



Land of Legendary Sights, Legends and Outdoor Adventures

Northwest Georgia is your premier destination for adventure! Experience the beauty of our rivers, lakes and waterfalls. Enjoy a variety of fun from vineyards to orchards; train rides to roller coasters. Take in the picturesque beauty of wildlife and foliage at our mountains, parks, and trails.

Discover The History Of Some Cool Towns

See and experience how our history was shaped by early native tribes; traverse our historic downtowns characterized by Georgian, Neo-classical and Greek Revival architecture and learn the unique stories that have shaped our diverse industries, arts and culture.

Surprising Destinations

With mild seasons, anytime is a great time to visit Northwest Georgia! Events and festivals are held year around and offer great opportunities to experience southern style cuisines, spirits and shopping!

Enjoy The Perfect Getaway

Centrally located between Atlanta, Birmingham and Chattanooga; Northwest Georgia is an easy and perfect getaway! Choose from beautiful hotels, mountain cabins and cozy bed and breakfast locations; we have accommodations for all occasions.



Pet-friendly

Traveling is more fun when you bring your furry family members! Our region offers pet-friendly accommodations, dining and shopping. Fido will also love our dog parks, trails and pet-friendly events.

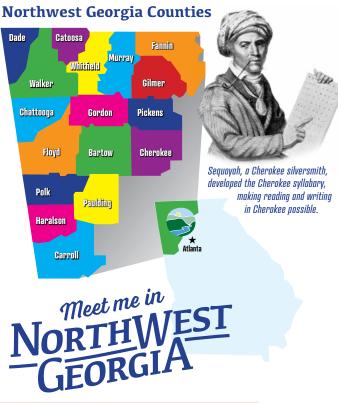


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Sights & Attractions



Bartow History Museum

4 E Church Street, Cartersville 770-387-2774 • BartowHistoryMuseum.org Bartow History Museum takes visitors on a journey through over 200 years of history from the time of the Cherokee through the present.



Booth Western Art Museum

501 Museum Drive, Cartersville
770-387-1300 • BoothMuseum.org
Explore the West without leaving the South at
Booth Museum – Smithsonian Affiliate, 2016
Southeast Travel Attraction of the Year and
Best Western Museum in America!



Chieftains Museum/Major Ridge Home

501 Riverside Pkwy NE, Rome
762-327-6124 • ChieftainsMuseum.org
The museum presents interpretive exhibits,
educational programs, and special events
that pertain to the Ridge family and Cherokee
history and culture.



Downtown Cartersville

1 Friendship Plaza, Cartersville 770-607-3480 • DowntownCartersville.org A vibrant historic district with restaurants & unique retail shops, a brewery, a wine and craft beer tasting room, art galleries, a Smithsonianaffiliate museum, and so much more!



Fainting Goat Vineyards

201 Vineyard Way, Pickens 706-692-9463 • FaintingGoatVineyardsAndWinery.com Family-owned boutique vineyard nestled on the side of Burnt Mountain in picturesque North Georgia; created with a passion for great wine and love for the earth.



Funk Heritage Center (Reinhardt University) 7300 Reinhardt Circle, Waleska 770-720-5970 • Reinhardt.edu/funkheritage/

The Funk Heritage Center is located on the campus of Reinhardt University in Waleska. The museum is Georgia's Frontier and Southeastern Indian Interpretive Center.



Gibbs Gardens

1987 Gibbs Drive, Ball Ground 770-893-1880 • GibbsGardens.com Gibbs Gardens – 220 acres of spectacular gardens. Open March to mid-December. 20 Million daffodils, 2,000 Japanese maples, Monet Bridge and more.



205 Horseshoe Dam Road, Whitesburg 770-834-9149 • HistoricBanningMills.com Historic Banning Mills, an adventure resort offering a plethora of exciting outdoor experiences and overnight lodging, creating the perfect getaway for family and friends!



Lookout Mountain Flight Park

7201 Scenic Highway, Rising Fawn 706-383-1292 • FlyLookout.com America's #1 Hang Gliding School and Resort since 1978. No experience necessary. Come see why more people come to FLY LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN.



Luxury Focus Safaris

100 Blue Ridge Drive, McCaysville Luxury-Focus-Safaris.com

Passion, expertise, reputation and knowledge. These are the things that set us apart, with more than three decades of experience working with some of the best brands in Africa.



New Echota Historic Site, Friends of

1211 GA 225, Calhoun

706-624-1321 • GaStateParks.Org/NewEchota New Echota was the capital of the Cherokee Nation from 1825 to their forced removal in the 1830s. Located just north of Calhoun, Georgia.



Noble Hill - Wheeler Memorial Center

2361 Joe Frank Harris Parkway, Cassville 770-382-3392 • NobleHillWheeler.org A restored Rosenwald School built in 1923 as the first school for black students in Bartow County.



Paradise Garden

200 North Lewis Street, Summerville 706-808-0800 • ParadiseGardenFoundation.org Historic 4-acre home, museum and outdoor art environment of Rev. Howard Finster (1916-2001), Creator of album covers for R.E.M., Talking Heads and 46.991 works of art. Three Airbnb overnight lodgings.



Prater's Mill Historic Site

5845 Highway 2, Dalton 706-694-6455 • PratersMill.org Historic grist mill built in 1855 and park. Grounds open daily to enjoy fishing, picnicking and walking trails. Hosts annual Country Fair each October.





Sights & Attractions



Reformation Brewery

105 Elm Street, Woodstock & 141 Railroad Street, Canton 678-341-0828 • ReformationBrewery.com
Timeless, inspiring craft beer for the reformer in everyone.

Timeless, inspiring craft beer for the reformer in everyone. Weaving brewing with living, we declare well made beer is a good gift and should be free from fear, noise, and neglect.



Riverwalk Shops

1720 S. Scenic Highway, McCaysville 706-964-8800 • RiverwalkShops.com

Nestled along Georgia's northern stateline, Riverwalk Shops will delight families with riverfront dining, boutique shopping, and the region's largest live music venue!



Rose Lawn Museum

224 W Cherokee Avenue, Cartersville
770--387-5162 • RoseLawnMuseum.com
1859 Victorian house museum in Cartersville, GA
is the former home of Evangelist, Sam P. Jones.



Savoy Automobile Museum

3 Savoy Lane, Cartersville 770-416-1500 • SavoyMuseum.org

A world-class museum connecting people to the cultural diversity of the automobile.



See Rock City

1400 Patten Road, Lookout Mountain 706-820-2531 / 800-854-0675 • SeeRockCity.com Explore botanical and geological wonders and see the legendary 7 states view. Open daily at 8:30 a.m., with seasonal closing times.



Tellus Science Museum

100 Tellus Drive, Cartersville 770-606-5700 • TellusMuseum.org

Tellus Science Museum is a Smithsonian Affiliate museum. See full-size dinosaurs, Apollo capsule, and Wright flyer, in addition to Georgia gold!



The Falls at Whitetail Ranch

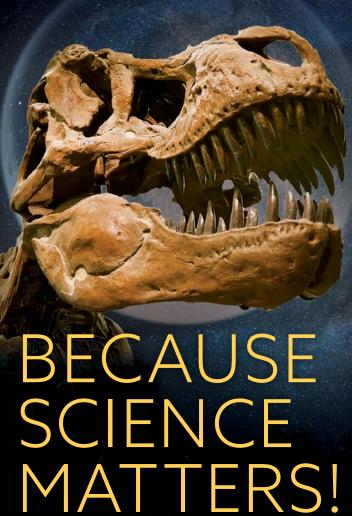
565 Owens Gin Road NE, Calhoun 678-477-1925 • The Fallsat White tail Ranch.com Beautiful property, with sparkling lake, many trees, large bridal house with wrap around porch and

outdoor covered event venue.



Western & Atlantic Railroad Tunnel

215 Clisby Austin Drive, Tunnel Hill 706-876-1571 • CivilWarRailroadTunnel.com Historic tunnel and site of a famous Civil War locomotive raid, offering guided tours and exhibits.



I-75 EXIT 293

100 TELLUS DRIVE | CARTERSVILLE, GA 770-606-5700

OPEN DAILY 10AM-5PM



tellusmuseum.org





State Parks, Historic Sites & National Parks GuStateParks.org • 800-864-7275 (* has lodging)

*Cloudland Canyon State Park

122 Cloudland Canyon Park Road, Rising Fawn 706-657-4050 • GaStateParks.org/CloudlandCanyon Lookout Mountain, rugged geology, scenic vistas, elevation 800 - 1,980 ft., cottages, campsites, group lodge, pioneer campsite, picnic, hiking, disc golf, biking, horse trails, caving.

*Fort Mountain State Park

181 Fort Mountain Park Road, Chatsworth 706-422-1932 • GaStateParks.org/FortMountain

In Chattahoochee National Forest: cottages, campsites, a lake with a beach for swimming, hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding, fishing, kayaking, SUP rentals and miniature golf.

*James H. (Sloppy) Floyd State Park

2800 Sloppy Floyd Lake Road, Summerville 706-857-0826 • GaStateParks.org/JamesHFloyd

1.6 mile hike to Pinhoti Trail, cottages, campsites, two stocked lakes, pedal boats, playgrounds, kayaks, pioneer campground, picnic shelters.

*Red Top Mountain State Park

50 Lodge Road, Cartersville

770-975-4226 • GaStateParks.org/RedTopMountain

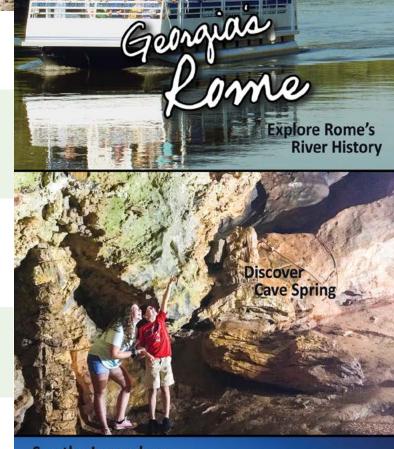
Cottages, campsites, yurt, picnic/group shelters, 2 pioneer campgrounds, 12 miles of hiking trails, swimming beach, reconstructed 1860s log cabin, 3/4 mile paved trail suitable for wheelchairs & strollers on Lake Allatoona.

Chattahoochee National Forest

fs.usda.gov/conf

The Chattahoochee National Forest contains about 750,000 acres in North Georgia, offering hundreds of developed campsites, picnic sites, trails, lakes and streams. Primitive camping is allowed anywhere in the National Forest (unless posted otherwise) and a permit is not needed for a campfire. Contact the appropriate ranger district office below for specific information.

Armuchee-Cohutta Ranger District - Chatsworth 706-695-6736 Toccoa Ranger District - Blue Ridge 706-632-3031



See the Legendary Ford Building



Plan Your Visit Now! RomeGeorgia.org 800-444-1834





State Parks, Historic Sites & National Parks Continued

Chickamauga & Chattanooga National Military Park

3370 LaFayette Road, Fort Oglethorpe

706-866-9241 • nps.gov/chch

The U.S. first and largest NMP features Visitor Center film, 7-mile self-guided auto-tour, 1,000+ monuments, historical tablets, scenic vistas, hiking trails and horse trails. Daily 8:30 a.m.- 5 p.m. Handicap Accessible.

Chief Vann House Historic Site

82 Ga. Highway 225 N, Chatsworth

706-695-2598 • GaStateParks.org/ChiefVannHouse

Cherokee plantation home built by Chief Joseph Vann.

Thurs. – Sat. 9 a.m.- 5 p.m., Sundays 1 p.m.- 5 p.m.

December-March, closed on Sundays. Admission Charged Handicap accessible.

Etowah Indian Mounds Historic Site

813 Indian Mounds Road SW. Cartersville

770-387-3747 • GaStateParks.org/EtowahlndianMounds

The "Ancient Indian City," home to thousands of Native Americans between 1000-1560 A.D., most intact Mississippian culture site in Southeast, museum, 6 mounds, and river trail.

Tues.- Sat. 9 a.m.- 5 p.m., Admission Charged

New Echota Historic Site

I-75 Exit 317, 1211 Chatsworth Hwy 225 NE, Calhoun 706-624-1321 • GaStateParks.org/NewEchota

Beginning of the infamous "Trail of Tears", Capital of the Cherokee Nation - Visitor Center, exhibits/film, 12 historic/reconstructed buildings, walking tour, one-mile nature trail. Tues.-Sat. 9 a.m.- 5 p.m., Sundays 1 p.m.- 5 p.m., December-March, closed on Sundays. Admission Charged, Handicap accessible.

Pickett's Mill Battlefield Historic Site

4432 Mt. Tabor Church Road, Dallas

770-443-7850 • GaStateParks.org/PickettsMillBattlefield

One of the nation's best-preserved battlefields; interpretive museum, original earthworks, four miles of hiking trails.

Thurs.-Sat. 9 a.m.- 5 p.m., Admission Charged Handicap accessible.









Land of Adventure

OUTDOOR RECREATION

Appalachian Trail

The People's Path, and America's First National Scenic Trail. A public footpath across 2,155 miles of Appalachian Mountain from Katahdin, Maine to Springer Mountain, GA. A vision of regional planner Benton MacKaye, this trail winds through scenic wooded lands offering a treat for many wishing to escape urban life. Primarily used for day hikes, nature enthusiasts have been known to pack the entire route. 304-535-6331, AppalachianTrail.org

Benton MacKaye Trail

The trail is named for the man who proposed the Appalachian Trail. While the Appalachian Trail follows the eastern crest of the Appalachian Mountains, the Benton MacKaye follows the western crest.

Approximately 50 miles Cities: Blue Ridge-Dahlonega-Ellijay, bmta.org

Pinhoti Trail

This multistate, multipurpose trail connects Alabama to the west with the southern terminus of the Appalachian Trail at Springer Mountain, GA. This route uses the Benton MacKaye Trail to connect to the Appalachian Trail. Forest trails, woods roads, county roads, and limited segments of highways comprise these trails. Much of the Pinhoti Trail (outside the Armuchee Ranger District of the Chattahoochee National Forest) is still under development. Road walks do not currently have Pinhoti Trail marking since the route along roads is considered interim. 706-766-3800, GeorgiaPinhoti.org

Silver Comet Trail

Imagine gliding along on your bike through the north Georgia countryside, crossing a 500-foot-long trestle over a rushing river below, winding between rock cliffs and weaving among tall stately pines. The 60 miles of the Silver Comet Trail in Georgia is closed to motor vehicles. The trail begins near the intersection of Mt. Paran Road and Northside Parkway in Cobb County, and runs west through Rockmart and Cedartown to the Alabama border. From there, it will join the Chief Ladiga trail being built in Alabama. SilverCometGa.com

Keown Falls in LaFayette is open seasonally and features unique rock bluffs, and a high-elevation swamp formed from natural springs. Sightseers will enjoy an abundance of wildflowers and shrubs. 706-695-6736, GeorgiaTrails.com/trails/keown.html

Pine Mountain Recreation Area

This trail system includes 11 miles of hiking and mountain biking trails that are both rugged and challenging, taking you to Cartersville's highest point at 1,562' above sea level overlooking Allatoona Lake, Cartersville and the Historic Etowah River Valley below. Bike usage allowed on Wednesdays. and Saturdays only.

770-387-5626, CityofCartersville.org/459/Pine-Mountain-Hikes





Land of Adventure Continued

Pigeon Mountain in LaFayette boasts the deepest cave in the world, Ellison Cave, plus horseback riding trails, hiking, and primitive camping. Open year-round. 706-295-6041

Trails.com/tcatalog_trail.aspx?trailid=BGD041-069

Hidden Creek area of the Chattahoochee National Forest is an easily accessible area for camping, hiking and picnics. 706-695-6736, fs.usda.gov.conf

Marshall Forest Preserve is a national natural preserve that features a Braille trail. 800-444-1834, Horseleg Creek Road, Rome

Jackson Hill Confederate Site

Historic Confederate Fort during the Civil War; original trenches remain in tact throughout the site. Five miles of mountain biking and hiking trails. Several historic sites including Civil War markers and cannons. 706-295-5576, 402 Civic Center Drive, Rome

The **McIntosh Reserve** in Whitesburg, near Carrollton, comprises 487 acres adjacent to the Chattahoochee River offering miles of hiking and horse trails, fishing, picnic area and weekend camping. 770-830-5879 CarrollCountyGa.com/home/mcintosh.htm

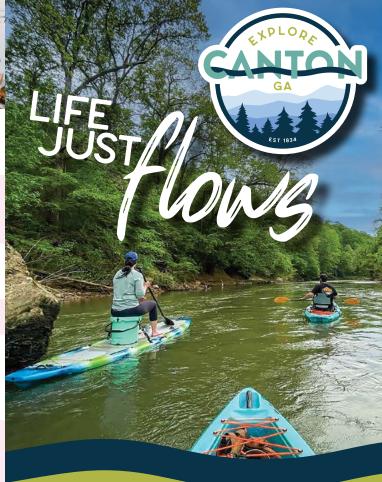
Lookout Mountain Flight Park is the largest and most popular full-time hang gliding school and resort in the United States. Each year, the school teaches, certifies and solos five times as many pilots as any other school. Hang gliders launch from 1,340-foot McCarty's Bluff, and the flight park includes a 110-acre mountain resort with camping and lodging conveniently located in its landing zone.

7201 Scenic Highway, Rising Fawn, 706-383-1292, FlyLookout.com

GOLF

Fine courses await your A-game in almost every community in the 17-county area of the Historic High Country. Request more info about golf experiences at VisitNWGA.com





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BOOGIE AND DINE AT FIRST FRIDAYS



FLOAT DOWN
THE ETOWAH RIVER



Mountains High. Rivers Wide. Southern Deep!





Land of Adventure Continued

LAKES, RIVERS, FISHING, AND BOATING

George Washington Carver Park established in 1950 on Allatoona Lake as Georgia's First State Park for African Americans, this historic site now welcomes all to its beach and indoor special events pavilion. The Beach is open Memorial Day-September; boat launch open year-round; Indoor special event pavilion available for rent year-round. 770-387-1357; VisitCartersvilleGA.org/connections/name/bartow-carver-park/

Lake Allatoona offers many boat launch ramps, public beaches, fishing areas, full-service marinas, boat rentals, lake side campsites, and picnic shelters in Cartersville, Canton, and Acworth. The Lake Allatoona Visitor Center is open daily in Cartersville (I-75 Exit 290, right on Spur 20, 4 miles) and is the first resource for information. 678-721-6700, Recreation.gov

Lake Blue Ridge offers boating, fishing, swimming, camping and picnic sites with full pool water levels Spring-Fall. A full-service marina is open Tuesday-Sunday. The Toccoa River, also in Blue Ridge, offers guided trout fishing trips daily, plus tubing and canoeing year-round. Nearby companies offer whitewater rafting trips. 800-899-MTNS, BlueRidgeMountains.com

Carters Lake between Chatsworth and Ellijay is the deepest lake east of the Mississippi and offers swimming, boating, camping, fishing, hiking, mountain biking, cabins & marina. 706-334-2248, Recreation.gov

Lake Conasauga is Georgia's highest elevated lake 3150 ft above sea level and allows swimming, boating, fishing, hiking, mountain biking, kayaking. 706-695-6060, fs.usda.gov/conf

Howard's Waterfall Cave Preserve

Located in Trenton, Howard's is a horizontal cave and waterfall explored by novice and experienced cavers alike. It extends for three miles. Inside the cave, there is a large steel gate built to protect a small area of the cave that contains panels of wall inscriptions written in the Cherokee Syllabary. A permit is required, 423-771-9671, SaveYourCaves.org

The **Etowah River Water Trail** is a 163-mile long water trail and provides a course through one of the nation's most biologically diverse rivers. For an interactive map of launch sites, take outs, rapids, dams and points of interest, plan your adventure at EtowahWaterTrail.org

Rocky Mountain Recreation Area features two lakes with fishing jetties, boat ramp, beach, picnic shelters, scenic overlooks, hiking trails, tent & RV camping, group primitive camping, and group picnic area. North on US Highway 27 for 10.4 miles, left on Sike Storey Road 0.4 miles, left on Big Texas Valley Road 5.4 miles to entrance. 706-802-5087, GeorgiaWildlife.com

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Located on Lake Allatoona, just 35 minutes northwest of Atlanta - Find craft brews, authentic shops & restaurants, miles of trails and a vibrant music & arts scene.



Plan Your Adventure





Driving Trails

Blue and Gray Trail

Follow Civil War history through 100 miles of High Country. Revisit the campaign that brought the Civil War to an end, experiencing nationally recognized battle sites and poignant chapters in our nation's history. This trail is nationally recognized on the Civil War Discovery Trail.

BlueAndGrayTrail.com

Chickamauga Campaign Heritage Trail
It marks the route of the Union and
Confederate soldiers from Chattanooga
through Northwest Georgia counties,
ending at the location of the great Battle
of Chickamauga. Approximately 75
miles (in Georgia) Cities:
Chattanooga, Chickamauga,
Lafayette, Ringgold, Fort Oglethorpe,
Summerville, Trenton
ChickamaugaCampaign.org

Chieftain's Trail

The Chieftain's Trail is a 150-mile loop driving tour which interprets the native civilizations of the region. Discover the Cherokee and earlier Indian cultures and the suspenseful events that led up to the tragic "Trail of Tears."

VisitNWGA.com

Cohutta Chattahoochee Scenic Byway is 54 miles of natural beauty and historic discovery in the rural communities surrounding the cities of Dalton and Chatsworth in northwest Georgia. Built into the very fabric and heritage of the land and its people are the scenic, cultural, recreational, archeological, historic and natural treasures often missed on the routes most traveled. 706-694-6455

GaScenicByway.Org

Dixie Highway

Drive through history along "the granddaddy of I-75", the first interstate to reach into the south connecting Michigan to Florida. Explore battlefields and Peacock Alley. Route passes through Ringgold, Tunnel Hill, Rocky Face, Dalton, Resaca, Calhoun, Adairsville, Cassville, Cartersville, Emerson, and Acworth. Facebook.com/

North Georgia Garden Trail

Southern Appalachia is known for its abundance of history, culture and natural beauty. North Georgia lies in the shadow of the Blue Ridge Mountains and dotted throughout this region are formal, butterfly, herb and native plant gardens, just to name a few. From whimsical to well-planned, each garden has its own story to tell. ExploreGeorgia.org/gainesville/arts-culture/cultural-trails-tours/north-georgia-garden-trail

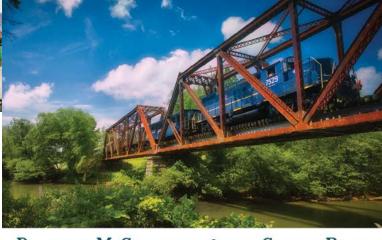
Georgia Civil War Heritage Trails, Inc

Interprets Georgia's Civil War era along its historic routes, while leading visitors on an experience back in time. gcwht.org

Lookout Mountain Parkway

This tri-state driving route along 100-mile long, scenic Lookout Mountain cuts through the northwestern corner of Georgia. Attractions along the route include well-known Rock City and Cloudland Canyon State Park. 706-657-4488

LookoutMountainParkway.org



DISCOVER McCaysville & the Copper Basin

Only 10 miles from Blue Ridge



Pick up a
Walking Map
at the Visitor
Center







Driving Trails

Georgia Mountain Parkway

Georgia's favorite scenic drive follows Interstate 575 from Atlanta northward on the Georgia Mountain Parkway. Along the way the route offers beautiful mountain views, wildflowers, apple orchards, festivals, antiques, and galleries – and a wealth of opportunities for outdoor exploration and adventure. Download the Georgia Mountain Parkway map to assist in your trip planning in Georgia's Blue Ridge BlueRidgeMountains.com/plan-your-trip/getting-here/

Old Federal Road

Welcome to the route of the old Federal Road. In 1805, the United States and the Cherokee Nation agreed in the Treaty of Tellico to establish the Federal Road through Cherokee territory.

Approximately 144 miles Cities: Flowery Branch-Rossville

Scenic Hometown Highway 27

Take an enjoyable alternate route to I-75 in West Georgia along the Scenic Hometown Highway - US Hwy 27 Approximately 365 miles Cities: Ringgold- Bainbridge

Southern Highroads

A multi-state scenic loop tour through beautiful rural mountain communities. Visitors will enjoy

beautiful scenery, rivers and lakes, National Forests, quaint small towns with many antique shops. 706-633-6706

SouthernHighRoads.org

Trail of Tears Driving Route

The Trail of Tears Association and its Georgia chapter are dedicated to telling this story of Indian Removal in the Southeast through digital tours. signage, wayside exhibits, museum exhibits, and special events, which can found at various sites throughout Northwest Georgia. The Trail of Tears is now a federally recognized National Historic Trail administered by the National Park Service, covering over 5,045 miles across nine states, interpreting what has long been recognized as a pivotal event in the history of our nation. A digital cell phone tour, developed by the Funk Heritage Center and the Georgia chapter of the Trail of Tears Association, with funding from the Georgia Humanities, gives visitors a better understanding of the circumstances leading up to the Cherokee Removal. The tour can be found at Georgia-Humanities.opentour. site/trail-of-tears-indian-removal-ingeorgia

Lodging (Preferred Partners)

Fairfield Inn & Suites

390 Match Point Way NE, Rome 706-235-9100

Marriott.com/en-us/hotels/charm-fairfield-inn-and-suites-rome/overview/

Our hotel incorporates the history and values of Berry College along with the beauty of simplicity that is Fairfield's heritage.

Howard Finster's Paradise Garden

200 N Lewis Street, Summerville 706-808-0800

Paradise Garden Foundation.org

Stay with us at Paradise Garden and enjoy a place like no other. Called "The Taos of the South," your stay includes admission and unlimited access to Rev. Howard Finster's Paradise Garden.





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Civil Illar Events

Civil War Show and Sale

First weekend in February **Dalton Convention Center** 2211 Dug Gap Battle Road, Dalton 800-824-7469

VisitDaltonGa.com

Over 400 tables with thousands of Civil War artifacts on display and for sale. Free lecture program.

Battle of Resaca Civil War Reenactment

Third weekend in May Chitwood Road, Resaca 706-625-3200

GeorgiaDivision.org/bor reenactment.html

Relive the first major battle of the Atlanta Campaign of 1864 held on 650 acres of the original battlefield. Nearby sites include Fort Wayne, Confederate Cemetery and the Resaca Battlefield Park.

Chickamauga and Chattanooga **National Military Park** 3370 LaFayette Road, Fort Oglethorpe nps.gov/chch

Special living history programs during the year and for the September and November 1863 battle anniversaries.

War Between the States Days Third Weekend in September

217 Cove Road, Chickamauga 800-487-4728

CityOfChickamauga.org

Reenactors come from all over the country outfitted in authentic Union and Confederate uniforms and set up camp in front of the Gordon Lee Mansion. Visitors get a glimpse of what the area was like when the Civil War came to this part of the country.

Battle of Allatoona Pass Remembered

First Saturday-Sunday in October 50 Lodge Road SE, Cartersville 770-975-0055

GaStateParks.org/RedTopMountain

One of the bloodiest battles of the Civil War and the inspiration for the song "Hold the Fort," the Battle of Allatoona Pass was fought on October 5, 1864. Two original earthen forts and trench works remain, making it one of the most pristine battlefields in the nation. Monuments commemorate both armies.

Battle of Ringgold Gap Civil War Reenactment

October

Robin Road, Ringgold RinggoldGap.webs.com

Reenactment of the astonishing Confederate victory led by General Patrick Cleburne at Ringgold Gap.

Old Cassville Cemetery Luminaries First Saturday in November

678-800-3214

CassvilleHistoricalSociety.com

Beginning at dusk at the Cassville Confederate Cemetery, the historical society remembers the burning of Cassville during the Civil War. Only three houses and churches escaped the flames.

Tunnel Hill Reenactment

Weekend following Labor Day 215 Clisby Austin Road, Tunnel Hill 706-876-1571

BattleOfTunnelHill.com

Battle reenactment and living history, Civil War era tunnel tours and museum. Live authentic music



and period ball dance. Open daily Monday-Saturday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.



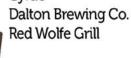


Historic Tours

W&A Railroad Tunnel Prater's Mill Textile Heritage









VisitDaltonGa.com



BARTOW COUNTY

Exits 288, 290, 293

Cartersville, Adairsville

VisitCartersvilleGa.org DowntownCartersville.org

Cartersville is home to a number of award winning museums, including Tellus Science Museum, Booth Western Art Museum, and Savoy Automobile Museum. Set aside time for visiting historical landmarks, including the Rose Lawn Museum, George Washington Carver Park, and the Etowah Indian Mounds. Also, enjoy outdoor adventures at Lake Allatoona. hiking / biking / fishing at Red Top Mountain State Park, and kayaking the Etowah River. Enjoy a culinary scene with over a dozen chef-owned restaurants, fashionable boutiques. farmer's markets, festivals, and live music concerts!

CATOOSA COUNTY

Exits 345, 348, 350, 353

Ringgold, Fort Oglethorpe

CatoosaChamberOfCommerce.com

Known as Georgia's Gateway, this area easily connects to Chattanooga and Atlanta, You'll find breathtaking pastoral views, hometown friendliness, and countless outdoor adventures. Historic downtown Ringgold has shopping, dining, and a mural celebrating the location of Dolly Parton's wedding! The city of Fort Oglethorpe has a military history dating back to the Civil War. In 1895, Congress established the Chickamauga National Military Park to preserve the land and honor those who had fought and died there in the Civil War.

CARROLL COUNTY

Exits 19, 24

Carrollton, Villa Rica

CarrolltonGA.com • VillaRica.org

Just west of Atlanta, Carrollton offers restaurants. live entertainment, wineries / breweries, plus multiple parks. Visitors can jog or bike the famous GreenBelt, which includes the best-instate disc-golf course and the world's longest tree canopy zip line, at Historic Banning Mills. Find exciting events at The Amp soundstage and The Southeastern Quilt & Textile Museum. Villa Rica is home to Coca-Cola legend Asa Candler, gospel music founder Thomas A. Dorsey, and location of the state's first gold strike! Learn more at the Pine Mountain Gold Museum.

Destinations Listed below are participating areas in our region that offer unique to unique populations that offer unique tourism opportunities.

CHATTOOGA COUNTY

Exits 224, 231

Summerville

SummervilleGa.org

Summerville is home to beautiful Dowdy Park, featuring a historic railroad 'turntable'. Just down the road is Paradise Garden, the home and museum of world famous folk artist Howard Finster! His art has been featured on a number of album covers. including those of R.E.M. and Talking Heads. If you love the outdoors, hike into history along the Marble Mine Trail at James H. "Sloppy" Floyd State Park.

CHEROKEE COUNTY

5 Exits 277, 288, 290 **5** Exits 4-27 Ball Ground, Canton, Holly Springs,

Weleska and Woodstock

DestinationCherokeeGA.com

ExploreCantonGA.com • VisitWoodstockGa.com

Minutes from Atlanta, "Where Metro meets the Mountains!" You'll find a perfect getaway with outdoor adventure, craft breweries / wineries. dog friendly downtowns, live music, and entertainment options galore! Woodstock is home to The Outlet Shoppes at Atlanta, world class mountain bike trails, and a walkable downtown with year-round festivals and award-winning Reformation Brewery. In Canton, you'll find a friendly downtown with great shopping, dining, events, arts and exceptional parks that include scenic views of foothills and the Etowah River. Just on the outskirts in Ball Ground you'll find world famous Gibbs Gardens and for Cherokee heritage the Funk Heritage Center in Weleska.

DADE COUNTY 59 Exit 11

Trenton

AllianceForDade.com

Famous for bluegrass, Civil War sites, and outdoor recreation, this serene, fertile valley rests at the foothills of Appalachia, between the peaks of Lookout Mountain and the stately plateaus of Sand Mountain. If it's an outdoor activity, you can probably do it here: hike, bike, camp, golf, fish, spelunk, and rappel. But that's not all, Lookout Mountain Flight Park is among the world's largest training facility for hang gliding! Trenton offers a more relaxed experience with plenty of boutique shops, art festivals, and an outdoor theater. Be sure visit Cloudland Canyons State Park as the views and waterfalls are spectacular.

FANNIN COUNTY

Exit - End of GA State Route 515

Blue Ridge, McCaysville

BlueRidgeMountains.com

This region truly 'tops' the state, with cozy mountain cabins, scenic railways, world class whitewater rafting, rejuvenating waterfalls, and the best trout fishing. In the romantic downtown of Blue Ridge. sample craft breweries/wineries, visit upscale shops & galleries, and savor the fine dining. It's no wonder they were recognized by Southern Living Magazine as one the South's Best Mountain Towns! Just up the road is McCaysville and sister-city Copperhill, TN, a community united by the Toccoa River and historic steel-truss bridge. Anchoring the block is Riverwalk Shops, with the area's largest riverdeck and biggest live music venue.

FLOYD COUNTY

Exits 290, 312

Rome

RomeGeorgia.org DowntownRomeGA.us

The vibrant city of Rome is surrounded by seven hills and three rivers. Discover the city's rich, cultural history at the Rome Area History Center and the Chieftains Museum/Major Ridge Home. Stroll through the historic downtown that includes a Capitoline Wolf statue, donated by 'old' Rome and the famous Clocktower! You'll also enjoy a variety of charming eateries and boutiques, plus live music and theatre venues. Easily access the ECO Greenway multi-purpose trail or access the rivers to paddle, float and fish, Visit Berry College for wildlife viewing, hiking and biking. All roads lead to Rome!

GILMER COUNTY

Exit - Off GA State Route 515

Ellijay

GilmerChamber.com

For generations, this region has been known for an agricultural way of life. Today, those grape vines have grown in to great wine! Visitors are encouraged to explore wineries, farm stays, and apple-picking! You'll find acclaimed hiking trails. heirloom orchards, delightful vineyards, tranquil rivers, & charming cabins. At the heart of it all is the city of Ellijay, called by some a modern day "Mayberry" with a historic town square dotted with fun dining spots and boutique shopping.

GORDON COUNTY

Exits 310, 312, 315, 318, 320

Calhoun, Resaca

ExploreGordonCounty.com

Enjoy calmer days and a relaxed pace of life. The city of Calhoun has plenty of lodging and dining

choices including famous Dub's High on the Hog BBQ. Paddle rivers, or hike and bike scenic nature trails. Enjoy acclaimed entertainment and marvel at the artistry of The ROCK Garden. For those who love shopping, you'll find unique shops downtown and great deals at the Calhoun Outlet Marketplace. History enthusiasts and hikers will enjoy the Resaca Battlefield Historic Site with six miles of trails where much of the heaviest fighting occurred at the start of Sherman's Atlanta Campaign.

PICKENS COUNTY

क्रिं Exit - End of GA State Route 515

Discover a hidden iewel in this beautiful region. Home to adventure, relaxation, shopping. dining, and festivals, plus an amazing history! Founded in 1857, Jasper is known as the First Mountain City and features wine tastings, the Sharptop Distilling Company, and the historic Woodbridge Inn & Tavern. Visit the world's largest marble quarry where every Fall, visitors are allowed in during the Annual Georgia Marble Festival. This marble has been used to create historic architecture & monuments around the world. In powder form used in paints and even toothpaste!

WALKER COUNTY 75 Exit 350 27 Exit 174

LaFayette, Lookout Mountain

WalkerCoChamber.com

Nestled in the mountains of Northwest Georgia, just minutes from Chattanooga, Tennessee, visit an area filled with scenic beauty, hospitality and history! Lookout Mountain has enchanted travelers since the 1800s! Today, this spot is known around the world for Rock City and their incredible gardens.

WHITFIELD COUNTY

Exits 326, 328, 333, 341

Dalton, Tunnel Hill

VisitDaltonGa.com

DowntownDalton.com

The Cherokee called this area The Enchanted Lands for the natural beauty. Visitors can see all of this beauty for themselves by hiking, biking, fishing, kayaking, and camping! Over time, the city of Dalton was revolutionized by textile production, becoming the Carpet Capital of the World! Come visit and be "floored" by southern hospitality mixed with a modern flair. Downtown Dalton is home to the Burr Performing Arts Park, fine dining, and breweries. This area also saw several Civil War events, including the famous "Locomotive Chase" in 1862, now memorialized at the Western and Atlantic Railroad Tunnel and Heritage Center.

Legendary Festivals & Events

From free outdoor concerts downtown to tasty Southern style BBQ competitions – Northwest Georgia is the home of legendary festival events. Where else can you attend a Scarecrow Festival or a New Year's Possum Drop? Scan the QR Code or visit the

VisitNWGA.com

website to get all the latest information on these and other events.



Hike, Bike, & Run

HIKE

17Hikes: 17Hikes.com. Join the challenge, visit ALL 17 counties in NorthWest Georgia for some outdoor fun.

BIKE

Hiram, Dallas, Rockmart, Cedartown: The Silver Comet Trail - SilverCometGA. com 61.5 miles long, this free of charge biking trail travels through Paulding and Polk counties. Carrollton: The Carrollton Green-Belt - CarrolltonGreenBelt.com. With more than 18 miles of concrete path, this is the longest, paved loop trail in Georgia. Blue Ridge: South Fork Trail and Loop - BlueRidgeMountains.com/things-to-do/outdoors/ biking. A short, fast ride with fun rollers and waterfall along South Fork Jacks River. From Cloudland Canvon State Park, take the Cloudland Connector Trail, a 26-mile trail that connects with the western end of the Moonshine Trail system. Note: a permit is required for this long-distance trail if you are



connecting through Lula Lake Land Trust's Core Preserve property. 706-657-4050, GaStateParks.org/ CloudlandCanyon

RUN

Canton: Cherokee County 5K CherokeeCounty5k.com. North
Georgia's largest 5K, founded in
2013. Dalton: The Georgia Jewel
- GeorgiaJewel.com. Georgia's
longest-standing 100-mile trail race
and runs on the beautiful Pinhoti.
McCaysville: Riverwalk Run
Series - RiverwalkRunSeries.com.
America's only 2-state 5K road series:
Trout Trot 5K, Walk the Line 5K, &
Bigfoot Boogie 5K
Rome: Berry Half, 10K, & 5K BerryHalf.com. Experience the world's
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Reece's Cider Company 9110 Highway 52, East Elijay

CRAFT BREWERIES

Fannin Brewing Company 3758 East First Street, Blue Ridge Grumpy Old Men Brewing 1315 East Main Street, Blue Ridge Tipping Point Brewery 322 W Main St Unit 2D, Blue Ridge Reformation Brewery 225 Reformation Parkway Suite 500, Canton Printer's Ale 940 Columbia Drive, Carrollton Drowned Valley Brewing Co. 4 South Tennessee Street, Cartersville Cartecay River Brewing Comany 26 River Terrace, East Ellijay River Remedy 320 Glenn Milner Blvd, Rome Bucking Goat Brewing 76 Seven Hills Boulevard, Dallas Cherokee Brewing and Pizza 207 West Cuyler Street, Dalton Dalton Brewing Company 112 West King Street, Dalton Phantom Horse Brewing Co. 56 Fieldstone Parkway, Rock Spring Reformation Brewery 105 Elm Street, Woodstock Hixtown Brewery 407 Main Street, Villa Rica

WINERIES

Qualusi Vineyards 440 Blossom Trail, Acworth Feathers Edge Vineyards 10061 Ball Ground Highway, Ball Ground Bear Claw Vineyards 2281 Tennis Court Road, Blue Ridge Serenberry Vineyards 450 Tipton Trail, Morganton Mercier Orchards 8660 Blue Ridge Drive. Blue Ridge Creekside Farms & Vineyard 1669 Old Alabama Rd, Taylorsville Buckley Vineyards 708 Henry Evans Rd, Ellijay Cartecay Vineyards 5704 Clear Creek Road, Ellijay Chateau Meichtry Winery & Vineyard 1862 Orchard Lane, Talking Rock Ellijay River Vineyards 111 River Birch Lane, Ellijay Engelheim Vineyards 127 Lakeview Road, Ellijay Grapes and Ladders 2317 Highway 382 West, Ellijay Ott Farms and Vineyard 230 Henry Evans Road, Ellijay Fainting Goat Vineyards and Winery 201 Vineyard Way, Jasper Sharp Mountain Vineyards 110 Rathgeb Trail, Jasper Little Vine Vinevards 665 North Hulett Road, Villa Rica Georgia Winery 6469 Battlefield Parkway, Ringgold Newby Farm + Vineyard 411 Broad Street, Rome Big Door Vineyards 125 Clearwater Trail, White *Some breweries and wineries only have outdoor on-leash pet options.

Regional Dog Parks

Bark City, 63 Council Street, Fort Oglethorpe
Woofstock Dog Park, 150 Dupree Road, Woodstock
Longview Park, 827-899 Longview Street, Carrollton
Ridge Ferry Park, 363 Riverside Parkway NE, Rome
DogWoods at Coleman Camp Park, 100 Lester Drive, Dallas
Lakeshore, 70 Crescent Street, Dalton
McCaysville City Park, 249 Market St, McCaysville
Heritage Point, 1275 Cross Plains Trail, Dalton
Hamilton Crossing Park, 155 Hamilton Crossing Road NW, Cartersville
Adairsville Veterans Memorial Park, 17 Legacy Way, Adairsville

Visitor Information

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Carrollton Area CVB 770-214-9746 CarrolltonGA.com

Cartersville-Bartow County CVB 770-387-1357, 800-733-2280 VisitCartersvilleGA.org

Chattanooga Area CVB 423-756-8687, 800-322-3344 ChattanoogaFun.com

Chattooga County Chamber 706-857-4033 ChattoogaCounty.org

Catoosa County Chamber 706-965-5201

CatoosaChamberofCommerce.com

Cherokee County Chamber 770-345-0400
DestinationCherokeeGA.com

Chickamauga Tourism & Events 800-487-4728 CityOfChickamauga.org

Dalton Area CVB 706-270-9960, 800-331-3258 VisitDaltonGa.com

Fannin County Chamber & CVB 706-632-5680, 800-899-MTNS BlueRidgeMountains.com

Fort O Tourism 423-362-3117 FortOTourism.com **Georgia's Rome CVB** 706-295-5576, 800-444-1834 RomeGeorgia.org

Gilmer County Chamber 706-635-7400 PickEllijay.com

Gordon County CVB 706-625-3200, 800-887-3811 ExploreGordonCounty.com

Haralson County Chamber 770-537-5595 VisitHaralson.org

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Polk County Chamber 770-684-8760 PolkGeorgia.com

Villa Rica CVB 678-840-1442 VisitVillaRica.com

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