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UPDATE: ALABAMA HISTORICAL COMMISSION RESPONDS TO COVID-19

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Update: Alabama Historical Commission Responds to COVID-19

(Montgomery, AL) Based on a directive by Governor Ivey and the recommendations of public health officials to implement a plan for social distancing and "shelter in place" order, the Alabama Historical Commission has closed its Main Office in Montgomery, all historic sites to the public, and all programs and events have been cancelled through April 30. AHC will continue to evaluate closures and closely monitor the situation.

"The **Alabama Historical Commission** remains vigilant as we prepare our staff, historic sites, and visitors to the coronavirus and the COVID-19 situation," said **Lisa D. Jones, Executive Director Alabama Historical Commission**. "We are dedicated to the safety and well-being of our employees and historic sites visitors. This new protocol has been implemented to serve the public and maintain safety for all those impacted under the AHC umbrella."

The Alabama Historical Commission Main Office in Montgomery will be operating with limited staff. The public is encouraged to correspond with program coordinators via email with regards to ongoing projects. Section 106 applications have moved entirely to a digital submission process**. A directory of staff members and corresponding programs is available at https://ahc.alabama.gov/staffdirectory.aspx.**

Select historic sites and programs were closed to the public beginning March 16. The closure update announced on April 3, 2020 encompasses all AHC historic sites and will go into effect on Saturday, April 4 at 5:00pm.

AHC Historic Site closures include the Alabama State Capitol, Fort Morgan, Freedom Rides Museum, Pond Spring, Belle Mont Mansion, Fendall Hall, Gaineswood, Magnolia Grove, Old Cahawba, Fort Toulouse-Fort Jackson, Confederate Memorial Park, and **Fort Mims.**

The full list of impacted AHC events through April 30, 2020:

April

- All month - Guided tours and small arms demonstration every Tuesday & Thursday – Fort Morgan, Gulf Shores, AL
- All month - Coastal Bird Banding – Fort Morgan, Gulf Shores, AL
- April 4 Civil War Walking Tour & Prisoners of War Memorial Service – Old Cahawba, Orrville, AL
- April 18 Nature Walk – Pond Spring, Hillsboro, AL
- April 18-19 French & Indian Encampment – Fort Toulouse-Fort Jackson, Wetumpka, AL
  April 25-26 Living History & Saturday Skirmish – Confederate Memorial Park, Marbury,
- April 25 160th Anniversary Gala – Fendall Hall – Eufaula, AL

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About the Alabama Historical Commission

Located in historic downtown Montgomery at 468 S. Perry Street, the Alabama Historical Commission is the state historic preservation agency for Alabama. The agency was created by an act of the state legislature in 1966 with a mission to protect, preserve and interpret Alabama's historic places. AHC works to accomplish its mission through two

fields of endeavor: Preservation and promotion of state-owned historic sites as public attractions; and, statewide programs to assist people, groups, towns, and cities with local preservation activities. For a complete list of programs and properties owned and operated by the AHC, hours of operation, and admission fees please visit ahc.alabama.gov

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