



Jimmy Carter National Historic Site

Plains, Georgia

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The rise of James Earl Carter, Jr., to the office of President of the United States exemplifies an American ideal: through hard work and adherence to principles, the presidency of this nation is open to all. Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter live their lives according to a philosophy of stewardship, compassion, integrity, and courage. This philosophy has its basis in the roots of the culture in which the Carters grew up. President and Mrs. Carter were born and raised in the small town of Plains, Georgia, which they still call home.



Plains High School

Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter attended grammar and high school in this building and their educational and cultural backgrounds were initially formed here. Its model curriculum was exemplary for the times and pointed to the outside world, inspiring students to look beyond their environs. Today this restored building serves as the historic site's museum and visitor center.



Depot



The oldest building in Plains (1888), this restored depot served as the headquarters for Carter's 1976 campaign. A self-guided exhibit in the building chronicles the success of this election campaign.

Boyhood Farm

The restored Boyhood Home and Farm are located in Archery, Georgia, 2 miles from Plains. On this farm, the Carters grew cotton, peanuts, and corn to sell, and raised vegetables and livestock for their own consumption. Today the National Park Service owns 15 acres of the original 360-acre farm. A self-guided tour allows you to walk and explore the childhood home and commissary, other farm buildings, and a tenant house that contains exhibits. Wayside exhibits, several with narrations by Jimmy Carter, help guide your visit.

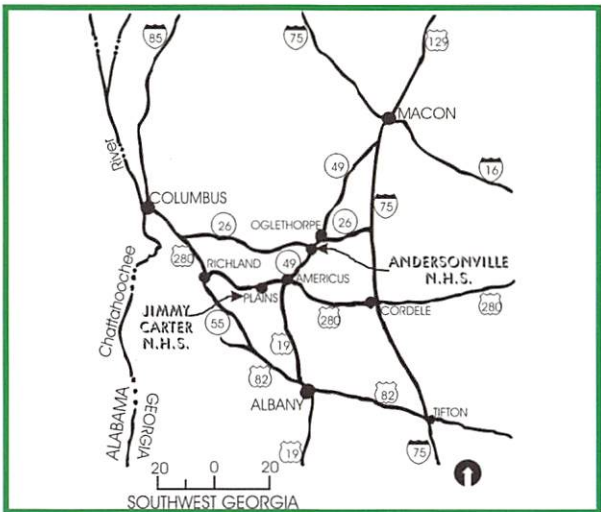


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Few U.S. Presidents have had such close ties with where they were born and raised. The rural southern culture of Plains, Georgia, that revolves around farming, church and school, had a large influence in molding the character and shaping the political policies of the 39th President of the United States.

Directions

Jimmy Carter National Historic Site is 10 miles west of Americus, Georgia, on U.S. 280. The museum and visitor center is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Depot is open daily from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and the Boyhood Farm 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. - except Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day. The Carter Boyhood Home and Farm are southwest of Plains; follow U.S. 280 west for 0.5 mile and bear left on Old Plains Highway for 1.5 miles. The farm is on the right side of the road.



The Jimmy Carter National Historic Site is administered by the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior. Inquiries may be addressed:

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