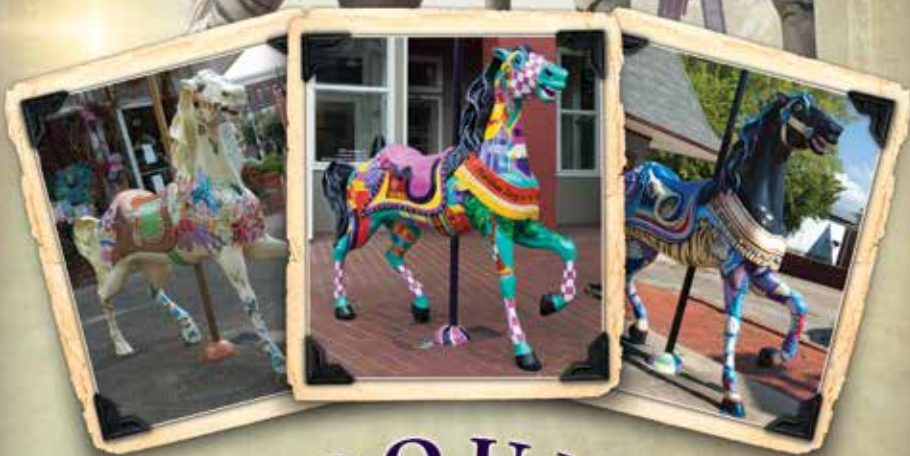


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The Historic Dentzel Carousel

Meridian's Dentzel Carousel is truly a national treasure. The carousel is the only two-row stationary Dentzel menagerie carousel in the world today. Its crown features several original museum-quality oil paintings, and all of its animals are original as well, meticulously hand-carved from bass and poplar wood. And the house is the only remaining original carousel building based on a Dentzel blueprint.

The carousel has a rich history. Gustav Dentzel, from one of the world's foremost families of carousel makers, built it in the 1890s in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Originally designed for the St. Louis World's Fair in 1904, the carousel was acquired by the City of Meridian soon after. In 1909 the Dentzel Carousel arrived in Meridian. It has occupied its home in Highland Park ever since. Originally purchased by Meridian for only \$2,000, today it's valued at more than \$1 million. And, as residents and tourists will say, the experience of riding on this historic gem is priceless.



Around Town Carousels Abound

One attraction lies at the center of practically every amusement park and fairgrounds across the country – the carousel. Carousels live at the heart and soul of American culture, bringing out the kid in all of us. Meridian proudly honors that American icon with a one-of-a-kind outdoor public art exhibit: Around Town Carousels Abound. Paying homage to one of Meridian's most popular attractions, the historic Dentzel Carousel in Highland Park, this colorful exhibit has life-size carousel horse sculptures standing tall throughout Meridian and surrounding areas.

The exhibit features over 60 horses, each of which has its own sponsor, special theme and unique design painted by a commissioned artist. For over a decade now, the entire collection of horses has been welcoming visitors to Meridian and fostering a love of the arts in all members of our community, young and old.

A special horse called Faith Riding Hope stands outside Hope Village for Children, a special partner to this project since it began. Proceeds from the carousel exhibit benefit Hope Village, founded in 2000 by actress and Meridian native Sela Ward to provide hope, shelter and treatment programs for neglected and abused children.

The "Around Town" Tour

The Around Town Carousels Abound exhibit invites both locals and visitors to stop and admire individual horses whenever they happen upon one. For a special outing, tour the entire exhibit with the help of this guide. Refer to the last few pages for the full map and key.

The 13 horses located in the heart of historic downtown Meridian make for an ideal walking tour. Start at Dumont Plaza, where you'll find a stately traditional carousel horse named Lady, and end with a horse made to look like solid gold that sits on the lawn at City Hall. The Downtown Walking Tour map and key are located at the back of this guide.

When you're ready to go a little farther afield, you'll find all but four of the remaining horses grouped into geographical sections: North of Downtown, West of Downtown and Toward Interstate from Downtown.



Downtown Meridian Walking Tour

Listed in a walking route



1 Lady

Dumont Plaza ∞ 22nd Ave. and 5th St.

Artist: Shannon Everett

2 Blue Chip

500 22nd Ave.

Artist: Bonnie Busbee



3 Fair Filly

821 22nd Ave.

Artist: Jane Kynerd

4 Star-Spangled Pony

Lauderdale County Court House
500 Constitution Ave.

Artist: Debra Ruleau



5 Carriage Horse

9th St. and 6th St.

Artist: Beth Lewis

Your Horseness of the Queen City

Visit Meridian Tourism ∞ 2000 Front Street A

Artist: Peyton Hutchinson



7 Iron Horse

Union Station ∞ 1901 Front St.

Artist: Jim Brashier

Horsepower

210 22nd Ave.

Artist: Joey Horne



9 Legacy

2216 Front St.

Artist: Mona Haskins

Caretaker

2701 Davis St.

Artist: Bobby Carter



11 C.C. Rider

2601 Davis St.

Artist: Jaime Purdy Jones

I Spy

Meridian Public Library ∞ 2517 7th St.

Artist: Gail Crawford



13 Midas Mare

Meridian City Hall ∞ 601 24th Ave.

Artist: Greg Cartmell

End of walking tour

Toward Interstate from Downtown Meridian

Listed in alphabetical order



14 Bolt the Colt
2800 Handy Blvd.
Artist: Cheri Barry

Fantasy Filly **15**

Bonita Lakes ∞ Hwy. 19 South
Artist: Jessie Brashier



16 Magnolia Missy
1303 Roebuck Dr.
Artist: Richelle Putnam
Sponsorship: Super Stop

Mare-y the Mall Trotter **17**

1210 Bonita Lakes Circle
Artist: Kristy Bullock



18 Quik Start
112 Hwy. 11 and 80 North
Artist: Candace Walker

Ride with Pride **19**

1023 Hwy. 39 North
Artist: Millie Robinson



20 SleepInn Beauty
901 1st Ave. East, Building A
Artist: Lindy Wood

North of Downtown Meridian

Listed in alphabetical order



21 Al
2016 Hwy. 45 North
Artist: Keith Everett

Allie **22**

Alliance Health Center ∞ 5000 Hwy. 39 North
Artist: Debbie May Matthews



23 Arion the Majestic
2625 North Hills St.
Artist: Dottie Armstrong

Awareness **24**

Anderson Regional Medical Center ∞ 2124 14th St.
Artist: Mike French



25 Blossom
900 23rd Ave.
Artist: Mona Haskins

Crown of Splendor **26**

6600 Poplar Springs Dr.
Artists: Carilynn Causey, Laura Abney,
Mary Belle Rawlings and Wanda Hastings



Faith Riding Hope 27

Hope Village for Children ∞ 2414 23rd Ave.

Artist: Ruth Vinson Irwin



Kidspiration 35

Poplar Springs Elementary ∞ 4101 27th Ave.

Artist: David Griffin



Freedom 28

4712 24th Pl.

Artist: Sandy McLain



Lightning 36

Central Fire Station ∞ 2500 14th St.

Artist: Cathy Castleberry



Giddy Up Van Gogh 29

1207 23rd Ave.

Artist: Dave Kimbrell



McTiger 37

2104 North Hills St.

Artist: Linda Smith



Grand Ride 30

1724 23rd Ave.

Artist: Becky Glover



Memory 38

7774 Hwy. 39 North

Artist: Teri Smith



Gypsy 31

3700 Hwy. 39 North

Artist: Stacey Deen Griffith



Meridian's Dutchess 39

8079 Van Zyverden Rd.

Artist: Sarah Ellen Riley



Homestead Horse 32

4905 Poplar Springs Dr.

Artist: Bryce Speed



Mount St. Joseph 40

1914 18th Ave.

Artist: M.T. Richards



Horsecents 33

1911 North Hills St.

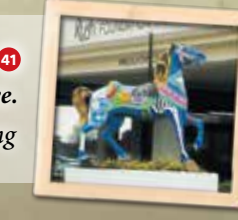
Artists: MCC Art Students



My Brother's Keeper 41

Rush Foundation Hospital ∞ 1314 19th Ave.

Artist: Dottie Armstrong



Horseplay 34

Meridian Little Theatre ∞ 4334 Hwy. 39 North

Artists: Pegi Harmon/Lamar School Art Students



Ringer 42

4100 Old Hwy. 45 North

Artist: Dana Sollie Casey





43 Saw Horse
989 Northeast Industrial Park Rd.
Artist: Roman Green



49 The Pride of Bailey
Bailey Post Office ∞ 9032 Hwy. 493, Bailey, MS
Artist: Terri Ann Province



Seasons of Hope 44
Anderson Regional Cancer Center ∞ 1704 23rd Ave.
Artist: Patti Pollard

Trojan Express 50
Northeast Elementary School ∞ 6750 Newell Rd.
Artist: Shannon Clay



45 Shimmering C. Jewels
1600 24th Ave.
Artist: Millie Robinson



51 Wildcat Sunrise
Meridian High School ∞ 2320 32nd St.
Artist: Elizabeth Murphy



Shocker 46
2401 11th St.
Artist: Mona Haskins

West of Downtown Meridian

Listed in alphabetical order



47 Spirit of the Vine
4820 Poplar Springs Dr.
Artist: Teri Smith



52 Bellé Fleur
203 49th Ave. South
Artist: Mona Haskins



The Clothes Horse 48
2900 North Hills St.
Artist: Denise Dengler

Bulldog to a Degree 53
MSU-Meridian ∞ 1000 Hwy. 19 North
Artist: Todd Eldridge



54 Ebony Pride
814 45th Ave.
Artist: Ronnie MacDowell



55 Glass Menagerie
2704 8th St.
Artist: Dana Sollie Casey



61 Wild Blue
2811 Airport Rd.
Artist: Martha Hopkins



Hand Me Down 56
2716 8th St.
Artists: Residents of Hope Village



Winnie 62
1725 44th Ave.
Artist: Debbie Matthews



57 Knight Rider
West Lauderdale Elementary School ∞ 10350 Hwy. 495
Artist: Teresa Davis

Nearby Communities

Listed in alphabetical order



63 Capital
Enterprise Town Hall ∞ 500 River Rd., Enterprise, MS
Artist: Pamela Himebrook



Mr. Ed-ucation 58
Meridian Community College ∞ 910 Hwy. 19 North
Artists: MCC Art Students



Jackson 64
Stonewall Town Hall ∞ 801 Erwin Rd., Stonewall, MS
Artist: John Marshall



59 Percy's Pride
5020 Arundel Rd.
Artist: Scott Gavin



65 Spirit of Mississippi
Lauderdale County Welcome Center
I-20/59 Westbound, Toomsaba, MS
Artist: Linda Farrar



Spirit of Collinsville 60
Hwy. 19 North and West Lauderdale Rd., Collinsville, MS
Artist: Lisa Daws



Volunteer 66
Mary Carter Park
East Franklin St. and South Ferrill Ave., Quitman, MS
Artist: Becky Loper

For more information visit www.visitmeridian.com/carousel.

Downtown Meridian Walking Tour

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- 1 Lady
- 2 Blue Chip
- 3 Fair Filly
- 4 Star-Spangled Pony
- 5 Carriage Horse
- 6 Your Horseness of the Queen City
- 7 Iron Horse
- 8 Horsepower
- 9 Legacy
- 10 Caretaker
- 11 C.C. Rider
- 12 I Spy
- 13 Midas Mare

Toward Interstate from Downtown Meridian

Alphabetical order

- 14 Bolt the Colt
- 15 Fantasy Filly
- 16 Magnolia Missy
- 17 Mare-y the Mall Trotter
- 18 Quik Start
- 19 Ride with Pride
- 20 Sleepinn Beauty

North of Downtown Meridian

Alphabetical order

- 21 Al
- 22 Allie
- 23 Arion the Majestic
- 24 Awareness
- 25 Blossom
- 26 Crown of Splendor
- 27 Faith Riding Hope
- 28 Freedom
- 29 Giddy Up Van Gogh
- 30 Grand Ride
- 31 Gypsy
- 32 Homestead Horse
- 33 Horsecents
- 34 Horseplay

- 35 Kidspiration
- 36 Lightning
- 37 McTiger
- 38 Memory
- 39 Meridian's Dutchess
- 40 Mount St. Joseph
- 41 My Brother's Keeper
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West of Downtown Meridian

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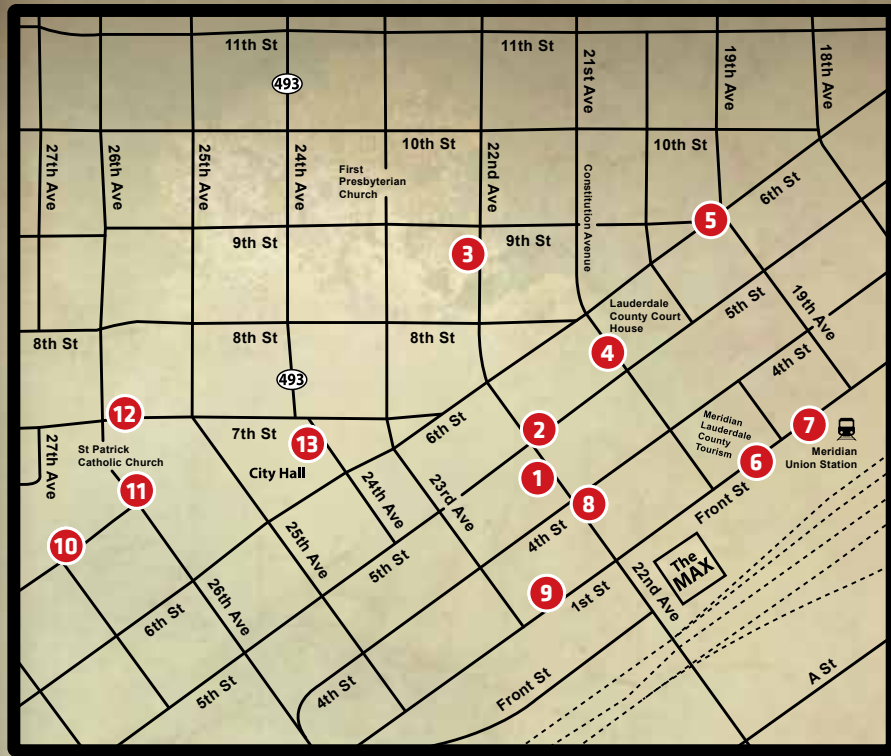
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- 58 Mr. Ed-ucation
- 59 Percy's Pride
- 60 Spirit of Collinsville
- 61 Wild Blue
- 62 Winnie
- ★ Dentzel Carousel

Nearby Communities

Alphabetical order

- 63 Capital
- 64 Jackson
- 65 Spirit of Mississippi
- 66 Volunteer





Downtown Meridian Walking Tour

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