points of interest

S Visitor Center & Googie Burger

The Visitor Center is home to the interactive kiosks, restrooms and information desk staffed by friendly volunteers who are available to answer questions about the Park or the city of Atlanta. Centrally located adjacent to the Fountain of Rings, this distinctive copper-roofed building is also the place to purchase a Park souvenir.

Googie Burger is named for the iconic architecture that frames the Park's new walk-up eatery. Used since the 1950's, the genre is characterized by its futuristic look and bold angles. Always fresh, never frozen burgers, fries, shakes and more make up Googie Burger's classic menu. Googie Burger is a gathering place for families and visitors to create new traditions while visiting Centennial Olympic Park and downtown Atlanta.

Allen Family Tribute

Chronicles the leadership and contributions the Allen family has made to Atlanta over the course of three generations.

2 Gateway of Dreams

Sculpture pays homage to the founder of the modern Olympics, Baron Pierre de Coubertin, and to the ideals of the Games.

3 Androgyne Planet

Created by Enric Pladevall, an artist who lives in Barcelona, Spain - site of the 1992 Olympic Games - and brought to Atlanta as a symbolic representation of the Games' continuity and spirit of international unity.

4 Children's Garden and Playground Provides younger visitors with their own special area in the Park.

Paralympic Legacy

Monument honors the 1996 Atlanta Paralympic Games and the 3,310 athletes from 104 countries who participated and set 268 world records.

6 Water Gardens/Quilt of Nations

A man-made series of beautifully landscaped, cascading water features weave through the five Quilt Plazas, including the Quilt of Nations. The Quilt of Nations honors all 197 nations that participated in the 1996 Games. This was the largest number of countries ever represented in the history of the Olympic Games.

Quilt of Olympic Spirit

Salutes the 10,000 athletes who participated in the 1996 Centennial Olympic Games.

8 Quilt of Origins

Captures the enduring essence of the Olympic Games with a sculpture that symbolically follows the progression of the original Greek athletes to the athletes of today's Olympic Games.

Quilt of Remembrance

Features a mosaic of stones from around the world to honor the 111 people injured by the 1996 Olympic Park bombing. An eternal light shines here in memory of Alice Hawthorne, who perished.

Quilt of Dreams

Celebrates Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games CEO Billy Payne's 10-year quest to bring Centennial Olympic Games to his hometown.

Hermes Towers/ Centennial Plaza

Centennial Plaza is 100 meters squared, the distance of one of the most exciting track races in the Olympics. The official flag of the Olympic Games and 23 national flags surround the Plaza, representing previous host cities of the summer Games. Also surrounding the plaza are Willow Oak tree planters with engraved plaques honoring the 23 host cities of the first 100 years.

Eight magnificent, 65-foot high lighted towers encircle the Plaza. Named after the mythological messenger god Hermes, the "Hermes Towers" are stylized reproductions of markers that led the ancient Greeks to significant public spaces and events.







Fountain of Rings

Not only is it one of the most sophisticated fountains in the world, the Fountain of Rings is also the world's largest interactive fountain to incorporate the Olympic Rings symbol. Children of all ages play in the fountain and enjoy the synchronized water and music program where water dances to familiar tunes complete with sound and lighting effects. It's free to view the Fountain of Rings show, which plays four times a day, 365 days a year, at 12:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m. and 9 p.m.

The 1,200 seat amphitheater is perfect for intimate, open-air concerts or to enjoy lunch.

COP Audio Walking Tour Stops







around the park

Commemorative Bricks

The bricks are the foundation of Centennial Olympic Park. Not only do they make up the majority of the sidewalks, but the engraved bricks served as the primary fundraiser for the construction of the 21-acre park. Prior to the 1996 Olympic Games, thousands of private donors purchased commemorative bricks with a special message or name, raising approximately \$17.5 million. Of the approximate 800,000 bricks used in the construction of the Park, approximately 500,000 are engraved. Visitors can locate their Olympic legacy by using the interactive brick locator kiosks in the Visitor Center.

Quilt of Leaves

The quilt of leaves motif seen throughout the Park is representative of the distinctive design created for the 1996 Olympic Games.