


Explore the Heart of the Civil Rights Movement: Alabama Civil Rights Trail

RETRACING THE MILESTONES OF THE ALABAMA CIVIL RIGHTS TRAIL
An Outsider's Travelogue
with Claude Ballarjeon
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12:00-1:00 PM
Oakland University Art Gallery
208 Wilson Hall

In preparation for "Visual Culture and the African American Experience," a special topics course to be offered in fall 2023, Professor Ballarjeon traveled to Alabama to trace in the footsteps of the civil rights trailblazers. This new course will coincide with an exhibit featuring the African American artist Wendell White, who shall be on view at the Oakland University Art Gallery starting on November 26. Join Professor Ballarjeon as he recounts his journey of discovery retracing the milestones of the Alabama Civil Rights Trail.

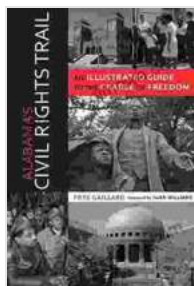
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Delve into the Legacy of Courage and Change

Welcome to the Alabama Civil Rights Trail, a poignant journey through the heart of history where the struggle for equality unfolded. Trace the

footsteps of valiant leaders and relive their unwavering determination to secure civil rights for all.



Alabama's Civil Rights Trail: An Illustrated Guide to the Cradle of Freedom (Alabama: The Forge of History)

by Frye Gaillard

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Montgomery: The Epicenter of Change

Step into Montgomery, the cradle of the modern Civil Rights Movement. At the iconic Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church, where Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. served as pastor, feel the echoes of his thunderous speeches that ignited a nation.

Immerse yourself in the Rosa Parks Museum, honoring the "Mother of the Civil Rights Movement." Learn about her courageous refusal to give up her seat on a bus, igniting the Montgomery Bus Boycott that became a pivotal moment in the fight against segregation.

Selma: Where the March for Freedom Began

Venturing to Selma, known as the "Cradle of the Voting Rights Movement," you'll encounter the Edmund Pettus Bridge, a hallowed ground where

peaceful marchers were met with brutal violence. Witness the courage of those who endured "Bloody Sunday" and continued their march for justice.

Explore the Selma Interpretive Center, where interactive exhibits trace the tumultuous events that culminated in the Voting Rights Act of 1965, a landmark triumph in the Civil Rights Movement.

Birmingham: The Crucible of Confrontation

Journey to Birmingham, once known as "Bombingham" for the horrific bombings targeting African American churches and businesses. Visit the 16th Street Baptist Church, where the infamous 1963 bombing claimed the lives of four young girls. Stand in solemn remembrance and reflect on the sacrifices made in the pursuit of equality.

Immerse yourself in the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, a world-class institution that chronicles the city's complex history. Discover the stories of those who fought for justice, including the Freedom Riders and the Birmingham Children's Crusade.

Tuskegee: The Heart of Education and Activism

Head to Tuskegee, the site of Tuskegee University, a beacon of hope and resilience. Founded by Booker T. Washington, the university became a center of intellectual and cultural enlightenment. Explore the George Washington Carver Museum and learn about the pioneering agricultural scientist known for his breakthroughs in crop cultivation.

Other Notable Sites

The Trail also includes numerous other historically significant sites:

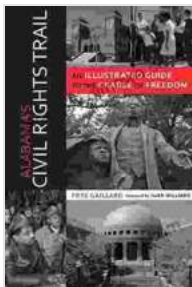
* The Lynching Memorial in Montgomery, commemorating the countless victims of racial violence * The EJI Legacy Museum and National Memorial for Peace and Justice in Montgomery, a powerful testament to the horrors of racial injustice * The Civil Rights Memorial Center in Birmingham, honoring the memory of those who died in the struggle for equality * The Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site, celebrating the extraordinary contributions of African American pilots in World War II

Interactive Map and Resources

Discover the Alabama Civil Rights Trail in person or virtually through the interactive map and online resources. Plan your pilgrimage, find accommodation, and delve into the history behind each site. Engage with our historians and educators to deepen your understanding of this transformative period.

Legacy and Inspiration

The Alabama Civil Rights Trail is not merely a trail but a living testament to the indomitable spirit of those who fought for justice. Walk in their footsteps, feel their resilience, and carry their legacy forward. May their sacrifice continue to inspire us to build a more just and equitable society.



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