

West Georgia Textile Heritage Trail



Bowdon

Discover Bowdon's apparel industry history on a self-guided walking tour of the West Georgia Textile Heritage Trail.

Bowdon became a manufacturing hub for men's and later women's tailored clothing in the mid- to late-twentieth century, and the industry still continues today.

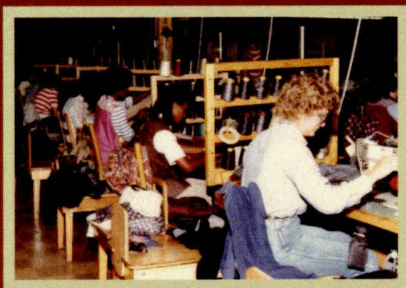
Enjoy a "behind-the-scenes" tour of the apparel manufacturing process!

"When Sewell opened up its clothing plant in Bowdon, all the women far and near that had never done anything except just stay home and farm, they all went swarming into Bowdon and got jobs."

"I cut [the coat] and I delivered it to the shops and about two weeks later he came back and said, 'Don't you want to know whose coat that was?' I said yes, I would like to know, he said, 'Well, that's President Jimmy Carter's coat'."



Plant operatives at Sewell Manufacturing Company, 1936. Courtesy Bowdon Area Historical Society.



Here in LaMar Manufacturing Company's Parts Departments No. 1, seamstresses are assembling garments. Courtesy Charles & Marjorie Middlebrooks in memory and honor of the Plunkett Family.

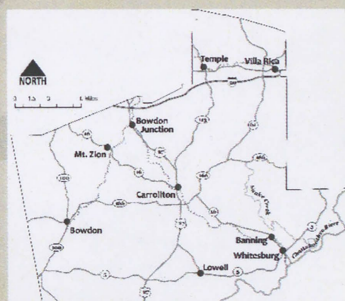
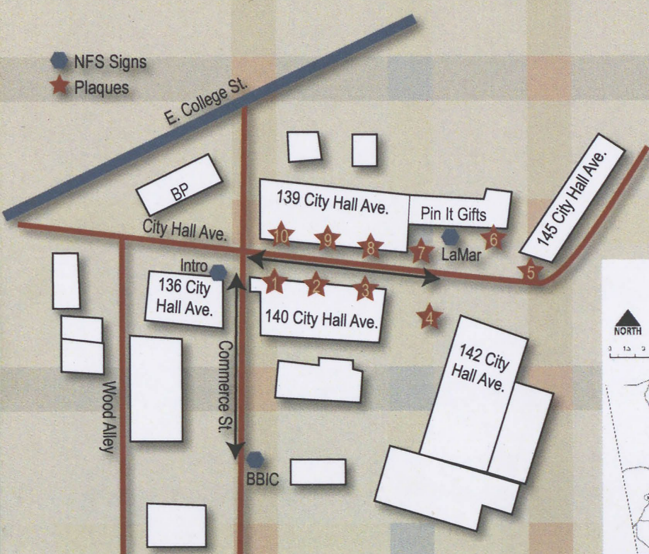
The textile industry touches us all. We invite locals and visitors alike to explore and share their connections to this story, as well as discover the landscapes and cultures along the Textile Trail.

Bowdon's Apparel Industry

Use this map to explore Bowdon Station, which preserves many historic buildings connected with this industry. The walking tour includes three wayside signs, shown on the map below, and plaques on the historic industrial buildings along City Hall Avenue.

You'll discover the shops and home of Bowdon's textile companies, including LaMar Manufacturing and Bremen-Bowdon Investment Companies.

Start your tour at the City Hall at 136 City Hall Ave.



Enjoy visiting the shops, restaurants, and historical signs and plaques of Bowdon Station or you can extend your experience by seeing more of the apparel industry story here:

- Bowdon Area Historical Society Museum, by appointment
105 College View Street
- Warren Sewell Memorial Library, Special Collections
450 West Avenue

To learn more about Bowdon's textile story, visit our website at <http://westgatextiletrail.com/bowdon/>



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