

Living In Perry

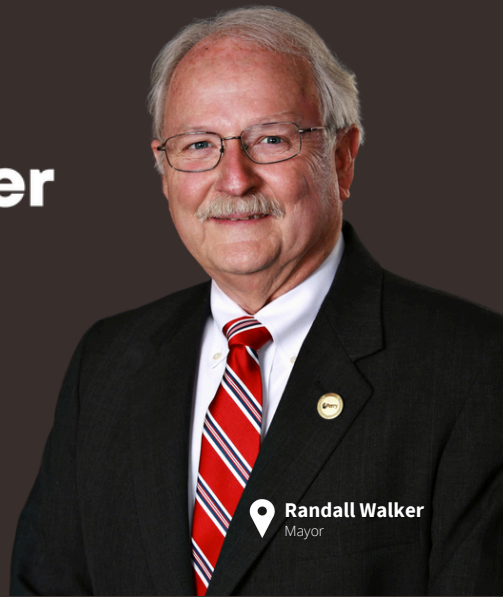



Perry

Where Georgia comes together.

Where *Georgia* Comes Together

An *award-winning* community...



 **Randall Walker**
Mayor

Perry is, literally and figuratively, "Where Georgia Comes Together."

On behalf of the Perry City Council and myself, I would like to encourage you to choose Perry as your residence or a place to conduct business.

Our historic community encompasses over twenty-seven square miles along Interstate 75, right in the heart of Georgia. Perry has capitalized on the proximity to Robins Air Force Base, excellent schools, vibrant and historic downtown, and high quality of life.

We are committed to bringing quality growth to our city and value to our citizens. We place a premium on smart growth resulting in engagement and stability. Our strategic plan is city-driven and focused on supporting strategic economic and community development as we provide quality customer service to our citizens.

Come explore our community #WhereGeorgiaComesTogether!

A digital copy of this publication is located at
perry-ga.gov/economic-development.



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Perry Demographics & Location Facts

Located in the heart of Georgia, Perry is known as "Where Georgia Comes Together". Perry is a growing community where new residents are finding a perfect place to call home and enjoy a high quality of life with excellent services. You're never more than a short drive to many of Georgia's great experiences or one of the state's international airports.

POPULATION

25,000

MEDIAN AGE

36.8

MEDIAN HOME VALUE

\$263,585

MEDIAN INCOME

\$75,282

AVERAGE INCOME

\$89,238

MEDIAN DISPOSABLE INCOME

\$64,272

MIDDLE GEORGIA AIRPORT

20 Miles

ATLANTA AIRPORT

99 Miles

SAVANNAH AIRPORT

166 Miles

Superior Education Opportunities

The award-winning public **Houston County School District** draws families to the area with a teacher/student ratio of 1:13, and 100% of the system's teachers are professionally qualified. The District is the 12th largest in Georgia. Houston County students historically score higher than national and state averages on standardized tests. STEM programs are emphasized starting in elementary school all the way through high school advanced placement courses.

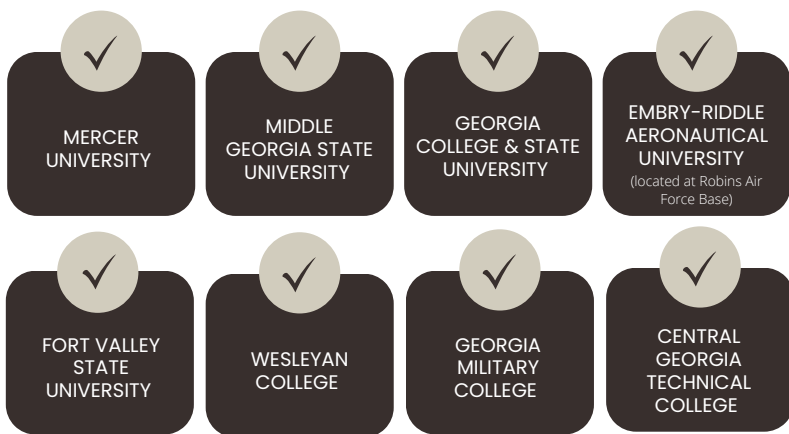


The Westfield School is a private, Christian-based college preparatory school that provides a host of academic, fine arts, and athletic programs. The faculty at Westfield provides instruction and curriculum that inspires students to think and learn within a global context.



Nearby Higher Education

within Middle Georgia includes...



HOPE Scholarship

The Georgia Lottery-funded **HOPE Scholarship** provides Georgia students who demonstrate academic achievement with financial assistance at all eligible Georgia colleges, universities, or technical colleges. Since the program's beginning, over \$13 Billion has been appropriated and distributed to eligible students. Information about HOPE scholarship eligibility can be found at www.gafutures.org.



Perry Leisure Services

Scan for More!
Point your phone's
camera to learn more
about Leisure Services.



Enriching Lives

If you're looking for adventure, the beauty of nature, or a place to cool off... **Perry** has it all.

Athletics

The City offers a variety of athletic programs throughout the year including football, cheerleading, baseball, t-ball, basketball, soccer, and much more.

Participants can easily register online for their selected sport through our online registration portal.

Volunteers are vital to the Youth Athletic Program. Coaching experience is not necessary - just a love of sports and a desire to make a difference with the youth of our community. We are always looking for volunteer coaches and instructors for the variety of programs we offer. Volunteers and coaches can also take advantage of merchandise that matches their youth's team!



CREEKWOOD SPLASH PAD

The Splash Pad is the first of its kind in Perry!

Cool off under a variety of water fountains, water cannons, and one very large bucket that splashes onto the pad when filled up with water! Located at 1107 Creekwood Drive.

Adults will enjoy watching under large umbrellas and benches situated around the pad. A large picnic area is nearby where you can enjoy your refreshments under the nearby pavilion. The Splash Pad is open seasonally.

Programs

The Perry Leisure Services Department is dedicated to offering residents quality programs and services that lend themselves to team building, enriching lives, and contributing to the total development of families. These diverse year-round programs, for all ages, focus on the overall health and well-being of our citizens.

Year-Round Programs

Soul Line Dancing
Square Dancing
Bingo
Senior Exercise

Summer Youth Programs

Microsoft Skills
Internet Safety
Robotics
Personal Finance
Theatre and Arts
Painting and Crafts
Fashion
Athletics

Events

- Special Needs Egg Hunt
- Perry Water Battle
- Creekwood Splash'n Bash



Destination: Downtown Perry

Historic Downtown Perry is a premier and inclusive destination for shopping, dining, and entertainment for families, friends, and soon-to-be new friends. Our safe, walkable downtown is host to the Perry Farmers Market every Saturday, year-round events and festivals, and charming historic accents. Downtown Perry maintains its small-town culture while proving new and diverse business, entertainment, and residential opportunities.

At the **Perry's Farmer's Market** you'll find farmers, makers, and artisans who are enthusiastic about sharing their knowledge and passion for their products. From fresh produce and locally sourced foods, handmade pottery and jewelry, to live music, the Farmers Market creates an opportunity for the community to connect every Saturday morning. For an added bonus, seasonal Warehouse and Sidewalk Sale events are held just steps away in spring and fall!

Downtown Perry is also home to a **restaurant district**, sometimes called an "open container" district which encourages people to linger longer downtown, visit neighboring businesses, and creates a more festive atmosphere. A customer may take an alcoholic beverage in a plastic cup on public spaces within the district, including sidewalks, rights of way, buildings and public parks between 11 a.m. and midnight daily.



Destination: Downtown Perry

Dine

Savor the flavors of Historic Downtown Perry!

Downtown Perry offers a variety of dining options from whimsical pizza creations at **Ghost Runner** to elevated fine dining at **Oliver Perry's**. Southern staples abound at **The Swanson House** while **'Orleans on Carroll** provides a delightful menu of dishes and cocktails that are "cajun with a southern twist".



Shop

Retail therapy awaits!

Locally owned shops and boutiques fill Downtown Perry with unique shopping experiences. Pick up a beautiful plant at **Everyday Farm and Garden**, buy an assortment of locally-made body care products from **Mossy Creek Natural**, and shop the latest fashion trends at **Meme's**.



Gather

Catch up with friends and neighbors in Downtown Perry!

Head to Downtown Perry to enjoy a welcoming atmosphere with the perfect spot for your social calendar. Play trivia with friends at **Bodega Brew**, grab a glass of wine from **Clover Wine Merchant** with a neighbor, or meet new friends while enjoying a stroll along Carroll Street.



Get Outside In *Perry*



HOUSTON LAKE

Set out on **Houston Lake** to find serenity amongst the Spanish moss and sun-soaked waters. The 150-acre lake has a public boat ramp and is a popular recreation spot amongst locals.

Approximately **three miles round trip**, a paddle on this no-wake lake is perfect for new and experienced kayakers and paddlers alike.



ROTARY CENTENNIAL PARK

Just outside Downtown Perry, **Rotary Centennial Park** connects the **White Tail Trail** and **Weleetka Trail** trailheads. These wide paved paths offer ample space to stroll or ride alongside Big Indian Creek. With gentle grade and an abundance of shade, the trails are perfect for exploring with the whole family. Both trails can be paired together for an approximately **three-mile round trip route**.



DESTINATION PARKS

Pass the time in one of Perry's active **destination parks**. Enjoy a game of disc golf at **Rozar Park**, home to an 18-hole course. Rozar Park also includes two fishing ponds available to anyone looking to cast a line. Cool off at the **Creekwood Park Splash Pad** which includes water cannons, fountains, and a huge bucket where little ones eagerly await a big splash. Families will also find play structures and picnic pavilions at both Rozar and Creekwood Parks.

Culture *Connections*

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Point your phone's camera here to learn more about Perry's events. →



Perry hosts a dynamic variety of special events throughout the year, creating diverse entertainment options and culture connections for residents and visitors alike.

The Perry International Festival

With more than 30 countries represented, the award-winning **Perry International Festival** promotes the preservation of heritage and tradition through cultural education and live entertainment. This all-day festival includes an International Marketplace, multi-cultural food and beverage vendors, and more.

Downtown Tasting Experiences

Events like the **Downtown Wine Tasting** feature over 25 drink samples, live music, and extended shopping hours. The magic of Downtown Perry is on full display at these award-winning sellout events.

Food Truck Friday

Perry's **Food Truck Fridays** are highly sought after by food and beverage vendors from across the state of Georgia. This event series features dozens of mobile vendors offering plenty of dining and drinking options plus live entertainment, family activities, and a unique theme.

Heritage Oaks Park Events

Located at Heritage Oaks Park, connect with your creative side at **Art in the Park**. Observe artists creating their work in real time while enjoying live music on the lawn.

Also at Heritage Oaks Park is **Perry Presents** – a yearly lawn concert series where picnics with friends and neighbors are encouraged and the love of music fills the park.

Holidays

Downtown Perry transforms for the holidays in a *big way!*

Independence Day Celebration

Celebrate the Fourth of July in the heart of Historic Downtown Perry with fireworks to end the holiday with a bang!

Scarecrow Fest | Sweets & Treats

Throughout the month of October, browse the unique scarecrows on display for Scarecrow Fest in Downtown Perry designed by local businesses. Finish off the month by joining thousands of trick-or-treaters for Sweets & Treats on Downtown Perry streets!

Small Business Saturday

Kickoff the holiday season in Downtown Perry with Small Business Saturday and the annual Tree Lighting on the City Hall lawn!



Adventures

Nearby

Macon

Macon, Georgia, “Where Soul Lives,” is a half hour away from Perry, and is home to a host of history, entertainment, and cultural amenities. Bike the Ocmulgee Heritage Trail and visit the Ocmulgee Mounds National Historical Park. Visit local music landmarks including the Allman Brothers Band Museum at the Big House, Otis Redding Museum, the Little Richard House (and mural at Society Garden), and the Capricorn Sound Studio.

Columbus

About 1.5 hours away, **Columbus**, Georgia, blends a vibrant artsy energy with unique adventures and a thriving food scene. The Chattahoochee River boasts the world’s largest urban whitewater course for kayaking and rafting. Zipline across the river and land in Phenix City, Alabama. Art, music, and theatre collide for a memorable cultural experience.

Atlanta

Atlanta, Georgia, is within 2 hours of Perry and is home to the world’s busiest airport – Hartsfield Jackson Atlanta International Airport. Enjoy a variety of professional sports, the Georgia Aquarium, the World of Coca-Cola, Zoo Atlanta, the Atlanta Botanical Garden, museums, and the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library.

Savannah

Approximately 2.5 hours away is **Savannah**, Georgia’s oldest city. Stroll through the historic cobblestone streets and watch as cargo ships travel the Savannah River. A rich Savannah experience includes savoring the city’s eclectic and coastal food offerings and walking through its park-like squares draped in Spanish moss. On the Atlantic Ocean, **Tybee Island** is only a short drive from Historic Savannah.

Florida

Whether the Atlantic Ocean or the Gulf of Mexico, you can get to the **Florida beaches** in around 4 hours from Perry. Orlando’s **Disney World** and **Universal Studios** are less than 5 hours away.

Mountains

If the mountains are calling, a 3 hour drive will take you to Blue Ridge and the **North Georgia Mountains**. More adventures await in **Asheville, North Carolina**, less than 5 hours away, where the great outdoors and breweries are a prime weekend getaway.

Want To *Know More?*

If you're considering Perry, we'd love to talk with you and answer any questions you may have about our community.

We love Perry and know you will too!

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STAY in touch!

The City of Perry is proud to offer a variety of ways you can stay in touch with us!

There are several ways to receive relevant and timely information from your local government.

How we communicate:

Point your phone's camera here for more info!



PERRY POINTS

Text message service to ask questions, submit work requests, send a message to staff, and sign up for text alert notifications.

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PERRY PREVIEW

Monthly newsletter sent to your email. Includes occasional e-blasts with information about a particular subject or event.

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SOCIAL MEDIA

The City of Perry is on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn. Find the links in the QR code above.

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Those who use social media for news and to connect with others.



INSIDE PERRY PODCAST

Get an inside look at Perry, Georgia's local government. Episodes are short and cover topics you want to know about.

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Those interested in a casual conversation about Perry's latest happenings and topics.

The Communications Office also facilitates Perry University. Visit perry-ga.gov/communications for more information.





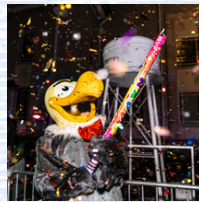
100+ ANNUAL EVENTS & FESTIVALS



20+ LOCALLY OWNED RESTAURANTS



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Explore our entire calendar of events, plus browse dining, shopping, lodging, and more in Perry at visitperry.com! SCAN TO VIEW OUR DIGITAL TRAVEL GUIDE OR REQUEST A FREE COPY BY MAIL!



25+ HOTELS & CAMPGROUNDS



VISIT PERRY! GEORGIA

Perry Welcome Center

Visit the Perry Welcome Center in Historic Downtown Perry to stock up on free local and regional resources including upcoming event info, area maps, postcards, stickers, and more!

808 CARROLL STREET

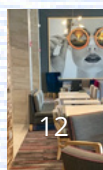
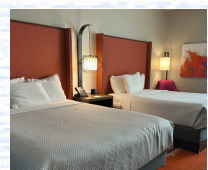
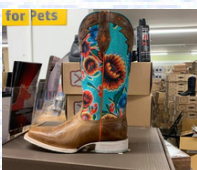
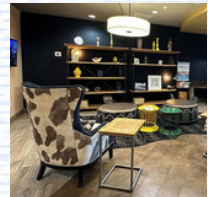
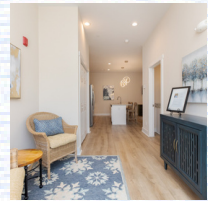
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Monday - Friday

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25+ LOCALLY OWNED RETAILERS





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