



Visit Pickens... A North Georgia Mountain Welcome!

Visit us in Pickens County, the gateway to the North Georgia Mountains that is rich in history, full of interesting attractions and surrounded by nature. Just 60 miles north of Atlanta, comprised of hills, valleys, streams and hollows, a thread of small close-knit communities connects Pickens County.



Tate House - Historical Mansion

Situated on an enormous vein of marble is the historic Tate House, built as a personal home by Colonel Sam Tate, land/baron, philanthropist and business tycoon. Passing the north of the mansion is the "Old Federal Road" where the Cherokee Indians lived until ordered off by the "Treaty of New Echota." In 1834, this led to the forced removal known as "The Trail of Tears." As a result, the Tate House is now the fifth site on The Chieftain Trail, dedicated by the governor of Georgia, August 1, 1988. Call 770-736-3122 or visit www.tatehouse.com.

Sharp Mountain Vineyards and Fainting Goat Vineyards

The rumors are true! We have two vineyards in Pickens County and goats really faint! From start to finish, **Sharp Mountain Vineyard's** wines are truly hand-crafted in the old-world fashion. The result is more than a fine wine: it is an experience. Call (770) 735-1210 or visit www.sharpmountainvineyards.com.

Fainting Goat Vineyards is a family owned boutique Vineyard and Winery created by a passion for fine wine and a love for the earth. Defined by distinction, devoted to quality, Fainting Goat's elite wines are handcrafted from superior grapes grown in this great nation. Call (706) 692-9463 or visit www.faintinggoatvineyards.com.



61 Main

61 Main is Jasper's first "Farm to Table" dining experience that is a healthy take on southern comfort food. At 61 Main, their passion is creating unique delectable dishes and serving seasonally inspired sustainable fare from the surrounding farms and skilled artisans. Silver Spoon award recipient, *Georgia Trend* November 2010. Call 706-253-7289 or visit www.61main.com.

Historic Downtown Talking Rock

Talking Rock is nestled in the foothills of the North Georgia Mountains between the towns of Ellijay and Jasper in Pickens County. Talking Rock's history is rich with stories about the Trail of Tears, the Civil War, the railroad and the Great Depression. The Talking Rock town park is a great family place to come and enjoy a picnic by the creek. Call 706-253-5515, or visit www.talkingrockga.com.

Woodbridge Inn & Restaurant

Cross the historic wooden bridge in down town Jasper to check out North Georgia's Original Dining Destination. The restaurant presents award winning European and American cuisine by its own local chef Hans Reuffert. Hans' renowned culinary creations have been featured on Food Network and other national recognitions. The Restaurant and Inn have been family own and operated for over 30 years by the Reuffert Family. Relax on the beautiful grounds by the pool or one of the two fish ponds while overlooking the Mountains in a serene atmosphere. Call 706-253-8500 or visit www.woodbridgeinn.net.



Festivals in Pickens County

The hills are alive with the sounds of events and festivals! Visit the wonderful festivals held in the beautiful North Georgia Mountains – surrounded by nature; plenty of fun for the entire family.

- The **Georgia Marble Festival** celebrates the history of Pickens County with tours, carnival and so much more.
- A **Bluegrass Charity Festival** featuring southern headliner bands with foot-stompin' music, arts and crafts and great food.
- The **Jeep Fest** brings people from all over the U.S. to enjoy obstacle course, music, food and fellowship.
- Visit the charming town of Talking Rock during **Heritage Days Festival** to enjoy music, historic trains, food and great fun for all.

The 35th Annual **Georgia Marble Festival** October 3 & 4, 2015! This two-day celebration includes a road race, parade, motorcycle ride & expo, fine arts exhibit, arts & crafts booths, entertainment, children's area, business expo and tours of the marble quarry. The Historic Tate Marble Quarry is open for tours one time every year *ONLY* during the festival! Lee Newton Park. 35th Annual. Saturday, 10:30 AM-6 PM; Sunday, 10 AM - 5 PM. Contact Pickens County Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center, 706-692-5600.



Nestled in the beautiful Appalachian foothills in historic Jasper Georgia's, **Bluegrass Charity Festival** is an event you don't want to miss! Come hear 10 headliner top bluegrass bands in the Southeast and enjoy the impromptu jam sessions by these musicians playing their favorite tunes in the campsite. Find unique treasures made by our handpicked artisans in the 40+ booths of arts and crafts. Satisfy your hunger pains with the wide variety of choices as you chow down on 20 different delicious eats. All net revenue for the benefit of veterans and families of Pickens County, held annually in May.



Sheriff's Jeepfest September 4-6, 2015. Come enjoy three days of family friendly fun: jeep trails and obstacles, live music and bonfire, helicopter rides, show and shine, and much more! The JeepFest is an annual event that is sponsored and operated by the Pickens Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Donnie Craig is an avid and active supporter of the Georgia Sheriff's Youth Homes and hosts this event as one of the major annual fund-raisers for the Youth Homes. The event is staffed by volunteers from law enforcement agencies and local Jeep Clubs from all over North Georgia ensuring a high-quality, safe and well organized event in a family-friendly environment.

Heritage Days Festival, October 17-18, 2015. Talking Rock's history is rich with stories about the Trail of Tears, the Civil War, the railroad and the Great Depression. The origination of our town's name is unclear and there are many interesting stories regarding its derivation. Some individuals believe that it's from the noise of the water rolling over the rocks in our beautiful creek, while other like the story of folks sitting for a spell on a rock to have a talk with a neighbor. Still others believe that the name originated with the local Indians. Whatever it's origination; it's an unforgettable name and an unforgettable place! Come visit us during our Heritage Days for a 2-day festival that includes food, fun and music!

