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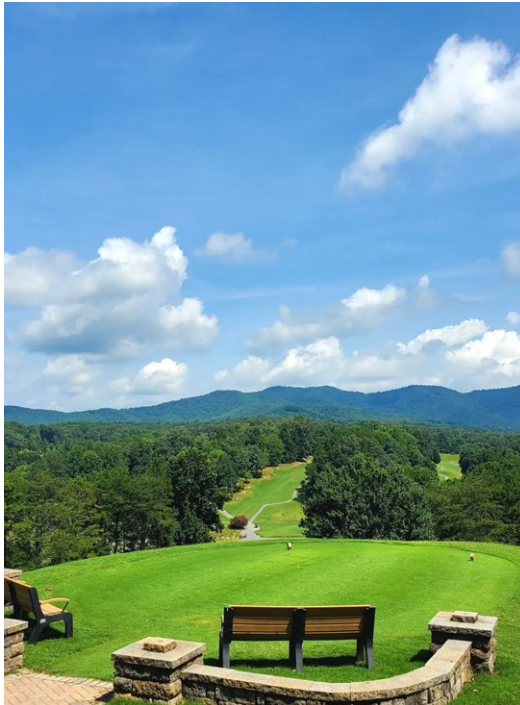
# Butternut Creek 1950-2025



Just south of the North Carolina line, in Blairsville, GA you will find a mountain golf experience that you will not soon forget. If you are looking for elevation changes over the course of 18 holes, Butternut Creek is your dream course.

Designed and built in 1950 by Bill Watts, Butternut Creek is owned by Union County and located at the Union County Recreational Center. The View Grill gives golfers an incredible view of the course and mountain views as well. Creeks and ponds can be found on 13 holes but the main challenge of this 6,400 yard layout is the elevation. Golfers will face both extreme uphill and downhill shots in their round.

Lets take a tour of the course - Hole #1 starts the round with a substantial par 5 from an elevated tee with a 100+ foot drop to the 60 yard wide fairway. It is quite the view standing on the 1st tee looking at the picturesque view of the distant mountains. After you reach the fairway, your second shot must move right to left to have any hope of being near the green in 2. A small pond protects the left, just in front of the green. The creek runs in front of the 2nd tee and across the



fairway at the 5th. Hole #2 is a dramatic uphill climb. This par 4 requires an extra club or two because it just keeps climbing uphill. Even the green slopes uphill front to back, so beware of downhill putts here, its fast!

Hole #3 is a downhill par 4 with trouble on the left side. Take an extra club for your uphill tee shot to the par 3 4th hole. A long, downhill drop greets your tee shot on the par 4, 5th hole. This unique par 4 has a mound stretching across the fairway, and it hides the creek below it, so beware. This is the longest par 4 on the course and you will have along straight shot to the green. The par 5, 6th hole plays longer than the 500 yards listed on the scorecard, an uphill, 3 shot par 5 has a severe drop off on the right side.

The 7th hole is famous for it's fountain water feature. This short par 4 begins with a downhill tee shot arriving short of the pond. You will have a

challenging short iron next to cross the water and the beautiful stone wall that helps guard the pin, onto the green. This is a very fun, very scenic, and very memorable hole unique to Butternut. Hole #8 is a straight ahead uphill par 3 with a large -



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undulating green, and if you have a downhill putt here, good luck! The 9th hole is the #1 handicap hole. It begins with a long tee shot over the pond. The fairway climbs up the hill toward the clubhouse. This is the most elevated shot to the green on this course featuring many. It is fitting that this front nine elevation experience ends with this mammoth uphill shot to close it out.

Continuing the Butternut Creek Mountain Golf Experience, the back nine opens with more hills and valleys to navigate. The 10th starts from an elevated tee with a long, straight away 400+ yard fairway, wide open but long. Number 11 is a massive uphill tee shot, keep in mind on the back more so than the front, out of bounds is in play and plenty of trouble awaits in the woods. On #11, you must drive the ball into position to have a chance for a clean look downhill and to the left at the green. As if the severe left turn downhill shot isn't tough enough, the hole comes with a large pond protecting the green's front. Next, #12 is a drastic uphill shot to a blind pin. The 13th hole is a par 5 that feels like a ski slope. Playing straight downhill with



severe plateaus that you will find to hit your second shot from. The green has the creek in front and large mounds surrounding it. The extremely elevated uphill 14th is short but plays long to a blind hole location. The signature par 4 15th spells out Butternut Creek with a white stone feature, and hosts a double fairway. Golfers must navigate the creek on the left and the pond on the right to reach a small green. Hole #16 should be called "up, up, and away." The fairway goes up and up and up and when you get to the green it does too, with a big plateau on the back. Caution - do not walk this hole unless you are in great shape!

Hole 17 is a super fun hole of golf. It is the 18th handicap, but can be a problem. A short iron will get you to this par 3 that drops around 100 feet from tee to green. Choose your club wisely, avoid the moss covered rock in front of the green and the infernal creek on the left and you should be fine. Closing out the round, #18 finally ends the ride with a par 5 that will play about 100 yards more than what the card says. There are 3 fairways ending by a pond, the left one goes by it, stay out of the pond off the tee, and then be prepared for the long uphill journey to the rather small green. Woods are on the left, stay out of them because this hole is hard enough to get 3 great shots to finally reach the green from the ascending fairway. Butternut Creek is pure Mountain Golf and a joy ride start to finish!



# Vacation Alpine Helen In Northeast Georgia

For those who may have never paid a visit to the quaint little Alpine Village of Helen, nestled in the Northeast Georgia 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 Greenville, 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 experience the town's 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

industry. Beginning with an idea in 1968, local business leaders decided to transform the little town 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 spectacular architecture right on Main Street for all to see.

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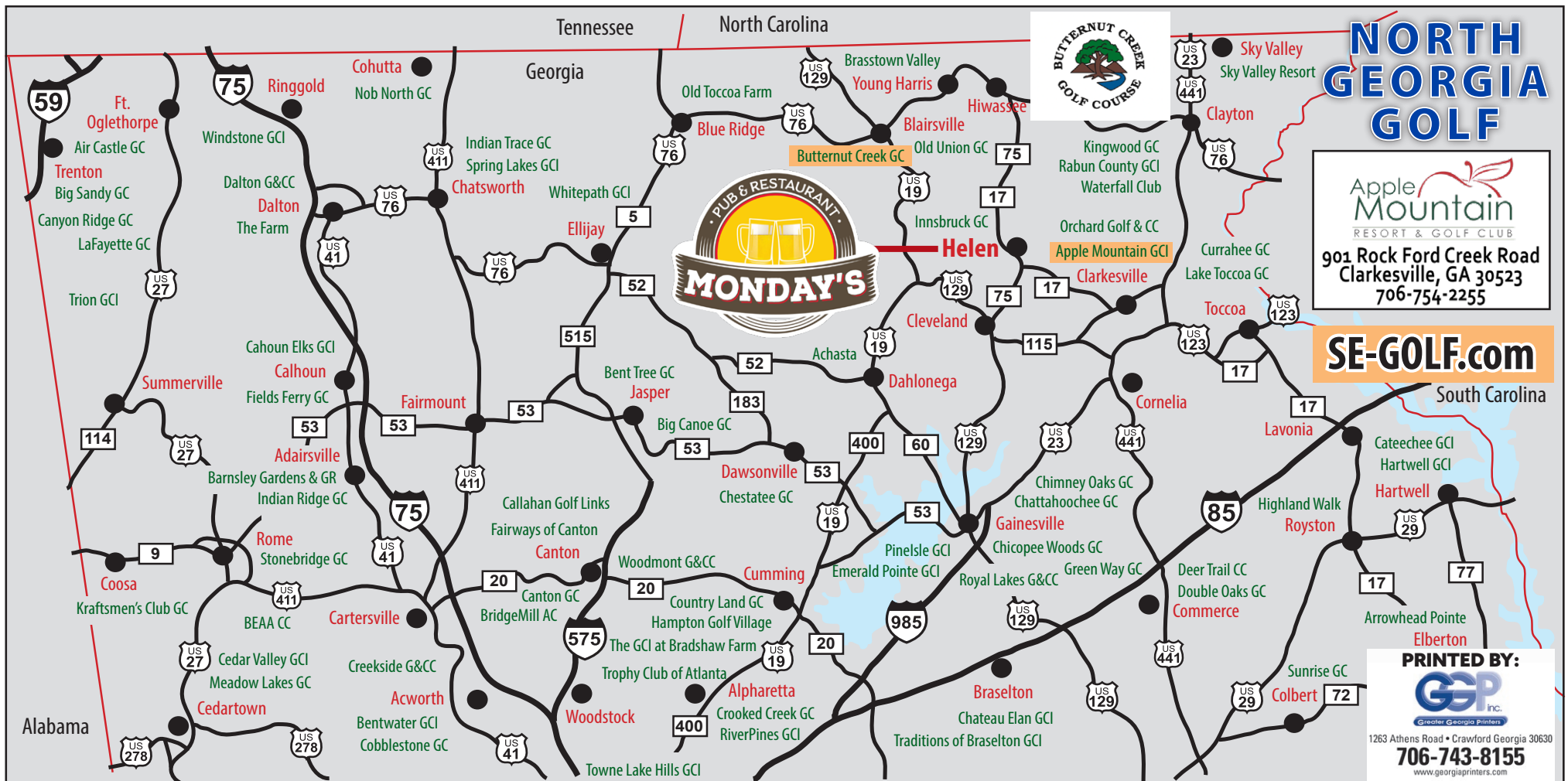
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