most efficient for nine years and counting.*



## EAST

● HOTELS

- 1 COMFORT INN & SUITES AIRPORT NORTH
- 2 COUNTRY INN & SUITES ATLANTA AIRPORT NORTH
- 3 COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT ATLANTA AIRPORT WEST
- 4 CROWNE PLAZA ATLANTA AIRPORT
- 5 DOUBLETREE BY HILTON ATLANTA AIRPORT
- 6 DRURY INN & SUITES AIRPORT ATLANTA
- 7 ECONO LODGE
- 8 EFFICIENCY LODGE
- 9 FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES ATLANTA AIRPORT NORTH
- 10 HAMPTON INN & SUITES ATLANTA AIRPORT NORTH
- 11 HAMPTON INN & SUITES ATLANTA  
I-285 & CAMP CREEK PARKWAY
- 12 HILTON GARDEN INN ATLANTA AIRPORT NORTH
- 13 HOLIDAY INN ATLANTA AIRPORT NORTH
- 14 HYATT PLACE ATLANTA AIRPORT NORTH
- 15 REGENCY INN
- 16 WELLESLEY INN ATLANTA AIRPORT

● RESTAURANTS

- 17 AMERICAN BURGERS
- 18 ARDEN'S GARDEN
- 19 CARINO'S ITALIA
- 20 CHIC-A-LOES
- 21 EAST POINT CORNER
- 22 EL REY MEXICAN
- 23 EL ROCIO MEXICAN
- 24 E'VANS BAKE SHOP
- 25 FERG'S 25/8 BAR
- 26 GIOVANNA'S ITAL
- 27 KIKU JAPANESE
- 28 LONGHORN STEAK
- 29 LOV'N IT LIVE
- 30 MALONE'S STEAK
- 31 MOCHA DELITES
- 32 OZ PIZZA
- 33 Q'S SOUTHERN S
- 34 RED LOBSTER
- 35 RUBY TUESDAY
- 36 RUBY TUESDAY
- 37 SCORES
- 38 SILVER'S DELIGHT  
AND CARIBBEAN





Georgia Sports Park

## Stay and Play

Sports teams, parents, coaches and referees can enjoy comfortable accommodations at East Point hotels, located right near the airport with proximity to various sporting venues. BY LARA ROENITZ

**F**ans of track cycling will jump at the chance to visit the **Dick Lane Velodrome**, one of only 24 active velodromes in the United States. The velodrome runs a variety of high-speed, fun programs throughout the year ranging from professional races and regional championships, to the successful Bicycle Little League racing program. Spectators are invited to catch the exhilarating action with some of the best riders in the U.S. at the Pro Race Series events, or for something more low-key, catch any of the weekly racing events.

Youth and adults can play like pros at the renowned **Georgia Sports Park**, home to six high-quality international-size fields used for soccer, Ultimate Frisbee, rugby, lacrosse and more. This premier sports complex has capabilities to host matches, tournaments, games, camps, practices and special events, all in a private setting that is close to shopping and restaurants. Many local restaurants offer Georgia Sports Park discounts, and local food vendors are available to provide temporary

concessions and catering. Numerous professional services can be reserved based on the individual needs of each event, from athletic trainers, medical personnel to security, cleaning services and tent rentals. The no-hassle reservation process makes planning an event at Georgia Soccer Park easy.

Found in town are East Point's recreation center and youth sports complex, which can host a number of activities. The **John D. Milner Athletic Complex** is home to many of East Point's youth athletic programs and is also the host site for various local, regional, state and national tournaments. This 18-acre sports facility allows for baseball, football and soccer with amenities that include a concession stand, batting cages, dugouts, soccer goals and four baseball fields, two of which can be converted into a football or soccer field.

**Jefferson Park Recreation Center** and its new renovations provide a convenient place to host activities of any capacity. The gymnasium,



game, community, weight and dance rooms are ideal to host sports-related camps, workshops and practices, but the uses for this space don't stop there — it can also be reserved for banquets, wedding receptions, community meetings, reunions and parties.

**JUST OUTSIDE OF EAST POINT**

Explore the venues and facilities just outside of East Point with convenient access to East Point's accommodations.

Tennis enthusiasts can perfect their serve at **South Fulton Tennis Center**, home to 20 hard-surface lighted tennis courts, four clay-surface lighted courts and a tennis center clubhouse. Lessons are offered, as well as training sessions for all levels that focus on techniques, strategy and mentality.

Discover the unlimited possibilities at **Foxhall Resort and Sporting Club**. Stretching along two miles of the Chattahoochee River, Foxhall boasts an impressive array of sporting activities, more than 1,100 acres of event space and picturesque views. Foxhall Sporting Club includes a world-class equestrian facility, 15

miles of trails, sports lawns and multi-purpose lawns. For social events, weddings, reunions, corporate retreats or team-building workshops, Foxhall is the perfect setting for any occasion and will work with you to provide a memorable event.

Located on the southwest side of Atlanta, the hidden gem known as **Wolf Creek Golf Club** is one of the most difficult, best conditioned and enjoyable golf courses in the metro Atlanta area. Book a tee-time or enter a Wolf Creek tournament and take on the challenging course that incorporates both low flatlands holes, bordering many wetlands areas, and holes with dramatic challenges.

The **Riverdale Centre** is a state of the art multi-purpose facility located in the heart of the Riverdale Town Center south of East Point. With more than 40,000 square feet of indoor event space, an outdoor pavilion and an amphitheater that seats up to 1,500 people, this dynamic facility has the capabilities to cater to every event planner's needs. With a packed events calendar featuring concert series, festivals and a holiday celebration, there are plenty of opportunities to entertain your group.

**PARKS & FACILITIES**

East Point offers an impressive array of traditional parks and multi-purpose facilities with amenities that vary from park to park.

	Tennis Courts	Playgrounds	Shelters/Pavilions	Grills	Athletic Fields	Basketball Courts	Volleyball	Bathroom Facilities
<b>COMMUNITY PARKS</b>								
Sykes	6	2	6	Y		1		
<b>NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS</b>								
Brookdale	2	1	1			1		
Sumner	1	1	1	Y	3			
<b>MINI PARKS</b>								
Blount		1	1					
Bryan		1		Y			1	
Colonial/Unity		1	1					
Rantin		1	2	Y				
<b>ATHLETIC COMPLEX</b>								
John D. Milner					4			Y
<b>SPECIAL USE AREAS</b>								
Dick Lane Velodrome			1					Y
Keith Moore Field					1			
Georgia Sports Park					6			Y*



# East Point. On Point for Groups, Tours and Reunions.

BY LARA ROENITZ

Planning a group event involves a variety of options to think about, but when convenience, value and location are considered, there is no better option than East Point. Whatever type of event it is — family reunion, motorcoach tour, church group or girlfriend getaway — East Point's small-town charm and big-city possibilities will fit everyone.

Begin with the no-hassle group accommodations at East Point hotels, which are conveniently located near the airport with reliable shuttle service. Groups will appreciate their comfortable home base with easy access to all of East Point's best features. Many hotels offer tailored price points for groups, abundant event space and ample motorcoach parking.

A variety of East Point restaurants offer private space for large groups, specialty group menus and cuisine that fits every taste and budget. Many

## DID YOU KNOW?

You can access all of the major interstates in Atlanta (I-285, I-75, I-85 and I-20) in less than a 10-minute drive from East Point.

restaurants offer to-go and catering alternatives and will deliver warm, ready-to-serve cuisine.

Plan a budget-friendly picnic or social gathering at an East Point park or multi-purpose facility that can include such amenities as tennis courts, playgrounds, pavilions, grills, athletic fields, basketball and volleyball courts and walking trails.

Spend an afternoon exploring the simple, yet sophisticated, community of East Point. Discover **Camp Creek Marketplace**, where there is truly something for everyone. Take in the distinct individuality, eclectic cuisine and unique shopping of downtown East Point. Catch an adrenaline-filled bike race at the **Dick Lane Velodrome** or take time to learn about East Point's fascinating history at the **East Point Historical Society**.

Host your event during one of East Point's many entertaining, family-friendly festivals throughout the year, such as the **Taste of East Point** or the **4th of July Fireworks** extravaganza where East Point residents and



Sykes Park

visitors meet in the central Commons area to take in all that accounts for East Point's captivating personality.

Plan a day trip to Atlanta — easily accessible from East Point on the interstate or MARTA — to experience famous, group-friendly attractions, such as the Georgia Aquarium, World of Coca-Cola, Centennial Olympic Park, Inside CNN Studio Tours, the Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Site and more.

### PLANNING A FAMILY REUNION

Planning this special gathering in advance is a must, so start by creating a guest list. From this list, form a reunion committee with one person in charge of each major aspect of the reunion.

Next, select the date(s) — poll family members to avoid time and date conflicts. Since family reunions can range from an afternoon barbecue to an affair lasting multiple days, you'll also need to determine how long your gathering will be. A good rule of thumb — the further attendees must travel to reach the location, the longer the reunion should last.

After selecting the dates, select the reunion site. If you're planning to include a large number of people, it's a good idea to send a "save the date," either by postal mail or email that includes basic information, such as proposed dates and the location. This helps gauge interest and gathers feedback while also developing a budget.



Enjoy local food, art and music at the annual Taste of East Point festival.

Creating a theme is a good way to drive interest and can also help determine other aspects of the reunion, such as activities and a menu. Research activities around the site where you're planning to meet. A tasty menu makes for an unforgettable family reunion, so ensure the menu includes options that will please every taste.

Once these details are set, it's time to invite your guests. It is best to do this in advance — six months to a year — so your guests can plan accordingly. Follow up with a program that outlines the lineup of scheduled events that can help your guests determine their budgets and packing lists.

After the event, ask each family to fill out an evaluation and use their feedback as a tool for planning the next reunion. This is also a useful way to collect updated family information including phone numbers, email addresses and birthdays. Last but not least, thank the volunteers who helped make your reunion a success!

## East Point Attraction Information

### Camp Creek Marketplace

[www.campcreekmarketplace.net](http://www.campcreekmarketplace.net)

### City of East Point Parks & Recreation

(404) 270-7042; [www.eastpointcity.org](http://www.eastpointcity.org)

### Dick Lane Velodrome

(404) 769-0012  
[www.dicklanevelodrome.com](http://www.dicklanevelodrome.com)

### East Point Historical Society

(404) 767-4656; [www.eastpoinths.org](http://www.eastpoinths.org)

### East Point Main Street Association

(for events and festivals)  
(404) 270-7059  
[www.downtowneastpoint.com](http://www.downtowneastpoint.com)

### Georgia International Convention Center (GICC)

(770) 997-3566; [www.gicc.com](http://www.gicc.com)

### Georgia Sports Park

(404) 992-4928  
[www.georgiasoccerpark.com](http://www.georgiasoccerpark.com)

### Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport

(404) 530-7300  
[www.atlanta-airport.com](http://www.atlanta-airport.com)

### City Hall

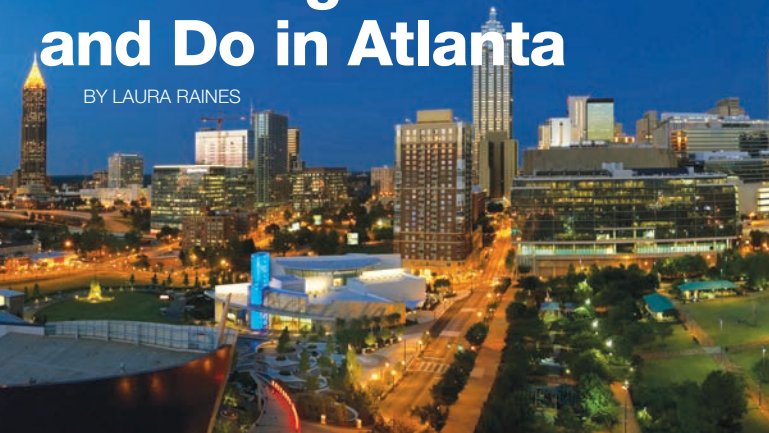
(404) 270-7001  
[www.eastpointcity.org](http://www.eastpointcity.org)

### Odyssey Bowling & Entertainment Plaza

(coming soon)  
(888) 789-6661  
[www.odysseyentertainmentplaza.com](http://www.odysseyentertainmentplaza.com)

# Fun Things to See and Do in Atlanta

BY LAURA RAINES



Up the road from East Point lies the city of Atlanta: a cultural center, a shopping and dining hub, and a sports capital filled with endless discoveries. Here is a list of some of the most popular attractions, located in Atlanta's numerous neighborhoods—all easily accessible from East Point. For a complete list of things to do in Atlanta, please visit [Atlanta.net](http://Atlanta.net).

## DOWNTOWN



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### Georgia Aquarium

Did you know that landlocked Atlanta boasts the world's largest aquarium? Right Downtown, you'll find more than 10 million gallons of water teeming with aquatic life including whale sharks, Manta rays, Beluga whales, dolphins and an albino alligator. Large windows and a 100-foot glass underwater tunnel give you an ever-changing panorama of water life.



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### World of Coca-Cola

The world-famous soft drink got its start right here in Atlanta, when pharmacist Dr. John S. Pemberton invented the soda fountain elixir in 1886. Trace the history through memorabilia, see the Vault of the Secret Formula, view the bottling process, meet the Coca-Cola Polar Bear and taste more than 60 products in this refreshing and fun experience.



### Inside CNN Studio Tour

Go behind-the-scenes to see news in the making at Atlanta's CNN Center, the largest of its 48 news bureaus worldwide. This 55-minute guided walking tour offers behind-the-scenes views of Atlanta's CNN studios and an exclusive glimpse of news and broadcasting in action.





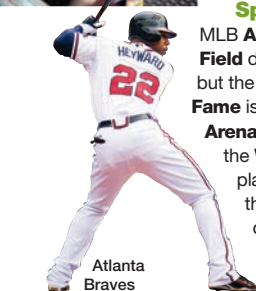
## DOWNTOWN



Imagine It! The Children's Museum of Atlanta

### Around Centennial Olympic Park: Centennial

**Olympic Park** is a lasting legacy from the 1996 Olympic Games and the site of many concerts and events. The Fountain of Rings is a favorite place for kids to splash. Nearby, you'll find **The Children's Museum of Atlanta**, the place to be for kids eight and under to explore hands-on exhibits such as building a sand castle, fishing from a babbling river, loading a grocery truck, or exploring the latest exhibit.



Atlanta Braves

**Sports All Downtown:** The MLB **Atlanta Braves** play at **Turner Field** during the spring and summer, but the **Braves Museum and Hall of Fame** is open year-round. At **Philips Arena**, the NBA **Atlanta Hawks** and the WNBA **Atlanta Dream** both play, while at the **Georgia Dome**, the NFL **Atlanta Falcons** were division champs in 1980, 1998, 2004 and 2010.



Atlanta Falcons



Tomb of Dr. and Mrs. Martin Luther King, Jr.

### Historic Downtown: At Underground

**Atlanta**, find shops, restaurants and night-clubs housed in Civil War-era storefronts. Viaducts constructed over the city's railroads elevated the streets in the 1920s and today, there are two stories of entertainment and events. Visit the **Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Site** to see his birth home, historic **Ebenezer Baptist Church**, The King Center, where Dr. King's Nobel Peace Prize is displayed, and the crypt and gravesite of Dr. King and his wife, Coretta Scott King. Sitting

on 30 landscaped acres, the **Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum** displays a history of Carter and his work before, during and after his presidency, and a full-size replica of the Oval Office.

### DID YOU KNOW?

The National Center for Civil and Human Rights will open near Centennial Olympic Park in 2013, joining the many other stellar attractions surrounding the park.



## Points of Interest

### 1. Downtown

- MARTA Stops: Five Points, Peachtree Center, Dome/GWCC/Philips Arena/CNN Center, King Memorial
- 2. Georgia Aquarium
- 3. World of Coca-Cola
- 4. Inside CNN Studio Tour
- 5. Imagine It! The Children's Museum of Atlanta
- 6. Philips Arena
- 7. Georgia Dome
- 8. Turner Field
- 9. Centennial Olympic Park
- 10. Underground Atlanta
- 11. MLK Jr. National Historic Site
- 12. Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum

### 13. Midtown

- MARTA Stops: Midtown, Arts Center
- 14. Atlanta Botanical Garden
- 15. Piedmont Park
- 16. High Museum of Art
- 17. The Woodruff Arts Center
- 18. The Museum of Design Atlanta
- 19. The Center for Puppetry Arts
- 20. William Breman Jewish Heritage and Holocaust Museum

- 21. Fox Theatre
- 22. Margaret Mitchell House
- 23. Buckhead
- MARTA Stops: Buckhead, Lenox
- 24. Governor's Mansion
- 25. Atlanta History Center
- 26. LEGOLAND Discovery Center at Phipps Plaza
- 27. Lenox Mall

### 28. Grant Park

- MARTA Stop: Five Points
- 29. Atlanta Cyclorama
- 30. Zoo Atlanta
- 31. Oakland Cemetery
- MARTA Stop: Inman Park/Reynoldstown

### 32. Inman Park

- MARTA Stop: Inman Park/Reynoldstown

### 33. Little Five Points

- 34. Fernbank Museum of Natural History
- 35. Michael C. Carlos Museum
- 36. Stone Mountain Park
- 37. Six Flags Over Georgia

- **Red Line** - Northbound & Southbound, Rail stations at: Five Points, Peachtree Center, Midtown, Arts Center, Buckhead
- **Gold Line** - Northbound & Southbound, Rail stations at: Atlanta Airport, East Point, Five Points, Peachtree Center, Midtown & Buckhead
- **Blue Line** - Eastbound & Westbound, Rail stations at: Inman Park/Reynoldstown, King Memorial, Five Points, Georgia Dome/Georgia World Congress Center/Philips Arena
- **Green Line** - Eastbound & Westbound, Rail stations at: Inman Park/Reynoldstown, King Memorial, Five Points, Georgia Dome/Georgia World Congress Center/Philips Arena



Ambrose Vintage in Little Five Points

**Little Five Points**

This eclectic neighborhood covers a range of interests: funky, indie, hippie and eccentric. Walk the streets of Little Five with your four-legged friend and stop in the many novelty shops or clothing boutiques. Enjoy the many patio dining options at local restaurants, bars and coffee shops.



Victorian home in Inman Park

**Inman Park**

Together with Grant Park, Inman Park contains the largest remaining area of Victorian architecture in Atlanta and was Atlanta's first planned suburb. Home to Freedom Park — Atlanta's largest public park—Inman Park is hailed as one of the nation's first garden suburbs and attracts visitors to its streets every April for the best street festival in Atlanta, the **Inman Park Festival**.



Inman Park Festival

**Grant Park**

One of Atlanta's oldest and most important historic districts, Grant Park is home to **Atlanta Cyclorama**, a cyclorama featuring the 1864 Battle



Zoo Atlanta

of Atlanta from the American Civil War. Find more than 200 species of animals at **Zoo Atlanta** with Western Lowland Gorillas, elephants, giraffes, rhinoceros, Giant Pandas and many more. Grant Park includes the 48-acre **Oakland Cemetery** (established in 1850), where Margaret Mitchell, Bobby Jones, 25 former mayors of Atlanta, six former governors of Georgia and many Civil War heroes are buried.



Oakland Cemetery





Atlanta Botanical Garden

With more than 30 acres of gardens, the 10,000 square-foot Fuqua Orchid Center, and a 40-foot high suspension bridge creating a treetop walk, the **Atlanta Botanical Garden** is located next to **Piedmont Park**. A visit to the **High Museum of Art** is a journey through American and European painting, folk art, photographs, sculpture and decorative arts. **The Woodruff Arts Center** is

#### DID YOU KNOW?

You can see five of Atlanta's most popular attractions for 45 percent less than ticket price with the Atlanta CityPass. You can purchase the pass online or at the box office of any participating attraction; Click [www.citypass.com/atlanta](http://www.citypass.com/atlanta) for more information.

also home to the **Atlanta Symphony Orchestra** and the **Alliance Theatre**, the site of several world premieres.

#### The Museum

**of Design Atlanta** just relocated in a new space across the street from the Woodruff Art Center. **The Center for Puppetry Arts** is the largest organization in the U.S. dedicated to the art of puppetry with performances and displays includ-

ing Jim Henson's

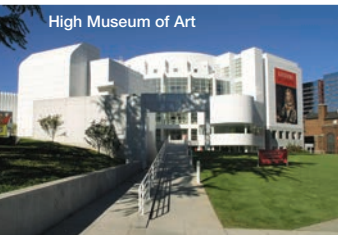
creations. Across the street, the **William Breman Jewish Heritage and Holocaust Museum** educates

visitors about the Holocaust and the

history of Jews in Atlanta. The opulent **Fox Theatre** was designed in the 1920s and is now one of Atlanta's premier performing arts venues and a national historic landmark. The **Margaret Mitchell House & Museum** offers tours of the home where the famous author wrote "Gone With the Wind".



The Fox Theatre



High Museum of Art

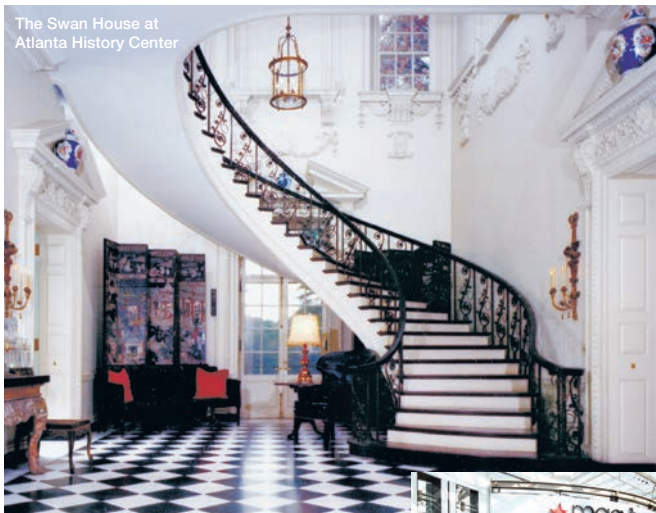
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Margaret Mitchell's "Gone With the Wind"



The Swan House at  
Atlanta History Center



Home to some of Atlanta's most luxurious homes, the **Governor's Mansion** and upscale shopping, this area also houses the **Atlanta**

### **History Center.**

It offers two historic house tours, the 1928 Swan House and the Smith family farm, one of the nation's most

comprehensive exhibits on the Civil War, and a wing dedicated to the Centennial Olympic Games.

The Atlanta History Center also manages the **Margaret Mitchell House** in Midtown. **LEGOLAND Discovery Center** in **Phipps Plaza** has rides, LEGO MINILAND with the Atlanta skyline and LEGO Racers: Build & Test. From luxury stores to quaint boutiques, Buckhead is the Mecca for shopping fanatics. Find the hottest trends at Phipps Plaza or explore more than 200 stylish stores at **Lenox Square**.



LEGO Racers: Build & Test



Lenox Square Mall

## NEARBY

### Explore Atlanta's Ancient Side

See the world's largest dinosaurs, explore the development of the earth, take in an

IMAX film and unleash

your curiosity about all things natural at **Fernbank Museum of Natural History**.

Located at Emory University, the **Michael C. Carlos Museum** has an international reputation for ancient art with stunning sculpture, artifacts, jewelry and ceramics, as well as Egyptian mummies.



Fernbank  
Museum of  
Natural History

#### DID YOU KNOW?

East Point is perfectly situated between Downtown Atlanta (less than 7 miles away) and the Atlanta Airport (less than 4 miles away).

Michael C. Carlos Museum

[www.visiteastpoint.com](http://www.visiteastpoint.com)



## Outdoor Thrills Outside of Atlanta

At **Stone Mountain Park**, experience the 1800s town of Crossroads, The Great

Barn, Geysir Towers, the Ride the Ducks Adventure, summit sky ride, scenic railroad, and more at the 3,200-acre playground. For heart-stopping thrill rides like The Georgia

Scorcher (a G4 stand-up coaster with a figure-eight, a corkscrew, and two vertical loops), visit **Six Flags Over Georgia**. You'll see plenty of tamer rides and activities for the smaller crowd.



The Georgia Scorcher at Six Flags Over Georgia



Summit sky ride at Stone Mountain Park

## Atlanta Attraction Information

### Atlanta Botanical Garden

(404) 876-5859  
www.atlantabotanicalgarden.org

### Atlanta Braves

(800) 745-3000  
www.braves.com

### Atlanta Cyclorama & Civil War Museum

(404) 658-7625  
www.atlantacyclorama.org

### Atlanta Dream

(877) 977-7729  
www.atlantadream.net

### Atlanta Falcons

(800) 745-3000  
www.atlantafalcons.com

### Atlanta History Center

(404) 814-4000  
www.atlantahistorycenter.com

### Atlanta Hawks

(866) 715-1500  
www.hawks.com

### Centennial Olympic Park

(404) 223-4412  
www.centennialpark.com

### Center for Puppetry Arts

(404) 873-3089  
www.puppet.org

### The Children's Museum of Atlanta

(404) 659-5437  
www.childrensmuseumatlanta.org

### Fernbank Museum of Natural History

(404) 929-6300  
www.fernbankmuseum.org

### Fox Theatre

(404) 881-2100  
www.foxtheatre.org

### Georgia Aquarium

(404) 581-4000  
www.georgiaaquarium.org

### High Museum of Art

(404) 733-4444  
www.high.org

### Inside CNN Studio Tour

(404) 827-2300  
www.cnn.com/tour

### Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum

(404) 865-7100  
www.jimmycarterlibrary.gov

### LEGOLAND Discovery Center

(404) 848-9252  
http://atlanta.legolanddiscovery-center.com

### Margaret Mitchell House & Museum

(404) 249-7015  
www.margaretmitchellhouse.com

### Michael C. Carlos Museum

(404) 727-0516  
www.carlos.emory.edu

### Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Site

(404) 331-5190  
www.nps.gov/malu

### Six Flags Over Georgia

(770) 948-9290  
www.sixflags.com/overgeorgia

### Stone Mountain Park

(770) 498-5690  
www.stonemountainpark.com

### Underground Atlanta

(404) 523-2311  
www.underground-atlanta.com

### William Breman Jewish Heritage and Holocaust Museum

(678) 222-3700  
www.thebreman.org

### Woodruff Arts Center

(404) 733-4200  
www.woodruffcenter.org

### World of Coca-Cola

(404) 676-5151  
www.worldofcoca-cola.com

### Zoo Atlanta

(404) 624-5600  
www.zooatlanta.org

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