

Train Depots

If you like trains, you'll want to visit the four depots that still stand in (and around) this area.

Cornelia



The City of Cornelia's historic train depot, open Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., was first built by the Southern Railway soon after the town was founded. Burned in 1910 and replaced in 1914, this large passenger and freight station was once the home to two rail lines, The Blue Ridge & Atlantic Railroad (also known as the Tallulah Falls Railway) and The Georgia Air Line Railroad, now known as Norfolk Southern. Adjacent to Cornelia's train depot is the "Big Red Apple" (seen at left in the photo above) commemorates -- since 1926 -- the once important apple economy in the area.

107 Grant Place, Cornelia. GPS: 34°30'42.9"N 83°31'34.8"W

Tallulah Falls

The best-known relic of the short line may be the old Tallulah Falls railroad depot with its distinctive orange tile roof, which has been occupied by the Co-op Craft shop for decades. It was recently designated a historic place by the state of Georgia. The craft shop materials are piled around and make it difficult to get a clean shot of the depot. A recent viewing shows the building vacant.

21 Moss Street, Tallulah Falls. GPS: 34°44'11.1"N 83°23'33.3"W

Demorest



The depot at Demorest is (at various times) a retail shop but still retains much of the form and character of the original building. The paved drive along the east side defines the path of the original rails. Note the pole on the east side: It originally held the signal and mail pick up hardware.

493 Main Street, Demorest. GPS: 34°34'00.5"N 83°32'12.6"W

Toccoa

In 2005, the city of Toccoa began the restoration of the Southern Railway wood-sided 1915 depot structure. In addition to housing the Amtrak station, the restored depot is used today by the Toccoa-Stephens County Chamber of Commerce and Welcome Center as well as the Stephens County Historical Society. The station has a gift shop and was renovated as part of the Main Street Toccoa program which is still improving and renovating the Toccoa downtown historical district. An adjoining building houses the must-see Currahee Military Museum.

160 No. Alexander Street, Toccoa. GPS 34°34'43.1"N 83°19'54.0"W