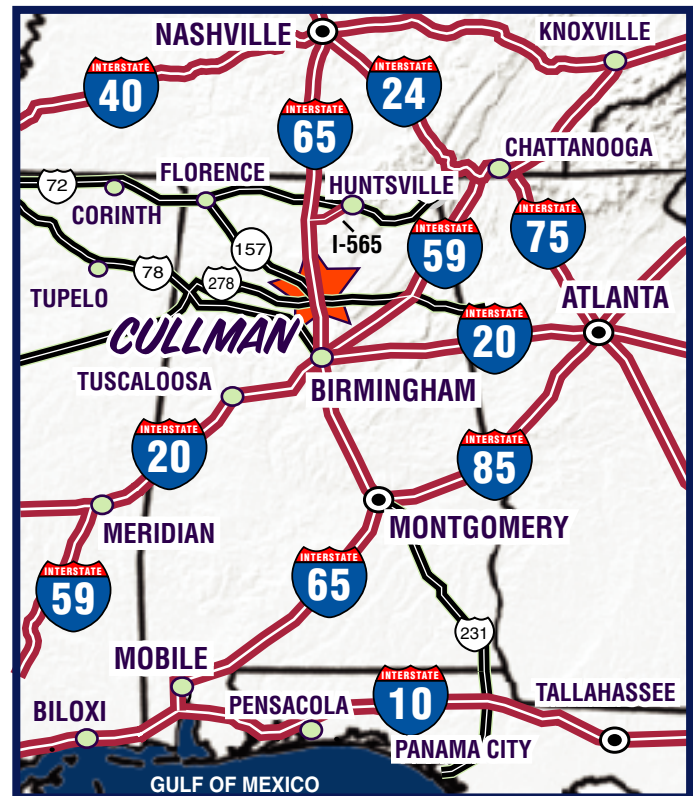


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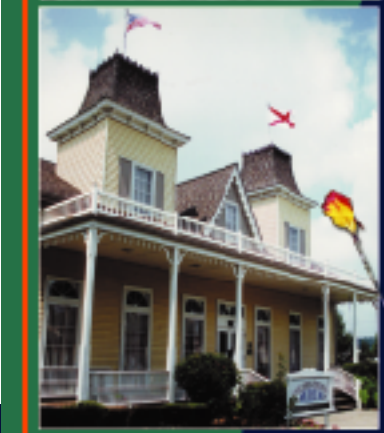
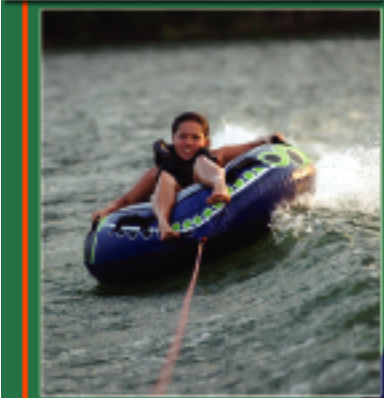


**Easy to Get To!**  
Cullman is located in North Alabama, 45 miles south of Huntsville and 45 miles north of Birmingham. To visit Cullman, take I-65 Exits 291, 299, 304, 308 or 310.

For more information contact:  
**CULLMAN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**  
301 2nd Ave. SW, Cullman, AL 35056  
(256) 734-0454 / (800) 313-5114  
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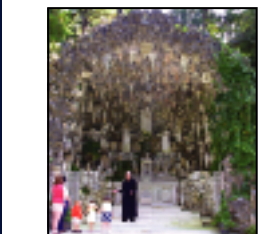


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## See the Sights



### Ave Maria Grotto

- National Register of Historic Places
- 3-acre site consisting of over 125 miniature replicas of famous churches, shrines and buildings from around the world
- Nestled on the beautifully landscaped grounds of St. Bernard Abbey  
*Open April-Sept. 8 am-6 pm; Oct.-March 8 am-5 pm Admission. (256) 734-4110*  
[www.avemariagrotto.com](http://www.avemariagrotto.com)



**Historic Clarkson Covered Bridge**

- One of Alabama's longest covered truss bridges
- Site of the 1863 Civil War Battle of Hog Mountain
- National Register of Historic Places
- Bridge is centerpiece of park spanning a shallow creek, hiking trails and picnic grounds  
*Open year round, 8 am-sunset. (256) 734-3369*  
[www.cullmancountyparks.com](http://www.cullmancountyparks.com)

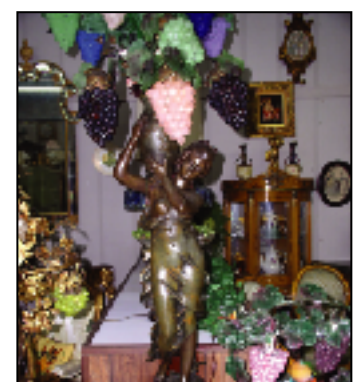
### The Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament of Our Lady of the Angels Monastery

- Built by Mother Angelica, foundress of the Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN)
- Inspired by Franciscan Churches of 13th century Italy
- Hand-carved wood and 24-carat gold gilded sanctuary and inlaid Italian marble floors
- 380-acre property features The Holy Creche, which houses a life-size Fontanini nativity scene
- The anteroom features the Shroud of Turin photo exhibit on permanent display  
*Open daily.*  
*(256) 352-6267* [www.olamshrine.com](http://www.olamshrine.com)



### Evelyn Burrow Museum of WSCC

- Houses a \$9.5 million collection, including more than 5,000 pieces from around the world
- Object d'art in the Museum date as far back as the 1600s - other pieces so rare they are priceless
- The Museum boasts one of the largest known collections of horse sculptures in existence  
*Open Monday - Friday 9 am-4 pm. Free admission.*  
*(256) 775-7477*  
[www.wallacestate.edu/museum](http://www.wallacestate.edu/museum)



# Discover the Heritage



**C**ullman is a hospitable city capturing the American spirit. With roots reaching back to simple Indian villages, this rich tract of land has grown into the fulfillment of a dream for German refugee Col. Johann G. Cullmann. Beginning in the 1870's Col. Cullmann began to develop the area along nearby railroad tracks as a place where his fellow Germans could begin a new life in a land of opportunity. Col. Cullmann, named to the Alabama Hall of Fame, is credited with attracting over 10,000 German immigrants to the area.

**"City of Churches"** Cullman has an amazing number of churches, which feature diverse architectural styles, beautiful stained glass windows, towering steeples and proud stories of history.



(Left) The gold crosses atop the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in downtown Cullman can be seen towering over the city. (Right) Founded in 1874, St. John's Evangelical Protestant Church is the first church founded in Cullman and as the house of worship for Col. Cullmann, boasts a rich German heritage.

**Cullman Historic Districts** There are three historic districts in Cullman - the downtown business district, the residential district of "Die Deutsche Kolonie Von Nord Alabama" (The



German Colony of North Alabama) consisting of Victorian architecture, and the Betz Addition. (256) 737-0554

## Cullman County Museum

- Over two centuries of local history in this replica home of city founder, Col. Johann G. Cullmann
  - Includes an archeological room with Native American artifacts
  - Clothing from the 1800s
  - Turn-of-the-century tools and woodworking equipment
- Open Monday - Friday 9 am-noon and 1 pm-4 pm and Sunday 1:30 pm-4:30 pm. Admission. (256) 739-1258 / (800) 533-1258 [www.cullman.com/museum](http://www.cullman.com/museum)



## Weiss Cottage.

- Cullman's oldest home furnished with typical 19th Century items
  - National Register of Historic Places
- Open by appointment only. Free admission. (256) 739-1258

## Crooked Creek Civil War Museum

- Site of the Crooked Creek Civil War Battle along the Forrest/Streight trail
  - Museum, housed in an old log cabin, features displays of numerous authentic Civil War memorabilia
- Open Wednesday - Sunday 9 am - 6 pm. Admission charged. (256) 739-2741 E-mail: [freddieswirl@earthlink.net](mailto:freddieswirl@earthlink.net).

## Cullman Depot

- Once used for passenger and freight service
  - Historic landmark on the National Register of Historic Places
- Open Monday - Friday, 8 am - 5 pm. Free. (256) 739-2948



## Echota Cherokee Interpretive Center

- 1.5 miles of naturalized trails with a wide variety of native plants and trees
  - Plants are labeled for identification
  - The outdoor classroom is the perfect spot for historical and outdoor education programs
  - Tour the restored 1860s Cherokee Dog-Trot Log Cabin
- Trails open daily sunrise to sunset with office hours Monday - Friday 9 am-4 pm. (256) 734-7337 [www.echotacherokeetribe.com](http://www.echotacherokeetribe.com)

# Join the Celebration

**F**rom sports competitions, fishing tournaments, rodeos, arts and crafts fairs and musical entertainment to historic tours, veterans salutes, and parades, there's always a celebration in Cullman. For a current calendar of events call (800) 313-5114 or visit our Web site at [www.visitcullman.org](http://www.visitcullman.org).

**Fishing Tournaments** Enjoy tournament fishing? These events bring in bass anglers from across North Alabama who challenge the bass and each other on Smith Lake. Contact the Chamber of Commerce for a list of upcoming tournament (800) 313-5114. [www.visitcullman.org](http://www.visitcullman.org)

**Bloomin' Festival** Held third weekend in April. Annual arts and crafts festival - 170 artisans from across the United States featuring live entertainment, demonstrations, great food and family fun. Held on the grounds of beautiful Saint Bernard Prep School, adjacent to world famous Ave Maria Grotto. Admission. Contact Saint Bernard Prep School (256) 739-6682 or (800) 722-0999. [www.bloominfestival.com](http://www.bloominfestival.com)



**Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center** The Agricultural Center is the center of many music events, sports competitions, farm exhibitions and family activities for a four-county area. • Rodeos • Dog agility shows • Bluegrass and gospel festivities • Motorcross • Racking, Walking and Quarter horse shows • 4-H events • outdoor exhibitions • Boer goat shows • For information on upcoming events, call (256) 739-4959.



**Spradlin Farm Specialty Market** May-October. See a farm at work. Relax under the large oak trees. Stroll around the farm. Pick blueberries. A variety of fresh fruits including peaches, blackberries, raspberries, muscadines or enjoy homemade baked goods, homemade ice cream and more for you to enjoy. Contact the farm at (256) 734-6419 or via e-mail: [wspradli@bellsouth.net](mailto:wspradli@bellsouth.net) for additional information.

**Cullman County Fair** Featured in the book "County Fairs" printed by National Geographic, this bona fide agricultural fair features animal exhibits and competitions, food, thrilling rides, carnival games and popular ribbon competition exhibits. Admission. Contact the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce (256) 734-0454 or the Cullman Lions Club (256) 734-0661. [www.cullmanlions.org](http://www.cullmanlions.org)

## Fourth of July Fireworks

Smith Lake Park hosts a number of special events throughout the year including a spectacular 4th of July fireworks show featuring live entertainment, arts and crafts, pool and waterslide, miniature golf and fireworks. Admission. Contact: Cullman County Parks & Recreation at (256) 734-3369 for upcoming events. [www.cullmancountyparks.com](http://www.cullmancountyparks.com)



**Indian Festival** Annual festival held each June at Sportsman Lake Park featuring drums, Indian dancers, arts & crafts, basket weaving, pottery-making, flint-knapping, hide-tanning, jewelry making, fry bread, Indian tacos, roasted corn, and much more. Admission. Call (256) 734-7337. [www.echotacherokeetribe.com](http://www.echotacherokeetribe.com)



**Oktoberfest** Held during the first week of October. Ten-day celebration of our community's German heritage, tradition and values. Most events are free throughout the celebration; however, German meals require payment and advance reservations. Contact the Cullman County Museum for additional information at (256) 739-1258 or (800) 533-1258. [www.cullmanoktoberfest.com](http://www.cullmanoktoberfest.com)

**Peinhardt Farm Old Fashioned Woodworking Day** October. Features surrey and wagon rides, petting animals, a blacksmith, and a full day of old time woodworking demonstrations from pre-1940 Alabama history. For more information, call (256) 734-0850 or (256) 734-7271 or e-mail: [familyp@cneti.com](mailto:familyp@cneti.com).

**Alabama Gourd Festival** Held each October at the Cullman Civic Center. Featuring vendors selling raw and beautiful hand-crafted gourds, crafting classes, ribbon competition, free demonstrations, food and live entertainment. Contact (256) 355-4634 or (256) 747-1447 or via e-mail: [gourdzilla@aol.com](mailto:gourdzilla@aol.com). [www.alabamagourdsociety.org](http://www.alabamagourdsociety.org).



# Smith Lake



**S**mith Lake impounds approximately 21,000 acres with over 500-miles of shore, primarily in Cullman and Winston Counties. It is a deep, clear lake with dozens of different feeder streams, winding bays, and sloughs. Steep bluffs cradle much of the lake, with water depths dropping as deep as 60 or 70 feet just a few yards offshore. The water often appears emerald green. Access to the lake is easy from Cullman at I-65 Exits 299 and 304.

Activities on the Lake include:

- Fishing for Striped, Spotted, White and Largemouth Bass; Crappie; Bream; Channel Catfish; Flathead Catfish and Rainbow Trout.
- Boating
- Tubing
- Skiing
- Jet-skiing
- RELAXING!!

For a **free Smith Lake Visitors Guide**, contact the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce at (800) 313-5114 or online at [www.VisitCullman.org](http://www.VisitCullman.org).



## FISHING GUIDES:

### Smith Lake Guide Service

329 County Road 820, Cullman, AL 35057. Strippers, largemouth and spotted bass guide Bruce Holcombe. 30 Years experience. Companies and pleasure party's welcome. All equipment furnished. Just bring lunch, drinks and an Alabama fishing license.

(256) 734-2081

### Speegle's Marina

Fishing Guide Service.

(256) 734-0698

**Riverside Fly Shop** Fly fishing outfitter specializing in custom rod building, fly fishing and tying classes as well as guided tours on Smith Lake.

(256) 287-9582 [www.riversideflyshop.com](http://www.riversideflyshop.com)

## BED & BREAKFASTS:

**Smith Lake Bed & Breakfast** 994 County Road 4230, Crane Hill, AL 35053; (256) 747-6057;

[www.smithlakebandb.com](http://www.smithlakebandb.com). Two suites - The Dock (queen size bed and sleeper sofa in the den) and The Loft (king size bed and trundle bed in den). Both suites feature fully-equipped kitchens, private baths, satellite TV, hot tub, screened-in porch, in-room fireplace, full breakfast and boat launch.

**Red Rooster Retreat** 2140 County Road 870, Crane Hill, AL 35053. (256) 747-4295. [www.redroosterretreat.com](http://www.redroosterretreat.com).

Offers accommodations for up to 20 overnight guests, specializing in weekend retreat packages for creative endeavors such as quilting or scrapbooking groups and offers 1,300 square feet of work space. Features hot tub and heated pool, 5 full baths and 2 half-baths, pontoon boat cruise on Smith Lake, prices include all meals and snacks throughout the day.



# Golf, Parks & Recreation



## Hurricane Creek Park

• Hiking trails, a crystal clear creek, waterfalls, hanging cliffs, picnic area, mountain bike trails, rock climbing, primitive tent camping and more.

• **North Alabama Birding Trail (Site #32) and features songbirds throughout the year**

• The hike takes you from the top of the cliffs to the valley below  
*Admission. Open year-round Tuesday-Saturday 9 am-5 pm and Sunday 1-5 pm. (256) 734-2125.*

[www.hurricanecreek.homestead.com](http://www.hurricanecreek.homestead.com)

## Smith Lake Park

- Access Smith Lake for sport fishing, skiing and boating via the park's new free boat launch
  - Features a swimming pool (in season) with a spiral waterslide, mini-golf, picnic areas, pavilions
  - Rod/reel and tackle box loaner program for kids
  - 200-plus tent and RV camp sites and cabins for rent
- Open year round. Contact the park at (256) 739-2916 or (256) 734-3369 [www.cullmancountyparks.com](http://www.cullmancountyparks.com)*

## Sportsman Lake Park

- Small-scale train which travels along the shore of the lake
  - The park features a mini-Ferris wheel and carousel, playground, miniature golf, pedal boats, mountain biking and walking trails, picnic area, pavilions and fishing
- Open year round sunrise to sunset - rides open seasonally. Free admission. Contact the park at (256) 734-3052 or (256) 734-3369 [www.cullmancountyparks.com](http://www.cullmancountyparks.com)*

## Heritage Park

- 70-acre complex offers five lighted championship softball fields with underground dugouts and phones, soccer fields, picnic pavilions, multipurpose fields, outdoor basketball courts, children's playground
  - 1.5 mile lighted paved fitness trail and water play area
- Contact the park at (256) 739-9931 or (256) 734-9157. [www.cullmanrecreation.org](http://www.cullmanrecreation.org)*

## Chesley Oaks Golf Course

- 18-hole championship golf course open to the public
  - Par-71 course is 6,702 yards long and features 419 Bermuda fairways and Tiffdwarf greens
- Open daily. (256) 796-9808.*

## Cullman Golf Course

- 18-hole par-72 course includes a practice putting green, lighted driving range and clubhouse with pro-shop
  - Tiffdwarf greens and 419 Tiffway fairways
- (256) 739-2386. [www.cullmanrecreation.org/golf.htm](http://www.cullmanrecreation.org/golf.htm)*

## Quail Creek Golf

**Resort** (Hartselle, Ala.)

- 18-hole, Par-71 course which is 6,520 yards long
  - Amenities include driving range, practice greens and a fully stocked pro-shop
  - Quail Creek's Golf Inn includes 14 mini-suites and free continental breakfast
- Open 7 am-sunset, 7 days a week. (256) 784-5033. [www.quailcreek.com](http://www.quailcreek.com)*

# Shopping & Dining

**D**iscover the warmth and charm of shopping in Cullman where you will be overwhelmed with the selection and pleased with the quality! Along with many of today's well-known national stores, Cullman's family run shops offer an intriguing selection of quality antiques, vintage jewelry, original art, German and European imports, architectural antiques and fine collectibles. Contact the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce for your **free Shopping Guide** at (800) 313-5114 or visit us online at [www.VisitCullman.org](http://www.VisitCullman.org).

Don't miss the annual **Christmas In Cullman Open House** shopping event, featuring horsedrawn carriage rides, carolers, free entertainment, food and Santa and his live reindeer! For upcoming dates and a schedule of activities, contact the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce at (256) 734-0454 or (800) 313-5114, or visit the web site at [www.CullmanChamber.org](http://www.CullmanChamber.org).

**The Cullman Flea Market**, located at I-65 at Exit 308 just off Hwy 278, is open Saturday & Sunday from 8 am - 5 pm. There are over 250 inside spaces plus outside booths and shops with antiques, collectibles, new & old items, hardware, furniture, tools, arts & crafts, jewelry, woodwork, a fruit & plant stand and many other items. For information, call (256) 739-0910.

## DINING

**The Arts Center Dinner Theatre.** Featuring monthly performances from Robert Harling's Steel Magnolia's and On Golden Pond to Daddy's Dyin' (Who's Got the Will?), a play written in the 80s by Del Shores. These live performances will entertain you to your heart's content. Call for a list of up coming performances (256) 739-4321 or visit them online at [www.theartscentercullman.com](http://www.theartscentercullman.com).

The Cullman area offers many unique dining opportunities that will make your stomach rumble. For a **free Restaurant Guide**, contact the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce at (800) 313-5114 or visit us online at [www.VisitCullman.org](http://www.VisitCullman.org).

