

Hills & Dales

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GROUP TOURS

A special discounted admission rate is available for groups with 12 or more people who have made a reservation. This special admission rate will not apply if the number of guests is less than 12 upon arrival. All house tours are guided and are limited to 15 guests at a time. Garden tours are self-guided unless a guided tour is requested at the time of booking. Bus drivers and group tour leaders are provided complimentary admission. In order to provide the best quality experience we recommend that all groups allow at least 2 hours for touring the visitor center, house and garden.

Student group tours require one chaperone for each group of 10 students under the age of 18.

BOOKING A GROUP TOUR

1. Complete the enclosed Group Tour Request Form and return it to the Tour Coordinator at Hills & Dales Estate. You will be notified promptly if our calendar is booked for the date and time you request.
2. Upon receipt of the form, your group's date and time will be reserved on our calendar. If you choose our *Signature Package*, submit full payment by check or call with credit card 2 weeks prior to your visit. No refunds, no exceptions. For the other tours, payment can be made upon checking in at the visitor center.
3. When paying on the day of the tour, one person should purchase tickets for the entire group.

HOUSE AND GARDEN TOUR RATES

ADULTS / SENIORS

<i>Signature Package</i>	House & Garden—guided with box lunch	\$30 each
<i>Garden Special</i>	House & Garden—guided garden	\$15 each
<i>Regular Tour</i>	House & Garden—self-guided garden	\$12 each

STUDENTS (AGE 7—COLLEGE ID)

<i>Garden Special</i>	House & Garden—guided garden	\$8 each
<i>Regular Tour</i>	House & Garden—self-guided garden	\$6 each

Children 6 & under are not admitted to the house but are provided free admission to the garden when accompanied by an adult.

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Group Tour Request Form

Name of organization or person requesting permission _____

Contact person _____

Address _____

Work Phone _____ Home _____

Cell Phone _____ Fax _____

E-mail _____

TOUR PACKAGE SELECTION:

- | Adults/Seniors | # Guests |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Signature Package \$30 each (House & Garden—guided with Box Lunch) | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Garden Special \$15 each (House & Garden—guided garden) | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regular Tour \$12 each (House & Garden—self-guided garden) | _____ |

If selecting the Signature package, complete the attached boxed lunch form and return with full payment 2 weeks prior to the scheduled tour.

- | Students (age 7—college ID) | # Students |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Garden Special \$8 each (House & Garden—guided garden) | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regular Tour \$6 each (House & Garden—self-guided garden) | _____ |

Date and time of proposed tour _____

We have 2 wheelchairs available. Will they be needed? _____ Yes _____ No

Please return to:

Hills & Dales Estate
c/o Fuller E. Callaway Foundation
P. O. Box 790
LaGrange, Georgia 30241

Phone 706.882.3242
Fax 706-882-3464
Email info@hillsanddales.org

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Signature Package

Boxed Lunch Guidelines

Hills & Dales Estate is pleased to offer a boxed lunch option to groups who choose our *Signature Package*. Guests dine in our elegant Great Room or, weather permitting, on the Visitor Center Terrace. Lunches are prepared by local caterers and delivered to Hills & Dales Estate.

Boxed Lunch Guidelines: Available to groups of 12 to 50 people. Our boxed lunch includes room set-up, room rental, tables, chairs, and table linens, boxed lunch, beverages and clean-up. We require a guaranteed number of guests and the entire non-refundable fee 14 days in advance of your tour. No exceptions.

Boxed Lunch Menu: Please write the number of lunches you would like to order. You must choose Caterer 1 or 2, and can split your order between Option A, B and C, but no changes.

CATERER 1

_____ # of Lunches. **Option A**

Chicken salad with cranberries on croissant with greens, pasta vege salad and homemade cookie

_____ # of Lunches. **Option B**

Chicken salad with cranberries on greens, pasta vege salad and homemade cookie

_____ # of Lunches. **Option C**

Pimento Cheese sandwich on assorted breads, broccoli and grape salad and homemade cookie

CATERER 2

_____ # of Lunches. **Option A**

Grilled chicken wrap with herb cheese spread, caramelized onions, roma tomatoes, greens and Dijonaise sauce. Seasonal fruit, kettle chips and house made brownie.

_____ # of Lunches. **Option B**

Grilled vegetable sandwich (zucchini, eggplant, marinated tomato, turkey bacon, basil aoli), pasta salad, kettle chips and house baked chocolate chip cookie

Beverages: Iced water is provided. Groups of 15 or less choose one of the following. Groups of more than 15 choose two of the following. _____ Sweet Tea _____ Un-sweet Tea _____ Lemonade

Group Name & Phone Number _____

Total Number in Tour Group _____ x \$30 = Total Due \$ _____

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Tour Guidelines

The following list highlights some of our tour guidelines. Please communicate these general guidelines to your group. Our docents and staff will provide additional guidance during your visit to Hills & Dales Estate.

- ◆ **ACCESSIBILITY:** A tram transports visitors from the Visitor Center to the house and garden and accommodates wheelchairs, but some areas of the house and gardens are not wheelchair accessible. Your map of the garden with the most accessible route will be given to you at the Visitor Center.
- ◆ **BACKPACKS:** Backpacks, umbrellas, and tote bags are not allowed in the house. Please plan accordingly.
- ◆ **CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS:** If Hills & Dales Estate must cancel your tour due to some unforeseen circumstance, your tour fee will be returned in full. Hills & Dales will not be held responsible for any other costs related to your tour. If you cancel your tour 72 hours or more in advance of the event, the tour fee will be returned in full. If the cancellation is less than 72 hours, the organization will forfeit all admission fees. Please note that Signature Package payments are not refundable.
- ◆ **HOUSE & GARDEN ETIQUETTE:** The gardens are over 175 years old and the house is a national treasure. Please let your group know the importance of treating both with the highest respect. No food, gum, drinks or cell phone use is permitted in the house. Guests are asked not to touch any antiques or artifacts within the house. Guests may not sit on the furniture, but folding metal chairs are available if needed.
- ◆ **HOUSE & GARDEN TOURS:** House and Garden tours are limited to 15 participants per tour. Groups with more than 15 participants will be broken into smaller groups.
- ◆ **INCLEMENT WEATHER:** All tours are scheduled rain or shine. If inclement weather prohibits your group from visiting we will work with you to arrange an alternative date.
- ◆ **PARKING:** Parking is available for both cars and buses at the Visitor Center. No buses or cars are allowed on the property.
- ◆ **PHOTOGRAPHY:** Photography and videos are not permitted in the house. Photography and videos of the garden and exterior are permitted for personal use only. All commercial uses are prohibited without written consent from Fuller E. Callaway Foundation.
- ◆ **RESERVATIONS:** Reservations are required for groups with more than 12 guests. This will allow us to make sure we have adequate staff on hand to provide you the best tour experience. Allow at least 2 hours to tour the Visitor Center, house and garden.
- ◆ **RESTROOMS:** Public restrooms are available at the Visitor Center and in the renovated garage in the garden.
- ◆ **SMOKING:** Smoking is not permitted in the Visitor Center, house or garden. All smoking should be confined to designated areas. This should be communicated to all guests.

The Fuller E. Callaway Foundation reserves the right, acting at its sole discretion, to deny or limit the use of the facilities and to determine whether any proposed event or activity is in keeping with the policies then in effect. Similarly, Fuller E. Callaway Foundation reserves the right at any time and from time to time, to amend its policies

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Historical Background

Hills and Dales is a beautiful 35-acre historic estate located in LaGrange, Georgia. The property includes the historic Ferrell Gardens, the Fuller E. Callaway family home, and the surrounding outbuildings and landscape. The estate has a very interesting history that spans over 175 years.

Ferrell Gardens, originally called “The Terraces”, was begun as a small formal garden in 1832 by Nancy Coleman Ferrell and expanded by her daughter, Sarah Coleman Ferrell in 1841. The land had been given to Sarah and Blount Ferrell by her father, Mickleberry Ferrell. In her lifetime, Sarah Ferrell developed one of the most widely acclaimed gardens in the Southeastern region.

Mrs. Ferrell’s formal boxwood garden covered a series of six terraces-formerly cotton fields-running east to west. Steps and retaining walls were made of native stone, quarried on land owned by the family and were built by slave-masons. The boxwoods used in the gardens were largely rooted by Mrs. Ferrell while other exotic ornamentals were ordered from nurseries across the region.

Even as a young aspiring businessman, Fuller E. Callaway often visited with Mrs. Ferrell in her garden and, since he had shown a great appreciation for her life’s work, she hoped he would be able to purchase the property after her death. She passed away in 1903 and her husband Blount Ferrell died in 1908. After that, garden maintenance was interrupted until the property was, indeed, purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Fuller E. Callaway in 1911.

Shortly after purchasing the historic property, Fuller E. Callaway, by then a very successful textile manufacturer, commissioned the noted architectural firm of Hentz and Reid of Atlanta to design a new home. The home was built on the site of the old Ferrell homestead and was designed in the Italian villa style to complement Sarah Ferrell’s existing four-acre terraced boxwood garden. Completed in 1916, the Callaway home is widely regarded as one of Neel Reid’s finest designs and has been called “A landmark of the American Renaissance”.

When Ida Cason Callaway assumed responsibility for the garden in 1912 she began restoring and expanding the gardens. At Neel Reid’s suggestion, fountains and pieces of classical statuary were added to complement and enhance what he felt was the Italianate character of the garden. Indeed, Ida Cason Callaway kept and loved the boxwood paths and beds and added other highlights to the garden, nurturing it until her death in 1936.

Beginning in 1936, Fuller E. Callaway, Jr. and his wife, Alice, took over the care of the house and garden giving them the same loving attention. They continued to preserve the historic house and garden until Alice Hand Callaway’s passing in 1998. The continuity of the original landscape from the mid 19th century is one of the most exceptional aspects of the gardens, considering so much personal property did not survive the destruction caused by the War Between the States.

In 1998, according to the wishes of Fuller E. Callaway, Jr. and Alice Hand Callaway, the estate was bequeathed to Fuller E. Callaway Foundation. The property is now known as Hills & Dales Estate and was formally opened to the public on October 4, 2004. In May of 2010 the second and third floor of the home were opened for tours after a major restoration project.

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LaGrange Attractions



Bellevue Built circa 1853, this impressive antebellum mansion in Greek-Revival style was the home of Benjamin Harvey Hill, lawyer and Georgia and United States Congressman. Located near downtown LaGrange, Bellevue has been restored by the LaGrange Woman's Club and is open for public tours. 706-884-1832 (1 mile)



Explorations in Antiquity Center At the Antiquity Center ancient history comes alive through full-scale archaeological reconstructions of discoveries from the ancient world. The museum features a goat-hair tent, Old and New Testament tombs, a first century village, 200 year-old olive trees and many other historic settings. Guests may enjoy an authentic Biblical meal and young archaeologists will be excited by the kid's digs. 706-885-0363.

www.explorationsinantiquity.com (1 mile)



Lamar Dodd Art Center The Art Center is home to the Fine Arts Department of LaGrange College. The Center displays a collection of Lamar Dodd's work and also features temporary exhibits throughout the year. Dodd, a LaGrange native and friend of the Callaways once served as a painting tutor for Fuller Callaway, Jr. Dodd became the head of the University of Georgia School of Art which is also named in his honor. 706-880-8211.

www.lagrange.edu/academics/art/lamar-dodd.htm (1 mile)



LaGrange Art Museum The LaGrange Art Museum is located in downtown LaGrange. The museum occupies a renovated three story 1892 Victorian building. Changing exhibits feature a wide range of artists and many different art classes are available. 706-882-3267.

www.lagrangeartmuseum.org (1 mile)



Legacy Museum on Main The Legacy Museum tells the story of the people of West Georgia using temporary and permanent exhibits of photographs, artifacts and documents. Housed in a 1917 bank building, the museum is located in downtown LaGrange. The Troup County Archives are located above the museum. 706-884-1828. www.legacymuseumonmain.org (1 mile)



West Point Lake West Point Lake covers 25,000 acres and provides excellent opportunities for fishing, camping, boating and other recreational activities at 25 different day use areas. The West Point Lake visitor center located off of Hwy 29 features interpretive exhibits and additional information about the lake and dam. 706-645-2937. westpt.sam.usace.army.mil

Other area attractions include Callaway Gardens (www.callawaygardens.com) and Roosevelt's Little White House (www.gastateparks.org/LittleWhiteHouse/)

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