



THE MUSEUMS OF BALDWIN COUNTY OFFER VISITORS AND RESIDENTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO GET UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL WITH OUR FASCINATING HERITAGE AND THE HISTORY OF OUR CULTURAL, EDUCATIONAL, SPIRITUAL AND NATURAL DEVELOPMENT.

Explore a variety of offerings that include railroad and medical history; our Native American heritage; our farming background; our military history, and so much more. Each museum offers something different, so plan an excursion or two so that you can visit them all. All the museums are located along Alabama's Coastal Connection national scenic byway and offer a great way to get to know this amazing community. To find out more about the area's history and the waters, ways and wildlife along the byway, visit www.alabamascostalconnection.com.



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MUSEUMS OF BALDWIN COUNTY



GET UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL WITH OUR FASCINATING HERITAGE





BLACK EDUCATION MUSEUM



1000 Main St., Daphne, AL 36526

Phone: 251-626-9886; **Cell:** 251-510-0355

Email: baldwincotraining@att.net

Web: www.blogs.bcbe.org/bem

Open: Tuesday and Thursday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
Handicap accessible, public restrooms, free parking

The Black Education Museum was dedicated on July 1, 2009. It is the first museum depicting the

history of Black Education in Baldwin County. The museum contains authentic papers, video tapes, books, furniture and artifacts concerning



the founding of the first school established for black students in Baldwin County. The museum is housed in one of the original buildings of The Baldwin County Training School. Built with student labor in 1941 and renovated in 1990, the building is located on the original site of the first school which is now The W. J. Carroll Intermediate School of the Baldwin County Public School System.

HISTORIC BLAKELEY STATE PARK

34745 State Hwy. 225, Spanish Fort, AL 36577

Phone: 251- 626-0798

Email: BlakeleyPark@aol.com

Web: www.blakeleypark.com

Open: Sun. – Sat. 9:00 am to dusk

Admission charged



Experience a rare and compatible combination of multiple historic sites nestled in pristine woodlands along the Tensaw River. Overnight in either our modern RV Apalachee Campground with full utility hookups or in the Harper Campground for tents and pop-ups. Check the web site for rates.

Tour the preserved Civil War battlefield with its Confederate and Union breastworks and fortifications. Walk or bike on miles of trails and roadways. Learn about the fascinating animal and plant life in the Tensaw-Mobile River Delta on one of the park's regular two-hour eco-tours aboard its boat, the Delta Explorer. Check the web site for rates.



DAPHNE OLD METHODIST CHURCH MUSEUM

405 Dryer Ave., Daphne, AL 36526

Phone: 251-626-3275

Web: www.daphneal.com/history.asp

Open: Fri. – Sun. 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Closed Major Holidays

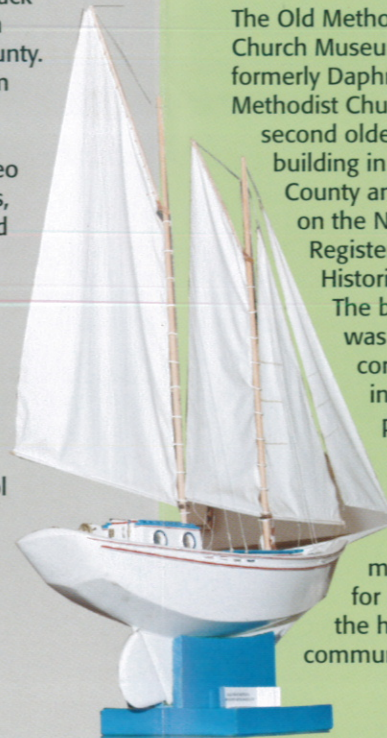
Free admission

Special tours available by reservation
Handicap accessible, good parking

The Old Methodist Church Museum, formerly Daphne United Methodist Church, is the second oldest church building in Baldwin County and is listed on the National Register of Historical Places.

The building was constructed in 1858 to provide a place of worship

for all Daphne residents. The church was dedicated as a museum in 2001 to provide a center for educating the general public about the history of Daphne and surrounding communities.



FAIRHOPE MUSEUM OF HISTORY

24 North Section St.
Fairhope, AL 36532

Phone: 251- 929-1474

Web: www.cofairhope.com/dep_museum.php

Open: Tues. - Sat.
9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Closed Major
Holidays

Free admission

Handicap accessible, public restrooms, picnic facilities, good parking

The museum features changing exhibits on the mezzanine as well as permanent displays. The permanent displays, mainly located on the first floor of the museum, depict a cross section of Fairhope's history. The Museum also features interactive activities for children and has files available, by request, for research projects. The second floor of the museum is also home to a replica of the original Town Council chambers. The museum is available for school field trips and special guided tours.



BALDWIN COUNTY HERITAGE MUSEUM



MARIETTA JOHNSON MUSEUM

10 South School St., Fairhope, AL 36532

Phone: 251-990-8601

Email: mariettajohnson@mindspring.com

Web: www.mariettajohnson.org

Open: Mon. - Fri. 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Or by appointment

Mrs. Johnson, a teacher from St. Paul, Minnesota, read the works of Nathan Oppenheim and C. Hanford Henderson, and became inspired to start her own experimental school. She moved to Fairhope, a Utopian community, at age 38.

Encouraged and funded by friends in the small experimental community of Fairhope, Alabama, Mrs. Johnson began her revolutionary school on a ten-acre campus -- teaching, writing, training teachers in her method. Her little school attracted national attention, and she was one of the founders of the Progressive Education Association.



FOLEY RAILROAD MUSEUM AND MODEL TRAIN EXHIBIT

125 E. Laurel Ave., Foley, AL 36535

Phone: 251- 943-1818

Email: foleymuseum@gulftel.com

Web: www.foleyrailroadmuseum.com

Open: Depot Museum - Mon. - Fri.
10:00 am -4:00 pm

Model Train Exhibit - Tues., Thurs. & Sat.
10 am - 2 pm

Closed Major Holidays

Free admission

Handicap accessible, public restrooms, picnic facilities, and good parking



Located in the old L & N Railroad Depot is Foley's Museum Archives. The first depot was built in 1905 when Mr. John B. Foley of Chicago used some of his own money to bring the railroad to the southern part of Baldwin County. This first depot burned to the ground, and a second station took its place in 1908. The railroad line was a spur from Bay Minette and ended approximately a mile south of Foley. At that end, there was a wye where the train could turn around.



HOLMES MEDICAL MUSEUM

509 East Section Ave., Foley, AL 36535

Phone: 251-970-1818

25521 U.S. Hwy. 98 E., Elberta, AL 36530
3.5 miles east of the Foley Beach Express

Phone: 251- 626-0798 **Email:** bchm@gulftel.com

Web: www.baldwincountyheritagemuseum.com

Open: Wed. – Sat. 10:00 am – 3:00 pm
Closed Major Holidays

Free admission

Special tours available by reservation

Handicap accessible (main building only), picnic area, good parking

A museum is a way of seeing. Exhibits tell a story with objects and images. The Baldwin County Heritage Museum is not filled with elaborate antiques or expensive collections – it holds bits and pieces collected from the daily lives of the men and women who built this county. BCHM represents the grass roots of our society. Over 20,000 square feet covering 5 acres provide a place for visitors to reconnect with the early history of Baldwin County. The museum believes that individuals who are allowed to reach out and touch the past will hold the future with greater care. Experience the heritage – and share the culture of Baldwin County.

FORT MORGAN

51 Hwy. 180 W., Gulf Shores, AL 36542

Phone: 251- 540-5257

Open: Fort: Nov. 1–Mar. 31 8:00 am –5:00 pm,
Apr. 1–Oct. 31 8:00 am –7:00 pm

Museum: Year-round 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Admission charged

The construction began 1819. The fort was completed in 1834. This large brick fort saw service in the Civil War, Spanish-American War and First and Second World Wars. On-site museum details the fort's history.



GULF SHORES MUSEUM



244 West 19th Ave., Gulf Shores, AL 36542

Phone: 251- 968-1473

Email: museum@gulfshoresal.gov

Web: www.gulfshoresal.gov/specialevents/museum.html

Open: Tues.- Fri. 10:00 am - Noon &
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Sat. 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Closed Major Holidays

Free admission

Handicap accessible, public restrooms, picnic facilities, good parking

Gulf Shores Museum features frequently changing exhibits and photo displays. Tour the quaint cottage and hear "A Shrimper's Story," listen to the Hurricane Hunters fly through a storm, and view a video from our special weather collection.



Open: by appointment

Preserves the history of Sibley Holmes Memorial Hospital which opened in 1935 and operated until 1958 when South Baldwin Hospital was opened. See an operating room, pharmacy, patient rooms and examining room. Much of the equipment and furnishings are original. There is also a room exhibiting instruments used in quackery medicine.



ORANGE BEACH INDIAN & SEA MUSEUM

25850 John Snook Dr.,
Orange Beach, AL, 36561,
Behind City Hall Complex,
Hwy. 161,

Phone: 251- 981-8545

Web: www.obparksandrec.com/artsculture/museum.html

Open: Tues. & Thurs.
9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Free admission

Tours for five or more at other times by reservation

Handicap accessible, public restrooms, picnic facilities, good parking

The museum houses local artifacts and memorabilia relating to our Native American and fishing heritage. Families of early fishermen have donated collectibles that make us mindful of the challenges and achievements in the early days of our fishing industry.

