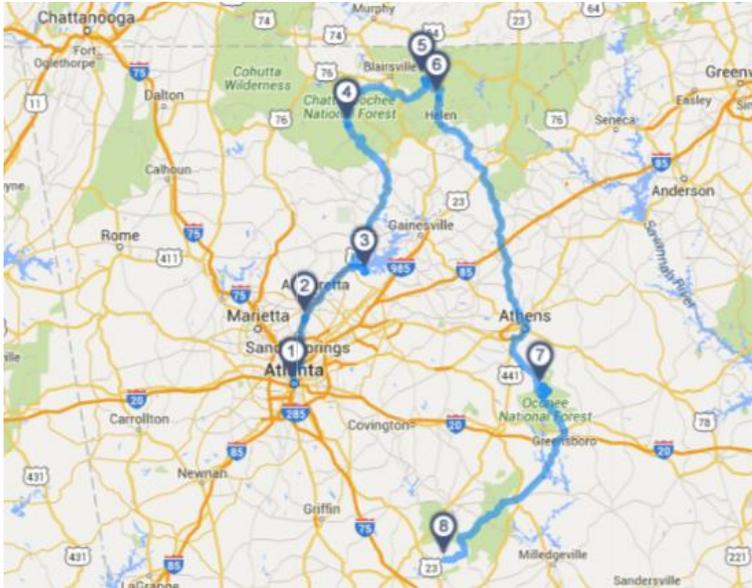




## Atlanta & Beyond – A Peach of a Trip

*Rivers and trails, mountain views and small town charm*



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### HIGHLIGHTS

Travel through forested foothills, mountains and valleys, swim in lakes and rivers, and relax with a glass of wine.

### KEY POINTS OF INTEREST

- Georgia's highest mountain
- Swim, paddle and frolic in lakes and rivers
- Catch a rainbow trout
- Abundant and exciting wildlife viewing
- Intriguing historic sites

### Get the big picture, then hit the road!

In Atlanta, visit the [Fernbank Museum of Natural History](#) to see the world's largest dinosaurs, Atlanta's biggest IMAX® screen and one of the largest assemblages of urban Piedmont forest in the United States. Hands-on exhibits, live animals and archaeological artifacts make this a great way to learn about the natural beauty that awaits you. Just a half hour north, stop at the [Island Ford Visitor Center](#) to pick up a map and learn about the boating, fishing and hiking opportunities along the 48 miles (77 km) of river and 15 land units within the [Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area](#).



Courtesy Fernbank Museum of Natural History



Big (Vickery) Creek, Chattahoochee National Recreation Area (National Park Service)

### Lakeside camping and Fishing Fun

Explore the beautiful shoreline at [Lake Sidney Lanier](#) in Georgia's Blue Ridge Mountains. With several campgrounds offering amenities like playgrounds, showers and laundry facilities, the lake is a wonderful overnight stop. Head north and visit the [Chattahoochee Forest National Fish Hatchery](#) for a tour of the hatchery and visitor center, catch a rainbow trout in Rock Creek, have a picnic, take a hike or camp nearby at the [Frank Gross Recreation Area](#).



Lake Sidney Lanier (USACE)



Chattahoochee Forest National Fish Hatchery (USFWS)

### Hiking, waterfalls and wineries

Visit the [Chattahoochee National Forest](#) and Unicoi Gap, where the Appalachian Trail crosses on its 2,100-mile (3,379 km) journey from Georgia to Maine. Hike or take a shuttle to the top of [Brasstown Bald](#), Georgia's highest peak, with a 360-degree view of mountains reaching into Tennessee and the Carolinas. Consider a stay in the town of Dahlonega, regarded as the heart of [Georgia's wine country](#).



Brasstown Bald and Visitor Center in winter (USFS)



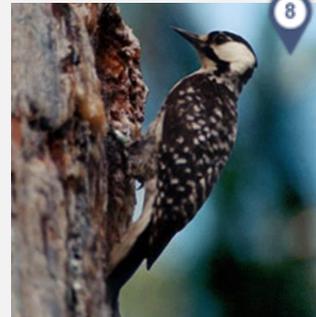
Appalachian Trail, Chattahoochee National Forest (USFS)

### Southern National Forest History and Wildlife

Take a scenic drive to the [Scully Shoals Experimental Forest](#) in the [Oconee National Forest](#), originally a 19th century village which housed Georgia's first paper and textiles mill. Walk through the archeological remains of the village and learn about the modern day research center. Continue on to the upland forest habitat of the [Piedmont National Wildlife Refuge](#). The area provides habitat for nearly 200 species of birds and 50 species of mammals, including the endangered red cockaded woodpecker.



Scully Shoals Experimental Forest (USFS)



Endangered Cockaded Red Woodpecker (USFWS)