

Light Up Trenton

NOVEMBER 28, 2026

4-6 PM | Reindeer Games

Celebrate the start of the season with playful holiday activity booths in Veterans Park. Nearby, Dade Elementary School hosts Sleigh the Halls with live music, festive fun and decorated hallways. Follow the snowflakes between the park and school.

6 PM | Tree Lighting

Gather at the park gazebo for the official lighting of the Christmas tree and festive lights around the downtown square. Enjoy the Salvation Army Band, followed later by New Hope Worship, opening this season's Christmas at the Courthouse.

6-8 PM | Courthouse Open House

Step inside the decorated historic courthouse, where Dade County Historical Society greeters will welcome guests and answer questions.

Presented by

Dade County Commission and Alliance for Dade.



Sleigh the Halls

NOVEMBER 28, 2026 | 4-6 PM

Follow the snowflakes!

Follow the snowflakes on the street from Veterans Park to nearby Dade Elementary School for a warm and wonderful holiday celebration.

Music, merriment & more

Enjoy live music, festive fun and beautifully decorated hallways as the school welcomes families to celebrate the season.

Hosted by

Dade Elementary School. Enjoy this celebration alongside the Reindeer Games festivities at Veterans Park from 4-6 PM.



Christmas at the Courthouse

SATURDAYS | NOVEMBER 28-DECEMBER 19

6-8 PM | Historic Courthouse

Tour rooms decorated for the season and enjoy the lights in and around the downtown square. Dade County Historical Society greeters will welcome guests each Saturday and answer questions about the building's history.

Four festive Saturdays

November 28, December 5, December 12 and December 19. Enjoy music and refreshments on select evenings, plus a special appearance by Santa during the season.

Opening night | November 28

New Hope Worship will sing as the first group of the season, following the Light Up Trenton festivities.

Special evening | December 19

Music by Opus IV String Quartet. Holiday refreshments provided compliments of the Trenton Downtown Development Authority.

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New Salem Mountain Christmas

DECEMBER 4 & 5, 2026 | 6 PM

A mountain full of holiday magic

Bring friends and family to the New Salem Mountain Christmas Light Show. Enjoy the sparkling lights and light refreshments as you get into the holiday spirit.

Location

New Salem Community Center on Highway 136, in the New Salem community on Lookout Mountain.

Free admission

The light show starts at 6 PM on December 4 and December 5.



Jolly Holiday Market

DECEMBER 5, 2026 | 9 AM-4 PM

Shop, celebrate & make memories

Returning to Dade County High School for its sixth year, the market features approximately 100 vendors and nonprofit organizations offering festive arts and crafts, sweet treats and holiday finds.

Something for everyone

Enjoy local shopping, a kids zone, Santa and his elves, door prizes and more. Admission and parking are free.

Location

Dade County High School Event Center, 300 Tradition Lane, Trenton, GA.

Presented by Alliance for Dade

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Continue the celebration

Visit Christmas at the Courthouse that evening from 6-8 PM.



Christmas Crossing

DECEMBER 12, 2026 | 3-5 PM

An afternoon of festive family fun

Join the Dade County Sheriff's Office at Veterans Park on the square in downtown Trenton for Christmas Crossing.

Free food & children's activities

Enjoy free food, fun activities for children, pictures with Santa and more.

Stay for the evening

After Christmas Crossing, enjoy the Bank of Dade-sponsored Christmas parade through downtown Trenton at 6 PM. The decorated historic courthouse will also be open from 6-8 PM with Dade County Historical Society greeters.



Dade County Christmas Parade

DECEMBER 12, 2026 | 6 PM

An American Christmas

Bank of Dade presents a hometown holiday parade commemorating America's 250th anniversary. Enjoy festive floats, twinkling lights and Christmas cheer through downtown Trenton.

Parade lineup

Lineup begins at 5 PM in the Dade County Industrial Park. For more information, contact Bank of Dade at 706-657-6842.

Before the parade | Shop and Sip

Starting at 3 PM, visit Highway 11 Graphics at 12463 N. Main Street. Enjoy hot chocolate and coffee, shop for holiday apparel and enter for door prizes every hour.

Make an afternoon of it

Christmas Crossing runs 3-5 PM in Veterans Park. Christmas at the Courthouse welcomes guests from 6-8 PM with holiday decorations and Historical Society greeters.



Rising Fawn Studio Tour

DECEMBER 12 & 13, 2026 | 10 AM-5 PM

Discover the creativity of Dade

Spend the weekend exploring Lookout Mountain's New Salem community, where more than 16 artists at six studio stops, all within three miles, welcome visitors to experience their work.

Meet the artists. Find something special.

Browse locally created painting, pottery, photography, jewelry, fiber art, mixed media, metalwork, hand-painted silk, felting, decorative gourds, textiles and more.

A gift with a local story

Meet local artists, see where they create and find unique handcrafted pieces for holiday gifts or for yourself.

Tour information

Claire Vassort | 423-243-7699
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Satur-Dade Night Market

DECEMBER 19, 2026 | 5-9 PM

Celebrate under the holiday lights

Bring the whole family to Veterans Park and Trenton Square for an evening of twinkling lights, festive music and holiday cheer. Shop local vendors for unique gifts and enjoy delicious food and warm drinks.

Holiday highlights

The entire square lit for the holidays; visits with Santa Claus; live singing and dancing; kids' activities and holiday crafts; a Vendor Decorating Contest; hot chocolate, warm drinks and festive food vendors.

Christmas at the Courthouse | 6-8 PM

Tour the decorated historic courthouse with Dade County Historical Society greeters. Enjoy special music from Opus IV String Quartet and holiday refreshments provided compliments of the Trenton Downtown Development Authority.