



Burritt on the Mountain & Round Top Folk Festival Fun Facts

Why the name Round Top Folk Festival?

Did you know that Burritt on the Mountain actually sits atop Round Top Mountain?

Round Top Mountain, at 1,585 feet elevation, is identified as the southwestern knob, or plateau, of Monte Sano Mountain and is listed in the Summit category in Madison County. Burritt sits within the natural beauty of Round Top Mountain, overlooking the City of Huntsville. Many don't know there is a distinction, but Dr. Burritt made certain to identify Round Top by name in his will, leaving his house and land to the City of Huntsville to use as a museum for all to enjoy. Today, Burritt boasts over 4 miles of nature trails that circle around Round Top Mountain and connect to the Land Trust of Madison County and Monte Sano State Park. The 2 newest trails being Old Quarry Trail and Viduta Trails completed Spring 2021. Our trails are filled with history and other little-known facts, as well as the natural beauty of the mountain.

What is Burritt on the Mountain?

When Dr. Henry Burritt left his home and 167 acres to the City of Huntsville, Burritt on the Mountain became the first museum in Huntsville and, 66 years later, Dr. Burritt's vision has been realized as the park welcomes thousands of visitors a year. Not only is Burritt on the Mountain one of Huntsville's staple tourist attractions, it also is a vibrant center for historical, cultural, educational, and entertainment activities for visitors of all ages. Huntsville is unique in that the city proudly displays where it is going and, through Burritt, where it has been.

Looking down from the bluff, Burritt visitors can locate evidence of the city's high-tech economy: the U.S. Space & Rocket Center, a towering Saturn V rocket, NASA buildings, and an Army research and development base. Do an about face and the view shifts to 19th- and 20th-century Alabama. Historic cabins, the Old Country Church, and living farm and folk life displays dot the park, staffed with interpreters in period dress.

Whether in the Burritt Mansion, at a Folk School class, attending a children's camp or enjoying Cocktails at The View, Burritt's mantra is Heartfelt Hospitality. We think that Dr. Burritt would have wanted it that way!

What is the Burritt Folk School?

Burritt on the Mountain is a place where the past is respected and preserved. Through our long history we have cultivated a large resource of artisans and craftspeople who practice the traditional arts and crafts of our ancestors in the Cumberland Plateau. The Burritt Folk School was born from the need and desire to connect with our inner artist in a more authentic way. We offer an amazing array of disciplines including blacksmithing, pottery, stained glass, broom making, fiber arts and more. Burritt on the Mountain is over one hundred miles from the nearest Folk School and has therefore provided a much-needed artistic outlet for many people in the Southeast who don't want to travel far to try their hand at new things or to make a deeper dive in their favorite craft or skill.

Our Mission at the Burritt Folk School is to inspire, educate and cultivate a creative community of active learners through preservation, demonstration, and participation in traditional arts, crafts, and skills.