

# Historic Murfreesboro North Carolina Tours

*You are invited to discover Historic Murfreesboro, a village filled with Historical homes and Americana museums*



John Wheeler House, ca 1814



Working Blacksmith Shop



Phonograph Exhibit, Jefcoat Museum

## Murfreesboro's Historic District

Murfreesboro's Historic District contains outstanding examples of houses and commercial buildings constructed in the late-eighteenth and early-nineteenth centuries. A wayfarer passing here in the spring of 1860 wrote flatteringly of the attractive homes. "As a general thing," he noted, "the country villages of our state are far from presenting a thriving cultivated appearance...but the citizens of this borough may well challenge any section...to produce a place of the same size containing more handsome residences." The writer knew nothing of Murfreesboro's past, but intuition provided him with a sure sense of the stamp of history on the texture of the community. That same sense occurs to many of today's visitors.

Open Every Saturday (April—October) 11:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.  
Start at the Gift Shop on Williams Street, \$7 adults, \$3 students



Richard Jordan Gatling, the inventor of the famous gun, grew up near Murfreesboro. There is a section in the 1790 Rea Museum devoted to his work. (left)

Guests revisit shopping 1890 style at the Winborne Country Store. (right)



## Jefcoat Museum of Americana

The circa 1922 Murfreesboro High School now houses an incredible collection of Americana representing 25 years of active collecting by Mr. Brady C. Jefcoat, of Raleigh, NC. You will be amazed at the thousands of items portraying the nation's industry and culture from 1850-1950! Here you will see the world's largest collection of washing machines, flat irons, Daisy air rifles, and dairy equipment. The museum also houses over 600 vintage phonographs/music boxes.

***You really have to see it to believe it.***

Open Saturday—11 a.m.—4 p.m.; Sunday 2—5 p.m.,  
\$8 adults, \$6 students



## Combination Jefcoat & Historic District

The tour will include a 1.5 hour visit to the Jefcoat Museum of Americana, as well as a 1.5 hour excursion into Murfreesboro's Historic District.

Minimum Participants: 15 Time: Full Day Full Lunch \$25 per person



One of the many sites on the Historic Albemarle Tour, NC's oldest self-guided heritage trail.

## Afternoon Tour

The tour will include a 1.5 hour visit to the either the Jefcoat Museum or Murfreesboro's Historic District.  
Minimum Participants: 10 Time: 1:30-3:00 p.m.  
Light Refreshments \$10 per person

### ***Full Lunch includes:***

*Entrée  
Two Vegetables  
Salad  
Bread  
Dessert  
Beverage*

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