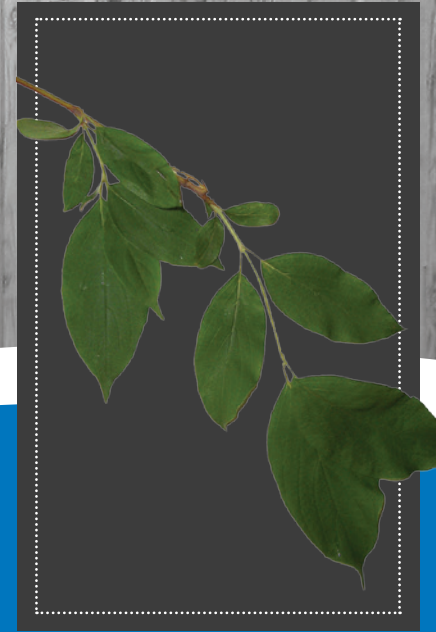


Roopville is a small, but thriving community built close to the border of Alabama. It was established in the 1850s when the Roop family moved into the area. John K. Roop, a Confederate veteran, owned 2,000 acres of land, much of which he donated to enhance the growth of the area.

Roop platted the town and built infrastructure to make the settlement self-sufficient. He created stores, a mill, a blacksmith shop, a spring-fed water tank and homes that he sold to new people coming into the area.

For many years, the rich soil in this hilly region grew cotton, but as the economy changed so did the people. The introduction of cars allowed residents to travel outside their community for work.

Over the past century and a half, Roopville has changed, but the generous spirit of John Roop still lives in the people here.



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Use this guide to exercise your mind and body. The entire historic loop of this walking tour is two miles.



1. ROOPVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

This welcoming family of faith was founded in October 1883 as Roopville Missionary Baptist. John K. Roop, founder of Roopville, worshiped here with 21 other original members. At that time it wasn't a full-time church. That changed in June 1957 and it remains a full-time church to this day. **(Parking is available across the street.)**

2. ROOP HOUSE

Built in 1860 by John K. Roop who joined the Confederate Army a year later. In 2004, the town of Roopville purchased the house and fully restored it. This southern charmer is now used for events and celebrations. Be sure to check out the walking trail in the back that takes you to the spring that originally supplied Roopville with drinking water.

3. ROOPVILLE METHODIST CHURCH

Founded in 1884 on property donated by John K. Roop. The current building was built in 1910. During the 1930s, it had a large congregation consisting of mostly farmers (not surprising, considering Roopville was an agricultural community). The church is still in use and members still gather under the beautiful stained glass windows and sit on pews made of old growth wood — 20-inch wide boards that are 20 feet long.

4. ROOPVILLE CEMETERY

This cemetery boasts a beautiful view of Black Jack Mountain. Many of Roopville's founding fathers and families of the community are buried here. Look for graves that pre-date the Civil War (1861-65).

5. AGRICULTURAL MUSEUM

When cotton was king in Roopville, this building was originally used as a warehouse. In 2011, the building was restored and the historical society established a museum to house old tools and equipment used by farmers in Roopville and the Carroll County area. All these tools predate tractors and engines and were pulled by mules, horses or oxen.

6. TOWN JAIL

As you can see, early Roopville didn't need a very big jail. This structure was built in 1885 and according to the town charter was called a "guardhouse." Residents of the town called it a "calaboose" where lawbreakers were held until they could be transported to the county jail.

7. ARCHIVE BUILDING

This is the home for the Roopville Historical Society but originally housed the Roopville Bank starting in 1912. In the mid 1920s, the boll weevil wiped out the cotton crop and in 1927 the bank failed. The Roopville Post Office was housed here until 1982. The historical society now uses the building to archive history and display Roopville artifacts. Look for the original bank vault that is still inside.

8. BELL'S STORE

The building was built in the 1880s by John T. Veal and is the only 1900s store structure that exists today. The building has been used for many purposes — from groceries and dry goods to pin ball machines, a pool table and even a Southeastern Motor Lines bus stop. Judson and Nancy Bell currently own the store where local arts and crafts, as well as community artifacts, are on display.

If you'd like to extend your walk to the full 2.1 miles, enjoy the walk to Udderly Cool Dairy

9. UDDERLY COOL DAIRY "CHEESE FACTORY"

Here you'll find a local industry that creates handcrafted, aged cheese that is made from fresh raw milk supplied by the famous Jersey cows of Berry College. These artisan cheese makers have received numerous awards for the quality and flavor of their cheeses. An outlet store is available at the dairy and scheduled tours are welcomed. Owned and operated by Jeff and Karen Green.

Historical facts from "My Small Town, My Home Town, Roopville, GA" | By Willis Huff



Restrooms are available along this route.



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