



2026 SGAA MEMBER/GUEST ACTIVITIES



Famous as the home of Georgia's highest peak, Brasstown Bald, Hiawassee is full of gorgeous mountain scenery and recreation opportunities. Hiawassee was originally inhabited by Cherokee tribes. It is located near the Appalachian and Southern Highroads trails. Lake Chatuge is another beloved landmark with countless recreation opportunities, along with the trout fishing favorite, the Hiawassee River. Don't miss the changing color of the leaves.

Brasstown Bald, is a must-see at over 4,000 feet and surrounded by the Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest. On clear days, visitors can see four states from the observation deck.

Walking Trails in Hiawassee, GA

Hiawassee, Georgia, is a treasure trove for hikers and nature enthusiasts. The town offers a variety of walking trails that cater to different skill levels and preferences. Here are some of the best walking trails in Hiawassee:

1. Wagon Train Trail: This trail is known for its challenging incline and beautiful waterfall views. It has a 4.6-star rating from 401 reviews, making it a popular choice for hikers.
2. Bell Mountain Trail: Offering stunning summit views, this trail is perfect for photography enthusiasts and is open year-round.
3. Tallulah Gorge State Park Trails: With over 20 miles of well-maintained trails, this park is a must-visit for those seeking epic views and waterfalls.
4. Little Tennessee River Greenway: A scenic river trail that provides a peaceful, shaded path with beautiful views of the river.
5. Nantahala Bikeway: A bike trail that runs alongside the Little Tennessee River, offering a unique experience for those who prefer biking.
6. Hamilton Rhododendron Gardens: A hidden gem, this botanical garden features a variety of native plants and flowers, making it a peaceful spot for a stroll. A sprawling botanical garden with more than 3,000 plants, including dogwood, native azaleas, wildflowers, trillium and rhododendron. In fact, the more than 400 varieties of rhododendron make it the largest collection in the state. The garden includes two lovely hiking trails— a 1-mile trail and a 2-mile trail— as well as walking paths that lead along the shore of Lake Chatuge and to a popular fishing hole.
7. High Shoals Falls - One of the area's most stunning waterfalls is High Shoals Falls, five falls in one area that have a total vertical drop of 300 feet. Accessible by the 1.2-mile High Shoals Trail, there are observation decks along the way.
8. The Chatuge trail - The 1-mile, dog-friendly hiking trail takes you through the forest along the banks of a small peninsula, offering sensational views of the shoreline and southern Appalachian Mountains along the way.
9. Rent A Boat - As much fun as a day at the beach can be, there's nothing better than exploring the lake in your own boat or jet ski.

These trails are just a few examples of the many walking opportunities Hiawassee has to offer. Whether you're looking for a leisurely stroll or a challenging hike, Hiawassee's trails provide a perfect escape into nature. Remember to pack hiking safety essentials and enjoy the breathtaking scenery along the way.



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Shopping places in Hiawassee

1. Art Works
2. Trailful Outdoor Co.
3. TATA On Main
4. Lakeview Vintage Market
5. Hiawassee Antique Mall
6. Secret's Attic
7. Always Christmas
8. Mountain Quilts
9. The Wishing Well
10. Hen's Nest

Alexander's "Everything Under The Sun" has been family-owned since 1953. And families love coming to Alexander's, where there's something for everyone. With 50,000 square feet of retail space (and expanding all the time), Alexander's sells just about everything. ADDRESS: 4482 Town Creek School Road, Blairsville, GA 30512, 706-745-6450.

Harrah's Cherokee Valley River – A Caesars Rewards Destination - 777 Casino Parkway, Murphy, NC 28906. Take advantage of recreation opportunities such as the casino, or grab a bite at Brew Brothers, one of the hotel's 6 restaurants. A great escape with glorious views.

Enjoy a great afternoon on Lake Chatuge by renting a boat from one of several local venues. Lake Chatuge and the surrounding rivers and creeks are home to a great variety of fish making it the ideal place to relax and enjoy a fishing adventure.

Enjoy the scenery and North Georgia Mountain views while on horseback. There are several trails and horseback riding opportunities around the Lodge.



Cane Creek Vinery – Young Harris

Widely regarded as one of North Georgia's best wineries, Crane Creek Vineyards encompasses 20+ acres high in the hills of Young Harris GA. Cane Creek offers full wine service, including tastings, wine by the glass, and bottles, along with drip coffee, espresso drinks, snacks, and pastries. It is the perfect spot to unwind with a glass of wine or freshly brewed coffee—whether you're relaxing in the lounge or enjoying the sweeping vineyard views from the deck. Prices for the wine, cheese, snacks tastings are have not been finalized. This will be updated as soon as they are finalized.

