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Let Freedom Ride: 2nd Annual Freedom Rides Bike Ride

Saturday, May 20

7:30 – 9:30 am

Freedom Rides Museum, Montgomery

Bring your bike and join us for a tour of Montgomery's historic downtown! On May 20, 1961, young Freedom Riders came to Montgomery and changed our city, our state and our nation. Come experience the places where history happened!

The 3.4 mile tour starts and ends at the Freedom Rides Museum, 210 South Court Street. The route, which will take about 90 minutes, includes stops at historic sites. A beginner route of 0.9 miles is also available.

The 2nd Annual Freedom Rides Bike Ride is sponsored by the Alabama Historical Commission, Friends of the Freedom Rides Museum and Montgomery Bike Club.

To commemorate the 56th anniversary of the Freedom Rides, the Museum will be open from 8:00 am – 4:00 pm for tours and gallery talks.

Directions: Driving south on I-65 take Exit 172 (Clay Street). Stay straight on Dickerson Street. Take a left on Herron Street (becomes Bibb Street). Turn right on Lee Street (becomes Court Street). The Freedom Rides Museum is up the hill on the right.

Fee: Adults (26+) \$15.00; Young Adults (19-25) \$10.00, Children (6-18) \$5.00. Museum admission will be charged.

Pre-registration is suggested. Snacks and water will be provided. A rain date for a Saturday in June is scheduled.

For more information contact Dorothy Walker at dorothy.walker@ahc.alabama.gov or call 334-414-8647.

Working with concerned citizens, The Alabama Historical Commission saved the Greyhound Bus Station from demolition in the mid-1990s. The Museum is located at the intersection of S. Court St. and Adams Avenue in downtown Montgomery. An award-winning exhibit on the building's exterior traces the Freedom Riders' history. It uses words and images of the Freedom Riders, those who supported them, and those who opposed them. Interior exhibits highlight additional information on the Freedom Riders and the way in which buildings were designed for racial segregation. Share Your Story, an interactive video exhibit, captures and shows thoughts and feelings from Riders, witnesses, and museum visitors. Today, the Alabama Historical Commission operates this significant site.

Find the [Freedom Rides Museum](#) on **Facebook** or visit ahc.alabama.gov

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Pre-registration:

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07ee4rr4hiad644d9f&llr=67mdixnab>

About the Alabama Historical Commission

Located in historic downtown Montgomery at 468 S. Perry Street, the Alabama Historical Commission is the state historic preservation agency for Alabama. The agency was created by an act of the state legislature in 1966 with a mission to protect, preserve and interpret Alabama's historic places. AHC works to accomplish its mission through two fields of endeavor: Preservation and promotion of state-owned historic sites as public attractions; and, statewide programs to assist people, groups, towns, and cities with local preservation activities. For a complete list of programs and properties owned and operated by the AHC, hours of operation, and admission fees please visit ahc.alabama.gov