

## HISTORIC DOWNTOWN ANNISTON

**PAST:** Anniston, the county seat of Calhoun County, began after the Civil War as a private community developed by industrialists drawn to the iron ore in the surrounding hills. By 1883, the company town for workers opened to the public and Anniston became an incorporated municipality.

Throughout the 20th century, Anniston benefitted from the military presence of Ft. McClellan, and the Army Depot. Other important industries included soil pipe foundries and textile mills.

**PRESENT:** By 2000, changing economic times led to investment in eco-and heritage tourism with plans to extend the Chief Ladiga Trail from the Georgia line to the Amtrak station at 4th St., development of the Coldwater Mountain Bike Trail, and the creation of several historic themed trails that will highlight the city's civil rights and African American history as well as its industrial, military, and religious heritage.

**FUTURE:** In the meantime, the Spirit of Anniston is charged with helping revitalize the downtown area using the National Main Street methodology: "Economic revitalization within the context of historic preservation."

*Visit our website*  
[www.spiritofanniston.org](http://www.spiritofanniston.org)



## The first two sites of the Anniston Civil Rights & Heritage Trail were unveiled

on May 11, 2011 when the PBS-sponsored Student Freedom Ride arrived in town. The students were retracing the route of the original Freedom Ride to promote the two-hour documentary Freedom Riders, which aired on American Experience.

The first Freedom Ride attack took place in Anniston on May 14, 1961, at the Greyhound bus station at 1031 Gurnee Ave. A mural and interpretive signage explain what happened. Another attack on a Trailways bus took place an hour later that day; "The Other Bus" is portrayed in a mural and signage at 9th and Noble St. See map, numbers 26 & 29.

Eventually there will be 10-12 sites on the Trail, including a mural series on W. 15th St., the historic black commercial district and the site of the actual bus burning on the Old Birmingham Highway, about five miles from town. A fundraising campaign is being developed with plans for a Trail website; in the meantime, go to [www.spiritofanniston.org](http://www.spiritofanniston.org) to keep up with our progress.



Anniston, home of the...

1018 Noble Street  
Anniston, AL 36201



# Explore ALL the Possibilities!

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## Shopping

### 1. Anniston Galleries

*Antiques - Since 1952*  
906 Noble St. ~ 256-236-3741

### 2. Anniston Yoga Center

*Yoga for individual needs*  
905 Noble St. ~ 256-403-3328

### 3. CD Cellar & Wish Boutique

*New/Used CD's, Vinyl & Boutique Line Prom Dresses & Accessories*  
913 Noble St. ~ 256-237-0760

### 4. Couch's Jewelers

*Jewelry & Gift Destination Since 1941*  
15 East 10th St. ~ 256-237-4628 ~ www.couchs.com

### 5. Downing's General Store

*Fabric, Upholstery & Gardening Supplies*  
1030 Gurnee Ave. ~ 256-236-8972

### 6. Evans Flowers

*Florist & Gifts*  
1014B Noble St. ~ 256-236-2589

### 7. Gem Shoe Repair

*Shoe Repair - Now Carrying All-American-Made Shoes & Boots*  
908 Noble St. ~ 256-236-5937

### 8. Griffin's Jewelers

*Quality Diamond Merchants*  
1028 Noble St. ~ 256-237-9544 ~ www.griffinsjewelers.org

### 9. LA's Dance & Tumbling Stars & Zumba® Fitness Studio

*Dance, Tumbling, Cheer & Fitness Studio*  
1111 Noble St. ~ 256-452-3338 ~ lawilder1974@yahoo.com

### 10. Le'Chic Boutique on Noble

*Upscale Consignment Clothing & Accessories*  
1224 Noble St. ~ 256-237-5407

### 11. Nunnally's Custom Framing and Noble Gallery

*Extraordinary Custom Framing & Exceptional Local Art, Crafts & Books*  
1014 Noble St. ~ 256-237-5921  
www.downtownanniston.com/nunnallys

### 12. Rabbit Hutch Gift Shop

*Unique & Personal Gifts*  
1026 Noble St. ~ 256-236-5541 ~ www.rabbit HutchGiftShop.com

### 13. Still Mid-Town Ceramics

*Ceramics & Crafts - Where Memories Are Created Everyday*  
1230 Noble St. ~ 256-236-3136 ~ www.stillmte.com

### 14. Wig's Wheels - USA Certified Mechanic

*Cycling & Skateboarding Products, Supplies & Accessories*  
1229 Noble St. ~ 256-237-9447 ~ www.wigsWheels.com

### 15. Western Auto

*Automotive, Electronics, Garden Equipment, Appliances & Step 2 Toys*  
1000 Noble St. ~ 256-237-0384

## Dining

### 16. Anthony's Mexican Restaurant

*Answer the call of the chile at Downtown's only Mexican restaurant*  
911 Noble St. ~ 256-770-4644

### 17. Classic on Noble

*Anniston's Fine Dining Tradition*  
1024 Noble St. ~ 256-237-5388  
www.classiconnoble.com

### 18. The Peerless Grille

*Breakfast (served anytime), Lunch, Dinner & Late-Night, Family Friendly Environment & Tobacco-Free*  
15 West 10th St. ~ 256-238-1899  
www.peerlessaloon.com

### 19. The Victoria Restaurant & Catering

*Contemporary Southern Dining inside the Historic Victoria Inn*  
1604 Quintard Ave. ~ 256-236-0503  
www.thevictoria.com

## Bars & Pubs

### 20. Noble Street Billiards

*Give Us Your Best Shot - Billiards, Darts, Cold Beer & Good Food*  
917 Noble St. ~ 256-237-2224

### 21. The Peerless Saloon

*The Oldest Little Rockin' Saloon in Historic Downtown Anniston*  
13 West 10th St. ~ 256-237-1899  
www.peerlessaloon.com

## Miscellaneous

### 22. Anniston City Hall - 1128 Gurnee Ave.

23. Calhoun Co. Chamber of Commerce  
1330 Quintard Avenue

### 24. Calhoun County Courthouse

25 West 11th St.

### 25. U.S. Federal Building & Courthouse

1129 Noble St.

### 26. Greyhound Bus Mural - 1031 Gurnee Ave.

### 27. Public Library of Anniston-Calhoun County

108 East 10th St. ~ 256-237-8501

### 28. Spirit of Anniston

1018 Noble St. ~ 256-236-0996

### 29. Trailways Bus Mural - Corner of 9th & Noble

30. YMCA - 29 West 14th St. ~ 256-238-9622

## Color Coded Map and Key

Be Sure to  
Visit the Freedom Rider  
bus exhibits (#s 26 & 29)

