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What is Burritt on the Mountain?

When Dr. Henry Burritt left his home and 167 acres to the City of Huntsville, Burritt on the Mountain became the first museum in Huntsville and, 66 years later, Dr. Burritt's vision has been realized as the park welcomes thousands of visitors a year. Not only is Burritt on the Mountain one of Huntsville's staple tourist attractions, it also is a vibrant center for historical, cultural, educational, and entertainment activities for visitors of all ages. Huntsville is unique in that the city proudly displays where it is going and, through Burritt, where it has been.

Looking down from the bluff, Burritt visitors can locate evidence of the city's high-tech economy: the U.S. Space & Rocket Center, a towering Saturn V rocket, NASA buildings, and an Army research and development base. Do an about face and the view shifts to 19th- and 20th-century Alabama. Historic cabins, the Old Country Church, and living farm and folk life displays dot the park, staffed with interpreters in period dress.

Whether in the Burritt Mansion, at a Folk School class, attending a children's camp or enjoying Cocktails at The View, Burritt's mantra is Heartfelt Hospitality. We think that Dr. Burritt would have wanted it that way!