



# GUIDE TO CAMPING

The 2024 Edition of the Georgia-Carolina Council's Guide to Camping.

## ABSTRACT

The Guide to Camping is an outstanding reference for all units to utilize when planning their outings! The Guide includes pertinent information for each Georgia State Park!

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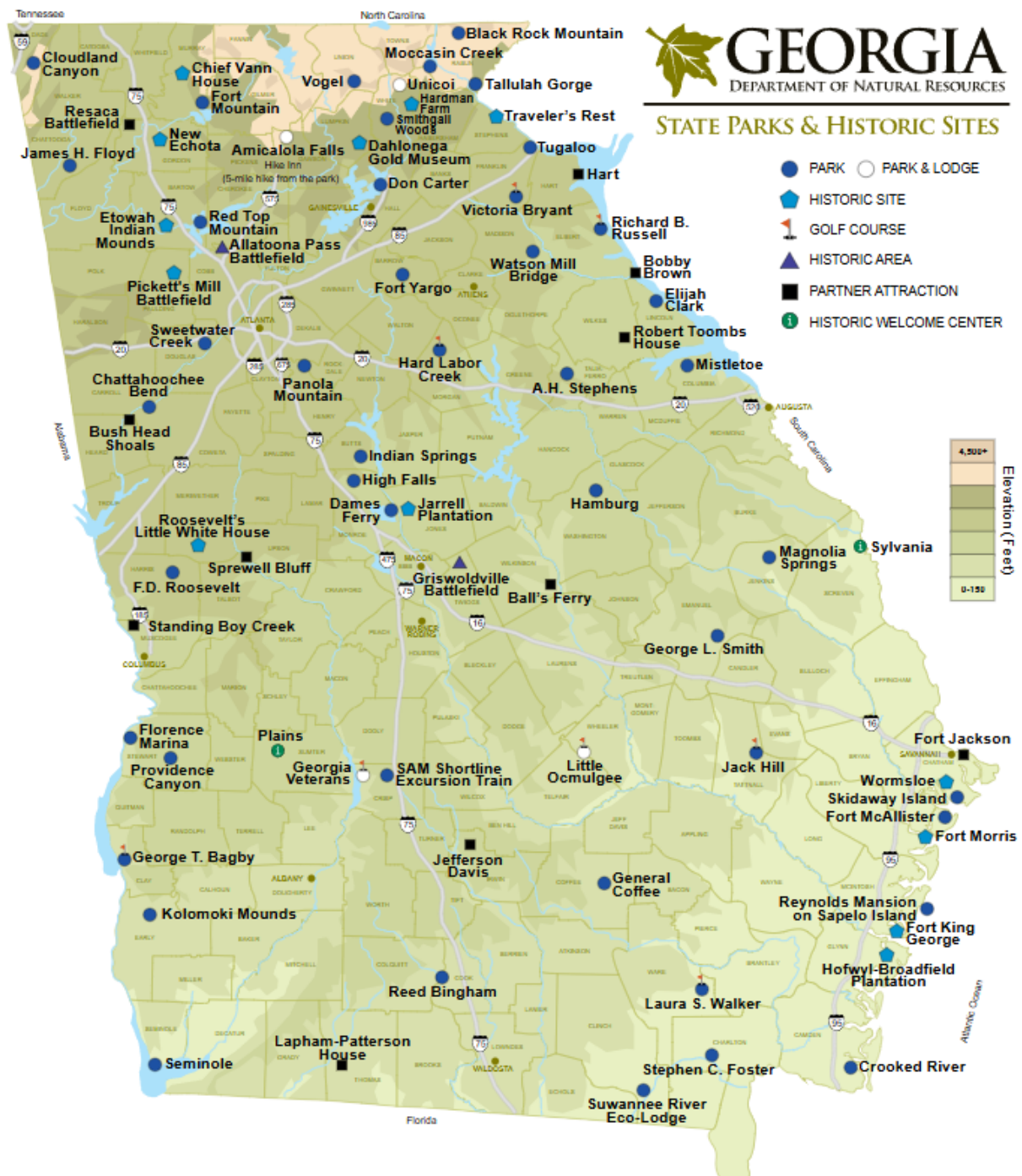
The Georgia-Carolina Council Guide to Camping provides plenty of introductory information about each Georgia State Park. The information includes travel time from the Georgia-Carolina Council Nature & Adventure Center (NAC), contact information, pricing, the State Park's website, a summary of the State Park, and the accommodations/facilities the Park provides! We truly hope this can be of use when your Unit plans their next outing! The pricing of campsites in the Guide is based on 2 nights (Friday-Sunday) in a pioneering/backcountry site; many campsites offer special rates to Boy Scouts. Additionally, the pioneer camping sites usually have a maximum capacity of over 50 people, some to even over 100.

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# Georgia State Parks Map



# A.H. Stephens State Park

**Website:** <https://gastateparks.org/AHStephens>

**Travel Time from NAC:** About 1 Hour

**Summary:** Conveniently located a few miles off of I-20, this pretty park west of Augusta is best known for its equestrian facilities, Civil War museum and lakeside group camp. Horseback riders can explore 21 miles of trails and stay overnight in their own campground. Overnight guests can choose from lakeside cottages or a modern campground, while large groups can enjoy privacy in the park's group camp or pioneer campground.

## Accommodations & Facilities:

- 1,177 Acres
- 3 Lakes
- 4 Cottages
- 25 Tent, Trailer & RV Campsites
- 29 Equestrian Campsites
- 30 Horse Stables
- 2 Picnic Shelters (Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- 1 Group Shelter (seats 120. Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- 1 Group Camp (sleeps 150. Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- 1 Pioneer Campground (Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- 10 Acre Event Field with 24 Vendor Hookups
- Civil War Museum
- Playground
- Volleyball Court
- Horseshoe Pit
- Boating & Paddling
- Fishing
- Hiking
- Horseback Riding
- Geocaching

**Pricing: Campsite:** About \$50/night per site; **Historic Site:** Seniors (\$6), Adults (\$8), Youth (\$5), Children (\$2); **Vehicles:** \$5

**Contact Information: Park:** 706-456-2602; **Reservations:** 800-864-7275

**Address:** 456 Alexander Street NW, Crawfordville, GA 30631

# Amicalola Falls State Park

**Website:** <https://www.amicalolafallslodge.com/>

**Travel Time from NAC:** About 3.5 Hours

**Summary:** Northeast of Dawsonville, Georgia, on the cusp of the North Georgia Mountains, sits Amicalola Falls State Park & Lodge. A nature lover's wonderland, it's only 8 miles from the Appalachian Trail and within the Chattahoochee National Forest. The park is named after its most treasured feature, Amicalola Falls – a magnificent 729-foot waterfall that's the third-highest cascading waterfall east of the Mississippi River.

## **Accommodations & Facilities:**

- Archery
- Zip Lines
- Waterfall Hikes
- Hatchet Throwing
- Nature Talks

**Pricing:** Varies per site

**Contact Information:** 706-344-1500

**Address:** 418 Amicalola Falls Road, Dawsonville, GA 30534

# Black Rock Mountain State Park

**Website:** <https://gastateparks.org/BlackRockMountain>

**Travel Time from NAC:** About 3 Hours

**Summary:** Georgia's highest state park encompasses some of the most outstanding scenery in Georgia's Blue Ridge Mountains. Roadside overlooks provide spectacular 80-mile vistas, and four hiking trails lead visitors past wildflowers, streams, small waterfalls and lush forests. Visitors enjoy the summit visitor center for its views, gift shop and picnic tables.

## **Accommodations & Facilities:**

- 1,743 Acres
- 17 Acre Lake
- 10 Cottages
- 44 Tent, Trailer & RV Campsites
- 12 Walk-In Campsites -- bear boxes provided
- 4 Backcountry Campsites -- bear boxes provided
- 1 Pioneer Campground (Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- 2 Picnic Shelters (Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- Playground
- Summit Visitor Center & Gift Shop
- Wi-Fi — available in Visitor Center, Mellinger Center & cottages
- Boating & Paddling
- Fishing
- Hiking (Over 11 miles of trails)
- Geocaching

**Pricing:** **Vehicle:** \$5; **Campsite:** About \$20/night per site

**Contact Information:** **Park:** 706-746-2141; **Reservations:** 800-864-7275

**Address:** 3085 Black Rock Mountain Parkway, Mountain City, GA 30562



# Chattahoochee Bend State Park

**Website:** <https://gastateparks.org/ChattahoocheeBend>

**Travel Time from NAC:** About 3 Hours

**Summary:** Chattahoochee Bend State Park showcases a spectacular tract of wilderness in northwest Coweta County. Located in a graceful bend of the Chattahoochee River, the park is a haven for paddlers, campers and anglers. At 2,910 acres, Chattahoochee Bend is one of Georgia's largest state parks, protecting five miles of river frontage. A boat ramp provides easy access to the water, while the Riverside Trail offers a 5.5-mile hike along the river, allowing for a potential total hiking distance of up to 11 miles. An observation platform provides nice views of the river and forest.

## **Accommodations & Facilities:**

- 2,910 Acres
- 3 Cottages
- 37 Tent, Trailer & RV Campsites
- 12 Tent Walk-In Campsites
- 8 Platform Campsites
- 8 Backcountry/Paddle-In Campsites — 5.5-mile hike or paddle to campground. Required check-in/start time is 1:00 pm to arrive at camp before dark.
- 1 Adirondack Group Campsite (Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- 2 Picnic Shelters (Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- Boat Ramp
- Gift Shop
- Playground
- Biking (Over 4 miles of trails)
- Hiking (Over 12 miles of trails)
- Fishing
- Boating & Paddling
- Geocaching

**Pricing: Campsite:** About \$11/night per site; **Vehicle:** \$5

**Contact Information: Park:** 770-254-7271; **Reservations:** 800-864-7275

**Address:** 425 Bobwhite Way, Newnan, GA 30263

# Cloudland Canyon State Park

**Website:** <https://gastateparks.org/CloudlandCanyon>

**Travel Time from NAC:** About 4.25 Hours

**Summary:** Located on the western edge of Lookout Mountain, Cloudland Canyon is one of the largest and most scenic parks in the state. Home to thousand-foot deep canyons, sandstone cliffs, wild caves, waterfalls, cascading creeks, dense woodland and abundant wildlife, the park offers ample outdoor recreation.

## **Accommodations & Facilities:**

- 3,538 Acres
- 16 Cottages
- 10 Yurts
- 75 Tent, Trailer & RV Campsites
- 30 Walk-In Campsites
- 13 Backcountry Campsites
- 4 Pioneer Campsites (Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- 6 Picnic Shelters (Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- 1 Group Shelter (seats 175. Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- 1 Group Lodge (sleeps 40. Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- Gift Shop/Camper Store
- Playground
- Biking (Over 30 miles of trails)
- Canyon Climbing
- Cave Tours
- Disc Golf
- Fishing
- Hiking (Over 64 miles of trails)
- Geocaching
- Horseback Riding

**Pricing: Campsite:** About \$60/night per site for pioneer and \$10/night per site for backcountry;

**Vehicle:** \$5

**Contact Information: Park:** 706-657-4050; **Reservations:** 800-864-7275

**Address:** 122 Cloudland Canyon Park Road, Rising Fawn, GA 30738

# Crooked River State Park

**Website:** <https://gastateparks.org/CrookedRiver>

**Travel Time from NAC:** About 4 Hours

**Summary:** Located just a few miles from I-95 on the southern tip of Georgia's Colonial Coast, this park is the perfect spot for enjoying the Intracoastal Waterway and maritime forest. Campsites are surrounded by palmettos and Spanish moss-draped oaks, while cottages are set near the tidal river. A boat ramp is popular with anglers who often take to the water before sunrise. Just down the road is the ferry to famous Cumberland Island National Seashore known for secluded beaches and wild horses.

## **Accommodations & Facilities:**

- 500 Acres
- North Star Bait & Tackle Shop
- 11 Cottages
- 63 Tent, Trailer & RV Campsites
- 1 Pioneer Campground (Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- 4 Picnic Shelters (Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- 2 Group Shelters (seats 80 & 135. Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- Boat Ramp & Dock
- Nature Center
- Playground
- Wi-Fi — available in park office
- Biking
- Birding
- Boating & Paddling
- Fishing
- Hiking (Over 4 miles of trails)
- Miniature Golf

**Pricing: Campsite:** About \$75/night per site; **Vehicle:** \$5

**Contact Information: Park:** 912-882-5256; **Reservations:** 800-864-7275

**Address:** 6222 Charlie Smith Senior Highway, St. Marys, GA 31558

# Dames Ferry Campground

**Website:** <https://gastateparks.org/DamesFerry>

**Travel Time from NAC:** About 2.25 Hours

**Summary:** Beautiful Dames Ferry is the only campground at 3,600-acre Lake Juliette, a crystal-clear lake formed by the Ocmulgee River. Many of the campsites have magnificent waterfront views. Anglers can cast a line for bream, crappie, largemouth bass, striped bass, redear and perch. Boating is limited to 25 horsepower motors. Nearby is the small town of Juliette made famous in the movie “Fried Green Tomatoes.” The campground is overseen by nearby High Falls State Park.

## **Accommodations & Facilities:**

- 60 Acres
- Lake Juliette
- 30 Tent, Trailer & RV Campsites
- 2 Picnic Shelters (Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- Boat Ramp
- Boating
- Fishing

**Pricing: Campsite:** About \$40/night per site; **Vehicle:** \$5

**Contact Information: Park:** 478-994-7945; **Reservations:** 800-864-7275

**Address:** 9546 GA Hwy. 87, Juliette, GA 31046

# Don Carter State Park

**Website:** <https://gastateparks.org/DonCarter>

**Travel Time from NAC:** About 2.75 Hours

**Summary:** Don Carter is the only state park on 38,000-acre Lake Lanier. Situated on the north end of the reservoir, the park offers outstanding recreation for water lovers. Boat ramps provide quick access to the lake and Chattahoochee River, while a multi-use trail welcomes hikers and bikers to explore the hardwood forest. Guests can stay cool at a large, sand swimming beach with bath house.

## **Accommodations & Facilities:**

- 1,316 Acres
- 38,000 Acre Lake Lanier
- 8 Cottages
- 44 Tent, Trailer & RV Campsites
- 14 Primitive Tent Campsites
- 4 Picnic Shelters (Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- Boat Ramps
- Docks
- Fish Cleaning Station
- Sand Beach
- Playground
- Outdoor Fitness Equipment
- Biking
- Boating & Paddling
- Hiking (Over 14 miles of trails)
- Fishing
- Swimming
- Watersports

**Pricing: Campsite:** About \$25/night per site; **Vehicle:** \$5

**Contact Information: Park:** 678-450-7726; **Reservations:** 800-864-7275

**Address:** 5000 North Browning Bridge Road, Gainesville, GA 30506

# Elijah Clark State Park

**Website:** <https://gastateparks.org/ElijahClark>

**Travel Time from NAC:** About 45 Minutes

**Summary:** This park is located on the western shore of 71,100 acre Clarks Hill Lake, one of the largest lakes in the Southeast. With its boat ramps and accessible fishing pier, it is especially popular with anglers and boaters. A sandy swimming beach welcomes visitors to cool off during Georgia summers. The spacious campground is nestled into the forest. Tent campers will enjoy extra privacy in the walk-in section.

## Accommodations & Facilities:

- 447 Acres
- 71,100 Acre Clarks Hill Lake
- 20 Cottages
- 172 Tent, Trailer & RV Campsites
- 10 Walk-In Campsites
- 1 Pioneer Campground (Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- 3 Picnic Shelters (Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- 2 Group Shelters (seats 70 & 175. Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- Sand Beach
- 4 Boat Ramps
- Log Cabin Museum — seasonal
- Playground
- Archery
- Boating & Paddling
- Fishing
- Hiking
- Miniature Golf
- Corn Hole
- Swimming
- Geocaching

**Pricing: Campsite:** About \$45/night per site for pioneer and about \$22/night per site for walk-in tent; **Vehicle:** \$5

**Contact Information: Park:** 706-359-3458; **Reservations:** 800-864-7275

**Address:** 2959 McCormick Highway, Lincolnton, GA 30817

# F.D. Roosevelt State Park

**Website:** <https://gastateparks.org/FDRoosevelt>

**Travel Time from NAC:** About 3.25 Hours

**Summary:** At 9,049 acres, Georgia's largest state park is a hiker's and backpacker's haven. More than 40 miles of trails, including the popular 23 mile Pine Mountain Trail, wind through hardwood and pines, over creeks and past small waterfalls. Many visitors are surprised to find rolling mountains 80 miles southwest of Atlanta. Above King's Gap is Dowdell's Knob where President Franklin D. Roosevelt sometimes picnicked and pondered world affairs. A life-size sculpture of the president now welcomes visitors to the overlook.

## **Accommodations & Facilities:**

- 9,974 Acres
- 2 Lakes
- 21 Cottages
- 115 Tent, Trailer & RV Campsites
- 16 Backcountry Campsites (permit required)
- 2 Picnic Shelters (Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- 2 Group Shelters (Group Shelter below Leak Deleanor dam seats 85, Lake Franklin Event Center seats 125. Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- 1 Group Camp (capacity 75. Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits. Swimming is not currently allowed in Lake Franklin)
- 5 Pioneer Campgrounds (Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- Liberty Bell Swimming Pool — seasonal
- Gift Shop
- Playground
- Outdoor Fitness Equipment
- Wi-Fi — available in the park office
- Roosevelt Stables
- 360° Tour
- Boating & Paddling
- Hiking (Over 43 miles of trails)
- Fishing

**Pricing: Campsite:** About \$75/night per site for pioneer and \$12/night per site for backcountry;

**Vehicle:** \$5

**Contact Information: Park:** 706-663-4858; **Reservations:** 800-864-7275

**Address:** 2970 Georgia Highway 190, Pine Mountain, GA 31822

# Florence Marina State Park

**Website:** <https://gastateparks.org/FlorenceMarina>

**Travel Time from NAC:** About 4 Hours

**Summary:** Sitting at the northern end of 45,000 acre Lake Walter F. George (also called Lake Eufaula) this quiet park offers the perfect getaway for those who love water sports. It is adjacent to a natural deep-water marina with an accessible fishing pier, boat slips and boat ramp. Overnight guests can choose from a variety of accommodations, including fully equipped cottages, small efficiency units and a modern campground.

## **Accommodations & Facilities:**

- 173 Acres
- 45,000 Acre Lake Walter F. George
- 7 Cottages
- 8 Efficiency Units
- 41 Tent, Trailer & RV Campsites
- 1 Picnic Shelter (Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- 1 Group Shelter (seats 125. Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- Kirbo Interpretive Center
- Boat Ramp
- Boat Dock
- Lighted Fishing Pier
- Marina — 66 boat slips for rent
- Playground
- Boating
- Birding
- Fishing
- Miniature Golf
- Geocaching

**Pricing: Campsite:** About \$38/night per site; **Vehicle:** \$5

**Contact Information: Park:** 229-838-6870; **Reservations:** 800-864-7275

**Address:** 218 Florence Road, Omaha, GA 31821



# Fort McAllister State Park

**Website:** <https://gastateparks.org/FortMcAllister>

**Travel Time from NAC:** About 2.75 Hours

**Summary:** Located close to I-95 south of Savannah on the banks of the Ogeechee River, this scenic park showcases the best-preserved earthwork fortification of the Confederacy. The earthworks were attacked seven times by Union ironclads but did not fall until 1864—ending General William T. Sherman’s “March to the Sea.” Visitors can explore the grounds with cannons, a hot shot furnace, bombproof barracks, palisades and more, while a Civil War museum contains artifacts, a video and gift shop.

## **Accommodations & Facilities:**

- 1,725 Acres
- 7 Cottages
- 67 Tent, Trailer & RV Campsites
- 1 Backcountry Campsite (1.5-mile hike to sites)
- 2 Picnic Shelters (Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- 1 Group Shelter (seats 150. Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- 2 Pioneer Campgrounds (Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- Earthwork Fort
- Civil War Museum & Film
- Gift Shop
- Boat Ramps, Dock & Fishing Pier
- Playground
- Wi-Fi — available in the park office & museum
- Biking
- Hiking
- Boating & Paddling
- Fishing
- Educational Programs
- Fort Tours
- Archery
- Geocaching

**Pricing: Campsite:** About \$55/night per site for pioneer and \$12/night per site for backcountry;

**Vehicle:** \$5; **Historic Site:** Seniors (\$7.50), Adults (\$9.75), Youth (\$5.50)

**Contact Information: Park:** 912-727-2339; **Reservations:** 800-864-7275

**Address:** 3894 Fort McAllister Road, Richmond Hill, GA 31324

# Fort Mountain State Park

**Website:** <https://gastateparks.org/FortMountain>

**Travel Time from NAC:** About 3.75 Hours

**Summary:** A scenic drive on Highway 52 near the Cohutta Wilderness leads visitors to this mountain getaway. Hikers, mountain bikers and horseback riders will find some of the most beautiful trails in Georgia, winding through hardwood forest and blueberry thickets, crossing streams and circling a pretty lake. Hikers can also explore a stone fire tower built by the Civilian Conservation Corps and an ancient rock wall which stand on the highest point of the mountain. The mysterious 855-foot-long wall is thought to have been built by early Indians as fortification against more hostile Indians or for ancient ceremonies.

## **Accommodations & Facilities:**

- 4,058 Acres
- 17 Acre Lake
- 15 Cottages
- 70 Tent, Trailer & RV Campsites
- 4 Walk-In Campsites
- 6 Platform Campsites
- 3 Pioneer Campsites (Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- 4 Backcountry Campsites
- 7 Picnic Shelters (Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- Sand Swimming Beach — seasonal
- CCC Stone Fire Tower
- Gift Shop
- Playground
- Biking (Over 27 miles of trails)
- Educational Programs
- Fishing
- Hiking (Over 25 miles of trails)
- Geocaching
- Miniature Golf
- Swimming & Paddling

**Pricing: Campsite:** About \$55/night per site for pioneer and \$12/night per site for backcountry;

**Vehicle:** \$5

**Contact Information: Park:** 706-422-1932; **Reservations:** 800-864-7275

**Address:** 181 Fort Mountain Park Road, Chatsworth, GA 30705

# Fort Yargo State Park

**Website:** <https://gastateparks.org/FortYargo>

**Travel Time from NAC:** About 2.25 Hours

**Summary:** Located between Atlanta and Athens, this popular park features a 1792 log fort built by settlers for protection against Creek and Cherokee Indians. Today, visitors come to Fort Yargo for its wide variety of outdoor recreation and scenery. Overnight guests can choose from fully equipped cottages or cozy campsites.

## **Accommodations & Facilities:**

- 1,816 Acres
- 260 Acre Lake - beach closed for renovation
- 17 Cottages
- 6 Yurts
- 47 Tent, Trailer & RV Campsites
- 12 Walk-In Campsites
- 2 Picnic Shelters (Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- Group Shelters (seats 100. Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- 1 Event Room (seats 24. Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- 1 Event Center (seats 72. Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- 1 Pioneer Campground (Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- 2 Boat Ramps
- Sand Beach - closed for renovation
- Gift Shop
- Playground
- Biking
- Hiking
- Boating, Paddling, Swimming
- Disc Golf
- Fishing
- Miniature Golf
- Geocaching

**Pricing: Campsite:** About \$80/night per site for pioneer and \$30/night per site for walk-in tent;

**Vehicle:** \$5

**Contact Information: Park:** 770-867-3489; **Reservations:** 800-864-7275

**Address:** 210 South Broad Street, Winder, GA 30680

# General Coffee State Park

**Website:** <https://gastateparks.org/GeneralCoffee>

**Travel Time from NAC:** About 3.25 Hours

**Summary:** One of southern Georgia's "best kept secrets," this park is known for agricultural history shown at Heritage Farm, with log cabins, a corn crib, tobacco barn, cane mill and other exhibits. Children enjoy seeing the park's farm animals, which usually include goats, sheep, chickens and pigs. Seventeen-Mile River and a boardwalk wind through cypress swamp where rare and endangered plants grow. Pitcher plants, shy indigo snakes and gopher tortoises make their homes in this wiregrass community. Birding and nature photography are exceptional.

## **Accommodations & Facilities:**

- 1,511 Acres
- 4 Acre Lake
- Burnham Cottage & Hawksnest House
- 4 Cottages
- 50 Tent, Trailer & RV Campsites
- 4 Equestrian Campsites — call park to reserve
- 4 Backcountry Campsites — call park to reserve
- 10 Dry Camping Sites
- 1 Campground Shelter (Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- 1 Group Lodge (sleeps 40. Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.) — call park to reserve
- 7 Picnic Shelters (Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- 1 Group Shelter (seats 180. Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- 2 Pioneer Campgrounds (Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- Outdoor Amphitheater — call park to reserve
- Farm Peninsula
- Ball Field
- Heritage Farm
- Playground
- Wi-Fi — available in the park office
- 360° Tour

**Pricing: Campsite:** About \$12/night per site for backcountry and \$40/night per site for pioneer;

**Vehicle:** \$5

**Contact Information: Park:** 912-384-7082; **Reservations:** 800-864-7275

**Address:** 46 John Coffee Road, Nicholls, GA 31554

# George L. Smith State Park

**Website:** <https://gastateparks.org/GeorgeLSmith>

**Travel Time from NAC:** About 1.5 Hours

**Summary:** With natural beauty, lakeside camping and cozy cottages, this secluded park is the perfect south Georgia retreat. It is best known for the refurbished Parrish Mill and Pond, a combination gristmill, saw mill, covered bridge and dam built in 1880. A conference center near the bridge is popular for family reunions and parties. Some campsites sit right on the water's edge, while cottages with gas fireplaces and screened porches are nestled into the woods.

## **Accommodations & Facilities:**

- 1,634 Acres
- 412 Acre Lake
- 10 Cottages
- 24 Tent, Trailer & RV Campsites
- 4 Primitive Campsites
- 4 Picnic Shelters (Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- 1 Conference Center (seats 94. Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- 1 Pioneer Campground (Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- Historic Covered Bridge & Mill
- Playground
- Wi-Fi — available in the park office
- Biking (Over 7 miles of trails)
- Hiking
- Birding
- Boating
- Fishing
- Geocaching

**Pricing: Campsite:** About \$50/night per site for pioneer and \$10/night per site for primitive;

**Vehicle:** \$5

**Contact Information: Park:** 478-763-2759; **Reservations:** 800-864-7275

**Address:** 371 George L. Smith State Park Road, Twin City, GA 30471

# George T. Bagby State Park

**Website:** <https://gastateparks.org/GeorgeTBagby>

**Travel Time from NAC:** About 4.75 Hours

**Summary:** George T. Bagby State Park is located along the shores of Lake Walter F. George (Lake Eufaula) in southwest Georgia. A boat ramp and swimming beach offer easy access to the 48,000-acre lake, where trophy fishing includes the state record catch for blue catfish. Bass also team the waters along with other southern freshwater fish. Wildlife is abundant, and guests can look for alligators, deer, beaver, armadillo, river otter, gopher tortoises, eagles, osprey and songbirds. Meadow Links Golf Course offers affordable rates year-round.

## **Accommodations & Facilities:**

- 770 Acres
- 5 Cottages
- 1 Picnic Shelter
- 1 Group Shelter
- Marina, Boat Ramp, Fishing Dock & Marina Store
- Meadow Links Golf Course
- Boating, Swimming, Paddling
- Fishing
- Hiking
- Birding
- Biking
- Tennis Courts
- Golfing

**Pricing:** Day Use; Vehicle: \$5

**Contact Information:** Park: 229-768-2571; Reservations: 800-864-7275

**Address:** 330 Bagby Pkwy, Fort Gaines, GA 39851

# Georgia Veteran's State Park

**Website:** <https://www.lakeblackshearresort.com/ga-veterans-park/>

**Travel Time from NAC:** About 3.5 Hours

**Summary:** Established in 1946 as a memorial to U.S. veterans, Georgia Veterans State Park stretches 1,308 acres and offers an array of recreational activities and overnight accommodations. Perched on picturesque Lake Blackshear, the park includes one of the most naturally beautiful Georgia golf courses, four miles of nature trails, and endless opportunities for fishing, boating, and water recreation.

## **Accommodations & Facilities:**

- Golf
- Boating
- Fishing
- Hunting
- SAM Shortline Train
- Military Museum
- Area Attractions
- Archery & Air Rifle Range

**Pricing:** **Campsite:** Not specified; **Vehicle:** \$5

**Contact Information:** **Park:** 229-276-1004;

**Address:** 2459 US Highway 280 West, Cordele, GA 31015

# Hamburg State Park

**Website:** <https://gastateparks.org/Hamburg>

**Travel Time from NAC:** About 1 Hour

**Summary:** With modern-day facilities amidst reminders of days gone by, Hamburg State Park offers a wonderful mix of history and outdoor recreation. A campground offers shaded sites along the edge of quiet Hamburg Lake fed by the Little Ogeechee River. The campground provides hot showers, water and electric hookups, and a dump station. Anglers can enjoy fishing for largemouth bass, crappie and bream, as well as boat ramps and a fishing pier. Wildlife enthusiasts should look for turtles, alligators, raccoons, deer, birds and numerous other animals that live within the park. The restored 1921 water-powered gristmill is still operational and used to grind corn during events. The park's museum is also open during events, displaying old agricultural tools and implements used in rural Georgia.

## **Accommodations & Facilities:**

- 741 Acres
- 225 Acre Lake
- 32 Tent, Trailer & RV Campsites
- 1 Group Shelter (seats 50. Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.) — seasonal
- 2 Picnic Shelters (Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.) — seasonal
- Grist Mill & Museum — open during events
- Playground
- Biking
- Boating & Paddling
- Fishing
- Hiking
- Geocaching

**Pricing: Campsite:** About \$32/night per site; **Vehicle:** \$5

**Contact Information: Park:** 478-552-2393; **Reservations:** 800-864-7275

**Address:** 6071 Hamburg State Park Road, Mitchell, GA 30820



# Hard Labor Creek State Park

**Website:** <https://gastateparks.org/HardLaborCreek>

**Travel Time from NAC:** About 1.5 Hours

**Summary:** Hard Labor Creek State Park offers a wide range of recreational opportunities in a beautiful wooded setting. A lakeside beach is popular with swimmers during summer months, and more than 24 miles of trails are available for hikers and horseback riders. Horse owners even have their own private camping area near stalls. Other overnight guests can choose from fully equipped cottages or a modern campground. With so many ways to relax, it is ironic that the park's name is thought to come from slaves who tilled summer fields or American Indians who found the creek difficult to cross.

## **Accommodations & Facilities:**

- 5,804 Acres
- 20 Cottages - Wi-Fi
- 51 Tent, Trailer & RV Campsites — 13 with sewer hook-ups
- 11 Tent/Pop-Up Campsites
- 2 Buddy Campsites
- 2 Group Shelters (seat 85 & 120. Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- 2 Group Camps (sleeps 75 & 120. Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits. Open seasonally.)
- 4 Pioneer Campgrounds (Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- 4 Picnic Shelters (Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- 11 Horse Campsites
- 30 Horse Stables
- 1 Event Room (seats 100. Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- Equestrian Riding Ring
- Sand Beach — seasonal
- Lake Brantley - 48 Acres, no boat ramp
- Lake Rutledge - 274 Acres, boat ramp, 10-hp limit
- Playground
- Wi-Fi - available in park office, golf clubhouse, group shelter #1 and cottages
- Biking
- Birding

**Pricing: Campsite:** About \$55/night per site; **Vehicle:** \$5

**Contact Information: Park:** 706-557-3001; **Reservations:** 800-864-7275

**Address:** 5 Hard Labor Creek Road, Rutledge, GA 30663

# High Falls State Park

**Website:** <https://gastateparks.org/HighFalls>

**Travel Time from NAC:** About 2.25 Hours

**Summary:** Located northwest of Macon, High Falls State Park is named for tumbling cascades on the Towaliga River. Boat rental, ramps and fishing docks provide easy access to the park's lake, known as one of Georgia's top fishing spots for hybrid and white bass. Overnight visitors can choose from a spacious campground or lakeside yurts, which are like canvas and wood tents. Each yurt features a small deck, picnic table and grill outside, plus furniture, electrical outlets and a ceiling fan inside.

## Accommodations & Facilities:

- 1,050 Acres
- 650 Acre Lake
- 6 Yurts
- 106 Tent, Trailer & RV Campsites, some seasonal
- 1 Pioneer Campground (Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- 1 Paddle-In Primitive Campsite (sleeps 25)
- 1 Group Shelter (seats 125. Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- 5 Picnic Shelters (Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- High Falls swimming pool unavailable for 2024 summer season – The 50-year old pool at High Falls State Park is in need of substantial infrastructure repairs. The pool will be closed for the 2024 summer season while plans can be developed to provide an improved experience for park visitors.
- 2 Boat Ramps
- 2 Playgrounds (1 in the Main Day-Use area, 1 in the River Campground C Loop for registered campers)
- Boating & Paddling
- Fishing
- Hiking
- Miniature Golf
- Geocaching

**Pricing: Campsite:** About \$60/night per site for pioneer and \$80/night per site for primitive;

**Vehicle:** \$5

**Contact Information: Park:** 478-993-3053; **Reservations:** 800-864-7275

**Address:** 76 High Falls Park Drive, Jackson, GA 30233

# Indian Springs State Park

**Website:** <https://gastateparks.org/IndianSprings>

**Travel Time from NAC:** About 2.25 Hours

**Summary:** Conveniently located near I-75 in middle Georgia, Indian Springs is one of the oldest state parks in the United States and a popular spot for outdoor recreation. For centuries, Creek Indians collected the spring water for its healing qualities, and during the 1800s, the area was a bustling resort town. Today, visitors can still sample the spring water flowing inside the stone Spring House built by the Civilian Conservation Corps during the Great Depression.

## Accommodations & Facilities:

- 765 Acres
- 105 Acre Lake
- 10 Cottages
- 62 Tent, Trailer & RV Campsites
- Idlewilde Event Center (Seats 500) (Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- 5 Picnic Shelters (Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- 1 Group Shelter (seats 130. Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- 1 Stone Pavilion (seats 130. Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.) — call park to reserve
- 1 Group Camp (sleeps 130. Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- Museum
- Boat Ramp
- Playground
- Wi-Fi — available in the park office
- 360° Tour
- Biking
- Boating & Paddling
- Fishing
- Hiking
- Miniature Golf
- Geocaching

**Pricing: Campsite:** About \$34/night per site; **Vehicle:** \$5

**Contact Information: Park:** 770-504-2277; **Reservations:** 800-864-7275

**Address:** 678 Lake Clark Road, Flovilla, GA 30216

# Jack Hill State Park

**Website:** <https://gastateparks.org/JackHill>

**Travel Time from NAC:** About 2.25 Hours

**Summary:** This southeast Georgia park is a favorite for picnicking, family reunions and golf. Picnic tables and shelters surround a small lake where visitors can rent aquacycles and fishing boats during warmer months. Docks are available for anglers, and children will enjoy looking for beaver dams from the observation deck.

## **Accommodations & Facilities:**

- 662 Acres
- 12 Acre Lake
- 10 Cottages
- 29 Tent, Trailer & RV Campsites
- 1 Walk-In Campsite
- 4 Picnic Shelters (Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- 1 Group Shelter (seats 80. Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- Splash Pad — seasonal
- Playground
- Outdoor Fitness Equipment
- Wi-Fi — available in the park office & golf course clubhouse
- Boating
- Biking
- Fishing
- Hiking
- Geocaching
- Miniature Golf

**Pricing: Campsite:** About \$22/night per site; **Vehicle:** \$5

**Contact Information: Park:** 912-557-7744; **Reservations:** 800-864-7275

**Address:** 162 Park Lane, Reidsville, GA 30453

# James H. Floyd State Park

**Website:** <https://gastateparks.org/JamesHFloyd>

**Travel Time from NAC:** About 3.75 Hours

**Summary:** Surrounded by rural countryside and the Chattahoochee National Forest, this quiet park in northwest Georgia offers fishing on two stocked lakes. After hiking to an old marble mine with small waterfall, plus lake loop trails, visitors can relax in swings while watching for bluebirds. The trailhead to long-distance Pinhoti Trail is a 1.6-mile hike away.

## **Accommodations & Facilities:**

- 561 Acres
- 2 Lakes
- 4 Cottages
- 24 Tent, Trailer & RV Campsites
- 4 Backcountry Campsites
- 4 Picnic Shelters (Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- 1 Pioneer Campground (Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.) — call park to reserve
- Boardwalk
- 2 Boat Ramps
- Fishing Pier — ADA accessible
- 2 Playgrounds
- Birding
- Boating & Paddling
- Fishing
- Hiking
- Geocaching

**Pricing: Campsite:** About \$55/night per site for pioneer and \$15/night per site for backcountry;

**Vehicle:** \$5

**Contact Information: Park:** 706-857-0826; **Reservations:** 800-864-7275

**Address:** 2800 Sloppy Floyd Lake Road, Summerville, GA 30747

# Kolomoki Mounds State Park

**Website:** <https://gastateparks.org/KolomokiMounds>

**Travel Time from NAC:** About 5 Hours

**Summary:** This historically significant park is the oldest and largest Woodland Indian site in the southeastern United States, occupied by Native Americans from 350 to 900 C.E. Mound A is the largest Woodland-period platform mound in Eastern North America, standing 57-feet high, it dominates two smaller burial mounds and several ceremonial mounds.

## **Accommodations & Facilities:**

- 1,293 Acres
- 2 Lakes
- 25 Tent, Trailer & RV Campsites — Site-Specific
- 4 Picnic Shelters (Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- 1 Amphitheater (Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- 2 Group Shelters (seats 50 & 120. Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- 1 Group Camp (sleeps 135. Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- 2 Pioneer Campgrounds (Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- 1 Hammock Campsite
- 8 Indian Mounds
- 1 Boat Ramp
- Sand Beach
- Fishing Dock
- Gift Shop
- Playground
- Wi-Fi — available in the park office
- 8 Indian Mounds
- Field Trips
- Boating, Swimming, Paddling
- Hiking
- Fishing
- Miniature Golf
- Geocaching

**Pricing: Campsite:** About \$40/night per site; **Vehicle:** \$5

**Contact Information: Park:** 229-724-2150; **Reservations:** 800-864-7275

**Address:** 205 Indian Mounds Road, Blakely, GA 39823

# Laura S. Walker State Park

**Website:** <https://gastateparks.org/LauraSWalker>

**Travel Time from NAC:** About 3.75

**Summary:** Located near the northern edge of the mysterious Okefenokee Swamp, this park is home to fascinating creatures and plants, including alligators and carnivorous pitcher plants. Walking along the lake's edge and nature trail, visitors may spot the shy gopher tortoise, saw palmettos, yellow shafted flickers, warblers, owls and great blue herons. The park's lake offers opportunities for fishing, swimming and boating, and kayaks and bicycles are available for rent. The Lakes 18-hole golf course features a clubhouse, golf pro and junior/senior rates. Each fairway and landing area is defined with gentle, links-style mounds that accent the course's three lakes. The park's namesake was a Georgia writer, teacher, civic leader and naturalist who loved trees and worked for their preservation.

## Accommodations & Facilities:

- 626 Acres
- 120 Acre Lake
- 6 Cottages
- 44 Tent, Trailer & RV Campsites
- 7 Picnic Shelters (Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- 4 Group Shelters (seat 75–165. Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- 1 Group Camp (sleeps 142. Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- 1 Pioneer Campground (Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- 1 Gazebo (Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- Playground
- Dog Park
- Sand Beach
- Boat Ramp
- Wildlife Observation Boardwalk
- Wi-Fi — available in the Visitor Center (and Campground for camping guests)
- Biking
- Boating, Swimming, Paddling
- Hiking (Over 4 miles of trails)
- Birding

**Pricing: Campsite:** About \$40/night per site; **Vehicle:** \$5

**Contact Information: Park:** 912-287-4900; **Reservations:** 800-864-7275

**Address:** 5653 Laura Walker Road, Waycross, GA 31503

# Little Ocmulgee State Park

**Website:** <https://www.littleocmulgeelodge.com/>

**Travel Time from NAC:** About 2.5 Hours

**Summary:** Surrounded by sand hills and peaceful pine trees, Little Ocmulgee State Park & Lodge is a charming haven for a relaxing South Georgia getaway. Just outside of McRae-Helena, Georgia, Little Ocmulgee is the ideal destination for family getaways or corporate retreats. Guests enjoy sun-soaked days swimming in the private pool, gathering within a picnic shelter and enjoying the 265-acre Little Ocmulgee Lake through swimming, boating or fishing. Golfers are challenged by the acclaimed Wallace Adams Golf Course, recognized as one of the best public courses in the South.

## **Accommodations & Facilities:**

- Swimming pool open Tuesday – Sunday to registered overnight guests
- Lake swimming from a white sandy beach
- Championship golf on the Wallace Adams Course
- Venture out on the park's 2.6-mile-long hiking trail
- Freshwater fishing from the Lake dock
- Miniature Golf for all ages
- Frolicking in the Children's Splash Pad
- Picnic Areas

**Pricing:** **Campsite:** About \$55/night per site; **Vehicle:** \$5

**Contact Information:** **Park:** 229-868-7474

**Address:** 80 Live Oak Trail, Helena, GA 31037



# Magnolia Springs State Park

**Website:** <https://gastateparks.org/MagnoliaSprings>

**Travel Time from NAC:** About 1 Hour

**Summary:** Beautiful Magnolia Springs State Park is known for its crystal clear springs flowing 7 million gallons per day. A boardwalk spans the cool water, allowing visitors to look for alligators, turtles and other wildlife near the springs. A small lake is available for fishing. Overnight guests can choose from cottages and a campground. Magnolia Springs State Park is part of the Muddy Spokes Club, encouraging bikers to finish a 3-mile loop and work toward earning a members-only t-shirt.

## Accommodations & Facilities:

- 1,070 Acres
- 9 Cottages
- 26 Tent, Trailer & RV Campsites
- 3 Walk-In Campsites
- 1 Pioneer Campground (Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- 1 Group Shelter (seats 100. Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- 9 Picnic Shelters (Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- Fishing Dock
- Boardwalk
- 2 Playgrounds
- Wi-Fi — available in the Visitor Center
- Natural Spring
- Biking
- Boating & Paddling
- Splashpad
- Archery
- Hiking
- History Center
- Geocaching

**Pricing: Campsite:** About \$65/night per site for pioneer and \$22/night per site for walk-in tent;

**Vehicle:** \$5

**Contact Information: Park:** 478-982-1660; **Reservations:** 800-864-7275

**Address:** 1053 Magnolia Springs Drive, Millen, GA 30442

# Mistletoe State Park

**Website:** <https://gastateparks.org/Mistletoe>

**Travel Time from NAC:** About 30 Minutes

**Summary:** Located on 71,100-acre Clarks Hill Lake near Augusta, this park is known as one of the finest bass fishing spots in the nation. Boat ramps provide easy access to one of the Southeast's largest lakes. During the summer, guests can cool off at the sandy beach or on miles of shaded nature trails. Many programs are hosted throughout the year, such as astronomy programs, concerts and nature walks. Bike riders who explore this park can join the Muddy Spokes Club.

## **Accommodations & Facilities:**

- 1,920 Acres
- 72,000 Acre Clarks Hill Lake
- 10 Cottages
- 1 Fisherman's Cabin – with private dock
- 1 Tent Cabin
- 93 Tent, Trailer & RV Campsites — some sites seasonal
- 4 Walk-In Campsites
- 3 Backcountry Campsites
- 1 Pioneer Campground (Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- 5 Picnic Shelters (Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.) — call park to reserve #5
- 1 Beach House (seats 75. Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- 3 Boat Ramps
- Sand Beach — seasonal
- Playground
- Wi-Fi — available in park office
- Biking
- Boating, Swimming, Paddling
- Educational Programs
- Hiking
- Geocaching

**Pricing: Campsite:** About \$80/night per site for pioneer and \$12/night per site for backcountry;

**Vehicle:** \$5

**Contact Information: Park:** 706-541-0321; **Reservations:** 800-864-7275

**Address:** 3725 Mistletoe Road, Appling, GA 30802

# Moccasin Creek State Park

**Website:** <https://gastateparks.org/MoccasinCreek>

**Travel Time from NAC:** About 3 Hours

**Summary:** Sitting on the shores of lovely Lake Burton, Moccasin Creek prides itself on being “where spring spends the summer.” Despite its mountain location, the park is relatively flat, offering easy navigation for large RVs, children’s bicycles and wheelchairs. A fully accessible fishing pier sits above a trout-filled creek open only to seniors 65 and older and children 11 and younger, as well as all ages with a Georgia disability fishing license.

## **Accommodations & Facilities:**

- 32 Acres
- 2,775 Acre Lake Burton
- 53 Tent, Trailer & RV Campsites
- 1 Picnic Shelter (Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- Boat Dock & Ramp
- Wildlife Observation Tower
- Fishing Pier — ADA accessible
- Playground
- Wi-Fi — available in the park office & campground
- Boating & Paddling
- Fishing
- Hiking
- Lake Burton Fish Hatchery
- Geocaching

**Pricing: Campsite:** About \$38/night per site; **Vehicle:** \$5

**Contact Information: Park:** 706-947-3194; **Reservations:** 800-864-7275

**Address:** 3655 Highway 197, Clarkesville, GA 30523

# Panola Mountain State Park

**Website:** <https://gastateparks.org/PanolaMountain>

**Travel Time from NAC:** About 2 Hours

**Summary:** Just 15 minutes from Atlanta is a recreational haven for all ages and interests. Visitors can picnic while children work off energy on the playground. The park offers archery, geocaching, orienteering, birding and tree-climbing programs. A paved trail is open for biking, roller blading, jogging and dog-walking, while forested fitness trails are open for hiking and running.

## **Accommodations & Facilities:**

- 1,635 Acres
- 2 Lakes - 35 acres together
- 4 Picnic Shelters (Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- Event Room (seats 50. Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.) — call park to reserve
- Alexander Lake Pavilion (Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- 5 Primitive Campsites
- Amphitheater
- Nature Center
- Gift Shop
- Playground
- Archery
- Biking
- Bouldering
- Fishing
- Hiking
- Tree Climbing
- Fishing
- Birding
- Geocaching

**Pricing: Campsite:** About \$25/night per site; **Vehicle:** \$5

**Contact Information: Park:** 770-389-7801; **Reservations:** 800-864-7275

**Address:** 2620 High 155 SW, Stockbridge, GA 30281

# Providence Canyon State Park

**Website:** <https://gastateparks.org/ProvidenceCanyon>

**Travel Time from NAC:** About 4.5 Hours

**Summary:** Georgia's "Little Grand Canyon" is a testament to the power of man's influence on the land. Massive gullies as deep as 150 feet were caused simply by poor farming practices during the 1800s, yet today they make some of the prettiest photographs within the state. The rare Plumleaf Azalea grows only in this region and blooms during July and August when most azaleas have lost their color. The canyon soil's pink, orange, red and purple hues make a beautiful natural painting at this quiet park.

## **Accommodations & Facilities:**

- 2,706 Acres
- 2 Picnic Shelters (Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- 3 Pioneer Campsites (Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- 6 Backcountry Campsites (must arrive before the gate closes and before dark)
- Museum
- Visitor Center
- Playground
- 360° Tour
- Astronomy & Geology Programs
- Hiking
- Canyon Climbing

**Pricing: Campsite:** About \$45/night per site for pioneer and \$12/night per site for backcountry;

**Vehicle:** \$5

**Contact Information: Park:** 229-838-6202; **Reservations:** 800-864-7275

**Address:** 8920 Canyon Road, Lumpkin, GA 31815

# Red Top Mountain State Park

**Website:** <https://gastateparks.org/RedTopMountain>

**Travel Time from NAC:** About 3 Hours

**Summary:** This popular park on Lake Allatoona is ideal for swimming, water skiing and fishing. Visitors can bring their own boats or rent from nearby marinas. A sand swimming beach is nestled in a cove and surrounded by trees, providing a great place to cool off during summer. Picnic shelters and group shelters may be rented for meetings, parties, reunions and other celebrations. Guests often stay overnight in rental cottages, a spacious campground, or the park's lakeside yurt.

## **Accommodations & Facilities:**

- 1,776 Acres
- 12,000 Acre Lake Allatoona
- 20 Cottages
- 93 Tent, Trailer & RV Campsites
- 6 Yurts
- 1 Pioneer Campground (Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- 7 Picnic Shelters (Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- 2 Group Shelters (seats 100 & 250. Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- Event Room (seats up to 30. Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- Sand Beach
- Marina
- 2 Boat Ramps
- 2 Boat Docks
- 3 Playgrounds
- Archery
- Biking
- Boating & Watersports
- Hiking
- Fishing
- Tennis & Pickleball
- Geocaching

**Pricing: Campsite:** About \$50/night per site for pioneer and \$45/night per site for walk-in tent;

**Vehicle:** \$5

**Contact Information: Park:** 770-975-0055; **Reservations:** 800-864-7275

**Address:** 50 Lodge Road SE, Acworth, GA 30102

# Reed Bingham State Park

**Website:** <https://gastateparks.org/ReedBingham>

**Travel Time from NAC:** About 4.25 Hours

**Summary:** A 375 acre lake is popular with boaters and skiers, and fishing for bass, crappie, catfish and bream is excellent. Paddlers can rent canoes and kayaks to explore this beautiful lake lined with fragrant water lilies and tupelo trees. Guided pontoon boat tours are sometimes offered during events. The beachside pavilion, picnic shelters and group shelters are scenic spots for parties, reunions and other celebrations. Reed Bingham is less than six miles from I-75, making it a relaxing stop for travelers. It was named for Amos Reed Bingham who was instrumental in having the park established.

## **Accommodations & Facilities:**

- 1,613 Acres
- 375 Acre Lake
- 46 Tent, Trailer & RV Campsites — site-specific
- 1 Pioneer Campground (Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- 1 Primitive Paddle-In Island Campsite — sleeps 30, boat required, boat rentals available
- 7 Picnic Shelters (Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- 4 Group Shelters (seats 50–120. Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- 1 Beach Pavilion (Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- Sand Beach
- 3 Boat Ramps
- 2 Docks
- 2 Playgrounds
- Outdoor exercise equipment
- Biking
- Boating, Swimming, Paddling
- Orienteering
- Hiking
- Miniature Golf
- Fishing
- Birding
- Geocaching

**Pricing: Campsite:** About \$40/night per site; **Vehicle:** \$5

**Contact Information: Park:** 229-896-3551; **Reservations:** 800-864-7275

**Address:** 542 Reed Bingham Road, Adel, GA 31620

# Reynolds Mansion on Sapelo Island

**Website:** <https://gastateparks.org/ReynoldsMansion>

**Travel Time from NAC:** About 4 Hours

**Summary:** This small barrier island is a unique destination along Georgia's famed Colonial Coast. Guests begin their day at the mainland visitor center, where they can learn about Sapelo's cultural history, coastal wildlife, and complex beach and dunes systems. After a 30-minute ferry ride, they arrive at this 12-mile-long island. Guided tours highlight the African-American community of Hog Hammock, Reynolds Mansion, Nanny Goat Beach, University of Georgia Marine Institute and a restored 1820 lighthouse.

## **Accommodations & Facilities:**

- 6,110 Acre Reserve
- 16,006 Acre Barrier Island
- Reynolds Mansion — groups of 16–25 only
- Beach
- Cabretta Pioneer Campground — groups of 10–25 only
- Disc Golf
- Game Room
- 1820s Lighthouse
- Tennis Court
- Biking
- Birding
- Swimming and Paddling
- Hiking
- Fishing and Crabbing

**Pricing: Campsite:** About \$42/night per site

**Contact Information: Reservations:** 912-485-2299

**Address:** Sapelo Island Visitor Center, Route 1, Box 1500, Darien, GA 31305



# Richard B. Russel State Park

**Website:** <https://gastateparks.org/RichardBRussell>

**Travel Time from NAC:** About 1.25 Hours

**Summary:** Located on a 26,650 acre lake, Richard B. Russell State Park offers some of the state's finest fishing and boating. The park's campground and fully equipped cottages are located on or near the water's edge for a relaxing getaway. Most park facilities are designed for wheelchair accessibility, including the swimming beach. A nature trail follows the shoreline to one of the oldest steel pin bridges in the area, loops through the adjoining woods and returns to the beach.

## **Accommodations & Facilities:**

- 2,508 Acres
- 26,650 Acre Russell Lake
- 20 Cottages
- 27 Tent, Trailer & RV Campsites
- 3 Picnic Shelters (Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- 1 Group Shelter (seats 150. Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- 1 Event Room (seats 80. Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.) — call park to reserve
- Sand Beach — seasonal
- Boat Ramps
- Biking (Over 6 miles of trails)
- Hiking (Over 6 miles of trails)
- Boating, Swimming, and Paddling
- Disc Golf
- Fishing
- Geocaching

**Pricing: Campsite:** About \$34/night per site; **Vehicle:** \$5

**Contact Information: Park:** 706-213-2045; **Reservations:** 800-864-7275

**Address:** 2650 Russel State Park Drive, Elberton, GA 30635

# Seminole State Park

**Website:** <https://gastateparks.org/Seminole>

**Travel Time from NAC:** About 5.25 Hours

**Summary:** This southwest Georgia park is on beautiful Lake Seminole, a 37,500 acre reservoir with excellent boating, fishing and birding. Cottages, many campsites and even picnic shelters sit near the water's edge, offering excellent views and quick access to the lake. Because the park surrounds a small cove, visitors usually enjoy smooth water for skiing and tubing. A sand swimming beach is also provided for lake lovers.

## **Accommodations & Facilities:**

- 1,478 Acres
- 37,500-acre Lake Seminole
- 14 Cottages
- 50 Tent, Trailer & RV Campsites — Site-Specific
- 4 Picnic Shelters (Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- 1 Group Shelter (seats 200. Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- Sand Beach
- 3 Boat Ramps
- 1 Fishing Dock
- Playground
- Birding
- Boating, Swimming, and Paddling
- Miniature Golf
- Fishing
- Hiking (Over 2.2 miles of trails)
- Water Sports

**Pricing: Campsite:** About \$20/night per site; **Vehicle:** \$5

**Contact Information: Park:** 229-861-3137; **Reservations:** 800-864-7275

**Address:** 7870 State Park Drive, Donalsonville, GA 39845

# Skidaway Island State Park

**Website:** <https://gastateparks.org/SkidawayIsland>

**Travel Time from NAC:** About 3 Hours

**Summary:** Located near historic Savannah, this park borders Skidaway narrows, a part of Georgia's Intracoastal Waterway. Trails wind through maritime forest and past salt marsh, leading to a boardwalk and observation tower. Visitors can watch for deer, fiddler crabs, raccoon, egrets and other wildlife.

## **Accommodations & Facilities:**

- 588 Acres
- 3 Camper Cabins
- 87 Tent, Trailer & RV Campsites
- 3 Yurts
- 3 Pioneer Campgrounds (Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.) — groups of 10+ only
- 5 Picnic Shelters (Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- 1 Group Shelter (seats 150. Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- 2 Playgrounds
- Outdoor Fitness Equipment
- Visitor Center
- Wi-Fi — available in the park office
- Birding
- Geocaching
- Hiking (Over 6 miles of trails)
- Biking

**Pricing: Campsite:** About \$46/night per site for electric, Pioneering sites also available;

**Vehicle:** \$5

**Contact Information: Park:** 912-598-2300; **Reservations:** 800-864-7275

**Address:** 52 Diamond Causeway, Savannah, GA 31411

# Smithgall Woods State Park

**Website:** <https://gastateparks.org/SmithgallWoods>

**Travel Time from NAC:** About 3 Hours

**Summary:** Smithgall Woods is an angler's paradise. One of north Georgia's premier trout streams, Dukes Creek, runs through this spectacular mountain property and is a favorite for catch and release fishing. To ensure a quality experience, the number of anglers is limited and fishing is offered only on certain days. As a result, anglers should call ahead for reservations. Five miles of trails and 18 miles of roads allow hikers and bicyclists to explore hardwoods, streams and wildlife.

## **Accommodations & Facilities:**

- 5,844 Acres
- 6 Cottages
- Pioneer Campground (Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.) — call park to reserve, youth & conservation groups only
- 5 Picnic Shelters (Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- Visitor Center
- Discovery Room Museum
- Archery
- Biking
- Birding
- Fishing
- Hiking (Over 28 miles of trails)
- Geocaching
- Educational Programs

**Pricing: Campsite:** Call Park for Pioneer site pricing; **Vehicle:** \$5

**Contact Information: Park:** 706-878-3087; **Reservations:** 800-864-7275

**Address:** 62 Tsalaki Trail, Helen, GA 30545

# Stephen C. Foster State Park

**Website:** <https://gastateparks.org/StephenCFoster>

**Travel Time from NAC:** About 5 Hours

**Summary:** This remote park is a primary entrance to the legendary Okefenokee Swamp — one of Georgia's seven natural wonders and the largest blackwater wetland in the South. Spanish moss-laced trees reflect off the swamp waters, while cypress knees rise upward from the glass-like surface. Here, paddlers and photographers will enjoy breathtaking scenery and abundant wildlife. Alligators, turtles, raccoons, black bears, deer, ibis, herons, wood storks, red-cockaded woodpeckers and numerous other creatures make their homes in the 438,000-acre refuge. Stargazers will appreciate the particularly dark skies.

## **Accommodations & Facilities:**

- 120 Acres
- 9 Cottages
- 52 Tent, Trailer & RV Campsites
- 1 Pioneer Campground (Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- 3 Picnic Shelters (Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- Suwannee River Eco-Lodge - Lodge Reservations (Located 18 miles away in Fargo)
- Boardwalk - over 3,000 feet with a shelter at the end
- Playground
- Wi-Fi
- Boating and Paddling
- Fishing
- Stargazing
- Hiking
- Birding
- Biking
- Boat Tours
- Nature Photography
- Geocaching
- Suwannee River Eco Lodge - <https://gastateparks.org/SuwanneeRiverEcoLodge>

**Pricing: Campsite:** About \$55/night per site; **Vehicle:** \$5

**Contact Information: Park:** 912-637-5274; **Reservations:** 800-864-7275

**Address:** 17515 Highway 177, Fargo, GA 31631

# Sweetwater Creek State Park

**Website:** <https://gastateparks.org/SweetwaterCreek>

**Travel Time from NAC:** About 3 Hours

**Summary:** Sweetwater Creek State Park is a peaceful tract of wilderness only minutes from downtown Atlanta. A wooded trail follows the stream to the ruins of the New Manchester Manufacturing Company, a textile mill burned during the Civil War. Beyond the mill, the trail climbs rocky bluffs to provide views of the beautiful rapids below. Additional trails wind through fields and forest, showcasing ferns, magnolias, wild azaleas and hardwoods. Park rangers lead informative hikes to these areas throughout the year.

## **Accommodations & Facilities:**

- 2,549 Acres
- 215 Acre Lake
- 10 Yurts (no dogs allowed)
- 5 Tent Campsites
- 1 Event Room (seats 40. Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.) — call park to reserve
- 7 Picnic Shelters (Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits. Picnic shelter 7 does not have electricity.)
- 1 Group Shelter (seats 150. Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- 2 Fishing Docks
- 1 Boat Ramp
- Bait Shop — hours may vary, please call the park for times
- 2 Playgrounds
- Outdoor Fitness Equipment
- Visitor Center
- Museum
- Gift Shop
- Wi-Fi — available in the Visitor Center & Bait Shop
- Birding
- Hiking (Over 15 miles of trails)
- Fishing
- Boating
- Geocaching
- Museum and Textile Mill Ruins Tour

**Pricing:** **Campsite:** About \$28/night per site; **Vehicle:** \$5

**Contact Information:** **Park:** 770-732-5871; **Reservations:** 800-864-7275

**Address:** 1750 Mount Vernon Road, Lithia Springs, GA 30122

# Tallulah Gorge State Park

**Website:** <https://gastateparks.org/TallulahGorge>

**Travel Time from NAC:** About 2.75 Hours

**Summary:** One of the most spectacular canyons in the eastern U.S., Tallulah Gorge is two miles long and nearly 1,000 feet deep. Visitors can hike rim trails to several overlooks, or they can obtain a permit to hike to the gorge floor (100 per day, not available during water releases). A suspension bridge sways 80 feet above the rocky bottom, providing spectacular views of the river and waterfalls. Tightrope walkers have twice crossed the gorge, and visitors can still see towers used by Karl Wallenda. A paved path follows an old railroad bed, perfect for strollers and bicycles, while mountain bikers can test their skills on a challenging 10 mile trail.

## **Accommodations & Facilities:**

- 473 Acres
- 63 Acre Lake
- 52 Tent, Trailer & RV Campsites
- 1 Pioneer Campground (Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- 2 Backcountry Adirondack Shelters
- 1 Picnic Shelter (Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- Jane Hurt Yarn Interpretive Center
- Sand Beach
- Suspension Bridge
- Gift Shop
- 2 Playgrounds
- Biking
- Hiking (Over 20 miles of trails)
- Fishing
- Educational Programs
- Geocaching
- Swimming and Paddling
- Rock and Canyon Climbing
- Whitewater and Aesthetic Water Releases

**Pricing: Campsite:** About \$45/night per site; **Vehicle:** \$5

**Contact Information: Park:** 706-754-7981; **Reservations:** 800-864-7275

**Address:** 338 Jane Hurt Yarn Drive, Tallulah Falls, GA 30573

# Tugaloo State Park

**Website:** <https://gastateparks.org/Tugaloo>

**Travel Time from NAC:** About 2 Hours

**Summary:** Situated on a wooded peninsula, Tugaloo's cottages and most campsites offer spectacular views of 55,590 acre Lake Hartwell in every direction. Some cottages even have private boat docks for overnight guests. Tent campers can choose between the developed campground or primitive sites located a short walk from the parking area. During summer, the lake is a popular destination for swimming, water skiing, sailing and boating. Both the Sassafras and Muscadine hiking trails wind through oak, walnut, mulberry and cherry trees.

## **Accommodations & Facilities:**

- 393 Acres
- 55,590 Acre Lake Hartwell
- 20 Cottages
- 6 Yurts
- 105 Tent, Trailer & RV Campsites — some sites seasonal
- 11 Walk-In Campsites
- 7 Picnic Shelters (Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- 1 Group Shelter (seats 80. Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- 1 Pavilion (seats 60. Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- 1 Pioneer Campground (Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- Sand Beach
- 6-Lane Megaramp
- 2 Boat Ramps
- Horseshoe Pit
- Tennis Court
- Volleyball Court
- Boating
- Fishing
- Hiking (Over 4 miles of trails)
- Miniature Golf
- Paddling and Swimming
- Geocaching

**Pricing: Campsite:** About \$40/night per site for Pioneer, about \$27/night per site for Tent;

**Vehicle:** \$5

**Contact Information: Park:** 706-356-4362; **Reservations:** 800-864-7275

**Address:** 1763 Tugaloo State Park Road, Lavonia, GA 30553



# Unicoi State Park

**Website:** <https://www.unicoilodge.com/>

**Travel Time from NAC:** About 3 Hours

**Summary:** Just two miles northeast of [Alpine Helen](#) in the gorgeous North Georgia Mountains is the ultimate mountain retreat destination. Unicoi State Park & Lodge is centered around beautiful Lake Unicoi within the Chattahoochee National Forest. The park offers unparalleled hiking trails leading to Anna Ruby Falls and Helen. Smith Creek – a peaceful tributary of the Chattahoochee River – winds from the base of the Anna Ruby falls to Unicoi Lake and is a celebrated trout fishing spot. At Unicoi State Park & Lodge, there is no shortage of reasons to unplug and explore the great outdoors.

## **Accommodations & Facilities:**

- Archery Range
- Air Gun Range
- Zip Lines
- Fly Fishing
- Paddleboarding
- Geocaching
- Kayaking
- Biking
- Axe Throwing
- Squirrels Nest Camping
- Local attractions in Helen

**Pricing: Campsite:** Call for pricing/reservations; **Vehicle:** \$5

**Contact Information: Park:** 706-878-2201

**Address:** 1788 Highway 356, Helen, GA 30545

# Victoria Bryant State Park

**Website:** <https://gastateparks.org/VictoriaBryant>

**Travel Time from NAC:** About 2 Hours

**Summary:** Nestled in the rolling hills of Georgia's upper Piedmont, this is one of northern Georgia's best kept secrets. A beautiful stream flows through the park, providing the perfect setting for an after-picnic stroll. Hikers can follow either the short nature trail or the longer perimeter trail that travels through hardwoods and crosses creeks. Animal lovers should keep an eye out for wildlife while passing food plots along the perimeter trail. Two small ponds are open for public fishing, and a swimming pool is open during summer. Campers can stay overnight in the small, comfortable campground.

## **Accommodations & Facilities:**

- 502 Acres
- 1 Bluebird Cottage
- 27 Tent, Trailer & RV Campsites
- 1 Tent/RV Combo Campsite
- 8 Platform Walk-In Campsites
- 2 Pioneer Campgrounds (sleeps 75. Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- 5 Picnic Shelters (Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- 2 Ponds
- Visitor Center
- 3 Playgrounds
- Swimming Pool – seasonal
- Archery
- Biking
- Hiking
- Fishing
- Swimming
- Geocaching
- Golfing

**Pricing: Campsite:** About \$80/night per site for Pioneer, about \$30/night per site for Platform;

**Vehicle:** \$5

**Contact Information: Park:** 706-245-6270; **Reservations:** 800-864-7275

**Address:** 1105 Bryant Park Road, Royston, GA 30662

# Vogel State Park

**Website:** <https://gastateparks.org/Vogel>

**Travel Time from NAC:** About 3.25 Hours

**Summary:** One of Georgia's oldest and most beloved state parks, Vogel is located at the base of Blood Mountain in the Chattahoochee National Forest. Driving from the south, visitors pass through Neel Gap, a beautiful mountain pass near Brasstown Bald, the highest point in Georgia. Vogel is particularly popular during the fall when the Blue Ridge Mountains transform into a rolling blanket of red, yellow and gold leaves. Hikers can choose from a variety of trails, including the popular 4-mile Bear Hair Gap loop, an easy lake loop that leads to Trahlyta Falls, and the challenging 13-mile Coosa Backcountry Trail.

## **Accommodations & Facilities:**

- 242 Acres
- 22 Acre Lake
- 34 Cottages
- 90 Tent, Trailer & RV Campsites
- 18 Walk-In Campsites
- 1 Pioneer Campground (Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- 4 Picnic Shelters (Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- 1 Group Shelter (seats 90. Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- 1 Lake Pavilion (seats 100. Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- Sand Beach — seasonal
- Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) Museum — seasonal
- General Store
- Playground
- Wi-Fi — available at the Visitor Center, museum, group shelter, picnic shelters & cottages
- Fishing
- Hiking
- Miniature Golf
- Swimming and Paddling
- Geocaching

**Pricing: Campsite:** About \$60/night per site for Pioneer, about \$30/night per site for Tent;

**Vehicle:** \$5

**Contact Information: Park:** 706-745-2628; **Reservations:** 800-864-7275

**Address:** 405 Vogel State Park Road, Blairsville, GA 30512

# Watson Mill Bridge State Park

**Website:** <https://gastateparks.org/WatsonMillBridge>

**Travel Time from NAC:** About 1.5 Hours

**Summary:** One of the most picturesque state parks in Georgia, Watson Mill Bridge contains the longest covered bridge in the state, spanning 229 feet across the South Fork River. Built in 1885 by Washington (W.W.) King, son of freed slave and famous covered-bridge builder Horace King, the bridge is supported by a town lattice truss system held firmly together with tree nails. At one time, Georgia had more than 200 covered bridges; today, less than 20 remain.

## **Accommodations & Facilities:**

- 1,118 Acres
- Covered Bridge — 9-foot clearance, 3-ton weight limit
- 21 Tent, Trailer & RV Campsites
- 11 Equestrian Campsites
- 1 Buddy Equestrian Campsite
- 22 Horse Stables
- 3 Log Cabin Bunkhouses
- 1 Group Shelter (Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- 3 Picnic Shelters (Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- 3 Pioneer Campsites (Before making reservations, call park for capacity limits.)
- Playground
- Biking (Over 5 miles of trails)
- Hiking (Over 7 miles of trails)
- Fishing
- Geocaching
- Horseback Riding
- Paddling

**Pricing: Campsite:** About \$40/night per site for Pioneer; **Vehicle:** \$5

**Contact Information: Park:** 706-783-5349; **Reservations:** 800-864-7275

**Address:** 650 Watson Mill Road, Comer, GA 30629