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. Connect beauty and nature at the Atlanta Botanical Garden - Gainesville. 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!

770.531.6598
www.ExploreGainesville.org
Attractions

1. **Lake Sidney Lanier**
The City of Gainesville, Georgia is surrounded by one of the most visited Corps of Engineers Lakes in the country with 38,000 acres of water and 692 miles of shoreline.

2. **Solar System Walking Tour**
[link to Solar System Walking Tour page] - This hands-on Children's Museum offers row playing and practical experiences for young bankers, grocery store clerks, doctors, steem and much more. Most of all, it's just plain fun!

3. **Elechee Nature Science Center**
2126 Elechee Drive • elechee.org • 770-535-1980
One of the premier nature centers in Georgia, Elechee offers a woodland refuge and an interactive museum that will excite and educate visitors of all ages.

4. **Alley Creek Soccer Complex**
2250 Alley Creek Rd • geaalg.org • recreation • 678-450-6502
Nine playing fields on 89 acres. AGSC facilitates all usage of the complex by the local service providers for youth and adult leagues.

5. **Lanier Point Athletic Complex**
1530 Lee Wabito Drive • geaalg.org • recreation • 770-287-4208
Lanier Point Athletic Complex is one of the premier athletic facilities in the Southeast. The multi-sport complex serves at least 15,000 players and approximately 85,000 spectators annually.

6. **Soroka Mountain Bike Trails**
Elechee Drive • geaalg.org • recreation
The Southern Off-Road Bicycle Association promotes trail land access, trail preservation, and new trail development for all mountain bikers in the southeastern United States.

7. **Gainesville Marine**
2145 Dawsonville Highway • 770-536-2171
We rent fun. Schedule your boat and your rental today.

8. **Northeast Georgia History Center**
212 Academy Street • geaalg.org • recreation • 770-257-5800
Touch a tomato, experience the North Georgia Sports Hall of Fame, join hands with a 16-year-izage of five children in a Circle of Freedom, or stand in an 18th Century cabin that was once home to Cherokee Indian Chief, White Path.

9. **Altamaha Cemetery & Walking Tour**
1050 Jesse Jewell Parkway • geaalg.org • 770-535-6883
Tour the final resting place for numerous Revolutionary and Civil War Veterans as well as two Georgia Governors. Be sure to leave a momento at the grave of Lieutenant General James Longstreet.

10. **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.

11. **Beulah Rucker Museum**
2107 Athens Highway • beulahruckermuseum.org • 404-401-6217
The Educational Foundation and Museum of Beulah Rucker, Inc., is dedicated to remembering Miss Rucker’s personal values, vision, and courage to think and act anew as an African-American educator.

12. **Atlanta Botanical Garden – Gainesville**
1911 S believer Drive • www.atlantabg.org • 404-888-4760
Gainesville’s premier destination for connecting with beauty and the natural world. Complete with a visitor center, outdoor gardens, a model train garden and an amphitheater.

13. **Civil War Heartland Leaders Trail**
civilwaratgorgia.com
The Civil War Heartland Leaders Trail, consisting of 48 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.

14. **The Historic Piedmont Hotel**
827 Maple Street • longstreets.org • piedmont • 770-539-3025
The Piedmont Hotel was opened in 1876 by Lt. 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.

15. **Den Carter State Park**
5000 N. Sterling Bridge Rd • gestcapital.org • Den Carter • 678-450-7726
Georgia’s newest state park and the first to be located on 38,000 acre Lake Lanier. Enjoy hiking trails, campsites and cabin rentals.

16. **Jemmer Farms**
5340 Cornelius Hwy • Alto, GA • Jemmerfarms.com • 770-449-3999
Jemmer Farms is Georgia’s local source for farm fresh fruits and vegetables. And, they’re open seven days a week!

17. **Lanier Islands**
7000 Lanier Islands Pkwy, Buford, GA • Lanierislands.com • 770-845-8778
Summer fun, winter fun, every day fun is at Lanier Islands. Rent a cabin, play a round of golf, enjoy the water park in the summer and the heated saltwater pool in the winter.

18. **North Georgia Canopy Tours**
9700 Hills Rd., Lula, GA • Northgeorgiapanocyptours.com • 770-849-7722
Experience a heightened perspective on life at North Georgia Canopy Tours! Enjoy a bird’s-eye view of the North Oconee River, ravines, ponds, pastures, and wildlife.

19. **Road Atlanta**
5300 Winder Hwy, Braselton, GA • Roadatlanta.com • 770-967-6143
This multi-purpose motor sports facility is situated on 750 picturesque acres in the rolling hills of Northeast Georgia with a 2.54 mile, 12-turn world class road course. Family friendly atmosphere: Kids 12 & Under are always free.

20. **Mountain Fresh Creamery**
6615 Cleveland Highway, Guntersville, GA • www.mountainfreshcreamery.com • 770-983-1666
This family of Holstein cow farmers is so passionate about their farm that they opened the Mountain Fresh Creamery so EVERYONE could experience their all-natural dairy products, tour the cattle farm and see the milk bottled in the dairy, too. Off your visit with chilled ice cream straight from the silo!

21. **Sweet Acre Farms Winery**
7148 Blevins Rd., Alto, GA • www.sweetacrefarms.com • 770-755-5315
Hall County’s first winery specializes in fruit, “country wines” reminiscent of those southern families used to make. Sweet Acre Farms wines are made by hand with 100% Georgia Grown fruit, cane sugar and yeast. The winery is open Thursday—Sunday.
Meeting Places

21. Brenau Downtown Center
301 Main Street, SW
770-534-8420
The Downtown Center, operated by Brenau University, features nearly 4,500 square feet of meeting/ballroom space, an executive boardroom and a 900-seat performing arts theatre. It is just steps away from Gainesville’s Historic Downtown Square and within walking distance of several fine hotels.

22. Gainesville Civic Center
630 Green Street
770-531-2680
This charming facility offers a variety of options for social, business and commercial events. There are six (6) rental options within the building from smaller executive meeting areas (600sq ft) to the ballroom which is nearly 7,000sq ft. The Civic Center is located in the heart of Gainesville and within a few miles of over 800 hotel accommodations.

23. 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, retreats, parties and reunions. The kitchen area allows for catered or self-caterted events with anywhere from 20 – 75 guests.

24. 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, reception and weddings.

25. Pearce Auditorium
200 Boulevard
770-534-2689
Brenau University’s historic Pearce Auditorium was dedicated May 21, 1897 and named to the National Register of Historic Places in 1979.

26. Junior League of Gainesville/Hall County
1547 Riverside Drive
770-935-1851
The Junior League’s Riverside Drive facility adds a special touch to any event offering a ballroom, dining room, meeting room, plus pool and patio. This 10,000 square foot location is a local favorite. On-site catering available.

27. John S. Burd Center for the Performing Arts
429 Academy Street
770-534-6930
Located on the Brenau University campus, the Center features a 300-seat theatre and a 100 – seat recital hall along with music faculty studios, classrooms and practice rooms.

28. The Loft at Scott’s
131 Bradford Street, NW
770-534-1111
The Loft is located on the Downtown Square in the historic 750pm-Estates building. This 10,000sq ft space can hold up to 500 seated guests. There are additional break-out rooms for smaller meetings and banquets.

29. American Legion and Pavilion
2343 Riverside Drive
770-534-7091
Overlooking Lake Lanier, the American Legion Paul E. Bolding Post No. 7 and historic pavilion (circa 1900) are both available for a variety of events ranging 50 – 200+.

30. Ramsey Conference Center
2535 Lanier Tech Drive
770-534-7871
North Georgia’s newest, state-of-the-art 40,000 sq ft conference facility features a 20,000 sq ft ballroom and over 37,000 sq ft of divisible space. Indoor/Outdoor areas and exceptional views overlooking a lake. Catering/Meeting areas with the newest audio and visual technology located on the 95 acre Lanier Tech campus. Just minutes north of Downtown Gainesville and hotels.

Other great rental facilities listed in the guide include:
- Atlanta Botanical Garden – Gainesville
- Northeast Georgia History Center
- Oglethorpe Visual Arts Center
- Smithgall Arts Center
Accommodations

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Information

**Directions**

Gainesville Convention and Visitors Bureau
117 Jesse Jewell Parkway, Suite 100
Gainesville, Georgia 30501

**Quick Facts**

Area: 1.145 square miles
Population: 35,533
Elevation: 1274 ft.
Lake Level: 1071 ft. full pool
Tax: 7% local/state 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:** 770-534-5522
**Hospital:** Northeast Georgia Medical Center
743 Spring Street NE, 770-219-9000
**Information:** 411 (charges apply)
**Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce:** 770-532-6206
**Lost/Stolen Travelers Checks:**
American Express: 800-221-7282
Citicorp: 800-645-6556

**Transportation**

Airport: Lee G. Glidemore Memorial Airport (Local)
Champion Aviation (FBO); 770-532-4136
Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport
404-208-9200 / 700-987-1910

**Bus Service:**
Gainesville Connection: 770-533-3333
Greyhound Bus Lines: 800-231-2222
Superior Shuttle & Limo: 770-532-2641 (local)
Greyhound Bus Lines: 800-231-2222

**Taxi Service:**
Del Norte: 770-534-0850
El Dorado Musical: 770-297-8629
El Palmar Taxi: 770-534-3878
Fiesta Cab: 770-535-6555
Latin America Cab Company: 770-539-9161
Taxi Azteca: 770-297-8778
Taxi Los Potros: 770-534-9222
Uni Taxi: 770-297-0555

**Train:**
Amtrak: 800-872-7245