

# Quirky & Quintessential Tallahassee

*Enjoy some truly unique attractions in Florida's Capital City, some funky, some tried-and-true, and some not found anywhere else on the planet.*



**Tallahassee Automobile Museum**  
Features more than 130 rare automobiles including a 1931 Duesenberg, the Tucker, several Batmobiles and President Lincoln's hearse. Other collections include Native American artifacts, sports memorabilia and motorcycles. (\$16 adults) (6800 Mahan Drive; 850-942-0137; [www.tacm.com](http://www.tacm.com))

## **New Capital/22nd floor**

One of only four tower capitols in the U.S., Tallahassee's "Tower of Power" features panoramic views from the 22nd floor observatory and art gallery. (FREE. Open 8-5 Monday-Friday)(402 South Monroe Street; (850) 488-6167; <http://myfloridacapitol.com>)

## **Mission San Luis**

In the late 1600s Mission San Luis de Apalachee was the western capitol of the Spanish mission system in Florida. Visitor's now can visit Mission San Luis, the only reconstructed Spanish Mission in Florida. History comes alive with costumed interpreters, hands-on exhibits, and on-going archaeological excavations throughout this National Historic Landmark site. (\$5pp) (2100 West Tennessee Street; (850) 245-3406; [www.missionsanluis.org](http://www.missionsanluis.org))

## **Dog et al**

This casual eatery is an institution in Florida's Capital City, with 10,230 different ways to fix a hot dog, there really is a style of dog for everyone. (1456 S. Monroe Street; 850-222-4099; [www.dogetal.com](http://www.dogetal.com))

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## Goodwood Museum & Gardens

This 1830s plantation boasts 20 structures on the property and 95% of the artifacts have remained in the Main House since the middle of the 19th century. Tour the gardens and grounds or enjoy one of the regularly scheduled Main House tours. Fanny's restaurant on-site is also a great place to grab a fresh light bite to eat.



(Garden/Grounds Tours FREE; Main House Tours \$5 pp) (1600 Miccosukee Road; (850) 877-4202; <http://goodwoodmuseum.org> )

## Pebble Hill Plantation on Plantation Parkway

The Tallahassee area is a very fertile area where the largest concentration of antebellum plantations still exists. Just over the Florida border into Georgia, via Plantation Parkway (U.S. Highway 319) through the Red Hills Region, is the magnificent Pebble Hill Plantation. The house is graced with antiques, horse & hound paintings, a collection of Audubon prints and a wealth of sporting art. Pebble Hill Plantation offers house, art and walking tours. (\$5 pp)(125 U.S. Highway 319 S.; 229-226-2344, [www.pebblehill.com](http://www.pebblehill.com) )

## “The Mag Lab”

The world's largest and strongest magnet on the planet can be found and viewed at the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory ("The Mag Lab") at Florida State University. The magnet produces a magnetic field 1 million times stronger than the Earth's magnetic field.

(FREE) (1800 Paul Dirac Drive; (850) 644-1933 for tours/Wednesday's 11am – 2-pm Open house; [www.magnet.fsu.edu](http://www.magnet.fsu.edu))

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## Wakulla Springs State Park

You are almost guaranteed to see an alligator, or ten! Take a Boat Tour along the river to see lots of ‘gators, turtles, birdlife and where several major movies, including some of the Tarzan films. Florida manatees can also be seen here year-round. Be sure to grab a milkshake at the gift shop.

(\$6 vehicle/\$8 boat tours) (550 Wakulla Park Drive, Wakulla Springs; 850-926-0700; [www.floridastateparks.org/wakullasprings](http://www.floridastateparks.org/wakullasprings))

## Knott House

Also known as the “House that Rhymes” for the poetry throughout the house, this 1843 gem is restored to its 1928 grandeur. On these front steps on May 20, 1865, the Emancipation Proclamation was read, granting slaves their freedom. (FREE) (301 E Park Avenue; (850) 922-2459, [www.museumoffloridahistory.com](http://www.museumoffloridahistory.com))

## Southeast Regional Black Archives at FAMU

Located in historic Carnegie Hall, this extensive collection of African American artifacts includes local and international pieces and more than one-half million historical documents. This is a must-see site in Tallahassee. (FREE) (FAMU Campus, off Martin Luther King Blvd. and Gamble Street; (850) 599-3020; FAMU Black Archives; [www.famu.edu/BlackArchives](http://www.famu.edu/BlackArchives))

## Railroad Square

This warehouse-district-turned-art-park is often referred to as Tallahassee’s art district, offering cafés, art galleries, craft studios, funky shops, and the nationally acclaimed alternative theatre company – Mickee Faust Club. (FREE) (567 Industrial Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32310; (850) 224-1308; [www.railroadsquare.com](http://www.railroadsquare.com) )