

THINGS TO DO IN THE AREA

Inside the Resort: Fishing in Beaver Lake or the river, picnic/walking at the parks, tubing/rafting, swimming at the Rec or Teen Center, mini-golf, tennis courts, indoor pool and billiards at the Rec Center

East Park, Fish Trap Park, River Park and Canoe Park -- directions located in the right end drawer on the bar in the kitchen. Registered guests don't need a fishing license when fishing from the banks of the Coosawattee River in the parks. One mile walking tract along the river+picnic/playground area at East Park.

Rec Center, back gate, tubing: Right out of our driveway, & right at the end of Matrix Circle onto Indigo. Turn hard to left at the sign to Canoe Park. Stay on this paved road about 4 miles. You will see a sign for the right turn to the Rec Center. Don't take the right turn to go the back gate, Coos River Tubing, etc.
Coosawattee River Tubing Company—Tubes and river transportation! Reservations: 706-635-1609

Adjacent to the Resort: Carters Lake Automobile access off Hwys 382,136 and 282/76. Carters Lake embraces spectacular mountain-and-valley Blue Ridge Mountains scenery: sparkling waters, rugged shoreline, marina & boat rentals (706-698-7655), beach. Beautiful surrounding for a variety of recreational opportunities which include fishing, picnicking, boating, mountain biking and hunting. Launch ramps by fee.

Fishing Guide-- or 706-669-4973. Eric Crowley, Lake and Stream Guide for the North Georgia Mtns sent the following information regarding the special he offers to our guests: Reservations: 706-669-4973 or email: lakeandstreamguideservice@gmail.com or see his ad in the phone book under fishing guides
option 1 - for 1 person ,early morning trip from 6 am to 9:00- live bait for striper-- 100.00
option 2 for 2 people half day trip from 6 am to 10:30- live bait fishing for striper--125.00
option 3 for 3 people half day trip from 6 am to 11:00- live bait fishing for striper- 150.00
These are total prices, not per person.

Gilmer County Chamber: 706-635-7400 Resourceful and helpful personnel provide directions to most any place you are looking for...waterfall hikes, mountain furniture, antiques, Apple Festival Information, & more if you drop by (off Maddox, East of 515, N on Craig St).

Restaurants: Special Celebration? **Woodbridge Inn**, Jasper, short drive south of Ellijay serving dinner Tues. thru Sat. 5-9, also luncheons on Wed.and Sun.11-2. Directions & reservations --706-253-6293
For fresh seafood, try **Jolly Roger Fish Market and Grill**--purchase and cook at home or eat in. Directions: Go N on old Hwy 5/Main St to Industrial Blvd, go R, follow to corner of Progress/Industrial Road. Open Thur-Sun. The famous **Pink Pig** Barbecue Restaurant is located 7 miles north of the resort. Check out the photos of the famous & not-so-famous interspersed among pig memorabilia—off Hwy 515 N, Cherry Log. A binder in the cabin has more info about other places...Don't miss **Charlies, Cajun Depot and El Agave.**
Boardtown Trout Farm—706-273-3474 for hours and directions. Ask for Tina. All equipment provided. You catch-\$3.99 lb * They catch-\$4.99 lb
Free WiFi at Bear Tracks in the Square and Starbucks (off Hwy 515 near Walmart)

Ellijay Shopping and Historic Sites

Downtown Ellijay - This quaint square is lined with historic buildings, antiques, wine store, ice cream & gift shops, eateries of all kinds. Don't miss Apple Country Station, (The Teems Bldg.), 2 Northside Square,1908, the Times Courier Office, 47 River St.,1916, Penland's Antiques, 56 River St., 1914, and Christmas House, 88 River St., late 1800's. Directions: Go left out of the front gate, left at the Conoco, then follow Hwy 5/Main St. to the square (about 5 miles). Also, don't miss Pickin in the Square on Friday nights 6pm-dark.
Historic Sites - Chieftain's Trail - A tour of local Native American sites; call Gilmer County Chamber of Commerce for information, 706-635-7400. Ellijay City Cemetery - Best panoramic views of the city, valley and mountains; South of the Square, Ellijay. Old Cartecay United Methodist Church - est. 1834, oldest Methodist Church in North Georgia, call (706) 276-3703 to arrange a tour; Highway 52 East & Roy Road. Kell Farm - Built in 1867 by James Kell, the farm is occupied by his descendants. A marker in the cemetery commemorates Kell's Revolutionary War exploits.

Golf - Whitepath Golf Course, 1156 Shenandoah Dr., Ellijay, GA 30540, Phone: (706)276-3080.Carts available. Course Type: 18 hole, semi-private; Dress Code: No tank tops or cutoffs. Open all year

Miniature Golf - Gilmer Golf and Games, 706-698-GOLF (nearWalmart) Birthday parties, scenic. and fun challenging diversions for the skillful player. <http://www.geocities.com/salcdor73/gilmergolf.html>

Blue Ridge Scenic Railway, Blue Ridge, 241 Depot St. 1-800-934-1898, 1-706-632-9833.
Embark on a 3.5 hour trip from Blue Ridge, GA, with a layover in picturesque McCaysville, GA and Copperhill, TN. Prices vary per time of year. Excursions Friday, Saturday and Monday at 11:00am; 1:00pm on Sunday.

Swan Drive-In Theater—Blue Ridge Located@ 651 Summit Street Call for times 1-888-469-1955

Dixie Speedway—offering a 3/8 mile banked clay oval that hosts stock car racing
Woodstock, GA Check dates and events at <http://www.dixiespeedway.com>

Georgia Racing Hall of Fame—Dawsonville 415 Hwy 53 East Free admission 706-265-6278
website: www.thunderroadusa.com

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GA State Parks, Hiking, Kayaking, Mountain Biking, ATV Rides and Horseback Riding

Hiking

North Georgia Mountain Outfitters -1215 Industrial Blvd, Ellijay - 706-698-4453 – Ask for Collin
Closed on Tues/Wed. Inventory includes gear for sale or rent, maps/books, gifts/souvenirs. Stop by and have coffee on the deck overlooking the river! Local trail information on their website: www.HikeNorthGeorgia.com

Brasstown Bald 4784' elevation – 360 degree view of 4 states. Info – 706-896-2556

Fort Mountain State Park, 18 miles north of Ellijay on GA Hwy. 52 W. Prehistoric rock formations. Fort Mountain derives its name from an ancient 855-foot-long rock wall which stands on the highest point of the mountain. The mysterious wall is thought to have been built by Indians as fortification against other more hostile Indians or for ancient ceremonies. Situated in the Chattahoochee National Forest close to the Cohutta Wilderness area, this park offers a variety of outdoor activities. Hikes wind through hardwood forest and blueberry thickets, occasionally crossing streams and providing spectacular vistas. Great picnic area.

Cohutta Loop—Don't miss this ride! Map and Info at <http://ngeorgia.com/travel/cohuttaloop.html>

Appalachian Trailhead - The usual approach is to start at Amicalola Falls State Park off paved GA Hwy. 52 and walk the 8.3 mile blue-blazed Approach Trail to Springer Mountain. A shorter approach is to intercept the Approach Trail at Nimblewill Gap on USFS Road #28 and walk 2.5 miles north to Springer. NOTE: This section of USFS Road #28 is usually very rough, particularly after storms in the spring.

Directions: From GA Hwy. 52 in Cartecay (7.4 miles east of Ellijay), turn north on Roy Road between Methodist Church and Stanley's Grocery and go 9.7 miles to end of road. Turn right and go 2.2 miles to Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church (these are paved roads). Turn right onto gravel USFS Road #42 and go 6.8 miles to the parking area on north side of road. NOTE: These Forest Service roads can be quite rough, and may be impassable by car or van in winter or very wet weather. Contact the Chattahoochee National Forest Toccoa Ranger District in Blue Ridge, Georgia (706) 632-3031 for current road conditions.

Benton MacKaye Trail - The Benton MacKaye Trail (BMT) is probably what the Appalachian Trail was like many decades ago—a lesser-tamed path, steep in places, rough in spots, and still evolving. The BMT starts at the same place as the AppTrail, Springer Mountain in Georgia. It heads north thru the Chattahoochee Natl Forest, like the AT, and crosses its more famous cousin a few times early during the 93-mile journey to its current terminus at the Ocoee River in Tennessee's Cherokee National Forest.

Amicalola Falls, 20 miles south east of Ellijay on GA Hwy. 52 E. Its easy to see why this is one of Georgias most popular state parks. Amicalola, a Cherokee Indian word meaning tumbling waters, is an appropriate name for these **729-foot falls** the tallest east of the Mississippi River. An eight-mile approach trail leads from the park to Springer Mountain, the southern end of the 2,150-mile Appalachian Trail. However, handicap accessible trail is available for shorter journeys.

On the road to Amicalola – Cartecay River Access, Apple Orchards and Burts Pumpkin Farm. Burt's has pumpkins that range from an eye popping 150 lbs. to a modest 1 lb. in every variety imaginable. Burt's offers hayrides, baked goods and fieldtrips that take you through a winding trail filled with nature and beauty. Hayride Hours: Sept. 12pm-5:30pm Sat. & Sun., Oct. 10am-5:30 pm daily, Nov. 1st-15th 10am-4:30pm Sat/Sun.

Kayaking, Canoeing, Tubing,

Coosawattee River Tubing Company—(at the back gate of the resort) 706-635-1609

Mountaintown Outdoor Expeditions, Ellijay • Jay Syrmansky, Call:(706) 635-2524 for directions and reservations. KAYAKING, CANOEING, SIT-ON-TOPS

Toccoa Rafting and Tubing, Blue Ridge – 706-455-7972/7973 for directions

Toccoa Valley Campground and Tubing -- 706-838-4317 Six miles of tubing! Closed Sunday

Mountain Biking

Cartecay Bike Shop, 131 North Main Street just off the square for parts, supplies and a full time mechanic. 706-635-2453 Mon Sat. 10:00 - 6:00 Website: www.cartecaybikes.com
Check the info for two of our guests favorites: Cartecay River Loop and East-West Loop at Fort Mountain.
Mountain Mopeds - 2218 Hwy. 52 East, Ellijay, 706-889-2265. By the hour.

ATV Guided Tours in the national forest with lunch! 1-866-ATV-TOGO Advance Reservations required.

Horseback Riding

Cold Creek Horseback Riding-Ellijay. Ride thru the mountains year round Reservations 706-889-0334

Double D Trail Ridges, Blue Ridge,706-632-6975 or call David Butler, 770-957-7053 or David Haley, 770-954-1037. Together they have over fifty years of equestrian experience. Double D has a permit from the National Forest Service that allows them to offer guided trail rides in the Chattahoochee National Forest.

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Wildlife tours you might enjoy...

Ellijay Wildlife Rehabilitation Sanctuary 5 miles north of Ellijay. (706) 276-2980. A 50-acre facility that medically cares for all species of orphaned and injured wildlife indigenous to Georgia and the southeast. It began 30 years ago. Today, the sanctuary is a state and federally licensed facility with 501(c)(3) nonprofit status and has begun to offer outdoor education and summer camp programs to serve the people of the community. To date, the sanctuary's staff has educated over 100,000 children and adults through on-site course offerings, summer camps, and mobile education programs. It is open to the public, Sun. through Fri. for tours by appointment only. Please call at least 24 hours in advance to make your reservations.

Pearson Pond Ranch & Llama Co., 242 Charles Lane, #6017, Ellijay, GA 30540. (706) 276-3658 The ranch is located down an old logging road and up a holler known as Pleasant Valley on 98 acres, surrounded by mountains once roamed by Cherokee Indians. Started here in 1981 there is a sizable herd that represents the finest bloodlines available, including Argentine, Chilean, Bolivian, Australian, Canadian and North American. Visitors by appointment.

Rainbow Nation of North Georgia Reservations: 706.265.4278, south of Dahlonega. An animal refuge and sanctuary located in the foothills of the North Georgia Mountains. See exotic deer, llamas, ostrich, emu, goats, pigs, turkey, ducks, exotic birds and more.