



All About Macon Georgia

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Welcome to Macon!

Whether you're planning on visiting, or moving to Macon, we have everything you'll need right here. Macon is a relatively average sized city, but has the heart and soul of a small town. There are around 150,000 citizens who live in Macon. If you still want the big city feel, Atlanta is only about an hour and a half drive north. There are also numerous restaurants and bars, some of which are quite popular. For instance, The Rookery, H&H, Ocmulgee Brewpub, and others are well known for their quality food. On any given Friday or Saturday night you there will be live music in many locations downtown, most commonly on Cherry Street, which is the center of downtown.

Macon also has higher education to offer. Macon has a handful of well respected colleges, most notably is Mercer University. With the growth of these colleges, Macon has become known for its well educated graduates. It would be remiss if we didn't mention Macon's rich music history. A few of Macon's claims to fame is that The Allman Brothers Band, Otis Redding, and Little Richard are from Macon. These artists, along with others, recorded and performed here in Macon and changed music forever. Macon not only has history in music, but many other aspects, such as black history. If it's the history you're after, be sure to visit Macon's awe inspiring museums or parks.

In this guide, you will learn about:

- Macon's rich history
- Local attractions
- Delicious food and drink
- Famous San Diegans

Take look around and get to know us! We're glad you stopped by.

All About Macon



Macon is in Georgia, USA.

History

If it's history you're after, Macon is certainly worth visiting. One of Macon's biggest pieces of history is the Ocmulgee National Monument. During the 18th century, the Creek Indians lived in this area, known as the Ocmulgee Old Fields. The Ocmulgee National Monument is a national park devoted to the history of the Southeastern Native American culture. The park features the preserved burial mounds as well a multitude of open fields and trails.

Macon's musical history is just as spectacular. Macon is known as the home of The Allman Brothers Band, Otis Redding, Little Richard, and Capricorn Records. Macon is also known as the birthplace of Southern Rock. In the 60s and 70s, Macon was a music hotbed for bands and artists. The

music scene was booming and even contributing to social change. At the time, integration was beginning to make headway and music was the forefront. Black and white musicians were making music and performing together. You could say along with the revolutionary change in music, Macon also led to a better society.

Weather

Macon is located in the south, so during the summer the temperature can range from the low 70s to the mid 90s. During the winter, the temperatures can range from the high 30s to the low 60s. If you're looking for the best time to come visit, come in the Fall, specifically in October. The leaves are changing colors, there is a nice cool breeze and everybody seems to be in a good mood.

Higher Education

While most people associate Macon with music, it is also a hub for higher education. People from all over the country and even outside the country come to Macon for college. Macon is home to five colleges and universities. Whether you're looking for a technical degree or a traditional four year undergraduate degree, Macon has got the college or university for you.

Central Georgia Technical College



Central Georgia Technical College has been preparing students for the workforce for over 40 years. CGTC offers associate degrees, diplomas, and technical certificates of credit for a range of areas of study.

Wesleyan College



Wesleyan College is a women's college focusing on liberal arts. Wesleyan has had its roots in Macon since it was first founded in 1836. Wesleyan has the history and the strength to provide women with a quality education.

Mercer University



Mercer University is probably most known to sports fans as the school that knocked duke out of the ring. While Mercer does excel in athletics, it is absolutely exceptional in academics. Mercer is highly ranked in just about every area of study. Engineering, Medicine, Music, and many other colleges within Mercer have been highly sought

after.

Middle Georgia State University



Middle Georgia State University is a public, four year university that offers masters, bachelors, and associates degrees. With five different locations, MGSU can accommodate students in nearly any geographical area of Georgia.

Georgia College and State University



Georgia College and State University is one of the best master's level universities in the south. Located in downtown Macon, it is quite convenient for the working professional.

Music Scene

If you're into music, especially southern rock, you'll know Macon's revolutionary music history. Macon is considered the birthplace of southern rock, so it's only fitting that today's music scene is quite vibrant. On just about every Friday and Saturday night you'll find a handful of bands playing around downtown. The Hargray Capitol Theatre, Grant's Lounge, and many other venues are the places to be to see great live music. The Robert Mcduffie Center For Strings is an organization run by Mercer University which often hosts classical music concerts. To get the full effect, be sure to take the Rock Candy Tour to learn about all of Macon's legendary musical history. The Big House, The Otis Redding Foundation, and the Where Soul Lives museum are also terrific places to take in all of Macon's rich music history.



Food

Macon has quite a versatile plethora of eateries. There of course are the classic burger joints, like the Rookery or Ocmulgee Brew Pub, but there are also more unique places like Spud Dogs and

Parish. Also be sure to check out the Macon staples like H&H and The Bears Den. These are just



places to find an amazing burger and shake. Located on Cherry Street, right in the heart of down-

a few restaurants that Macon has to offer, so go out and explore! Even just by walking around downtown, you can find places for all types of tastes.

The Rookery

The Rookery is just about one of the best

places to find an amazing burger and shake. Located on Cherry Street, right in the heart of downtown, it has a classic vibe that any food loving individual will enjoy. Each burger is named after either a classic musician or Macon staple. The Rookery also has a small intimate live music venue where you can see some of the best bands around middle Georgia while eating some of the best food around.



Ocmulgee Brewpub

Ocmulgee Brewpub is another classic place to find quality burgers. Each burger is handmade daily from fresh ingredients. The mix of industrial machinery and wooden picnic tables creates a

wonderfully fresh atmosphere. Ocmulgee Brewpub is located on 2nd Street, just off of Cherry Street.



Spud Dogs

Spud Dogs is one of those places you won't quite understand until you've been there. It's got a hole in the wall vibe with the food to live up to it. As you can imagine, just about everything on the menu includes either potatoes or hot dogs. If you're looking for a truly unique place to eat, check out Spud Dogs on Cherry Street.



Parish

Parish is where you go for cajun food and classy upstanding service. Just like the Rookery, Parish has live music and a relaxing atmosphere, but with a rustic-chic vibe.

Many people say you either like the Rookery or Parish, so which is it for you?



H&H

Macon has a handful of well known staples that you must visit if you have the chance.

H&H is probably the most significant.

H&H serves traditional southern comfort

food in the classic hole in the wall style for breakfast and lunch. H&H is woven into Macon's history, most notably with the Allman Brothers Band, so if you want historically great soul food, check out H&H on Forsyth Street.



The Bears Den

The Bears Den, located on Oglethorpe Street not even a mile from Mercer

University, is another of Macon's traditional southern comfort food eatery. The Bears Den provides a mix of a cafeteria and home cooking atmosphere with its well known dishes like mac n' cheese and fried chicken & collards.

Bars

Macon's bar scene is one of many options. It's got unique bars such as Reboot Retrocade & Bar where you can drink classic beers while



playing classic arcade games. Macon also has the traditional bars with a long list of beers on tap such as Just Tap'd. And just about every bar will have some sort of live music too! We've compiled a list of some of the best bars in town, but be sure to go out and explore what other bars Macon has to offer.

Reboot Retrocade & Bar

Reboot Retrocade & Bar calls themselves the “Nerdiest bar in town”, so if you’re into games of any kind, they’ve probably got them. Be sure to check them out for a truly unique bar experience.



Just Tap'd

With 64 beers on tap, you're sure to find something to love at Just Tap'd. You can sit inside the rustic and earthy bar, or just outside at the street side seating and enjoy Macon's downtown atmosphere.

Growler USA

With an assortment of beers, wines, ciders, and many others, Growler USA is one of the best places to go if you're near Mercer.



Growler USA is especially a great place to

go if you've just been at Mercer for a football game. Their traditional bar feel will certainly leave you satisfied.

The Hummingbird

The Hummingbird, affectionately called "The Bird", is one of the better known bars here in Macon. It's probably equally known for its beer as it is for its live music. The Hummingbird is probably the most classic bar in town with trivia nights, darts, and stellar live music. Be sure to stop by The Bird for a truly Macon experience.

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