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Summer Fun from A to Z

Metro Atlanta has endless ways to entertain your family from animal encounters to zip lines. Check out our favorite ideas to take your summer staycation to the next level.

by Emily Webb

A

Atlanta Braves: Head to Truist Park to watch the winning Atlanta Braves (mlb.com/braves) compete! Watch Friday Night Fireworks, and on Sundays after the game, ages 14 and younger can run the bases. Visit on special days for themed activities, such as Summer Beach Bash and 1996 Olympics Night, and check the schedule for Braves Block Parties with live entertainment, street performers, inflatable batting cages and more. Onsite, the Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Park features a rock-climbing tower, interactive play experiences and BLOOPER meet-and-greets.

B

Bricks: Visit LEGO Discovery Center Atlanta to design and build spaceships, fight off enemy ships with Pirate Adventure Land, join a Master Model Builder workshop and more (legodiscoverycenter.com/atlanta). Buy your own sets to build creations at home with Atlanta Brick Co in Newnan (atlbrick.com) and the LEGO Store in Perimeter Mall (lego.com).

C

Creativity: Brush up on your artistic skills with a session at one of these walk-in pottery studios for a special masterpiece and memory making. Choose from hundreds of options to paint vases, décor pieces, plates and more at All Fired Up (allfiredupart.com), Just Kiln Time (justkilntime.com), Eye Candy Art Studio (eyecandyartstudio.net) or 'Stache Studio (stachestudio.net).

D

Dinosaurs: Have a roarin' good time at these venues. Learn about the iconic dinosaur with life-sized models, specimens and engaging interactives at "T. rex: The Ultimate Predator" at Fernbank Museum (fernbankmuseum.org). Stone Mountain Park's Summer at the Rock will feature a dino meet-and-greet, and see if Dr. Quinn and Riley can pull off a birthday bash for America's 250th with the "DinoTown: Red, White, and Boom Train Show" (stonemountainpark.com). Step through a time portal with a thrilling virtual reality experience, and explore giant skeletons, interactive dino zones and more at "DinoVerse Atlanta" (feverup.com).



Georgia Aquarium's Glow Nights

Georgia Aquarium

E

Escape Rooms: Put your problem-solving and teamwork skills to the test with a themed challenge. The Escape Game offers eight themed escapes of varying difficulties (theescapegame.com/atlanta). Urban Escape Games' Marietta location features The Kings Treasure, an escape room designed and built for children (urbanescapegames.com). Escapology has seven themed rooms, with a Kids Mode for Scooby-Doo and the Spooky Castle Adventure (escapology.com).

F

Fishing: Time to teach a kid to fish! These spots are stocked with trout, bass and more for practicing your fishing skills. Multiple Georgia State Parks locations (gastateparks.org/parkfishing) allow for fishing, including Lake Allatoona at Red Top Mountain and Lake Lanier at Don Carter. With access to the Chattahoochee River and serene ponds, go fishing at Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area (chattahoocheeparks.org/fishing).

G

Glow: Light up the night with these glowing events. Georgia Aquarium's Glow Nights will be held from May 29-Aug. 9 featuring a bioluminescence exhibit with marine life, live entertainment and more (georgiiaaquarium.org). The Summer Party at Atlanta Botanical Garden on June 27 will be an unforgettable evening with a puppet lantern parade (atlantabg.org).

H **Horseback Riding:** Go for a trail ride to experience the beauty of nature and the fun of horseback riding. Visit Serenbe Trailriding (serenbetrailriding.com) to enjoy a quiet ride through the rolling woodlands, or check out the Kids Intro to Horses for a hands-on horse experience. Georgia Frontiers offers a one-hour trail ride through wooded trails, which is perfect for first-timers (georgiahorsebackriding.org). Sunburst Adventures has riding lessons, and choose from a scenic, mountain explorer, mountain picnic or twilight ride (sunburststables.com). Check websites for reservations, age and weight limits.

I **Ice Skating:** Cool off from the summer heat by practicing your moves at these rinks. Center Ice Arena (centericearena.org), Atlanta IceForum (iceforum.com), The ICE Complex (theice.info) and Atlanta Ice House (atlantaicehouse.com) offer public skate sessions, and you can also sign up for lessons to learn how to skate.

J **Junior Ranger:** Kids can explore the great outdoors and learn about history with Georgia State Parks & Historic Sites' Junior Ranger program (gastateparks.org/juniorranger). Kids will work toward earning 59 different site-specific badges by completing each mission inside the Junior Ranger Activity book. Check the online calendar for special Junior Ranger events.



Fun Spot America Atlanta

K **Karting:** Feel the need for speed? Fun Spot America Atlanta (funspotamericaatlanta.com) offers three courses to choose from, as well as a Dash Junior Track for younger kids. The nearly mile-long track at Atlanta Motorsports Park features 43 feet of elevation change (atlantamotorsportspark.com). Enjoy an indoor go-karting race at K1 Speed (k1speed.com). Andretti Indoor Karting & Games offers indoor karting at both the Marietta and Buford locations (andrettikarting.com).

L **Library:** Libraries (georgialibraries.org) are an incredible resource for families, as they offer exciting activities, all for free! Head to your local library for storytimes, events for kids, crafts and more. Because libraries are for everyone, you can even go on a mini road trip to explore a library new to your family. Switzer Library in Cobb County has an updated children's programming room and an outdoor plaza with a garden area. Explore the public art near Suwanee's library, including the mural "Bookshelf" in the Reading Grotto and "Novel Idea," a bench featuring different book titles. In 2025, Fulton County Library System renovated the Peachtree Library and Martin Luther King Jr. Library. Don't have a library card yet? It's easy to apply for one — show identification with your current name and address, and you'll get a card immediately.

M **Mini Golf:** Go for a bit of a friendly competition with a round of mini golf. Set against the iconic Atlanta skyline, The Roof at Ponce City Market has opened a new, 18-hole mini golf course (poncecityroof.com). The Fringe has two 18-hole courses with surprises and adventures (a51fun.com). LakePoint Station has an outdoor course for digging alongside Miner Jim and a blacklight indoor course for a glow-in-the-dark challenge (lakepointstation.com). Plus, go indoors to beat the heat at one of PuttShack's two locations (puttshack.com).

N **Nature Centers:** Known as the "City in the Forest," metro Atlanta nature centers offer easy ways for your family to access and connect with the natural world. Cascade Springs Nature Preserve (cascadespringsnature.org), Chattahoochee Nature Center (chattnaturecenter.org), Dunwoody Nature Center (dunwoodynature.org), Tucker Nature Preserve (tuckerga.gov) and Blue Heron Nature Preserve (bhnp.org) offer trails for family-friendly walks.

O **Odd Fun:** The Oddities Museum (theodditiesmuseum.org) in Chamblee is a unique spot showcasing the weird and wonderful with taxidermy creations, animals with distinctive anomalies, whimsical art and more. Reservations are recommended. The outdoor art project, Doll's Head Trail at Constitution Lakes, is a short hike featuring bizarre and whimsical displays of folk art and found objects (facebook.com/dollshtheadtrail).

Photo courtesy of Jamestown



The Roof at Ponce City Market



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Los Porfiados: Visit the High Museum of Art's (high.org) Carroll Slater Sifly Piazza for the "Los Porfiados" (The Stubborns) exhibit, on view from June 5-Nov. 29. Inspired by a classic roly-poly wobbling toy known in Chile as "mono porfiado," this installation comprises 14 inflatable limber sculptures with pliable surfaces. Visitors can interact, poke and prod to allow these enormous works to come to life through play.

Q

Sip like a Queen: Embrace your inner monarch for a delicious tea experience. Dr. Bombay's Underwater Tea Party (drbombays.com) offers a more affordable high tea experience with sandwiches, quiche, cakes and baked delights. Queens Tea Party (aqueensteapartyatl.com), St. Regis Atlanta (atstregisatlanta.com) and Waldorf Astoria Atlanta Buckhead (hilton.com) offer luxury tea experiences for a celebratory feel.

R

Rock Climbing: Challenge yourself to new heights with a rock climbing experience. Escalade Rock Climbing (escaladegym.com) has a Kids Play Area just for them, while Wall Crawler Rock Club (wallcrawlerclimbing.com), Central Rock Gym (centralrockgym.com) and Adrenaline Climbing (adrenalineclimbing.com) offer day passes and rental gear.

S

See the Wild Side: Go to Zoo Atlanta to view animals from all over the world (zooatlanta.org). Check out the African Savanna, featuring lions, zebras, ostriches and more, and Scaly Slimy Spectacular, which features more than 70 species. Play and climb the Naked Mole Rat and KIDZone Playgrounds, visit the petting zoo, get a bird's eye view with the Treetop Tykes Trail or Treetop Trail, and splash in the cooling Splash Fountain. Get up close to animals with daily Giraffe Feedings, or book a special Wild Encounters experience to learn more about elephants, lemurs, warthogs or goats.

T

Tellus Science Museum: Become a mini scientist with the exhibits at Tellus Science Museum (tellusmuseum.org). Visit the new "Mazes & Brain Games" to solve and explore mazes, and permanent exhibits cover digital artifacts, minerals, fossils, transportation technology and more. Dig for fossils, pan for gems, see the stars at the Bentley Planetarium and more.

U

Up and Away: Travel high in the sky at Delta Flight Museum (deltamuseum.org). Discover the history and culture of this company with an Airbus Immersive VR Experience, "A Century of Flight" documentary and climbing into different models. Families with teens can check out the Flight Simulator Experience to see what it's like to train as a pilot.



Zoo Atlanta



Los Porfiados at the High Museum

V

Victory: The family that plays together, stays together! Hold a family-friendly competition to win games at these spots. Stars and Strikes (starsandstrikes.com) has multiple locations in metro Atlanta with bowling, arcade games, laser tag and more. Battle & Brew (battleandbrew.com) is a video game restaurant and venue with everything from retro to board games. Big Play ATL (bigplayatl.com) has state-of-the-art bowling, arcade games, laser tag and more.

W

Wild Kratts: Visit the Children's Museum of Atlanta (childrensmuseumatlanta.org) for "Wild Kratts: Ocean Adventure" through September 13 to help the Wild Kratts team solve problems, care for animals and foil the villains' nefarious plans. The interactive exhibit features ocean-themed activities and a Tot Spot for younger kids. This summer, you can also enjoy A Character Education Workshop, sensory-friendly hours and a World Cup Kick-Off.

X

X Marks the Spot: Go on a scavenger hunt for a unique way to discover fun spots around the city. Bushy Tail Art Trail is a public art display featuring tiny squirrel dining spots scattered around Henry County (visithenrycountygeorgia.com). View beautifully painted, accessible public pianos with Play Me Again Pianos (playmeagainpianos.org). Tiny Doors ATL (tinydoorsatl.com) and Secret Doors (decaturartsalliance.org) feature miniature secret doors handcrafted by local artists.

Y

Yoga with Animals: Stretch it out and practice your flexibility in the company of cute creatures. GGA Dwarf Goat Yoga (ggadwarfgoatyoga.com) offers a beginner-friendly yoga class for ages 12 and younger. North Georgia Wildlife & Safari Park's NOGA YOGA has classes with penguins and capybaras for ages 10 and older (northgeorgiazoo.com). Two studios in Atlanta offer Puppies & Yoga classes for ages 10 and older (puppies-yoga.com).

Z

Zip Lining: Daredevils will love flying through the trees with a zip lining experience. Check websites for age, height and weight restrictions. Treetop Quest has two locations in the metro area, both of which feature a Chickpea Course for ages 4-6 (treetopquest.com). The Lakeside Zip Line Adventure Course at Stone Mountain Park's Adventure Outpost sends you sailing over the lake twice with seven zip lines and 10 obstacles (stonemountainpark.com). Callaway Resort & Gardens' TreeTop Adventure Ziplines (callawaygardens.com) has three adventure courses with fun obstacles and zip lines.



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Water Parks • Mini Water Parks • Splash Pads/Fountains • Beaches

Splashing Around!

Summers in Atlanta get hot! Cool off with these exciting places to play in water. From jumping through a fountain to soaring down a waterslide, these spots boast great ways to beat the summer heat.

Please call or check website before heading out to confirm the water feature is open.



Six Flags White Water

Water Park Attractions

● Fins Up Water Park

Margaritaville at Lanier Islands' water park features Apocalypse, Georgia's first waterslide coaster, waterslides, an expanded Witbit Aquatic Adventure and more.

Where: 7650 Lanier Islands Pkwy., Buford. 470-323-3440. margaritavilleresorts.com/margaritaville-at-lanier-islands
Cost: \$44.99-\$59.99

● Six Flags Hurricane Harbor

Part of Six Flags Over Georgia, race down Bonzai Pipelines, test your bravery on Tsunami Surge, or catch a wave in Calypso Bay.

Where: 275 Riverside Pkwy., Austell. 770-739-3400. sixflags.com/overgeorgia
Cost: \$39+

● Six Flags White Water

Float as family on the Bahama Bob Slide and other family rides, play in Caribbean Cove, splash in Buccaneer Bay and more at this 69-acre water park.
Where: 250 N. Cobb Pkwy. N, Marietta. 770-590-4067. sixflags.com/whitewater
Cost: \$29+

● Spivey Splash

This water park in Clayton County includes a 1,279-foot-long lazy river, a splash pad, pools for different ages and more.
Where: 2300 Hwy. 138 SE, Jonesboro. 770-603-4000. spiveysplash.com
Cost: \$20; ages 2 and younger, free

● Great Wolf Lodge

Spend the night at this water park featuring waterslides, attractions and areas for all ages and thrill levels.
Where: 150 Tom Hall Pkwy., LaGrange. 844-473-9653. greatwolf.com/georgia
Cost: Day Pass, \$50+; room prices vary

Pools with Mini Water Parks

● Best Friend Park Pool

Play in the outdoor leisure pool, giant waterslide and water play structures.
Where: 6224 Jimmy Carter Blvd., Norcross. 678-277-0224. gwinnettcountry.com
Cost: \$6.50-\$12.50; ages 4-10, \$5.25-\$10.25; ages 3 and younger, \$4.25-\$8.25

● Bethesda Park Aquatic Center

This location features an indoor leisure pool, a giant waterslide, a river channel, water play structures and more.
Where: 225 Bethesda Church Rd., Lawrenceville. 678-277-0880. gwinnettcountry.com
Cost: \$6.50-\$12.50; ages 4-10, \$5.25-\$10.25; ages 3 and younger, \$4.25-\$8.25

● Bogan Park Aquatic Center

Slide down the giant waterslide and cool off with the water play structures.
Where: 2723 N. Bogan Rd., Buford. 678-277-0853. gwinnettcountry.com
Cost: \$6.50-\$12.50; ages 4-10, \$5.25-\$10.25; ages 3 and younger, \$4.25-\$8.25

● Browns Mill Waterpark

This family-friendly facility includes a kiddie play area, lazy river, lap pool, beach entry pool and two slides.
Where: 4929 Browns Mill Rd., Stonecrest. 770-224-0191. brownsmill.myrec.com
Cost: \$12; ages 13 and younger, \$9

● Cherokee County Aquatic Center

The Oasis, the outdoor leisure pool, features beach entry, two waterslides, a water playground and water play features.
Where: 1200 Wellstar Way, Canton. 678-880-4760. playcherokee.org
Cost: \$8-\$11; ages 2-13, \$7-\$8; ages 1 and younger, free



Collins Hill Park Aquatic Center

● **Collins Hill Park Aquatic Center**

This center features an indoor swimming/diving competition pool, an outdoor leisure pool with a river channel, waterslides and water play structures.

Where: 2200 Collins Hill Rd., Lawrenceville. 770-237-5647. gwinnettcountry.com

Cost: \$6.50-\$12.50; ages 4-10, \$5.25-\$10.25; ages 3 and younger, \$4.25-\$8.25

● **Cumming Aquatic Center**

The Outdoor Leisure Pool has a waterslide, lazy river and a play structure area for cooling down during the summer season.

Where: 201 Aquatic Cir, Cumming. 770-781-1781. cummingaquaticcenter.com

Cost: \$9; ages 2-13, \$8; ages 1 and younger, free

● **Frances Meadows Aquatic Center**

This aquatic facility features a seasonal outdoor water park with a splash zone with a swirl pool, drop buckets and interactive elements.

Where: 1545 Community Way NE, Gainesville. 770-533-5850. gainesville.org

Cost: \$9; ages 2-13, \$7; ages 1 and younger, free

● **Lenora Park Pool**

Splash around with the outdoor pool, giant waterslide, river channel and water play structures.

Where: 4315 Lenora Church Rd., Snellville. 678-277-0948. gwinnettcountry.com

Cost: \$6.50-\$12.50; ages 4-10, \$5.25-\$10.25; ages 3 and younger, \$4.25-\$8.25

● **Mountain Park Aquatic Center**

This center's outdoor leisure pool has zero-depth entry, waterslides, a river channel, bubble bench and more.

Where: 1063 Rockbridge Rd., Stone Mountain. 678-277-0870. gwinnettcountry.com

Cost: \$6.50-\$12.50; ages 4-10, \$5.25-\$10.25; ages 3 and younger, \$4.25-\$8.25

● **Rhodes Jordan Park Pool**

Splash around in this outdoor pool with a waterslide, river channel and water play structures.

Where: 100 E. Crogan St., Lawrenceville. 770-822-5143. gwinnettcountry.com

Cost: \$6.50-\$12.50; ages 4-10, \$5.25-\$10.25; ages 3 and younger, \$4.25-\$8.25

● **Seven Springs Water Park**

This water park features two waterslides, a lazy river and a splash pad, as well as a concession stand for a snack break.

Where: 3820 Macedonia Rd., Powder Springs. 770-528-4035. cobbcounty.gov

Cost: \$6; ages 3-17, \$4; ages 2 and younger, free

● **South Cobb Aquatic Center**

Splash down spiraling waterslides or float along the lazy river.

Where: 875 Riverside Pkwy., Austell. 770-739-3180. cobbcounty.gov

Cost: \$4.50-\$6.75; ages 2-17, \$3.50-\$5.25; ages 1 and younger, free

● **West Gwinnett Park Aquatic Center**

Featuring indoor and outdoor pools, waterslides, a river channel, a bubble bench and water play structures, this center has something for everyone to dip their toe in.

Where: 4488 Peachtree Industrial Blvd., Berkeley Lake. 678-407-8801. gwinnettcountry.com

Cost: \$6.50-\$12.50; ages 4-10, \$5.25-\$10.25; ages 3 and younger, \$4.25-\$8.25

● **Wills Park Pool**

Cool off in a leisure pool, and enjoy interactive water play stations, a waterslide and more.

Where: 1815 Old Milton Pkwy., Alpharetta. 678-297-6107. alpharetta.ga.us

Cost: \$5-\$10; ages 3 and younger, free



Lenora Park Pool

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Beaches

● **Cauble Park Beach**

Head to Lake Acworth for Cauble Park with a playground, sandy beach and paddleboarding or kayaks.

Where: 4425 Beach St., Acworth. 770-917-1234. acworth.org

Cost: Non-resident parking, \$20

● **Robin Lake Beach at Callaway Gardens**

Enjoy the white sand beach and lake activities, including playing on the inflatable Aqua Island.

Where: 17800 US-27, Pine Mountain. 800-225-5292. callawaygardens.com

Cost: \$26.99-\$36.99; ages 4-12, \$21.99-\$31.99; ages 3 and younger, free; Aqua Island, \$15-\$20

● **Costley Mill Park**

Splash around at this beautiful beach.

Where: 2455 Costley Mill Rd. NE, Conyers. 770-278-7209. costleymillpark.com

Cost: \$3-\$5; ages 3 and younger, free

Splash Pads, Spraygrounds and Fountains

● **Elizabeth Porter Park Sprayground**

Where: 370 Montgomery St. NE, Marietta. 770-794-5601. mariettaga.gov

Cost: \$2-\$3

● **Exchange Splash Pad**

Where: 2771 Columbia Dr., Decatur. 404-687-3430. dekalbcountyga.gov

Cost: \$3; ages 3-18, \$2; ages 2 and younger, free

● **Old Atlanta Park**

Where: 810 Nichols Rd., Suwanee. 770-205-4646. parks.forsythco.com

Cost: \$2

● **Swift-Cantrell Park Splash Pad**

Where: 3140 Old 41 Hwy., Kennesaw. 470-905-9029. kennesaw-ga.gov

Cost: \$3; ages 2 and younger, free

● **River Line Park Splash Pad**

Where: 6043 Oakdale Rd., Smyrna. 770-434-6600. smyrnaga.gov

Cost: \$3-\$4; ages 15 and younger, \$2-\$3

● **Splash Pad at Cline Park**

Where: Opening June 3. 704 Bartow St., Waleska. 770-924-7768. playcherokee.org

Cost: \$1-\$2

● **Atlanta Botanical Garden**

Where: 1345 Piedmont Ave., Atlanta. 404-876-5859. atlantabg.org

Cost: \$27.95-\$34.95; ages 3-12, \$24.95-\$31.95; ages 2 and younger, free



River Line Park Splash Pad

● **Geyser Splash Pad at Stone Mountain Park**

Where: 1000 Robert E. Lee Blvd., Stone Mountain. 678-478-6686. stonemountainpark.com

Cost: \$39.99; ages 3-11, \$36.99; ages 2 and younger, free

● **Splash Fountain at Zoo Atlanta**

Where: 800 Cherokee Ave. SE, Atlanta. 404-624-9453. zooatlanta.org

Cost: \$29.95-\$38.20; ages 3-11, \$23.95-\$30.45; ages 2 and younger, free

● **Lynch Park Pool**

Where: 23 Richard Allen Dr., Newnan. 770-254-5922. newnanga.gov

Cost: \$5

FOR FREE:

● **Ashford Park**

Where: 2980 Redding Rd. NE, Brookhaven. 470-704-4774. brookhavenga.gov

● **Big Splash Interactive Fountain at Town Center Park**

Where: 330 Town Center Ave., Suwanee. 770-945-8996. suwanee.com

● **Carl Miller Park**

Where: 74 Sewell Rd., Newnan. 770-683-5516. newnanutilities.org

● **Cook Park Splash Pad**

Where: 616 Joseph E. Boone Blvd. NW, Atlanta. 404-546-6813. atlantaga.gov

● **East Roswell Sprayground**

Where: 9000 Fouts Rd., Roswell. 770-594-6188. roswellgov.com

● **E.E. Robinson Park Fountain**

Where: 855 Level Creek Rd., Sugar Hill. 678-277-0910. gwinnettcounty.com

● **Fayetteville City Center Park Splash Pad**

Where: 210 Stonewall Ave. W, Fayetteville. 770-461-6029. fayetteville-ga.gov

● **Fountain of Rings at Centennial Olympic Park**

Where: 285 Andrew Young International Blvd. NW, Atlanta. 404-233-4000. gwcca.org

● **Historic Fourth Ward Park**

Where: 702 Ralph McGill Blvd., Atlanta. 404-546-7655. beltline.org

● **Laurel Park Splash Pad**

Where: 3100 Old Cleveland Hwy., Gainesville. 770-535-8280. hallcounty.org

● **Legacy Fountain at Piedmont Park**

Where: 1320 Monroe Dr. NE, Atlanta. 404-875-7275. piedmontpark.org

● **Peachtree Corners Town Center Splash Pad**

Where: 5200 Town Center Blvd., Peachtree Corners. 678-691-1200. peachtreecornersga.gov

● **Splash Pad @ The Grove at Towne Center**

Where: 2342 Oak Rd. SW, Snellville. 770-985-3500. snellville.gov



CHAMBLEE ROCKS

CHAMBLEE SUMMER CONCERT SERIES LINEUP

FRIDAY JUNE 12 6:30 PM

THE EVOLUTION OF BEYONCE
THE TABERNACLE COLLECTIVE

SATURDAY JULY 4 6:30 PM

FIREWORKS
AROUND 9:15 PM

ROBIN THICKE
CODY MATLOCK

KIDS
ZONE

FRIDAY AUGUST 7 6:30 PM

BOY BAND REVIEW
MATERIAL GIRL

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SATURDAY JULY 11 5:00 PM

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SUNDAY JULY 19 3:00 PM

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YOUR ADVENTURE AWAITS

PLAN YOUR RIVER OR AERIAL ADVENTURE IN ALPINE HELEN ON THE CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVER.



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Helen, GA
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112 Poplar Stump Rd.
Helen, GA | 706.878.9471

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Budget-Friendly Family Fun

Entertain your kids without breaking the bank with these free and cheap events and programs.

A REEL GOOD TIME

Enjoy a delightful, family-friendly movie at an indoor or outdoor venue.

Under the Stars

- **Movies On The Square.** Colony Square. colonysquare.com
- **Forum Flicks.** The Forum Peachtree. theforumpeachtree.com
- **Movies Under the Stars.** Mall of Georgia. simon.com/mall/mall-of-georgia
- **Flicks on the Green.** Peachtree Corners Town Green. peachtreecornersga.gov
- **Lawrenceville Movie Club.** Lawrenceville Lawn. downtownlawrencevillega.com
- **Outdoor Movies.** Swift-Cantrell Park. kennesaw-ga.gov
- **Movies on The Lawn.** Uptown Atlanta. uptownatlanta.com
- **Movies at the Park.** Johns Creek. johnscreekga.gov
- **Movies on the Green.** Tucker Town Green. tuckerga.gov
- **Flicks on the Bricks.** Duluth Town Green. duluthga.net
- **Movie in the Park.** Fayetteville City Center Park. downtownfayetteville.org
- **Movie at the Park.** Douglasville Town Green. douglasvilleparks.com



Indoor

- **Regal Summer Movie Express.** Regal. June 1-Aug. 13, 11 a.m. \$1. regmovies.com
- **Summer Series.** LOOK Dine-In Cinema. May 25-July 30, 12:10 p.m. \$2. lookcinemas.com
- **Summer Movie Camp.** AMC Theatres. Mon. and Wed. from June 22-Aug. 12, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. \$3. amctheatres.com
- **Summer Movie Clubhouse.** Cinemark. Wed. from June 1-Aug. 6, 9:30 a.m. \$1.75. cinemark.com
- **Children's Summer Series.** Studio Movie Grill. Mon.-Thur. from May 25-Aug. 13. \$6. studiomoviegrill.com
- **Kids Movie Magic.** Movie Tavern. Sun.-Thur. from June 7-Aug. 13. \$3. marcustheatres.com
- **Summer Family Movies.** Canton Theatre. \$1. cantonga.gov
- **Potluck Movie Series.** Canton Theatre. \$5. cantonga.gov
- **Movies at the Wadsworth.** Charles Wadsworth Auditorium. newnanga.gov
- **Movie Monday.** Norcross Cultural Arts & Community Center. norcrossga.net

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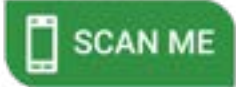
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- Sign up for a free library card with the Georgia Public Library Service. Enjoy free activities, including the "Unearth a Story" reading program to earn prizes for achieving reading goals, special storytimes, clubs and more. Check out free and reduced-cost entry Experience Passes to Alliance Theatre, Center for Puppetry Arts and more. Learn more at georgialibraries.org/passes.
- Visit your local Home Depot (homedepot.com) and Lowe's (lowes.com) for monthly workshops for kids to build their own creations. Registration required.
- Some local museums offer free admission days. High Museum of Art's UPS Second Sunday is held monthly for art-making activities, performances and exhibitions; high.org. Pop-in for Family Fun at Marietta History Center is held the third Saturday of every month for themed activities; mariettahistory.org. Carlos Museum's Sunday Public Tours are free and first-come, first-serve for viewing artifacts from around the world; carlos.emory.edu. Marietta Cobb Museum of Art offers the first Sunday free to create an art piece; mariettacobbartmuseum.org. Booth Western Art Museum offers Free Family Thursday hours from 4-8 p.m. on the second Thursday of every month; boothmuseum.org.

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- **Groovin' On The Square.** Colony Square. colonysquare.com
- **Friday Night Live.** The Forum Peachtree. theforumpeachtree.com
- **Summer Concert Series.** Peachtree Corners Town Green. peachtreecornersga.gov
- **Live in the DTL.** Lawrenceville Lawn. downtownlawrencevillega.com
- **Groovin' On The Green.** Brook Run Park. dunwoodyga.gov
- **Summer Concert Series.** Newtown Park. johnscreekga.gov
- **Concerts by the Springs.** Heritage Amphitheatre. sandspringsga.gov
- **City Green Live.** City Green. sandspringsga.gov
- **Duluth Live.** Parsons Alley. duluthga.net
- **Rock The Block.** Duluth Town Green. duluthga.net
- **Avenue Live.** Avenue East Cobb. avenueeastcobb.com



Glover Park Concert Series

- **First Friday.** The Avenue Peachtree City. avenuepeachtreecity.com
- **Summer NewnaNights.** Downtown Newnan. newnanga.gov
- **Summer Concert Series.** Thrasher Park. norcrossga.net
- **Jazz in the Alley.** Downtown Historic Norcross. thejazzinthealley.com
- **Kennesaw Concert Series.** Depot Park. kennesawdowntown.com
- **Avalon Nights Live.** Avalon. experienceavalon.com
- **Summer Concerts.** Village Green Park. smyrnaga.gov
- **Glover Park Concert Series.** Glover Park. mariettaga.gov

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- **Brown Bag Concerts.** Glover Park. mariettaqa.gov
- **Home by Dark.** Brooke Street Park. homebydark.com
- **Music on the Hill.** Roswell City Hall. roswell365.com
- **First Friday.** Canton. cantonga.gov
- **On the Green Concert Series.** Alpharetta. rotaryconcerts.com
- **Woodstock Summer Concert Series.** Woodstock. woodstockconcertseries.com
- **Groovin' on the Green.** Loganville Town Green. loganville-ga.gov
- **River Rock Concerts.** Etowah River Park. cantonga.gov
- **First Friday Concerts.** Historic Downtown Gainesville. exploregainesville.org
- **Groovin' on the Green.** Halcyon. visithalcyon.com
- **Beats on the Streets.** Gwinnett Historic Courthouse Lawn. downtownlawrencevillega.com
- **Summer of Fun.** Tucker Town Green. tuckerga.gov
- **Chamblee Rocks Summer Concert Series.** Downtown Chamblee. chambleega.gov

MUSEUM HOPPING

Visit a free museum or venue for an easy educational activity.

- **Roswell Fire Museum.** Roswell. roswellgov.com
- **Marietta Fire Museum.** Marietta. mariettaqa.gov
- **Robert C. Williams Museum of Papermaking.** Atlanta. paper.gatech.edu
- **Oglethorpe University Museum of Art.** Brookhaven. museum.oglethorpe.edu
- **Atlanta Contemporary.** Atlanta. atlantacontemporary.org
- **Hudgens Center for Art & Learning.** Duluth. thehudgens.org
- **Spelman College Museum of Fine Art.** Atlanta. museum.spelman.edu
- **Fernbank Science Center.** Atlanta. fernbank.edu
- **Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Park.** Atlanta. nps.gov/malu



Marietta Fire Museum

- **Atlanta Fed's Monetary Museum.** Atlanta. atlantafed.org
- **Museum of History and Holocaust Education.** Kennesaw. kennesaw.edu
- **Georgia Capitol Museum.** Atlanta. libs.uga.edu/capitolmuseum

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Best Putt-Putt Golf Courses for Kids Around Atlanta

Mini golfing is a classic family outing that never goes out of style! From whimsical themes and colorful obstacles to waterfalls, Atlanta is home to plenty of mini golf destinations that keep kids entertained and parents having fun, too. Explore these family-friendly mini golf courses around Atlanta.

● The Fringe at Area 51

The Fringe features two outdoor landscaped 18-hole courses and is open daily. Check their website for specials, including the Family 4-Pack and Play-All-Day deals. 5100 Commerce Pkwy., Roswell. 770-518-0977. \$9-\$16; ages 3-12, \$6-\$12; ages 2 and younger, free. a51fun.com

● Great Locomotive Chase Adventure Golf

Based on the real-life adventures of the Great Locomotive Chase, Stone Mountain's 18-hole outdoor course takes players in pursuit of the stolen General Locomotive. 1000 Robert E. Lee Blvd., Stone Mountain. 478-478-6686. \$39.99; ages 3-11, \$36.99; ages 2 and younger, free. stonemountainpark.com

● Pirate's Cove

All pirates are welcome to come aboard and play golf at this outdoor course. Go for the 27-Hole Adventure for an extra good time. 3380 Venture Pkwy., Duluth. 770-623-4184. \$11.75-\$14; ages 5-12, \$10.75-\$12; ages 4 and younger, free. piratescove.net

● Skyline Park

Perched atop Ponce City Market, this miniature amusement park has something for everyone. In addition to the newly updated 18-hole mini course, Skyline has carnival-type games and a slide. 675 Ponce de Leon Ave., Atlanta. 678-607-8472. \$12; ages 4-12, \$7; ages 3 and younger, free; admission and other attractions, extra. poncecityroof.com



Skyline Park

● Lakepoint Station

Choose from two courses: a glow-in-the-dark indoor Miner's Mountain or outdoor train-themed course. Lakepoint Station also has bowling, a climbing wall, an arcade, gem mining and more. 77 Old Allatoona Rd., Cartersville. 678-719-0921. \$7-\$10; other attractions, extra. lakepointstation.com

● Puttshack

This tech-infused experience has interactive leader boards, a prize wheel and paperless scoring. Each hole has its own interactive theme – test your aiming skills or pop culture knowledge, or use a Supertube to gain extra points. After 8 p.m., admittance is limited to 21 years and older. 1115 Howell Mill Rd., Atlanta and 111 High St., Dunwoody. \$15; ages 12 and younger, \$9. puttshack.com

● Monster Mini Golf

This indoor, glowing course has glow-in-the-dark custom-made creatures, music and fun lighting. While you're there, take time to play a few arcade games. 2505 Chastain Meadows Pkwy. NW, Marietta. 770-423-2212. \$11-\$13; other attractions, extra. monsterminigolf.com

● Swing Atlanta

Test your skills on Swing Atlanta's outdoor mini golf course; this entertainment venue also offers axe throwing and a love-lock fence where you can leave a tribute to a loved one. 8480 Senoia Rd., Fairburn. 770-703-4655. \$12; ages 4-12, \$10; ages 3 and younger, free. swingatlanta.com

● Cosmic Mini Golf & Play

This indoor center offers black-light mini golfing plus gaming, ping pong, a ball pit and climbing areas. Lawrenceville, Kennesaw and Alpharetta. \$13.30-\$14.99+; ages 5 and younger, \$9.99-\$11.99. cosmicminigolfandplay.com

● Outrageous Mini Golf

Two black-light indoor courses feature a haunted house and jungle theme – play one or both! After playing 18 holes, visit the arcade area with air hockey, video games, VR simulator and more. 3736 Atlanta Hwy., Hiram. 770-485-0252. \$9-\$19; ages 4 and younger, \$5-\$8. omgminigolf.com

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A Roarin' Good Time

Zoo Atlanta has tons of excitement happening this summer!

See animals from all around the world, including owls, bears, goats, snakes and more, when you visit Zoo Atlanta. Recent arrivals include warthog Anakin, clouded leopard Boon, the infant wattled crane chick and crocodile Seng. Beyond perusing and learning at the habitats, you can enjoy daily Giraffe Feedings at Twiga Terrace, or get close to an animal with a unique Wild Encounter experience. Coming soon! Be on the lookout for pandas Ping Ping and Fu Shuang to arrive.

There's lots of fun for all ages! Kids will love the interactive Naked Mole Rat Playground and the KIDZone Playground featuring a Splash Fountain open during the summer. Visit on Thursdays and Fridays at 10 a.m. for Games on the Savanna with elephant play. The youngest adventurers even have their own ropes course to explore with Treetop Tykes Trail.



● Adventure Cubs

June 18 and July 11, 16, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Young children will have the chance to learn more about the diversity of animals with an activity, story and craft. In June, learn more about gorillas, while July's featured animal is elephants. Reservation required. \$26; each additional child participant, \$5.

● Kids Night Out

June 27 and July 25, 5-9 p.m. Ages 5-11 will love having a night to themselves for exploring the Zoo with a tour, games, activities, crafts, a storytime and pizza. Reservation required. \$42.

● Mornings at the Zoo

June 28 and July 26, 8:30-9:30 a.m. Before the Zoo opens, enjoy a guided tour of the spotlighted animal area as you see how they begin their day. In June, explore giraffes, and in July, see the tiger's habitat. Reservation required. \$55.

● Savanna Nights

July 11, 18 and 25, 6-8:30 p.m. Enjoy a date night with after-hours animal viewing, favorite tunes and good vibes. Ages 21+. Reservation required. \$24.95.

The Details:

800 Cherokee Ave. SE, Atlanta. 404-624-9453. zooatlanta.org

● **Zoo admission:** \$28.95-\$38.20; ages 3-11, \$23.20-\$30.45; ages 2 and younger, free.

SUMMER Fun Guide

Playgrounds: Best of the Best

These playgrounds stand above the rest and are worth a drive for giant slides, unique climbing structures, exploratory play and more.

● **Peachtree Corners Town Green**

**5140 Town Center Blvd.,
Peachtree Corners**

This inclusive playground features climbing structures, slides, a roller slide, a We-Go-Swing and a net play structure. Walk the path to discover another area with even more play equipment, and visit the woods for a ninja warrior obstacle course.



● **Dresden Park**

**2301 Dresden Dr.,
Chamblee**

This recently renovated park features an incredible three-tier playground that sprawls across the space for huge fun. Slide down slides, climb nets, cross along a rope bridge, walk up artificial turf and more. Travel the walking trail to enjoy the Arrow Creek streambank.



● **Candler Park**

1500 McLendon Ave. NE, Atlanta

A short distance from Little 5 Points, Candler Park offers a playground with multiple slides, climbing structures and swings, and the play area is partially shaded by trees for a cooler experience. Kids will love the long slides built into the hillside.



● **Brookhaven Park**

**4158 Peachtree Rd. NE,
Brookhaven**

Brookhaven Park's playground is the tallest Robinia wood play structure in the U.S. for adventure and active play. The three-story tower features climbing structures, slides, a rope pendulum and saucer swings. The area has a separate toddler playground with interactives, mini slides and shaded covers.





● **Elizabeth Porter Park**

370 Montgomery St., Marietta

Our readers agree — this playground was nominated multiple times! Kids love to test their skills on the incredible climbing areas with web-like towers, hanging hoops, hexagons and balancing belt elements. The gravity rail and tall slide add to the entertainment for an easy boredom buster for families to visit again and again!



● **Carl Miller Park**

70 Sewell Rd., Newnan

This 14-acre park features two playgrounds: a more traditional preschool playground and an incredible Kids' Castle Playground for a medieval adventure featuring a colorful opening arch and wooden towers. In summer, cool off in the splash pad.



● **Brook Run Park**

4770 N. Peachtree Rd., Dunwoody

Clusters of bright play structures feature shades to help keep kids cool from the sun. Separate play areas for different age groups include slides, swings, monkey bars, a multicolored tunnel and a "log roll" for balancing. The cushioned rubber matting protects from scrapes and bruises, and the new communication boards support visitors with speech or language challenges.



● **Singleton Park**

5220 Singleton Rd., Norcross

This vibrant playground was designed for nonstop action with towering slides, climbing elements and plenty of space for kids to play and explore. Bright green slides twist down from elevated platforms, and kids can test their skills and stay active with climbing rings, ladders and activity panels, all while staying cool with overhead shade structures.



● **Chastain Park**

135 W. Wieuca Rd. NW, Atlanta

Located in Buckhead, kids will love this playground with a renovated treehouse, roller slides and natural playscapes. Climb the spider web, swing on giant "oodle" disc swings, and visit the wheelchair-accessible musical area. Check their website for free popsicle party dates in the summer.

● **PlayTown Suwanee**

425 Main St., Suwanee

The design for this playground began with the experts: kids! The inclusive playground features elements for everyone: dig in the sandbox, climb up the net structure, explore Kiddie Hall, and slide down slides.



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Keep Your Kids Reading This Summer!



Don't let the "summer slide" take over! Even though your kids are free from homework assignments, it's so important to keep up the momentum by reading every day. Whether it's fiction, poetry, graphic novels, books about sports or interesting people, keep them reading all summer with these tips.

Set Goals.

Make a chart or reading journal so kids can track the number of pages or chapters read. Reward readers with small prizes and work toward a larger goal, whether it's a family dinner at a favorite restaurant, tickets to a movie or a trip to the water park. There's no need to break the bank; just find things that will motivate your kids.

Make it Inviting.

Create a special spot for reading, with comfy pillow or a beanbag chair, a cozy blanket and good lighting, along with a variety of books so your kids can choose what they like. Outside, make a reading teepee with beanpoles or create a summer reading tent by draping a sheet over a clothesline.

Use the Library.

Not only does your local branch have a wealth of books for kids to borrow, it's full of great resources! Librarians are a great source for book recommendations. Libraries also have reading clubs, special events, e-books, free online resources and more fun extras. Find your local branch at georgialibraries.org.

Read Together.

Set aside time to read with your kids! Find a chapter book the whole family will enjoy and take turns reading aloud. Listen to an audiobook in the car as you travel. You can even form a family book club and discuss the stories you're reading. Find ideas for family books at goodreads.com or readtothem.org.

Explore Online.

Many children's book authors and publishers have websites with fun extras like games, interviews and crafts. A few to check out: pilkey.com, harrypotter.com, littlehousebooks.com and katherineapplegate.com. Plus, find ideas on children's reading websites like kidsread2kids.com.

Summer Reading Programs

The Georgia Library's 2026 Summer Reading Theme is "Unearth a Story." Kids can join in the fun with special programming, events, crafts and prize incentives at their local library branch. Find your nearest location at georgialibraries.org.

- **Fulton County Library System:** June 1-Aug. 1; fulcolibrary.org
- **DeKalb County Public Library:** June 1-July 31; dekalblibrary.org
- **Gwinnett Public Library:** through July 31; gwinnettpl.org
- **Cobb County Public Library:** June 1-July 31; cobbcounty.org/library

More Summer Reading Programs

- **Atlanta Hawks' Check It Out Reading Challenge,** nba.com/hawks/community/checkitout
- **Little Shop of Stories,** littleshopofstories.com
- **Barnes and Noble,** barnesandnoble.com
- **Books-A-Million,** booksamillion.com/summeradventure
- **Pizza Hut's Camp BOOK IT!,** bookitprogram.com/book-it-for-parents
- **The Carlos Museum's Wrapped Up in Reading,** carlos.emory.edu/wrapped-up-in-reading
- **Chuck E. Cheese Reading Rewards,** chuckecheese.com
- **The White House Summer Reading Challenge,** whitehouse.gov/read



Local Book Shops

Check for storytimes, special events and programs at these local shops.

- **Little Shop of Stories.** Decatur, littleshopofstories.com
- **FoxTale Book Shoppe.** Woodstock, foxtalebookshoppe.com
- **The Bookworm.** Powder Springs, thebookwormonline.com
- **The Listening Tree Books.** Decatur, listeningtreebooks.com
- **The Reading Attic.** Marietta, thereadingattic.com
- **Tall Tales Book Shop.** Atlanta, talltalesatlanta.com
- **Wild Aster Books.** Chamblee, wildasterbooks.com
- **Brave + Kind Bookshop.** Decatur, braveandkindbooks.com
- **Half Price Books.** Decatur and Marietta, hpb.com
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Not-to-Miss June Events

Events may be cancelled or changed after our deadline. Please check before visiting to confirm. Full calendar online at atlantaparent.com

● The International Night Market

Chamblee City Hall / June 5, 5-10 p.m. and June 6, 2-10 p.m.
Spark your curiosity about cultures from around the world with cuisine, arts and education. 3518 Broad St., Chamblee. Free admission. atnightmarketfoundation.org

● JuneFest

Atlanta Botanical Garden, Gainesville / June 6, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Vote for your favorite house with the Birdhouse Competition, speak with beekeepers, listen to live music, get your face painted and more. 1911 Sweetbay Dr., Gainesville. 404-888-4760. \$14.95; ages 3-12, \$12.95. atlantabg.org



Atlanta Kids Fringe

● Virginia-Highland Summerfest

Virginia-Highland
June 6, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
and June 7, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.
Participate in a road race, shop the artist market, play in the KidZone, taste local food and beverages and more. Virginia Ave., Atlanta. Free admission. vahi.org

● Atlanta Kids Fringe

East Atlanta Kids Club
June 6-7, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Enjoy two days of creativity with live performances, crafts, games, interactive workshops and more. 602 Brownwood Ave. SE, Atlanta. Free admission. atlantafringe.org



The International Night Market

● Cater's Baby Expo

Carter's Buckhead Landing / June 6, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Join Atlanta Parent Magazine and Carter's to explore the New Baby Essentials collection, connect with experts as you prepare to welcome your little one and enjoy light bites. 3330 Piedmont Rd., Atlanta. 470-474-9613. Free admission. Register at carterbabyexpo.eventbrite.com

● Summer at the Rock

Stone Mountain Park / June 6-July 26
Enjoy family-friendly attractions, see the Drone & Light Show, meet dinosaurs, celebrate America's 250th birthday with DinoTown: Red, White, and Boom Train Show and more. 1000 Robert E. Lee Blvd., Stone Mountain. 478-478-6686. \$39.99; ages 3-12, \$36.99; ages 1 and younger, free. stonemountainpark.com

● Explorasaurus Rex

Fernbank Museum / June 13, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Explore the tyrannosaur family with hands-on activities and interactive stations. 767 Clifton Rd., Atlanta. 404-929-6300. \$27.95; ages 3-12, \$25.95; ages 2 and younger, free. fernbankmuseum.org



Explorasaurus Rex

A-Flutter

Bask in the beauty of butterflies at these events celebrating pollinators.

- **Butterfly Festival**

Chattahoochee Nature Center / June 6, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and June 7, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Celebrate the beauty and science of pollinators with live butterflies, games, food, music, live entertainment and more. Reservation required. 9135 Willeo Rd., Roswell. 770-992-2055. \$25; ages 2 and younger, free. chattnaturecenter.org

- **Flight of Butterflies**

Fernbank Museum / Through June 7
This outdoor exhibit combines nature, art and storytelling with huge butterfly sculptures. 767 Clifton Rd., Atlanta. 404-929-6300. \$25.95-\$27.95; ages 3-12, \$23.95-\$25.95; ages 2 and younger, free. fernbankmuseum.org

- **National Pollinator Week Festival**

Harmony Park / June 27, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Enjoy educational activities from environmental and local organizations celebrating pollinators and nature. Oakview Rd., Decatur. Free admission. beecaturga.com

- **A Garden With Wings**

Smith-Gilbert Gardens / Through Aug. 15
Explore this butterfly house to see butterflies at all stages of life. Reservation required. 2382 Pine Mountain Rd., Kennesaw. 770-919-0248. \$10; ages 3-17, \$5; ages 2 and younger, free; butterfly house, \$3. smithgilbertgardens.com



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Not-to-Miss June Events

● ATL Kids SummerFest

Forest Park / June 13, 3-8 p.m.
Listen to more than 30 talented kids artists perform, enjoy activities, participate in giveaways and more. 803 Forest Pkwy., Forest Park. Free admission. atlkidsummer.com

● RockFest

Tellus Science Museum / June 13-14, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Dig into fun with geology-themed activities and experiences. 100 Tellus Dr., Cartersville. 770-606-5700. \$20; ages 3-17, \$16; ages 2 and younger, free. tellusmuseum.org

● World Block Party

Zoo Atlanta / June 14, 3:30-7:30 p.m.
Celebrate with animals from all over the world featuring Keeper Talks, family-friendly activities and more. 800 Cherokee Ave. SE, Atlanta. 404-624-9453. \$19.95; ages 3-11, \$14.95; ages 2 and younger, free. zooatlanta.org

● Summer Party

Atlanta Botanical Garden / June 27, 6-10 p.m.
The summer solstice glows with lanterns, live music and midsummer magic. Reservation recommended. 1345 Piedmont Ave. NE, Atlanta. 404-876-5859. \$65-\$100; ages 3-12, \$25-\$35; ages 2 and younger, free. atlantabg.org



World Block Party at Zoo Atlanta



Summer Party at Atlanta Botanical Garden

Father's Day

● Father's Day Weekend

The Fringe / June 19-21, 10 a.m.-10 p.m.
Dads can play mini golf for free with a child or adult ticket. 5100 Commerce Pkwy., Roswell. 770-518-0977. \$9-\$13.50; ages 3-12, \$6-\$9; ages 2 and younger, free. a51fun.com

● The Rock and Roll Playhouse Plays Music of The Grateful Dead

Terminal West / June 20, noon
Party with rock music for kids and families with covers of the Grateful Dead. 887 W. Marietta St. NW, Atlanta. 404-876-5566. \$22.05. terminalwestatl.com



The Rock and Roll Playhouse Plays Music of The Grateful Dead

● Father's Day Weekend

Southeastern Railway Museum
June 20-21, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Dads get in free for train rides, exhibits and more. 3595 Buford Hwy., Duluth. 770-476-2013. \$19; ages 13-21, \$16; ages 2-12, \$13; ages 1 and younger, free. train-museum.org

● Father's Day Admission Special

Chattahoochee Nature Center / June 21, noon-5 p.m.
Dads and granddads will get in free to visit this nature center for programs, trails and more. 9135 Willeo Rd., Roswell. 770-992-2055. \$20; ages 13-18, \$16; ages 3-12, \$14; ages 2 and younger, free. chattnaturecenter.org

● Family Food Fest Atlanta

John H. Harland Boys and Girls Club
June 21, 3-6 p.m.
Families come together in a fun and energetic atmosphere for multicultural food tastings. 434 Peoples St. SW, Atlanta. 404-275-4042. \$35; ages 12 and younger, \$20. familyfoodfestatl.org

SUMMER Fun Guide

Honor Juneteenth

Short for June Nineteenth, this holiday commemorates the end of slavery in the U.S., as enslaved people in Texas learned they were free. Celebrate freedom at these events.

● **Unity in the Community: A Juneteenth Celebration**

Swift-Cantrell Park / June 13, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Connect, celebrate and enjoy community spirit with food, music, games, activities for kids and more. 3140 Old 41 Hwy., Kennesaw. 770-422-9714. Free admission. kennesaw-ga.gov

● **Juneteenth Celebration**

Norcross Cultural Arts & Community Center / June 19, 11 a.m.
Delve into African American performances, traditions and more. 10 College St. NW, Norcross. 770-448-2122. Free admission. norcrossga.net

● **Juneteenth**

Atlanta History Center / June 19, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
This event highlights Atlanta stories of resilience, emancipation and jubilation. Registration required. 130 W. Paces Ferry Rd. NW, Atlanta. 404-814-4000. Free admission. atlantahistorycenter.com

● **Juneteenth**

William Root House / June 19, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Learn about the history of this holiday with guided tours, crafts, living history demonstrations, storytelling and more. 80 N. Marietta Pkwy. NW, Marietta. 770-426-4982. Free admission. roothousemuseum.com

● **Juneteenth Celebration**

High Museum of Art / June 19, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
View art related to the themes of the Juneteenth holiday: resilience, family, self-determination and joy. Registration required. 1280 Peachtree St. NE, Atlanta. 404-733-4400. Free admission. high.org

● **Juneteenth Celebration**

City Springs District / June 19, 5-10 p.m.
This community-wide event features a vibrant mix of educational experiences, live performances and immersive art exhibits. 1 Galambos Way, Sandy Springs. 770-730-5600. Free admission. sandyspringsga.gov

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Juneteenth Celebration at High Museum of Art

● **Juneteenth Celebration**

The Town at Trilith / June 19, 6-10 p.m.
Enjoy a blend of live music, immersive art, children's programming, local cuisine and more to honor the legacy of the holiday. 240 Trilith Pkwy, Fayetteville. \$17.39. trilith.com

● **Juneteenth Atlanta Parade & Music Festival**

Piedmont Park / June 19-21
Celebrate freedom, unity and equality with entertainment stages, local and international vendors, cultural activities, a parade and more. 1322 Monroe Dr., Atlanta. 404-587-5457. Free admission. juneteenthatl.com



All American Juneteenth Celebration

● **Juneteenth Cultural Festival**

Marietta Square
June 20, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. and June 21, 2-6 p.m.
Enjoy live music, performances, food, a Father's Day tribute and more. 99 S. Park Sq. NE, Marietta. 770-425-5757. Free admission. cobbnaacp.org

● **All American Juneteenth Celebration**

Lilburn Activity Building / June 20, 1-4 p.m.
This Juneteenth gathering will include food, games and family fun. 788 Hillcrest Rd., Lilburn. 678-277-0875. Free admission. gwinnettcounty.com

● **Juneteenth Celebration**

The Bowl at Sugar Hill / June 20, 4-9 p.m.
Enjoy an evening of local vendors, food trucks, family games and activities. 5039 W. Broad St., Sugar Hill. 770-945-6716. Free admission. cityofsugarhill.com

● **Juneteenth Celebration**

Mark Burkhalter Amphitheater inside Newtown Park / June 20, 5-9 p.m.
Celebrate with food, activities, performances and more. 3150 Old Alabama Rd., Johns Creek. 678-512-3200. Free admission. johnscreekga.gov

● **Concert on the Green: A Juneteenth Celebration**

Logan Farm Park / June 20, 5-10 p.m.
Celebrate freedom and community with a live concert. 4405 Cherokee St., Acworth. 770-974-8813. Free admission. acworthtourism.org

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SUMMER Fun Guide

Spotlight on Shows

Check out these incredible performances at a local venue.

● T-Rex Took my Toothbrush

Center for Puppetry Arts

June 3-14. See website for showtimes.

Paleontologist Mr. Greene finds a dinosaur egg on his fossil dig, wherein he becomes the surrogate parent to a T-Rex. 1404 Spring St. NW at 18th, Atlanta. 404-873-3391. \$25; ages 1-12, \$19; ages 11 months and younger, free. puppet.org

● Cinderella

APC Mainstage Theater

June 5-21. Fri.-Sat. 7:30 p.m. and Sun. 2 p.m.

This classic musical features beloved songs, super characters and surprising twists. 180 Academy St., Alpharetta. 678-250-8678. \$23.18-\$27.38. arcadia-alpharetta.org

● Diary of a Wimpy Kid the Musical

Woodstock Arts Theatre

June 10-24. See website for showtimes.

This popular character takes center stage as his cartoon diary becomes a hilarious and heartfelt musical. 8534 Main St., Woodstock. 678-494-4251. \$17-\$20. woodstockarts.org

● Sesame Street Live: Elmo's Got the Moves

Sandy Springs Performing Arts Center

June 20, 2 and 6 p.m.

Elmo and his friends will sing and dance for a heartwarming celebration of laughing, learning and playing. 1 Galambos Way, Sandy Springs. 770-206-2022. \$37.65-\$81.25. sandyspringspac.com

● In the Heights

Aurora Theatre

Through June 21. See website for showtimes.

This musical celebrates family, resilience and the American Dream with a blend of genres. 128 E. Pike St., Lawrenceville. 678-226-6222. \$19.16-\$101.84. auroratheatre.com

● Oceans of Rhythm

Aurora Theatre

June 24, 11:30 a.m.

Travel the globe to learn about the many sounds and rhythms that come from different cultures. 128 E. Pike St., Lawrenceville. 678-226-6222. \$7. auroratheatre.com

● Basura

Alliance Theatre

Through July 12. See website for showtimes.

Learn more about Paraguay's Recycled Orchestra in this musical inspired by the tale of young artists turning scrap material into instruments. 1280 Peachtree St. NE, Atlanta. 404-733-4600. \$57-\$180+. alliancetheatre.org



T-Rex Took my Toothbrush

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● On the Goizueta Stage for Youth & Families

Into the Burrow: A Peter Rabbit Tale

Through June 27. See website for showtimes.

Explore Peter Rabbit's world in this Beatrix Potter-inspired tale set in Atlanta.

Naked Mole Rat Gets Dressed: The Rock Experience

Through June 30. See website for showtimes.

Inspired by Mo Willems' work, clothes-loving Wilbur learns what it means to be himself.

The Great Ant Sleepover

Through July 5. See website for showtimes.

Anton discovers his ability to be brave on his first night in the big kids' room.

The Details: 1280 Peachtree St. NE, Atlanta. 404-733-4600.

\$20; ages 18 and younger, \$10. alliancetheatre.org



Naked Mole Rat Gets Dressed: The Rock Experience



American Tall Tales



Monty Python's Spamalot

● **Disney's Frozen**

Legacy Theatre
 July 1-Aug. 2. See website for showtimes.
 Based on the hit movie, this musical follows two sisters who learn the power of acceptance and love. 1175 Senoia Rd., Tyrone. \$28-\$58. legacytheatre.com

● **American Tall Tales**

Center for Puppetry Arts
 July 1-Aug. 2. See website for showtimes.
 This rollicking traveling medicine show will depict the tallest of America's tales from Paul Bunyan to John Henry with puppets and shadow play. 1404 Spring St. NW at 18th, Atlanta. 404-873-3391. \$20-\$25; ages 1-12, \$15-\$19; ages 11 months and younger, free. puppet.org

● **Pinocchio!**

Aurora Theatre / July 8, 11:30 a.m.
 Watch everyday objects come to life with this performance by Puppet Guy Productions. 128 E. Pike St., Lawrenceville. 678-226-6222. \$7. auroratheatre.com

● **Roswell Summer Puppet Series**

Roswell Cultural Arts Center
 July 9-Aug. 1. See website for showtimes.
 Enjoy multiple performances throughout the season, including "Shadow Quest," "The Zany Zoo," "The Giant, The Beanstalk, & Jack" and "Back2School Magic Show with Mago Junior." 950 Forrest St., Roswell. 770-594-6120. \$9; Puppet Pass, \$25.90. roswellcac.showare.com

● **Annie**

Woodstock Arts Theatre
 July 10-26. See website for showtimes.
 Little orphan Annie charms everyone's hearts in 1930s New York City in this classic. 8534 Main St., Woodstock. 678-494-4251. \$21-\$25. woodstockarts.org

● **Summer Break Magic Show**

Aurora Theatre / July 15, 11:30 a.m.
 See impossible tricks with magician Arthur Atsma. 128 E. Pike St., Lawrenceville. 678-226-6222. \$7. auroratheatre.com

● **The Somewhat True Tale of Robin Hood**

Lionheart Theatre
 July 16-17, 7:30 p.m.; July 18, 11 a.m. and 2 and 7:30 p.m. and July 19, 2 p.m.
 Robin Hood tries his best to be humble as he recounts his adventures in this hilarious tale. 10 College St., Norcross. 404-919-4022. \$14. lionhearttheatre.org

● **Monty Python's Spamalot**

Fox Theatre
 July 21-26. See website for showtimes.
 Travel back in time with this musical comedy based on the film classic, "Monty Python and the Holy Grail" Recommended for ages 13 and older. 660 Peachtree St. NE, Atlanta. 404-881-2100. \$52.75-\$84.50+. foxtheatre.org



Pinocchio!

Not-to-Miss July Events

Events may be cancelled or changed after our deadline. Please check before visiting to confirm. Full calendar online at atlantaparent.com

● Peachtree Junior

Lenox Square
July 3, 7 a.m.
Young runners can participate in the mile or dash, receive event swag and celebrate fitness with a community. Registration required. 3393 Peachtree Rd. NE, Atlanta. 404-231-9064. Free admission. atlantatrackclub.org

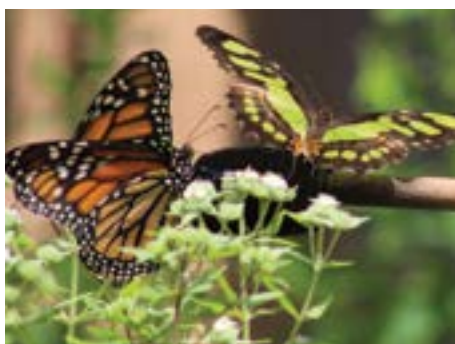


Peachtree Junior

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● Breakfast with Butterflies

Chattahoochee Nature Center
July 5, 12, 19 and 26, 10 a.m.-noon
Enjoy a family-friendly morning with exclusive access to the Butterfly Encounter and a light breakfast. For ages 4 and older. Reservation required. 9135 Willeo Rd., Roswell. 770-992-2055. \$30. chattnaturecenter.org



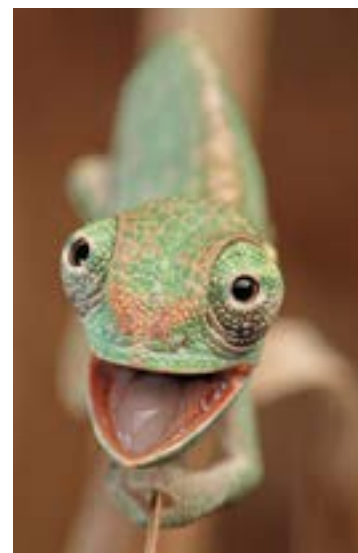
Breakfast with Butterflies

● Opossum Breakfast

Chattahoochee Nature Center
July 10 and 24, 8-9 a.m.
Rise and shine with an opossum, and learn how these animals are cared for. Reservation required. 9135 Willeo Rd., Roswell. 770-992-2055. \$20. chattnaturecenter.org

● Repticon

Gwinnett County Fairground
July 11, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
and July 12, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Learn and discover reptiles and exotic animals from around the world with animal encounters, exhibits and information. 2405 Sugarloaf Pkwy., Lawrenceville. 863-268-4273. \$12-\$20; ages 5-12, \$7; ages 4 and younger, free. repticon.com



Repticon

● The Atlanta African Dance & Drum Festival

East Point City Annex
July 17, 6 p.m.-midnight; July 18, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.
and July 19, 10 a.m.-6:30 p.m.
Experience a diverse range of music and movement workshops, an African-inspired craft market, food vendors and a finale concert. 3121 Norman Berry Dr., East Point. \$20-\$245. aaddf.org



The Atlanta African Dance & Drum Festival

● Southeast Homeschool Expo

Cobb Convention Center
July 23, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; July 24, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.
and July 25, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Explore homeschool curriculum, learn from experts, play in the KidsZone and more. 2 Galleria Pkwy. SE, Atlanta. 800-285-6340. \$20-\$55; ages 17 and younger, free; Teen Leadership Conference, \$20-\$30. southeasthomeschoolexpo.com

● **Railroad Rendezvous**

The Southern Museum of Civil War & Locomotive History
July 25, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
Learn more about a variety of transportation methods through
interactives and demonstrations. 2829 Cherokee St. NW, Kennesaw.
770-427-2117. \$10; ages 3-17, \$5; ages 2 and younger, free; Boarding
Experiences, \$5-\$7. southernmuseum.org

● **Children’s Book Festival**

Pittsburgh Yards / July 25, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Celebrate your love of children’s books with storytimes, performances,
local author meet-and-greets and more. Purchase a Festival
Supporter ticket for a \$10 credit at the used book sale and a
lemonade. 352 University Ave., Atlanta. 404-939-4753. Free admission.
thehappyblackparent.com



Children’s Book Festival



Atlanta Ice Cream Festival

● **Atlanta Ice Cream Festival**

Piedmont Park
July 25, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.
Celebrate the sweet 16th of this
festival with desserts, live music,
wellness activities, non-food vendors
and more. 10th St. and Charles
Allen Dr., Atlanta. Free admission.
atlantaicecreamfestival.com

● **Summer at the Rock**

Stone Mountain Park / Through July 26
Enjoy the season of summer with family-
friendly attractions in the day, including
the Water Works show, a Deep Sea Glow
Cove and more, and the Drone & Light
Show at night. 1000 Robert E. Lee Blvd.,
Stone Mountain. 478-478-6686. \$39.99;
ages 3-11, \$36.99; ages 2 and younger,
free. stonemountainpark.com

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Red, White and Blue

Celebrate the Fourth of July at these community celebrations featuring fireworks, parades, live music and festive activities.

Everyone Loves a Parade

● **Dunwoody 4th of July Parade.** Dunwoody. July 4, 9 a.m. Celebrate the 50th anniversary of this parade and the nation's birthday with this parade and closing ceremonies in Dunwoody Village. Mount Vernon Rd., Dunwoody. Free admission. dunwoodyga.org

● **Peachtree City July 4th Celebration.** Peachtree City. July 4, 9 a.m. Watch the parade in the morning, and later in the day, enjoy games, music, food, a patriotic ceremony, fireworks and drone show. Peachtree Pkwy. S, Peachtree City. Free admission. peachtree-city.org

● **July 4th Spectacular!** Woodstock. July 4, 10 a.m. Watch the parade from Woodstock Elementary School to Main Street to Sam's Club, and after the parade, enjoy a festival with food, carnival games, bubbles, fireworks and more. Rope Mill Rd., Woodstock. 770-592-6000. Free admission. woodstockga.gov

● **Douglasville Independence Day Parade.** Douglasville. July 4, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Watch this patriotic parade before an afternoon of activities, entertainment and family-friendly fun. Fairburn Rd., Douglasville. 770-920-3000. Free admission. douglasvillega.gov

● **4th in the Park Celebration.** Historic Marietta Square. July 4, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Enjoy the Let Freedom Ring Parade, games, activities, concerts, after-dark fireworks and more. 99 S. Park Sq. NE, Marietta. 770-794-5601. Free admission. mariettaparks.com

Fireworks, Fun and More

● **Fantastic Fourth Celebration.** Stone Mountain Park. July 1-6, 10:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m. During the day, enjoy fun attractions, live entertainment and more, and at night, experience the 250th Celebration Drone & Light Show and a fireworks finale. 1000 Robert E. Lee Blvd., Stone Mountain. 478-478-6686. \$39.99; ages 3-11, \$36.99; Drone & Light Show only, \$5-\$15; ages 2 and younger, free. stonemountainpark.com

● **Prelude to the Fourth.** Lawrenceville Lawn. July 1, 5-10 p.m. Celebrate with live music, food trucks, family activities and a fireworks finale. 210 Luckie St., Lawrenceville. 678-407-6670. Free admission. lawrencevillega.org

● **Salute to America.** Downtown Kennesaw. July 3, 5-9 p.m. Enjoy live music, festive street entertainment, food vendors, family-friendly activities and fireworks. Cherokee St. NW, Kennesaw. 770-422-9714. Free admission. kennesaw-ga.gov



Dunwoody 4th of July Parade

● **Red, White & Boom!** Lillian Webb Park. July 3, 5-10 p.m. An amazing fireworks display will light up the night sky. 5 College St. NW, Norcross. 770-448-2122. Free admission. norcrossga.net

● **Red, White & BOOM!** Olde Town Pavilion. July 3, 6-10 p.m. Enjoy a fireworks show, live entertainment, food trucks and children's activities. 949 S. Main St., Conyers. 770-602-2606. Free admission. conyersga.com

● **Sparks in the Park.** E.E. Robinson Park. July 3, 6:30-10 p.m. Light up the night with food trucks, vendors, a concert, fireworks and more. 865 Level Creek Rd., Sugar Hill. 770-945-6716. Free admission. cityofsugarhill.com

● **July 4th Celebration.** Cumming Fairgrounds. July 4, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Watch the Thomas-Mashburn Steam Engine Parade, listen to live music, play in the kids' zone, view fireworks and more. 235 Castleberry Rd., Cumming. 770-781-3491. Free admission. cummingfair.squarespace.com

● **Stars and Stripes.** City Springs. July 4, 4 p.m. This star-spangled evening of fun features fireworks, food trucks and more. 1 Galambos Way, Sandy Springs. 770-730-5600. Free admission. citysprings.com

● **City of Cartersville 4th of July Celebration.** Dellinger Park. July 4, 9 a.m.-10 p.m. This community event includes arts, crafts, children's activities, a downtown parade and more. 100 Pine Grove Rd., Cartersville. 770-423-1330. Free admission; parking, \$10. etowahrotary.com

● **July 4th Concert and Fireworks.** Cauble Park. July 4, 4-10 p.m. Celebrate with live music and fireworks. 4425 Beach St., Acworth. 770-974-8813. Free admission. acworthtourism.org

● **Star Spangled Snellville.** Snellville Towne Green. July 4, 4-10 p.m. Celebrate America's birthday and 250th anniversary with fireworks, fun and more. 2437 Main St. E, Snellville. Free admission; activities, extra. experiencesnellville.com

● **Sparkle in the Park.** Lilburn City Park. July 4, 6-10 p.m. This festive evening features bands, a kid's activity zone, food vendors, face painters and more. 76 Main St. NW, Lilburn. 770-921-2210. Free admission. cityoflilburn.com

● **4th of July Celebration.** Roswell Area Park. July 4, 6-10 p.m. Celebrate with live music, entertainment, food trucks and fireworks. 10495 Woodstock Rd., Roswell. 770-641-3727. Free admission. roswell365.com

● **4th of July Celebration, Cruise-In and Fireworks.** Thurman Springs Park. July 4, 7-10 p.m. Enjoy a festival with music, food, vendors, a car show, fireworks and more. 4485 Pineview Dr., Powder Springs. 770-943-1666. Free admission. powderspringsga.gov

● **4th of July Celebration.** Wills Park. July 4, 8:30-10:30 p.m. Watch a brilliant display of fireworks at dusk. 11925 Wills Rd., Alpharetta. 678-297-6130. Free admission. awesomealpharetta.com

● **Star-Spangled Nights.** Six Flags Over Georgia. July 4-5. The night air will be filled with patriotic music, fireworks and the sounds of celebration after a day of thrills. 275 Riverside Pkwy., Austell. 770-739-3400. \$45+. sixflags.com/overgeorgia

America 250

This July 4, America celebrates the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Honor this historic milestone at these events.

- **250 Years in Motion.** The Southern Museum. June 6, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Enjoy a special centennial celebration of the 1926 silent film "The General," along with a history presentation from the National Museum of American History, band performances and more. Reservation required. 2829 Cherokee St. NW, Kennesaw. 770-427-2117. \$10; ages 3-17, \$5; ages 2 and younger, free. southernmuseum.org

- **America 250: Broad St. Concert Band.** The Bowl at Sugar Hill. July 1, 7:30-9 p.m. This unforgettable evening of music includes a patriotic performance of American classics and crowd-pleasing tunes. 5039 W. Broad St., Sugar Hill. 770-945-6716. Free admission. cityofsugarhill.com

- **America 250: Independence Day Celebration.** The Boardwalk at Town Center. July 3, 6-10 p.m. Celebrate the country's independence with live music, food, activities and fireworks. 11360 Lakefield Dr., Johns Creek. 678-512-3200. Free admission. johnscreekga.gov

- **America's 250th: A Historic 4th of July Weekend.** Fayetteville. July 3-4. Honor local history, listen to the Ringing of the Bells for the 250th, watch fireworks, play on inflatables and more. Main St., Fayetteville. 770-719-4172. Free admission. downtownfayetteville.org

- **Monumental Moments: America's 250th.** Georgia State Parks & Historic Sites. July 4. See website for schedule. Every site will be open to celebrate the historic anniversary with watermelon seed spitting contests, races, competitions, readings of the Declaration of Independence and more. Multiple locations. 800-864-7275. Admission fees vary; parking, \$10. gastateparks.org/monumentalmoments



Celebrating Our Journey

- **Suwanee Celebrates America 250.** Town Center Park. July 11, 3-9 p.m. This festive evening features live music, family-friendly fun, a Liberty Lap for kids and more. Buford Hwy. and Lawrenceville-Suwanee Rd., Suwanee. 770-945-8996. Free admission. suwanee.com

- **The American Revolution in the South: Myth-Vs-Reality.** Clayton County Library. July 14, 5:30-6:30 p.m. This engaging talk explores the myths, overlooked events and perspectives that shaped the Revolutionary War in the South. 865 Battle Creek Rd., Jonesboro. 770-473-3850. Free admission. georgiahumanities.org

- **Voices & Votes: Democracy in America.** Bartow History Museum. July 25-Sept. 5. This traveling exhibit, in partnership with the Smithsonian Institution, explores independence, voting and the ideas behind democracy. 4 E. Church St., Cartersville. 770-382-3818. \$8; ages 6-18, \$7; ages 5 and younger, free. georgiahumanities.org

- **Let Freedom Ring.** Lawrenceville Female Seminary. Aug. 1, noon-6 p.m. Discover how kids helped ignite a revolution with crafts, musical performances and a special guest appearance. 455 S. Perry St., Lawrenceville. 770-822-5178. Free admission. gwinnettcounty.com

- **Celebrating Our Journey.** Gwinnett Historic Courthouse. Aug. 1, noon-6 p.m. Enjoy a day of historical activities, traditional games, hands-on crafts, contests and more for history, community and celebration. 185 Crogan St., Lawrenceville. 770-822-5450. Free admission. gwinnettcounty.com

- **Marietta 250.** Marietta. Through Dec. 4. Celebrate the anniversary of the nation with signature events, engaging exhibits, patriotic performances and more. See website for locations and pricing. 770-429-1115. visitmarietta.com

- **America250: Tapestry of Generations.** Roswell. Through Dec. 19. This year-long celebration honors Roswell's history with programs, performances, exhibits and public events. See website for locations and pricing. 770-641-3727. roswell365.com

BEYOND ATLANTA

- **Freedom Truck.** Jefferson. June 27, 5-10 p.m. and June 28, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Visit the mobile museum to explore the story of American independence through interactive exhibits at the Jefferson Freedom Festival. 65 Gordon St., Jefferson. Free admission. freedom250.org



America 250: Broad St. Concert Band

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Out and About

These amazing exhibits are so impressive, kids won't even realize they're learning!

● **A Garden with Wings**

Smith-Gilbert Gardens / Through Aug. 15
See beautiful butterflies in all stages of life at this butterfly exhibit. 2382 Pine Mountain Rd., Kennesaw. 770-919-0248. \$10; ages 3-17, \$5; ages 2 and younger, free; Butterfly House, \$3. smithgilbertgardens.com

● **DinoVerse**

Exhibition Hub Atlanta Art Center / Through Aug. 28
Travel back in time with a virtual reality experience featuring dinosaurs, explore giant skeletons, play in interactive zones and more. For ages 6 and older. 5660 Buford Hwy. NE, Doraville. \$20.90+; ages 6-12, \$15.90+. feverup.com/atlanta

● **Butterfly Encounter**

Chattahoochee Nature Center / Through Aug. 30
See hundreds of soaring butterflies in this outdoor, tented exhibit. 9135 Willeo Rd., Roswell. 770-992-2055. \$20; ages 13-18, \$16; ages 3-12, \$14; ages 2 and younger, free. chattnaturecenter.org

● **Wild & Wonderful: Folk Art by Alfred Glover**

Atlanta Botanical Garden, Gainesville / Through Aug. 30
Walk through a whimsical wonderland of enchanting flora and fauna sculptures. 1911 Sweetbay Dr., Gainesville. 404-888-4760. \$14.95; ages 3-12, \$12.95; ages 2 and younger, free. atlantabg.org

● **Niki in the Garden**

Atlanta Botanical Garden / Through Sept. 6
Celebrate their 50th anniversary with an encore exhibition of artist Niki de Saint Phalle's monumental sculptures that debuted 20 years ago. 1345 Piedmont Ave., Atlanta. 404-876-5859. \$27.95-\$34.95; ages 3-12, \$24.95-\$31.95; ages 2 and younger, free. atlantabg.org

● **T. rex: The Ultimate Predator**

Fernbank Museum / Through Sept. 7
Meet the entire tyrannosaur family and learn the truth about this iconic dinosaur with life-sized models, specimens and engaging interactives. 767 Clifton Rd., Atlanta. 404-929-6300. \$25.95-\$27.95; ages 3-12, \$23.95-\$25.95; ages 2 and younger, free. fernbankmuseum.org

● **Wild Kratts: Ocean Adventure!**

Children's Museum of Atlanta / Through Sept. 13
Explore ocean habitats and the fascinating creatures within them with the help of the Wild Kratts team. 275 Centennial Olympic Park Dr. NW, Atlanta. 404-659-5437. \$19.95-\$21.95. childrensmuseumatlanta.org

● **Frame by Frame: The Art of Stop-Motion Animation**

Center for Puppetry Arts / Through Nov. 1
Featuring original puppets, sets and production materials, see the elements needed for this form of visual storytelling. 1404 Spring St. NW at 18th, Atlanta. 404-873-3391. \$16.50; ages 3-12, \$12.50; ages 2 and younger, free. puppet.org



Wild Kratts: Ocean Adventure!

● **Los Porfiados (The Stubborns)**

High Museum of Art's Carroll Slater Sifly Piazza / Through Nov. 29
Play with these inflatable, limber sculptures inspired by the classic roly-poly wobbling toy known in Chile as "mono porfiado." 1280 Peachtree St. NE, Atlanta. 404-733-4400. Free admission. high.org

● **Mazes & Brain Games**

Tellus Science Museum / Through Jan. 3, 2027
Wind your way through this interactive exhibit as you challenge your skills with different mazes. 100 Tellus Dr., Cartersville. 770-606-5700. \$20; ages 3-17, \$16; ages 2 and younger, free. tellusmuseum.org

● **Goizueta Children's Experience: Atlanta Sports**

Atlanta History Center
Learn more about Atlanta's major professional teams, including the Braves, Falcons, Hawks, Dream and United, with interactive challenges. Reservation recommended. 130 W. Paces Ferry Rd. NW, Atlanta. 404-814-4000. \$29; ages 4-12, \$25; ages 3 and younger, free. atlantahistorycenter.com

● **Change Agent Adventure: Children's Gallery**

National Center for Civil and Human Rights
Designed for ages 12 and younger, children can explore this secret headquarters to learn how to help make the world better. 100 Ivan Allen Jr. Blvd. NW, Atlanta. 678-999-8990. \$26; ages 7-12, \$20; ages 6 and younger, free. civilandhumanrights.org



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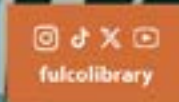
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Georgia Out of the Box

Georgia is full of out-of-the-box family adventures, from exploring natural wonders and sleeping in treehouses to one-of-a-kind attractions and thrilling amusement parks. Hit the road this summer and discover unique experiences across the state!



BabyLand General Hospital



Paradise Garden



Tree Spirits

Experiences

- **Goats on the Roof.** Tiger. The goats really do live on the roof at this spot in northeast Georgia! Feed the goats, then stop at the food truck, mine for gems and visit the sweet shop. goats-on-the-roof.com
- **BabyLand General Hospital.** Cleveland. Tour the birthplace of the Cabbage Patch Kids, witness a "birth," and find the perfect Original Kid or Cabbage Patch Kid to adopt. cabbagepatchkids.com
- **Expedition Bigfoot.** Blue Ridge. Reality or myth? See the evidence at this display of bigfoot artifacts, exhibits, photos, sighting maps and "Sasquatch Theater." expeditionbigfoot.com
- **Pasaquan.** Buena Vista. This seven-acre complex, created by artist Eddie Owens Martin, features structures, sculptures and walls elaborately painted in African, Mexican and Native American symbols. pasaquan.columbusstate.edu
- **Old Car City USA.** White. Stroll through the 34-acre junkyard and see thousands of classic cars, folk art and memorabilia. It's a popular destination for amateur and professional photographers alike. oldcarcityusa.com
- **Tunnel Hill Heritage Center and Museum.** Dalton. Explore Civil War history at the site of the Western & Atlantic Railroad Tunnel and see where the Civil War's "Great Locomotive Chase" came through in 1862. civilwarrrailroadtunnel.com
- **The Rock Garden.** Calhoun. Children love exploring this beautiful garden, home to 50 miniature stone castles, buildings and bridges crafted from tiny stones, pebbles and shells. calhounschurch.com/the-rock-garden
- **BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir.** Lilburn. This beautifully ornate Hindu temple was constructed with more than 34,000 hand-carved pieces. Visitors can take an audio tour or participate in the Abhishek prayer ritual. baps.org
- **Tree Spirits.** St. Simons Island. Go on a one-of-a-kind treasure hunt to find the weathered faces carved into the island's oak trees, or download a map that shows the location of each face. goldenisles.com
- **Paradise Garden.** Summerville. This fascinating display features the works of self-taught artist Howard Finster, along with his collections of tools, antiques and curios. paradisegardenfoundation.org



Okefenokee Swamp Park & Okefenokee Adventures

Nature

- **Flint RiverQuarium.** Albany. View fish, turtles, alligators and other creatures at the Blue Hole Spring, and explore the hatchery, aviary and Spring Run Creek. flinriverquarium.com
- **Little Grand Canyon, Providence Canyon State Park.** Lumpkin. Walk or hike the rim trail to view the scenic canyons with their distinctive pink, orange, red and purple hues. The rare Plumleaf Azalea grows only in this region and blooms in July and August. gastateparks.org/providencecanyon
- **Rock City.** Lookout Mountain. Amazing “7 states” views, natural rock formations, lush gardens and art installations have made Rock City a favorite destination since the early 1900s. In summer, celebrate America 250 with a gnome quest, live music, Freedom Soars birds of prey shows and Tom Thumb’s Play Farm. seerockcity.com
- **Toccoa River Swinging Bridge.** Blue Ridge. At 270 feet long, it’s the longest swinging bridge east of the Mississippi. View the beautiful Toccoa River as you hike the Benton MacKaye Trail. blueridgemountains.com
- **Anna Ruby Falls.** Helen. Located in the Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest, this is a rare double waterfall. An easy 0.8-mile round-trip paved trail leads to viewing areas at the base of the falls. helenga.org
- **Okefenokee Swamp Park & Okefenokee Adventures.** Waycross and Folkston. This incredible swamp provides habitats for threatened and endangered species, and you can explore the area with boat tours, wilderness boardwalks, animal ambassadors and a walk back through time on Pioneer Island. okeswamp.org

Tubing and Rafting

- **Appalachian Outfitters.** Dahlonega. Meet at the Dahlonega outpost for a tube ride on the Chestatee River. A shuttle will take you to the start site for a 30-45 minute float. If you want to do the trip again, pay a \$3 shuttle fee for each additional ride. canoageorgia.com
- **Cool River Tubing.** Helen. This tubing company sits right in the German-inspired town of Helen. Along with tubing, their aerial park offers zip lines, an adventure course and a climbing wall. coolrivertubing.com
- **Toccoa River Tubing.** McCaysville. Take a relaxing 1.5-mile trip on the Toccoa River that is nestled in the scenic Blue Ridge area of the beautiful North Georgia Mountains. toccoatubing.com
- **Euharlee Creek Outfitters.** Euharlee. Float along in a tube up the Etowah River to end up near the historic Euharlee Bridge, or go for a longer trip from Euharlee Creek to Etowah River. euharleecreekoutfitters.com
- **Helen Tubing.** Helen. This family attraction offers a 2.5-hour tube ride from Highway 75 North to Brucken Strasse. helen tubing.com

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Nantahala Outdoor Center

- **Nantahala Outdoor Center.** Atlanta, Clayton and Roswell. Plan an outdoor adventure with whitewater rafting, tubing, zip lining and more. Head to Clayton for a 5-6 hour rafting trip, or float down the Chattahoochee River in a tube. noc.com
- **Southeastern Expeditions.** Clayton. The beginner rafting trip includes incredible scenery and stretches of whitewater for an overall relaxing trip along the Chattooga River. southeasternexpeditions.com

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Explore Georgia



The Road to Tara Museum



Explore Georgia

Georgia State Railroad Museum

Museums

- **Georgia State Railroad Museum.** Savannah. Take a train ride, operate a handcar and learn about Georgia's railroading history. While you're in Savannah, stop at Old Fort Jackson and the Children's Museum. chsgeorgia.org/georgia-state-railroad-museum
- **Ty Cobb Museum.** Royston. Learn the story of one of baseball's greatest players through artifacts, rare photos, art and video footage. tycobbmuseum.org
- **Vidalia Onion Museum.** Vidalia. Explore the cultural, economic and culinary history of the sweet onion. This museum is also home to the smallest registered Vidalia onion field. visitvidaliaga.com
- **The Road to Tara Museum.** Jonesboro. See items from the 1939 movie premiere of "Gone with the Wind," along with original costumes, a poster gallery and the Hattie McDaniel Legacy Experience. seeclaytoncountyyga.com
- **Laurel & Hardy Museum.** Harlem. Learn about the life of Harlem-born Oliver Hardy and how he and Stan Laurel became one of the most successful comedy teams of the 20th century. laurelandhardymuseum.com

- **Savoy Car Museum.** Cartersville. A must-see destination for auto enthusiasts, the Savoy explores the history and beauty of the automobile, from Ford's Model A to the Rolls Royce 20/25. savoymuseum.org
- **Lunchbox Museum.** Columbus. Take a trip back in time and see more than 1,000 metal lunch boxes, including pop culture favorites, rare original Western motifs and related items. columbuscollectivemuseums.com
- **Dahlonega Gold Museum.** Dahlonega. Visit the site of America's first major gold rush, where more than \$6 million in gold was coined, and see rare coins and artifacts. Try panning for gold at one of the nearby gold mines. gastateparks.org/dahlonegagoldmuseum
- **Elvis Museum.** Cornelia. Fans of "The King" will love this museum tucked inside the historic Loudermilk Boarding House. With more than 30,000 pieces of memorabilia, it claims to be the world's largest collection. cornelia.city
- **St. Marys Submarine Museum.** St. Marys. Explore a fascinating display of war patrol reports, artifacts, uniforms and exhibits, all dedicated to preserving the history of the "silent service." stmaryssubmuseum.com



Historic Westville

Go Back in Time

- **Historic Westville.** Columbus. The living history museum explores 19th century life in the South. Visit historic buildings, hear from costumed interpreters, and see demonstrations in traditional crafts. westville.org
- **Jarrell Plantation.** Juliette. Tour the buildings, furnishings and equipment of this 1847 farm, representing the change from an agricultural to an industrial-based economy. gastateparks.org/jarrellplantation
- **Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village.** Tifton. Live interpreters and interactive exhibits explore agricultural innovations and cultural traditions of the 19th century South. gma.abac.edu

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Amusement and Water Parks

- **Splash in the Boro.** Statesboro. This water park features a wave pool, a lazy river, slides for toddlers, a leisure pool and more. splashintheboro.com
- **Wild Adventures.** Valdosta. With more than 100 rides and attractions, there's something for every level of thrill seeker at this theme park, water park and animal park all-in-one. wildadventures.com
- **Summer Waves Water Park.** Jekyll Island. Go on relaxing laps around Turtle Creek, ride the waves of the Frantic Atlantic, take in high-speed thrills down the Man o' War slide, play in the Splash Zone and more. jekyllisland.com
- **Lake Winnepesaukah.** Rossville. This delightful amusement park includes more than 30 family and kiddie rides to please the entire family, and SOAKYa Water Park features a Crazy River, slides, a Mat Racer and more. lakewinnie.com



Summer Waves Water Park

- **Rigby's Water World.** Warner Robins. Explore the water playground Paradise Island with 10 waterslides, water sprays and a pineapple bucket that drops gallons of water. This attraction also has thrilling waterslides, a lazy river, a leisure pool and a kid's area. rigbyswaterworld.com

- **Chehaw Park & Zoo.** Albany. Home to more than 70 species, see cheetahs, black rhinos, bears, alligators and more. Cool off at the Play & Splash Park after viewing the animals. chehaw.org

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Overnight Adventures

- **Wild Mustang Ranch.** Lyons. The three-bedroom lodge at this wild mustang sanctuary offers a chance to relax and recharge in a beautiful setting, and you can book experiences with the horses. wildmustang-us.com

- **Georgia Safari Conservation Park.** Madison. Enjoy a true safari experience and see animals roaming the savanna when you stay in a luxury safari tent or the giraffe suite. georgiasafari.com

- **The Inn at Serenbe.** Chattahoochee Hills. This inn offers luxurious accommodations, including a bed and breakfast experience, cottages and a lake house. The acreage includes preserved forestland, wildflower meadows, trails, two waterfalls and more. serenbeinn.com

- **Seminole State Park.** Donalsonville. Located on beautiful Lake Seminole, this park features cottages that sit near the water's edge for excellent views and quick access to the lake for skiing, tubing and swimming. gastateparks.org/seminole

- **Amicalola Falls State Park & Lodge.** Dawsonville. The Len Foote Hike Inn is reached only by hiking a scenic five-mile trail through national forest. Meals are provided, so guests only carry their personal items. hike-inn.com

- **Nacoochee Adventures.** Helen. Relax in the serenity of the forest in a treehouse, cabin, red or green gypsy wagon or a pioneer covered wagon. nacoocheeadventures.com

- **Stay Dahlonega.** Dahlonega. Enjoy a treehouse escape with these luxury, high-design experiences. staydahlonega.com

- **Little Raccoon Key.** Jekyll Island. Glamp on your own private island with this retreat, where you'll likely see dolphins, bird species and a variety of plant life. littleraccoonkey.com

- **6 Ponds Farm.** Morganton. Featuring 33 acres of gorgeous property, this farm has available overnight stays in the guesthouse, treehouse and Skoolie, a renovated school bus. 6pondsfarm.com

- **White Oak Pastures.** Bluffton. The cabins at White Oak Pastures offer on-farm accommodations, so you can learn where your food comes from, and you may wake up to cattle, sheep, goats and hogs. whiteoakpastures.com

- **Emma's Driftwood Farm.** Darien. Located on 81 acres of marshland, enjoy picturesque views, fly-fishing, birding and more at one of the accommodations. emmasdriftwoodfarm.com

- **The Isetta Inn.** Savannah. This beautifully preserved historic Victorian mansion features different themed and designed rooms for a special stay. isettainn.com



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For More Info:

■ **Acworth**
visitacworth.com

■ **Athens**
visitathensga.com/summer

■ **Augusta**
visitaugusta.com

■ **Braselton**
explorebraselton.com

■ **Gordon County**
exploreghordoncounty.com

■ **LaGrange**
visitlagrange.com

■ **Milledgeville**
visitmilledgeville.org

■ **Rabun County**
explorerabun.com

■ **White County**
helenga.org



■ Plan Your Next Adventure

Rabun County is the perfect place for families to play, explore and stay awhile. Spend your days hiking scenic mountain trails, chasing breathtaking waterfalls or enjoying unforgettable horseback rides through the North Georgia landscape. For a little more adventure, soar through the treetops on a zip line experience the whole family will love. When it's time to unwind, enjoy fresh, locally sourced farm-to-table dining that captures the flavor of the region. Throughout the year, Rabun County also hosts a variety of family-friendly events and festivals that bring the community to life. Start planning your next adventure at explorerabun.com.



■ Creative Fun for Everyone

Escape to **Athens** this summer for creative fun the whole family will love. The new Pup Pass is packed with must-visit experiences, including an immersive interactive children's garden, special family day programs at the state's official art museum, scavenger hunts and exclusive treats and perks along the way. Summer in Athens also means outdoor concerts, festivals, shaded trails and patio dining downtown. Don't miss AthFest Music & Arts Festival, June 26-28, featuring Athens' world-famous music scene, plus a dedicated KidsFest with hands-on activities and performances for young visitors. Explore the fun at visitathensga.com/summer.

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■ Summer Fun in the City

Pack your bags, grab the kids and get ready for a getaway full of fun, exploration and local flavor in **Augusta**. Discover Augusta's Revolutionary-era roots with the America 250 Trail Pass and explore historic landmarks. Enjoy the outdoors: paddle down the river by kayak, cruise the canal on a boat tour, stroll along the scenic Riverwalk or tee off at The Patch. From family-friendly restaurants and colorful public art to the Bots on Broad scavenger hunt downtown, there's something for everyone in the Feel Good City. Plan your trip at visitaugusta.com.

■ North Georgia Mountains' Hidden Gem

Treat the family to a visit in North Georgia's **White County**, including Alpine Helen and the villages of Sautee-Nacoochee and Cleveland, conveniently located just 90 minutes north of Atlanta. Georgia's official Outdoor Adventure Destination also offers abundant shopping, history museums, performances, hand crafted arts and wonderful events throughout the year. White County offers a great escape for the entire family no matter the age. Stay at the newly renovated Unicoi State Park and Adventure Lodge. Make sure you tempt your taste buds at one of 25 downtown dining destinations, including bakeries and candy kitchens, while in town. Learn more at helenga.org.





■ A Family Getaway

Plan your summer getaway to **Milledgeville**, where lake days, historic charm and outdoor adventure come together for an easy escape the whole family can enjoy. Spend sunny afternoons on Lake Sinclair boating, fishing, kayaking or relaxing by the water, then head downtown for local dining, sweet treats, shopping and walkable historic experiences. Families can cool off at Milledgeville's brand-new water park, explore scenic spaces along the Oconee River Greenway, discover hands-on museums and cultural sites and enjoy seasonal events throughout the summer. From laid-back lakeside moments to memorable family experiences, Milledgeville offers a well-rounded Georgia getaway filled with recreation, history and Southern hospitality. Learn more at visitmilledgeville.org.

A promotional graphic for Acworth, Georgia. The background is a bright, sunny beach scene with blue water and a sandy shore. On the left, a young boy in swim trunks and goggles holds a red and yellow water gun. On the right, a young girl in a blue swimsuit is sitting on the sand, looking down. A white sign with red cursive text reads "You're Welcome in Acworth". Overlaid on the image is the text "Here, it's SUPER-SOAKERS & SILLY JOKERS Everyday!" in a mix of yellow and blue fonts. At the bottom, there is a white banner with the text "Come and see why Acworth is the perfect place for slowing down and soaking up fun. Visit and plan today! 😊" and "#VISITACWORTH | VISITACWORTH.COM" next to a QR code. Below the banner, a blue banner lists local attractions: "Cobblestone Golf Course Lake Allatoona Open Container District Lake Acworth Award-Winning Restaurants EV Charging Stations".



■ Southern Charm and Relaxation

Discover **Braselton** with a family adventure full of charm and relaxation. Hop aboard a downtown trolley tour—kids will love ringing the old-school bell and exploring the historic grist mill. Enjoy lunch at Rebar in The 1904, then wander the scenic two-mile Mulberry RiverWalk. When it's time to unwind, leave the kids with a sitter and retreat to The Spa at Château Élan for signature treatments that melt stress away. Savor afternoon tea with savory bites and sweet treats and reconnect in an elegant setting. In Braselton, every moment is time well spent. Plan your visit at explorebraselton.com.

■ A Perfect Lakeside Daycation

You're Welcome in **Acworth!** Cobb County's Lake City can't wait to welcome your family this summer to its four beaches on two lakes. With amazing restaurant options in three charming downtown districts, beautiful scenic walks on endless trails, local boutiques that will please all tastes and styles, hundreds of acres of greenspaces and free public parking, the perfect daycation destination awaits the whole family just 35 miles north of Atlanta in Acworth, Georgia! Learn more at visitacworth.com.



■ Discover Magical Moments

Escape to **Calhoun-Gordon County** and discover magical moments all summer long! Wander through the whimsical Rock Garden, explore Cherokee history at New Echota State Historic Site, and enjoy the kid-friendly, free Summer Movie Series every Tuesday at the GEM Theatre. Shop fresh local finds at Downtown Calhoun's Farmers Market each Tuesday and Saturday. With hiking, biking, fishing, a splash pad and one of Northwest Georgia's largest playgrounds, family fun is always in season. Learn more at exploreghordoncounty.com.



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SUMMER Fun Guide

Summer Fruits: Peaches, Blueberries and Blackberries

Be a farmer for a day to enjoy fresh summer produce! In Georgia, blueberries are harvested from late May to mid-July, blackberry season is from late May to early August, and peaches are typically available through mid-August. These farms may also offer activities and shopping opportunities, such as tractor rides, tours, u-pick flowers, seasonal vegetables, ice cream and more.

Call or check websites for hours, weather concerns and availability. Some locations may not offer u-pick fruits or may require an appointment. Admission and farm activities may cost extra.

- **Feldwood Farms.** 5555 Oglesby Rd., Atlanta. 678-361-4423. feldwoodfarms.com
- **Southern Belle Farm.** 1658 Turner Church Rd., McDonough. 770-288-2582. southernbellefarm.com
- **DJ's U-Pick Blueberry Farm.** 1839 Prospect Rd., Lawrenceville. 678-687-2602. facebook.com/djsupickblueberries
- **Whitley Farms.** 901 Bob Smith Rd., Sharpsburg. whitley-farms-berries.square.site
- **Pleasant Union Farm.** 1994 Pleasant Union Rd., Canton. 404-277-7685. pleasantunionfarm.com
- **Arbor Hill Blackberry Farm.** 2100 Arbor Hill Rd., Canton. 404-644-9470. facebook.com/arborhillblackberryfarm

Worth a Drive

- **Mercier Orchards.** 8660 Blue Ridge Dr., Blue Ridge. 706-632-3411. mercier-orchards.com
- **Tuckaway Blueberry Farm.** 3560 Claude Brewer Rd., Loganville. 770-560-5922. tuckawayblueberryfarm.com
- **Jaemor Farms & Market.** 5340 Cornelia Hwy., Alto. 770-869-3999. jaemorfarms.com
- **Fitzgerald Fruit Farms.** 3355 Imlac Rd., Woodbury. 706-553-2795. fitzgeraldfruitfarms.com
- **Dickey Farms.** 3440 Musella Rd., Musella. 478-313-4772. gapeaches.com
- **Lane Southern Orchards.** 50 Lane Rd., Fort Valley. 800-277-3224. lanesouthernorchards.com
- **CJ Orchards.** 1251 Old Mill Rd., Rutledge. 706-318-9462. cjorchards.com

- **Oakhurst Farm.** 19710 Hwy. 219, West Point. 706-615-2081. oakhurstfarms.com
- **Abbotsford Farms.** 410 Abbotsford Rd., LaGrange. facebook.com/abbotsfordfarms
- **The Blueberry Barn.** 108 W. 12th St., Alma. 912-632-2583. theblueberrybarn.com
- **Gregg Farms.** 5634 Concord Rd., Concord. 770-227-4661. greggfarms.com
- **Pearson Farm.** 5575 Zenith Mill Rd., Fort Valley. 888-423-7374. pearsonfarm.com
- **Miller Blueberry Farm.** 1371 Union Church Rd., Watkinsville. 706-765-3076. facebook.com/p/miller-blueberry-farm-100064262606621
- **DGD Farms at Hadden Estate.** 1150 Cliff Dawson Rd., Watkinsville. haddenestate.com/blueberries
- **Sweet T Farms.** 344 Sandy Creek Rd., Commerce. 770-533-3423. facebook.com/profile.php?id=100094541685907
- **O5 Farms.** 279 Storey Porter Rd., Jefferson. 706-510-8212. o5farms.com
- **Sweets Berry Farm.** 3800 Davis Academy Rd., Rutledge. 678-662-6119. sweetsberryfarm.com
- **RabbitEye Farm.** 279 Grayhill School Rd., West Point. 706-518-8869. rabbiteyefarm.com
- **Beak & Berry Farm.** 27759 Hwy. 85, Senoia. 734-730-0395. beakandberry.com



Perfect Peach Day

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Your Summer Go-To Bucket List

This handy checklist means your family won't miss a minute of fun this summer!

- Atlanta Braves**
braves.com
- Chattahoochee Nature Center**
chattnaturecenter.org
- Big Play Entertainment**
bigplayatl.com
- Children's Museum of Atlanta**
childrensmuseumatlanta.org
- Chamblee Rocks**
chambleerocks.net
- Downtown Norcross**
aplacetoimagine.com
- Cool River Tubing and Adventures**
coolrivertubingandadventures.com
- Fernbank Museum**
fernbankmuseum.org
- Fulton County Library System**
fulcolibrary.org
- Gwinnett County Parks and Recreation**
gwinnettparks.com
- LEGO Discovery Center Atlanta**
legodiscoverycenter.com/atlanta
- Ready Set FUN**
readyssetfun.com
- See Rock City**
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- Stars & Strikes**
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