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## APPLE MOUNT



Down in the Northeast Georgia Mountains, by the town of Clarkesville, there is a golf course called Apple Mountain. "Apple" as the locals call it, is set in a peaceful, country setting with rolling hills, lush fairways during golf season, tall Georgia Pines and red clay. This is

pure serenity, no houses on this golf course, only peaceful sounds of nature (that is if you hear any sound at all.)

Apple Mountain Golf Club opened 30 years ago in 1994. Designed by Phillip Ballard, this straight forward "what you see is what you get" golf course was built on an apple orchard. Those learning the game would enjoy starting their golf journey here. The fairways are mostly wide open and

welcoming, in general the course is not too punishing and does not claim too many lost balls. In other words, this is not a mountain type course where your ball disappears if it is not hit in right spot in the fairway. The greens are bent grass and reward good shots by holding, they are not too fast and very puttable with a few subtle breaks. The fairways are bermuda grass and in the Spring, Summer and Fall are fun and easy to play off of. The course, including the bunkers, is always well



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maintained. In short, Apple Mountain is a very fun golfing experience with several challenging holes and a few birdie opportunities as well.

Tour the course - Hole #1 begins an enjoyable ride through the Georgia Countryside, and a very fun round of golf. A medium size Par 5 starts things out with a fairway that slopes to the left towards the woods. DO NOT go there. A tee shot down the right side will filter to the middle, giving you a chance to be on, or near, the green with a good second shot. Avoid leaving your approach left or long, or



in the bunkers front right of the green. Avoid this and you should have a birdie chance. Hole #2 is an uphill par 3, be sure to take an extra club. If your tee shot goes in you will never see it. By the way, the green is large with a lot of breaks and large grass mounds located on the left and right. Hole #3 is a long part 4 that requires a straight drive to a plateau. The fair-

way has a steep drop from there and fades to the right. Putts on the green will break right as well making this a difficult hole.

Hole #4 is a short uphill part 4, less than 300 yards from the White Tees. If you miss the fairway to the



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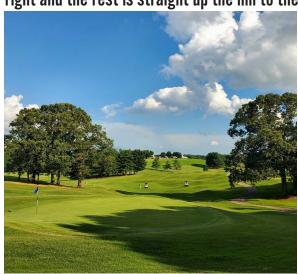
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right you will be in the apple orchard, but you can play from there. Hole #5 is a long, downhill par 4, protected in the front middle with a fairly deep bunker. After that, #6 is a very uphill par 3 with a sizable and deep green complete with undulating breaks and a large bunker in the front. Hole #7 is an extremely fun hole, not long but sneaky hard, you need to be in the fairway. Good tee shots will filter to the middle and an elevated green has probably the most dramatic breaks on the golf course.



Now you've reached the #1

handicap 8th hole, which is very long and straight forward. Hope that your drive makes it down the hill, because the shot to the uphill green is a difficult one. The front wraps up with a long par 5. Avoid the pine trees on the right and the rest is straight up the hill to the clubhouse.



After playing the front 9, by now you have realized that Apple Mountain Golf Club has many hills and valleys. Now you can get ready for more of the same on the back. Hole #10 is another long par 5, crest the hill and you may get lucky with a downhill roll on the right sloping fairway. Then you may be close to 200 yards

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from the green. Pine trees come into play on the left and right all the way to the hole. Hole #11 is a relatively short par 4 and if you stay near the fairway, you'll have a clear shot into the green.

Number 12 requires a straight tee shot or you will be in the trees on the left. This hole plays entirely uphill with bail out to the right and a blind shot to the green. The par 3 13th is a short



and downhill shot. A fairly easy hole if you hit the green. The rolling hill fun continues with the par 4 14th hole. Straight up the hill over 330 yards, but playing longer to a two tiered undulating green. The next hole #15, is a potential trouble spot. Miss to the right and you are deep in the pines, good luck making bogey or better because a shot from there is near impossible. This hole doglegs severely to the right so keep away from the Georgia pines. Hole #16 starts the finishing stretch and another run of elevation change. The tee shot requires a long iron or more, as it is severely uphill to an extremely deep green. A shot to the right area near the pin location will

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Hole #17 is a substantial par 5, all uphill with a cluster of unforgiving pines right of the fairway. Your third shot will be received by a green slanting from front to back and uphill, surrounded by bunkers. Finish this enjoyable test of golf with an extremely fun final hole, a shor t, drivable par 4 ideal for capping off the day with a birdie and ending with a smile.

# Vacation Alpine Helen

For those who may have never paid a visit to the quaint little Alpine Village of Helen, nestled in the Northeast Geogria Mountains; do yourselves a real favor and plan a trip. Located a little more than an hour Northeast of Atlanta, three hours from Knoxville and under two hours from Greeneville, SC, Helen is easily accessible. Although only 430 people reside in the small town, Helen is the state



of Georgia's 3rd most visited city. Over 2 million visitors expierience the towns beauty and unique ambiance each year.

Northeast Georgia has a rich history linked to the Cherokee Indians, artifacts and burial grounds can easily be

found in the area. Early settlers, many from Europe, arrived in the early 20th century to mine for gold and cut virgin timber, which started a thriving lumber



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# In Northeast Georgia

industry. Beginning with an idea in 1968, local business leaders decided totransformthelittletown into a Bavarian village. An artist who had been stationed in Germany sketched the buildings, adding gingerbread trim



and the carpenters got to work transforming all of the downtown stores with scenes of Bavaria added. The year 1969 started the transition of Helen into a tourist attraction with a German feel, in the Northeast Georgia Mountains. Hotels, restaurants, shops and activities soon followed.





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Tubing down the Chattahoochee is a main warm weather attraction. Of course strolling through the Main Street shops on the Cobblestone Streets with alleys and old world towers is a popular scene. There are hundreds of unique stores to explore. There are fabulous restaurants and street cafes with entertainment. Admire the centerpiece of Helen, The Heidelberg restaurant and its spectaular architecture right on Main Street for all to see.





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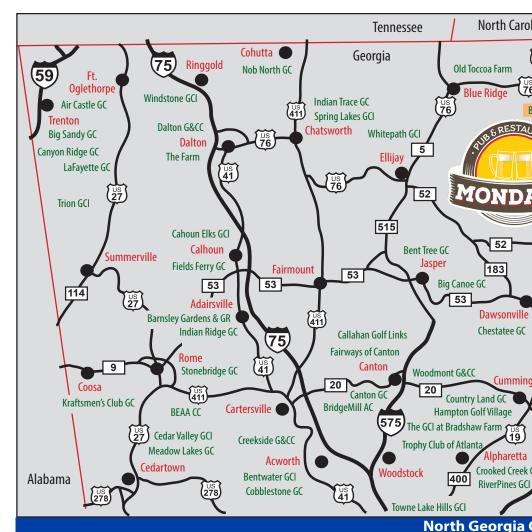


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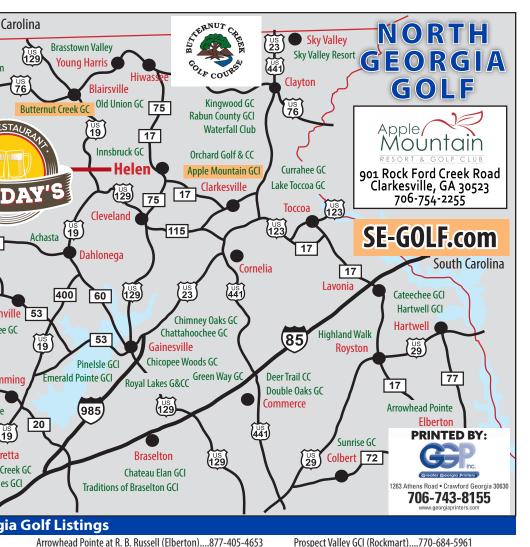
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