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Visitors to the annual Augusta Heritage Days climbed aboard a horse-drawn carriage for a ride along historic Riverside Drive in this file photo.

Augusta will celebrate its annual Heritage Days festival Labor Day weekend, in the city's downtown area and city park. This will be the 48th year for Heritage Days, following a one-year hiatus because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The festival, the oldest continuous festival in this historic river town, gets underway on Friday, Sept. 3, and runs through Sunday, Sept. 5 with a jam-packed schedule of events.

Carriage rides will be available for tours of the town and visitors will find a variety of vendors of all kinds of crafts, antiques, and food booths lining the festival area, including the world-famous Rotary Burgers from the event sponsor, the Augusta Rotary Club.

Among the entertainment and events offered up will be beauty pageants, tree climbing, a petting zoo, inflatables for kids, a baby show, art displays, sports, games, and raffles. There will also be a car show and music throughout the weekend from area musicians.

The grand finale will be the popular Frog Derby, a Heritage Days tradition.

While in Augusta, visitors will have the opportunity to see many homes that are on the National Registry of Historic Places, learn about Augusta College and the Underground Railroad, relive the Civil War Battle of Augusta, walk along Riverside Drive and have a seat at Sunset Point to watch Augusta's legendary sunsets. Guests may also want to take a ride on the Augusta Ferry to cross the Ohio River, tour the Rosemary Clooney Museum, enjoy a wine tasting at Baker-Bird Winery or bourbon tasting at Kentucky's newest distillery, all while enjoying the periodic melodious notes from the city carillon atop historic Augusta Independent School. A stop at the August Caboose provides information on the city's attractions.

The city of Augusta was named one of the must-see places in the commonwealth by the late Dr. Thomas Clark, Kentucky's most famous historian. It has been listed as one of 11 great river towns by Fox News and CNN, joining such company as New Orleans and Cincinnati, and was named one of the "10 Most Beautiful Towns in Kentucky" by theculturetrip.com.

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2021 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, SEPT. 3

5 p.m. — Vendors Open
 6 p.m. — Music by Ashton Dunn at City Park Gazebo

SATURDAY, SEPT. 4, 2021

9 a.m. - A-Town Street Ball Classic, sponsored by Miller Lumber Company. Contact Jason Hinson 606-756-2105 or Twitter @coachjhinson
 10 a.m. — Vendors and Activities Open
 All Day — Inflation Station, sponsored by Berry Global
 All Day — R Farms Petting Zoo... Sponsored by Parkview Outdoors
 All Day — Kentucky National Guard Display
 Noon -5 p.m. — Horse and Carriage Ride, sponsored by Moore and Parker Funeral Homes
 Noon-4 p.m. — Community Art in the Park, sponsored by Augusta Art Guild
 1:30 p.m. — Music by Kentucky Duo Pat and Brandi at City Park Gazebo, sponsored by

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4 p.m. — Music by Randy Amann at City Park Gazebo, sponsored by Bradford's Home Mart
 7 p.m. — Music by 3OM at City Park Gazebo, sponsored by Riverside Tractor

SUNDAY, SEPT. 5, 2021

All Day — Heritage Days Custom Car Show, sponsored by Allmark Sales
 Located at Augusta Boat Dock, Registration begins at 8 a.m., \$20 entry fee
 All Day — Magic Show with Mark Comley at City Park Gazebo, sponsored by Carmeuse
 11 a.m. — Church Service and Gospel Music at City Park Gazebo, hosted by Elevation Church
 Noon -3 p.m. — Augusta Jail Tours, hosted by Augusta Tourism Director, Janet Hunt
 4 p.m. — Frog Derby, Sponsored by Metcalfe-Hennessey Funeral Home, Contact Clark Hennessey to register at 756-2270, derby located at Main Street



Hanging out

File photo
 An event offered during the 2016 Augusta Heritage Days was the opportunity to hang by ropes from this very large sycamore tree in the Augusta Park. Climbers ascended upward on ropes and enjoyed just hanging from branches and viewing their surroundings. The event will be held at the 2021 festival again.

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Open-air music

Visitors during Augusta Heritage Days relax in the city's park Saturday and listen to live music.
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Street vendors

Streets in Augusta are blocked off to traffic so vendors may display their wares during Heritage Days event. Visitors wander searching for items of interest and sampling freshly cooked goodies.



Good food

In this photo of a previous Augusta Heritage Days event, Rotarian Tay Kelsch can be seen cooking hamburgers for event goers.

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