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Spectacular Public Art in Atlanta and Beyond



"Jack Was Optimistic"

Take a drive with your family. Find these intriguing sculptures and artworks in areas around metro Atlanta and beyond.

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[Playable Art Around Roswell \(https://www.roswellartsfund.org/map/\)](https://www.roswellartsfund.org/map/)

At the Roswell Area Park, see the towering 16-foot tall “Jack Was Optimistic” and enjoy nature and art with the “Oak Leaf Triptych.” Check out the bright orange and blue “Lunar Eclipse” in Don White Park. In Big Creek Park, see “Cloud 9 Under Scrutiny.” See other sculptures throughout the city with ArtAround Roswell (<https://www.roswellartsfund.org/initiatives/art-around-roswell/>), and the app Otocast (<https://www.otocast.com/>) has a guided tour to listen to stories from the artists.



“Milty’s Realm”

Hungry for Knowledge in Milton (<https://fultoncountyga.gov/services/libraries-arts-and-cooperative-extension/arts-and-culture/arts-services/public-art>)

In front of Milton Library, spot “Milty’s Realm” and “Door of Knowledge.” Milty is a four-and-a-half foot tall bronze statue of a pony being fed an apple by a young boy. The “Door of Knowledge” honors Milton’s history and the importance of books.



Paul Anderson Memorial Park

Strong Arm in Toccoa (<https://www.stephenscountyga.com/worlds-strongest-man.cfm>)

Listed in the “Guinness Book of World Records,” Toccoa native Paul Anderson set a record of 436 points in the clean and jerk. Created in his memory, the Paul Anderson Memorial Park features a fountain and a life-sized statue of the 1956 Olympics Gold Medalist and World Record holder.



“Groovy Peace Sign”

[Peace on Earth in Sandy Springs \(http://citysprings.com/art\)](http://citysprings.com/art)

Stop by the colorful “Groovy Peace Sign” to take your own photo of your hip kids. Nine different sculptures are now on display through May 2021 around the City Green.



"Greetings from Athens"

[Who Let the Dawgs Out? in Athens \(https://www.visitathensga.com/things-to-do/arts-and-culture/public-art/bulldog-statues/\)](https://www.visitathensga.com/things-to-do/arts-and-culture/public-art/bulldog-statues/)

Find all 38 of the decorative, four-foot-tall bulldog statues around Athens with the "We Let the Dawgs Out" sculptures. Each dawg is painted differently and represents the town's commitment to the University of Georgia.



Photo by Rob Felt / Georgia Institute of Technology

Sit with Rosa Parks at Georgia Tech (<https://www.gtf.gatech.edu/continuing-the-conversation-rosa-parks-statue-on-gt-campus/>).

Designed by Atlanta artist Martin Dawe, "Continuing the Conversation" represents Rosa Parks in two different stages of the civil rights icon's life: when she was 42 and inspired the bus boycott and when she died at the age of 92.



"Blue Cube"

Bright Art to Inspire in Decatur (<https://decaturartsalliance.org/>).

The bright welded steel "Coral Stardust," the geometric "Blue Cube" and the orange "Dreamsicle" are part of the outdoor Decatur Artway Sculpture Gallery. Download the free Otocast (<https://www.otocast.com/>) app to get narration about the works from the artists.



"The Friendship Ring"

[Be a Friend in Alpharetta \(https://www.artsalpharetta.org/public-art.html\)](https://www.artsalpharetta.org/public-art.html)

Under the elm tree, have your kids join the circle in "The Friendship Ring" for a cute photo. The bronze cast of 21 children has openings for kids to join in. Other works on view through summer 2021, include "The Lion and The Mouse," the interactive and music-making "Idiophone," "Bremen Town Musicians" and more.



"Love, Suwanee"

Artfully Done in Suwanee (<https://www.suwanee.com/engage/public-art>).

The Suwanee SculpTour features a variety of sculptures on a rotating basis, including the "Kinetic Flower Sculpture" and the bright red "Metaphysica." Pose with the huge "Love, Suwanee" for a sweet photo. The I Arted in My Car (<https://www.suwanee.com/explore-suwanee/public-art/2019-21-exhibit/suwanee-sculptour>) campaign allows you to see art from the safety of your vehicle. Download the Suwanee SculpTour Passport (<https://www.suwanee.com/explore-suwanee/public-art/suwanee-sculptour>) to mark off each sculpture.



"Ocmulgee Bear"

[Beary Good Time in Macon \(https://www.maconartsalliance.org/publicart/\)](https://www.maconartsalliance.org/publicart/)

Find the five decorative bears around Macon: "Mississippian Bear," a mosaic wonder; "Ocmulgee Bear," features a vibrant night sky; "Stamp Bear" is covered in painted stamps; "Symphony Bear" celebrates The Macon Symphony Orchestra and The Grand Opera House; and "Tattnall Park Bear" was inspired by the skyline of Mercer University.

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