

45. Valdosta Street Railroad Co. Waiting Station

1917. The small stucco shelter with benches and a terra cotta roof would appear to be a bus shelter for VSU students, when in reality it was built early in the century for the Valdosta streetcar system. Valdosta's electric streetcar system was begun in 1899 to carry passengers from downtown to the Georgia State Fair in Pine Park in 1900, now the area where Brookwood North neighborhood is built. The system helped to develop the growth in the area. It was shut down in 1924 and the tracks were scrapped in the 1940s for WW II. This is the last remaining physical evidence of Valdosta's streetcar system.



1500 N. PATTERSON ST.

46. West Hall – Valdosta State University

Founded in 1906 by the Georgia General Assembly under the leadership of Ga. Sen. William S. West of Valdosta, the University first opened its doors to students in 1913 as South Georgia Normal College. Started as a woman's college, the name was changed in 1922 to Georgia State Woman's College. In 1950, the Board of Regents authorized the college to become co-educational and changed the name to Valdosta State College. In 1993, VSC was awarded University status and the name was changed to Valdosta State University. West Hall, pictured here and named after Sen. William West, became the second building on campus. It was built in 1917 in the Spanish Mission style, which continues to be the unifying theme of the campus. Office hours: Monday - Thursday, 8:00am - 5:30pm and Friday, 8:00am - 3:00pm.



1500 N. PATTERSON ST.

47. The "1807 House" – Gregory Office

Located at 1807 North Patterson St., this house is known as the Baker-Varnedoe House. Designed by Lloyd B. Greer, the house was built in 1923 by T.A. Baker who was in the lumber business in Valdosta. The home was restored in 1995 by the architectural firm of J. Glen Gregory & Associates for their office. Office hours: Monday - Friday, 8:00am - 5:00pm.



1807 N. PATTERSON ST.

48. Durant – Plowden – Kurrie Home*

Built in 1885 as a Grand Victorian with wrap-around porch, this home was redesigned in 1931 by architects Lloyd B. Greer and Felton Davis. In 1989, Dr. & Mrs. John Kendrick, under the direction of J. Glenn Gregory, architect, renovated this home. It was the Decorator Show House for the Valdosta Heritage Foundation in 1989. This house was purchased and further restored by Tom and Merry Jo Kurrie in 2001.



2006 N. PATTERSON ST.

49. Roddey – Mixson – Dover House*

Italian Renaissance style house designed by Lloyd B. Greer for D.C. Roddey and constructed in 1922. Features of this style include the low-pitched hipped roof with wide overhanging eaves containing decorative brackets, symmetrical front façade, arched windows and front entrance accentuated with classical columns. Sometimes called Fairgate because it was at the gates of an old fairground. This house was purchased and restored by Mike and Martha Dover in 1979.



2007 N. PATTERSON ST.

Proceed south on Williams. Pass through the second traffic light, you will arrive at Mary St. (8.6 miles) (Disregard caution lights)

50. Faith, Hope & Charity*



1801 WILLIAMS ST.

A Lloyd Greer designed cluster of homes foreshadowing contemporary townhouse groupings. The verticality of the Tudor is appropriate to site constraints and lends a nice romantic character. Notice the half-timbering – a characteristic of the Tudor style.

51. Miller – Burns – Underwood House*

In 1938, Greer designed this International style residence for Leo Miller, a local builder in the concrete business. The low wall, defining the frontcourt, elevates the building from the landscape. This is the only residential example of the International style in Valdosta.



1407 WILLIAMS ST.

* Private Residences, no public access.

Welcome to Valdosta & Lowndes County, Georgia

Valdosta is Georgia's 11th largest city, boasting a population of over 48,000 and a county population of over 100,000. A progressive city that preserves its cultural heritage while looking toward the future, Valdosta is a regional trade, shopping, medical, business and tourism center for an 11-county area in North Florida and South Georgia.

Valdosta has four National Register Historic Districts: Downtown, Fairview, North Patterson Street and Brookwood North. This driving tour offers you an overview of our city's growth and landmarks.

The Valdosta-Lowndes County Convention & Visitors Bureau and The Valdosta Heritage Foundation are proud supporters of historic preservation in this area. We encourage you to discover the interesting history, beauty and hospitality that contribute to the quality of life in our greater community. Enjoy the sights and sounds you will experience and visit us again often.

2000 Census Valdosta-43,724. Lowndes County-92,115. MSA Status.

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Historic Driving Tour Valdosta, Georgia



Valdosta Heritage Foundation

Turn right onto Oak St. You will pass Sunset Hill Cemetery on the left and pass through V.S.U. campus. At 9.6 miles, turn left onto Baytree at second traffic light

56. Sunset Hill Cemetery

Circa 1860s. An interment of veterans since the Civil War, this cemetery is a fascinating repository of mausoleums and memorials in a landscape of native and exotic flora. Victorians intended their cemeteries to be used as places of rest and enjoyment, as we would a modern park. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Cemetery hours: Daily, 7:00am til dusk.



OAK STREET

Pass through next two traffic lights and turn left at Bishop Cleaners onto Myrtle St. (the first street to the left). Go to Plum St. and turn right. At the dead end intersection of Plum & W. Gordon, turn right one block to Baytree Place. Turn right onto Baytree Place and proceed to Myrtle Street. Turn left onto Myrtle and left again onto Baytree Road.

57. Remerton Mill Village

The town of Remerton, named for Remer Young Lane, the president of Valdosta's first bank, dates back to 1899, when B.F. Strickland organized the Strickland Cotton Mills. A need to push for industrialization and modernization led to the incorporation of Remerton, a textile mill town. A good source of the city's economic wellbeing was tied to the mill.



Construction of the village began at the same time the mill was being built to locate workers near the mill. Initially there were three streets with 65 houses, a school and three churches. The company owned the houses, which rented for \$0.25 a room. Families were moved from house to house depending on their size. Although there was no sewage or running water until after WW II, it was a safe place to live-no one ever had to lock any doors.

The mill ran continuously even during the Depression. In 1952, Remerton became an incorporated town. The town assisted the mill and the mill complemented the town. The Strickland family eventually sold the mill to a firm based out of Columbus, Ga. When the plant closed in 1979, they were still running three 8-hour shifts, six days a week.

Today the mill houses have been transformed into all types of colorful quaint shops and boutiques. Building exteriors have been preserved, with interiors providing an unforgettable shopping experience.

Proceed west on Baytree to the third traffic light which is Norman Drive, at the Valdosta Mall. Turn left onto Norman Drive and proceed back to the Tourism Office or to the mall, outlying shops, restaurants and motels.

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From the Tourism Office...

Numbers in parenthesis correspond with numbers on the map...

- From the Tourism Office...turn right on Norman Drive, go to traffic light
- Turn left on Hwy 84 E
- Arrive in downtown Valdosta at 3.1 miles. Proceed east (straight).
- (1) You will pass South Georgia Pecan Shop on right, get into the left lane, turn left on Jones Street.
- (2-5) Turn left on Central Ave., pass City Hall on right - traffic light #1 - (left lane).
- (6-9) At 4.0 miles, turn left at traffic light #3 onto Patterson St. - (left lane)
- (10) Continue straight and turn left to Ashley St. just before the overpass. You will pass the old Daniel Ashley Hotel on the left.
- (11) Stay in left lane (see Dosta Theatre on left)
- (12) Turn left on Central - second light (get in right lane) - Court House on right
- (13-14) Go to the third traffic light and turn right on Oak Street. Proceed to the next light and turn left onto River Street.
- You are now entering the Fairview Historic neighborhood
- (15-27) Proceed down River Street until you see Wells Street on the left. Turn onto Wells Street for

- one block and then turn left onto Central Place. Proceed and turn left onto Varnedoe Street (the brick street). When you reach River Street again, turn right.
- Proceed east to second light and turn left on Toombs at traffic light (5.0 miles at this point)
- Turn right on Rogers Street in front of Police Station.
- Go straight on Rogers (one block)
- (28) Turn right on Patterson Street and get in left lane
- (29-30) Pass Converse-Dalton House on the left.
- At 5.5 miles, turn left at the second traffic light onto Valley St. Pass the back of the Courthouse on right.
- (31) At traffic light turn left onto Ashley St. - Pass Chamber of Commerce on left.
- At second traffic light turn left onto Webster St.
- At dead end, turn right onto Patterson St.
- (32-42) At 6.2 miles, proceed north on Patterson and pass historic homes including the Crescent on left
- (43-49) Valdosta State's University Center appears on the right - then come to Drexel Park on the right (You will now have a view of Valdosta State University's main campus to the left). Continue straight on Patterson until you arrive at Park Ave.
- Turn right onto Park Ave. at the traffic light (now at 7.4 miles from beginning) You are entering Brookwood North.
- At the traffic light, turn right onto Williams St.
- (50-53) Proceed south on Williams. Pass through the

- second traffic light, you will arrive at Mary St. (8.6 miles) (Disregard caution lights)
- (54-55) Turn right onto Mary St.
- Go one block - turn left onto Slater - 8.7 miles at this point (notice quaint shops)
- Go one block on Slater and turn right onto Force St.
- Go west and cross Patterson to the dead end at Oak St.
- (56) Turn right onto Oak St. You will pass Sunset Hill Cemetery on the left and pass through V.S.U. campus.
- At 9.6 miles, turn left onto Baytree at second traffic light
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