

# DESTINATION **CHEROKEE** *Georgia*

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## *Welcome to Destination Cherokee Georgia!*

One of the fastest growing counties in Georgia, Cherokee County is a short drive North from Metro-Atlanta at the start of the North Georgia Mountains. With its natural beauty, cultural richness, vibrant communities and southern hospitality, Cherokee County is not only a great place to live – it is a great place to visit!

Cultural and heritage activities abound with four Main Street cities dedicated to preserving and promoting, a comprehensive history museum, an unbelievable heritage center and tool exhibit, a world-class public garden, unique sculpture garden and more. As a certified Camera Ready community, Cherokee County is also increasingly attracting the film industry including major motion pictures.

Outdoor enthusiasts and agritourists will find plenty to do in Cherokee County. From mountain biking on the famous Blanket's Creek Mountain Bike Trail and paddling on the Etowah River, to enjoying a day at Cagle's Family Farm or Tanglewood Farm, our area offers a wide variety of options for all ages.

Cherokee County's people and places provide a wealth of unique story ideas sure to please any editor. Call or e-mail today to discuss your next assignment or to schedule a press tour of Cherokee County.

### **Explore Gardens, Arts and History**

- Gibbs Gardens
- Historic Walking Tours, Heritage Center & Visitor Centers
- Art Museums, Performing Arts Centers & Sculpture Garden
- The Georgia National Cemetery

### **Enjoy Sports and Outdoor Adventure**

- Family Aquatic Parks, Indoor Olympic Pools
- Water activities on the Etowah River & Lake Allatoona
- Miles of Mountain Bike, Hiking & Equestrian Trails
- Exceptional Public Golf Courses & Acres of Parks and Playgrounds
- Acclaimed Dirt Speedway & Pristine Duck Hunting Preserve

### **Shop Until You Drop**

- The Outlet Shoppes at Atlanta and Cabela's
- Specialty shops, antique stores and unique boutiques galore in Downtown Main Street Districts and surrounding communities

### **Indulge in Culinary Delights**

- Award Winning Restaurants & Famous Eateries, Delicatessens and Southern Barbeque
- Breweries, Growlers, Coffee Shops and Bakeries



*"Where Metro Meets the Mountains"*

## Must Visit Attractions

1. Blankets Creek Mountain Bike Trails
2. Cabela's
3. Cagle's Family Farm
4. Cherokee Conference Center
5. Cherokee County Aquatic Center
6. Cherokee County History Museum
7. Chukkar Farm Polo Club
8. Dixie Speedway
9. Downtown Ball Ground
10. Downtown Canton
11. Downtown Holly Springs
12. Downtown Waleska
13. Downtown Woodstock
14. Etowah River Park
15. Funk Heritage Center
16. Gibbs Gardens
17. The Outlet Shoppes at Atlanta
18. Reinhardt University

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## Map of Cherokee County

## Events

Cherokee County hosts an array of exciting events throughout the year. Details and a complete listing can be found at [DestinationCherokeeGA.com](http://DestinationCherokeeGA.com).

### Cherokee Indian Festival and Pow Wow

Experience Native American entertainment, arts and crafts, music and food. Held Mother's Day weekend at Boling Park, Canton.

### Canton Festival of the Arts

Enjoy fine arts, music, food, youth art exhibit and more. Held the 3rd weekend in May in Downtown Canton.

### First Friday Events

Entertainment, food and fun held in downtown Canton and Woodstock from March – December.

### A Variety of Concert Series

Woodstock Summer Concerts (Free), Ball Ground Rock the Park concerts (Free), and Home by Dark concerts at Chukkar Farm Polo Club in Alpharetta.

**Riverfest** - An annual arts & crafts festival featuring over 130 exhibitors, entertainment and more held in Boling Park, Canton in September.

### North Georgia Art Ramble

Visit over 30 working studios and galleries on a self-guided tour through North Georgia.

### Get Lost in the Maize at Cagle's Family Farm

September – November.

## STORY IDEAS

**NEW: The Funk Heritage Center, Cashin's Sculpture Garden and Gibbs Gardens Cultural/Heritage Tour** - Groups of all sizes and ages first arrive at the **Funk Heritage Center**, located on the campus of Reinhardt University in Waleska, to explore the Southeastern Indian Interpretive Center and National Park Service Trail of Tears certified site and amazing tool exhibit with thousands of tools dating back to the 17th century. The tour then moves on to **Cashin's Sculpture Garden** located at Chukkar Farm Polo Club in Alpharetta to enjoy 22 large-scale outdoor sculptures in a variety of styles by renowned artists. The beautiful display is situated along a nature trail through a hardwood forest akin to "Nature's Cathedral." The final stop on the tour is at **Gibbs Gardens** in Ball Ground, where you will experience the harmony of nature as you stroll through 16 breathtaking world-class gardens featuring the Nation's largest Japanese garden, over 20 million daffodils in the spring, and 140 varieties of waterlilies from spring to fall. A day to remember forever!

**Discover Cherokee County's Agritourism Options** - Family fun options include **Cagle's Family Farm**, a working farm in Canton that features a huge corn maize, farmers markets plus seasonal activities and **Tanglewood Farm**, a 10-acre Wild West Town with more than 100 habitants - all miniature farm animals!

**Explore and Experience History & Arts in Cherokee County** - Discover a wide variety of options including the Cherokee County History Museum in the Historic Marble Courthouse with exhibits and artifacts from the Cherokee County Historical Society collection; Woodstock's Visitors Center and Dean's Store in the heart of downtown Woodstock featuring an eclectic blend of history with a visitors center, museum and art gallery, the **Falany Performing Arts Center at Reinhardt University**, one of the top concert halls in the south-east, offering a wide variety of entertainment in an intimate setting; the historic **Canton Theatre** providing a full season of drama productions and popular movies of days gone by; and ongoing entertainment options through the **Cherokee Arts Center** in Canton and **Elm Street Cultural Arts Center** in Woodstock.

**Cherokee's Amazing Outdoors Activities** - With a multitude of parks and facilities for hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding, golf, tennis and swimming; water activities on Lake Allatoona and the Etowah River, live polo matches and hay rides at Chukkar Farm Polo Club & Event Facility, duck hunting at Wiley Creek Duck Preserve and more - there is always something to do in Cherokee County.

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