Join the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation for the opening 2018 season of the Alabama Bicentennial Rambles series, a set of biannual weekends for preservation-minded individuals who want to know more about, and visit, historic preservation projects in Alabama.

Learn more about Alabama as the state celebrates and commemorates its 200th anniversary of becoming a U.S. Territory (1817) and State (1819). Come with us as we travel the highways, byways and crossroads of Alabama exploring, experiencing and engaging in preservation and learning more about what makes Alabama and its peoples and places special.

**Spring 2018 Bicentennial Ramble**
Friday, May 4 - Saturday, May 5

**FROM FRONTIER PIONEERS TO SPACE EXPLORERS**

Home to some of Alabama’s first pioneers, later to watercress farmers, and even later to space explorers, Huntsville, Alabama’s history stands as a symbol to hearts beating to the lure of adventure and to the minds envisioning a world beyond Earth’s orbit.

The City of Huntsville is unique with multiple National Historic Landmark sites that connected Alabama’s move into statehood to the nation’s flight into space. No place tells that story better than Huntsville with its Constitutional Convention of 1819 and the NASA’s Space Flight Program of the 1960s and the years before and after the lunar landing in July 1969.

Preservationists know that National Landmarks, by their very historical significance to the nation, are more than structures on the National Register of Historic Places. Only 3% of historic places make it to the National Historic Landmark status. Alabama has fewer than 40 National Historic Landmark sites – five of them are in Huntsville, and of those, four are related to Huntsville’s role in the post-WWII era know as the Space Race. The Neutral Buoyancy Space Simulator, the Propulsion and Structural Test Facility, the Redstone Test Stand, the Saturn Dynamic Test Stand, and the Saturn V Dynamic Test Vehicle tell the story of the United States’ race into Space. Distributed between NASA’s Marshall Space Flight Center, the U.S. Army’s Redstone Arsenal and the U.S. Space and Rocket Center, Alabama Trust Ramblers will have the rare opportunity to see these all-important, historically significant scientific sites of the mid-20th century America.

*Huntsville Ramblers receive a personal DVD copy of the award-winning documentary Missile to Moon, the story of Wernher von Braun and Alabama’s contribution to space exploration. Also available to Ramblers, at a discounted purchase price, copies of the Alabama Bicentennial PastPort, a guide to historic destinations in each of Alabama’s 67 counties.*
Spring Preservation Ramble Weekend
Friday, May 4 - Saturday, May 5
Huntsville, Alabama

Sponsored by the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation, Burritt on the Mountain, Church of the Nativity, City of Huntsville, Constitution Village, First Baptist Church, Historic Huntsville Foundation, Huntsville Preservation Commission, Huntsville West, NASA Marshall Space Flight Center, the Preservation Company and Temple B’nai Sholom.

Friday Afternoon

SPECIAL EVENT

TOUR NASA’S HISTORIC SPACE-AGE LEGACY

First come-first serve for this once-in-a-life time tour. Space is limited and only offered to Ramble participants. Access to NASA-Marshall Space Flight Center requires national security check. To board the bus for the tour, each registered participant must be a U.S. citizen and provide by Wednesday, April 18, a Driver’s License Number with Date of Issue and Social Security Number to the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation. (To record required security information, see Ramble Registration Form.)

Friday, May 4

AFTERNOON

2:00-2:30  Check-In & Security Clearance for NASA Tour
Visitor Center, Redstone Arsenal, Gate 9
I-565-E, Exit 14, turn right onto ramp for AL-255 / Rideout Rd / Gate 9). Follow signs for Gate 9 - Visitor Center.

3:00-5:00  NASA Tour - Marshall Space Flight Center

The heart of America’s developing space program in the 1950s, Marshall is recognized for its national significance with four National Historic Landmarks (NHL) sites. Visit several National Historic Landmarks sites on NASA’s Marshall base, the largest NASA centers, where the first missions revolved around developing the Saturn launch vehicles for the Apollo moon program. The tour will include the Saturn V Dynamic Test Vehicle and Test Stand, Redstone Test Stand, Propulsion and Structural Test Facility, and the Neutral Buoyancy Space Simulator. Tour Guide/Presenter: Bob Devlin, Deputy of Center Operations, Marshall Space Flight Center

5:00-5:30  Return to cars, travel to Huntsville West.
Check-In and Welcome
Burritt on the Mountain
3101 Burritt Drive SE, Huntsville

Burritt On the Mountain Tour
Enjoy a spring morning at Burritt on the Mountain, an open-air museum, formerly the estate of physician William Burritt. Today, the property is home to relocated and preserved 19th century log structures. The oldest log structure is the Joel Eddins House, circa 1810, a hall and parlor building, and the oldest building in the Alabama. Originally built near present day Ardmore in Limestone County, the log structure was moved to Burritt in 2007. A 1935 concrete and asbestos-shingled mansion built by William Burritt replaces his first mountain-top home, which was demolished by fire. The tour features these buildings and the museum's behind-the-scenes curatorial care of these historic structures, their unique challenges and the long-range plans for preservation and use.


Venue courtesy of Burritt on the Mountain.

Break & travel to Alabama Constitution Village.
11:00-Noon  Constitution Village Tour
109 Gates Avenue SE, Huntsville

A living-history park, Constitution Village commemorates the historical events leading up to Alabama’s statehood by providing glimpses into the life of Alabamians during the Federal Period. Consisting of 16 structures rebuilt on the original site of the 1819 Constitutional Convention, the Village features five major buildings where Alabama’s statehood was debated, written and on August 2, 1819 ratified.

A property of the City of Huntsville, Constitution Village buildings on the re-constructed site are late 20th century reproductions designed by noted preservation architect Harvie P. Jones. Currently closed to the public for extensive work in preparation for the 2019 bicentennial anniversary of statehood, Ramble participants only will have a private tour and presentation about plans for the Village’s rehabilitation with grant dollars provided by the Alabama Historical Commission and Alabama Bicentennial Commission.

Tour Guides/Presenters: Sally Warden, Local Director of the Alabama Bicentennial Committee and Risha Sanderson, Development Manager of EarlyWorks Museum

Venue open courtesy of the City of Huntsville.

AFTERNOON

12:00-12:30  Meet Historic Huntsville Foundation
Harrison Brothers Hardware Store
124 Southside Square, Huntsville

Visit the Historic Huntsville Foundation at the Harrison Hardware Store. Learn about the foundation’s Archives Project – a project actively cataloging and preserving the complete business records of Harrison Brothers Hardware from 1897 to 1965. Business records include sales catalogs, business invoices, sales and credit ledgers. This project is a special partnership between the Historic Huntsville Foundation and the University of Alabama-Huntsville Special Collections and Archives.

Tour Guide/Presenter: Donna Castellano, Executive Director, Historic Huntsville Foundation

12:30-1:30  Rocket City Lunches
Lunch on your own, explore the culinary scene, dine in a choice of Huntsville’s historic venues.

1:30-5:15  HEAVEN AND EARTH TOUR
Visit some Huntsville’s oldest and most sacred spaces.

1:30-2:30  First Baptist Church
600 Governors Drive, Huntsville

Join the Alabama Trust for a tour of this fascinating space and discussion of the building’s inspirational construction history.

Organized in 1809, the church is the oldest Missionary Baptist congregation in Alabama. Inhabiting a striking Neo-Formalist sanctuary constructed in the 1960s, this building was the spiritual home to a number of NASA employees and astronauts. The sanctuary’s stained-glass windows highlight the connection between religion and space exploration, showcasing brightly colored planets, galaxies, and bursts of lights.
To passersby, the church is highly visible due to its striking bell tower and mosaic of Christ, which dominates the front façade and is composed of approximately 1.5M pieces of Italian tile. Restoration of the mosaic is in process and will continue through 2022.

Tour Guides: Congregants from First Baptist Church.

Venue courtesy of the First Baptist Church.

3:00-4:00 The Church of the Nativity
208 Eustis Avenue SE, Huntsville

A striking Gothic Revival church constructed in 1859, it is considered one of the purest examples of Ecclesiastical Gothic architecture in the south. Designed noted architect Frank Willis, the Episcopal church building is such an exceptional example of the style that it was granted National Historic Landmark status in 1990. Awarded a coveted grant from the National Park Service's “Save America's Treasures Program” in 2010, the iconic building anchors Huntsville's downtown. Ramblers will explore the rich architectural forms of the building and learn about the $4M capital improvement program, which is leading the church into the future.

Tour Guides: Congregants from Church of the Nativity and Donna Castellano, Executive Director, Historic Huntsville Foundation

Venue courtesy of The Church of the Nativity.

4:15-5:15 Temple B’nai Sholom
103 Lincoln Street SE, Huntsville

Temple B’nai Sholom is an active synagogue and home to Huntsville’s recently opened Jewish Heritage Center. The striking brick Romanesque Revival building, circa 1899, is the oldest continuously used synagogue in Alabama. The interior is a rich tapestry of stained glass and heart of pine. The Jewish heritage displays include a video outlining the contributions of local Jewish individuals and the congregation to the cultural and economic life of North Alabama, objects that highlight major Jewish holidays, and artifacts telling the story of the Holocaust.

Tour Guides: Congregants from Temple B’nai Sholom

Venue courtesy of Temple B’nai Sholom.

5:15-5:30 Travel to Preservation Company

EVENING

5:30-7:00 SPECIAL EVENT, RECEPTION
Preservation Company
1214-A Meridian Street N, Huntsville

Need a special piece for a historic building remodel? The Preservation Company is a stunning architectural salvage store located in a restored 1927 building that served originally as the Lincoln Mill Commissary. The Huntsville Bicentennial Ramble ends here with a closing reception sponsored by the store’s owners.

Reception courtesy of hosts Christa and Jason Butler.
HOT SPOTS & OLD SPOTS – HUNTSVILLE’S TASTE-ERIES
Huntsville has so many fantastic dining options, it will be hard to select one for lunch or dinner while there. A few favorites for evening dining (most located in historic buildings, of course) are listed below. Check restaurant website for hours and reservations requirements.

DOWNTOWN ON COURTHOUSE SQUARE

Cotton Row
100 Southside, Huntsville
An 1821 commercial building, Cotton Row specializes in elegant American cuisine. Chef is James Boyce, a veteran of New York's Le Cirque, is a regular contributor to The Today Show and on Martha Stewart Living Radio. [http://cottonrowrestaurant.com/menus.html](http://cottonrowrestaurant.com/menus.html)

Commerce Kitchen
300 Franklin Street S.E., Huntsville

Hildegard’s German Cuisine
2357 Whitesburg Drive S.E., Huntsville
Highlighting Huntsville’s German connections, Hildegard’s has been in operation for more than a decade and a half. Enjoy generous plates of authentic German sausages and schnitzels served with spätzle and sauerkraut. [http://www.hildegardsgermancuisine.com/](http://www.hildegardsgermancuisine.com/)

Campus No. 805
2610-2620 Clinton Avenue W, Huntsville
Originally built as Butler High School in 1951, and then serving as Roy L. Stone Middle School from 1967 until 2009, Campus No. 805 formed in 2014 after a local developer purchased the property from the school district. The building underwent a significant rehabilitation and is now home to several tenants, including: Straight to Ale Brewery, Yellowhammer Brewery, Rock n Roll Sushi, Earth and Stone Pizza, and Lone Goose Saloon. [https://campus805.com/](https://campus805.com/)

WhistleStop
320 Church Street N.W., Huntsville
Located at the 1860 Historic Huntsville Depot, site of one of the oldest railroad depots in the United States, this is one of North Alabama’s premier events. Enjoy sampling BBQ from professional and amateur competitions or try your hand at the Alabama Cornhole Championship. [https://whistlestopweekend.com/](https://whistlestopweekend.com/)

DOWNTOWN JUST BEYOND

LODGING for HISTORIC PRESERVATION RAMBLERS
Homewood Suites 714 Gallatin St. S.W.
Homewood Suites is in the heart of Huntsville and short drive to the Ramble itinerary sites. An added bonus, it’s easy walking distance to the Twickenham’s Antebellum Historic District for those who would like to explore Huntsville a bit more. A block of rooms has been reserved for Historic Preservation Rambles for Friday, May 4th - Sunday, May 6th.

Rambler’s Room Rate: $124 a night including breakfast
For Reservations: call 256-539-1445 with dates of stay and group code AHP for Alabama Historic Preservation
Deadline for Group/Rambler Rate: Friday, April 20, 2018
REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Ramble packets with tour information will be available for pick-up on Friday afternoon at Huntsville West and Saturday morning check-in at Burritt On The Mountain.

For ATHP Members
$50 per person
includes one-year membership.

For Non-Members
$75 per person

For NASA Tour, Friday May 4, 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Note: NASA Tour only available to Rambler registrants. Check-in for security clearance, 2:00 – 2:30 at Visitors Center, Gate 9, Redstone Arsenal.

NASA Tour Reservations - $15 per Reservation

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For security clearance, complete below for each NASA tour reservation. Must be completed and returned to the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation by Wednesday, April 18, 2018.

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Friday Night – Reception at Huntsville West

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Saturday Evening Reception at Preservation Co.

_____ Yes  _____ # Reservations  $ 0

ATHP Members  _____ # Reservations  $____

$50 per reservation

Non-Members  _____ # Reservations  $____

$75 per reservation
fee includes one-year membership

Total Registration Fee(s) for NASA Tour & Ramble  $____

Charitable Contributions

Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation  $____

Endangered Properties Trust Fund  $____

Alice Bowsher Operating Reserve  $____

TOTAL  $____

If Payment by Check, make check payable to the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation. Mail to ATHP, UWA Station 45, Livingston, AL 35470.

If Payment by Credit Card, mail to the ATHP, UWA Station 45, Livingston, AL 35470 or call 205-652-3497.

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Signature: ___________________________________________________________ Date: ____________

To make reservations by phone, call the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation at 205-652-3497.