

Highlights Of Huntsville



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Tour Summary

Without a doubt the most impressive, and the most notable, attraction in Huntsville is the U.S. Space and Rocket Center. Great place! But with closer investigation, you will soon discover that there is much more to see and do in this north Alabama city. For instance, you can see world-class museums, visit a botanical garden with the nation's largest open-air butterfly house, get a bird's eye view of the city atop a mountain, and you can get a good dose of Alabama history.

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Introduction





Most visitors know about Huntsville's Space Center. They know that the city's nickname of the Rocket City pays tribute to that most notable industry and attraction.



But beyond the prominent feature of the tall Saturn rocket along the Interstate 565 landscape, there is more to Huntsville than the U.S. Space and Rocket Center.

Huntsville has attractions for the historically minded, the artist or artful, the family, and the outdoorsman. And it all starts in the historic downtown section.



The visitor center is conveniently positioned as a good starting point with several points of interest nearby.



The railroad depot is a part of the Early Works complex, which is a collection of historical and educational structures.



The Children's Museum and....



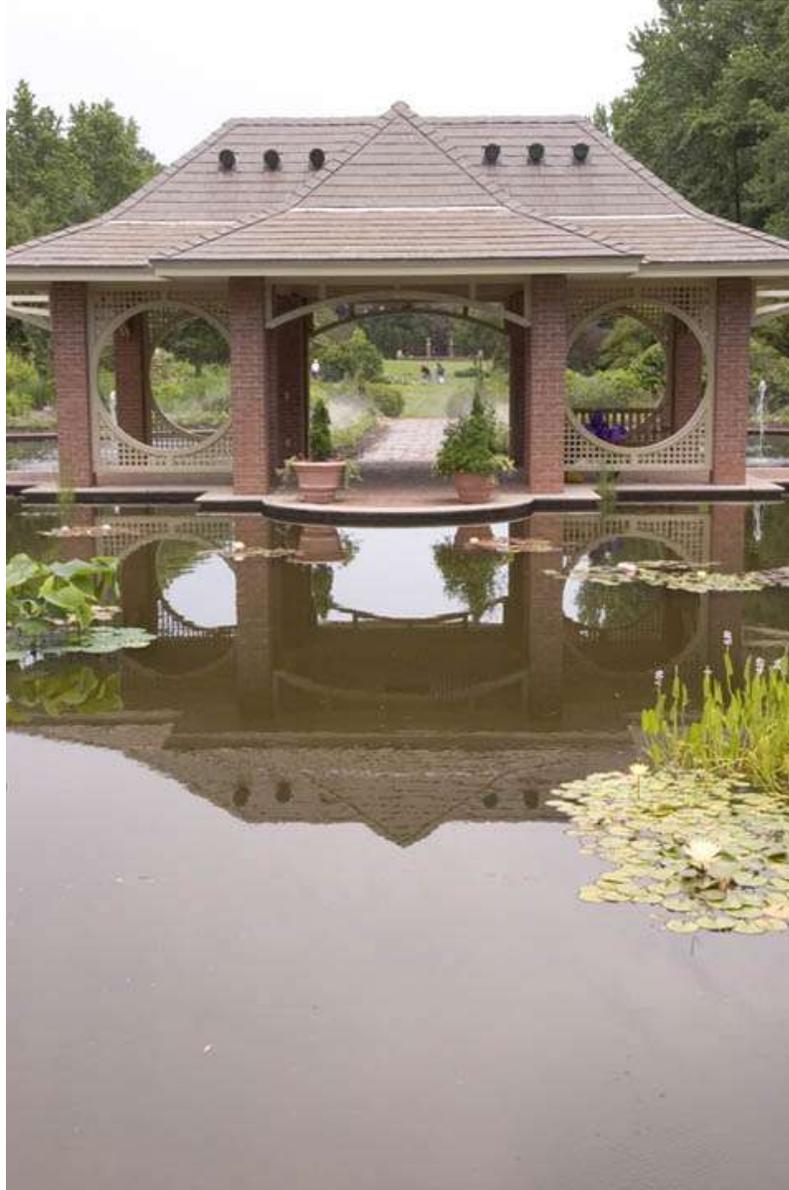
Alabama's Constitution Village are also part of Early Works and are all within easy walking distance of one another. Together they form a significant portion of the downtown walking tour.



The Huntsville Museum of Art is also downtown and is located in Big Spring International Park. Nearby all the other downtown features is one of the oldest neighborhoods--



the Twickenham Historic District--and it rounds out the walking tour.



One of Huntsville's loveliest attractions is its botanical garden. It has many sections of native and aquatic plants and one of the largest seasonal butterfly houses in the

nation. The gardens are located near the Space Center, which completes another portion of the Huntsville tour.



The city has something for the naturalist or outdoorsman also. Overlooking the city on top of Monte Sano, a state park with all the trimmings awaits the visitor.



After exploring the park's many features, the trip back down can include a stop at Burritt on the Mountain, which is a living history museum and mansion of Doctor William Henry Burritt.



The grounds include several outbuildings, which represent a farm of the 19th century.

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