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Historic High Country



Immerse yourself in fascinating history, captivating scenery and genuine hospitality in Northwest Georgia's Historic High Country, the "the enchanted land" of the Cherokee Indians. Explore the region's mystique on numerous driving, walking, pedaling or riding trails that lead you through the area's Native American roots, historic districts and home-grown attractions. From Civil War sites to national forests, discover enriching experiences through northwest Georgia. www.georgiahighcountry.org.



Experience Georgia's **agriculture industry** with a visit to the Suri Alpacas at **Sugar Creek Alpaca Farms**. Drive down **Apple Orchard Alley** in Ellijay or tour **Mercier's Apple Orchard** in Blue Ridge. **Cagle's Dairy Farm** in Canton also offers tours, and a chance to "get lost" in its seven-acre "MAiZE" cornfield. www.sugarcreekfarmmandinn.com, www.mercier-orchards.com, www.caglesdairy.com



Luxuriate in the award-winning amenities of historic **Barnsley Gardens Resort** near Adairsville, a mountain retreat featuring a myriad of outdoor activities like sporting clays, horseback riding, fly fishing and paintball. At the end of the day unwind in the resort's tranquil spa. www.barnsleyinn.com. All aboard the **Blue Ridge Scenic Railway** in Blue Ridge for a trip that sparks kids' imaginations, adults' memories, and leaves everyone smiling! www.brscenic.com

The **Booth Western Art Museum** in Cartersville is home to 150 paintings and sculptures by more than 100 of the 20th century's most famous Western artists, and features memorabilia from all U.S. presidents in its Presidential Gallery. Other collections include illustration art, movie star art and movie posters. www.boothmuseum.org

The **Chattahoochee National Forest** contains the pristine Cohutta Wilderness Area, the largest natural preserve in the eastern United States, the Rich Mountain Wilderness Area and the start of the Appalachian Trail. www.fs.fed.us

The **Chickamauga Chattanooga National Military Park** in Chickamauga was preserved by veterans from the North and the South and is a symbol of the importance of unity. Visitors can stay at the park's 1847 Gordon Lee Mansion and see the sites of some of the Civil War's most critical battles. www.nps.gov/chch/

A number of **driving tours** set you on the road to history and natural beauty. Travel the nation's first planned roadway, Highway 41, on Georgia's **Old Dixie Highway** (www.dixiehighway.org). The **Southern Highroads Trail** takes you through the mountainous beauty of north Georgia and four neighboring states (www.southernhighroads.org). The **Chieftains Trail** explores the Native American history of three distinct cultures, including prehistoric Mississippian, Creeks and Cherokee (<http://chieftainstrail.com>) The **Blue and Gray Trail** guides travelers through Civil War history and life during the 1860s, and the **Civil War Heritage Trail** showcases the Atlanta and Chickamauga campaigns (<http://blueandgraytrail.com/>).

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The **Lookout Mountain Flight School** offers world-class hang gliding instruction among breathtaking mountain views. www.hanglide.com

Lookout Mountain at Rock City Gardens is a 14-acre natural attraction with unique rock formations, a view of seven states from Lover's Leap and a 180-foot suspension bridge. www.seerockcity.com



Historic sites throughout northwest Georgia paint a vivid picture of the region's **Native American history**. The **Chief Vann House** in Chatsworth is known as the "showplace of the Cherokee Nation;" the **Etowah Indian Mounds** in Cartersville served as the ceremonial center for thousands of Native Americans who thrived in northwest Georgia more than 400 years ago; and **New Echota** in Calhoun once served as the capitol of the Cherokee Nation. www.georgiastateparks.org



In **Rome**, a visit to **Oak Hill**, the Berry ancestral home and gardens, and the **Martha Berry Museum** reveal the spirit of one of the most outstanding women in Georgia history (www.berry.edu/oakhill). Or you can experience old-fashioned fun with the Class "A" Rome Braves... All-Star Baseball! www.romebraves.com

The **Silver Comet Trail**, created through Georgia's Rails to Trail project, includes walking, biking and horseback riding trails along old CSX railroad paths. www.pathfoundation.org



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