

*Your Guide To North Georgia's*  
**GOLD•WINE  
WATERFALLS**

*& MORE In Dahlonega, Dawsonville  
& Surrounding Areas*



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## DAHLONEGA

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### ConsolidatedGoldMine.com

Underground gold mine tours, pan for gold & gems.  
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### Dahlonega Gold Museum

Located on the square inside one of Georgia's oldest standing courthouse buildings. Open Daily • 706-864-2257

**TRIVIA:** The gold on the Atlanta capital building, Savannah's City Hall, and Price Memorial Hall at the University of North Georgia all came from gold mined in Dahlonega.

## WINERIES • BREWERIES • DISTILLERY

*Visit Napa Valley of the South!*

With their very own AVA wine designation, the "Dahlonega Plateau" is making its mark in the wine industry! New to the mix are breweries and a distillery. Most are family owned.



Call for availability. See locations on map.

### DAHLONEGA

- MONTALUCE WINERY • 706-867-4060
- WOLF MOUNTAIN VINEYARDS • 706-867-9862
- THREE SISTERS VINEYARDS • 706-865-9463
- FROGTOWN CELLARS • 706-865-0687
- CAVENDAR CREEK VINEYARDS • 706-451-9084
- KAYA VINEYARD & WINERY • 706-219-3514
- ACCENT CELLARS FARM WINERY • 706-867-0123
- ETOWAH MEADERY & BREWERY • 706-864-6323
- 52 WEST BREWERY • 404-374-1005
- BIG CREEK DISTILLING CO. • 404-458-7132

### NEARBY

- Chateau Meichtry Vineyard – Talking Rock • 706-502-1608
  - Buckleys Vineyard – Ellijay • 706-972-2080
  - Ott Farms & Vineyard – Ellijay • 706-273-1891
  - Cartecay Vineyards – Ellijay • 706-698-9463
  - Reece's (hard) Cider Company – Ellijay • 706-635-2775
- These are neighbors & located within a 3-mile radius!*
- Fainting Goat Vineyards & Winery – Jasper • 706-692-9463



## WATERFALLS

*Immerse yourself in the beauty*



### AMICALOLA FALLS STATE PARK

418 Amicalola Falls State Park Rd. Dawsonville - Highest waterfall east of the Mississippi & start of the Appalachian Trail. 729 feet in seven cascades with reflection pool at the bottom. Drive or hike the 425 steps to the top!

**ZIPLINE ■ ARCHERY ■ PLAYGROUND ■ PICNIC AREA**

- **DICKS CREEK FALLS** – Dahlonega. No hiking required.
- **CANE CREEK FALLS** – Dahlonega. Call first 706-864-6181
- **DESOTO FALLS** – 2 mile hike. Hwy 129/19N Dahlonega
- **DUKES CREEK FALLS** – 4 mi, hike. Richard Russell Hwy, Helen
- **ANNA RUBY FALLS** – Helen
- **LONG CREEK FALLS (TRAILHEAD)** – Long, forest service road + 2-mile hike (in & out) 13 mi. from Forrest Hills Resort



### EDGE OF THE WORLD

Hike, fish, picnic! ADA compliant boardwalk. From the parking lot go down the stairs then left. Go past end of boardwalk to find this spot w/large rocks you can go out on. 7000 Hwy 53 Dawsonville

## THE GREAT OUTDOORS



### ■ CANOE, KAYAK & TUBE RENTALS

*Includes shuttle & everything you need. Seasonal.*

- **Appalachian Outfitters** • 706-864-7117
- **Chestatee River Adventures** • 770-540-9950
- **Ellijay River Outfitters** • 706-889-8697

### ■ BIKING & HIKING – BULL MOUNTAIN

Bring your mountain bikes and head to the Jake & Bull Mountain Trail System in Dahlonega off Nimblewill Road

### ■ IRON MOUNTAIN - OFF ROAD PARK

ATV rentals & Jeep trails from mild to wild - Restaurant  
3 miles from Forrest Hills Resort • 706-216-7275

### ■ MOTORCYCLE ROUTE – GEORGIA'S DRAGON

42 Mile Suches Loop

### ■ 270 FT LONG SWINGING BRIDGE ON TOCCOA RIVER

3-mile dirt road & short hike. Suches, GA



### ■ HIKE TO PREACHERS ROCK

2-mile hike. A local favorite, part of the Appalachian Trail, & ends with this view! Woody Gap Trailhead, Hwy 60 Suches GA

### ■ GIBBS GARDENS

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## DAHLONEGA

(pronounced duh-lon-a-ga)

- HISTORIC DOWNTOWN SQUARE – Shop and Dine
- HISTORIC HOLLY THEATER – Performing arts • 706-530-5162
- GHOST TOURS & ESCAPE ROOM • 706-482-8795
- DAHLONEGA BUTTERFLY FARM • 706-770-3377
- NORTH GEORGIA WILDLIFE & SAFARI PARK • 706-348-7279
- CHESTATEE WILDLIFE PRESERVE & ZOO • 678-300-0019
- YAHOOOLA CREEK PARK – Tennis, baseball, disc golf, picnic area and splash pad. • 706-864-3622
- LAKE ZWERNER – Fishing, non-motorized boating, picnic area and 1.5 mile nature trail.
- IRON MOUNTAIN – ATV rentals & Jeep trails • 706-216-7275
- PINE TREE WATER PARK & RECREATION



OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS IN DAHLONEGA

From Thanksgiving to New Years

## DAWSONVILLE

- NORTH GEORGIA PREMIUM OUTLETS – On GA 400
- ATLANTA MOTORSPORTS PARK – Worlds most unique Kart track • 678-381-8527
- ETOWAH VALLEY SPORTING CLAYS • 706-265-1611
- CHESTATEE GOLF CLUB – Off GA 400 • 706-216-7336
- AROUND BACK AT ROCKY'S PLACE – Art gallery 706-265-6030
- MAIN STREET PARK – Playground & skate park by Food Lion
- GEORGIA RACING HALL OF FAME MUSEUM • 706-216-7223



## SURROUNDING AREA

### ELLIJAY, GA

Quaint, historic downtown with shops. Enjoy one of many apple houses along Hwy 52 for fresh apple cider, fried pies, and peaches. HILLCREST ORCHARDS: Pick apples, milk a cow, pig races, bakery & more. Sep/Oct/Nov. 9696 Hwy 52 • 706-273-3838

### BLUE RIDGE SCENIC RAILWAY

4-hour trip. Starts at a historic depot built in 1905 & winds along the beautiful Toccoa River. Advance ticket required • 877-413-8724

### MERCIER ORCHARD – BLUE RIDGE

U-PICK events, Bakery & Market Cafe, Market Store, & Farm Winery • 706-632-3411



### EXPEDITION BIG FOOT – BLUE RIDGE

Sasquatch Museum 706-946-2601

### HELEN, GA

A Bavarian style village w/shops, German restaurants, water park, escape room, miniature golf + more

### BABYLAND GENERAL HOSPITAL - CLEVELAND, GA

Home of Xavier Roberts' Cabbage Patch Dolls • 706-865-2171

### RICHARD RUSSELL SCENIC BYWAY

A 40-mile loop. Includes access to Brasstown Bald, Dukes Creek Falls and more.

### BRASSTOWN BALD

Georgia's highest elevation 4784 feet. On Hwy 180. Hike or take shuttle to top • 706-896-2556

### BELL MOUNTAIN

A high, winding, narrow road to the best view in Georgia. 220 Shakerag Rd, Hiawassee, GA

### WHITEWATER RAFTING

Olympic Ocoee River in Ducktown, TN or the Nantahala River Bryson City, NC Chattooga River in Longcreek, SC Wildwaterrafting.com



## OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Overnight stay not required for these activities.



### GUIDED HORSE & CARRIAGE RIDES

With Dahlonega Horse & Carriage Co. Independently owned & located at Forrest Hills Resort. 1-, 2-, & 4-hour guided trail rides. No experience necessary. 706-867-9395  
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### GENERAL STORE

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### HIDEAWAY RESTAURANT

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Dinner - Monday through Saturday  
Lunch - Friday, Saturday, Sunday  
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## FAMILY VACATIONS

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Basketball Court  
Game Room  
Fire Pit

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## “Krafting A Dream”

*A clip from a story on  
how Forrest Hills Resort began written by Kathy Witt  
for “Points North” magazine.*

It’s what happens when you put three teenagers on a 140-acre piece of forestland (with no electricity or running water) with a hammer, some bean sprouts and a dream as big as the Great Outdoors.

Back in 1977, Forrest Hills Resort in Dahlonega was a wilderness without a name in Northeast Georgia. The land had been purchased by Frank Kraft who wanted a place where people could unwind and forget about the outside world. That summer, he “dropped into the wilds” his 17-year-old son, David, 19-year-old daughter, Denise and 21-year-old son Stephen. Arriving from the Florida flatlands where the family lived, the Kraft siblings shared their father’s vision of what could be and had more than enough enthusiasm to compensate for the experience they lacked. “I always loved Daniel Boone and Davy Crockett movies,” recalls David, who had literally walked across the stage at his high school, picked up his diploma and then headed to Dahlonega. “I loved the mountain climate and the quiet. I was thrilled to be here.”

Denise, likewise had picked up her college diploma, spent the next day learning to drive a “stick shift” & followed David in the moving van. “I did not think about how I was going to do it,” says Denise. “I just knew that somewhere in time I was already there on a farm in the mountains.” Seven hundred miles later, an adventure not unlike those of David’s childhood TV heroes would begin.

### The house that ‘jack’ built

... Meaning, neither of them knew ‘jack’ about building a full-scale resort, much less a log cabin. Yet build the cabin they did and then followed it up with five others—and all without benefit of electricity. “I came here with the most building experience and that was very little,” says David, laughing. “My dad had taken an architect’s class and had more practical knowledge and he would fly up every couple of weeks and show us something.” The two worked with hand tools and used a clear hose filled with water for a level. They hauled their water from the creek. Construction plans were sketched on placemats at local restaurants during their father’s visits. They bathed in the mountain creek, hand-cranked drinking water from a 110-year-old, hand-dug well and ate mostly raw food. “We were living the life of Davy Crockett,” says Denise. “I wouldn’t do it again, but it was such a wonderful old west way of living.”

### Hard-knocks meets can-do

Denise and David, and their younger sister, Michele, agree that everything they learned about running a premiere resort came jointly from the heart and the school of hard knocks. Over the years, guest input has provided valuable. “If it wasn’t immoral, illegal or life-threatening, their wish was our command,” says Denise. “After three times of hearing the same suggestion, we made it happen. “If we could conceive it, we could achieve it.”

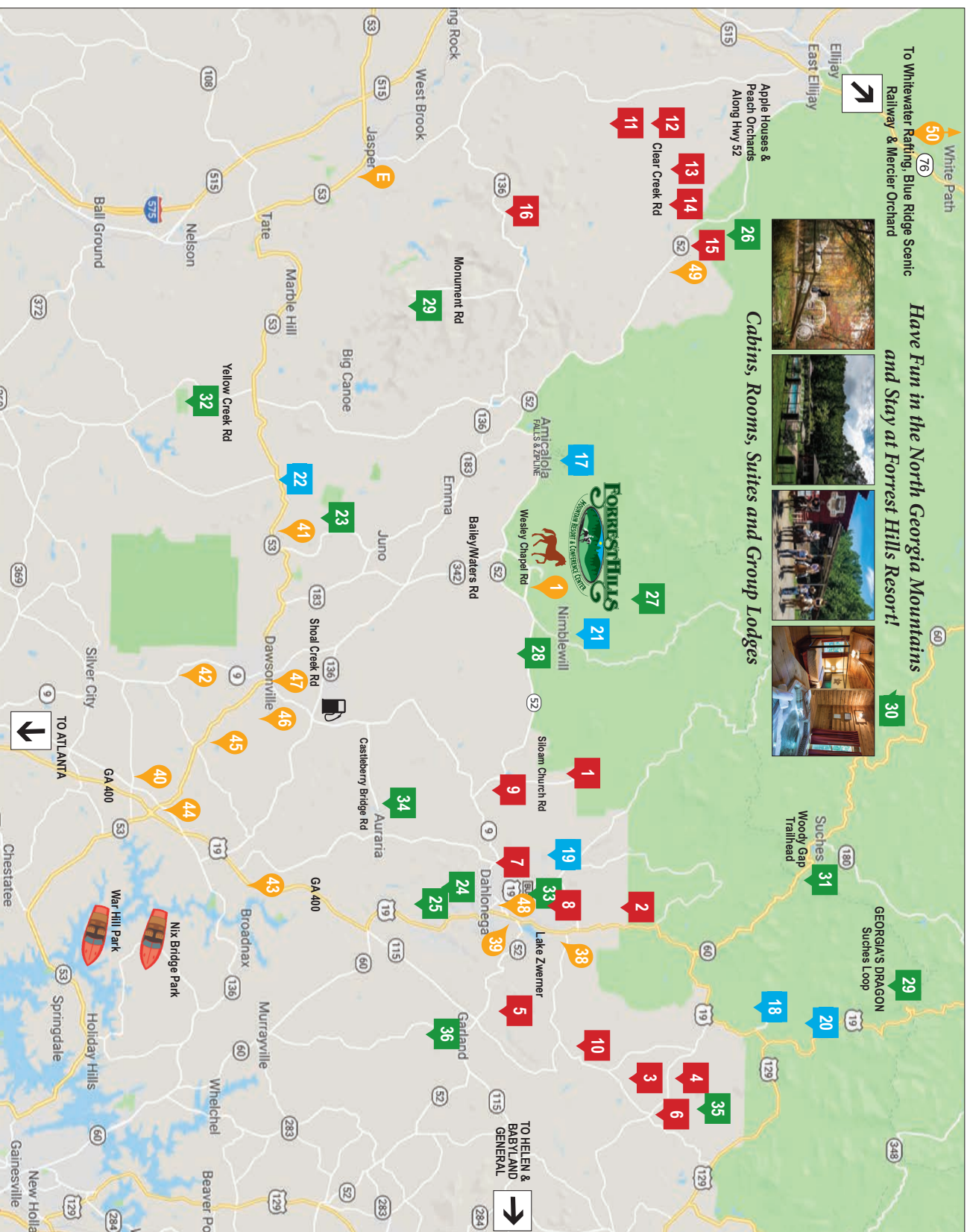
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# Experience The Georgia Mountains – Just 1 Hour North Of Atlanta

## North Georgia Map & Guide

White Path  
To Whitewater Rafting, Blue Ridge Scenic Railway & Mercer Orchard

Have Fun in the North Georgia Mountains  
and Stay at Forrest Hills Resort!



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