

Baseball and cold brews seem to go hand in hand, and Birmingham has a wealth of both. Baseball buffs love the history they find at the country's oldest ballfield, and everyone is awestruck by the collection of motorcycles at Barber Vintage Motorsports Museum. Tour these places, then stop in for a cold one at a friendly local taproom.

RICKWOOD FIELD – America's oldest baseball park opened on August 10, 1910. Modeled after Forbes Field in Pittsburgh, Rickwood saw play by some of the greatest athletes in baseball history. Future hall of famers such as Ty Cobb, Christy Mathewson, and Honus "The Flying Dutchman" Wagner. During that time, the newly formed Black Barons were also drawing overflow crowds, alternating weekends with the all-white Birmingham Barons.



NEGRO SOUTHERN LEAGUE MUSEUM – Created in

1920 by a group of African American businessmen and baseball enthusiasts, the Negro Southern League

was active until 1951. More players in the league come from Birmingham's industrial league than from anywhere else. The NSL served as a feeder route for many great black baseball players to go on to the Negro American League and the Negro National League.

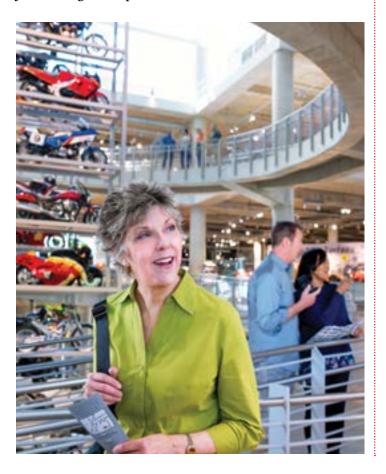


REGIONS FIELD – Home to the Double A professional baseball team, the Birmingham Barons, Regions Field is a beautiful new facility with the skyline of the city as a backdrop. With a schedule running April to early September, the Barons provide great family-friendly entertainment for residents and visitors alike. The team broke attendance records in their 1994 season when NBA superstar Michael Jordan signed with the Chicago White Sox and played for the Barons, the White Sox minor league team.



GOOD PEOPLE BREWING COMPANY – Located in

Birmingham's bustling Parkside district near Regions Field and Railroad Park, this inviting brewery serves some of the most popular beers in the state. From Snake Handler to The Bearded Lady, beer lovers find just the right recipes to suit their tastes.



AVONDALE BREWING COMPANY – Across town in the

Avondale entertainment district, Avondale Brewing has named all its beers for the folklore of the

neighborhood. Ask for a cold Miss Fancy's, named for a favorite elephant that once performed wonderous tricks at her home at the Avondale Zoo. Many stories here....



BARBER VINTAGE MOTORSPORTS MUSEUM - This

multi-story museum houses the world's largest collection of antique and contemporary motorcycles. More than 1,600 motorcycles span over 100 years of production, with 200 different manufacturers from 20 countries represented in the collection. The museum also holds the world's most extensive Lotus car collection, anchored by the Lotus 21.



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