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Welcome to
Polk County, GA!

Nestled in the heartland of Northwest Georgia between Atlanta and Chattanooga, our community offers rich history, exciting cultural attractions, great shopping and recreational activities for your family or clients.

Polk County, which was once Creek Indian land, was originally part of Paulding County but legislative moves took parts of three counties and created Polk in 1851. Named for President James K. Polk, Polk County has three cities - Cedartown, Rockmart, and Aragon.

The area that is Cedartown, now a "Main Street City," was first the possession of the Creek Indians. Legend has it they engaged in a ball game with the Cherokee Indians for the rights to the land. The Creeks lost and the Cherokee moved into a land rich in resources bounded by the Tennessee line on the north, and the Chattahoochee River on the south. The Red Man gave up their home in 1832 when the White Man settled in.

Located in the heart of the Coosa Valley area of North Georgia, Rockmart's name was derived from the two words Rock and Market, for the town was once a scene of roofing slate business. This area has an abundance of slate, limestone, iron shale, and clay. Brick was also manufactured in Rockmart from the early 1900s until the late 1920s.

In 1929, Aragon was referred to as an "Industrial Utopia" because of the employment and recreation offered by one of the original industrial enterprises of Polk County, The Aragon Mills. Aragon has since become an incorporated town with a government body consisting of a mayor and four council members.



things to do.....Where Georgia POPS!

GRITS Labor Day Bicycle and Roller Blade Ride Annual Event



The GRITS Labor Day Bicycle and Roller Blade Ride, Hosted by Georgia Rails Into Trails Society (GRITS) . This is an annual bike ride to start and finish in Cedartown. This is a fun event and not a race which

consists of 20-mile to 100-mile ride or a roller blade option.

<http://silvercomet.org>

Homespun Festival



Each year, on the third weekend in July, Rockmart hosts two days of arts and crafts, live entertainment, great food and events. Friday night features great Southern Gospel music and Saturday includes a 5-K Road Race, the annual parade and fireworks, as

well as a variety of foods. www.thehomespunfestival.com

Cedartown Fall Festival

A one day event, held on the second weekend in October, where Polk County citizens line



the sidewalks of Cedartown and enjoy entertainment, a parade, and competitions of all types. 770-748-3220



[Van Wert Methodist Church](#)

Circa 1846, located in Van Wert near Rockmart, Georgia.

Built in 1857, Van Wert Methodist Church is one of the oldest structures in the county. The Euharlee Valley Historic Society is currently renovating the structure, which was built by Rev. Wm. Wesley Simpson.

<http://www.euharleevalleyhistoricalsociety.org>

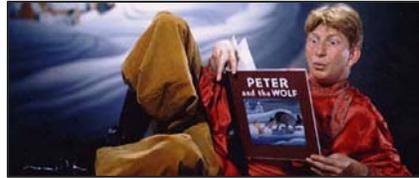


[Polk County Historical Society Museum & Gardens](#)

Formerly Hawkes Children's Library, this museum contains an abundance of Polk County's history. The building was designed by Neel Reid, a famous Georgia architect, and was built in 1924. The site is on the National Register of Historic Places. 205 N. College St. *Cedartown, GA, 30125 * (770) 749-0073



[Sterling Holloway Birthplace](#)



A Georgia Historic Marker proudly pays tribute to the birth site of one of Cedartown's most famous citizens, the beloved actor, Sterling Holloway. The character behind the quickly recognized Winnie the Pooh voice began his early childhood years right here with his 'neighborhood variety shows' and from there went on to become a highly acclaimed American 'Star'.

Come to Polk on Purpose....you'll be glad you did!

[Cedartown](#)

The pride of Cedartown presents a wealth each year from to touring music of all kinds. for rent to profit House seating is <http://www.cedartownshows.com>



[Performing Arts Center](#)

Northwest Georgia, the Performing Arts Center of premium entertainment nationally known symphonies Broadway plays, comedy and This facility is also available and non-profit organizations. 1,000.

[Rockmart Civic Arts Center](#)

Arts Center is and RCAC located local and Departments.



A theatre and art gallery, the Rockmart Civic the home of the Rockmart Community Chorus Community Theatre Group. The art gallery is adjacent to the theatre and hosts exhibits by regional artists and college and high school Art

[Cedartown Wheelchair Training Camp](#)

Held annually the week before the this international training camp benefits the develops their skills to compete in the wheelchair division. Over 20 countries are yearly training camp.



Peachtree Road Race, wheelchair bound, and Peachtree Road Race--represented at this



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