



A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE CITY OF FULTON

Fulton, established in 1837, is named for Robert Fulton, the inventor of the steamboat. We are proud to be the home of Itawamba Community College, one of the highest ranked colleges in the nation. We are located off I-22 and bordered by the Tennessee-Tombigbee (Tenn-Tom) Waterway. The Historic Mississippian Railway is located at the Itawamba Port and provides service to local companies. We are best known for some very famous people born here from Brian Dozier of the Minnesota Twins, Jimmie Lunceford the famous

jazz alto saxophonist, Vernon Presley father to Elvis the King of Rock & Roll, L.T. Senter - U.S. Federal Judge, and to Allie McDonald-PGA Women's Golfer.

Discover all Fulton has to offer by visiting our website www.fulton.itawambams.com. From historical Magnolia and Mississippi Blues Trails to restaurants, shops, and water play, Fulton is worth stopping by and staying a while. So come on in and sit wherever you want to relax, unwind, and dine!



UNDERGROUND RAILROAD BICYCLE ROUTE



WELCOME TO ITAWAMBA COUNTY!

We're delighted that you're taking the Underground Railroad Bicycle Route through Itawamba County, and we're happy to have you.

We invite you to take the time to discover Itawamba County and the city of Fulton as you pass through.

We have a map that shows points of interest as well as the marker we've made especially for the Underground Railroad route.

Enjoy your trip!



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Underground Railroad Bicycle Route

The 2,006.5-mile Underground Railroad Bicycle Route (UGRR) created by the nonprofit Adventure Cycling Association memorializes the Underground Railroad, a network of clandestine routes by which enslaved freedom seekers attempted to escape slavery before and during the Civil War.

The history of this remarkable period comes alive as bicyclists pedal along the corridor that traces the

Underground Railroad route from the Deep South to Canada, passing points of interest and historic sites. It starts in Mobile, Alabama, a key port for ships to unload enslaved Africans in the 1800s. The route goes north following rivers to Mississippi, Tennessee, and Kentucky. Freedom seekers used waterways, as well as the North Star, a guide in their journeys to escape slavery.

Our own Tombigbee River was the primary mode of commercial transportation for cotton connecting Itawamba

County to downriver port towns of Aberdeen and Columbus. Legend has it that one of the Underground Railroad routes was north along the Tombigbee River from south Alabama to the river's headwaters in northern Itawamba County, then across the hills to the Tennessee River and north to the Ohio River.

Please visit our Underground Railroad Historical Marker at the corner of Camp Ground Road and John Rankin Highway in Fulton.



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Playgarden Park- 109 W. Wiygul St.

Playgarden Park was established on October 6, 2009 by Julie Grimes Waldorf and Michael Waldorf in order to provide an oasis for children and families. Children and adults alike can enjoy the beautiful splash pad, picnic tables, a stage pavilion, and playground. Restrooms are available on the premises. Come on in the water is fine!

The Cedars 211 Main St.

Also known as the Cates-Gaither House, this one-story Greek Revival style planter's cottage was built circa 1859 by ship builder and merchant Pleasant Cates. The heavy framing includes original pegged joints. Named for the cedar trees on the original site, "The Cedars" was sold to William Gaither in 1901. One of the two antebellum houses in Fulton, The Cedars was designated a Mississippi Landmark in 2011.

Jamie L. Whitten Historical Center and Campground 100 Camp Ground Rd.

Designed by the U.S. Army of Corp of Engineers, the center showcases exhibits from five federal agencies involved in the economic development of Northeast MS. Guided tours are available for clubs, church groups, schools, or organizations. The Center includes a 120-seat auditorium, which can be reserved. It contains tables and chairs and comes complete with audio/visual equipment, a small kitchen, and the terrace picnic area. The center also hosts a campground that attracts thousands of outdoor enthusiasts for picnics, fishing, and swimming on the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway. Easy access to three boat docks, nature trails, and a sandy swimming beach with a gazebo overlooking the waterway, make Whitten Park a welcoming destination for campers.

Midway Marina

641 Joe Wheeler Brown Rd.
A boater's delight at night, the Midway Marina provides explorers of the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway a floating motel for boaters. Slip in to the marina for tranquil water views with access to showers, laundry mat, courtesy vehicle, boat storage, and an onsite store for all your amenities. The Midway also host bass fishing tournaments, concerts, and events for holidays too.

