



Ever wonder what makes a **Vidalia® Onion...** a *Vidalia®*? Call the Vidalia Area CVB to schedule a tour of the **UGA Vidalia® Onion and Vegetable Research Center** located in the heart of onion country, and find out! Many farm tours are also available throughout the harvest season as well. (Vidalia® onion harvest season is late April through mid-June.)

The Vidalia Area CVB specializes in **custom-tailored outdoor adventures**, any season of the year. Call for complete trip packages ranging from paddling along our beautiful rivers, to spending a few days on the range at the **Southern Trails Dude Ranch** — to hunting and fishing on acres upon acres of picturesque land.



Annual Events

- April/May** • Vidalia Onion Festival
 - Southeast Georgia Soapbox Derby
 - Sweet Onion Century bicycle ride
- September** • Children’s Art Festival
- October** • Ol’ Time Farm Festival
- November** • Heritage Festival

Check with the Vidalia Area CVB throughout the year for festival details and celebrations happening throughout the region.

Accommodations

- Comfort Inn**(912) 538-8100
- Cotton Patch Inn**(912) 583-4055
(Quaint, unique bed and breakfast inn, 10 minutes from Vidalia)
- Days Inn**(912) 537-9251
- Econo Inn**(912) 537-8721
- Grand Lady Suites**(912) 537-8988
(Elegant, executive apartment suites above downtown Vidalia)
- Holiday Inn Express**(912) 537-9000
- Inn at Vidalia**(912) 537-1282
- Mount Vernon Inn**(912) 583-2281
- Scottish Inns**(912) 537-7611

Directions

The Vidalia area is nestled midway between Macon and Savannah, approximately 90 miles from each of these cities. It is 170 miles East of Atlanta. From I-16, take exit 67 (*Soperton-Vidalia, Highway 29*) to the intersection of Highway 29 and Highway 280. Turn left, onto Highway 280 East, to go to Vidalia, Lyons and Santa Claus. Turn right, onto Highway 280 West, to go to Ailey, Mount Vernon, Uvalda and Montgomery County.



Vidalia Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, Welcome Center, and Vidalia Onion Museum

*Looking for
a taste of
local flavor?*

Vidalia, GA 

*Then, try the
Vidalia area!*



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Known around the world for sweet onions, the Vidalia area is full of local flavor — and we don't just mean on your dinner plate! Visit the Vidalia area and see for yourself. Our cities offer unique shopping, dining, historical sight-seeing, one of the South's largest genealogical research libraries, visual and performing arts, scenic drives, and outdoor adventures. Stop by and check us out... you're in the neighborhood if you're traveling along I-16, Highway 280 or US Highway 1.



Once pioneer towns, the cities within the Vidalia area were settled at the turn of the 20th century along the Savannah, Americus and Montgomery Railroad which opened this section of Georgia in the 1890s. Today, you can enjoy modern conveniences while still experiencing quaint, small town atmospheres full of smiling faces and friendly residents.

The city of **Vidalia** offers a wide variety of shopping, dining, and golf throughout the year. Visit the shops located in **Downtown Vidalia**, which is a designated *National Main Street city*. You'll find it's full of local flavor, charm, hospitality, and unique shops.

While downtown, visit **The Ladson Genealogy Library** which houses one of the most extensive collections in the Southeast. (Call for hours and more information. 125 Church Street, 912/537-8186)

The Altama Art Gallery displays 18th-20th century collections and is quite a masterpiece itself. The Gallery is housed in the Brazell House (c. 1911), and is on the National Register of Historic Places. (Call for hours and more information. 611 Jackson Street, 912/537-1911)

Follow Church Street past downtown, and tour the magnificent **Paul Anderson Youth Home**, a Christian home for troubled adolescents. Paul's legacy as a world champion and 1956 Olympic Gold Medalist is inspiring, and so are the teens living in the home he and his wife established for them. (For more information, contact the Paul Anderson Youth Home at 912/537-7237)

Do you love Vidalia® Onions? Stop by the **Vidalia Onion Factory** for gifts and onion products sure to delight your taste-buds. Seasonal tours are available. (3309 East 1st Street/Hwy. 280, 912/526-3466)

Pack your lunch, backpack, and bike... and hit the trail! **The Yamasse Trail**, that is! Follow the bike route signs throughout Montgomery County for a truly great bike ride past the pecan orchards and cotton fields. You'll pedal through the communities of Mount Vernon, Alston, Uvalda, and historic Long Pond. Experience rural Georgia hospitality. Bike safely, and follow the trail markers. (For trail maps and more information, contact the Vidalia Area CVB at 912/538-8687, vacvb@bellsouth.net or www.vidaliaarea.com.)

The mild climate of the Vidalia area invites golfers and outdoor enthusiasts to play all year round. Make a tee time at the **Rocky Creek Golf Club**, one of the finest 18 hole championship courses in southeast Georgia. (1916 Foxfire Drive, 912/538-1110) Or, put your kayak or canoe in any of the river landings and enjoy a sunny day along the river.

Are you a history buff? If so, then you'll definitely want to visit Montgomery County! **The Montgomery County Courthouse** in **Mount Vernon** has never had a fire, despite originally having paper-wrapped wiring and four furnaces. Their records date back to 1793. Take the backroads and follow the history through Mount Vernon, Ailey, and Uvalda.

Brewton-Parker College, a four-year, liberal arts college with a Christian atmosphere, is located in Mount Vernon on Highway 280. Brewton-Parker College hosts year-round events such as performing arts, musical performances, lectures, and collegiate athletics. Performances at the **Saliba Chapel** and new **Student Activities Center**. (For more information, contact the college at 912/583-2241, or visit www.bpc.edu)

If you're traveling along US Highway 1, take a break and stop in **Lyons**, a designated *Georgia Better Hometown/National Main Street City*. Enjoy a day strolling and shopping downtown. Delicious gourmet coffee is served daily at the *Blue Marquee coffee shop*, located next door to the **Blue Marquee Theatre** where performances are held throughout the year. Lyons hosts the annual **Southeast Georgia Soap Box Derby** in April/May, and the **Children's Art Festival** in September. (For more information, contact the Lyons Better Hometown office at 134 NW Broad Street or 912/526-6445.)

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus"... and it is right here in Georgia! While traveling south along US Highway 1, visit the **Santa Claus, Georgia City Hall** to have your Christmas cards marked as a special treat for your loved ones, or just to take a photo in front of one the their City Hall sign.

Looking for a place to stay overnight? Need directions? Hotel numbers and directions are listed on the back of this brochure for your convenience. If you need more information about the area, annual events throughout the Vidalia area, or where to have your next **conference or meeting**, please contact the **Vidalia Area Convention and Visitors Bureau** at 912/538-8687, or vacvb@bellsouth.net. Or, stop by and see us at the Welcome Center, just off of Highway 280 and next door to the Toombs-Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce.