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Watch Party for Opening of Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History & Culture

Saturday, September 24

9:00 am

Freedom Rides Museum, Montgomery, Alabama

If you are not attending the grand opening celebration in Washington, DC, join us for a Watch Party at the Freedom Rides Museum on Saturday, September 24 at 9:00am to view a live streaming of the Opening Ceremony of the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History & Culture (NMAAHC).

Join others from around the world and witness history in the making! The opening of NMAAHC is an unprecedented local, national and international event unlike any other opening of a cultural institution in America or globally in recent memory," said NMAAHC Director Lonnie Bunch.

This new national museum has importance for all Americans. According to the [museum's website](#) "African Americans have survived slavery, fought for their freedom in the Civil War, for the freedom of others in subsequent wars, and created lives of meaning for themselves, their families, and their country." The NMAAHC's collections features items—large and small—that tell the story of America through the African American lens.

Admission to the Freedom Rides Museum: Adults, \$5; College students, seniors, military \$4; Children 6-18, \$3; \$1 discount per person for groups of 10 or more. Light refreshments will be provided by the [Friends of the Freedom Rides Museum](#).

Find the [Freedom Rides Museum](#) on [Facebook](#) or visit www.freedomridesmuseum.org.

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The Freedom Rides Museum is operated by the Alabama Historical Commission and is located at 210 South Court Street in Montgomery, Alabama. The museum played a critically important role in the history of American Civil Rights when the nonviolent Freedom Riders students were attacked at the building, then the Montgomery Greyhound Bus Station in 1961. Their courageous actions led to the desegregation of interstate travel in the South in the early 1960s and brought federal support of civil rights that set the stage for key civil and voting rights victories in the mid-late 1960s.

The [Alabama Historical Commission](#) protects, preserves, and interprets Alabama's historic places and is the State Historic Preservation Office.

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