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# Sanford: It's Hip and Historic

When Henry Sanford founded our fair city in 1877, he probably had no idea that 139 years later it would become a modern hip town with a rich history. The county seat of Seminole County, Sanford is abounding with historic buildings, many of which adorn the charming brick streets that are dotted with old-fashioned lampposts, creating a timeless beauty. Leafy oak trees sway about the quaint residential historic district, sidewalks are lined with original Victorian homes, and all this can be found right in the middle of the hustle and bustle of Central Florida.

Sanford is just a hop, skip, and a jump away from the famed tourist area of Orlando and a 30-minute easy-breezy ride east to the shores of the Atlantic Ocean.

A picturesque city of more than 50,000 people, Sanford has a wide range of amenities that draw the attention of everyone who comes here and leaves them wanting to visit again... or perhaps even reside here. The reality is: *Sanford's got it all.* And that includes easy transportation access to Orlando Sanford International Airport, SunRail, (with free round-trip daily shuttle service from the Sanford SunRail station to the Historic Sanford Welcome Center located downtown, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., coinciding with SunRail's Sanford station schedule), State Road 417 (GreeneWay), I-4, and the Amtrak Auto Train station.

Visit Sanford's cultural corridor along the scenic streetscape on Sanford Avenue. And let's not forget the award-winning RiverWalk, a 1.76-mile walking, jogging, and "just relaxing" path nestled along the expansive St. Johns River. While Sanford is home to Seminole Towne Center and many retail outlets, it also attracts many locally owned businesses, eateries, pubs, and one-of-a-kind shops in historic downtown.

Besides being hip and historic, Sanford also houses lots of attractions, many of which are family-friendly. Check out the five-deck Rivership Barbara-Lee, the Limo Cycle, Central Florida Zoo & Botanical Gardens, the Wayne Densch Performing Arts Center, (the region's oldest historic theater), and the Buehler Planetarium at Seminole State College.

In partnership with the Orlando Sanford International Airport (OSIA), we are constantly working hard to get the good word out about Sanford and all it has to offer.

"The partnership between Orlando Sanford International and the City of Sanford is a great way to showcase the unique, natural, historical, and recreational attributes in Sanford to over 2.5 million passengers," says Rhonda Jorn, director of marketing, OSIA.

If you haven't been here lately, or if you've never made the trip, come visit and experience the warmth and excitement of hip and historic Sanford. On the cusp of unprecedented growth, Sanford is a unique destination.

Make it yours one day.



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