

2024 / 2025 VISITOR EDITION

# Welcome to Big Canoe®



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THE MOUNTAINS OF  
**Big Canoe®**



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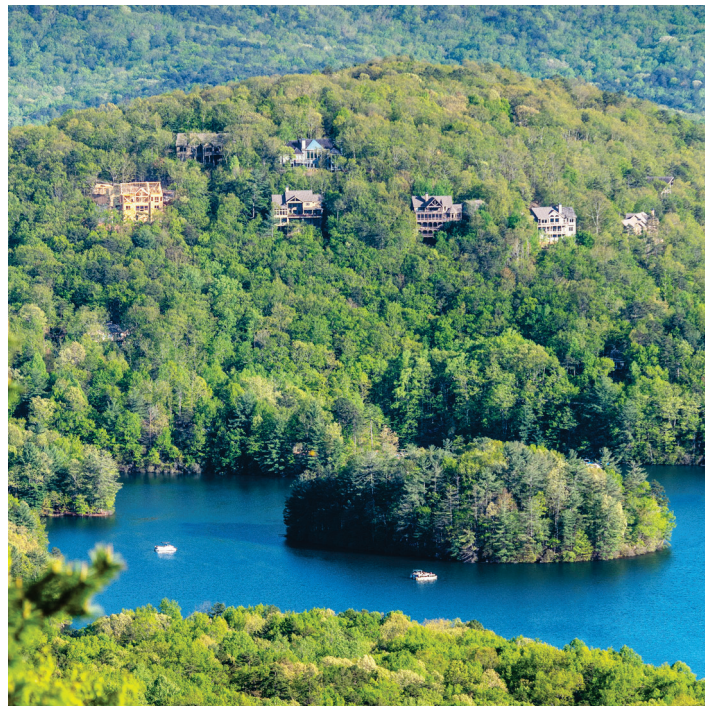
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We're glad you're here!

Dear Big Canoe Visitor,

Whether you are here for a weekend getaway or to spend time with loved ones, let me be the first one to welcome you to the unique, magical community that is Big Canoe.

From the moment you drive through the Main Gate and across our historic covered bridge, you know you've been transported to a special place that you won't soon forget.

To help you get acclimated to all that Big Canoe has to offer, we have pulled together this introductory brochure to answer your most immediate questions (Where can I eat? How do I get to the rockslide? Is street parking allowed?) and find your bearings on almost everything in Big Canoe.

Whether you take in a round of championship golf, bring the kids to the Beach Club's aquatic park, or explore our more than 25 miles of hiking trails, this document will help you make the most out of your visit.

Have a memorable time in the Mountains of Big Canoe!

Scott Auer

General Manager, Big Canoe POA

# Things to remember

Welcome to Big Canoe, a private, master-planned community. The natural beauty combined with our array of amenities makes this a wonderful place to visit or to call home. To maintain the quality of life and ensure the safety of everyone and every living thing, please take a few moments to familiarize yourself with our top rules and regulations. For more information, visit [www.bigcanoepoa.org](http://www.bigcanoepoa.org)



## NO OUTDOOR FIRES

Outdoor fires not fueled by propane are not permitted in Big Canoe; violators are subject to a \$5,000 fine.

## STREET PARKING

Street parking should not block rescue and fire engine access. Overnight street parking is not permitted.

## NO FEEDING WILDLIFE

Please do not feed the bears, deer or any wild animals. Bird feeders allowed Dec-Feb only. As Big Canoe is a nature preserve, feeding wildlife is prohibited; violators are subject to a \$5,000 fine.

## RVS | MOTORCYCLES | ATVS

Visitors cannot bring RV's into the community. Motorcycles, trailers, and ATV's may be trailered into the community however cannot be operated on any of our roadways and must be parked inside garages overnight.



## **RULES OF THE ROAD**

Maintain posted speed limits, mind your speed near the mobile traffic trailer, do not tailgate, and stay on your side of the road. No biking or skateboarding is allowed on streets, walking is prohibited on the main roads.

## **PETS MUST BE LEASHED**

Dogs must be on a leash at all times inside the gates, including on the trails. Three dog parks are available for your convenience.

## **NO SMOKING**

All POA facilities are non-smoking.

## **WILDLIFE IS PROTECTED**

Hunting, trapping, wounding, or killing wildlife is not permitted.

## **QUIET HOURS**

Big Canoe has a strict 10 p.m. noise restriction. No noise should be heard past the property line after 10 p.m. Exterior lighting shall be turned off when not in use.

## **DISCHARGING A FIREARM**

Discharging a firearm or any other lethal weapon is not permitted.

## **PERSONAL WATERCRAFT**

Personal boats, kayaks, canoes, and paddleboats must be registered with the Marina.

## **FOOD AT THE BEACH CLUB**

Outside food may be brought into the Beach Club. Food and beverages are not allowed in or around the pool. Food is only permitted on the upper deck.





# Top 5 tips

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## CELL PHONE COVERAGE

Cell phone coverage can be spotty throughout Big Canoe and varies among providers. DON'T rely on it for directions or emergencies. Carry a Big Canoe road map in your car.

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## GARBAGE & RECYCLING

Big Canoe visitors are directed to use the centralized trash collection system located near the North Gate for household trash, aluminum and metal recycling. You will need a transponder or gate pass to access the facility.

Most anything that fits in the open containers is acceptable for disposal, but flammables and refrigerants (such as freon) are specifically excluded. Contractors must dispose of work-related trash outside of Big Canoe and are not permitted to use these containers.

For more recycling options, go to East Side Recycling, 9720 Cove Road, Marble Hill, Ga 30148 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday - Saturday.

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## NAVIGATING BIG CANOE

The white arrows on street signs lead you to the 4-way stop on Wolfscratch Drive in front of the Wellness Center and Fire Station.

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## GATE ACCESS

How do guests & visitors get gate access? The POA uses an Online Visitor Management System provided by dwellingLive. Only the homeowner or rental management company can call in guests. All communication goes directly to them, and they will contact the gate for you.

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## SOUVENIRS

You can purchase clothing, souvenirs and more at several retail locations in Big Canoe amenity buildings. These include the Golf Pro Shop and the Trading Post in the Clubhouse, the Marina Shack, the Racquet Club Pro Shop, and the Wellness Center.







## IF YOU HAVE AN EMERGENCY, DIAL 911.

For non-emergency help, please  
call Big Canoe's Public Safety at  
**(706) 268-3376**

### Big Canoe Public Safety

The Big Canoe Department of Public Safety is a proactive, customer-oriented emergency services provider. Our objective is to provide the best possible fire, emergency medical and security services to the residents and guests of the Big Canoe community.

#### HOSPITALS

NE GA Med Ctr, Gainesville (770) 219-9000  
Northside Hospital, Cherokee (770) 224-1000  
Northside Hospital, Forsyth (770) 844-3200  
Piedmont Mountainside Hosp. (706) 692-2441

#### LIBRARIES

Dawson County Library (706) 344-3690  
Pickens County Library (706) 692-5411

#### POST OFFICES

Dawsonville (706) 265-2677  
Jasper (706) 253-4300  
Marble Hill (770) 893-3364  
Tate (770) 735-3527

#### UTILITIES

Amicalola Electric - Outages (706) 253-0359  
Recycling (Cove Road) (770) 893-2644

#### BIG CANOE

Administrative Offices	(706) 268-3346
Amenity General Info.	(706) 268-1092
Animal Rescue	(706) 268-1346
Beach Club (Seasonal)	(706) 268-3317
Chapel	(470) 273-6768
Clubhouse	(706) 268-3326
Reservations/To-Go	(706) 268-1253
Facility Rentals	(706) 268-3964
Director of Amenities	(706) 268-3002
Communications & Marketing	(706) 268-1115
Duffer's Bistro	(706) 268-3273
Golf Pro Shop	(706) 268-3323
Human Resources	(706) 268-3337
Main Gate	(706) 268-3376
Marina	(706) 268-3303
North Gate	(706) 268-3399
Roadwork	(706) 268-3390
Racquet Club	(706) 268-3367
RV & Motorcycle Storage	(706) 268-3390
Wellness Center	(706) 268-3441
Wildcat Pool (Seasonal)	(706) 268-3880





# Where to eat

## The Clubhouse at Lake Sconti

- **closed for renovation until July 2025**

Lakeside Bistro at the Beach Club (behind the fitness center) will be open in lieu of the Clubhouse. Contact 706-268-1253 for a reservation.



## HOURS OF OPERATION

Hours vary

## Duffer's Grab & Go

Duffer's, Big Canoe's hidden gem, is available for a quick bite or to have a leisurely lunch on the patio and take in the scenery. Duffer's is open seven days a week for your convenience, and is a great alternative for when The Clubhouse is closed. Duffer's is above Lake Sconti, to the right of The Clubhouse. For more information or to place a to-go order call **(706) 268-3273**

## HOURS OF OPERATION

8am - 4pm daily



# Outside the Gates

## Foothills Shopping Center

### MARY'S BREAD BASKET

Homemade baked breads and goods as well as breakfast and lunch options.

To-go only, order at **(770) 893-1034**

Open Monday-Saturday 7 a.m. - 2 p.m.

171 Foothills Pkwy, Marble Hill, Ga 30148

[marysbreadbasket.godaddysites.com](http://marysbreadbasket.godaddysites.com)

### FUEGO MEXICAN GRILL & BAR

Family-friendly Mexican restaurant

**(770) 893-3399**

Open Monday-Thursday 11 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Friday & Saturday 11 a.m. - 11 p.m.

Sunday 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.

260 Foothills Pkwy, Marble Hill, Ga 30148

[www.fuegobigcanoe.com](http://www.fuegobigcanoe.com)

### FOOTHILLS Lowes MARKET

Shopping for your visit to Big Canoe?

Visitors to Big Canoe will be pleased to learn there is a food market just outside the main gate. The Foothills Lowes Market

is at the corner of GA #53 and Steve Tate Highway. **They have a coffee shop**, cakes, and a wide assortment of wine choices.

70 Foothills Pkwy, Marble Hill, Ga 30148 |

[www.lowesfoods.com](http://www.lowesfoods.com) | **(770)893-1000**

### MASSAGE LOCATION : Toile & Bubble

[www.toileandbubble.com](http://www.toileandbubble.com)

90 Foothills Pkwy Suite C202 Marble Hill  
GA 30148

Ph: 770-975-2181

### Foothills Cafe

**(770) 893-2793**

Country Cooking- Lunch/Brunch Cafe  
8am - 3pm daily

218 Foothills Pkwy Marble Hill GA 30148

(They do not have a sign on the face of the building. It is in the same shopping center as Foothills Lowes Market grocery store)

### LUCKY HARE / Night Train Pizza

**(770) 274-3999**

A comfortable neighborhood gathering place to enjoy great food, wine, & cocktails - right outside the gates of Big Canoe.

60 N. Gate Station Dr. Marble Hill, GA 30148

[www.luckyhare.com](http://www.luckyhare.com)

### HOME RESTAURANT

Creative, comfortable Southern cuisine crafted from the freshest ingredients.

Reservation only, listed on Open Table or call  
**(770) 893-3389**

**(To go orders are also available up to 6pm)**

3909 Steve Tate Rd., Marble Hill, Ga 30148

[www.homerestaurantga.com](http://www.homerestaurantga.com)

### Marble Hill Tavern

**(770)605-5169**

218 Foothills Pkwy. Marble Hill, GA 30148

(They do not have a sign on the face of the building, but it is 2-3 doors down from Harry Normal Realtors in the Foothills Lowes Market grocery store shopping center).

Open daily 4pm - 10pm

### Polar Bear Ice Cream

**(770)893-2721**

88 N Gate Station Dr Ste 104,  
Marble Hill, GA 30148

Hours vary

# Things to Do

## Beach Club

The Beach Club at Lake Disharoon is comprised of a free-form, saline system, zero-entry swimming pool, roped off swimming section in the Lake, as well as a 300-yard, sandy beachfront on Lake Disharoon. Features include beach volleyball, paddleboats, canoes, kayaks, paddleboards, bathrooms with changing areas, certified lifeguards, access to hiking trails and the famous 200-foot rockslide. Who could forget the ever-popular inflatable water park for kids, designed to accommodate 60 youngsters at once!



## OUTDOOR AQUATICS RULES

- Outside food and beverages are allowed at the Beach Club, with the exception of alcoholic beverages. Dining is restricted to the table area on the upper deck or gated pool area.
- Food and Beverage are not allowed in the pool or on the pool apron at the Beach Club.
- Food is not permitted on the beach.
- No glass is permitted at the Beach Club or inside the Wildcat gated pool area.
- Outside alcohol may only be brought to the Wildcat amenity (no glass) when alcohol is not available for purchase.
- Outside food may be brought to Wildcat amenity but is not allowed in the pool or on the pool apron.
- Floatation devices are not allowed in the pools. Floats are allowed at the beach club lake.
- Children with inflatable swim arms must be in shallow water with a parent within arm's reach.
- Personal music can be enjoyed through headphones or personal listening devices.
- Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult over the age of 21.
- Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult at the rockslide.
- All children three and under and non potty-trained children must wear snug-fitting plastic, rubber or nylon bottoms over a swim diaper. Cloth or paper diapers alone are not permitted.
- Coolers and bags are subject to search.



# Wildcat Recreation Center

Big Canoe's Wildcat Recreation Center consists of a 75-foot lap pool, as well as a kiddie pool with zero-entry and water play features, a children's playground, four bocce courts, a sports court and a soccer field. The Wildcat Pavilion has lights, fans and a fireplace, bathrooms with changing areas and showers. The pavilion is available on a first-come first-serve basis.

## HOURS OF OPERATION

### BEACH CLUB

Open Daily	May 26 - July 30 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Weekends Only	July 31 - Sept. 3 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Beach Club Grille	11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

### WILDCAT OUTDOOR POOLS

Open Daily	May 27 - Sept. 3 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Weekends Only	Sept. 5 - Sept. 23 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

### WILDCAT LAP POOL SWIMMING

Open Weekdays	May 26 - Sept. 23 6:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.
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Outdoor Aquatics & Wellness Center Members.



## OUTDOOR AQUATICS DAILY FEE

DAILY USAGE FEE-BEACH CLUB <i>Non-Property Owner includes Wildcat</i>	\$20
DAILY USAGE FEE-WILDCAT POOL <i>Non-Property Owner</i>	\$8
WEEKLY USAGE FEE BEACH CLUB/WILDCAT <i>Non-Property Owner</i>	\$75

There are front-desk attendants stationed at the entrance to both amenities. To purchase a daily pass, stop by the front-desk at the entrance of either the Beach Club or Wildcat Recreation Center. Everyone receives a paper wristband at the Beach Club entrance to identify that you have purchased a day pass. Wristbands are good for that day only. Colors are changed daily. For more information about the Beach Club and Wildcat Rec. Center visit [www.bigcanoepoa.org /swim](http://www.bigcanoepoa.org/swim)



# Golf

Big Canoe offers three, nine-hole courses (Cherokee, Creek and Choctaw), one putting area, a chipping area and a driving range for players to hone their game. The Golf Pro Shop is on the lower level of The Clubhouse at Lake Sconti, and is fully stocked with the latest equipment, name-brand clothing and performance gear. Individual and group lessons are available year-round through the Big Canoe golf professional staff.

The Golf Pro Shop has rental sets of clubs available. Call the Golf Pro Shop to book a tee time up to four days in advance. If a tee time is not canceled at least 48 hours in advance, the guest rate will be charged for each player if the tee time cannot be filled.

## GOLF FEES

18-HOLES <i>Non-Property Owner (includes cart fee)</i>	\$120.50
DRIVING RANGE DAILY USAGE FEE <i>Non-Property Owner</i>	\$35
RENTAL CLUBS <i>For 18 holes (includes a dozen golf balls)</i>	\$60



## GOLF RULES & ETIQUETTE

Slacks and collared shirts are required for men on golf grounds with few exceptions. Appropriate attire for women and junior girls include the following: slacks, Bermuda shorts and skirts. Sleeveless shirts must have collars and collarless shirts must have sleeves. Blue denim is not permitted on the course. For the full list of dress etiquette and rules please visit [www.bigcanoepoa.org/golf](http://www.bigcanoepoa.org/golf)

PLEASE CALL THE GOLF PRO SHOP TO  
BOOK A TEE TIME (706) 268-3323

## HOURS OF OPERATION

### DRIVING RANGE

Open Daily 8 a.m. - dusk

### TEE TIMES AVAILABLE

December-March 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
April-November 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.



# Dog Park

## DIAMOND DOG PARK

Diamond Dog Park is the newest and largest dog park in Big Canoe. Diamond Dog Park is an off-leash park providing play areas for both large and small dogs. New agility play equipment has been installed in both small and large dog areas.

## WILDCAT DOG PARKS & TRAILS

Wildcat has a network of paved trails for walking your dog. There are two Dog Parks at Wildcat on the Red Loop Trail near the Pavilion parking area on Wilderness Parkway. The big dog dog park is on your right and the little dog dog park is on your left.

## MCDANIEL MEADOWS DOG PARK

The Meadows has a network of gravel and paved trails that allow for walks ranging from one half to over a mile. The Meadows' main entrance is on Wilderness Parkway near the north end of Big Canoe, not far from the North Gate.

## HOURS OF OPERATION

### DIAMOND DOG PARK

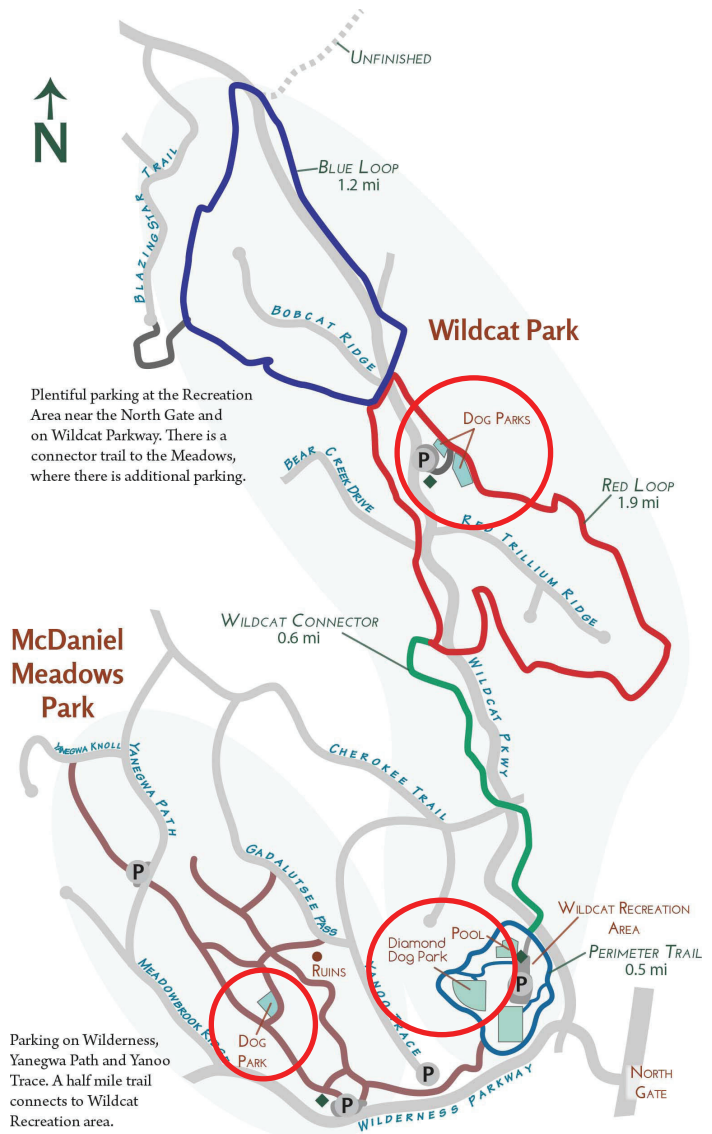
**Monday - Friday** Dusk to dawn with the exception of 10:30-11:30 a.m. when the park is used by Big Canoe Animal Rescue

**Saturday** Dusk to dawn

**Sunday** Dusk to dawn with the exception of 2:30-3:30 p.m. when the park is used by Big Canoe Animal Rescue

### MCDANIEL MEADOWS & WILDCAT

**Daily** Dusk to dawn



## PETS MUST BE LEASHED

Remember while you are out and about in Big Canoe, unless you are at one of our beautiful dog parks, your pet must be on a leash at all times or you will be subject to a fine. Having your pet on a leash protects them as well as every member of the community. Keep in mind that not everyone is a dog person, so please keep control of your pet while walking the trails and pathways through Big Canoe. While on the trails, having your pet on a leash will protect them from becoming lost, being bitten by another animal, or frightening wildlife.

# Marina

Visit the Marina Shack to pick up supplies for your adventures on Lake Petit, Big Canoe's primary recreational boating and fishing lake. The porch and patio around the Shack are both great spots to gather with friends, neighbors, and acquaintances to take in the beautiful sights of Big Canoe's waterfront.

The Marina has pontoon boats, paddleboards, kayaks and jon boats available for rent. There are also various other offerings at the Marina Shack including fishing permits, fishing tackle, bait, and rental rods & reels. You can also find Big Canoe merchandise, sodas, beer and wine.

Electric-powered pontoon boat and jon boat rentals are available by the hour at the Lake Petit Marina. Only electric engines are permitted on Big Canoe lakes to avoid fuel and noise pollution.



## PONTOON BOAT FEES

PONTOON BOAT <i>Non-Property Owner</i>	\$100 PER HOUR 2-HOUR MINIMUM
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## OTHER BOAT FEES

KAYAK & PADDLE BOARDS	\$20 PER HOUR 1-HOUR MINIMUM
JON BOAT	\$25 PER HOUR NO MINIMUM



PLEASE CALL THE MARINA TO  
RESERVE WATERCRAFT (706) 268-3303

## HOURS OF OPERATION

APRIL - OCTOBER

Open Daily 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

NOVEMBER - MARCH

Open Daily 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas &  
New Year's Day



# Racquet Club

## TENNIS & PICKLEBALL

To reserve a slot on the Tennis & Pickleball courts or indoor court, please call the Racquet Club at **(706) 268-3367** Keep in mind you can book the same day if space is available or up to two days in advance. To learn more about the Big Canoe Racquet Club, visit [www.bigcanoepoa.org/racquets](http://www.bigcanoepoa.org/racquets)



### RACQUET CLUB FEE

PICKLEBALL HOURLY FEES <i>Non-Property Owner</i>	\$35
HARD COURT HOURLY FEES <i>Non-Property Owner</i>	\$35
CLAY COURT HOURLY FEES <i>Non-Property Owner</i>	\$40
INDOOR COURT HOURLY FEES <i>Non-Property Owner</i>	\$60

## BOCCE

The Big Canoe Bocce courts are in the Wildcat Recreation Area. Book a lane by calling the Racquet Club at **(706) 268-3367** For more information on Big Canoe Bocce and the Bocce League visit [www.bigcanoepoa.org/bocce](http://www.bigcanoepoa.org/bocce)

### BOCCE FEE

HOURLY USAGE FEE <i>Non-Property Owner</i>	\$30
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PLEASE CALL RACQUET CLUB TO BOOK A COURT (706) 268-3367

## HOURS OF OPERATION

Bocce Court	7 a.m.- 9 p.m.
Tennis & Pickleball	8 a.m.-10 p.m.



# Wellness Center

The Big Canoe Wellness Center offers a 13,000-square-foot, facility featuring cardiovascular equipment, strength-training equipment, aerobics room, racquetball/squash court, swimming pool, whirlpool, sauna, access to the indoor tennis courts, massage therapy, physical therapy, personal training and the ever-popular group exercise classes.

The Wellness Center daily usage fee includes full access to the exercise floor, the indoor pool, whirlpool and sauna. Keep in mind children under 16 are not permitted in the whirlpool or sauna, and children under 16 must be with an adult at all times.

Group exercise classes are open to everyone with a daily usage pass. No reservation or appointment is necessary.

Racquetball/squash courts are great fun for the whole family, and the Wellness Center offers complimentary racquets, balls and goggles with the daily usage fee. Call the Wellness Center to reserve the court:  
**(706) 268-3441**

**QUESTIONS? CALL THE WELLNESS CENTER AT (706) 268-3441**

## HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday - Friday	6:15 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday	8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas Day, & New Year's Day.  
open Christmas Eve 6:15 a.m. - 12 p.m. and New Year's Eve 6:15 a.m. - 2 p.m.





# Indoor Pool

Everyone is welcome! The indoor pool is used for everything from kids' swim team practice to rehab and water aerobics, and it is open year-round.

For everyone's safety - please allow lap swimmers to use designated lap lanes and ensure children stay out of those lanes while in use. Only class participants are allowed in the pool, whirlpool or sauna during scheduled class time.

Keep in mind children under 16 are not permitted in the whirlpool or sauna, and children under 16 must be with an adult at all times. All infants/toddlers must wear approved nylon, rubber or plastic swim bottoms. Parents/guardians are responsible for supervision of children as there is no lifeguard on duty.



## WELLNESS CENTER DAILY FEES

DAILY USAGE FEE <i>Non-Property Owner</i>	\$20
INDOOR POOL DAILY USAGE FEE <i>Non-Property Owner</i>	\$10



## INDOOR POOL CLASS SCHEDULE

### Monday, Wednesday & Friday

H2O Aero/Exercise Class 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

H2O Aero/Exercise Class 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.

### Tuesday & Thursday

H2O Aero/Exercise Class 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Youth Swim Team Practice 5:30 - 6:45 p.m.

The Indoor Pool closes 15 minutes earlier than the Wellness Center and may close if thunder/lightning is in the vicinity.

# Nature

## Lakes & Fishing

Big Canoe is more than a home for us; it is also home to a wide assortment of wildlife. Georgia Audubon in 2018 officially recognized Big Canoe as one of the oldest and largest certified wildlife sanctuaries in the state.

Big Canoe has five beautiful lakes for water-based sports and fishing including Lake Petit, which at 111 acres in area and 98 feet in depth boasts a large dam and the Marina; Lake Sconti, which is a smaller lake behind the Clubhouse; Lake Disharoon, which is home to the Beach Club; and finally, Blackwell Springs and Toad's Pond, which are two smaller bodies of water in the Waterford subdivision close to the North Gate off of Wilderness Parkway. Blackwell Springs and Toad's Pond can only be accessed with a fishing permit if you are not a Waterford resident.

Big Canoe is the premier trout fishing lake in Georgia. Fishing is permitted with a Big Canoe fishing license/day pass purchased at the Marina Shack where you will also find a variety of fishing gear and bait. Note that having a Georgia fishing license does not cover fishing in Big Canoe and it is not required for the purchase of a Big Canoe fishing license. Lake Petit is regularly stocked with rainbow trout. Trout cannot be thrown back, but the Marina will take anyone's unwanted catch. Limit: four trout per Big Canoe fishing license per day.



## Trails

With roughly 30% of its 7,000+ acres preserved as usable green space, Big Canoe is rich in hiking trails – more than 25 miles worth – accompanied by natural waterfalls, babbling brooks and all the fresh mountain air you can imagine. Whether out for a power walk or an easy morning stroll, you'll be treated to lush scenery and a nice escape from the bustle of the everyday life. There is even a Jeep Trail, which is Big Canoe's off-road option designed specifically for 4x4 vehicles! For your safety be sure not to venture by foot onto any of our main roadways, such as Wilderness Parkway. For more information, stop by the Wellness Center or visit [www.bigcanoetrails.com](http://www.bigcanoetrails.com)

### FISHING FEES

DAILY PASS PER PERSON <i>Non-Property Owner</i>	\$20
CHILD - 12 & UNDER <i>when accompanied by adult with fishing license</i>	FREE



# Big Canoe Black Bear Project

Seeing bears in Big Canoe is a privilege we all share. Disrespecting them is a safety concern for not only the bears, but also for us, our pets, our property and other wildlife.

You can respect our bear neighbors by:

- Keeping your distance
- Taking pictures with a telephoto lens
- Following the hiking tips below



## TIPS FOR HIKING SAFETY

- Talk, sing or call out every once in a while.
- Stay alert. Do not wear headphones and look ahead on the trail.
- Keep children nearby and hike during daylight hours.
- Watch for signs of bears in the area: droppings, tracks, overturned rocks, broken up rooted logs, fresh claw marks on trees, root diggings and fur on tree trunks.
- If you smell or see signs of an animal carcass, such as birds circling overhead, leave the area immediately.
- Traveling on fast-moving mountain bikes can lead to a surprise encounter.
- Keep all dogs on a leash and under control.

## BEAR FACTS

*Things to remember when visiting Big Canoe*

- Bears have a keen sense of smell and can detect the aroma of your BBQ, picnic, trash, fertilizer, compost, pet food and even your hand cream for miles.
- Remember: bears run as fast as 35 m.p.h.; are capable of opening doors, windows, coolers and refrigerators; and can climb deck poles and enter homes or cars.
- It is illegal to feed the bears intentionally or unintentionally. Keep trash in bear-safe bins.



For more information on black bear safety in Big Canoe and all of North Georgia follow **@TheBigCanoeBlackBearProject** on Facebook and Instagram.

# Communications

The Big Canoe POA wants to keep all the residents and visitors of Big Canoe up to date on current events and happenings within and around Big Canoe through multiple communications channels. Our website can be found at [www.bigcanoepoa.org](http://www.bigcanoepoa.org)

Inside the Gates is our online news page where you can find recent articles and stories about Big Canoe clubs, organizations, committees and the various POA amenities. For a direct link, visit [www.insidethegates.org](http://www.insidethegates.org) or click the "news" tab on our website.



Fan of social media?

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram @bigcanoeeventsandhappenings for the most timely posts, essential news and important updates on events and happenings in Big Canoe.

## NORTHSIDE HOSPITAL



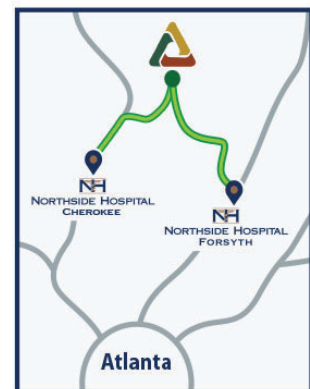
## Excellent Care Close to Home

### Two locations for exceptional healthcare.

It's an honor to be recognized as part of the nation's leading hospital in many categories. A closer look and you'll discover that the Northside Hospital Cancer Institute, Arthritis & Total Joint Care facility and our Cardiovascular Care doctors provide exceptional treatment to Georgians looking for greater access to personalized care. As one of the most respected and trusted health care organizations in the Southeast, Northside balances clinical excellence with compassionate care.

### Advanced and Innovative Services

- Aquatic Therapy
- Breast Care Center
- Cancer Institute (Radiation Oncology & Infusion/Chemotherapy)
- Diabetes Education & Nutrition
- Emergency Services (24-hours, Adult & Pediatric)
- Endoscopy Center
- Gynecology
- Cardiovascular Institute
- Imaging
- Maternity & Newborn Services
- Neurology
- Neurosurgery
- Outpatient Rehabilitation
- Ophthalmology
- Orthopedic Institute (Arthritis & Total Joint, Sports Medicine, Spine Center)
- Pain Management
- Pulmonary Medicine
- Robotic Surgery
- Sleep Disorders Center
- Specialized Geriatric Care
- Stroke Center
- Surgical Services (Inpatient & Outpatient)
- Thoracic
- Urology
- Weight Loss Surgery
- Wound Care



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