So Much. So Close.

Begin your Gainesville adventure with a visit to the historic downtown square where more than 50 quaint shops and local restaurants make you feel like you’re part of the community. Nearby, on the Brenau University campus, you’ll find the Northeast Georgia History Center where you can tour the 18th century cabin of a Cherokee Indian Chief and touch a tornado. Pretend you’re a doctor or a fireman at the Interactive Neighborhood for Kids. Venture out for a day of sailing on Lake Lanier or try the splash zone at the Frances Meadows Aquatic Center. If golf is your sport, the Chattahoochee Golf Club is just minutes away. Enjoy your game and a breathtaking view of the lake. At the end of the day, come back downtown for an evening of entertainment at the Arts Council Smithgall Arts Center.

Welcome to Gainesville. We’re glad you’re here!
Attractions

1. Lake Sidney Lanier
   - The City of Gainesville, Georgia is surrounded by the most visited Corps of Engineers Lake in the country with 38,000 acres of water and 687 miles of shoreline. Gainesville's tourism & trade office can provide information on boat cruises, fishing tours and much more.

2. Solar System Walking Tour
   - northgeorgiaastronomers.org/celestialmodel
   - 770-535-7171
   - Enjoy this one of a kind walking tour that begins with the Sun on the Gainesville Square and continues through the Rock Creek Greenway all the way to Lake Lanier. Walking tour guides are available.

3. Chattahoochee Golf Club
   - 301 Tommy Aaron Drive
   - gainespWfl.org
   - 770-332-2066
   - 100 acres of pure golf! Enjoy the plush Bermuda fairways, undulating bent grass greens, and the gorgeous mountain skyline while playing a round of golf on the lake.

4. Lake Lanier Olympic Venue
   - 3105 Clarks Bridge Road
   - icc.org / lake LANierrowing.org
   - Learn to paddle and row where Olympians train. Opened in 1996 as the site for the Canoe, Kayak, and Rowing Summer Olympic Games, the venue now serves as a training facility for rowers and paddlers, offers kayak rentals for locals and visitors, and includes beautiful hiking trails and a beachfront picnic area.

5. Frances Meadows Aquatic and Community Center
   - 1545 Community Way, NE
   - gainespWfl.org/recreation
   - 770-533-5800
   - Swim year round at this indoor/outdoor world of water. Enjoy 3-story body slides, interactive water elements, and zero depth entry as well as a competition pool, warm water pool and wellness room.

6. Rock Creek Greenway
   - 770-531-2680
   - The Greenway is almost two miles of tree canopied trails connecting Gainesville’s Downtown Square to beautiful Lake Lanier. Amenities include an amphitheater, tennis courts, boat dock and fishing pier.

7. INK (Interactive Neighborhood for Kids Inc.)
   - 999 Chestnut Street SE, Suite 11
   - inkfun.org
   - 770-536-1800
   - This hands-on Children’s Museum offers role playing and practical experiences for young bankers, grocery store clerks, doctors, firefighters and much more. Most of all, it’s just plain fun!

8. Elachee Nature Science Center
   - 5125 Elachee Drive
   - elachee.org
   - 770-535-1976
   - One of the premier nature centers in Georgia. Elachee consists of a woodland refuge and an interactive museum that will excite and educate visitors of all ages.

9. Allen Creek Soccer Complex
   - 2500 Allen Creek Road
   - gainespWfl.org/recreation
   - 678-450-6500
   - This first class soccer facility offers nine playing fields on 89 acres. ASCC facilitates all usage of the complex by the local service providers for youth and adult leagues.

10. Lanier Point Athletic Complex
    - 1530 Lee Waldrip Drive
    - gainespWfl.org/recreation
    - 770-535-2004
    - Located on the shores of Lake Lanier, Lanier Point Athletic Complex is one of the premier athletic facilities in the Southeast. The 96-acre complex serves almost 15,000 players and approximately 75,000 spectators annually.

11. SORBA Mountain Bike Trails
    - Elachee Drive
    - gainespWfl.org/sorba
    - The Southern Off-Road Bicycle Association promotes land access, trail preservation, and new trail development for all mountain bikers in the southeastern United States.

12. Northeast Georgia History Center
    - 333 Academy Street, NE
    - negahc.org
    - 770-297-5900
    - Touch a tornado, experience the North Georgia Sports Hall of Fame, or join hands with a life-size statue of five children in a Circle of Freedom... all at this and more at the Northeast Georgia History Center.

13. Alta Vista Cemetery & Walking Tour
    - 1080 Jesse Jewell Parkway
    - gainespWfl.org
    - 770-535-6843
    - Come for a walking tour of Alta Vista Cemetery, the final resting place for numerous Revolutionary War Veterans and over 100 Civil War Veterans. The most visited grave is that of Lieutenant General James Longstreet.

14. Historic Green Street & Walking Tour
    - Green Street is a broad, tree lined street with a predominance of Victorian and Neo-Classical Revival residences dating from the 19th and early 20th centuries. Grab a guide and begin your journey down Gainesville’s Historic Green Street.

15. Beudah Rucker Museum
    - 2101 Athens Highway
    - beudahruckermuseum.org
    - 404-401-6589
    - The Educational Foundation and Museum of Beudah Rucker, Inc., is dedicated to remembering Ms. Rucker’s personal values, vision, and courage to tkv and act anew as an African-American educator.

16. Chief White Path’s Cabin
    - 332 Academy Street, NE
    - negahc.com
    - 770-297-5900
    - This 18th Century cabin was once home to Cherokee Indian Chief White Path. The cabin was built c. 1780 near the site of present day Eula, Georgia by the Chief’s parents.

17. Civil War Heartland Leaders Trail
    - civilwarheartlandga.com
    - This Civil War Heartland Leaders Trail, consisting of 46 significant sites, combines the drama of Civil War battle and the real lives of the leaders and common people who lived during this turbulent period.

18. The Historic Piedmont Hotel
    - 627 Maple Street
    - longstreet.com/piedmont
    - 770-459-8300
    - The Piedmont Hotel was opened in 1876 by L.L. General James Longstreet and rumored to have been the location where Southern Battered Fried Chicken was invented. The hotel has been renovated and is available for tours.
The Arts

The Arts Council Smithgall Arts Center
331 Spring Street
visitgainesvillega.com
770-534-2787
The Arts Council, Inc. offers a broad spectrum of performing, film, visual, literary, educational and cultural arts programs for all ages. Relax with an evening of intimate jazz, see a movie on the lawn, or take pleasure in the elegance of the symphony.

Quinlan Visual Arts Center
514 Green Street, NE
quinlanartscenter.org
770-536-2575
Celebrating more than 60 years of unparalleled excellence in visual arts programming, the Quinlan Visual Arts Center is north Georgia’s premier arts organization. The Quinlan offers a unique blend of exhibits for all art enthusiasts.

Brenau University Galleries
600 Washington Street
brenau.edu
770-534-8289
Brenau University Galleries feature works by national and international artists, local and regional artists, as well as by Brenau University students, faculty and alumni.

Gainesville Theatre Alliance
3820 Mundy Mill Road, Oakwood, Georgia
gainesvilleplayalliance.org; 770-714-3271
Watch theatre doors open into new worlds, new people and new ideas. Gainesville Theatre Alliance is a collaborative ensemble of students, community members and professionals that perform for audiences throughout the year.

Poultry Park
visitgainesvillega.com
770-531-2664
Visit one of the most significant landmarks in downtown Gainesville. Engine 209 was reportedly built for the Czar of Russia, but the order was canceled because of the 1917 Russian Revolution.

Riverside Military Academy
2001 Riverside Drive
riversidemilitary.com
770-532-6251
Founded in 1907, Riverside Military Academy is one of the few remaining all-boys college preparatory military schools. Students hail from 25 states and 15 different countries each year. Schedule a tour to learn more about this campus and culture.

Roosevelt Square
visitgainesvillega.com
770-534-2664
Roosevelt Square was named for President Franklin D. Roosevelt who visited Gainesville on April 9, 1936 and pledged support to rebuild the city just three days after a deadly tornado ripped through the downtown square.

Eternal Flame
visitgainesvillega.com
Located in Roosevelt Square, the Eternal Flame was donated in honor of all veterans on November 11, 1969 by the Eugene Brown Post 521 and Paul E. Balding Post 7 of the American Legion.
Meeting Places

22. Brenau Downtown Center
301 Main Street, SW
770-536-8420
The Downtown Center, operated by Brenau University, features nearly 4,500 square feet of meeting/ballroom space, an executive boardroom and a 300-seat performing arts theatre. This event facility provides a comfortable, cost-effective venue for a wide variety of social and business events. It is just steps away from Gainesville’s Historic Downtown Square and within walking distance of several fine hotels.

23. Gainesville Civic Center
830 Green Street
770-531-2680
This facility offers a variety of rooms perfect for social, business and commercial events. A Grand Ballroom evokes elegant charm for receptions, large banquets and meetings as well as a variety of smaller meeting rooms.

24. The Robson Center
www.robsoneventcenter.info
310 Broad Street
770-648-4857
Perfect for hosting your very special event, this beautiful historic building in Downtown Gainesville has been recently renovated as a meeting space to accommodate up to 300 or more guests.

25. Martha Hope Cabin
528 Prior Street, NE
770-531-2680
This cozy historic cabin with large stone fireplace and outdoor amphitheater is perfect for small weddings, business retreats, birthday parties and reunions. The refurbished kitchen allows for catered or self-catered events.

26. Fair Street Neighborhood Center
528 Prior Street
770-531-2680
With two meeting rooms and the ability to seat 30-100 guests, this is an ideal location for meetings, workshops, baby or bridal showers, receptions and weddings.

28. Pearce Auditorium
200 Boulevard
770-534-6299
Brenau University’s historic Pearce Auditorium was dedicated May 21, 1897 and named to the National Register of Historic Places in 1978.

29. John S. Burd Center for the Performing Arts
429 Academy Street
770-534-6399
Located on the Brenau University campus, the Center features a 950-seat theatre and a 100-seat recital hall along with music faculty studios, classrooms and practice rooms.

30. The Loft at Scott’s
131 Bradford Street, NW
770-536-1111
The Loft is located in the newly renovated historic Pilgrim-Estes building in beautiful downtown Gainesville. The Loft offers hardwood flooring, exposed brick, classic wooden bar, natural lighting and elegant chandeliers with seating for 25 to 500 people. Also available are two more intimate meeting spaces, the Chesapeake Room with seating up to 22 and the Orleans Room with seating up to 14 people.
# Accommodations

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# Information

## Directions
Gainesville Tourism & Trade Office
117 Jesse Jewell Parkway, Suite 100
Gainesville, Georgia 30501


## Quick Facts
**Area:** 1,145 square miles

**Population:** 34,818

**Elevation:** 1274 ft.

**Lake Level:** 1071 ft. full pool

**Tax:** 7% local sales tax; additional 6% hotel/motel occupancy tax

**Location:** Gainesville is located approximately 50 miles northeast of Atlanta.

**Weather:**
- January: 33° (avg low) 52° (avg high);
- July: 68° (avg low) 90° (avg high).

**Average Rainfall:** 52"

## Numbers to Know

### Police, Fire and Ambulance Emergency: 911

### Non-Emergency Police Dept: 770-534-5202

### Hospital: Northeast Georgia Medical Center
- 743 Spring Street NE, 770-219-8000

### Information: 411 (charges apply)

### Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce: 770-532-6206

### Lost/Stolen Travelers Checks:
- American Express: 800-227-7282
- Clutchers: 800-645-6556
- Visa Global: 800-227-7811

## Transportation

### Airport:
- Lee Gilmer Memorial Airport (local): 770-532-4116
- Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport
  - 404-208-2820 / 800-889-8110

### Bus Service:
- Hall Area Transit: 770-503-3333
- Greyhound Bus Lines: 800-231-2222
- 1780 Martin Luther King Blvd, 770-532-2641 (local)
- Ground Shuttle to/from Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta Intl. Airport
- AAA Airport Express: 800-354-7974

### Taxi Service:
- Del Norte: 770-536-0950
- El Dorado Musical: 770-297-6629
- El Palmar Taxi: 770-534-3878
- Fiesta Cab: 770-535-6555
- Latin America Cab Company: 770-539-3161
- Taxi Azteca: 770-297-8778
- Taxi Los Potros: 770-534-9222
- Uni Taxi: 770-297-0250

### Train:
- Amtrak: 800-872-7245