

Small Historic Towns across America

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A Brief History of Madison, Georgia

Madison, Georgia is a historic town located in Morgan County about 57 minutes away from Atlanta. It was founded in 1809 and was named after James Madison, who was the President at the time when it was founded. While the city easily flourished into a thriving and elegant community, a big factor in this development was when the Georgia Railroad pushed east in 1841.

During the Civil War, Madison lay in the path of a wing of General Sherman's army. Joshua Hill was allowed to travel to Sherman's headquarters where they made a deal that spared Madison the perils of war. Another difficult time Madison faced was a boll weevil infestation which destroyed most of Madison's cotton industry.

Driving Directions from Atlanta Airport to Madison, Georgia

Estimated time 1hr 2min (without traffic)

- 1- Head southwest on Airport Blvd.
- 2- Continue on to Airport Connector
- 3- Slight Right onto N Terminal Pkwy
- 4- Continue to stay on N Terminal Pkwy
- 5- Take the I-85 N ramp to I-20/I-75/Atlanta
- 6- Keep left, follow signs for I-75 N/I-20/I-85 N/ Atlanta and merge onto I-85 N
- 7- Merge onto I-85 N
- 8- Take exit 247 for Interstate 20/Ralph D Abernathy Freeway toward Birmingham/Augusta
- 9- Keep right at the fork, follow signs for I-20 E/ Augusta and merge onto I-20 E
- 10- Keep left to stay on I-20 E
- 11- Keep left to stay on I-20 E
- 12- Take exit 113 for Georgia 83 toward Madison/Monticello
- 13- Turn left onto GA-83 N/Monticello Hwy

- 14- Turn right onto GA-12 E/GA-83 N/Monticello Hwy
- 15- Turn right onto GA-12 E/GA-83 N/US-278 E
- 16- Slight left onto S Main St
- 17- Turn left onto Eatonton Rd
- 18- Slight right onto S Main St

Who Was the President When This Town Was Founded?

James Madison was the president when Madison, Georgia was founded in fact the town was named after him. James Madison and Thomas Jefferson made the Republican Party which shaped the political environment for that period.

Oldest Business



One of the oldest businesses in Madison, GA is the Morgan County Courthouse pictured above. The courthouse was built in 1810, one year after Madison was settled, and took 15 years to be completed.

City Government

The city of Madison has a Mayor-Council government which is common in towns today. The Mayor of Madison is named Fred Perriman.

Historic Attractions/Events

Madison has many of festivals all throughout the year, sometimes multiple festivals a month here are some of the festivals: The firefly festival, The Chili Cook-off, The Spring Annual Car show, and The Fall Annual Car show.

Places to Stay in Madison

Of all the places to stay in Madison, there is one that is a local hotel. This Bed and Breakfast is called The James Madison Inn and Conference Room. The staff are very helpful and polite and it's a very luxurious place, within walking distance of Madison's historic district. Pictured below is the inn.



Why I would want to visit this Historic town

I would want to visit Madison because of its historic southern charm that you don't see as often. I am a big fan of Plantation homes and there a plenty of those in Madison.

Links you may wish to visit

The James Madison Inn: <http://jamesmadisoninn.com/>

Madison's Website: <http://www.madisonga.com/>