

LIVING HISTORY PARK

offers so much!

Annual Events at the Park



The Olde Towne Preservation Association

(OTPA) came into being in 1991 to help preserve the heritage and character of a slice of North Augusta. The organization has been instrumental in doing that but it has done much more. OTPA has evolved into a community based association working to enhance the quality of life for the people of North Augusta, Aiken County, and the Greater Central Savannah River Area (CSRA).

From the development of the **Living History Park** where school children witness history firsthand through living exhibits and demonstrations of colonial life, to participating in the Christmas Parade, members of OTPA participate in many activities which benefit the people of the area. The Living History Park serves citizens from all over the southeast. During the school year the park is used by area teachers as a teaching tool. This 7½ acre park with natural springs provides for the children hands-on educational experience into the history of our area.

Over 25,000 people visit the park throughout the year. The park is open 7 days a week, 365 days a year. **All events are free.** The Living History Park is managed by Olde Towne Preservation Association, a 501 - (c) 3 non-profit organization.

Weddings & Wedding Receptions

Local couples have discovered the beauty and serenity of the park add to their special day.

Picnics and Recreation

Plenty of shade trees and a crystal clear spring invite you to linger for a relaxing meal. Check the Google calendar on our web page for private event listings.

Community Events

Graduations, graduation parties, family reunions, Easter Egg hunts, and much more! The park can be reserved for special events. The colonial barn now offers wifi, making it a great place for business retreats and meetings.

Historical Demonstrations

In addition to the *Colonial Times* events the members of OTPA arrange demonstrations for school groups, homeschool students, or tours. There are also living history demonstrations on the last Saturday of each month.

The Garden at North Augusta: A Place for All

This very special garden spot was designed to excite multiple senses and include everyone from the physically challenged to those who are sight impaired. A wind orchestra serenades visitors while the wide variety of flora lends delicious aromas and visual splendor. Plants are dedicated to loved ones and this donation plan works to benefit an entire community.

Colonial Times: Under the Crown & Colonial Trades Fair

3rd weekend in April

Friday evening is a special Dinner, guest to be announced. (Reservations are required). Then on Saturday reenactors from numerous states gather to give the public a glimpse of life in the 1750s for people in the CSRA who had to live and work under British rule. The Colonial Trades Fair will focus on the arts and crafts of the era.

Educational Days

3rd Friday in April and 3rd Friday in October

Learn about life in the colonial era up close and personal with the historical reenactors. Reservations need to be made for both public or home school groups.

Colonial Times: A Day to Remember

3rd weekend in October

Explore daily life for people during the 1750s–1780s. Numerous crafts will be demonstrated. It is a wonderful and informative family event.

All Hallowed Eve Ghost Walk & Illusion Show

4th weekend in October

Friday evening is the Wine & Spirits Dinner. (Reservations are required). On Saturday walk amongst the ghosts of yesteryear. There will be guided tours and Faire Wynds hosts the grand finale.

Christmas in the Backcountry

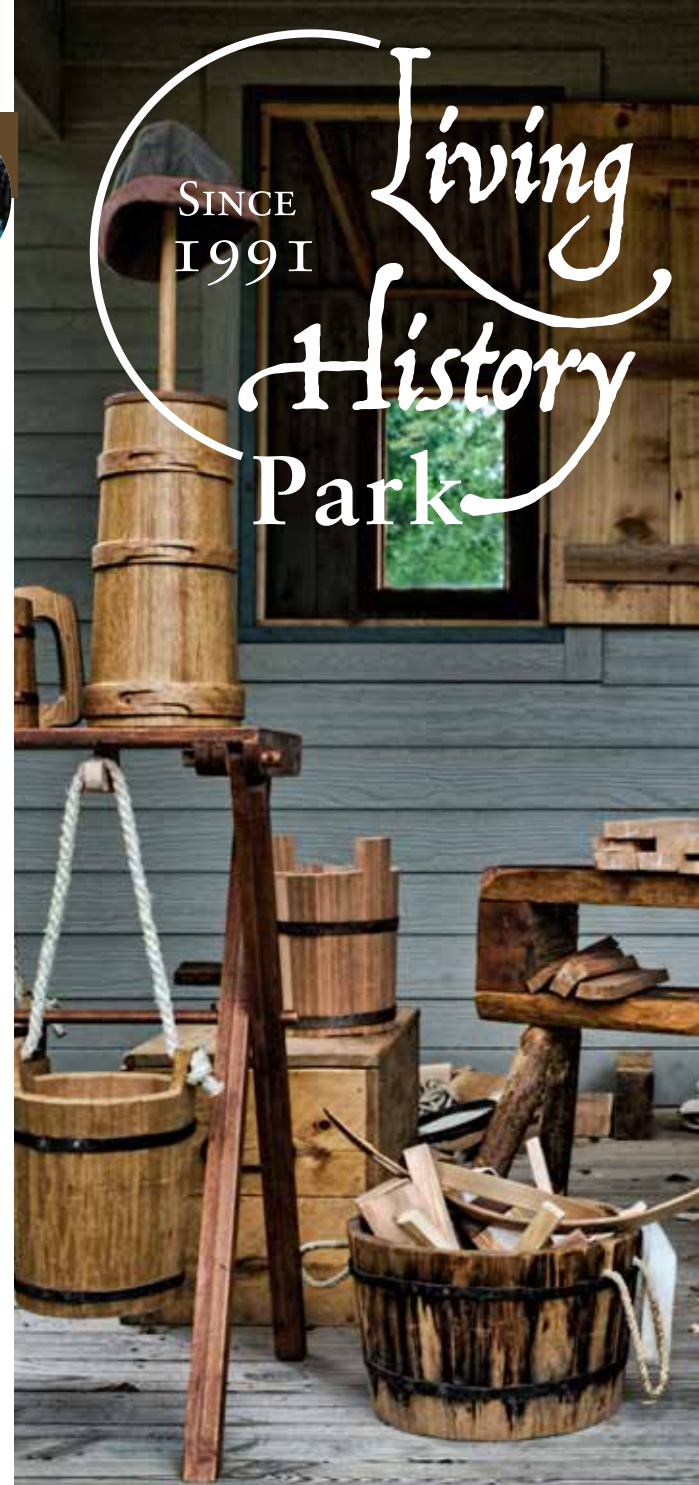
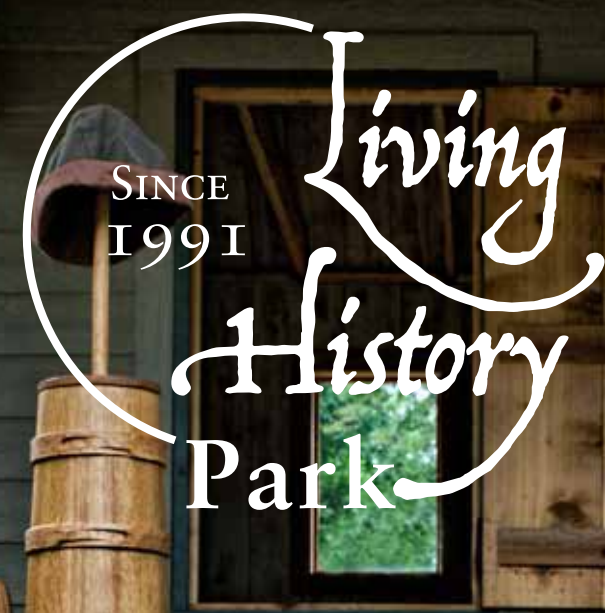
The Saturday after Thanksgiving

Learn how colonists—and their slaves—observed Christmas in the backcountry.

Christmas for the Birds

1st Saturday in December

We remember the birds for this winter holiday by creating edible decorations for them. Stories, cookies and cider are all served up in the tavern. This is a great family activity.



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Funding assistance is provided by Aiken County through accommodations tax funds.



Please Take Note

Our buildings are only open during special events and demonstrations.

Our future projects:

- Add additional demonstration areas
- Replace/repair fencing around the entire park
- Add plants of interest that were found by William Bartram in this area
- Construct a storage building and wood shed
- Build a dovecote

Join us!

I want to join OTPA and help keep history alive!

Name _____
 Address _____

 City _____ State _____
 Zip _____ E-mail _____
 Phone (home) _____
 Phone (other) _____

Membership Levels

- _____ Apprentice \$20
 - _____ **Settler (Family) \$35 NEW**
 - _____ Journeyman \$50
 - _____ Yeoman \$100
 - _____ Colonist \$250
 - _____ Loyalist \$500
 - _____ Governorship \$1,000
 - _____ Spring House Tavern Society* \$5,000
- *(a one time gift for lifetime membership)
- _____ Check (enclosed)

ALL MEMBERSHIPS AND GIFTS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE
OTPA is a 501-c3 nonprofit

Membership dues are renewed each July.

Please send dues and membership form to:

Olde Towne Preservation Association
PO Box 7915 • North Augusta, SC 29861



Directions, Map & Contact Information

The Living History Park is located at 299 W. Spring Grove Avenue in North Augusta, South Carolina.



From Columbia, SC: Take I-20 West to Exit 1 and make a left on to Hwy 230 (Martintown Road). Take a right on West Avenue and a right on West Spring Grove Avenue.

From Atlanta, GA: Take I-20 East to Exit 1 and make a right on Hwy 230 (Martintown Road). Take a right on West Avenue and a right on West Spring Grove Avenue.

From Augusta, GA: Come across the 13th Street bridge (Georgia Avenue). Turn left at the third traffic light on to West Spring Grove Avenue. The park is two blocks ahead.

From Aiken, SC: Take Hwy 1 to Hwy 125 exit. Turn right on Atomic Road, which dead ends on Buena Vista. Turn right and drive to West Avenue (the second traffic light). Turn right, then take the second left on Spring Grove Avenue.

For more information about the park contact:

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