

Daily Events of the 2019 BDE Fall Tour “Simply Southern”

Sept 8th “Early Bird Tour”(departs @ 2:00) The Pettit Creek Farms, Cartersville, Ga. One of the most unique “farms” you will ever see. They refer to it as an “Educational Learning Center” because in addition to the usual farm animals like, Cattle, Horses, Ponies, Goats, Sheep etc we will see Zebras, Camels, Bison & a Giraffe (named “George”) & a petting zoo + We will ride on a “hay wagon” + On the premise has food/beverage facilities & picnic tables. For a closer preview go to (www.pettitcreekfarms.com)

Sept 9th “The TellUs Museum”, Cartersville, Ga. (www.telluseum.org) This Smithsonian Affiliate features a replica of the Wright Flyer, Dinosaurs, Digital Planetarium, Gem Panning, Walk in Fossil Dig & Imax theatres + much more. Lunch will be served on the premises in our private dining room. Following lunch you will be “on your own” to continue your visit at the museum or visit other near-by attractions (within 12 miles are) “Old Car City” in White, Ga. , Barnsley Gardens in Kingston, Ga. or historic Adairsville, Ga. with its neat little train depot museum & antique shops.

Sept. 10th “The Southern Museum”, Kennesaw, Ga. (www.southernmuseum.org) This is another Smithsonian associate where you will experience the dramatic history of railroads & the war between the states. The museum is home to the “General” made famous during the Great Locomotive Chase of 1862 as well as the Glover Machine Works, a restored early 20th century belt-driven locomotive assembly line. Following our visit here, you will be “on our own” for lunch (4 restaurants within walking distance) & then to visit the historic downtown area of Kennesaw. Other options might include Acworth, Ga. with (more) antique shops.

Sept. 11th The Georgia Racing Hall of Fame, Dawsonville, Ga. (www.GeorgiaRacingHOF.com) “Home of Stock Car Racing”. This is not just any museum. They have been recognized by the Georgia State Legislature as the official home of the Georgia Racing Hall of Fame presenting the heritage & future of the sport loved by people worldwide. Of course followers of NASCAR will recognize Dawsonville, Ga. as being home to “Awesome Bill (Elliott) from Dawsonville” & now to his son (up & comer) Chase Elliott. We will enjoy a traditional box lunch on the premises. Following our visit you will have the OPTION of touring the “Moonshine Distillery” on the same premises. The tour (which includes “tasting”) is \$6. There is no charge for simply visiting the retail store. Other options for the Dawsonville area may include the Dawsonville Outlet Mall (about 6 miles east), or (2) antique shops in town. In route back to Cartersville you might wish to visit Gibbs Gardens (www.gibbsgardens.com) in Ball Ground, Ga. or the Sharp Mountain Vineyards overlooking Jasper, Ga. (Jasper is the summer home of the Blizzards).

Sept. 12th Etowah Indian Mounds, Cartersville, Ga. (www.gastateparks.org) Home to several thousand native Americans between 1000 A.D. to 1550 A.D. This 54 acre site contains 6 earthen platform mounds, a plaza, village area & defensive ditch. This is the most intact Mississippian Culture site in the S.E. U.S. Our next stop will be a short distance back into downtown Cartersville to visit yet another Smithsonian affiliate, the **Booth Western Art Museum**. (www.BOOTHMUSEUM.ORG) This has become one of the most visited venues since it located in Cartersville about 25 years ago. You will see America’s story thru contemporary Western art, Civil War art, Cowboy & Native American artifacts, Presidential letters & much more. You will be on your own the rest of the day until “banquet time” with restoration hour beginning @6:00PM.