

Full of Local Flavor

# Vidalia

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## Welcome

to the Vidalia Area

**K**nown around the world for sweet onions, the Vidalia Area is full of local flavor—and we don't just mean on the dinner plate. Discover the Vidalia Area and see for yourself!

### ■ Vidalia Area CVB

Make your first stop the Vidalia Area Convention & Visitors Bureau, located within the same building as the Vidalia Onion Museum. From Highway 280, turn onto Commerce Way, between Southeastern Technical College and the Toombs-Montgomery Chamber of Commerce. We are the second building on the right.

Our friendly staff will tell you everything you want to know about



accommodations, activities, attractions, dining, and shopping. Also, check out [VidaliaArea.com](http://VidaliaArea.com) for a full list of attractions, meeting facilities, calendar of events, and dining options.

COUPON

Visitors return this coupon to the Vidalia Onion Museum for a

# FREE GIFT!

## Area Attractions

### **Vidalia Onion Museum**

Want to learn more about Vidalia Onions and the history of our town? You can find fun and historical information about Vidalia Onions at the Vidalia Onion Museum. Exhibits include interactive and educational components. Museum hours are Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 912-538-8687. Located at 100 Vidalia Sweet Onion Drive. [VidaliaOnion.org](http://VidaliaOnion.org).



### **Ladson Genealogical Library**

Once you find out about the history of the Vidalia Onion, find out about your own roots. Just visit the Ladson Genealogical Library, located in downtown Vidalia. The collection consists of more than 35,000 books, microfilm, manuscripts, and pamphlets – one of the most extensive collections in the Southeastern United States. For more information and hours of operation, call 912-537-8186. Located at 125 Church Street, Suite 104. [OhoopeeLibrary.org](http://OhoopeeLibrary.org).

### **Altama Museum of Art and History**

Built in 1911, the neoclassic-style Brazell House is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The permanent collection includes the Norma Damon Libby Collection of Staffordshire porcelain, a group of 24 first-edition hand-colored prints by John James Audubon, and a 200-piece collection of 20th century Southern art. There is also a Girl Scout room that exhibits scouting memorabilia dating back to 1929. For more information and hours of operation, call 912-537-1911. Located at 611 Jackson Street in Vidalia.

### **Montgomery County Courthouse**

See a radio from the early 1900s, a silver penny and a gun that was actually used in the Civil War. Located just 15 minutes from Vidalia, the Montgomery County Courthouse is a must-see for the history lover. The magnificent brick, neoclassical revival structure was designed by Alexander Blair and built in 1907. Despite being originally a wooden structure, this courthouse has never seen a fire - quite amazing since it had four wood-burning furnaces and paper-wrapped wiring. For more information, call 912-583-4676. Located on Railroad Avenue in Mount Vernon.



## Special Events



### **Vidalia Onion Festival**

Each spring, Vidalia celebrates the harvest of Georgia's official state vegetable, the Vidalia Sweet Onion. Since 1977 we have gathered for fun-filled events, including the Kiwanis Onion Run, an arts & crafts festival, fireworks,

street dance, Golden Onion professional cooking competition, onion cook-off and public tasting, culinary extravaganza, and concerts. The festival is the last weekend of every April.

For more information, call 912-538-8687 or visit [VidaliaOnionFestival.com](http://VidaliaOnionFestival.com).

### **Kiwanis Onion Run**

Held on Saturday morning during the Vidalia Onion Festival, the run consists of a 5K and 10K run/walk and a one-mile fun run/walk. An estimated 1,500 people participate every year. The course is certified by USA Track & Field and cash prizes are awarded. For more information or for an application, visit [VidaliaOnionFestival.com](http://VidaliaOnionFestival.com).



### **Tales from the Altamaha**

Every April, a new version of the award winning Georgia folk-life play, *Tales from the Altamaha*, entertains audiences from all over the southeast. *Tales* is drawn from a collection of over 300 essays written during the 1950's and 60's by a local

attorney, Colonel T. Ross Sharpe. Through the art of theater and bluegrass music, *Tales* brings to life the colorful characters from the past, our regional settlers of a five-county radius around the Altamaha River. Come experience their lives, loves, losses, scandals and just plain ol' gossip! Reserve tickets by calling Lyons Better Hometown at 912-526-6445. For more information, visit [talesfromthealtamaha.com](http://talesfromthealtamaha.com).

### **Southeast Georgia Soap Box Derby**

This event takes place in the town of Lyons every May. Thirty-five to forty participants compete in this event that draws 200-300 spectators. The participants race down Darby Hill for a chance to win the first-place trip to Akron, Ohio, to compete in the Soap Box Derby World Championship finals. For more information, call 912-526-6445.

**TEN YEAR ANNIVERSARY**  
of "Tales from the Altamaha"  
in 2014

# Special Events

## Sweet Onion Century

Held the first weekend in May, this event draws more than 150 bicycle riders with 23, 54, 63, 100 (century), and 125 (double metric) mile loops. The lightly traveled country roads on gently rolling terrain make this a great choice for novices and for those attempting their first century or Double-Metric. The rest stops (located from 8 to 21 miles apart) offer plenty of fruit, cookies, snacks, sports drinks, and water. The cookout at the end features delicious Vidalia onion burgers, as well as veggie burgers. For more information, call 912-538-9938 or visit LetsRide.net.



## The Real Squeal Barbeque & Music Festival

The second weekend in October, professional barbeque teams travel to Lyons to compete in a Kansas City Barbeque Society sanctioned contest for \$15,000 in prize money. Amateur teams compete in downtown Lyons on Friday, where the public is invited to enjoy a street dance along with great barbeque, a classic car cruise-in and fireworks. On Saturday, enter the RazorBack Mud Run, an adventure race thru the woods, swamp and mud and a series of natural and man-made obstacles. Come to Partin Park and watch the professionals compete in 4 competition categories: pork shoulder, pork ribs, beef brisket and chicken. Many teams sell their barbeque to the public and participate in our People's Choice event so come hungry! Other activities include a classic car show, chainsaw carving competition, kid's creative play area, arts and crafts, live music and an Indian artifacts show with an archeologist on site to date your treasures. For more information, call 912-526-6445 or visit therealsqueal.com.



## Uvalda Op' Time Farm Festival

Held every October, this festival features country, bluegrass, oldies, and gospel music. Enjoy pony rides, clogging, line dancing, a cake walk, a beauty pageant, and a car show. Catch the gospel sing on Saturday night and the old-fashioned church service on Sunday morning. For more information, call the City of Uvalda at 912-594-6414. UvaldaGa.com.

## Activities

### **Buckhorn Creek Ranch**

Take a tour of this 250-acre exotic animal farm that has several species of deer, wild boar, miniature horses, and even a camel! Enjoy a natural, wildlife-focused outing that is fun and educational for the entire family. For reservations, call 912-583-2737 or 912-245-4042. [BuckhornCreekRanch.net](http://BuckhornCreekRanch.net).



### **Golf**

The newly renovated Hawk's Point Golf Club is an 18-hole course that offers golfers of every level a premier course to challenge their skills. Finish your golf game with a visit to the 19th Hole. For more information, call 912-537-9256. Located at 1901 Loop Road in Vidalia. [HawksPointGolfClub.com](http://HawksPointGolfClub.com).

Rocky Creek Golf Club is a championship 18-hole golf course that is easily accessible and reasonably priced. With mild climate year-round and challenging holes, this course will not disappoint. For more information, call 912-538-1110. Located at 1916 Foxfire Drive in Vidalia. [RockyCreekGolfClub.com](http://RockyCreekGolfClub.com).

### **Hunting**

Deer, dove, ducks, quail, turkeys, wild hogs...escape from the hustle and bustle of daily life with guided hunts! Enjoy weekend, full-day or half-day hunts with our area's many hunting outfitters. Let the Vidalia Area CVB help you make reservations by calling 912-538-8687.



### **Shopping**

Browse the shops of downtown Lyons, Vidalia, and historic Montgomery County. Downtown districts feature coffee shops, jewelry stores, and gift shops. With so many choices, these downtown stores are sure to please! Looking for a special gift? Contact us to discover just the place to find it. Call Lyons Better Hometown at 912-526-6445, Main Street Vidalia at 912-537-8033, and Historic Montgomery County at 912-583-4676.

## • Accommodations •

### • Lodging •

- **AmericInn** • Vidalia • 912-537-2728 • AmericInn.com
- **Budget Inn** • Vidalia • 912-537-9251
- **Comfort Inn** • Vidalia • 912-538-8100 • ComfortSuites.com
- **Cotton Patch Inn** • Ailey • 912-583-4055 or 404-402-0135  
• bbonline.com/ga/cottonpatch
- **Econo Inn** • Vidalia • 912-537-2867
- **Elberta Hotel** • Lyons • 912-293-3400
- **Grand Lady Suites** • Vidalia • 912-538-8988  
• GrandLadySuites.com
- **Hampton Inn** • Vidalia • 912-526-0235 • HamptonInn.com
- **Inn at Vidalia** • Vidalia • 912-537-1282
- **Mar'a D. Farms Cabin Retreat** • Vidalia • 912-538-7000  
• MaraDFarmsCabin.com
- **Mount Vernon Inn & Suites** • Mount Vernon  
• 912-583-2281 • MountVernonInnAndSuites.net
- **Quality Inn** • Vidalia • 912-537-9000 • QualityInn.com
- **Rhett Butler Suites** • Vidalia • 912-293-2990
- **Royal Inn** • Vidalia • 912-537-7611
- **Swift Creek Wings Cabin** • Vidalia • 912-526-1325
- **Vidalia Suites** • Vidalia • 912-538-8533 • VidaliaSuites.com

### • RV Parks/Campgrounds •

- **Brewton-Parker College RV Campground**  
• Mount Vernon • 912-583-3210 • BPC.edu
- **City of Vidalia RV Park** • Vidalia • 912-537-7661

## Calendar of Events

### January – June

- Plowdays
- Tales from the Altamaha
- Vidalia Onion Festival
- Golden Onion Professional Cooking Competition
- Soap Box Derby
- Sweet Onion Century
- Night of the Firefly

### July – December

- Sweet Onion Classic Golf Tournament
- The Real Squeal BBQ & Music Festival
- Uvalda Ol' Time Farm Festival
- Pretty in Pank Breast Cancer Benefit
- Christmas parades

Please check our full calendar of events by visiting [VidaliaArea.com](http://VidaliaArea.com).

## Vidalia's Favorite

### Onion Dip Recipe

- 3 cups chopped Vidalia® Onions
- 3 cups shredded Swiss cheese
- 2.5 cups mayonnaise
- pinch garlic salt

Mix all ingredients and pour into greased one and a half quart baking dish. Bake at 350 degrees for 35-45 minutes until lightly brown. Serve with corn chips.

For more recipes utilizing the world-renowned Vidalia Sweet Onions, Georgia's State Vegetable, visit [VidaliaOnion.org](http://VidaliaOnion.org).



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