

PINE MOUNTAIN GOLD MUSEUM AT STOCKMAR PARK
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VILLA RICA, GA - The PINE MOUNTAIN GOLD MUSEUM AT STOCKMAR PARK will officially open to the public on Saturday, May 3, 2008. Operating hours are from 10:00am-4:00pm.

- A 4,800 square foot museum.
- A 50-seat theater with a 20-minute documentary of the history of the Villa Rica mines.
- A covered gold and gemstone panning area.
- Over three miles of self-guided walking trails with interpretive signage.
- Knowledgeable guides are available for groups of six or more.
- West Georgia's only authentic 19th Century gold stamp mill.
- Georgia's only gold museum located at the site of an actual gold mine and with gold and gem panning on-site.

A Bit of History:

Villa Rica's Pine Mountain Gold Museum at Stockmar Park is the only Museum of its kind in the State of Georgia and located just 2 mile off Interstate 20 west.

In the early 1800's, the State of Georgia played host to the first gold rushes in the young Nation. In fact, well over 500 working gold mines have been documented in Georgia making it one of the most prolific producers of the precious metal in the Nation during this period. The City of Villa Rica is the oldest City in West Georgia and played a role in the expansion of the State and the Nation. When gold was discovered in California in the 1840's, many of the techniques used were perfected in among other places, Villa Rica. As one California gold miner put it, "the Southern Gold Rush was the cradle in which the California gold miner was born in." Awaiting final approval for inclusion on the National register of Historic Places.

