

2016 GACAA AM/PIC TOUR OPTIONS November 8 2016

Tour 1 - Lake Blackshear Hydro Plant

Plans to build a hydroelectric dam in Cordele began during the 1920s and by 1930 the town boasted of having the first county-owned electric system in the nation. Today the dam continues to provide electricity to Crisp County, and numerous recreational opportunities are afforded by Lake Blackshear, which was created by the dam

Tour 2 – Jimmy Carter Plant Materials Center and Cordele Fish Hatchery

Jimmy Carter Plant Materials Center develops and transfers plant materials and plant technology for the conservation of natural resources. In working with a broad range of plant species, including grasses, forbs, trees and shrubs, the program seeks to address priority needs of the field offices and land managers in both the public and private sector. Emphasis is focused on using plants as a healthy way to solve conservation problems and protect ecosystems.

The 160-acre fish hatchery, with an associated wetland viewing area is located in the Upper Coastal Plains. The facilities contain 27 hatchery intensively managed to produce a variety of species of fish, channel catfish, hybrid bass, shoal bass, and golden shiners. These ponds range from .2 to 2.5 acres in size. The principle function of the hatchery is to culture fish, and the best seasons for viewing these operations are during the spring spawning and fall harvest activities.

Tour 3 – ANR Website Training

Ben Whetstone will provide website training to ANR agents to teach them how to design an effective ANR webpage. Participants must bring their own laptops.

Tour 4 – Andersonville (Camp Sumter) Military Prison

The Camp Sumter military prison at Andersonville was one of the largest Confederate military prisons during the Civil War. During the 14 months the prison existed, more than 45,000 Union soldiers were confined here. Of these, almost 13,000 died here. Today, Andersonville National Historic Site is a memorial to all American prisoners of war throughout the nation's history. Today, Andersonville National Historic Site comprises three distinct components: the former site of Camp Sumter military prison, the Andersonville National Cemetery, and the National Prisoner of War Museum, which opened in 1998 to honor all U.S. prisoners of war in all wars.

Tour 5 – Café Campesino

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