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Heritage Park is a celebration of the industrial heritage of Columbus, GA. The sound of falling water, beautiful statues, educational plaques and unique surroundings provide a place of quiet retreat for all who visit. Address: 708 Broadway Columbus, GA 31901historiccolumbus.com COLUMBUS, Ga. (WRBL) — A timeline for the redevelopment of Heritage Park in the Columbus Historic District was announced Tuesday morning at a groundbreaking along Broadway. The park, developed by the Historic Columbus Foundation, a non-profit organization committed to preserving history, and the city of Columbus, will be the site of five revitalized historic homes. The existing sculptures and artifacts from Heritage Park will be relocated to the Chattahoochee Promenade, just across Front Avenue. Five historic houses, including the Promenade House, three houses from the original Westville site in Lumpkin, GA, and a house from Juniper, GA, will then be moved to the current Heritage Park site, according to Historic Columbus. The Promenade House is currently located on Front Avenue and was the longtime home of Keep Columbus Beautiful. The project is slated for completion in the first half of next year when the houses will be sold as private residences by W.C. Bradley Real Estate. The \$3 million budget has been raised through Historic Columbus fundraising efforts. The endeavor is a partnership between Historic Columbus, the Columbus Consolidated Government, W.C. Bradley Real Estate, Brasfield & Gorrie, Historic Westville, Hecht Burdeshaw, Moon Meeks, Barnes Gibson and Partners, and Brock Jones, Inc. Copyright 2025 Nexstar Media Inc. All rights reserved. This material may not be published, broadcast, rewritten, or redistributed. ExploreSouthernHistory.com - Heritage Park in Columbus, Georgia ExploreSouthernHistory.com - Heritage Park in Columbus, Georgia Heritage Park in Columbus, GeorgiaA combination of water features, exhibits, statues and even a historic brick kiln detail the history of Georgia's city on the Chattahoochee. Heritage Park in ColumbusA small-scale recreation of a dam is among the water features that can be explored at Heritage Park. Dr. John PembertonOne of the sculptures at Heritage Park gives visitors a chance to sit and have a Coke next to its inventor! Commemorating the RiverThis water feature at Heritage Park commemorates the falls of the Chattahoochee River and their role in the building of the city of Columbus. Heritage Park & the Industrial History of Columbus, Georgia History of a River City in Georgia Southern Industrial HistoryLife-sized exhibits like this one interpret the industrial history of Columbus, which was one of the South's major manufacturing centers during the Civil War. Heritage Park in Columbus, Georgia, is one of the most unique historical attractions in the United States.Located in the nationally recognized Columbus Historic District and just off the city's famed Riverwalk, Heritage Park takes both adults and kids on a fascinating journey through the history of the Georgia city. With water features, sculptures, historical displays and even an original brick kiln, the park is one of a kind.It is obvious from first glance that the park pays special tribute to the special relationshipbetween Columbus and the Chattahoochee River. Heritage Park features a massive running water feature that duplicates the historic river as it flows through the west Georgia city. The feature includes dams, overlooks and even a steamboat tribute, all of which tell the story of how Columbus has benefited from the river over its 170 year history.The site of what would become Columbus was once the center of the Lower branch of the historic and powerful Creek Nation. The Lower Creeks lived primarily along the Chattahoochee and Flint Rivers, which they used for transportation and food. Many of their legends centered around the river and they even told of a giant serpent or river monster that lurked in its depths.Because it was located at the falls of the Chattahoochee, a sudden plunge of the river over rocks and rapids to a lower level, the site of Columbus marked the official head of navigation on the river. As a result, when they secured title to the lands in a treaty with the Lower Creeks, the developer of the city chose the site as the location for their new town.Not only did the river provide a means of transportation linking the new town with the port of Apalachicola, Florida, on the Gulf of Mexico, the rapids and falls provided power to turn the wheels of industry. The Falls of the Chattahoochee were dammed and by the time of the Civil War the city of Columbus had become one of the few major manufacturing centers in the South. Heritage Park pays tribute to this with water features that include dams, falls and a deck area designed to resemble a paddlewheel boat. The city was once served by dozens of steamboats that made their way back and forth to Apalachicola, stopping at all points in between.Heritage Park includes exhibits on the mills powered by the river. Visitors can interact with life-sized statues of factory workers set into recreations of industrial scenes. Interpretive panels provide information about the history of the city and the types of industries that once flourished there. The park also features an original brick kiln. The area is known for its high quality bricks, so evident in the historic buildings of Columbus as well as in the walkways and exhibits at Heritage Park.A favorite exhibit for many is a statue of Dr. John S. Pemberton, the man who gave the South its unofficial drink, Coca-Cola. A one-time Columbus pharmacist, Dr. Pemberton invented Coke and created a company that has been an excellent corporate partner for Columbus, donating large sums to restore one of Dr. Pemberton's houses, to build the city's outstanding Coca-Cola Space and Science Center and to assist with other projects.The statue of Dr. Pemberton is seated on a bench and those wishing can even pose for pictures with him, possibly even with a Coke in hand!A joint project of the Historic Columbus Foundation and the City of Columbus, Heritage Park is located along 7th Street between Front Street and Broadway. It is a nice greenway connecting the Columbus River Walk with Heritage Corner, a stunning collection of historic homes. Please click here to visit the park's official website. Columbus RiverwColumbus Historic DistrictGhost of the Springer Opera HouseColumbus, GeorgiaHistoric Sites & Points of InterestHistoric Sites in GeorgiaExplore other Southern Historic Sites Copyright 2010 by Dale CoxAll rights reserved. Come and experience Heritage Park: with beautiful granite pools recreating the falls of the Chattahoochee River; exciting water elements, and handsome outdoor sculptures with historic interpretations visitors will surely enjoy. Through Heritage Park, visitors can travel from the past to the future going from Historic Columbus' Walker-Peters-Langdon House to the Coca-Cola Space Science Center. From 1850 until 1910, Columbus, Georgia, changed from a trading town to a booming manufacturing city. Heritage Park is designed to recognize the entrepreneurs and workers who harnessed the river and created these industries that laid the foundations for this modern city. The outdoor sculptures and historic elements of the park represent the textile, gristmill, brick and foundry industries involved in the growth and development of the area, as well as agriculture and forest products, dams and bridges, river trade and travel, and Coca-Cola. Guided Tours of Heritage Park may be arranged through Historic Columbus. The park is conveniently located in Columbus' Historic District at Seventh Street between Front Avenue and Broadway, just across the street from Historic Columbus' Walker-Peters-Langdon House. We have two videos to give the history below and tour the park virtually here. Please call (706) 322-0756 to schedule a tour. heritage.org Jun 27, 2025 2 min read WASHINGTON—The Heritage Foundation today released the following statements lauding the Supreme Court's 6-3 decision in Trump v. CASA, Inc., which partially stayed several nationwide injunctions issued by lower courts against the Trump administration's Jan. 20 executive order ending universal birthright citizenship. Hans von Spakovsky, manager of the Election Law Reform Initiative and a senior legal fellow in the Edwin Meese III Center for Legal and Judicial Studies at The Heritage Foundation: "The Supreme Court's rebuke of nationwide or universal injunctions is an important step toward restoring the judiciary to its proper constitutional role. Judges have the power to guard the rights of the people who come before them, but they don't have the power to set or derail nationwide policy. They're judges, not presidents or legislators, and today's decision reminds them of that." The underlying question of the merits of universal birthright citizenship remains unanswered. Lora Ries, director of Heritage's Border Security and Immigration Center, added: "The Court did not yet address the time-sensitive merits of ending the erroneous universal birthright citizenship interpretation of the 14th Amendment. Rather, the court tossed that decision back down to the lower court to decide. The longer this issue goes undecided, the more illegal aliens and temporary visitors will exploit the universal birthright citizenship interpretation to prevent their deportation and to receive financial and long-term immigration benefits available for U.S. citizens." Heritage Senior Legal Fellow Amy Swearer added that even though the Court did not resolve questions about the executive order's constitutionality, there is good reason to believe that a majority of the Justices will ultimately vindicate the order on the merits: "A majority of this Court once again demonstrated a commitment to saying what the law is, and not what they wish it to be. This, of course, will prove very important in a case where advocates of universal birthright citizenship routinely mischaracterize or ignore the compelling historical evidence supporting a far more limited original meaning of the Citizenship Clause." BACKGROUND: Nationwide Injunctions: Unlawful and Unwise