

Explorer GUIDEBOOK

White County - GEORGIA



2026 ADVENTURE SEASON

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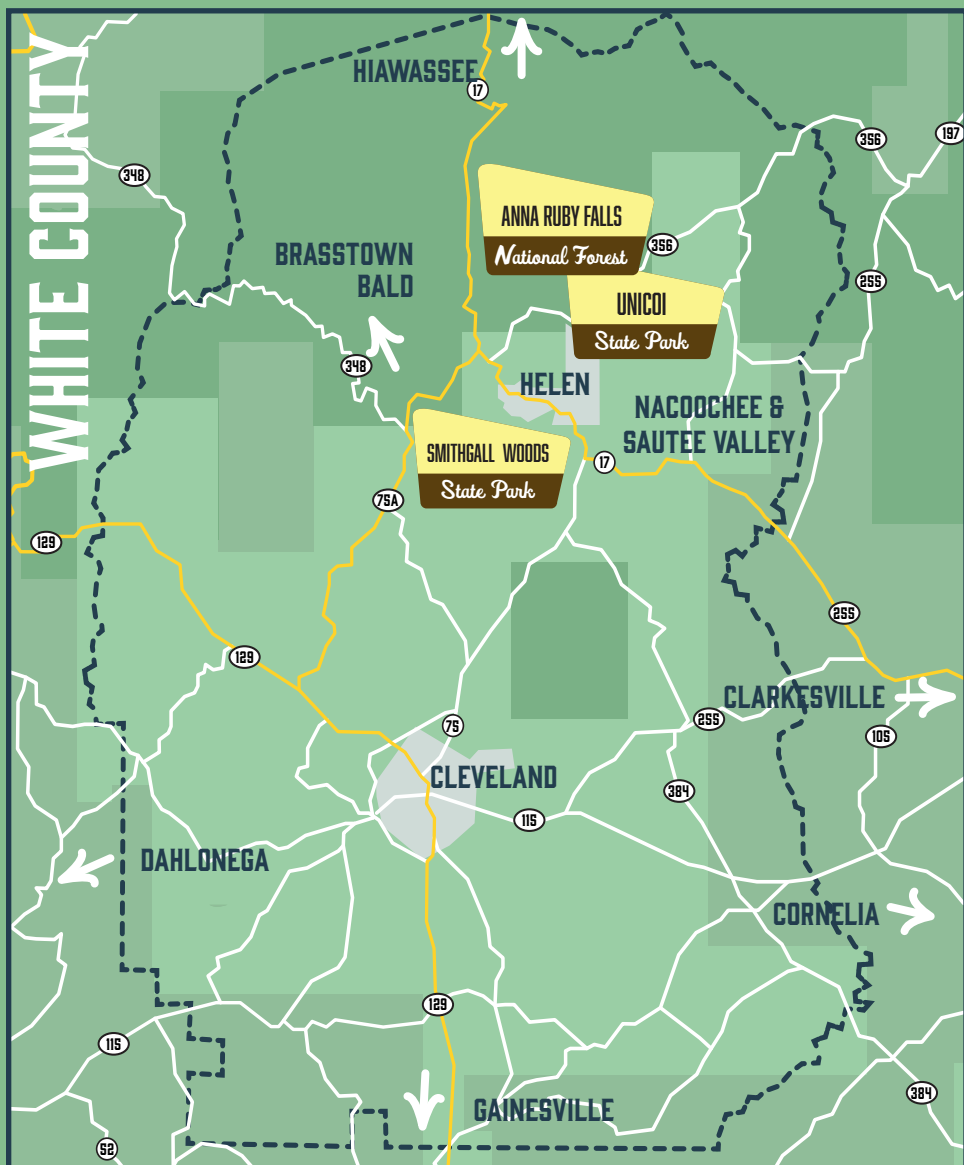
Helen



Sautee Nacoochee



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CHATTAHOOCHEE NATIONAL FOREST



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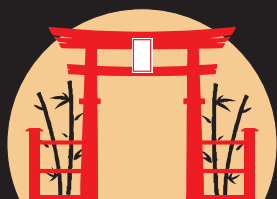
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3 *Outdoor Adventures*

FISHING • RIVERS & STREAMS

Buck Shoals WMA (Wildlife Management Area)

River Rd to Buck Shoals Wildlife Management Parking area • **770.535.5700**

Chattahoochee River Access • Nature Trails

Fishing • Youth Programs • Youth Fishing Ponds

GeorgiaWildlife.com/buck-shoals-wma

Northside Park & Picnic

6971 N Main St, Helen

Fishing in Helen - Chattahoochee Access Points

- City Park on Edelweiss Strasse behind Holiday Inn Express
- River Street - Behind The Riverbend Hotel and Cabins - Pay to Park

Unicoi State Park (must sign in at Lodge to fish)

- 1788 GA-356, Helen • 706.878.2201
- Smith Lake - 2016 GA-356
- Upper Smith Creek - Unicoi Campground Rd
- Lower Smith Creek Recreation Area - Unicoi Bottoms Rd

Mossy Creek Recreation Area

This is Chattahoochee River Fishing

9300-9399 Skitts Mountain Drive, Lula GA • **404.656.2770**

Turn on Homeplace Rd to get to the parking area

Unicoi Outfitters & Professional Guides

Fly fishing gear, information, and guide services • 2454 GA-17, Sautee Nacoochee • Clarkesville Location Stocks Bass Tackle • 1420 Washington St, Clarkesville **706.878.3083**



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To Purchase Your License Online



*Learn to
Fly Fish!*

UNICOI OUTFITTERS

HELEN, GA
706-878-3083

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GOING FISHING

Anyone over the age of 16 must have a license to fish.

Purchase Fishing License Online & At:

Betty's Country Store • 18 Yonah Street, Helen

Trout Stamp - Required for Trout Fishing:

Must be located on your license. Bait and size limits change each seasons, check local regulations when obtaining stamp.



Trout TALES & TACTICS

They See You: Trout can see colors, including items outside the water.

Hear or Feel You: Lateral lines that run along the trout's sides allow them to detect vibrations - they can feel you! Cascading water can be very loud, but trout are able to easily detect sounds along the riverbank.

Something Stinks: Special holes called "nares" allow trout to detect strange smells in their environment. Flies can be scented to help fool them.

Protect the Ecosystem:

1. Mountain trout need clean, cold water under 70 degrees to survive.
2. Trees along stream banks shade the water and keep stream temperatures cold so trout can survive.
3. Brook and brown trout spawn each fall and rainbow trout spawn in the spring. They dig nests called redds in the gravel, lay their eggs, and then cover them up with clean gravel. Nests are not visible above the water.
4. Trees and shrubs also stabilize stream banks and keep the dirt (silt) out of the water, so trout eggs will not be smothered under the gravel.

Protect the ecosystem by maintaining those vegetated buffers along stream banks and not disturbing rocks in the streams.

NORTH GEORGIA TROUT SPECIES



RAINBOW



BROWN



BROOK

5 Outdoor Adventures

TRAILS • WATERFALLS

Anna Ruby Falls - Steep

Length: 0.9 miles out & back

This trail is paved but steep. Benches are located along the trail and observation decks offer beautiful views of York and Curtis Creeks falls.

DeSoto Falls Recreation Area - Easy to Moderate

Lower Falls

Length: 0.25 downstream

Upper Falls

Length: 0.75 upstream

10 miles north west of Cleveland - Right off 129 N.

Dick's Creek Falls - Easy (swimming hole)

Length: 100 yards

North of Dahlonega - Drive north on US 19 to Mt. Piscah Church Road. Look for US Forest Service sign. Turn left on Dick's Creek Rd. and go 2.6 miles to the falls which will be on the left - 100 yards from parking lot.

Dick's Creek to Jarrard Gap - Moderate/Steep

4.3 mile out & back

This is an old roadbed that runs from Dicks Creek to Jarrard Gap. This is the path least taken, but the beauty that awaits you is worth the rough trail.

Duke's Creek Falls Trail - Easy

Length: 2.3 miles out & back

The first 1/10 mile is wheel chair accessible and leads to a viewing deck so everyone can get a view of the waterfalls. The trail winds through Dukes Creek Gorge. Hwy 348 (Scenic by-way) to paved parking area.

Helton Creek Falls - Easy

Length: 0.3 miles

This short trail descends to the first waterfall then climbs beside the creek to the second and larger waterfall. North on Hwy 19/60 - turn right on Helton Creek Rd. 2.2 miles to the parking area.

Hardman to Helen Heritage Trail - Easy

Length: 2 miles out & back

ADA accessible trail follows the Chattahoochee River from Hardman Farm Historic Site to Alpine Helen. This is an Old Gold Mine Trail.

Visit www.GAstateparks.org/HardmanFarmTrails

Raven Cliff Falls Trail - Moderate

Length: 5.8 out & back

This trail is in the Raven Cliffs Wilderness Area and follows cascading Dodd Creek upstream to the cliffs. Hwy 348 - north of Duke's creek falls.



**DON'T BUILD
ROCK CAIRNS**

Removing rocks from streams will harm macroinvertebrates, which are a vital food source for fish.

Outdoor Adventures

SCENIC VIEWS • DRIVES



**BRASSTOWN BALD
HIGHEST POINT IN GA**



Brasstown Bald - Hike or Shuttle To The Top

Is the highest point in Georgia, rising 4,784 feet above sea level and just a short drive from Blairsville, Hiawassee, and Helen.

Visitor Center: Open Thursday to Monday, 10:00am - 5:00pm

\$8/per for 16+ & Includes Shuttle (Under 16 Free) | **706.896.2556**

Directions: Take Georgia 180 to Jack's Gap and turn onto Georgia Spur 180 (north) - Go 3 miles to the Brasstown Bald parking lot.



Russell Scenic Byway

Encircles the headwaters of the Chattahoochee River and is surrounded by the Chattahoochee National Forest. The 43.9 mile scenic loop follows State Highways 348, 180, and 17/75. There are several hiking trails and scenic views along the route. Some of the hiking trails are a section of the Appalachian Trail.

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Suggested
Itinerary



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To View Map of Russell Scenic Byway



VIEW FROM BRASSTOWN BALD

7 Outdoor Adventures

SMITHGALL WOODS STATE PARK

Laurel Ridge Trail - Moderate	1.6 mile loop
Ash Creek Trail - Hard	3.6 miles out & back
Chunanee Falls Trails - Moderate	5.6 miles out & back
Martin's Mine - Moderate	5.2 miles out & back
Tsalaki Trail to Wetlands Loop - Moderate	2.9 miles out & back
Unicoi To Helen Trail - Moderate	5.2 miles out & back

Starting at Unicoi, you will need a parking pass. Or you can start in Helen where there is a parking lot at the trail head (Unicoi Hill park) - turn next to Hofer's Bakery onto White Strasse to get to the park.

UNICOI STATE PARK

Bottoms Loop Trail - Easy	1.8 mile loop
Unicoi Lake Loop Trail - Easy	2.2 mile loop
Smith Creek Trail - Hard	9.5 miles out & back

YONAH PRESERVE TRAILS

Designed for mountain biking and hiking, use caution while hiking.

Creek Trail - Easy	3.4 mile loop
Cherokee Trail - Easy	3.3 mile loop

Mount Yonah Trail - HARD/Steep	4.1 mile out & back
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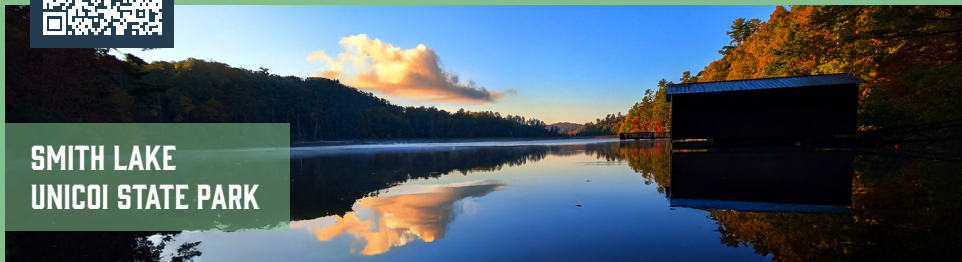
Amazing view from top of this mountain filled with native history. Managed by the USDA Forest Service. From downtown Cleveland, go north 0.3 mile on Highway 129. Turn right onto Georgia Highway 74 and go 2.2 miles. Turn right on Tom Bell Road and go 0.9 mile and take the 2nd right turn onto Chambers Rd. Go 0.7 mile and turn right on Forest Service Road 323. Go 0.3 mile to the trail head parking lot.



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To find full details on each trail on the US Forest Service's website.

**SMITH LAKE
UNICOI STATE PARK**



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SAFETY & PRESERVATION TIPS

There are many picturesque vistas in White County. Here are some tips to make the most of your adventure and preserve these beautiful spaces.

7 PRINCIPLES OF LEAVE NO TRACE

1. **Plan Ahead & Prepare**

Note the parking location & entrance fees. Supplies should include basic first aid and an extra pair of socks in case your feet get wet.

2. **Travel on Durable Surfaces**

Stay on the established trail to avoid damage to the land, foliage, or waterways. Best to walk single file in the middle of the trail.

3. **Dispose of Waste Properly**

Pack it in, pack it out. Do not leave behind any trash or leftover food.

4. **Leave What You Find**

The items we find in nature have a role to play, either in the ecosystem or the story of the landscape. Leaving what we find in place helps to preserve both.

5. **Minimize Campfire Impacts**

For over night hikes, it is best to use a lightweight stove for cooking and candle lantern for light. Campfires should only be built in designated fire rings or pans.

6. **Respect Wildlife**

Observe wildlife from a distance; DO NOT follow or approach them. Never feed animals because it damages their health, alters natural behaviors, and exposes them to predators and other dangers.

7. **Be Considerate of Others**

Let nature's sounds prevail; avoid loud voices and noises. Respect others and protect the quality of their experience.

HOW MUCH WATER?

ONE liter of water per hour

Average person takes 30 minutes to hike one mile.

Add 30 minutes for every 1,000 feet of elevation gained.



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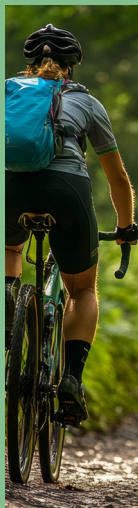
For GA State Park Safety Page



6FT LEASH REQUIRED

9 Outdoor Adventures

BIKING • KAYAKING • TUBING



Smithgall Woods State Park

Bikes are only permitted on Tsalaki Trail, stop by the visitor center to get your free biking permit

Unicoi State Park

Bike Trails (designed for 1996 Olympics) Strenuous **8 mile loop**

Yonah Preserve

Creek Trail

Dirt Trail

3.4 mile loop

Cherokee Trail

Dirt Trail

3.3 mile loop

Designed for mountain bikes but also used for hiking, yield to pedestrians.

Helen Ramble Trail

Public Paved Road

25 mile

Start at Hardman Farms, head east & circle back around to Helen - Details found on www.RideWithGPS.com



Lake Zwerner - Dahlenega

1680 Morrison Moore Pkwy E

Yonah Preserve - Cleveland

1054 Albert Reid Rd

Chattahoochee Paddle Route – Check in at Hardman Farms 9 Mile river route down the Hooch, Hardman Farms to GA 255 BEWARE private property lines the river - do NOT get out of the river until you reach a public exit point. Do not go beyond GA255.

Mossy Creek Recreation Park on the Chattahoochee River

9300-9399 Skitts Mountain Dr, Lula, GA

Turn on Homeplace Rd to get to the parking area

Wildwood Outfitters - Cleveland

26 Megan Drive



Cool River Tubing & Adventures

112 Poplar Stump Rd, Helen

See AD page 10

Helen Tubing & Water Park

222 Edelweiss Strasse, Helen



Outdoor Adventures 10

ZIPLINE • ZOO • FARMS • RIDES



Unicoi State Park

1788 GA-356, Helen

Nacoochee Adventures

7019 S. Main St, Helen

Cool River Adventures - See Ad Below

112 Poplar Stump Rd, Helen

www.CoolRiverAdventures.com



North Georgia Zoo & Safari

2912 Paradise Valley Rd, Cleveland

Chestatee Wildlife Preserve & Zoo

469 Dahlonega Hwy, Dahlonega



Lavender Lamb Farm

176 Bugle Dr, Cleveland

Red Oak Lavender Farm & Shop

2882 Red Oak Flats Rd, Dahlonega



Georgia Mountain Coaster

8409 S Main St, Helen - See Ad Page 12

www.GeorgiaMountainCoaster.com

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93 River St, Helen



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11 Outdoor Adventures

GOLF • HORSEBACK RIDING



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18 Holes, 6,748 yards with a par 72

Brasstown Valley Resort & Spa

6321 US Highway 76, Young Harris **800.201.3205**
18 holes over 6,957 yards with a par 72

Achasta Golf Course

639 Birch River Dr, Dahlonega **888.988.6222**
18 holes over 6,937 yards with a par 72



Alpine Mini Golf

7914 S Main St, Helen

Pirate's Cove Adventure Golf

1081 Edelweiss Strasse, Helen

Bavarian Mountain Miniature Golf

8065 S Main St, Helen



Yahoola Creek Park – Disc Golf Course

1166 Captain McDonald Rd, Dahlonega

Meeks Park – Disc Golf Course

Meeks Ave, Blairsville



Chattahoochee Stables

2180 GA-17, Sautee Nacoochee

White Dog Farm

402 Celie Ann Seabolt Rd, Cleveland



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GEORGIA FOOTHILLS - Chapter 629
Clarkesville, GA

Georgia State Parks **12**

OUR GREATEST TREASURE

Georgia State Parks are a true treasure full of wildlife & outdoor adventures. A daily parking fee of \$5 per vehicle or annual pass required to enter any state park to enjoy the wonders of nature, peace & tranquility.

Unicoi State Park & Lodge

Just north of Helen- Smith Lake & Smith Creek
Camping, Canoeing, Kayaking, Trout fishing, Hiking, Zip Line, Geocaching

Smithgall Woods State Park

Between Cleveland & Helen on Duke's Creek
Hiking, Biking, Fishing, Geocaching

Amicalola Falls & Lodge

West of Dahlonega
Archery, Zip Lines, Hiking, Geocaching, Fitness Trail

Moccasin Creek State Park

Northeast of Helen on Lake Burton
Boating, Kayaking, Paddling, Fishing, Hiking, Geocaching

Vogel State Park

Northwest of Helen at base of Blood Mountain - Camping, Hiking, Fishing, Kayaking, Paddling, Swimming, Aqua cycling, Geocaching, Miniature Golf

Tallulah Gorge State Park

Northeast of Helen - Hiking, Biking, Canyon climbing, Rock Climbing, Fishing, Paddling, Swimming, & Tennis

Don Carter State Park

South of Cleveland - Chattahoochee becomes Lake Lanier
Biking, Boating, Fishing, Hiking, horseback riding, Paddling, Swimming, Kayaking, Aqua cycling



8409 S MAIN STREET - HELEN, GA

Georgia Mountain Coaster
is the first and only
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in the state!

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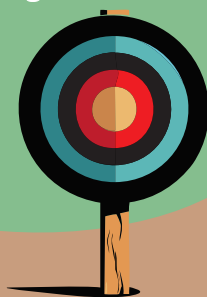


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LODGE • GLAMPING • RV CAMPING

Unicoi State Park & Lodge sprawls over 1,000 acres and is truly an outdoor paradise. It is located just 2 miles north of Helen and is next door to “Anna Ruby Falls”, which is a part of the US Forest Service. The trout fishing waters of Smith Creek runs through the park and forms Smith Lake. The 96 room lodge has clean hotel style accommodations and the park is a highly sought after camping location. There are 29 cabins, including the unique “barrel cabins” and 96 camping sites.

- Lodge with restaurant and gift shop
- RV Camping & Tent Camping
- Squirrel's Nest Camping & Glamping
- Ziplines
- Archery & Air Gun Range
- Tomahawk Throwing
- Fishing and Fly Fishing Lessons
- Kayaking, Biking & Paddle boarding
- Hiking & Guided Hiking Tours



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To Visit Unicoi Website



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Smithgall Woods State Park 14

TROUT FISHING • HIKING



Smithgall Woods State Park is located on over 5,000 acres between Cleveland and Helen. It is primarily a “day use” park, but it does offer accommodations of 6 cottages and pioneer camping. The famous Duke’s Creek runs through the park, making this a great spot for trout fishing. Please note that trout stamp/fishing license and advanced reservations are required, and is catch and release only. Contact the park’s visitor’s center for any questions.

- Hiking
- Biking
- 5 Picnic Shelters
- Visitor’s Center with Museum & Gift shop
- Trout Fishing (only for overnight guests June – September)
- Trout Fishing is October – May (with advanced reservations)
- 28 miles of Hiking Trails - The Laurel Ridge Trail is a safety zone and open to hikes at all times, even during scheduled hunts
- All - Terrain Georgia Action Track Chair (reservation required)

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To Visit Smithgall Website
Information on Cottage & Camping Reservations



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15 *Historical Sites*

Dahlonega Gold Museum

Downtown Dahlonega (west of Cleveland)

Amicalola Falls & Lodge

West of Dahlonega

Archery, Zip Lines, Hiking, Geocaching, Fitness Trail

Hardman Farms & Historic Site (Indian Mound)

Sautee Nacoochee - Tour of Home & Farm & Nice walking path along the Chattahoochee river (Old miners Trail) - Seasonal Events

White County Courthouse Museum

1 Courthouse Square, Cleveland

Duke's Creek

Gold discovered here in 1828 - Duke's Creek Trail is a 2 mile hike out & back, leading to cascading waterfalls that tumble at the convergence of Davis Creek and Dukes Creek.



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Age 12 and older \$15, 11 and younger \$10
and under 2 years old is free

Non-Profit • www.ChestateeWildlife.com

Hardman Historic Site 16

HIKING • CAMPS • FESTIVALS



Built in 1870 by Captain John H. Nichols, the house is a grand example of Italianate architecture. There are docent-led tours of the mansion and self-guided tours of the 19 outbuildings; which includes the Dairy Barn and Creamery.

- Walk the “**Old Miners Trail**” along the Chattahoochee River and find the remnants of the **Unicoi Turnpike**
- Learn About **Ancient Burial Mound & Cherokee Town of Gauxule**
- Open March thru December - 7 days a week 10:00am to 4:00pm
- Mansion Tours on Thursday - Saturday (last tour at 3pm)
- Admission range \$7 to \$13 for individual and \$40 for Families
- Children’s Day Camps - Experience Life 100 Years Ago
- Field trips, special events, concerts, wedding & festivals

Captain Nichols was the first to discover graves on the farm. When plowing the field across from the house, he found stone box graves to the west of the large mound, which are indicative of the **Mississippian Mound Builders**. Nicholas built the iconic gazebo on what is now known at the **Nacoochee Mound**, He is also credited with naming **Anna Ruby Falls** after his daughter.



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For Events Calendar



US Forest Services

The US Chattahoochee Forest managed by the US Forest Services, contains 118,000 acres of wilderness deep with history. Adventures begin here.

- Wildlife: Birds, snakes, deer, bob cats, black bears, coyotes, beavers, river otters, foxes, rabbits, turkey, raccoons, opossums, squirrels...
- 850 miles of recreation trails to include sections of the Appalachian Trail
- Streams and Rivers
- Campgrounds
- Picnic Areas

Anna Ruby Falls

Two miles north of Helen is a 150 foot waterfall with recreation area.

- Open daily 9am – 5pm (no admission after 4pm)
- \$5 admission fee per person
- Falls are created by 2 different creeks: 153 foot fall from Curtis Creek & 50 foot fall from York Creek
- Smith Creek forms at the base of the falls

3 HIKING TRAILS

Anna Ruby Falls Trail: 0.4 mile paved trail

Lion's Eye Foot Trail: 0.1 mile paved trail featuring a cable hand rail for visually impaired guests. Interpretive signs in braille.

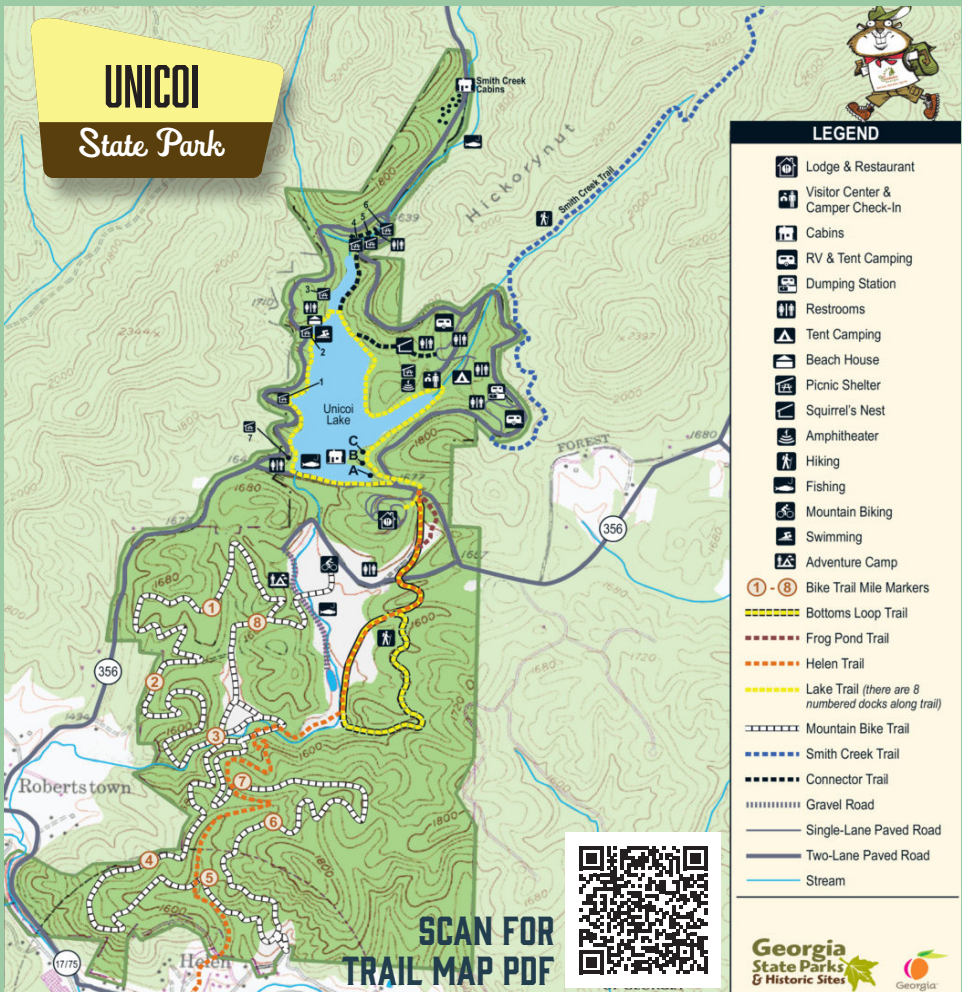
Smith Creek Foot Trail: 4.6-mile hike leaves the Anna Ruby Falls Trail near the upper bridge across Smith Creek and leads to the campground in Unicoi Park.



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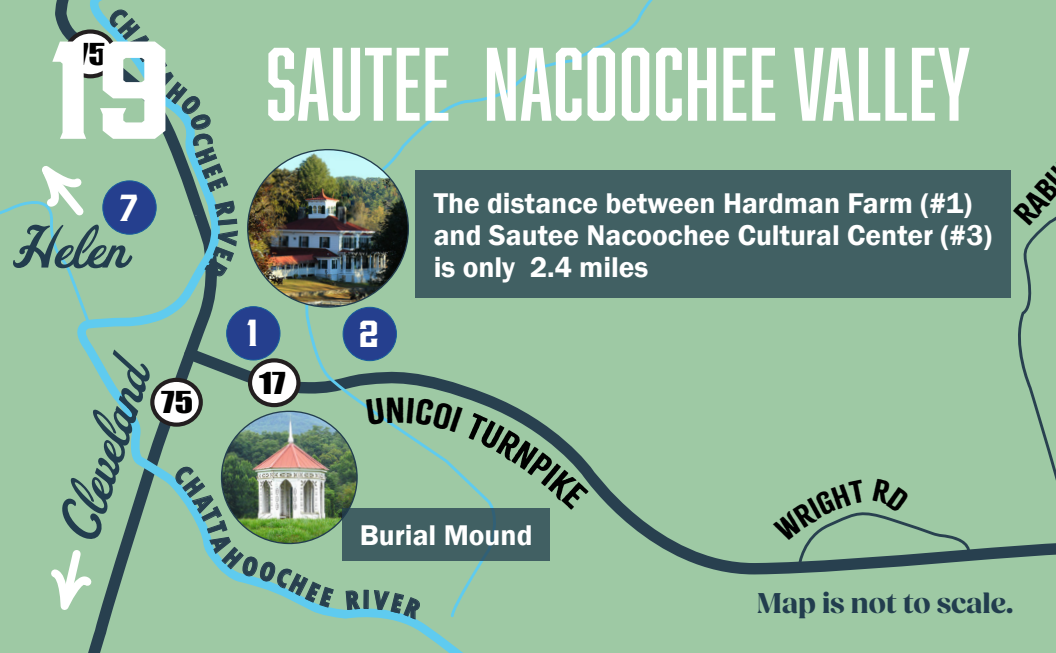
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Cherokee Campground Sautee - Sautee
Desota Falls Recreation Area - US Forest Service
Horseshoe Trails Camping & Cabins - Cleveland
Jenny's Creek Family Campground - Cleveland
Leisure Acres - Cleveland
Low Gap Campground - US Forest Service
Smithgall Woods Pioneer Camping & Cottages - Helen
Timberline Glamping - Uncoi State Park
Turner Campsites - Cleveland
Uncoi State Park & Lodge - Helen
Yonah Mountain Campground - Cleveland



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SAUTEE NACOOCHEE VALLEY



The Sautee Nacoochee Valley

A hidden treasure between Cleveland and Helen, Georgia.
Historically rich valley where families have lived
and adventured for centuries.

1. **Hardman Farm**
See Page 16
2. **Creekstone Vineyards & Winery**
295 Hardman Farm Road
Open Daily (see ad page 33)
3. **Sautee Nacoochee Cultural Center & Folk Pottery Museum**
283 Highway 255 North
4. **African American Heritage Site**
5. **Scrappy Shak**
2454 Hwy 17
6. **Unicoi Outfitters**
2454 Hwy 17
7. **Habersham Winery**
7025 S Main St, Helen
8. **The Sautee Inn**
2178 GA-17, Sautee (see AD on page 40)



SAUTEE
NACOOCHEE
CENTER

The Sautee Nacoochee Center is a cultural center & museum.
Open Daily • www.snca.org

Their calendar is filled with community dances, concerts, festivals, kid's programs and much more. Be sure to see what adventures are available during your visit!



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For Event Details
& Calendar



The history of the Santee Nacoochee area extends back 12,000 years, with inhabitants dating to the Paleo-Indian period. According to "Valley Voices" by Emory Jones, the people who constructed the famous burial mound at Hardman Farm lived between 800 and 1500 AD.

Farmers Market at Santee Nacoochee Center

Every Thursday 4 - 7pm, May through the end of the growing season. Local growers who are committed to sustainable agriculture practices will be on campus selling their products, from in-season produce, to honey, mushrooms, eggs, and more.



THE KILLMON FOUNDATION

We are a veteran run organization that provides scholarships.

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21 *Indoor Adventures*

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MUSEUMS

Historic White County Courthouse Museum

1 Courthouse Square, Cleveland

Sautee Nacoochee Cultural Center & Folk Pottery Museum

283 GA-255, Sautee Nacoochee

Dahlonega Gold Museum

1 Public Square, Dahlonega

PAN FOR GOLD

Duke's Creek Gold and Ruby Mine

Near the site of the first major US Gold Rush.

6145 GA-75, Sautee Nacoochee - See AD Page 24

Outpost Gold & Gem Mining Co.

7901 S Main St, Helen Call - **706.878.5065** - See AD Below

OutpostGoldandGems.com

Consolidated Gold Mine – Old Gold Mine – Panning & Gems

185 Consolidated Gold Mine Road, Dahlonega

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ESCAPE GAMES, ARCADES, BOUNCE, GO-KARTS, LASER TAG

Alpine Fun Factory - Bounce zone, Go-Karts, Laser Tag
Alpine Mini Golf Village & Ice Cream
Alpine Speedway Slot Car Racing
Axe Billy - Axe Throwing
Bavarian Mountain Miniature Golf & Arcades
Helen Huggables - Build Your Own Animal Lovey
MindEscapes - Escape Rooms
Scrappy Shak - Art Supplies & Lessons

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Georgia Gold Rush - 1828

There are several accounts of how Georgia's gold rush began, though no one knows for certain who made the first discovery. One story credits John Witheroods with finding a three-ounce nugget along Duke's Creek in what is now White County. Another version attributes the discovery to Jesse Hogan, who reportedly found gold on Ward's Creek near Dahlonega. A third tale describes Benjamin Parks stumbling upon a nugget while deer hunting near the Chestatee River.

Regardless of which account is accurate, all point to 1828 as the year the "Great Intrusion" began. To learn more about this pivotal chapter in our history, visit the **Dahlonega Gold Museum**.



MOUNTAIN MARKET
Vendor Mall & Gift Shop

Gem Mining	Vendors
Gold Panning	Antiques
Geodes	Gifts

706-878-2625

23 *Adventure Bear*

Explorer Guidebook introduces a new member to the family, "Adventure Bear," designed to help families find fun activities for any age. Businesses around White County have joined "Adventure Bear" in spreading fun. Each business has a photograph of Adventure Bear hidden at their place of business. If you find the bear, look for a special QR code. The QR code will direct you to a special webpage for that business.

ADVENTURE BEAR SCAVENGER HUNT

See pages 41 - 44 for a scavenger hunt & daily itineraries designed around businesses and places in White County that Adventure Bear loves.

Some things you might get as a reward:

- Treats
- Discounts
- Adventure Bear Activity Sheets
- Free Gift with Purchase
- Fun Facts
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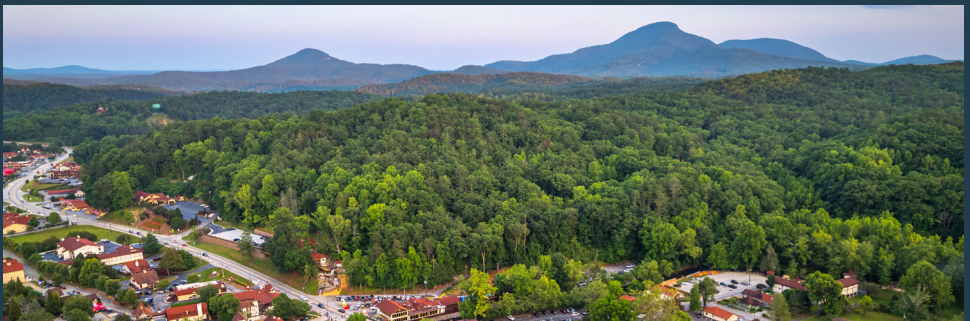
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Cowboys & Angels	Helen
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Monday's Pub	Helen
King Ludwig Biergarten	Helen
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The Troll Tavern	Helen
Alpine Brew Deck	Helen
Big Creek Distillery	Cleveland/Dahlonge
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LIVE MUSIC

Friday	Javi's Mexican Grill • Cleveland	5 - 8 pm
Thur, Fri, Sat (Sun 2pm)	Bigg Daddy's • Helen	7 pm
2nd Thur of Month	Jumping Goats • Cleveland	6 - 9 pm
Friday & Saturday	Creekstone Winery • Sautee	6 - 9 pm
Fridays & Holiday	Spice 55 • Helen	5:30 - 8:30 pm
Saturday & Sunday	Habersham Winery • Helen SAT 2 - 5 pm • SUN 1 - 4 pm	

BINGO • MAHJONG • TRIVIA

Mahjong	2nd & 4th Monday of Month • CeNita Vineyard • Cleveland	6 - 8 pm
Music Bingo	2nd Thursday of Month • Jumping Goats • Cleveland	6 - 9 pm
Music Bingo	Thursdays • CeNita Vineyard • Cleveland	6 - 8 pm
Bingo	Tuesday & Fridays • Apr 7 - Aug 28 • Festhalle • Helen	6 - 9 pm



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Festivals & Events

SPRING – SUMMER

April 11 - May 10	Rhododendron Festival • Hiawassee Hamilton Farms Gardens • Open Daily 11am - 3pm Music & Food Trucks • 10 - 4pm Sat & Sun
May 16 & 17	Arts, Crafts, & Wine with Jazz • Dahlonega Square
May 17 + Multiple Dates	VIP Wildlife Park Tour • North Georgia Wildlife and Safari Park June 21, July 19, Aug 16, Sept 20, Oct 18 • 4pm - 7pm
May 23	Bavarian Fest • Helen Festhalle • 6pm - 11pm
May 23 - June 27	Wildlife of Unicoi • FREE to Public • 2nd & 4th Saturday Unicoi State Park at Visitor Center • Starts at 12pm
June 4 - 6	53rd Balloon Race • Helen to Atlantic • HelenBalloon.com
June 4 & 7	26th Biker Nation Reunion Rally • Helen
June 4 - 20	U-Pick Lavender Season • Lavendar Lambs Farm in Cleveland
June 5 & 7	Scottish Festival & Highland Games Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds • Hiawassee • 9am - 5pm
June 8 & 9	JR Zookeeper Summer Camp • North Georgia Wildlife and Safari Park • 9am - Noon
June 8 - July 27	Master Naturalist Program • Smithgall Woods State Park 8 week Adult Environmental Class • Mondays 9am - 4pm



June 19	Night Hike • Unicoi State Park • Helen
July 3 - August 23	Earthy Delights Pottery Exhibit • Sautee Nacoochee Center
July 18 & August 15	Harvest Hayride • Hardman Farm at Smithgall • 10am - 3pm
July 18 & 19	Butternut Creek Festival • Blairsville
July 25 - 26	Green Bean Festival • Downtown Blairsville • 10am - 4pm
August 1 - 2 & 8 - 9	Sunflowers & Selfies • Smithgall Woods State Park Hayrides, games, native plant sale & sunflower • 10am - 3pm
August 14 - 22	Georgia Mountain Fair • Music, Arts, Crafts Hiawassee • GeorgiaMountainFairgrounds.com
August 22	Edible Plant Hike • Smithgall State Park • 10am - 12:00pm
August 29	Crush Fest • Yonah Mountain Vineyards • 12pm - 6pm

250 July 4th Celebrations

Helen

Behind Helen Welcome Center about 9pm

Hiawassee

Fairgrounds Festivities - 3pm and Fireworks at 9:45pm

Dahlonega

Hancock Park & Historic Square all day events to include
Car Show, Fun Run, Parade, Food Trucks & Fireworks at
UNG Drill Field at Dark

Lake Blue Ridge

Morganton Point Recreation at Dusk

Gainesville

Band 7 - 10pm, Fireworks at Dark - Midland Greenway Amphitheater

July 3rd in Blue Ridge

Firework Special Train • Blue Ridge Scenic Railway • 7pm – 11Pm

July 5th in Cleveland

Freedom Park • Festivities start 7pm and Fireworks about 9pm

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Festivals & Events

FALL

September 5	18th Annual Folk Pottery & Arts Festival • Sautee Nacoochee Center • 10am - 4pm
September 10 - November 1	OktoberFest • Festhalle Helen Sept 10 - 30, Thursday to Sunday • Oct 5 - Nov 1, Nightly
September 7	Blue Ridge Wine & Jazz Festival • Ellijay at White Creek Farms
September 12	OktoberFest Parade & Tapping of First Keg • 12pm • Helen
September 25 - 27	Helen's Alpine Village Arts & Crafts Show Unicoi Hill Park • Helen
September 19	Big Red Apple Festival • Main Street Cornelia
October 3 - 4	Indian Summer Festival • Woody Gap High • Suches
October 9 - 17	GA Mountain Fall Festival Music, Arts, Crafts, & Carnival Rides • Hiawassee
October 10 - 11 October 17 - 18	Georgia Apple Festival • Ellijay Fairgrounds • Ellijay
October 17	Halloween Haunted Hike • Smithgall Park • 5- 7pm
October 17 & 18	Gold Rush Days Festival • Downtown Dahlonega
October 25	Mountain Farm Celebration • Old Fashion Country Fair Hardman Farm • Sautee • 10am - 4pm • \$8



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WINTER

Nov 26 - Dec 31	Mountain Country Christmas in Lights • Hiawassee
November 27	Gobble Wobble Guided Hike • Smithgall Park • 10am - 12pm
Nov 28 - Dec 24	Blue Ridge Scenic Railway "The Night Before Christmas" 1 Hour Train Ride
Nov 28 & Nov 29 Dec 5 & Dec 6	The Lighting of Helen & Helen Christmas Market Downtown Market Platz & Unicoi Hill Park • Helen
December 4-5 11-12 & 18-19	Victorian Christmas • Hardman Farm • Sautee Step back in time to Christmas 1877 • 4 - 7pm
December 12	Festive Guided Hike • Smithgall Park • 10am - 12pm
December 31	New Years Eve • 14th Annual Dropping of the Edelweiss Festhalle Helen • 8pm to Midnight
January 1	First Day Hike • Hardman Farm
February 13 - 14	WinterFest Arts Tour • Sautee Nacoochee Center 10am-5pm



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29 Eats & Treats - Cleveland

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Corner Grill	Breakfast & Lunch
The Diner at Mountain Lakes	Breakfast & Lunch
Jumping Goats	Breakfast & Lunch
Yonah Burger	Breakfast & Lunch
The Watering Hole Bar & Grill (Sautee)	Lunch & Dinner
Cafe Cancun Bar & Grill	Lunch & Dinner
Clyde's Table & Tavern	Lunch & Dinner
Creekside Deli	Lunch & Dinner
El Campesino	Lunch & Dinner

Javi's Mexican Grill & Tavern **OPEN DAILY** **Lunch & Dinner**
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JR's Roadkill Bar & Grill	Lunch & Dinner
North Georgia BBQ	Lunch & Dinner
Rib Country	Lunch & Dinner
Riverside Tavern at Turners Corner	Lunch & Dinner
Soda Fountain Cafe	Lunch & Dinner
Sunflower	Lunch & Dinner
Super Baked Pizza	Dinner
Tipsy Tomato Restaurant & Wine Bar	Dinner

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Betty's Country Store/IGA

Boujee B's - See AD Page 13

Nora Mills Granary & Country Store

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Big Basket Foods IGA & Smokehouse

Circle L Market - See AD Page 14

Ingles Market

Kitchen of Dana - See AD Below

Tomato House - See AD Opposite

Walmart

SAUTEE NACOOCHEE

Old Sautee Store & Market

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Hoochee's River Basket	Breakfast & Lunch
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Hofer's Bakery & Cafe	Breakfast & Lunch
Muller's Famous Fried Cheese Cafe	Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Smith Creek Tavern	Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Dottie's Kitchen	Lunch
Slice of Helen	Lunch
Alpine Brew Deck	Lunch & Dinner
Alpine Pizza Garden	Lunch & Dinner
Bangkok Haus	Lunch & Dinner
Bigg Daddy's	Lunch & Dinner
Bodensee	Lunch & Dinner
Brickhouse Burgers, Pizza & Pasta	Lunch & Dinner
Cafe International	Lunch & Dinner
Campfire Restaurant	Lunch & Dinner
Chattahoochee Dog Haus	Lunch & Dinner
Cowboys & Angels	Lunch & Dinner
Francesco's Restobar	Lunch & Dinner
Open 11am to 10pm • 706.878.7778 • AD Back Cover	
Hofbrauhaus	Lunch & Dinner
King Ludwig Biergarten	Lunch & Dinner
La Cabana	Lunch & Dinner
OPEN DAILY • 11am to 10pm • See AD Page 1	
Monday's Pub	Lunch & Dinner
Nacoochee Village Tavern & Pizzeria	Lunch & Dinner
Paul's Margarita Deck	Lunch & Dinner
Pink Pig Southern BBQ	Lunch & Dinner
Q'Paso Latin Grub	Lunch & Dinner
Spice 55 Thai & Sushi	Lunch & Dinner
WED THRU MON - Noon til 9:30 PM • AD Page 23	
The Heidelberg	Lunch & Dinner

Eats & Treats in Helen 32



The Troll Tavern
Two Tire Tavern
Village Crepe Haus
Wild Hogs BBQ
Mully's Nacoochee Grill
Old Bavaria Inn
Paul's Steakhouse

Lunch & Dinner
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TREATS

Boujee B's - See AD Page 13

Das Ice Cream Cafe "Adult Flavors"

Dog Gone Coffee - See AD Page 35

Eisberg

Granny's Famous Funnel Cake House

Hanzel & Gretel Candy Kitchen

Honey on the Hill

Kopper's Kettle Fudge Shop

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Mountain Delights

Scoop-De-Scoop Ice Cream Parlor

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TASTING ROOMS • WINE TOURS

Cavender Creek Vineyard & Winery	Dahlonega
CeNita Winery & Vineyards	Cleveland
Creekstone Vineyard & Winery	Sautee
See AD Bellow • Sister to Habersham Winery	
Currahee Vineyard & Winery	Toccoa
The Cottage Vineyard & Winery	Cleveland
Dahlonega Resort, Vineyard, & Spa	Dahlonega
FrogTown Vineyard, Winery & Bistro	Dahlonega
Habersham Winery	Helen
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Kaya Vineyards & Winery	Dahlonega
Limoges Cellars Vineyards & Farm	Cleveland
Serenity Cellars	Cleveland
Sylvan Valley Lodge & Cellars	Sautee
Sweet Acre Farms Winery & Tasting Room	Helen
Terra Incognita Vineyard	Clarkesville
Tesnatee River Winery & Meadery	Cleveland
Three Sisters Vineyard Winery & Deli	Dahlonega
Yonah Mountain Vineyards	Cleveland

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Bison View Lodge	Sautee
Cenita Venue	Cleveland
Community Hall <i>at Sautee Nacoochee Center</i>	Sautee
Copey Creek Farm	Clarksville
Fairfield Inn	Helen
Heiendorf River Inn Suites & Conference Center	Helen
Historical Gym <i>at Sautee Nacoochee Center</i>	Sautee
Lucille's Mountain Top Inn & Spa	Sautee Nacoochee
The Densmore Farm	Cleveland
The Farm at Ashley Ridge	Cleveland
Meadows at Mossy Creek	Cleveland
Mountain Lakes Resort	Cleveland
Mountain Laurel Farm	Cleveland
Neverland Farms	Cleveland
On The River Weddings	Helen
River Park Farms	Cleveland
The Ruins at Kellum Valley	Cleveland
Sanctuary Estate	Cleveland
Southern Wind Terrace	Cleveland
Sweetpea's Space	Cleveland
Unicoi State Park & Lodge	Helen
Valhalla Resort	Helen
Willow Creek Farm	Cleveland
Yonah Paradise	Cleveland



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Kim's Consignment	Cleveland
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Meaders Mercantile & Antiques	Cleveland
Mildred's Thrift Store	Cleveland
Mountain Laurel Antique Mall	Cleveland
Nacoochee Antiques	Helen
Reflections Mall	Cleveland
Shoal Creek Junction Flea Market	Cleveland
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Vintage Blessings	Cleveland
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Dizzy Bear

Duke's Creek Gold & Ruby Mine
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The Gourd Place
The Gourmet Shoppe-Fox Winery
Granny's Famous Funnel Cake House
Habersham Winery & Gifts
Hansel & Gretel Candy Kitchen
Helen Ace Hardware
Helen's Best
Helen Arts & Heritage Center
Helen's Cellar Package
Helen Hat Company
Helen Huggables
Hickory Flat Pottery

Hooch River Trading - AD Opposite

It's All About Me Boutique
Itty Bitty Wonders
Jolly's Toys
Jumping Goats Coffee
Kopper's Kettle Fudge Shop

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The Lavender Cottage & Garden
Lindenhaus Imports
The Little Boho Shop
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Main Street Emporium
The Mason Jar Shoppe
Mimi's Fashion Jewelry & Accessories
Mountainside Farmacy
Nacoochee Village Antique Mall
Nora Mill Granary Grist Mill & Store
Old Sautee Store

Outpost Gold & Gem Panning
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Rice Jewelry & Sunglasses
Scarlett's Secret

Scrappy Shak - AD Page 20

Southern Comfort Quilts
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Unicoi Outfitters
Victoria's Cottage & Gifts
The Wildewood Shop
The Willows Pottery
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CABINS

A Holler from Helen

Clarksville

Alpine Hearth Cottage

Helen

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Bear Creek Lodge & Cabins

Helen

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Blue Creek Cabins

Helen

Cabin Rentals of Helen

Sautee

Cedar Creek Cabins

Cleveland

Creekwood Resort RV Park & Cabins

Sautee

Freedom Finder Vacation Rentals

Sautee

Gabby's Cabins

Cleveland

Georgia Mountain Rentals

Sautee

Georgia Vacation Rentals

Helen

Hearthstone Cabins & Camping

Helen

Little Andy Mountain Cabins

Cleveland

Living on Mountain Tyme

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Hampton Inn	Helen
Heidi Motel	Helen
Helendorf River Inn & Conference	Helen
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Holiday Inn Express	Helen
Igls Resort at Innsbruck	Helen
Knights Inn	Cleveland
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Nacoochee Valley Lodge	Helen
Riverbend Hotel & Cabins	Helen
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SureStay Hotel by Best Western	Helen
Sylvan Valley Lodge and Cellars	Sauttee Nacoochee
Unicoi State Park & Lodge	Unicoi State Park
Valhalla Resort	Helen

CLEVELAND ITINERARY 1**Morning:**

Visit *Smithgall Woods State Park* (page 14) for a breakfast picnic by Duke's Creek before hitting the trails and museum

Lunch:

Tomato House Farm (page 29)
Great place to pickup picnic & camp supplies. The ice cream and fudge make an excellent treat!

Visit the amazing animals at *Chestatee Wildlife Preserve* (page 15)

Dinner:

Yoshi Express (page 2)

CLEVELAND ITINERARY 2**Morning:**

Hike/bike/kayak at
Yonah Mountain Preserve

Lunch:

Visit shops & *Freedom Park* in downtown Cleveland - grab a bite at one of the many restaurants

Visit *Circle L Market*
for campfire meals (page 14)

Dinner:

Javi's Mexican Grill (back cover)
Thursday & Friday Nights - Live Music

HELEN ITINERARY 3**Morning:**

Grab breakfast & picnic lunch at
Hoochee's River Basket (back cover) & hike up to *Anna Ruby Falls* (page 17)

Lunch:

Great picnic spots near *Anna Ruby Falls*
Visitor Center

Checkout locally made souvenirs in Helen at *Hooch River Trading* (page 24)

Feel the wind at the *Georgia Mountain Coaster* (page 13) & pan for gold at *Outpost* (page 21)

Dinner:

Franchisco's (back cover)

SAUTEE ITINERARY 4**Morning:**

Tour *Hardman Farms* & Ancient Burial Ground

Stop at *Habersham Winery* in Nacoochee to find Adventure Bear

Visit *Scrappy Shak* (page 20) and *Unico Outfitters* (page 3)

Lunch:

Visit *Creekstone Winery* for wine & great views. Kitchen open Th - Sat. (page 33)

Wall climbing and adventures at *Cool River Adventures* (page 10)

Dinner:

Spice 55 (page 23)
Live Music on Fridays

Scavenger Hunt 42

This is an easy hunt that you can enjoy throughout your visit. It doesn't have to be completed in one day or even in one visit.

The locations listed below are places Adventure Bear has been and you MIGHT even find Adventure Bear! If you find the Adventure Bear, scan the QR code for instructions to receive a reward!



Find highest point in Georgia (hint see page 6). This is a scenic drive and/or great day trip with many hiking and sites to see including the tallest point. Adventure Bear (AB) always carries water and a picnic to enjoy after his hike.

AB loves **Spice 55's** pineapple chicken and their black dragon (page 23). Who knew bears liked sushi?

AB enjoys watching visitors ride the **Georgia Mountain Coaster** (page 10).

Adventure Bear enjoys the thrill of prospecting. Try your hand at panning for gold at **Outpost Gold & Gem** mining (page 21).

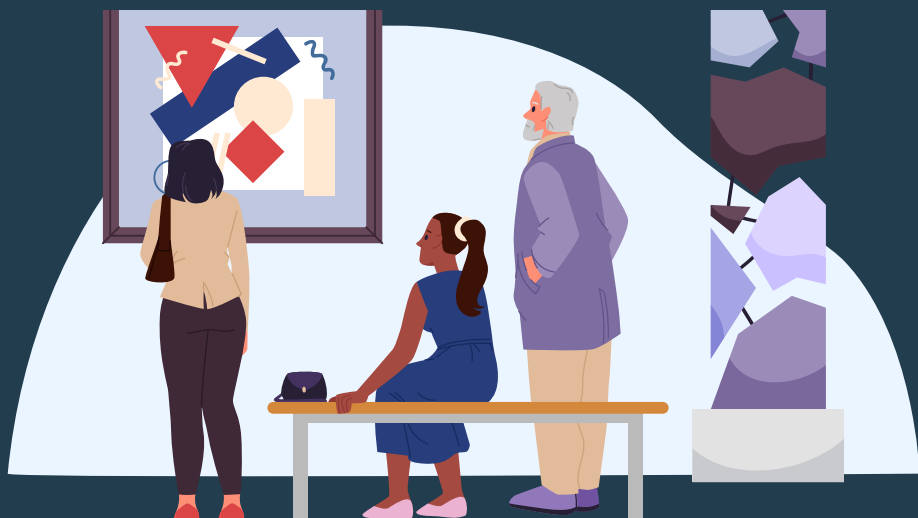
AB can be found "Shooting the Hooch" on the Chattahoochee River. Grab a tube from **Cool River Tubing** (page 10) and drift lazily along.

Adventure Bear loves a good climbing challenge at **Cool River Adventures** (page 10) obstacle course. Can you beat his time?

Hardman Farms (page 16) has lots of activities for all ages! AB loves the slow southern pace hiking along the Chattahoochee on the paved **Hardman to Helen Heritage Trail**. He also enjoys taking tours to learn about the farm and burial mound created by Native Americans thousands of years ago.

43 Scavenger Hunt

- Adventure Bear (AB) likes to practice his artistic skills at **Scrappy Shak** (page 20) in Sautee. They have all kinds of supplies & weekly classes where he learns new techniques.
- When AB needs fishing gear he pops over to **Unico Outfitters** (page 3), now located in the Sautee Valley.
- While in the neighborhood, AB likes to see the newest artist creations at **Folk Pottery Museum** (page 19).
- Adventure Bear loves “cutting a rug” at the **Sautee Nacoochee Cultural Center’s** (page 19) monthly community dance!
- Want to meet Bodhi, one of AB’s friends? Stop by **Chestatee Wildlife Preserve & Zoo** in the morning to say hello to this beautiful tiger (page 12).
- You can often find AB hanging out with Dave & Jackie at **Hooch River Trading Company** (page 24) in Helen. AB likes to try out their newest leather creations.
- Adventure Bear has been taste testing dishes for **Francesco’s** head chef. Any dish that includes pasta is a huge hit (see back cover for ad).
- AB loves visiting his friend Mr. Eagle over at **Freedom Park** (page 30) in Cleveland. Especially on Saturdays when he can find his favorite treats (honey and plums) at the local market (June – September).



Adventure Bear was surprised to learn that gold was discovered as recent as 1980 in White County. He loves to learn about his home by visiting the **Historic White County Courthouse Museum** in downtown Cleveland (page 15).

AB loves a dinner and show; you can find him at **Javi's Mexican Grill** on Friday nights, enjoying live music and a margarita (ad on back cover).

Dip your toes in Duke's Creek, where gold was first discovered in the modern day White County. **Duke's Creek** runs through **Smithgall State Park** (page 14) and AB always stops by after a soak to visit his friends who run the cool nature museum.

Adventure Bear has hiked every trail at **Unicoi State Park** (page 13). Stop by the Visitor's Center to learn which is his favorite!

AB stops by **Hoochee's River Basket** (ad on back cover) for his picnic before heading over to hike Anna Ruby Falls (page 17). The best picnic spot is at the base of the trail along Smith Creek.

Another great spot for supplies is **Tomato House**; AB loves their jams and always stocks up for the long winter (page 29). There is always room for their delicious fudge & ice-cream on his shopping list too!

A true southern treat, is a cold glass of muscadine wine. **Habersham Winery** (page 19 - #8 on map) has award winning varieties and their tasting room is open daily. Adventure Bear enjoys sneaking treats from their vines.



45 Praise & Worship

- ▶ Nature's Cathedrals: Praise & Meditate while you enjoy the beauty of the North Georgia Mountains. Take a hike on one of the many trails and enjoy your time at the top with GOD.
- ▶ Visit one of the many churches in White County. Visit this page for a list to find the one that calls to you.
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- ▶ Jesus 'N' Jeans - The Cottage Winery
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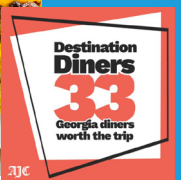


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