
WHAT'S NEW in NW GEORGIA 2015

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North Georgia Farm Trail

www.GeorgiaFarmTrail.com

The North Georgia Farm Trail includes not only homegrown goods, but handmade items as well. Here in North Georgia, your agri-adventures can include picking apples and berries, saddling up for a scenic horseback ride, cuddling with a friendly alpaca or exploring a farm or historic homestead. Of course, there's plenty of amazing farm-to-table dining along the way, plus scenic wineries and microbreweries. Mix in a few homegrown happenings — fairs, festivals and family-friendly events — and you have several seasons worth of unique experiences awaiting. *Cities: Jasper, Talking Rock, The Ellijays, Blue Ridge, Morganton, McCaysville, Blairsville, Young Harris & Hiwassee*

Gardens

Cashin's Sculpture Garden is the newest to unveil, located at Chukkar Farm Polo Club south of Canton, where 22 large—scale sculptures by renowned artists are beautifully displayed next to a hardwood forest akin to "Nature's Cathedral." www.ChukkarFarmPoloClub.com

While not new this year, **Gibbs Gardens** continues to reveal its beauty and splendor when you experience the harmony of nature strolling through the 16 world-class gardens. www.GibbsGardens.com

Cinderella's castle, Notre Dame, and 50 more hand-built miniature stone structures await at **The Rock Garden**. The garden architect, referred to as "Old Dog," is a story in himself, and always happy to provide tours and the history. www.ExploreGordonCounty.com

Tank Town USA – Drive Tanks, Crush Cars

Tank Town USA is the ultimate heavy equipment playground. Whether you want to drive a tank, a military truck, operate an excavator, or even use a tank to crush a car, Tank Town USA has it all. Professional instructors help you wreak havoc on a 5-acre course of mud, hills and valleys. www.TankTownUSA.com

New Events

CounterPoint Music Festival

Think Bonaroo when you think of this jammin' multi-day music festival at Kingston Downs between Rome and Cartersville in May each year.

www.counterpointfestival.com

Fairytale Nights at Rock City

If you don't want to wait til Christmas for the magic of lights, venture to the top of Lookout Mountain for a springtime spectacular journey as you travel to a faraway kingdom where magic is around every turn.

www.seerockcity.com

Lighting of the Ruins at Barnsley Resort

A new Southern holiday tradition displays more than one million lights and festive décor at the historic Barnsley ruins and English-style resort village from Thanksgiving to New Year's Day.

www.BarnsleyResort.com

Wings Over North Georgia

The 2-day event Oct. 3-4, 2015, headlines USAF F-22 Raptor Demo Team known for precision aerial maneuvers to demo the unique capabilities of the world's only operational 5th generation fighter aircraft.

www.WingsOverNorthGeorgia.com

Nine Wineries Now Open in Northwest Georgia

Wine and north Georgia go together like wine and the perfect food pairing, but now there are even more choices for tempting your palate with the addition of several new wineries.

Chateau Meichtry, **Engelheim Vineyards** and **Ellijay River Vineyards** recently opened their doors with new tasting rooms and a weekend entertainment schedule providing a relaxing setting for getting along with good friends with good tastes. Add to these the soon- to-open **Fainting Goat Vineyards** in Jasper and established **Cartecay Vineyards** in Ellijay, and you get **Ellijay Wine Country**. www.EllijayWineCountry.com

On the southern end of the High Country region is **Little Vine Vineyards** in Villa Rica where owners Jerry and Sherrie Culver are bringing back a tradition of fine wines once produced in Western Georgia in the 1890's. www.LittleVineVineyards.com

Georgia Winery, the state's first farm winery, recently expanded and remodeled its tasting room to provide seating where guests can enjoy gourmet cheese and homemade desserts while sipping some of the South's surprisingly flavorful wines. Tours available. www.GeorgiaWines.com

Serenberry Vineyards near Blue Ridge offers a simple and serene Mountain experience where guests celebrate nature's down-to-earth gifts of life, people, and wine. www.SerenberryVineyards.com

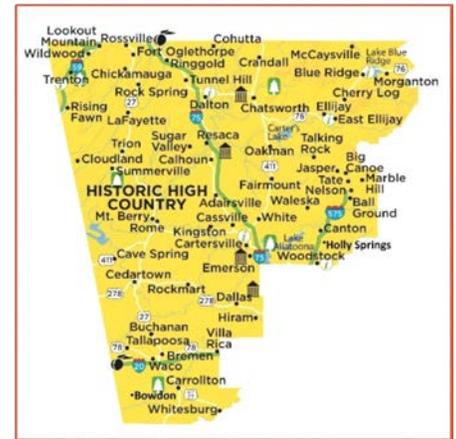
Sharp Mountain Vineyards Discover quality from start to finish where wines are truly hand-crafted in the old-world fashion. www.SharpMountainVineyards.com

New Cherokee Cabin Discovery

The Vann Cabin in Cave Spring was recently discovered when work began to dismantle an old building, only to find an even older building underneath. The Vann Cabin has been officially documented as a Cherokee cabin and placed on the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail. Restoration efforts are underway, but visitors can easily view the progress from the sidewalk. www.CaveSpringHistoricalSociety.com/cabin

Etowah River Water Trail

Cutting a path across North Georgia, the 163-mile long Etowah River Water Trail provides a course through one of the state's most historically significant and one of the nation's most biologically diverse rivers. *Cities: Dahlonega, Dawsonville, Cumming, Canton, Cartersville, Euharlee & Rome.* www.EtowahWaterTrail.org



Sleep in a Tree

Your getaway can be elevated to new heights, literally. Treehouse lodging is becoming all the rage. **Treehouse Hideaways** in Flintstone at the base of Lookout Mountain is taking reservations now for a fall opening later this year. Rustic and refined describes this comfortable canopy experience. www.SleepInATree.co

Historic Banning Mills added treehouses to their World-Record canopy tour adventure stay so you never have to leave the treetops. www.HistoricBanningMills.com

Blue Ridge Mountain Food Tour

If you love eating, exploring and having fun, this culinary tour offers the flavorful experience you crave! The 3-hour guided walking tour will take you on a tasting adventure, discovering unique restaurants, food shops and eateries while sampling delicious foods and beverages along the way. www.BlueRidgeMountainFoodTours.com