



Monticello, Jefferson County, FL

is located in the heart of "the other Florida", the Florida of rolling hills and stately, moss-draped oaks. Situated mid-way between Jacksonville and Pensacola, and known as the "Keystone County", it is the only county that extends from Georgia on the north to the Gulf of Mexico on the South.

Our summers are balmy and flow into cooler winter months. We enjoy a full array of temperate seasons, perfect for exploring the thousands of wooded acres and gently rolling hills with ponds and lakes of all sizes that liberally dot the landscape. Three major rivers, the Wacissa, Aucilla and St. Marks, run through miles of virtually untouched forests and marshlands and provide excellent opportunities for canoeing, kayaking and fishing. Nearby plantations offer hunting facilities. The Jefferson County Kennel Club offers greyhound racing, a poker room and fine dining.

Monticello, population of 3,500 residents, is Jefferson County's seat of government. Located just 23 miles from Tallahassee, the state's capital, the town is a perfect example of a walkable community, with stately 19th century homes, bed and breakfast inns, antique shops, government offices, an Opera House, an art gallery, and restaurants situated around a unique roundabout town center. Many of these sites are listed on the national Register of Historic Places. These structures represent some of the best architectural styles of the 1800's and most are still in use today. We boast a country club with a pool, tennis courts and a golf course for added year round enjoyment. Monticello is "the Most Haunted Small Town in America" complete with ghost tours and documented photo sightings. Plan to stay a while because there's something for every family member in this quaint, picturesque, yet progressive town.



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THE AVERA-CLARKE HOUSE BED & BREAKFAST ABOUNDS WITH SOUTHERN CHARM...

Troy and Gretchen Avera welcome you to relax and enjoy good old southern charm amidst the tall oak and magnolia trees in our secluded and spacious home located on one full acre in beautiful downtown Monticello, Florida. Our Victorian home and surroundings will remind you of life's simple pleasures and the hospitality of days gone by.



2 bedrooms with adjoining full bath

1 bedroom with full bath

Complete house with 4 bedrooms & 4 1/2 baths

Cottage 900 square feet with kitchen and 1 1/2 baths

*Reservations required
Pet & environment friendly
Call for rates today!*

History

The Avera-Clarke House was built in 1890 by Judge Thomas Clarke, a civil war veteran, who fought in the Battle for Atlanta. After the Civil War ended, he studied law in Georgia, came to Monticello in the late



1800s to open a law practice, was a signer on the Second Florida Constitution, and founded the Farmers and Merchants Bank. (FMB is still thriving and one of the oldest independent banks in Florida.) His son, S.D. Clarke, also became a Judge and was the last Clarke to occupy the House. S.D. Clarke was President of the Florida Senate for many years during the mid 1900s and ran the "Pork Chop" Gang in Florida politics.

The Cottage

Reputed to be the oldest structure in Jefferson County (ca. 1821), The Cottage was moved to the property and restored. The "Greenhouse", as it was previously known, was originally located one block southeast of the Courthouse and was the home of one of the first postmasters in Jefferson County.



The Greenhouse was scheduled to be torn down before its rescue.

The covered veranda comfortably seats 150 patrons and the cottage seats 50 patrons.



Special Occasion



Imagine your special occasion: engagement party, wedding, honeymoon, baby shower, graduation, club meeting, birthday, or anniversary on our lovely covered patio or in our quaint spacious cottage. We are fully licensed for lodging, commercial kitchen, and the serving of beer and wine. You are more than welcome in our home and surrounding grounds. Our Tea Room, Living Room and Patio, with tables and chairs are available for your use and enjoyment. The Avera-Clarke House is owner occupied, and we have tried to maintain the historical ambiance and original character of the house and grounds for you to enjoy during your stay with us.