THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX!

Outdoor adventures await you in Gainesville, Georgia. The beautiful waters of Lake Lanier are right in our backyard and ready for you to dive in!

DAY ONE

Morning: Start your day out with a Longstreet Café breakfast where you can hear stories about Gainesville from the "old timers" and enjoy southern home-style cuisine.

After breakfast, head over to Lake Lanier Olympic park and launch your kayak from the complimentary docks and boat ramp. Be sure to check out the Olympic Rings from the 1996 Olympics on the plaza in front of the original Olympic Tower. No kayak, no worries! Call ahead for rental options at Lake Lanier Olympic Park. Spend a few hours on the Upper Gainesville Water Trail before heading back to shore.

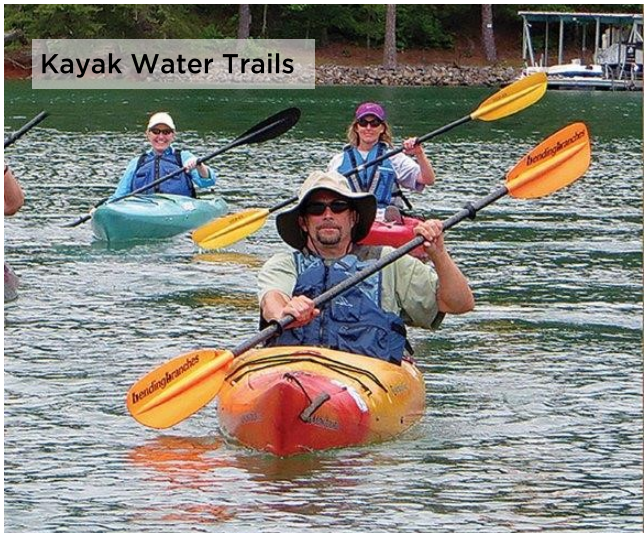
Lunch: Make a stop at Johnny's BBQ for some award winning barbeque. Be sure to try the banana pudding, you earned it!

Afternoon: Let's take a hike, or a bike, on the Highlands to Islands trail system. Start out at the Square where parking is always free in the parking deck. Follow the signs for the Highlands to Islands trail and head north to Wilshire Trails.

Side Note: The Solar System Walking Trail AND the Storybook Trail are both located along this path and a great activity for the entire family!

Evening: After checking into your hotel, get ready for a great night on the Downtown Gainesville Square where you'll find a dozen eateries from white table, Mediterranean, pub style and even a 50's diner. Follow up with a signature martini at Hopscotch, local wine at Cork It or local brew from Downtown Drafts.

Lake Lanier Olympic Park



Kayak Water Trails

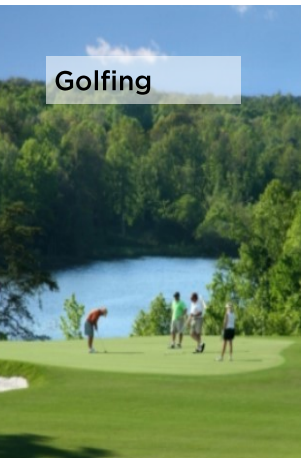
Solar System Trail

Highlands to Islands Trail

DAY TWO

Sunrise: You will not want to miss the beautiful sunrises over Lake Lanier and there are several great locations to view. We suggest the plaza at Lake Lanier Olympic Park, where you might even be able to catch a sunrise yoga class. The pavilion at the American Legion and Holly Park are other locations that offer great views too.

Morning, brunch at Avocados or Inked Pig is a must try for those Sunday mornings. If you are a donut connoisseur, be sure to check out Danny's Donuts, you won't be disappointed! After grabbing a bite to eat, get out your binoculars and enjoy the Audubon sanctuary located at Linwood Preserve with miles of trails. There are over 40 species of birds that can be spotted here!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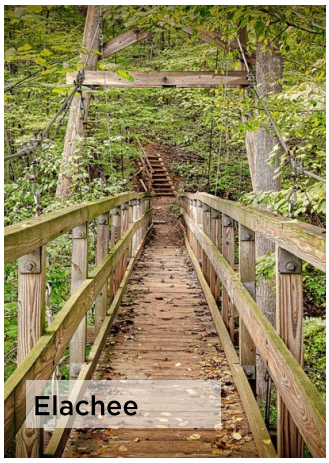
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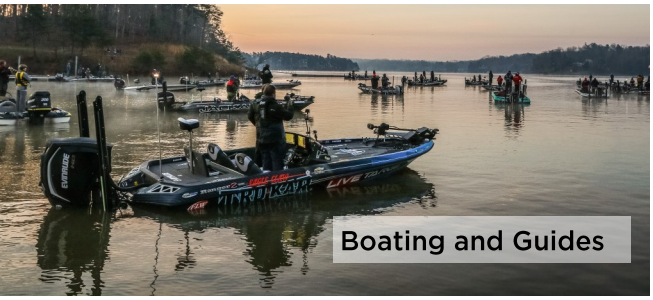
World Class Fishing


Boating and Guides

Golfers: Did you know that Gainesville is home to a Tommy Aaron golf course? Check out the Chattahoochee Golf Course and enjoy an award winning round with beautiful lake views! You can also grab a lunch at the grill located in the clubhouse, the burgers are tasty!

Lunch: Lunch on the lake at Skoagies is always a hit at Gainesville Marina. Shrimp Po Boys are OH BOY!

Afternoon: For lake lovers, why not hire a fishing guide to catch some of our world class spotted bass! Lake Lanier is home to 16 species of fish, including 30 lb striper bass, large mouth, crappie and even lake trout.

For land lovers, take a trip over to the Elachee Nature Science Center, home of Chicopee woods where you'll find miles of biking and hiking trails. The SORBA bike trail is one of the best. Visit the museum at Elachee that has an interactive honey beehive and live animal area featuring creatures found in our region. Don't miss a great photo opportunity at the hanging bridge!

After these activities, be sure to hop across the street to LNB Brewery, where you can see award winning craft beer in process and sample beers like Leapin' Lena, named after Gainesville's first fire engine! Be sure to take the tour and learn about the history of this historic building.

Wrapping it up: Gainesville is FILLED with so many outdoor activities. Golfing, fishing, boating, kayaking, hiking, rowing, golfing, dragon boating, bird watching, aquatic center and splash zone , tennis complex, pickleball and even skateboarding at the brand new skate park! Outdoor adventures await for you in Gainesville! For ideas, hotel accommodations, park locations and maps, be sure to go to **ExploreGainesville.org** to learn more!