



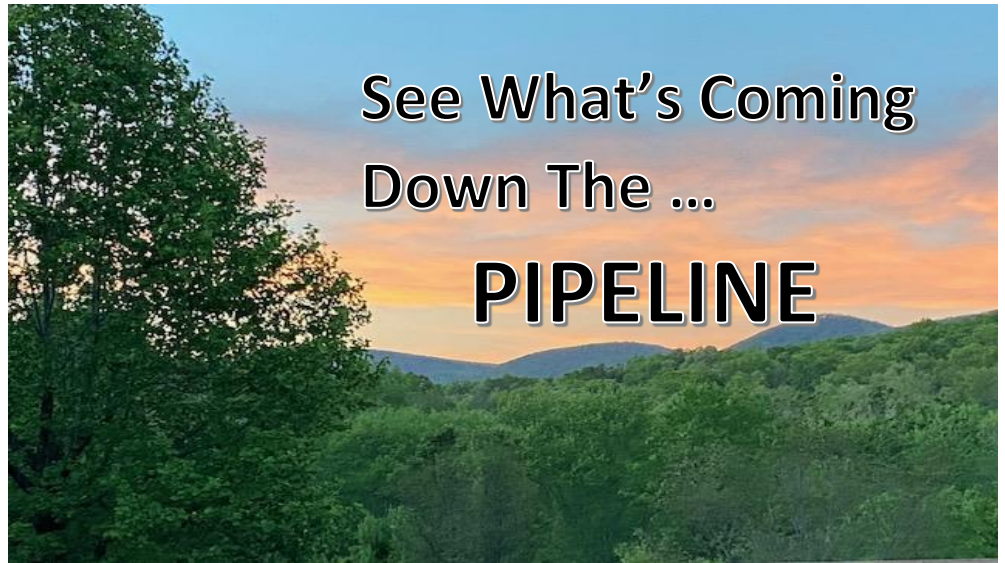
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WELCOME BACK !!



President–Bobby Privette

As your new President it is my pleasure to welcome

back those of you who migrated to warmer climates for the winter. It is also a pleasure to greet the rest of you who braved the winter here in beautiful Paradise Valley. (We saw 11 degrees one brisk morning on our back porch!). I am truly honored to be your President. Having previously served on the Board in different capacities I have some idea of what lies ahead. Knowing there will be challenges, with the very capable Board members you have elected beside me, I am confident we can meet any challenge and carry out our responsibilities to protect and prosper this very special place that has been entrusted to us. One of the first things you can do to support The Park is to take out your directory or go to our website and re-read your Covenants, By-laws, and Rules. These documents are our constitution. As long as we adhere to the rules set forth, we will have the firm foundation that keeps our Park strong and a pleasurable place to enjoy life and living. You are all encouraged to stay informed about your park by attending the Board meetings. That way you get information firsthand rather than relying on “hear-say” which is always unreliable. I also encourage you to rely heavily on the monthly Pipeline newsletter and the PVC website. They are

the heartbeat of the park. Both are extremely and extensively well done, and we are fortunate to have them. Many thanks to Sue and Cindy. There are some major issues that will be dealt with early this year. I expect our Board to use every resource available, including the combined wisdom and experience of our park members, to make wise, thoughtful decisions, always aimed at the betterment of the park and the well-being of its members. Now, kick back and enjoy the spring!



Secretary – Elizabeth Carter

Welcome back to Paradise everyone. I hope everyone had a good winter and are now ready to come back and

begin enjoying the new season here at Paradise Valley. A lot of activities have been planned for this year and I hope everyone will take advantage and participate at every chance you get! Looking forward to seeing everyone!



Grounds – Darrell Williams

I want to welcome everyone back this year! I hope you had a good winter. I have a couple of ongoing projects around the park and at the pavilion. It is SPRING CLEAN UP time, be sure to clean your lot, camper, and cabin. The ride around will be done in the middle of May. Make sure YOU don't receive a letter and/or fines!!! Please make sure you have your sign with name and lot number in a clear easy to find location. Any questions please give me a call or stop by lot 68!



Architectural Committee members are:

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VP/Water & Sewer – Curtis Rooker

Welcome back! It's been a very busy Off Season with both existing and new issues. Several lots located during leak checks had left their main water valves open at the end of the season. Due to having Vendors involved we couldn't get an accurate listing. So those owners won't be getting fines this time. Reminder to all owners...CLOSE YOUR MAIN WATER VALVE when leaving PVC for more than 48 hours. As W&S went around looking for active leaks, we found some owners need to check their septic hookups. They aren't sealed. Unwanted things can enter the septic system i.e.. dirt, bugs, snakes, and rodents. I want to thank all the caretakers for helping to look for and locating active leaks. Also, to the guys on the W&S committee for this past season, I know you got lots of steps in going door to door hunting our leaks Thank you!!



Treasurer – Linda McFarland

Hello fellow campers, I look forward to seeing everyone return for another fun-filled summer. My committee members and I have been hard at work throughout the winter season creating a new database. We will be giving it a trial run on April 1 when we send out invoices. Kathy Smith, our last treasurer has agreed to be my back up. Barbara Camp will continue to handle the collection of monies from the from ice and soda sales, as well as the rental of trailer spaces. Karen Cantrell will continue to sell gate clickers. Joining us will be Collins Friedel who has a wealth of experience in investments. I hope to see you all at our first meeting!

Architectural – David Pass

Hello everyone! I hope you all had a safe, warm winter, and I look forward to seeing you in the PVC park soon! I will be taking over for Scott Smith in the architectural position for building permits. I have also listed the committee members with their contact info. If for some reason you should need a permit and cannot reach me, please do not hesitate to contact one of them. These committee members have all served the park in some capacity, whether being on the board themselves or doing work in the park for others. That being said, I'm confident their knowledge will help me navigate my duties in a more efficient way. See you all soon!



Activities – Joanne Venditto

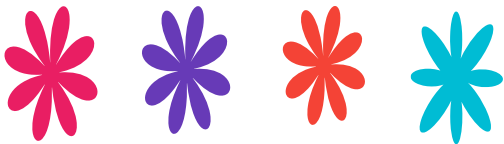
Hello everyone, I hope you had a great off season. I am looking forward to this season. We will have our normal activities, bring back some old activities and hopefully try something new. We are always looking for volunteers to help with activities. If you are willing to help, please let me know. We are looking for help with decorating, prepping, serving and clean up. Our 1st activities meeting is on April 8th at 10:00 am. If you have any ideas for activities bring them to the meeting or contact me or one of the ladies on my committee and we will try to make it happen. Shop with a Cop will be our fund raiser again this year so bring your spare change. Thank you for your support!



Sunshine Committee –
Shirley Williams, Lin Ewert
and Lisa Meyer

Welcome back to The Park
from your Sunshine

committee. First, I hope everyone had a safe and healthy winter. But, on that note we have had several park members lose a loved one or a close friend. We would like all these people, too many to name, to know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers. We have had lots of illnesses, surgeries, and hospitalizations. Please know that we continue to pray for all of you. As your Sunshine committee please contact me, Shirley Williams, Lisa Myers or Lin Ewert if you know of anyone who might need a get-well card due to illness or a death in the family. Thank you and keep smiling!!



NEW OWNERS

Welcome to the Neighborhood!



Welcome to our NEW neighbors in Paradise Valley Campground! We are glad you are here! Please contact a board member with any questions that you may have about the park. You can also get the directory and covenant/rules from a board member or on the paradisivalleycamp.com website. Please be sure to check out our website and stay in the know by signing up for notifications, newsletters, etc. We hope to see you around the park!!

MARK YOUR APRIL CALENDAR!
***(Please remember items can change so
check online calendar before you
attend)***

- 8th Activity Meeting 10am
- 9th Taco Tuesday 4pm
- 10th BOD Workshop 10am
- 13th BOD Meeting 10am
- 17th El Campesino 5pm
- 26th Ice Cream Social 6pm
- 26th Card BINGO 7pm
- 27th KARAOKE 7pm

Recurring Weekly/Monthly Activities
Sundays

Texas Hold'em 6pm

First Tuesday of the Month

Taco Tuesday/Bigg Daddys 4pm

Tuesdays & Thursdays

Hand & Foot 6pm

Third Wednesday of the Month

El Campesino Mex Rest 5pm

Thursdays

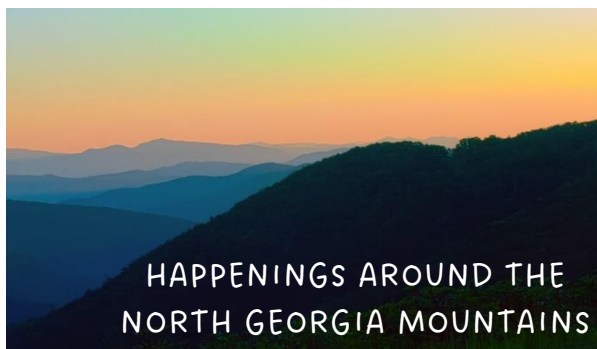
We're In Stitches 930am

Save The Date

Concert in the Park
Wyatt Espalin
May 18th
More Information
to come.



Bourbon,
Cigars, Live
Music, and
You!
June 8th
More
Information
to come.



Hiawassee

The Rhododendron Festival

April 12 – May 4 GA Mtn Fair

Georgia Mountain Storytelling Festival

April 12 @ 12pm 3499 US HWY 76

Dustin Lynch

April 20 @ 7pm Anderson Music Hall

Ellijay

Georgia Mountain Trail Fest

April 20 @ 9am – 4pm Reece's Cider Co

Blairsville

BRMAA – Artisan Pottery Exposition

April 5 @ 11am

Spring In the Mountains Marketplace

April 5 @ 9am 22 Lovell Dr.

ZZ Top Notch – Live Music is Better

April 6 @ 730pm – 930pm

Young Harris

Memory Lane Classic Car Show

April 26 GA Mtn Fair Inc

North Georgia Mountain Getaways

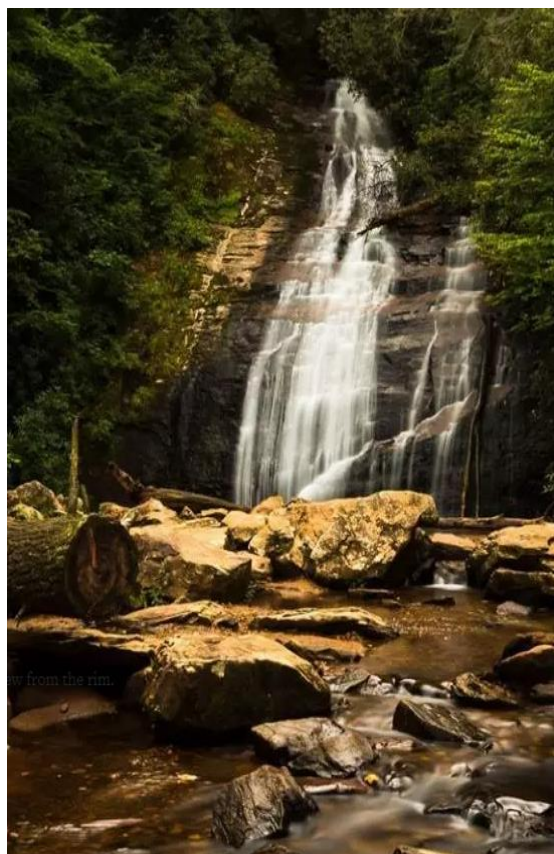
North Georgia is home to thousands of acres of state parks and national forest, spreading from **Pine Mountain** in the northeastern corner of the state all the way over to **Cloudland Canyon State Park** in the northwest corner. Within this wooded and mountainous region are miles of trails, hundreds of waterfalls, charming towns, lakes, rivers, and streams. It's easy to spread out and find your own space in north Georgia. Just make a plan, pack your gear, and get ready to experience the beauty of nature. Plan your next getaway to North Georgia with travel tips in the guides below. Find awe-inspiring waterfalls, secret lake towns, and surprising finds in **Hiawassee**, **Dahlonega**, and **Ellijay**. For even

more trip ideas, scroll down to get your free Explore Georgia Official Travel Guide.

EXPLORE 11 GREAT WATERFALLS WITH HIKES IN GEORGIA

The beauty of Georgia's waterfalls can lure even the not-so-outdoorsy types off the beaten path and into picture-perfect wilds.

Waterfalls dot the landscape throughout North Georgia from **Cloudland Canyon** in the northwest to **Tallulah Gorge** in the northeast. Some are easily accessible by following paved paths, and others require more advanced navigation skills. Follow this guide to 11 spectacular waterfalls in Georgia.



1. Jacks River Falls

Jacks River Falls is one of the most-visited sites in the **Cohutta Wilderness**, among the largest in the Eastern U.S. with more than 35,000 acres. Advanced hikers, campers, and backpackers seek out its isolated beauty. Hikers who take on the nine-mile Beech Bottom Trail in spring are rewarded with multiple waterfalls and towering hemlocks.

2. Amicalola Falls

Amicalola, which is Cherokee for “tumbling waters,” boasts seven cascades at **Amicalola Falls State Park**. At 729 feet, it is the tallest waterfall in the state. Located in the Northeast Georgia Mountains north of **Dawsonville**, the park and falls are a perfect family destination for the adventure set. Plan to spend the day hiking the trails near the waterfalls, ranging from short journeys to an eight-mile approach trail that will lead you to Springer Mountain, the southern end of the Appalachian Trail. When you're ready to rest, options range from camping, to a more hotel-style mountain-top lodge, to the **Hike Inn**, Georgia's only backcountry lodge, reachable by a 5-mile hike.

3. DeSoto Falls DeSoto, near **Cleveland**, is named after the Spanish explorer Hernando Desoto, who traveled through the region in the 16th century. It's a scenic spot in the Chattahoochee National Forest with easy access for either a weekend of camping or a hike to the falls along the easy to moderate two-mile trail. Hikers can see two waterfalls from the trail: the Lower Falls are 0.25 mile downstream, and the Upper Falls are 0.75 mile upstream from the bridge in the lower loop of the DeSoto Falls Recreation Area campground.

4. Helton Creek Falls

If you're visiting **Vogel State Park**, stop at **Helton Creek Falls** in **Blairsville** to see these family-friendly falls. The Helton Creek Falls Trail is an easy 0.2-mile hike. As you begin down the Helton Creek Trail and make your way into the forest, the sound of the lower falls filters through the trees. As you continue along the trail, you'll soon arrive at the observation deck and the main attraction, the upper falls, which cascade about 50 feet into the pool below. In the summer, wear your swimsuits and splash around in the pool at the bottom of the falls.

5. Raven Cliff Falls

To see **Raven Cliff Falls** near **Helen** is about a five-mile round-trip hike. Savor the beautiful views of Dodd Creek as you make your way to the 90-foot drop of the main attraction. Raven Cliff Falls is one of the most unusual in North Georgia because the water flows through a split in the face of a solid rock outcropping to the ground 100 feet below. Behind the split, the water drops approximately 60 feet and then rushes through the rock face and drops 20 feet

into a deep pool. The water then cascades 20 more feet to Dodd Creek. Three other waterfalls may be found on Dodd Creek.

6. Anna Ruby Falls

Anna Ruby Falls, formed by Curtis and York creeks, are local favorites in **Helen**. It is one of the most visited waterfalls in North Georgia. Hike the easy-to-moderate half-mile trail from the parking lot to the foot of the falls, and you just might agree. The 0.15-mile Lion's Eye interpretive trail near the visitor center and craft shop is available for persons with visual and physical disabilities.

7. Minnehaha Falls

The stair-stepping falls of **Minnehaha Falls** in **Tallulah Falls** inspire many a photo op, particularly in spring when the surrounding forest puts on a display of blooms. The Minnehaha Trail (0.4 mile) follows Fall Branch until it dead ends at Minnehaha Falls, which is approximately 100 feet high. It's about a five-minute walk from the parking area on Bear Gap Road.

8. Tallulah Falls

Tallulah Falls in **Tallulah Gorge State Park** is a series of six falls cascading through the 1,000-foot-deep Tallulah Gorge. Snap a photo of your view from the suspension bridge swaying 80 feet above the gorge floor. On most days, water flow over Tallulah Lake's dam is 35 to 40 cubic feet per second (CFS). During “aesthetic releases,” the flow increases to 200 CFS. On select whitewater weekends in April and November, the flow swells to 500 to 700 CFS, causing waterfalls to thunder through the gorge. Hiking to the gorge bottom is not allowed on these dates, but visitors can enjoy the view from the rim.

9. Panther Falls and Angel Falls

Rabun County offers two waterfall gems. Hike about a half-mile to view Panther Falls and then continue, passing by rhododendron, mountain laurel and American holly, to Angel Falls. Nearby, you'll also find **Minnehaha Falls**. Plan a complete trip by camping at **Lake Rabun Beach Recreation Area** or staying at **Lake Rabun Hotel & Restaurant**.

10. Toccoa Falls

An easily accessible 100-yard pathway leads to **Toccoa Falls**, a 186-foot, free-falling waterfall on the campus of Toccoa Falls College in **Toccoa**. It's one of the tallest free-falling waterfalls east of the Mississippi River - taller than Niagara Falls. Toccoa

Falls is accessed through the gift shop, which is open daily. A nominal admission fee is collected in the gift shop.

11. Cloudland Canyon State Park waterfalls

Nestled in Georgia's northwest corner, Cloudland Canyon State Park offers up paradise on the western edge of Lookout Mountain. Hiking trails lead visitors along enchanting passages surrounded by intriguing rock formations, mammoth hardwoods, and phenomenal overlooks. Descend the staircases deep into the heart of the canyon for a look at Cherokee and Hemlock Falls. Visitors who take the Waterfalls Trail are rewarded with the site of Cherokee Falls after a half-mile and then Hemlock Falls about a half-mile farther down the canyon. The quantity of water over the falls varies greatly from month to month, but in general, winter and early spring offer the greatest flow. Be warned, it is a steep hike down to Hemlock Falls; 600 stairsteps one way.

4 GEORGIA MOUNTAIN LAKES AND TOWNS YOU'LL LOVE

North Georgia's lakeside destinations are ideal places to cool off from the summer heat, but they also provide ample opportunities for recreation, no matter the time of year. Rent a boat or paddleboard to get out on the water, go fishing or hiking, and relax at the end of the day in a cabin or campground. Looking for great food and unique shops? Head into nearby towns for things you can't find anywhere else.

1. Lake Rabun & Clarkesville

Located in namesake Rabun County, **Lake Rabun** was created in 1915 as a reservoir for Mathis Dam. It boasts 25 miles of shoreline with many vacation homes set along it. From fly fishing to ziplining, and horseback riding, **outdoor adventures** in the area are endless. Don't miss the chance to hike the half-mile trail to the 100-foot-high **Minnehaha Falls**, one of the most popular waterfalls in North Georgia.

Clarkesville is one of the closest towns with locally owned shops, like **Mark of the Potter**, known for its artist-produced pottery and its picturesque location in a 1930s mill that overlooks the Soque River. Dine at **Glen-Ella Springs Inn & Restaurant**, a local favorite for its Southern-inspired dishes. In Clarkesville's charming downtown, **The Copper Pot** serves wood-

fired pizzas and craft beer. Stay near the water at **Lake Rabun Hotel**, built in 1922, and enjoy daily breakfast and an onsite spa. **Moccasin Creek State Park** is another option right on the lake with campsites for tents and RVs.

2. Lake Chatuge & Hiawassee

Created by the Chatuge Dam in 1942, **Lake Chatuge** encompasses more than 100 miles of shoreline that make it popular for visitors interested in boating, fishing, swimming, and watersports. Public boat ramps, a swimming beach, playgrounds, and picnic areas are all within the recreation area. **Hiawassee** is the closest town to the lake, set along the Appalachian Trail. Here, visitors can explore the lake as well as nearby trails, including at **Hamilton Gardens at Lake Chatuge**, a botanical garden with more than 3,000 plants, like dogwood, native azaleas, wildflowers, trillium, and rhododendron. Hike to **Bell Mountain Park** for a 360-degree view of the lake and surrounding mountains. While you're here, visit **Brasstown Bald**, Georgia's highest point at more than 4,000 feet. It's accessible by a drive to the visitors center, followed by a paid shuttle or steep walk to the observation tower. **Sundance Grill** is a favorite place to start the day, open for more than 20 years, and serves breakfast through the afternoon as well as lunch and dinner. **The Oaks Lakeside Kitchen** at The Ridges Resort is right on the water, allowing for boaters, and serves dishes like sweet tea-brined fried chicken, and shrimp and grits.

3. Lake Nottely & Blairsville

Lake Nottely was built in 1942 by the Tennessee Valley Authority through the damming of the Nottely River for flood control. With more than 100 miles of coastline, the lake has two marinas and multiple public boat ramps along with a swimming beach and campground. **Blairsville** is the closest town for visitors, with its bustling downtown centered around the historic courthouse. Don't miss the famous boiled peanuts at **Sunrise Grocery** and the heaping biscuits at **Hole in the Wall**, a restaurant that has been a local favorite since 1931. There are also nearby wineries and horseback riding stables.

4. Lake Hartwell, Hartwell, Lavonia & Royston

Popular with fishermen, **Lake Hartwell** sits on the Georgia and South Carolina state line. It was created

in the 1950s with 962 miles of coastline on land. It was named for Nancy Hart, a frontierswoman during the Revolutionary War, and is the largest Army Corps of Engineers Lake east of the Mississippi. Here, visitors can enjoy camping, biking, fishing, and water sports. **Tugaloo State Park** has boat ramps and hosts frequent fishing tournaments, with plentiful bass, crappie, and trout. The communities of **Hartwell**, **Lavonia** and **Royston** are the most convenient for visitors to the lake. Dine on the water at **Boat House Grill** at the Hartwell Marina, serving burgers and classic American dishes, or **Backstreet Bar-B-Que**, the best place around for all things pork.



**Information provided by exploregeorgia.com

Fun Facts — North Georgia Mountains

1. The North Georgia Mountains are part of the Blue Ridge Mountains plus the greater Appalachian Mountains — and home to the start of the Appalachian Trail at Springer Mountain.
2. Approximately 60% of the land in Rabun County contributes to national forests and state parks in the North Georgia Mountains.
3. There are 12 counties in the North Georgia Mountains.
4. You'll find 11 state parks in the North Georgia Mountains: Amicalola Falls, Cloudland Canyon, Fort Mountain, James H. Floyd, Moccasin Creek, Red Top Mountain, Smithgall Woods, Tallulah Gorge, plus Black Rock

Mountain State Park, Unicoi State Park, and Vogel State Park.

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Join the fun and keep up with all the "happenings" around the park! Look for us on FACEBOOK @ Paradise Valley Campground. Please keep in mind that this is not a park sponsored forum. If you need a response from a board member, please contact them direct. Numbers are found online @ PARADISEVALLEYCAMP.COM.

Until next issue...

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