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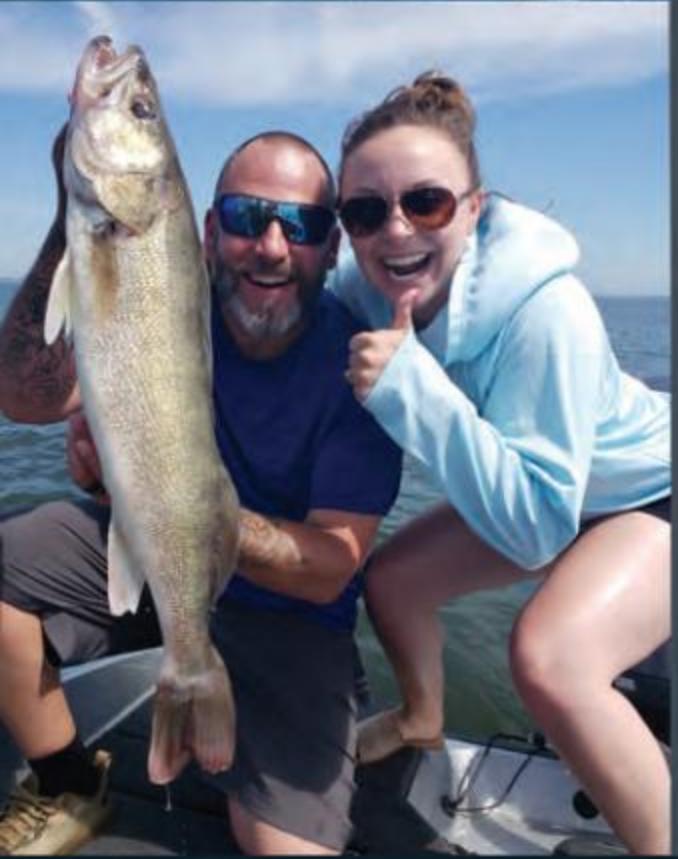
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After you conquer the trail, head to historic downtown and experience our local restaurant scene. Wichita Falls has the perfect restaurant to satisfy your culinary cravings. After dinner, keep the evening going by visiting Iron Horse Pub, a local favorite, voted one of Texas's Top Ten Live Music Venues. Before the evening ends, you'll want to check out the brewery and local wineries. However you like to unwind after a ride, Wichita Falls is sure to have it. For more information about the Wee-Chi-Tah Trail and Wichita Falls, Texas, go to wichitafalls.org.

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The *Travel South* team and David-Jacobs Publishing Group would love to welcome you to this vibrant fall issue of *Travel South Magazine*. In this edition, you will find top fall fishing spots to make that perfect catch, fun family experiences all through the Smoky Mountains, the best museums and monuments for exploring, and so much more. The South does fall in the best way, and you can experience it to the fullest with our travel recommendations.

Satisfy your craving for the best fried chicken in the south; expand your palate with new and interesting wine, beer, and spirits for the autumn season; get out and explore the outdoors without having to deal with the heat; and discover the wonders of every corner of the South! Want to explore a side of Florida that has nothing to do with theme parks? Peer into the hidden cracks and unknown gems of this beautifully sunshiny state, a place that's perfect even if it's not summer. The other Southern states also have their time in the spotlight – read about the wonders and attractions you can find everywhere below the Mason-Dixon line, delighting you and your whole family.

Travel South Magazine strives to supply you with the best destinations that will make your next travel experience truly memorable. We guarantee that this fall issue is abounding with excitement and one-of-a-kind explorations to fuel your next vacation. With so much to do and see, you'll never get bored. Visit any one of the destinations found in this magazine for a trip that is nothing short of excellent. Sit back, relax, and get lost in the beauty of the South. Happy Fall!

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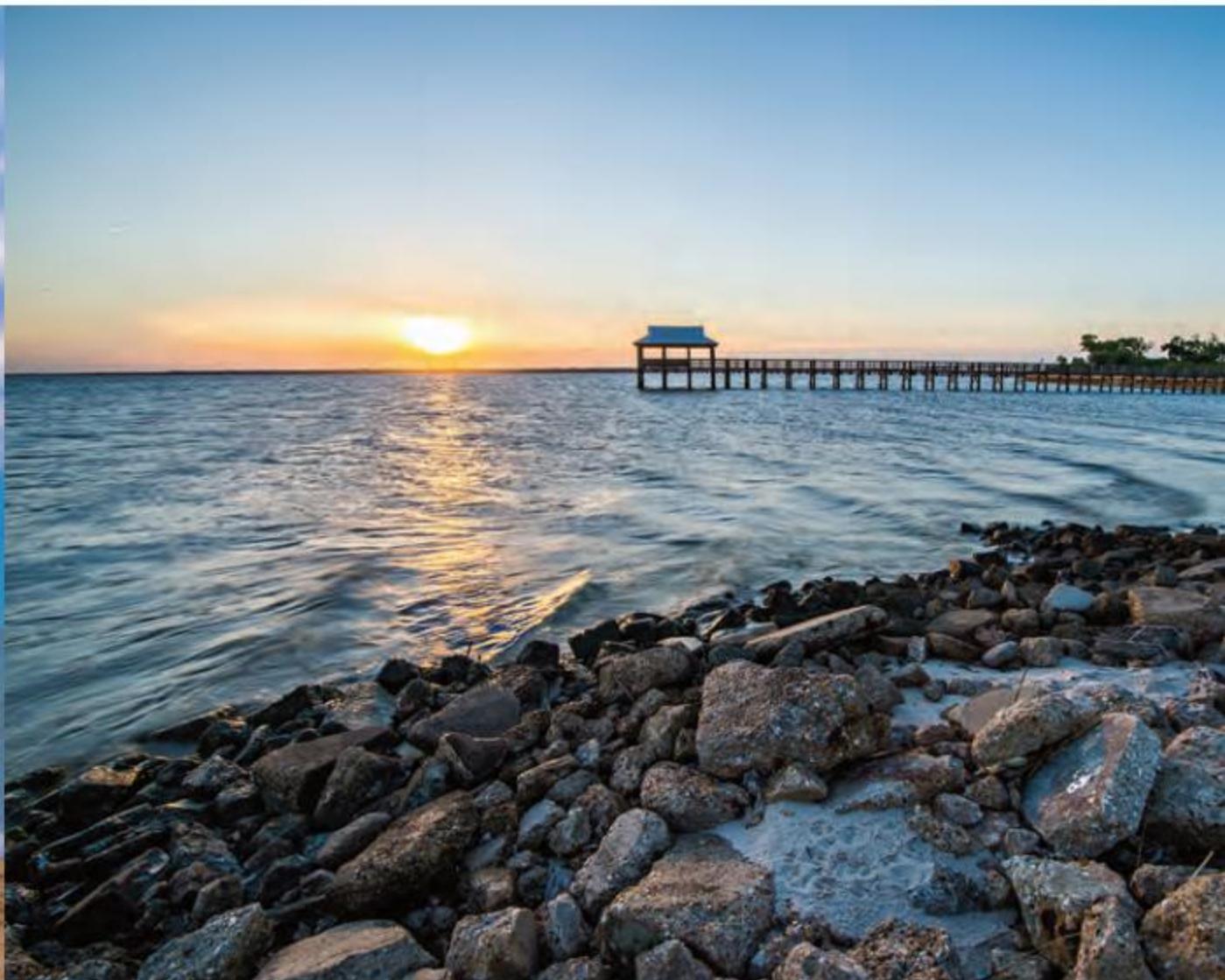
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When the heat of the summer makes way for the crisp air of fall, that is when many people take their outdoor activities up into the mountains or amongst the trees – skiing, hiking, watching the leaves change, and what have you. However, die-hard fishermen know this is an opportunity to cast their lines and reel in something truly great, while avoiding the crowds of fair-weather fishers. We have compiled a list of fall fishing locations throughout the South sure to catch your eye.

> NORTH CAROLINA OUTER BANKS

Make your way along the creaking wooden boards of a fishing pier in the Outer Banks, and at the end you will find offshore fishing delights. Go after grey trout, bluefish, king mackerels, red and black drum, and so much more, while enjoying the stiff Atlantic breeze. Forget your gear? Rent a rod and reel from the local tackle shop. Once you are done with fishing for the day, explore the surrounding area to find live entertainment, delicious food and drinks, arcade games and more!



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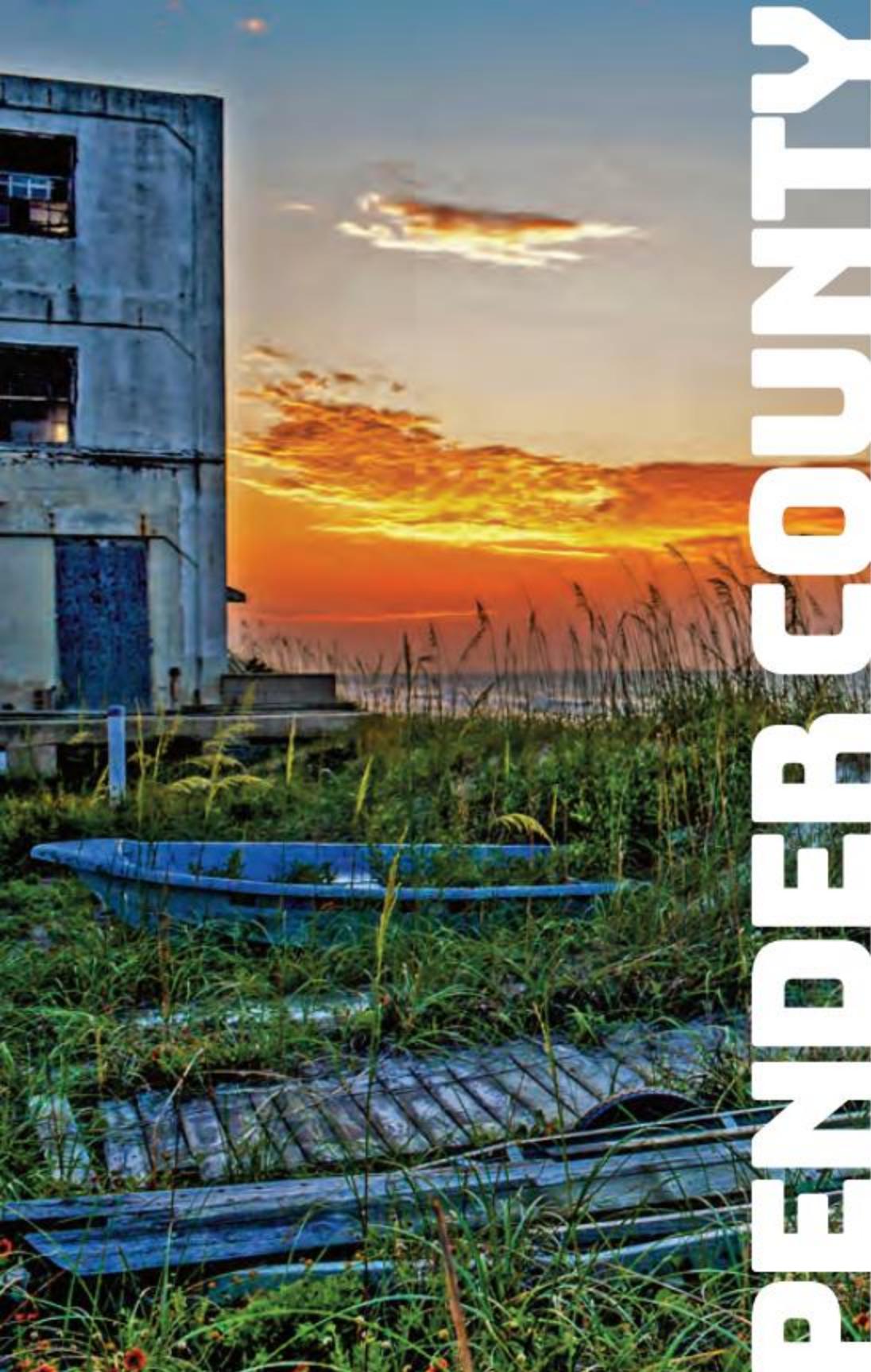
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> MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST ISLANDS

Mississippi's gulf coast is home to six barrier islands, stretched out between the coast and the Gulf of Mexico. These jewels of the South, all accessible by private boat and one accessible by ferry, offer something special to the Southern fisherman. In the autumn waters surrounding these islands you can find redfish, speckled trout, flounder, tripletail, and more. Explore local history once you've caught your fill with a trip to Fort Massachusetts, and spend time with your family walking along the boardwalk on Ship Island.

> TEXAS EAST BAY AND TRINITY BAY

As the heat recedes from the Texas coastal waters, this encourages several fish species to start schooling in the cooler waters. Pompano, tarpon, flounder, and big speckled trout are among the species that tuck themselves into the bays and estuaries around Texas. East Bay and Trinity Bay, just north of Galveston, offer incredible fall fishing opportunities for the Texas fisherman. Nearby are fisheries made up of flats and oyster beds, which encourage speckled trout and redfish. The summer crowds have mostly gone and Trinity Bay is just around five feet deep, perfect for wading into the fish's territory. If you are looking for a serene fishing experience, don't pass this up.



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We're the home of the renowned Karen Beasley Sea Turtle Rescue and Rehabilitation Center, where volunteers nurture endangered sea turtles back to health. Visit the hospital or, if you're lucky, catch a sea turtle release or watch a nest of baby turtles hatch!

We're home to history, where the Patriots delivered the first North Carolina victory in the Revolutionary War at Moores Creek. Visit Missiles and More Museum where rocket and guided missile technology was developed after World War II. Visit Poplar Grove Plantation, once the largest peanut farm in North Carolina, the northernmost portion of the Gullah Geechee Heritage Corridor.

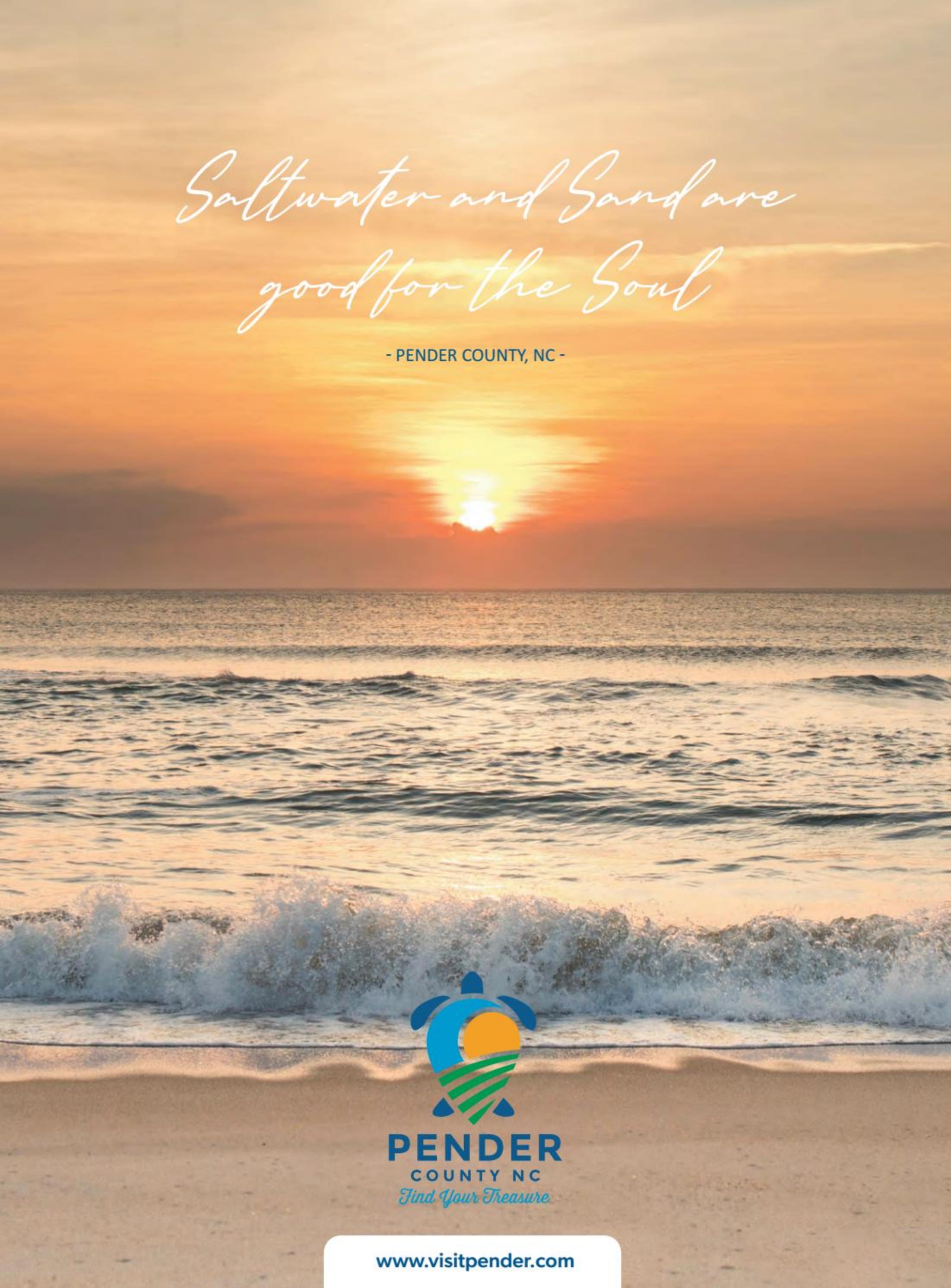


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A photograph of a sunset over the ocean. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm orange glow across the sky and reflecting off the calm water. Waves are breaking onto a sandy beach in the foreground.

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Traveling with your family can be a wonderful way to get your kids excited about adventure! Broadening their horizons at a young age is a vital piece of becoming a well-rounded adult, and the fond memories you make in the process are something you'll all treasure for years to come. Bring the whole family to the Great Smoky Mountains, and you'll never lack for something to do!



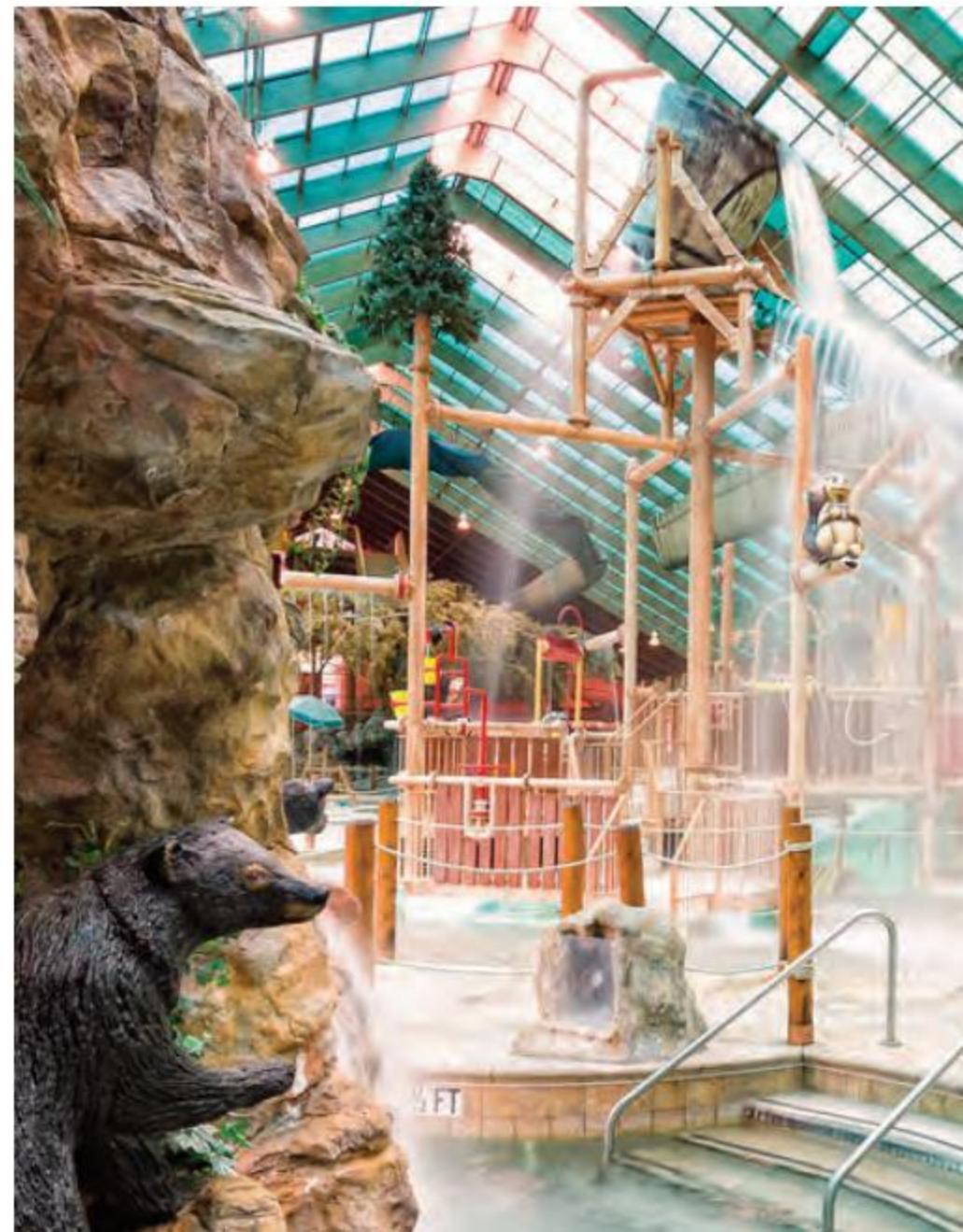
Smoky Mountain Alpine Coaster

Do your little ones crave more of a thrill? Do they like to feel the wind in their hair as they go careening down a track? Then the Smoky Mountain Alpine Coaster is the destination for you! The longest downhill mountain track in the United States, this coaster takes you through gorgeous mountain scenery while getting up to speeds that will take your breath away. Smaller kids can still ride along with an adult controlling the cart, so no one has to miss out on the fun!



Wild Bear Falls

Want a water park you can visit no matter the season? Then splash your way to Wild Bear Falls at Westgate Smoky Mountain Resort and Spa! The water park has a retractable roof, letting in perfect summer weather and keeping out the winter chill. This massive indoor water park is heated, so you don't have to worry about getting too cold to have fun. Float along the Cades Cove Lazy River, swoosh your way down the Clingman's Dome tube slide, or relax in the Grotto Falls indoor hot tub facility. A little slice of water park heaven, right here in the Smokies.





Gatlinburg Sky Lift

Drink in spectacular views of the mountain scenery in style and comfort by taking the Gatlinburg Sky Lift! Open throughout all four seasons, you can ride five hundred vertical feet to the top of Crockett Mountain. At the top you will find an observation deck that lets you marvel at the scenery and take as many pictures of the soaring peaks as you can handle. Once you're done exploring and marveling, ride the lift back down the mountain and admire the views as you go past. Perfect for summer weather, and fantastic in fall when the foliage is changing.





The Varsity Center is a historic venue for performing and visual arts, live music, entertainment and community events in downtown Carbondale, Illinois.

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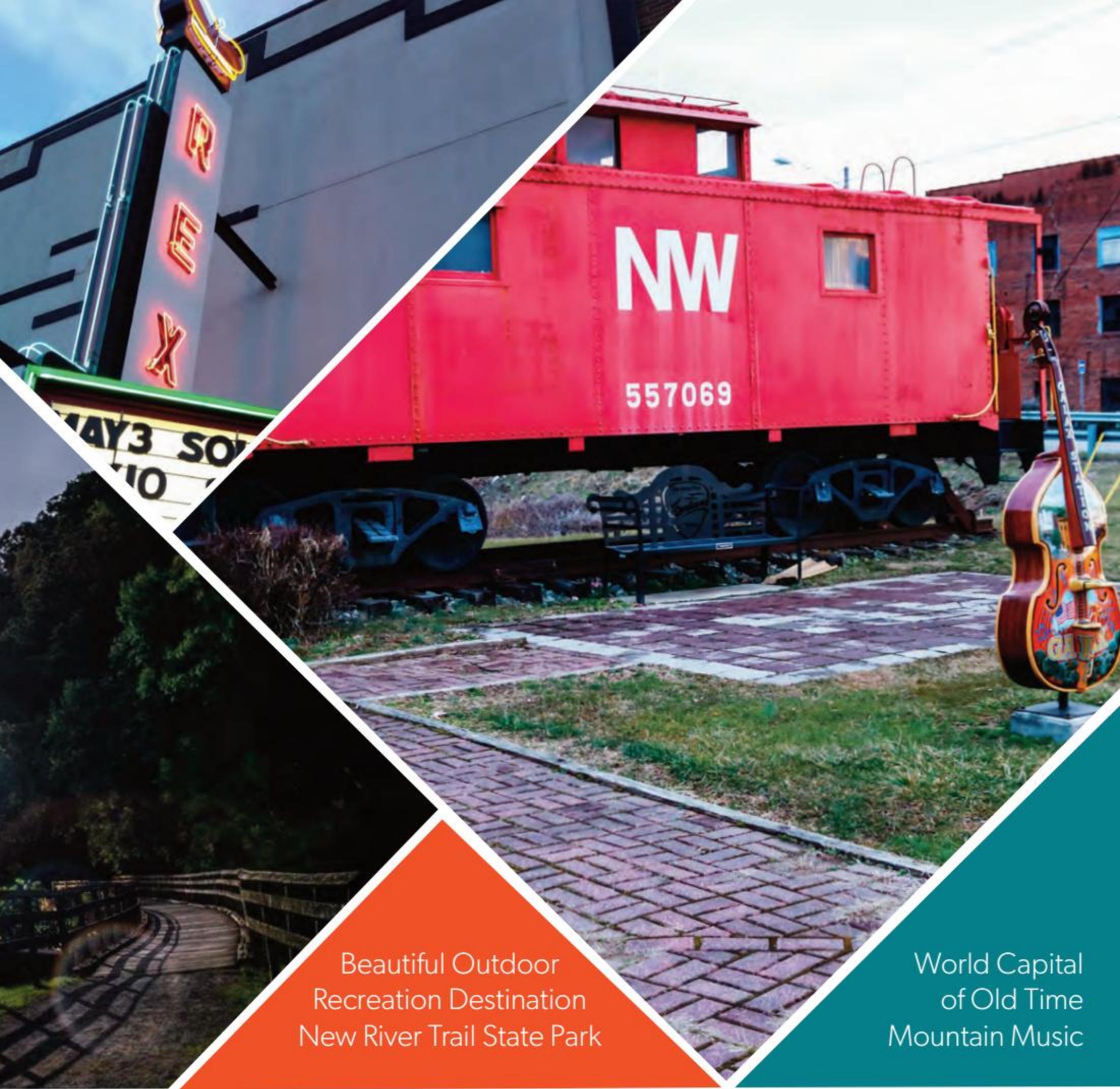
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The South is a rich vein of incredible history and beautiful scenery. Everything from pre-Columbus populations building complex civilizations to powerful and decisive Civil War battles has taken place below the Mason-Dixon line and contributed to our shared cultural heritage. A wonderful way to enrich your next vacation is to spend some time absorbing local history and learning what really makes the South great.



Manassas National Battlefield Park

Any Civil War buff should make a point of visiting Manassas National Battlefield Park. The First Battle of Bull Run, as it was known by the Union, was fought on this very location – the first major battle of the Civil War in 1861 and a decided Confederate victory. A second battle was fought in the same location one year later, also resulting in a Confederate victory. Explore the sprawling park that encompasses the battlefield, paying respects at the several cemeteries on the property. Artifacts and more information can be found in the visitor's center, so you can really put yourself in the context of the Civil War. The park is also host to a number of fun outdoor activities – fishing, horseback riding, and hiking are all very popular here. Immerse yourself in local culture and local wildlife as you wander the trails of this piece of history.



Stax Museum of American Soul Music

Is there any style of music more quintessentially American than soul music?



Stax Museum of American Soul Music

A rich blend of African-American gospel music, R & B, and jazz, this genre spread across America in the 50s and 60s like warm butter through the airwaves. If you want to visit one of the places that started it all, look no further than the Stax Museum of American Soul Music in Memphis. Originally a record studio, Stax was at the center of the soul music movement – they signed Otis Redding, the Bar-Kays, and many other brilliant pieces of talent. After a wild up and down history, the site of the studio was turned into a museum in 2003. They also play host to a music academy that focuses on providing music instruction to at-risk youth. Spend some time in this funky museum and learn the story of this uniquely Southern genre in a fun and interactive way – dance to groovy music, ponder the period recording equipment, admire the wall of records, and find new favorites at the listening station. Any lover of music is bound to find their way here!



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xplore Pine Bluff invites you on a virtual visit so you can be inspired by the incredible untold stories of this historical Delta town. In response to travel concerns and restrictions, this tourism agency has developed several innovative ways for visitors to uncover Pine Bluff, Arkansas's powerful and fascinating history.

The Freedom & Blues Experience: A Delta Music and Culture Encounter currently includes the WA&P Radio Show, highlighting a collection of 26 videos relating to famous artists and musicians with Pine Bluff and Jefferson County roots; the Delta Civil Rights Legacy Trail is a digital brochure with 22 videos relating to Pine Bluff's history with the civil rights movement; and the Delta Cinema World, is a collection of videos featuring Pine Bluff's contribution to cinema and theater. Additionally, visitors to ExplorePineBluff.com can read about the incredible stories of Pine Bluff's transformational past on its cultural and history blog page.

Coming soon to complement the Delta Music and Culture Encounter on the website will be podcast stories encompassing the zany, tragic and compelling world of the towns on the Delta Rhythm & Bayous Highway, an in-depth video docu-series relaying incredible civil rights and freedom stories, and the Delta Rhythm & Bayous music playlist – all relating to Pine Bluff and the Delta. Also in the works is a virtual museum which will delve deeper into the narrative of civil rights, blues, gospel and cinema.

Visitors to the website can still view the performances from the first ever Pine Bluff Virtual Blues and Soul Summer Sets. This virtual music series aired every second and fourth Thursday and Friday from June through August. Thursday evenings were dedicated to the best in Blues and Southern Soul deejaying, and Friday evenings featured performances from artists all with Pine Bluff and Delta roots.

Until it's safe to travel again, Explore Pine Bluff is committed to satisfying your wanderlust with these online experiences. We do, however, look forward to welcoming you in person to our extraordinary city in the very near future.



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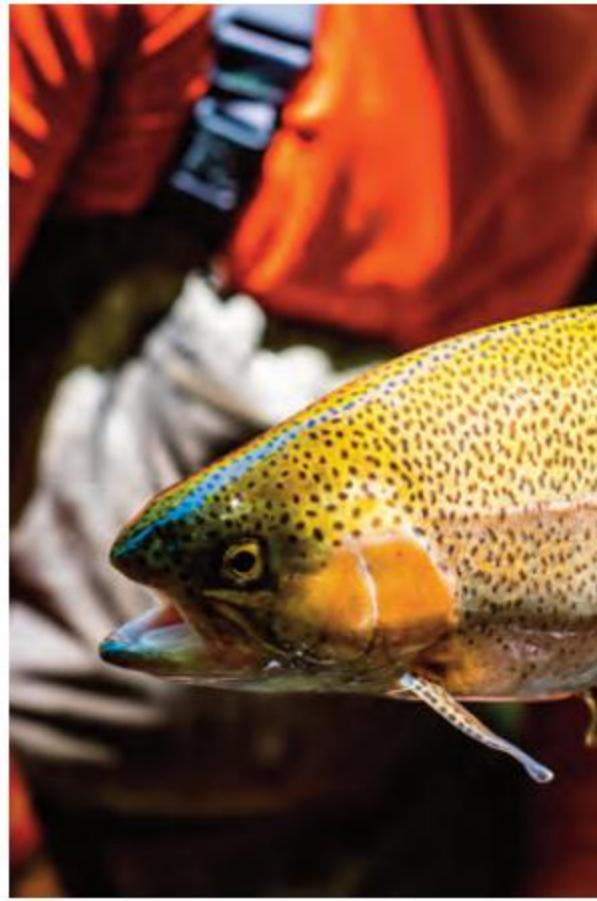
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"The welcome mat is always out in our seven distinct communities," said Habersham Chamber of Commerce President Mary Beth Horton. "Shopping, dining and outdoor recreation options abound in our corner of breathtaking Northeast Georgia."

Hiking, fly fishing, waterfalls, ziplining, horseback riding, museums, shopping and special events are all available in Habersham County. Nearby wineries, breweries, agritourism and specialty zoos also entice visitors to the area, Horton added.

In Tallulah Falls, Tallulah Gorge State Park is the crown jewel of the region. With camping, hiking trails, stunning views and an interpretive center, this is a must-see destination. Also, from April through October, the tiny municipality, population 170, hosts

abersham County is situated in the sweet spot of the south with seven small towns and fresh air to spare. Only 90 miles from Atlanta and a carefree world away, visitors are treated like

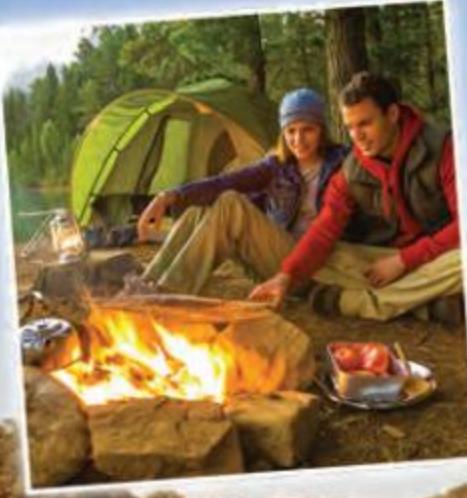
the Tallulah Falls Opry, an every Saturday night bluegrass jam held in the town square.

For 200-plus years, Clarkesville's downtown square has welcomed visitors hungry for hospitality. Today it is well known for unique shops and a variety of eateries including farm-to-table, award-winning burgers and brick-oven pizza.

Cornelia's downtown, minutes from a bustling commercial corridor, is also thriving. Echoing the past as a railroad town, stories can be found in several museums – the Historic Train Museum, the Loudermilk Boarding House and Elvis Museum, the Standard Telephone Museum and the Regional African American Museum.

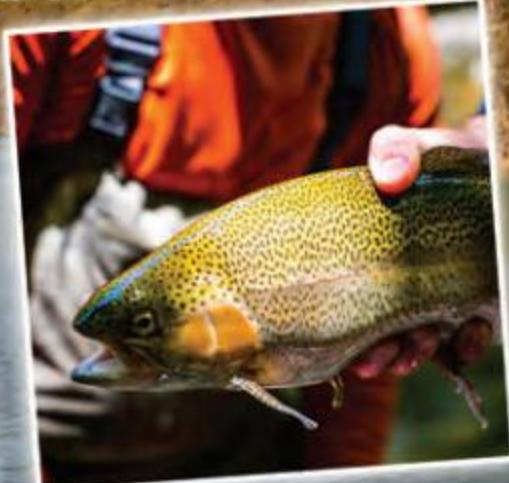
The Big Red Apple statue is there too, bringing to mind the region's reputation for producing delicious fruit. The Big Red Apple Festival, held each fall, is just one of several popular downtown events hosted by the city of Cornelia.

Demorest, home to Piedmont College, is another quaint stop on the Habersham trip itinerary. An art museum, two locally-owned coffee shops, a shady park and streets lined with beautiful historic homes offer a place to pause.



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The college-owned Mason-Scharfenstein Museum of Art houses a permanent collection as well as a well-curated slate of temporary exhibitions. Another museum features Demorest native Johnny Mize, known as the "Big Cat." Mize was a major league baseball player inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1981. Piedmont College also owns this unique collection.

Mt. Airy, once home to exclusive resort hotels serving visitors seeking the mountain air, now serves as the portal to the Lake Russell Wildlife Management Area and the Lake Russell Recreation Area, with camping, trails and fishing opportunities.

Alto and Baldwin in the southern end of the county host hometown events, including Alto's Spring Fest on the first Saturday in June each year.



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Gateway to the Shawnee Hills Wine Trail and Shawnee National Forest, the wild beauty of

the rolling hills of Carbondale, Illinois awaits you. This Midwestern town allows you to escape the fast pace of big city life, offering you that remote unparalleled feeling that is only achievable in southern Illinois.

Carbondale presents many opportunities to explore beautiful scenic views with an endless amount of outdoor adventure and fun for the entire family. At Carbondale Tourism, we are here to help ensure your visit is one that

you will always remember and full of memories that will leave you looking forward to the next time you can journey back again.

Carbondale is a destination that provides southern hospitality and welcomes tourists year-round with events for every season. Imagine playing on an 18-hole championship golf course at dawn, hiking through the rugged terrain of a national forest in the afternoon and winding down the evening at a live local concert at sunset.

Dine in one of our local restaurants utilizing regionally grown produce or explore our international culinary scene that is bursting with many

cultural influences. Stay in our accommodations that range from various modern hotels to cozy inns or cabins in the woods, where you are sure to feel right at home.

Here, it is possible to rappel down a rock face in the morning, sip local wine in the afternoon, enjoy delicious local cuisine in the evening, and cap off the night at a historical movie theater in the center of downtown.

Whether pursuing a favorite pastime or trying something new, the day could end worlds away from where it began – all without traveling more than a few miles. Your adventure starts here.

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A black and white photograph of a bar interior. Shelves in the background are filled with numerous bottles of alcohol. In the foreground, a large, stylized title "SEARCH for SOUL FOOD" is overlaid, with "for" written in yellow. Below it, the subtitle "SEARCHING FOR THE SOUTH'S BEST FRIED CHICKEN" is written in white. A small "DUKE" logo is visible in the bottom right corner of the title area.



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We have broken down three different yet equally delicious ways of enjoying this Southern staple

When the weather outside starts to turn crisp and chill, when the leaves are falling and piling up on sidewalks and streets, when the smell of the air outside is tinged with smoke from chimneys and fireplaces across the neighborhood... that is the best time to seek out comfort food. The food to warm your soul and your body. In the South, that comfort is best exemplified in fried chicken. Crisp golden skin, juicy and tender meat, and mouthwatering spices all give this soul food classic a rightful place in the spotlight. All over the South home cooks and elite chefs are trying their hand at this classic dish, but the question remains... What's the best way to eat fried chicken? We have broken down three different yet equally delicious ways of enjoying this Southern staple – everything from chicken and waffles in Miami to Nashville hot chicken to classic buttermilk fried chicken in Georgia. No matter what your taste buds prefer, you're sure to find a mouth-watering option waiting for you here.

CHICKEN AND WAFFLES

This unique twist on breakfast has risen in popularity over the past several years. Trendy restaurants all across the nation proudly boast their spin on this sweet and savory dish, but the South did it first and does it right. Savory crispy fried chicken served on top of a soft and sweet waffle is the stuff dreams are made of. If you're looking for classic chicken and waffles flavor served with style, look no further than **Yardbird in Miami**. Their savory chicken is served on top of a sharp cheddar cheese waffle with honey hot sauce and bourbon maple syrup, with a helping of chilled spiced watermelon on the side to add a touch of flair. Next time you're in Miami Beach, don't miss out.

NASHVILLE HOT CHICKEN

This iconic chicken dish finds its home in the heart of Tennessee, the energetic and beautiful city of Nashville. While restaurants all over the country serve hot chicken, its origin and iconic status came from one restaurant – **Prince's Hot Chicken Shack**. Open and serving this spicy delicacy for nearly 100 years, the restaurant has remained in the family – Thorton Prince's great niece is the current owner. Their chicken is spread with a delectable and spicy cayenne pepper paste, served atop white bread and adorned with pickle chips. Choose your spice level – everything from plain to the reckless XXX HOT – and cool down afterwards with a slice of pie or cake.

CLASSIC BUTTERMILK FRIED CHICKEN
If it ain't broke, don't fix it. One of the most classic ways to serve fried chicken is to soak it in buttermilk, dredge it in seasoned flour, and fry in hot oil until crisp and perfect. This classic and comforting recipe is a staple of kitchens across the South, and any time you find it on a menu you are in for a treat. If you find yourself in Atlanta, make sure to stop and sample the wares at **Gus's World Famous Fried Chicken**. Get a plate piled high with delectable chicken and indulge in their incredible sides – fried okra, mac and cheese, and whole jalapenos are just a few of the delectable bites you can try.

No matter where you are, there is sure to be a fried chicken that will win you over. Don't miss out on this classic Southern dish!



"In the heart of downtown Safety Harbor you'll find an unassuming little bungalow filled with big tastes."



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is dedicated to all facets of the arts: visual arts, performing arts, musical arts, and more. We are dedicated to promoting the arts in the community.



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Safety Harbor

VISIT THE HEART OF DOWNTOWN

In the heart of downtown Safety Harbor you'll find an unassuming little bungalow filled with big tastes. Savoring just one bite of the sizzling fried chicken from Southern Fresh is sure to evoke those warm, childhood memories of Sunday dinner down South. Using a recipe his great grandmother Crawford handed down through generations, Chef Aaron Stewart, along with his partners George Lenoci and Jamie Ackendorf and their team, shallow fry their chicken in cast iron skillets to order, ensuring a crispy, perfectly seasoned outside and a juicy, tender inside. Paired with home-cooked mashed potatoes smothered in gravy, tangy collard greens or roasted fresh vegetables and some indulgent banana pudding for dessert, all from family recipes, Southern Fresh's fried chicken is a meal worth the wait - and the trip to the small city that The Hallmark Channel chose as the cozy, charming setting for its movie, "Love In The Sun."

With a Main Street that harkens back to yesteryear but with plenty of modern conveniences, downtown Safety Harbor offers more than just the best fried chicken you'll taste anywhere. Stroll past a gazebo that is a beehive of activity with festivals and a weekly market, browse in several shops, boutiques and galleries, take rest under a stately grand oak tree or on a fishing pier that juts out into Old Tampa Bay. When you are ready to get up and go again, visit many other restaurants that, like Southern Fresh, are owned by our neighbors and feature recipes that have been the staple of their families' dinner tables for generations.



SOUTHERN FRESH

features family recipes passed down through the generations.

DISCOVER DOWNTOWN

Safety Harbor

The Treasure of Tampa Bay

At the top of Old Tampa Bay lies the city of Safety Harbor, a secret little hideaway, neighbored by the major cities of Clearwater and Tampa.

This quaint community of 17,000 people boasts a famous resort, distinctive shops, award winning restaurants and pubs, and plenty of family fun. There is something for everyone, from beautiful parks laden with historical significance and nature's artwork, to cultural venues for the cosmopolitan visitor. Come enjoy a walk along Safety Harbor's picturesque waterfront and experience the beauty of sunrise over the bay.



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Hot Toddy

- 3/4 cup water
- 1½ ounces whiskey
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice

1. Bring the water to a simmer, and pour the hot water into a mug. 2. Add the whiskey, honey, and lemon juice. 3. Stir until everything has combined. Taste, and add more of whatever you are craving. 4. Enjoy!

Sip the SOUTH

Wine, Beer, and Spirits in the South

It may not snow down here in the beautiful South, but we still get chills that nip at your bones and send you scurrying for someplace toasty. There's nothing that will warm your soul from the bottom up like curling up in a cozy chair with your favorite beverage in hand. Below, we break down a few seasonal favorites to help you pick the perfect beverage to chase your autumn blues away.

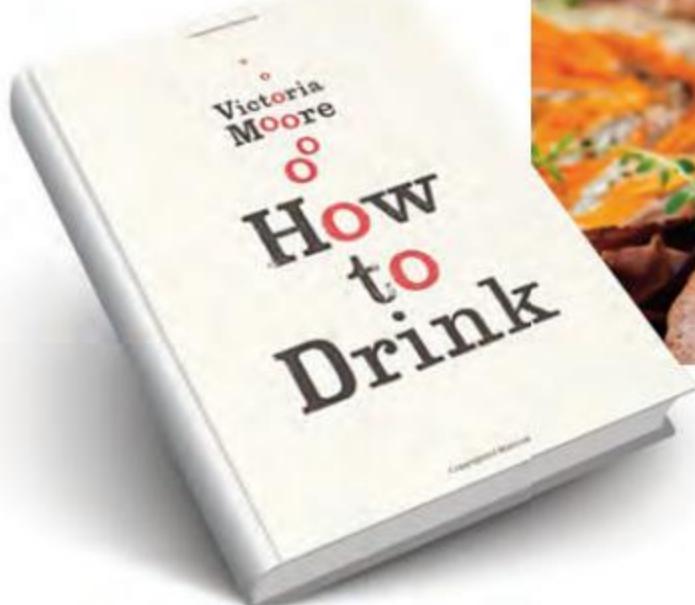
WINE

You know it, you love it, it's a tried-and-true favorite – return to the quality of pinot noir this autumn. One of the world's most popular light bodied reds, this wine will appeal to a broad array of palates and is sure to be a crowd pleaser. Pick

up a bottle from a local winery or from the grocery store – it's a very accessible drink! – and pair it with chicken, pork, or mushrooms at a dinner sure to wow all of your friends.

If you're looking for a less well-known but just as well-loved wine, expand your horizons with a viognier. Pronounced "vee-own-yay", this white wine hailing from southern France has a depth of flavor that has to be experienced to be believed. Originating in southern France, this bold white has peach, tangerine, and honeysuckle notes that invigorate the senses. If it is oak-aged, you get a creamy vanilla overtone that provides richness. Serve with a cheese plate or roasted chicken for an eye-opening experience.

Victoria Moore describes the drink like this: the vitamin C for health, the honey to soothe, the alcohol to numb.



BEER

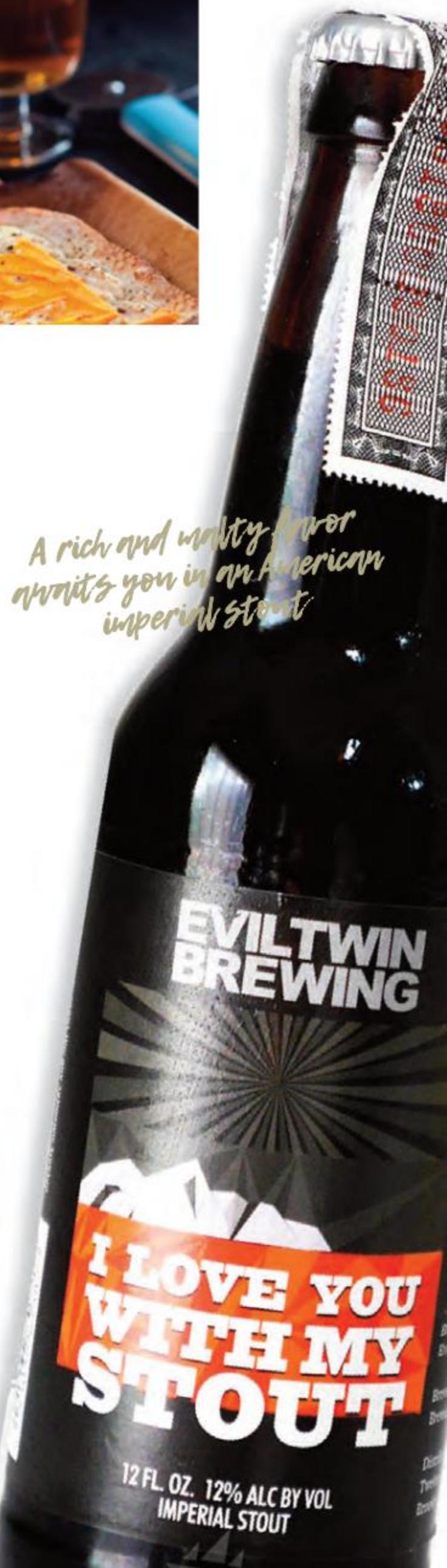
If you prefer the heady power of beer to the lightness of wine, then autumn is a perfect time to expand your palate. A rich and malty flavor awaits you in an American imperial stout – it has the strongest alcohol level and body of all the stouts. High in bitterness and high in character, this beer is sure to spark your interest and leave a lasting impression. Pair with an aged cheese or a flourless chocolate cake for a quality dining experience.

One exciting benefit of changing seasons is the opportunity to experiment with new flavors previously unavailable. Pumpkin isn't just for fancy coffees and pie – you can find this great gourd flavoring your local ales as well! Pumpkin ales are a fall staple. The flavor profile from one ale to another vary widely – some pumpkin ales are subtle and earthy, some are sweet and creamy, some are toasty and warm. No matter what your palate craves, you're sure to find an orange brew that works for you. Pair with meatloaf, beef stew, or butternut squash ravioli for excellent results.

SPIRITS

If you're looking for the perfect cocktail to usher in the new season, look no further than a classic old-fashioned. Developed in the nineteenth century and still going strong today, this drink is made by muddling sugar with bitters, adding whiskey, and adorning with a twist of citrus and a cherry. Jazz it up with muddled strawberries or blood orange soda, or switch out the whiskey for brandy. Serve in a rocks glass and enjoy.

With fall comes wet weather, and with wet weather comes the common cold. Nothing can be done about this common illness except treat the symptoms – and what better way to do that than with a hot toddy? This classic warm beverage combines whisky, honey, and lemon juice to help battle classic cold symptoms. In her book *How To Drink*, Victoria Moore describes the drink like this: "the vitamin C for health, the honey to soothe, the alcohol to numb." Check out our recipe for a quality hot toddy – but don't be afraid to tweak the ratios until you get a drink that suits your tastes perfectly! However, if you are taking cold medicine, try the hot toddy without the whiskey so you don't risk any ill effects. Enjoy responsibly!



AS A NEW NORMAL

SLOWLY SETTLES IN...

you have something to look forward to in Lubbock. This fall, the curtain will open on a state-of-the-art, 220,000-square-foot performance center named the Buddy Holly Hall of Performing Arts and Sciences. Paying tribute to Lubbock's favorite son, the Hall is the crowning jewel of the arts in West Texas and is located in the heart of Lubbock's Art District.

Guests will be entranced by Broadway-style productions such as *Les Misérables* and beloved regional shows such as Ballet Lubbock's *The Nutcracker*. Both theaters, the Helen DeVitt Jones Main Theater and The Crickets Studio Theater, have a noise criterion of 15, meaning the acoustic quality of the venue is absolutely perfect.



Along with professional productions, the Hall is committed to providing a stage for students through its partnership with local universities and public schools. As Buddy Holly challenged the status quo and created a genre of his own, the Hall looks to inspire future generations of performers.

Designed by Diamond Schmitt Architects, an internationally renowned firm, this world class performance venue is truly a work of art. Along the south wall, Texas artist Brad Oldham created an installation of 9,000 guitar picks which vary in size and compose a sculpture of Buddy playing his iconic Stratocaster.

Along with performances and art features, the Hall offers a full-service Bistro, 6,000 square feet of multipurpose space and Ballet Lubbock's Pre-Professional Academy. Just across the street, visitors will experience more of the arts at LHUCA, Charles Adams Gallery and Charles Adams Studio Project. Not to mention, local, craft beer is just a few steps away at Two Docs Brewing Co.





Plan now. VISIT LATER.

Daydreaming of your next trip? Plan now for your fall road trip to Lubbock, and when the time is right for you, come experience the thrill of the 806.



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As many local artists claim, Lubbock inspires creativity. Here, there is space to create and people eager to be inspired. It is no wonder a visionary like Buddy hails from here, and it is no wonder Lubbock set the stage for the generation.

For more information on the upcoming shows at the Buddy Holly Hall of Performing Arts and Sciences, follow along with us at visitlubbock.org.

GET OUT *and* GET ACTIVE
DESTINATION
OUTDOORS

Blue Ridge
Mountains, from
Skyline Drive, in
Shenandoah National
Park, Virginia



THERE'S NO BETTER TIME TO EXPLORE THE OUTDOORS THAN AUTUMN.

The blistering heat of summer has receded, and the crisp fall air is conducive to wandering the outdoors without breaking a sweat or worrying about heatstroke. Take some time this fall to explore the outdoors, especially if you make it to one of these beautiful destinations.

>FALL FOLIAGE Virginia

Fall is when the scenery gets set aflame with a fiery display of red, orange, and yellow leaves permeating the treetops. Truly a sight to behold, and nowhere is there better to witness this display of nature's majesty than Shenandoah National Park in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia. Over three hundred square miles of hiking trails, scenic views, beautiful drives, and nature, there's something for everyone here. Take a leisurely drive along one of the many scenic highways or get up close and personal with a sojourn down the hiking trails. You might even spot a deer or a black bear amongst the leaves!

As you take in the beauty, you can get your children interested in the world around them by participating in Shenandoah's EarthCache program! Using the same GPS-related clues and technology as more traditional Geo-Caching, EarthCaching is a "virtual" geocache that contains no physical cache – it's a hunt for natural and geological features. A treasure hunt where fascinating nature is the prize.

>CABIN CAMPING Alabama

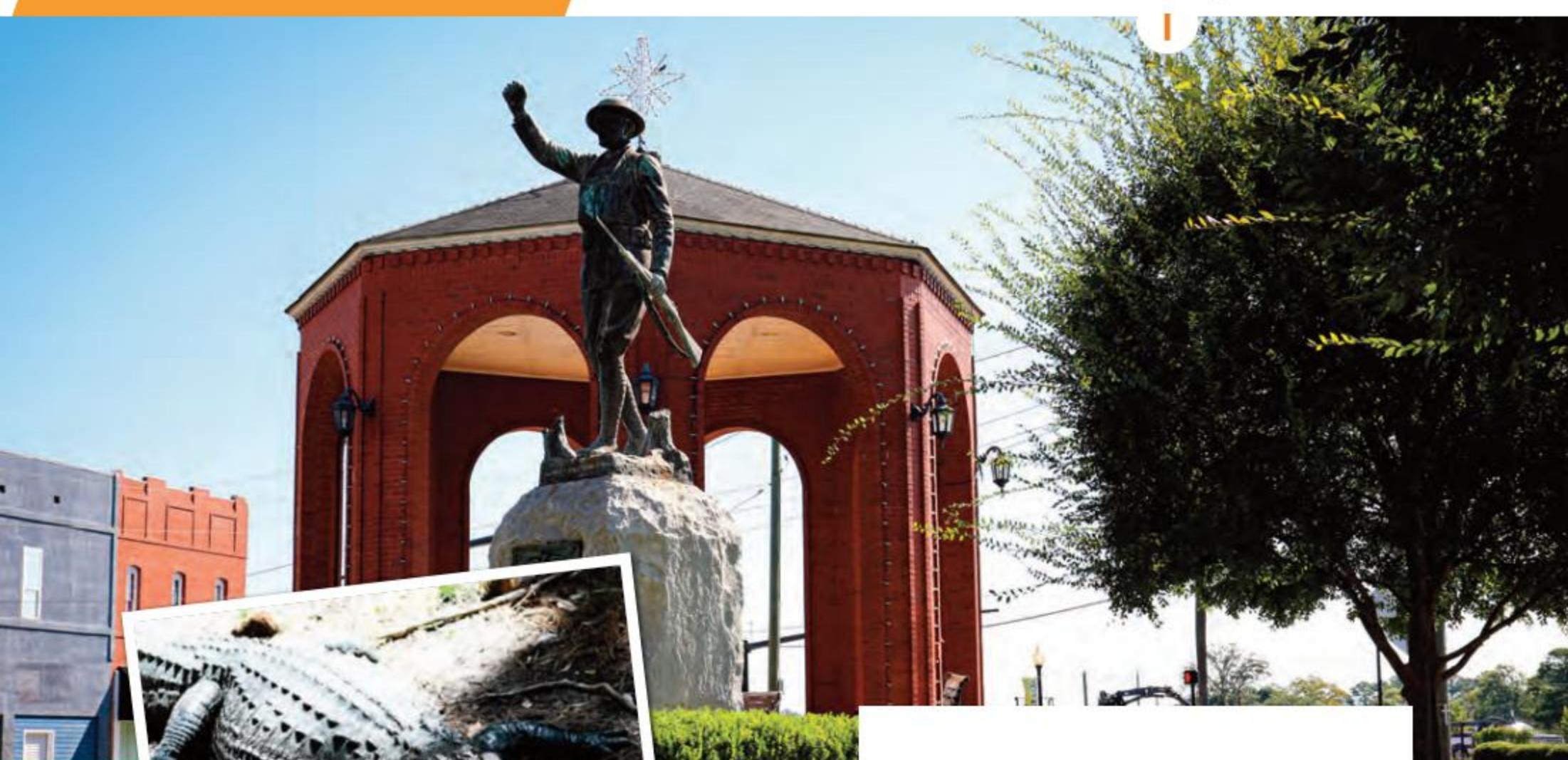
Cabin camping is the perfect balance of spending time in the rustic wilderness and not having to sleep on the cold ground. Renting a cabin with your family lets you relax and unwind amidst a natural setting, but sleep in a bed and have access to indoor plumbing. Delight your kids with a trip to Jellystone Park in the Gulf Coast of Alabama. This classic children's cartoon is featured all over the park, and the different cabin types are named after characters. The Boo Boo Bear cabin is the smallest, and they rise in size until you reach the Yogi Bear cabin which sleeps up to ten people. Jellystone Park hosts a wide variety of events that provide fun and excitement for kids – just don't forget to bring your pic-a-nic basket!



Jellystone Park in the Gulf Coast of Alabama

DOUGHBOY PARK

in Downtown Waycross



WAYCROSS
GEORGIA

is a beautiful little city with a long and storied history. The area was first settled in the early 1800's, and the city got its name in 1874, named after the six railroad lines that met there. Located on the northern edge of the Okefenokee Swamp, the settlers of the area who established homesteads there farmed the land and established a unique regional Okefenokee culture, which is being studied and preserved. The swamp itself was designated as a wildlife refuge in 1937 by Franklin Roosevelt.

During and after World War 2 the area prospered, gaining a large airbase and a minor league baseball stadium. The Okefenokee Swamp Park was opened at the northern entrance into the refuge in 1946, the most convenient access point to US 1, as the result of an effort led by civic leaders. Since that time, the Park has welcomed millions of visitors from around the world. Laura S. Walker National Park became a state park shortly thereafter.

The Okefenokee Heritage Center— a regional art and cultural museum, featuring a full train, historic cabin, African and Native American exhibitions—opened in 1975, followed a few years later by Southern Forest World, which showcases the history of the forestry industry in the southeastern United States and houses a petrified dog. Obediah's Okefenok opened in 1989, containing the restored cabin (1870) and homestead of Obediah Barber, a legendary swamper.

The Green Frog Restaurant started by Bill Darden when he was 19 years old in Waycross, Georgia. Bill would go on to open Red Lobster and The Darden Company. The Darden Company now operates Olive Garden, Longhorn Steakhouse, Bahama Breeze, Seasons 52, The Capital Grille, Eddie V's and Yard House, but it all started here in Waycross.

Today, Waycross remains a major hub in Southeast Georgia. With a bedtime population of under 15,000 residents, GA DOT estimates the daytime population to be over 50,000—due to the local employment and patronage of the hospital/medical systems, manufacturing facilities, CSX, the public education system, a 4-year college, a technical college, retail establishments, and tourist/business visitors.

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- Southern Forest World
- C.C. McCray City Auditorium
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- Trembling Earth Recreational Complex

- The Lakes at Laura Walker Golf
- Historic Walking Trails
- Okefenokee Heritage Center
- Obediah's Okefenok



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Okeechobee County is your Paradise Outdoors. This beautifully serene rural community still values the old Florida lifestyle with down home Southern hospitality and scenic land undisturbed by towering growth. Okeechobee County is at the Northern shore of the awe-inspiring Lake Okeechobee. Lake Okeechobee is 730 square miles of fishing nirvana. Lake Okeechobee - named by the Seminoles as "Big Water" - is host to a number of guides that will take you to treasured "fishing spots" that will give any angler stories to take home. Largemouth bass dominate the fishermen's attention throughout the year while the well-known speckled perch take front position during the peak of tourism season which runs

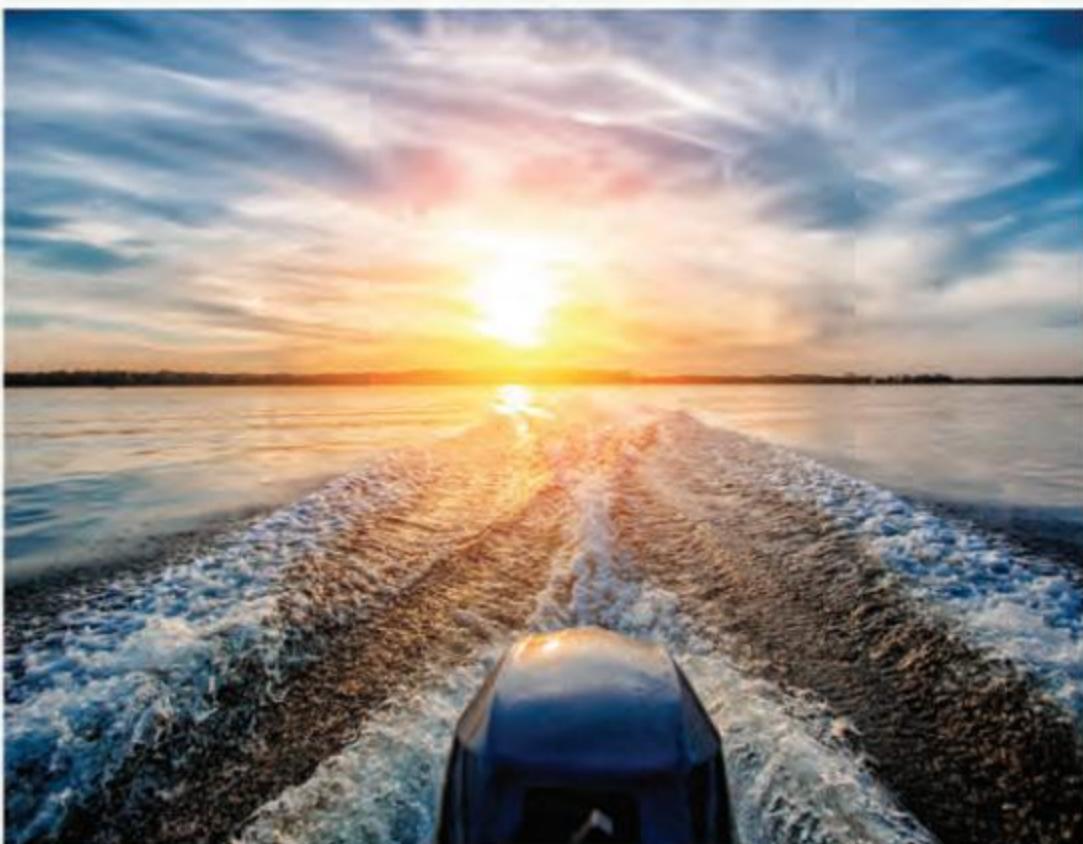
from October through March.

Lake Okeechobee also offers scenic trails that are excellent for walking, jogging, biking and bird watching. The trail that surrounds this massive lake is the Lake Okeechobee Scenic Trail (L.O.S.T.). This trail just about surrounds the entire lake and leaves no nature lover disappointed.

“Okeechobee is a well-loved area for rare and hard to find birds aplenty. The Snail Kite and Caracara just to name a few.”

Don't be concerned by the loud cry of the sandhill crane as these beauties are in every corner of our community and have no issue stopping traffic or wandering neighborhoods.

Okeechobee County is not just about the lake, although we are extremely proud of our greatest natural asset. Okeechobee is home to a number of other sporting activities that definitely make our location a Sportsman's Paradise. Hunting is popular with not only seasonal visitors but residents as well. Deer, hog, duck and even gator hunting keep the hunting guides busy and the hunter's hauling trophies home for bragging rights.



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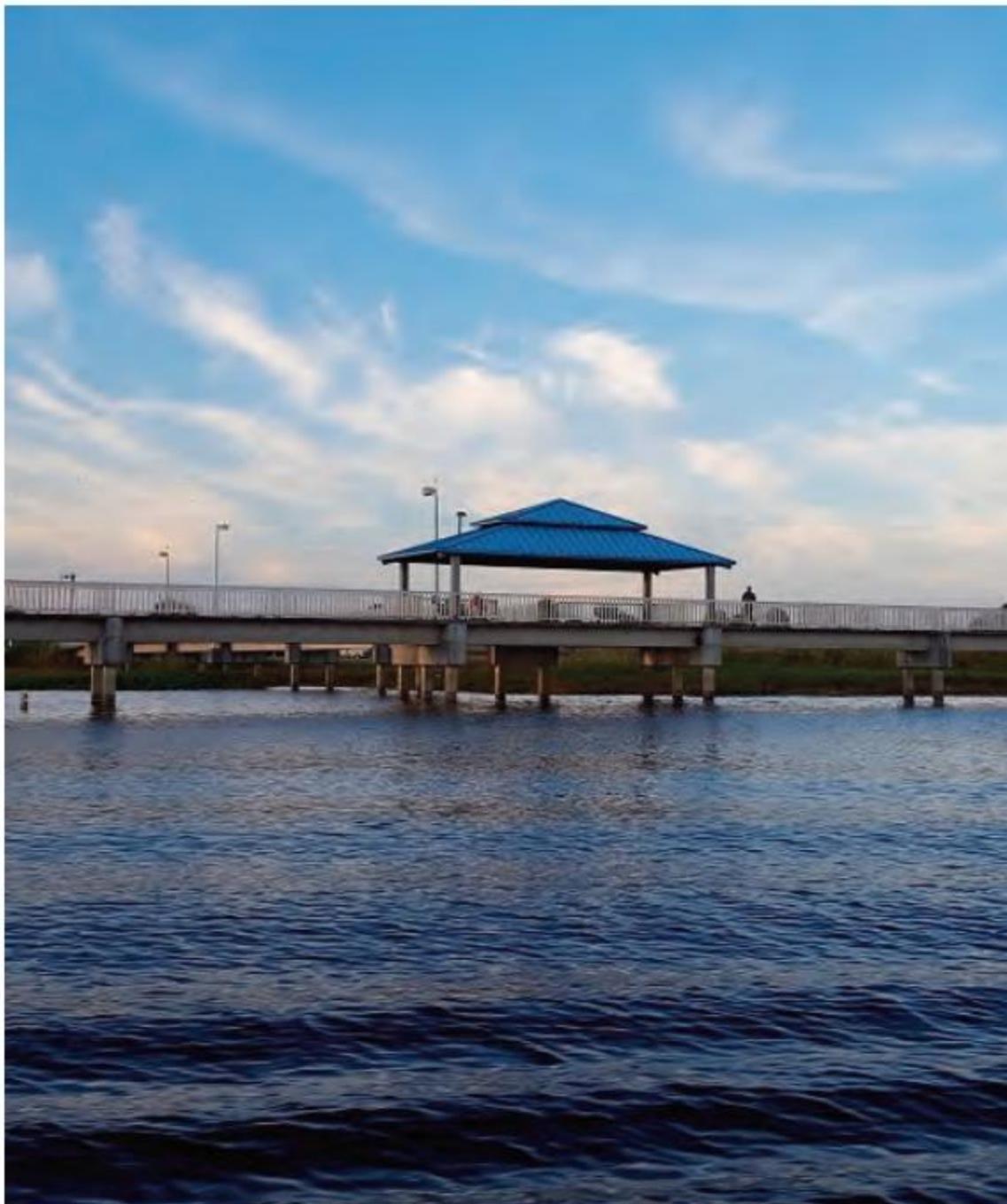
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Looking to improve or develop some great shooting skills? Okeechobee has a number of gun ranges that offer shooting sports of all kinds. Most of these facilities are outdoors and offer lodging, shopping and the greatest ranges and instructors around. There is also an indoor archery range conveniently off our main street and a new state of the art gun range just on your way into town!

Although Okeechobee offers fantastic outdoor adventures such as airboating, horse back riding and other entertainment, there always comes a time when the day draws to a close and the days activities bring on a fierce appetite. Okeechobee offers wonderful food options to the most spectacular steaks to the tastiest seafood! Dinner served, memories made and now time to dream of what Okeechobee may bring the next day at any of our hotels, motels, campgrounds or RV Resorts.

Looking for your Paradise Outdoors? Welcome to Okeechobee, Florida. To request your Visitor's Guide visit our website: www.visitokeechobeecounty.com or call 863-763-3959.



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Dry Falls is the main attraction on 64 East. Get out and enjoy the fall weather.



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fantastic local shopping, dining, and museums. Franklin and Nantahala are home to some of the oldest mountains in the world. Tucked away in those mountains are two very popular hiking trails: The Appalachian Trail and the Bartram Trail. If you want to get out and see the mountains but don't want to hike, a scenic drive up to Wayah Bald will put you at nearly one-mile high elevation and there's a paved path that leads you to an enchanting view in all directions. Explore the Mountain Waters Scenic Byway and visit the waterfalls of the Cullasaja River Gorge and Nantahala Gorge.

in the foothills of The Great Smoky Mountains, lie the communities of Franklin and Nantahala. We are an area rich in outdoor adventure opportunities as well as

"What was once known as the "Gem Capital of the World", we are still home to active gem mines."

Franklin and Nantahala are towns born from gem mining and agriculture, and over the years have transformed from the small rural areas, into outdoor adventure towns, inviting people of all ages to set out into the hills and valleys of the Nantahala National Forest. What was once known as the "Gem Capital of the World", we are still home to active gem mines where you can sit down with a bucket of dirt and sift for precious gems and minerals that are abundant to this day. Generations of families come each year to share in the experience of gem mining.



WAYAH BALD TOWER

Take a drive up where the paved path leads you to a 360-degree view of the Nantahala, Blue Ridge, and Smoky Mountains.

The Franklin & Nantahala area is also known for our historic roots, with three museums within walking distance of one another right downtown in Franklin. As you walk, you will also find many shops, stores, and galleries featuring Appalachian art, clothing, and more.

FRANKLIN & NANTAHALA

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Stop in and grab lunch or dinner at one of our local eateries. Don't forget to check in on the Smoky Mountain Center for the Performing Arts to see what world class entertainment they have lined up to be on stage!

Our beautiful waterfalls, scenic views, and hundreds of miles of rivers, streams and lakes are enough to keep the outdoor adventurers in the family busy from sunrise to sunset and beyond. Enjoy the pristine waters of Nantahala Lake, test your skills paddling the whitewater of the Nantahala River, or cast a line in any one of our world class fishing rivers. Whether you're looking for an adventure or you want to get away and disconnect from the hustle of everyday life, the Franklin and Nantahala area is a perfect blend of adventure and relaxation.

We invite you to get to know your mountain side in Nature's Paradise! www.ExploringWNC.com



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Alamo City Golf Trail

TEMPERATE CLIMATES AND DRIER WEATHER MEANS COURSES ARE AVAILABLE FOR PLAY ALL YEAR ROUND

A Golfer's Dream Getaway.

For a golfer, the South is an ideal destination in the fall and winter. Temperate climates and drier weather means courses are available for play all year round, and there's no concern over heatstroke or summer-loving bugs. This fall, plan your vacation around one of these fantastic courses and explore what the South has to offer golfers, everyone from newbies to pros.



MYRTLE BEACH

Imagine yourself surrounded by towering oaks threaded with moss, hearing the ripples and splashes of a creek just out of sight range. You can feel the breeze and smell the marshy air as you line up to take a shot. This is the golfer's everyday in Myrtle Beach, known by some as the "Golf Capital of the World". You are spoiled for choice with over eighty courses available, offering the best of the best to anyone willing to brave their greens. Pawleys Plantation was designed by the great Jack Nicklaus, and was named one of America's Top Courses by Zagat. Every time you play this course you will never have the same shot twice – it is meticulously laid out and full of beautiful scenery. Enjoy the South Carolina breeze and swing away!



ORLANDO

Orlando is well known across the world for its larger than life attractions and dazzling array of entertainment options. But what do you do if you are seeking a quieter, more physical form of entertainment? Timacuan Golf and Country Club is the answer to your prayers. This gem of Orlando golf courses offers a front nine on a rolling landscape, to test your mettle, with a back nine that is completely different from the front. This

course is a way to immerse yourself in the pure challenge and love of golf. Located an easy distance from Orlando, there is plenty for the whole family to do and see! Everything from one of the big name theme parks to Medieval Times. A little something for everyone, and a precious gift to the family golfer.



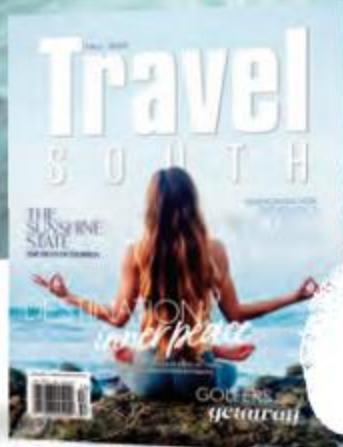
SAN ANTONIO

Everything is bigger and better in Texas, and that includes the world of golf. Deep in the heart of Texas lies the city of San Antonio, which is full to bursting with everything an amateur golfer needs for a dream vacation. Putt your way along the Alamo City Golf Trail, and explore the eight courses that shaped golf history in the region. Dig into Texas barbecue and down several kolaches to give yourself energy enough to conquer the course at TPC San Antonio, home to current and former golf championships. Speaking of, if you find yourself in this great city during October, don't miss out on the Rudy's I-35 Cup, an amateur golf championship for the surrounding region, and certainly not to be missed.



A woman with blonde hair tied back is sitting in a meditative pose on a wooden dock. She is wearing a white tank top and dark leggings with white polka dots. Her hands are in mudras. In the background, there is a calm lake with ducks swimming and a forested hillside under a clear sky.

*In these high-energy, fast paced *modern* times, it can be difficult to put aside time dedicated to taking care of your inner self. Who has the time to stop and focus on the ebb and flow of breath in and out of the body?*



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INNER PEACE

HEALTH & WELLNESS

It's important to take care of your soul as well as your body; so schedule some time away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life by booking a retreat at one of these peaceful and relaxing resorts.

YOGA Dahlonega, GA DAHLONEGA RESORT AND VINEYARD

Tucked in the foothills of the gorgeous Blue Ridge Mountains, Dahlonega Resort offers everything you could possibly want to take care of your mind, body, and soul. Center yourself with yoga classes of all styles and skill levels, either inside the huge and beautiful Gadane Hall or on the lush greenery of the grounds. Let yourself sink into a well-pampered bliss with a hot stone massage and transformative facial at their cozy and comforting spa. Lose yourself in contemplation of your thoughts as you wander the meditation labyrinth – find your inner balance as you let your feet find the way to the center and out again. Rent a private room or a private cabin – whatever your lifestyle needs are, Dahlonega is ready to meet them with grace and aplomb. Indulge in a glass of locally produced wine, dine in style at the restaurant on property, and prepare for a weekend filled with the relaxation you both need and deserve. The resort hosts retreats and events throughout the entire year, so keep an eye on their website for the event that's right for you! dahlonegaresort.com

YOGA Lancaster, SC SIMPLY-HELPING RETREATS

Looking for a more laid-back resort experience? Look no further than Simply-Helping Retreat. Located on a

lush and green property in beautiful South Carolina, this resort is the best place to relax, reflect, recharge, and reboot. Strengthen your yoga practices while surrounded by like-minded individuals, experience Reiki healing, rejuvenate your soul with guided meditation, and so much more. Take a class on crystals and their uses, lounge by the pool, or play with the extremely friendly dogs who live on the property. Looking for a place to get away from it all? Hit reset on your life and spend a day or even a full weekend here. Home cooked meals will be prepared for you, and you'll be able to truly let go and relax like never before. The yoga instructors here practice a wide variety of styles of yoga, so you're sure to find somebody to help you along your personal path. simply-helping.com

MEDITATION Hot Springs, NC SOUTHERN DHARMA RETREAT CENTER

Perhaps you are not seeking a casual experience. Perhaps what you wish for is a more authentic, deeply personal, clarifying retreat experience that lets you connect to yourself in a supportive environment. Spend a weekend at Southern Dharma Retreat Center in North Carolina and you will learn what it truly means to sit in silence and companionship with yourself. A typical retreat day includes a variety of meditations throughout the day –

working meditation, walking meditation, sitting meditation, mindful movement, and more. Keep in mind that you will be expected to participate in Noble Silence – you will refrain from speech, reading, writing, and social contact. This allows you to tune in more fully to your own inner world. It is challenging and daunting, but it is extremely worth it. Free yourself and allow yourself to slow down in a beautiful and placid place. Silence is golden, and here it is perfect. southerndharma.org

MEDITATION Sarasota, FL KADAMPA MEDITATION CENTER

The beautiful sunshine of Sarasota, Florida, does more than highlight the beaches and warm the local waters. It also shines down on the Kadampa Meditation Center, a modern Buddhist Temple that provides an oasis of peace in a modern-day bustling city. You can take a variety of classes on meditation, everything from beginner-level to advanced. They also host events such as seasonal festivals and informational talks. They also host retreats for a more immersive experience, with accommodation on-site provided to those who need and want it. You can learn a lot from conversation with the monks and nuns who live onsite, as well as the kind and well-informed instructors who guide you through everyday practice. Strengthen your skills and find inner peace here.

State Spotlight

FLORIDA



SUN, SURF, SAND, AND THE SMELL OF SALTWATER ON THE BREEZE. PALM TREES RUSTLING, CICADAS BUZZING, AND THE CAWING OF SEAGULLS CIRCLING FAR ABOVE YOUR HEAD.

Chilled-out surf rock floating from a speaker, the smell of a Cuban sandwich being pressed, the citrusy tang of local orange juice... Florida is a smorgasbord of wonder for all of your senses. Ever-popular with the vacationing population, Florida can seem a wee bit overcrowded – unless you know where to look for off-the-beaten-path gems and favorites to spice up your time off.

BIG CYPRESS NATIONAL PRESERVE and NEW SMYRNA BEACH

The fall is the perfect time to wander amongst the wilderness of Big Cypress National Reserve. The dry season lets you explore the established trails without worrying about getting rained on, and lets you make your own way through unmarked territory without having to wade through patches of high water.



Cafe La Trova



New Smyrna Beach



No matter the season, though, you are sure to see looming cypress and beautiful flowers blooming, as well as possibly encounter wildlife like otters and birds and even bear tracks – hopefully not the animal itself, though! If braving the swells and catching a wave is more your style, Florida is calling your name.



Café La Trova



Make your way to New Smyrna Beach. This is the most consistent surf break in Florida, and a heady mix of both locals and tourists flock here to catch the waves. Spend your day riding the surf, and spend your evening enjoying local food and local ambiance in true Florida style.

CUBAN FOOD IN MIAMI and FRESH BEEF IN OKEECHOBEE

>Cool foodie scenes

Florida might be known for its bright sunshine and great beaches, but the food scene in Florida deserves its time in the spotlight as well. A marvelous mishmash of cultures and cuisine, you can cross a county line and find yourself in a completely different culinary experience. Start your adventure on Florida's Southern tip, in the beautiful and vibrant urban metropolis of Miami. A city of glitz and glamour, it is both rich in culture and rich in flavor. Cuban food dominates the foodie scene, and nowhere can you get more authentic food than places like Café La Trova and Versailles. Tender and savory ropa vieja, crisp Cuban sandwiches, and so much more await you. However, if you're in the mood for a more classically American meal, head north about two hours to Okeechobee and the livestock market there. Running since the 1930's, the Okeechobee Livestock Market is a great way to immerse yourself in authentic cattleman culture and see beef on the hoof for yourself. Enjoy a farm-to-table meal at the restaurant on the property, where the beef is about as fresh as it can possibly get, and enjoy the festivities of a live auction.



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BLUEWAY TRAIL

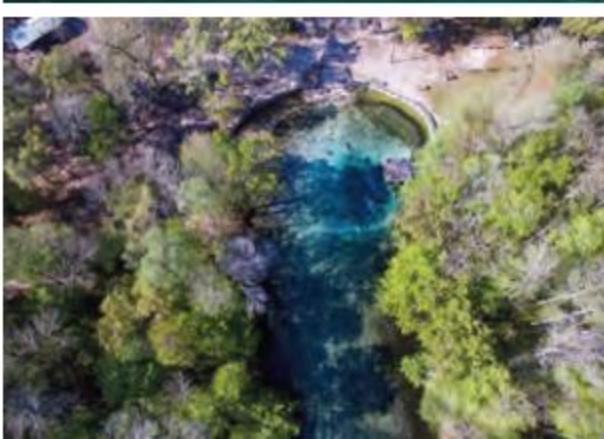
spanning 55-miles has an accumulation of 43 unique, natural springs; perfect for paddling, swimming, tubing, snorkeling, diving, camping, observing wildlife or just plain relaxing.



SPRINGS CAPITAL OF THE WORLD

The "Springs Capital of the World" invites you to explore our 55-Mile Gilchrist Blueway Trail which has an accumulation of 43 unique, natural springs; perfect for paddling, swimming, tubing, snorkeling, diving, camping, observing wildlife or just plain relaxing. Fishing more your style? The Santa Fe & historic Suwannee River offer a wide variety of catches such as bass, catfish and sunfish. The Suwannee River is "Home of the Jumping Sturgeon".

The Suwannee is considered one of the last "wild" rivers in Florida. There are no man-made structures or dams on the river and sturgeon have access to the entire river. Many of our springs runs flows into the Santa Fe River which has numerous lime rock ledges, sandy bottom and native eelgrass waving in the current and is home to a high diversity of freshwater turtles, the Suwannee Cooter which are most often observed basking on logs.



In addition, caves and conduits are common in the basin (much to the delight of cave divers!) As you journey along the Santa Fe and majestic Suwannee River the crystal clear 72-degree Fahrenheit springs lures you to descent into Gilchrist Blue Springs State Park, Ginnie Springs, Ellie Ray's, Hart Springs and Otter Springs. Grab a mask/snorkel and be astonished with schools of gar, bream, mullet and bass shimmering through the majestic waters.

Springs Capital of the World



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NATURE COAST BRIDGE

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Many of our parks offer rentals of canoes, kayaks, paddleboards and tubes. For the land lover, we offer scenic trails in a natural setting for a wide array of nature-related activities. Whether you enjoy tent camping or prefer an RV, our Natural Escapes are part of the all-family oriented recreation you can enjoy in the "Springs Capital of the World". Add to all this, the warmth of our Southern Hospitality, and you'll have the perfect haven to escape the everyday hustle and bustle!

GET YOUR FEET WET IN
Gulf County, Florida

In the heart of Northwest Florida there lies a quaint beach town surrounded by 244 miles of shoreline that winds through clear waters and white sandy beaches to tranquil inland passages of the scenic river system. Families return here for generations to the uncrowded beaches and unhurried pace where the low-rise lifestyle invites them to enjoy a vacation where old traditions meet new traditions.

Gulf County is one big outdoor playground where you can enjoy a day on the beach basking in the sun on Cape San Blas or enjoy an evening walk through one of the many parks to watch the sunset. The possibilities are endless with so many outdoor areas to explore. Each day can be a different adventure. If horseback riding on the beach is on your bucket list then be ready to enjoy a sunset ride with your family with one of the locally owned businesses. The view will not disappoint. Be sure to take a day to explore the underwater wildlife refuge of St. Joseph Bay where the clear, shallow waters make snorkeling feel like you are in an aquarium.



You can wade in at your own pace or contact a local charter guide to take the whole family.

Don't forget to bring your appetite with you as the food options range from fresh seafood to roadside barbecue. With so many options, everyone in the family will be satisfied. Be sure to check out the patio areas that many of the restaurants offer, as they are even pet friendly just like the beaches.

In Gulf County, Florida you can wade in at a slow pace and enjoy the scenic outdoor opportunities it has to offer. The serene, small beach town awaits you on your next adventure. Contact a Concierge to start planning your vacation to Gulf County, Florida.

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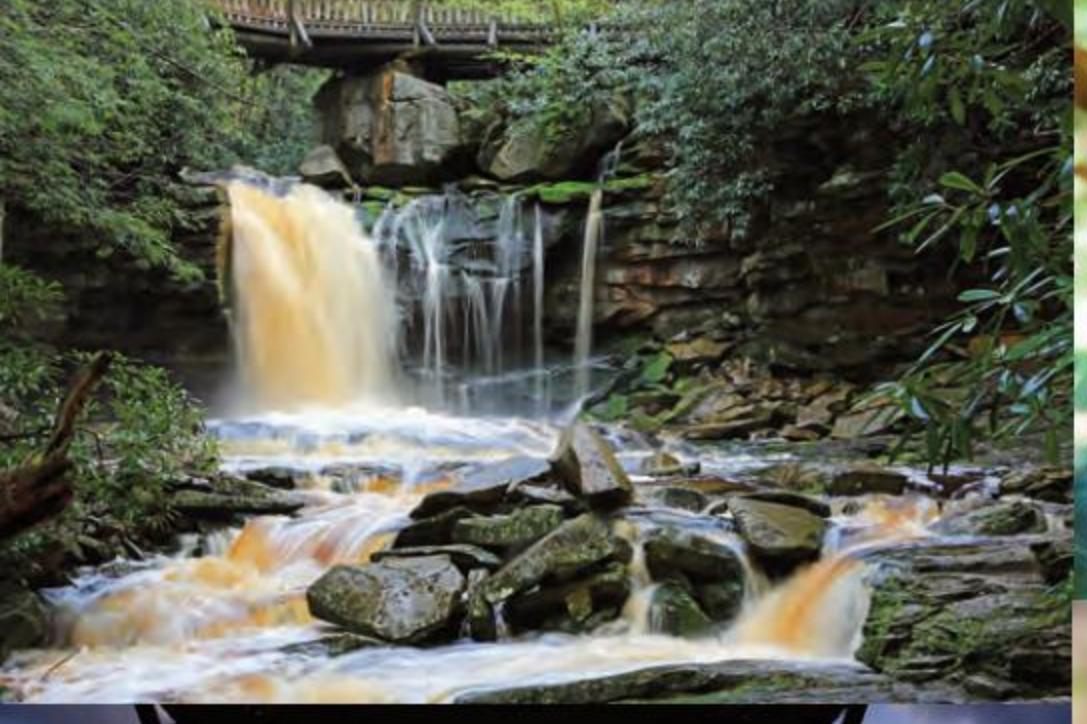
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WEST VIRGINIA, A STATE SMALL ON AREA BUT BIG ON FUN. THIS BEAUTIFUL LITTLE REGION IS OFTEN OVERLOOKED WHEN MAKING VACATION PLANS, WHICH IS AN ABSOLUTE SHAME - IT HAS SO MUCH TO OFFER AND SO MUCH TO SEE.

We've recommended a few places below that are must-dos, to make your West Virginia trip one to remember.

If you want to spend some time in the great outdoors, make your way to Blackwater Falls State Park. Tucked away in Tucker County, amidst the Allegheny Mountains, this beautiful destination is named for the cascading amber waters of Blackwater Falls – tinted by tannic acid from fallen tree needles, and eerily beautiful. Wander the 20 miles of hiking trails and stand in awe of the state's most scenic views. If whitewater is more your style, New River Gorge is perfect for you. This rugged whitewater river flows north, winding through canyons and testing your mettle with each set of rapids. Whether you are in a kayak or a raft, paddling yourself or holding on for dear life, this river is sure to take your breath away.

Is there a fan of the creepy and the strange in your family? Then The Archive of the Afterlife in Moundsville is the perfect destination. This self-

identified "National Museum of the Paranormal" is filled with historical and allegedly haunted artifacts from all over history. Everything from haunted dolls to the execution cap of an electric chair to World War II artifacts and everything in between. Give yourself a little chill and a little thrill! Afterwards, relax and enjoy the rest of your vacation at the Oglebay Resort. Go horseback riding along beautiful trails, play a few rounds of golf, tour the zoo, and challenge yourself on the aerial course. There's a piece of fun for everyone here.

West Virginia has its very own cryptid, known and loved the country over. Come visit the home of the one, the only... Mothman! This flying red-eyed creature originated in Point Pleasant, and a museum dedicated to him is thriving. You can see for yourself the prop collection used in the Mothman Prophecies film, read handwritten police reports from the original Mothman eyewitnesses, take your picture with a looming statue, and so much more. Fall in love with this delightful piece of Americana.

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MOHTMAN MUSEUM



BLACKWATER FALLS STATE PARK

LEAVE *behind* YOUR EVERYDAY WORRIES



Berkeley County offers the ultimate outdoor experience, from our rugged hiking paths to the scenic nature paths, public parks, fishing streams, and nature preserves.

Lose yourself in the area's lush fall scenery along the numerous hiking, walking, and biking trails, from delicate West Virginia wildflowers to awe-inspiring waterfalls and incredible rock formations. Whether you want your outdoor adventure to span days or hours, you'll never grow bored of the area's extensive nature trails, catering to everyone from amateurs to hiking experts.

Adventurers can explore the 23,000-acre Sleepy Creek Wildlife Management Area that contains extensive hiking, camping, fishing, and boating opportunities. The Route 9 walking and biking trail stretches between Martinsburg and the Charles Town/Ranson area and offers users wide-open views and diverse terrain from flat land to sloping hills.

Don't forget to pack your lure and fishing rod along with your hiking boots and bike helmet. Sleepy Creek Lake, a 205-acre impoundment, provides trophy bass, crappie, and northern pike, and it allows night fishing with permission. You can also fish from any of the public access streams flowing throughout the county. If observing nature is more your style, Berkeley County has two nature preserves that house a wide variety of birds and plants. Stauffer's Marsh Nature Preserve, in Back Creek Valley, and the Yankauer Nature Preserve each offer easy walking trails that allow for easy observation.

Finish a day of well-earned victory with a delicious meal in Martinsburg's downtown food scene. Change your view from the office window to the beautiful Fall scenery of Martinsburg, Berkeley County, WV. Plan your custom vacation and outdoor adventures today at TravelWV.com.

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Adventure is ready to be discovered in Berkeley County, WV with breathtaking outdoor opportunities, from traversing the 23,000-acre Sleepy Creek WMA to great hiking, biking, walking, camping, fishing and boating. Finish a day of well-earned victory with a delicious meal in the downtown food scene.

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And the newly constructed Meeks Mountain Trails offer miles of meandering trails that feel like you're deep in the forest but you're really just outside of town. For those wanting a slower pace, Valley Park offers miles of easy walking trails, and a new disc golf course.

Easy access to the Kanawha River for both paddle and motorboats lets you discover scenic waterways. Schedule a paddleboard rental with or without lessons from Appalachian Boarding Company – it's a great activity for folks of all ages. Or bring your boat for easy river access at the new boat launch ramp in Winfield.

WEST VIRGINIA

has long been known for

GREAT OUTDOOR

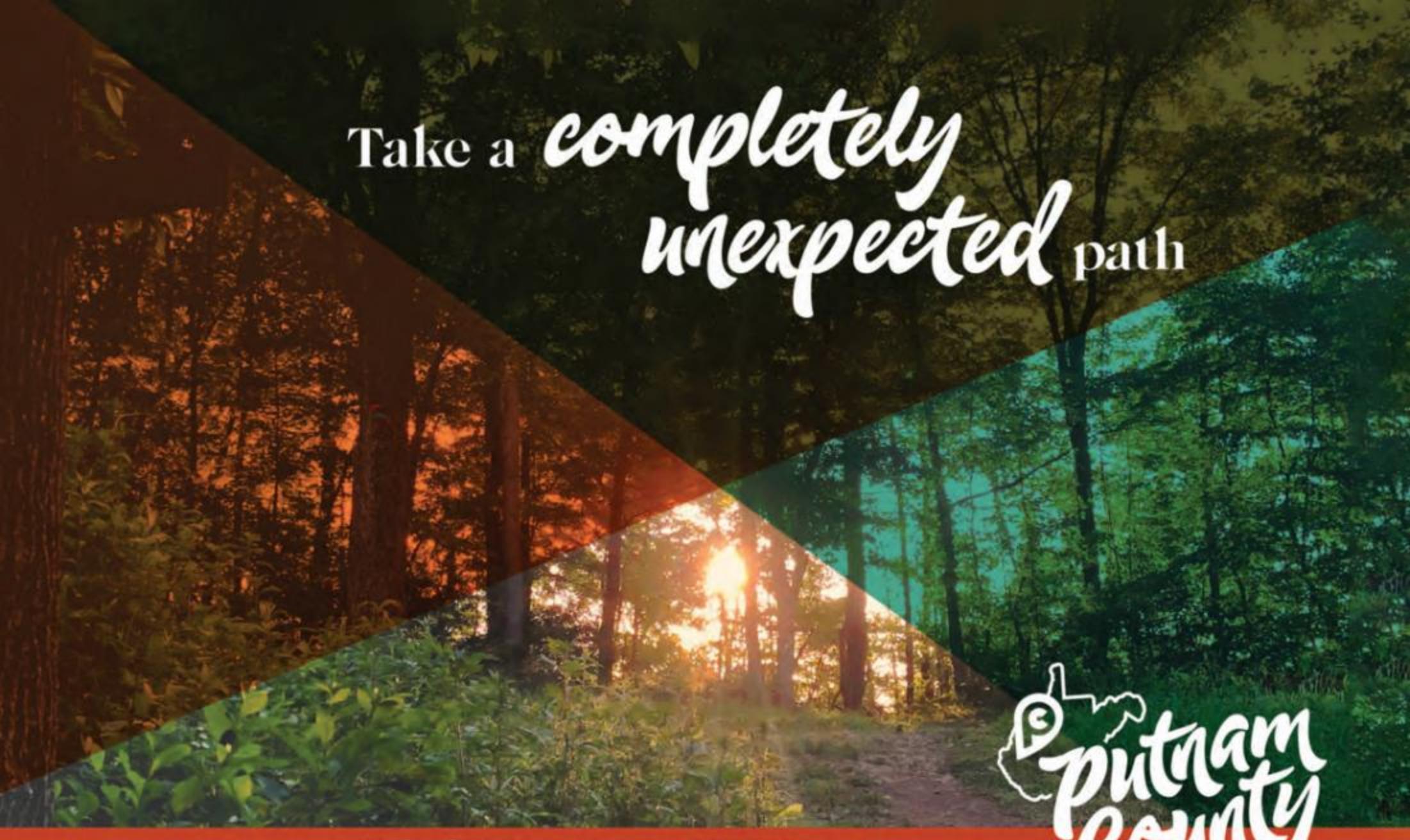
recreation opportunities, and recent developments make Putnam County, smack dab between Huntington and Charleston, no exception.

Outdoor enthusiasts can explore miles of hiking and mountain biking trails. In the sleepy town of Eleanor (West Virginia's cleanest town!) the Eleanor Park offers miles of trails that are long known by locals and are a hidden gem.



The friendly people of Putnam extend a warm welcome, and you can find some of the most delicious local food from restaurants offering regular dining and carry out options. We offer some of the best carry out options in the region for folks who want to maintain physical distance while traveling. Area hotels are working hard to keep things extra clean and safe for guests, and all are either newly constructed or recently remolded for a clean, comfortable stay.

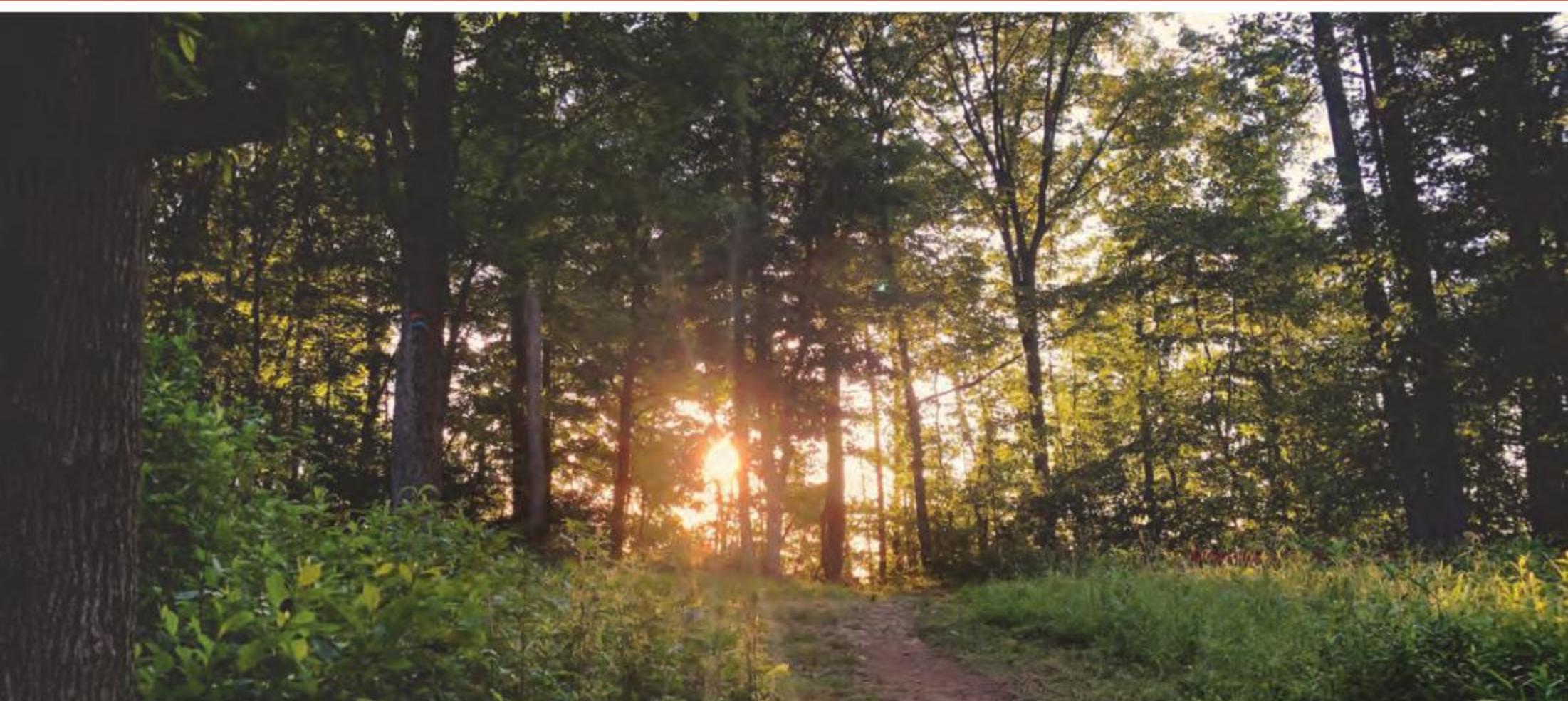
Because of Putnam County's close proximity to the nearby cities of Charleston and Huntington, you can be in either town within 30 minutes of Putnam County for even more to see and do.



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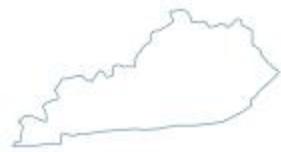
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Additional outdoor recreation opportunities abound, along with museums, public art tours, and other safe attractions for a lower-key day when you need to recover from adventuring. Visit the new Instagram account @WvMetroValley to learn more about safe attractions from the entire region.

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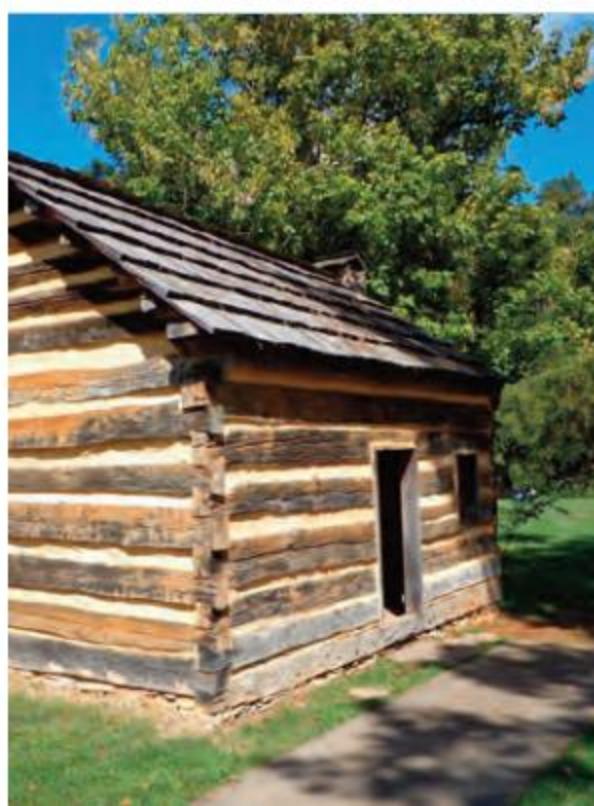
SLIDE ON INTO THE BLUEGRASS STATE! HOME TO BOTH THE LUSH
BLUE-TINGED GREENERY AND THE SOULFUL MUSIC THAT GIVES THE STATE ITS
NICKNAME, KENTUCKY IS A LITTLE PIECE OF WARMTH IN YOUR SOUL.

With mountains soaring high in the East and the majestic Ohio River in the West, Kentucky is a fabulous destination for folks looking to get away from it all and enjoy a solid piece of Southern hospitality.

One of America's most famous presidents, Abraham Lincoln, was born here in Kentucky. You can visit his birthplace and pay homage to the man who led us through the Civil War. At Sinking Springs Farm, a Memorial Building houses the Symbolic Birth Cabin, a replica of the one-room cabin where Lincoln was born.

Learn about this great man and explore the property as well – it's on a natural spring! Kentucky is full of Lincoln historical sites – everything from beautiful statues to preserved houses of his family members to entire state parks. Pepper your vacation with a little bit of learning.

Any fan of country music or bluegrass needs to make a pilgrimage to Kentucky sometime in their life. Bluegrass was born here, and country music has sunk in deep roots.





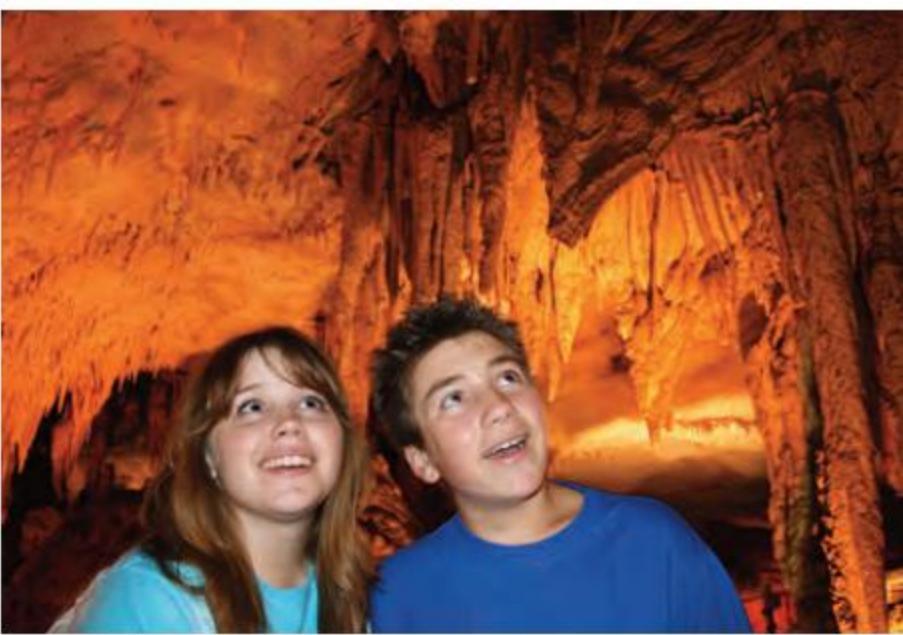
Wander a historic downtown area with dozens of eclectic art galleries, boutiques, antique shops & restaurants. With its American flags, hanging flower baskets & Victorian-era buildings, downtown Georgetown exemplifies small town America.

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Kentucky
LANNED STATE



Love to explore underground? Kentucky is filled with caves and caverns ripe for adventure. You can take an underground boat tour through Lost River Cave, and gently float past incredible cave formations and marvel at the complex structures that have built up over millions of years. Mammoth Cave National Park is the world's longest cave system, and you can explore it on your own or take a guided cave tour. Make a vacation out of it and camp on site at one of the campgrounds – this will let you really take your time with the complex cave system.



Bluegrass was born here...



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Take in a hall of fame while you're here!

Take in a hall of fame while you're here! The Bluegrass Music Hall of Fame and Museum in Owensboro is a great find, and the Country Music Highway Museum in Paintsville is incredibly charming. Treat your ears to the classic sounds of Kentucky bluegrass!

BORN HERE



LORETTA LYNN



DWIGHT YOAKAM



BILLY RAY CYRUS

So many stars were born here – people from Loretta Lynn to Dwight Yoakam to Billy Ray Cyrus call this state their home. Full of music festivals and venues large and small, everywhere you turn there will be an opportunity to enjoy some authentic live music. Take in a hall of fame while you're here! The Bluegrass Music Hall of Fame and Museum in Owensboro is a great find, and the Country Music

Highway Museum in Paintsville is incredibly charming. Treat your ears to the classic sounds of Kentucky bluegrass!

If you're in the mood for a more extreme experience, then the Louisville Mega Cavern is the place for you. Strap on a helmet and zipline through this massive cavern system, learning about the geology and

history of the structures around you. Two challenge bridges are there to test your mettle, and you can race your loved ones on their dual zipline. For an easier tour of this beautiful underground experience, take the Historic Tram Tour or a guided walking tour. So many options, so little time!

Wide and beautiful and rugged and amazing, Kentucky is calling for you.



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“ With fewer than 3,000 residents, Cadiz, Kentucky, is a small town with a big heart.



The historic main street features authentic antique shopping, authentic regional barbecue, Victorian homes, and historic brick buildings. Here's what else is waiting for you in beautiful Cadiz.

The Cadiz Community Arts Center

The Cadiz Community Arts Center is a nonprofit organization dedicated to bringing a variety of forms of quality art to community residents and visitors. It features exhibits by local, regional, national, and worldwide artists as well as an annual theatrical production. The arts center manages the Janice Mason Art Museum, hosts a variety of classes, and hosts community events such as the Festival of Trees and an ongoing book club.

The Trigg County Ham Festival

The Trigg County Ham Festival occurs for three days every year during the second weekend in October. As its name implies, ham is the main event. The fun kicks off with a country ham breakfast and continues from there. Sponsored by the Trigg County Chamber of Commerce and held at the Trigg County Recreation Complex in Cadiz, the festival showcases the best of local culinary traditions.

With fewer than 3,000 residents, Cadiz, Kentucky, is a small town with a big heart. Surrounded by rolling farmland in bucolic Trigg County, visitors come to Cadiz for the myriad of outdoor activities, such as world-class fishing on Lake Barkley, mountain biking the Canal Loop Trail, and hunting wild game in the backcountry. History buffs can get a taste of what it was like to live on

a mid-19th century farmstead by visiting the Homeplace 1850s Working Farm, where even the heirloom vegetable varieties featured in the garden beds are authentic. Bison and elk roam the Elk and Bison Prairie, and horseback riding enthusiasts can enjoy trail rides through some of Kentucky's most gorgeous scenery at Wrangler's Campground.



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Guests also enjoy music, arts-and-crafts vendors, a garden club contest, a car and truck show, carnival rides, farmer art, and a golf tournament. Free to the public, the festival is now in its 44th year and continues to get better with age.

Foodies love Trigg County

You don't have to wait for the Trigg

County Ham Festival to get a taste of Cadiz, though. The Trigg County Farmers Market operates May through October on Wednesdays and Saturdays and features fresh local fair, antiques, and arts-and-crafts on Main Street in Cadiz. One wouldn't expect the authentic Mexican and gourmet choices in such a small town. However, many locals frequent The Cadiz Restaurant and

Taste of The South, restaurants where you can find an impressive rib-eye that rivals others' for a fraction of what one would typically expect to pay. And of course, Cadiz wouldn't be the Southern Charm small town it is without its own fried chicken options. The independent restaurants fry up some of the best, crispy and seasoned chicken that keeps visitors reaching for just one more leg.

GEORGETOWN *Horsey Attractions*

If Kentucky has one perfect measuring stick for social distancing, it's the horse. At approximately eight feet long, horses have been social distancing long before the term ever came into popular usage, as it has during the pandemic. And Kentucky is fortunate to have lots of horses, especially in Georgetown – the state's unofficial Horse Headquarters.

At Whispering Woods Riding Stable, located north of Lexington, KY in Georgetown, two dozen healthy and beautiful horses give experienced and would-be equestrians a chance to get outdoors and explore some of the state's most scenic countryside on 250 acres of untouched, wooded trails. Breeds include Tennessee Walking Horses, Appaloosas, American Paint Horses, a Shetland Pony and a Gypsy Vanner Cross described as the type of "proud steed that knights rode in days of olde."

Just a short drive away is the Kentucky Horse Park. The only park of its kind in the world, this working horse farm, educational theme park, equine competition facility, and equine office park is dedicated to man's relationship with the horse. Featuring dozens of different breeds of horses at work and at play, the park showcases the horse in daily equine presentations, horse drawn tours, museums dedicated to the history of the horse, and horseback and pony rides during the main summer season.

You can find a more personal experience with our four-legged pals at Old Friends, one of the only places where visitors can feed a Kentucky Derby winner a carrot. Founded by former Boston Globe film critic, Michael Blowen, the thoroughbred retirement farm provides a dignified retirement in a nurturing environment to thoroughbreds whose racing and breeding careers have come to an end. Today, about 175 rescued and retired horses live the good life on what has grown to a 200-plus-acre facility.

For more horsey fun, visit [www.georgetownky.com!](http://www.georgetownky.com/)



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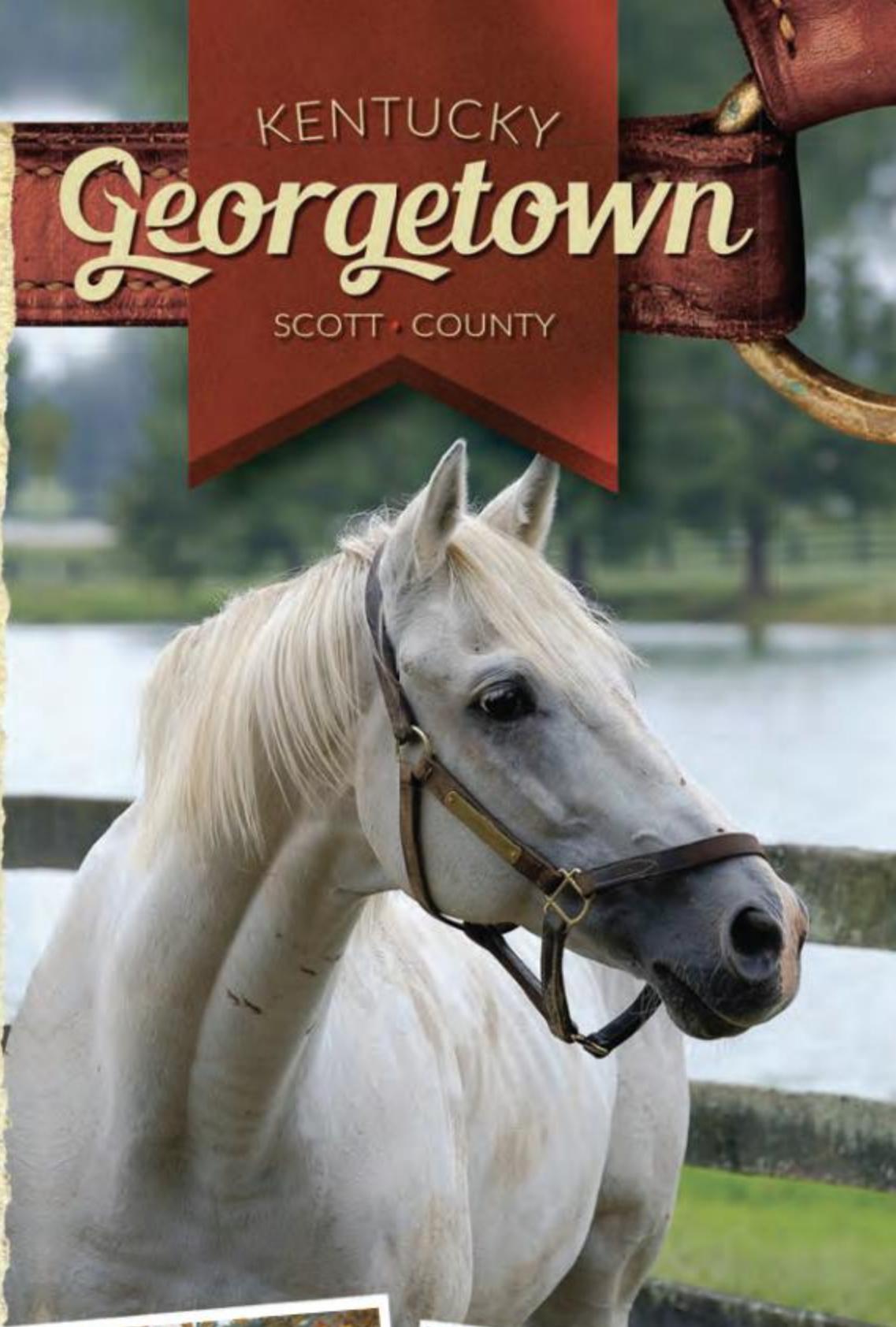
- Get up close and personal with stars of the turf at **Old Friends Thoroughbred Retirement Farm**.

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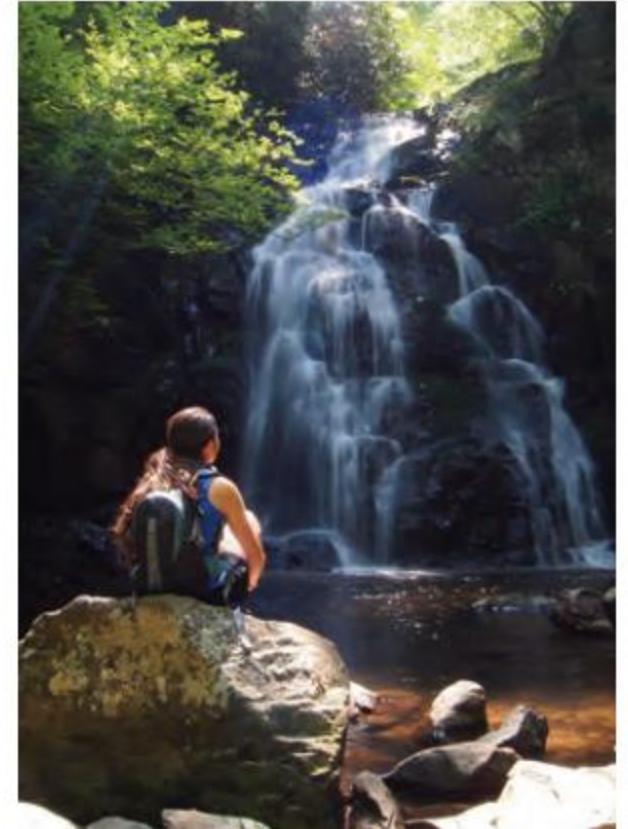
TENNESSEE

TENNESSEE IS MORE THAN JUST DOLLY PARTON AND ELVIS. IT IS THE HOME OF GREAT MUSIC AND GREATER MUSICIANS, YES, BUT THERE IS A DEPTH OF CULTURE TO THE STATE THAT IS JUST BEGGING TO BE PLUMBED.

Gear up and head out to the Volunteer State to see what makes it so great.

Soar through the air with the greatest of ease – not on a trapeze, on a hang glider! Learn to hang glide and paraglide at the amazing Lookout Mountain Flight Park. Situated on a majestic mountain, you can learn to soar and glide just like a bird. Look down at the incredible view – seven states are in view from where you are! Learn to fly by yourself or simply relax with a tandem

flight alongside an experienced instructor – either way, experience the beauty of Tennessee from the sky. If staying on the ground sounds better for you, try hiking to Burgess Falls. This gorgeous waterfall cascades about 136 feet into a massive limestone gorge, and is an incredible site to witness. Hike your way through the lush greenery of the Burgess Falls State Park, admiring the trees and listening for birds, and witness the raw beauty of this waterfall at the culmination of your hike. You don't want to miss it!





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Irwin's Chapel

Quaint little log churches, or meeting houses, were once popular all throughout America; they just tended to remain in use longer in Southern Appalachia. This one was built around 1840. It is furnished with the same log pulpit and benches that were in the church when Irwin acquired it. Unable to determine the original name of the church, Irwin modestly named it, "Irwin's Chapel."

Recreated 1880's Ice Cream Parlor & Fudge Shoppe at the Casey Jones Village.



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LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN FLIGHT PARK



MUSEUM OF APPALACHIA



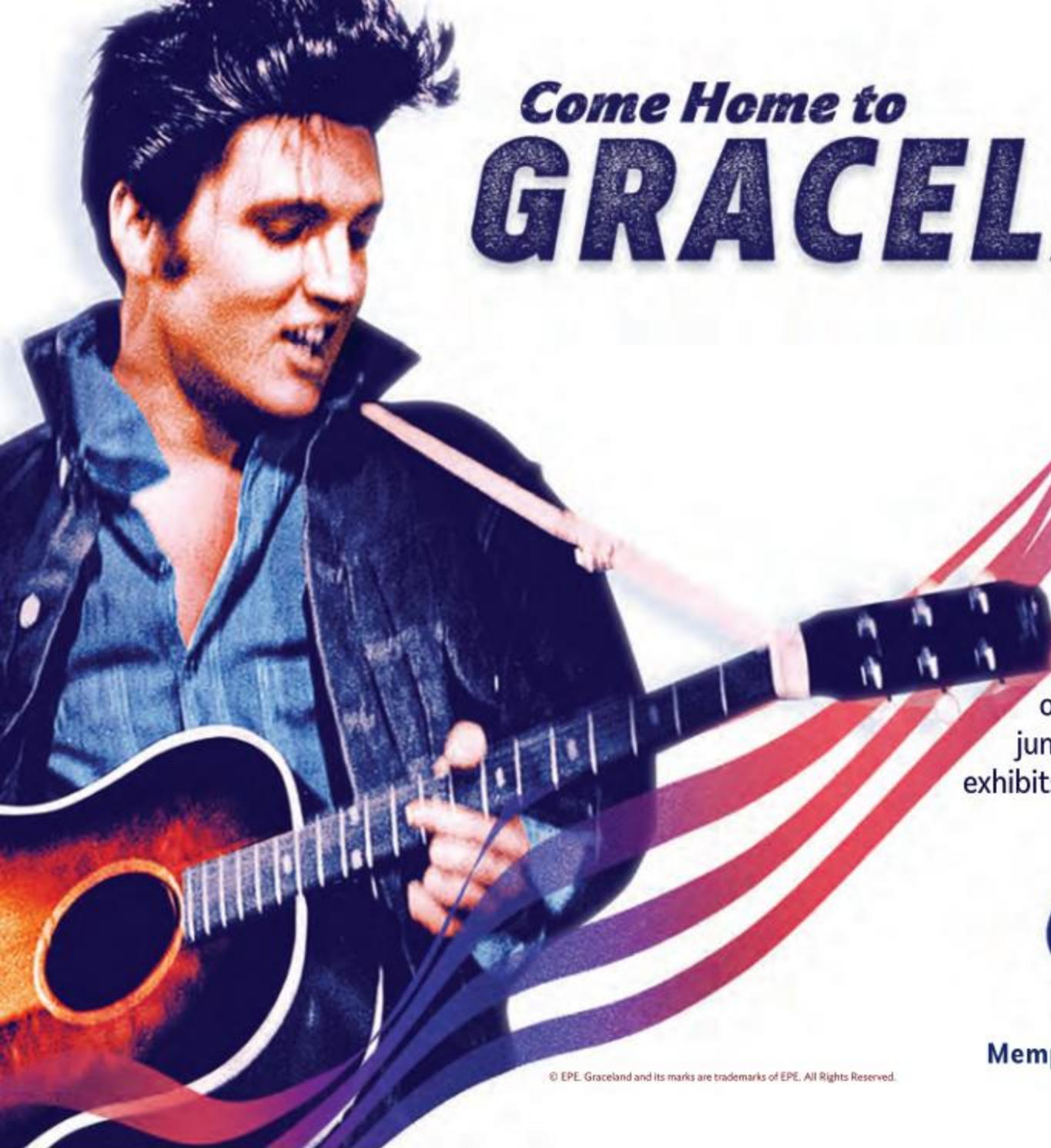
OAKLANDS MANSION



CASEY JONES HOME AND RAILROAD MUSEUM

Give your kids the experience of a lifetime with a trip to the Smoky Mountain Deer Farm and Exotic Petting Zoo. Where else can you pet a kangaroo, feed a camel, or get sniffed by a zebra? This petting zoo is filled with well-treated, well cared for exotic animals you rarely get to see up close. Have a kid who loves horses? Take them for a ride along the trail! This fantastic animal experience is worth the trip. If your little ones are more interested in machines rather than animals, then the solution is the Casey Jones Home and Railroad Museum. Dedicated to the life and work of the famous American railroader, this museum is a trip back in time to peak moments of railroad history. They even have an original engine model from the late 1800's, and kids can climb aboard and ring the bell! Grab an ice cream and poke around the country store after your visit to the museum, and enjoy this lovely quality time with the ones you care for most.

Sick of regular, static museums with exhibits on walls and behind glass? Then make your way to the Museum of Appalachia, a living pioneer mountain farm-village that tells the tale of early pioneer life in Tennessee up close and personal. Tour the authentic Mark Twain Family Cabin, moved to the grounds of the museum in 1995. This is likely the cabin the great writer was born in. Take a picture in authentic 1870's jail cells. Explore the Leather and Saddle Shop and the Homestead Smoke House to see how things were made and preserved in the 1800's. So much to do, so much to see, so much to learn! On the other end of the grandeur spectrum is the Oaklands Mansion. This incredible pre-Civil War home has stood tall and proud, changing hands over the decades but never losing its style. Wander the grounds, tour the mansion, marvel at the artifacts on display — a taste of the good life from long, long ago!



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EXPLORE CATFISH AND CANNONBALLS IN HARDIN COUNTY TENNESSEE

Southern and soulful, West Tennessee blends rural charm and diverse culture. In southwest Tennessee - about 2 hours from Nashville and 2 hours from Memphis - lies Hardin County, home to catfish, hushpuppies and tons of history. Hardin County shines with legendary landmarks, tasty traditions, and an awesome array of outdoor recreation.

Spend all day on the water at Pickwick Landing State Park, where Tennessee, Mississippi and Alabama meet on the Lake. With almost 500 miles of shoreline and over 43,000 acres of water, Pickwick Lake provides ample opportunity for excellent fishing year-round!



“Southern and soulful, West Tennessee blends rural charm and diverse culture.”

Because Pickwick Lake is bordered by three states, a reciprocal agreement applies to anyone with a valid Sport Fishing License in any one of the bordering states. You can enjoy wonderful fishing for catfish, bass, and crappie, or just spend the day lazing about on a pontoon, soaking up the sun on Pickwick Lake.

Pickwick State Park is home to not only championship fishing, but golfing, hiking, canoeing, and a newly renovated Lodge with restaurant, bar and several swimming options of indoor or outdoor pools and sandy beaches.

Over night stay options include all-lake-view lodge rooms, cabins, villas, and campgrounds to enjoy all the scenery and natural fun.

The nearby river town of Savannah is more than just the seat of Hardin County, it's also the Catfish Capital of the World! Famous for its incredible fishing opportunities, the local waters of the Tennessee River offer plenty of large catfish as well as bass.

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CHERRY MANSION

A house built here by James Rudd, pioneer ferry operator, was replaced by a house built by David Robinson, whose son-in-law, William H. Cherry, improved and enlarged it. Maj. Gen. C. F. Smith, Federal army commander, had headquarters here, where he died and was succeeded by Maj. Gen. U.S. Grant. Maj. Gen. Don Carlos Buell, commanding Federal Army of the Ohio, also used it for a short while. Maj. Gen. W. H. L. Wallace, mortally wounded at Shiloh, died here.

Trail of Tears

Historic Ferry Crossing

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While fishing is excellent year-round, the best fishing can be had in the spring and fall each year. Visit the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency and Tennessee State Parks online for detailed information about local fishing. Hardin County is home to several fishing competitions throughout the year including the "granddaddy" of all—the National Catfish Derby, now its 78th year; Country Artist and hometown boy Darryl Worley's Tennessee River Run Bass Tournament and several regional and state high school championships.

Then just up-river is yet another pristine park, historic Shiloh National Military Park. Resting on 4200 wooded acres of trails and a 12.7 mile driving tour, Shiloh is known as one the best preserved Civil War battlefields in the United States. Visitors may drive, hike or bike exploring the national cemetery, visitors center, peach orchard, 156 monuments, 217 cannons, plus spot the nesting eagles and explore the 800 year old Shiloh Indian Mounds, a landmark on its own.

Hardin County is just waiting for you and your family to come explore! From Pickwick to Shiloh and all the parks in between, we can't wait to meet you.

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Downtown Commons

This full-block urban park is a kid's delight. With an imagination playground, water features, free concerts, large spaces for free play, shaded picnic areas, and an ice cream shop -- what's not to love?

Fort Defiance Civil War Park

Hear the stories, learn the history, see the weapons, wander the grounds, and experience the views at the Fort Defiance Civil War Park & Interpretive Center.

Parks

Explore two state and 30 local parks filled with activities like splash pads, hiking, water sports, creeks, playgrounds, picnic areas, disc golf, wildlife, history and more.

African American Legacy Trail

Follow along this self-guided trail and discover the stories about notable residents, historic architecture, and other significant sites.



Downtown Market

Clarksville's RiverWalk Extension transforms to a festive spot on Saturday mornings May - October. The top-rated open-air market features locally grown fresh produce and handcrafted products.

Historic Collingsville Pioneer Settlement

Journey back to the mid-19th century at this historic settlement. Explore 16 authentically furnished buildings over 40 rural acres in a self-guided tour. Bring along picnic and enjoy the trails.

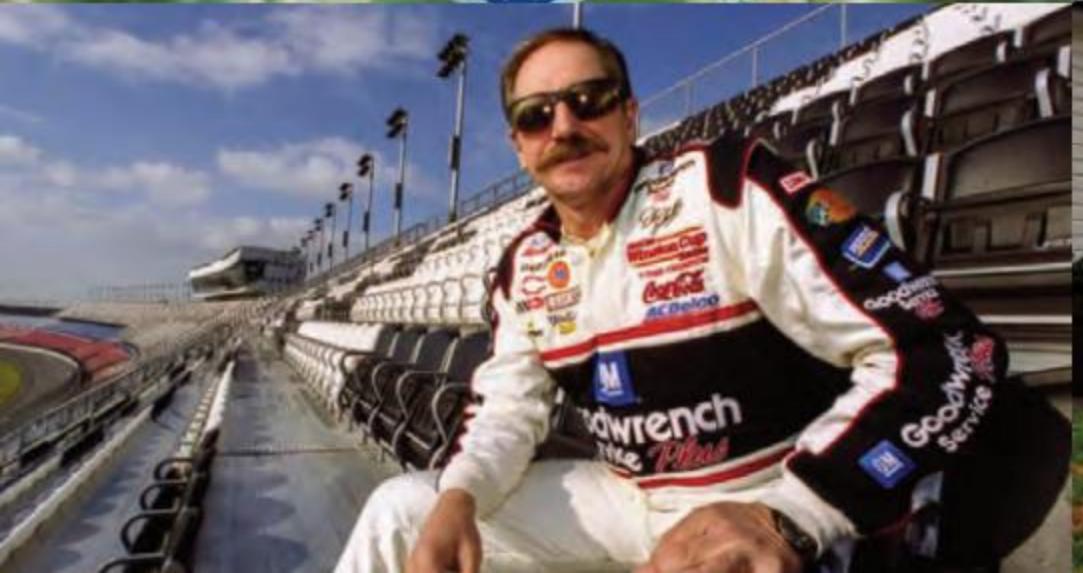
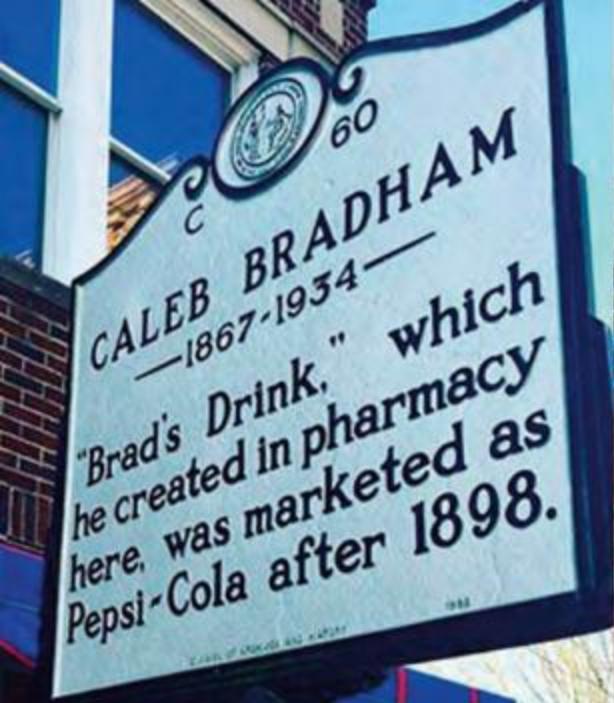




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A little bit down home country and a little bit hip and urban, North Carolina should top your lists of destinations to explore!

Why is North Carolina called the Tar Heel State? No one knows for sure, but local legend says that when North Carolina used to be America's leading producer of tar, people saw the footprints in the tar and came up with the nickname then. No one knows for sure, but it's a great story. Not only a leader in industry, North Carolina is a leader in innovation! NASCAR was born in North Carolina, arising out of Prohibition-era high speed car chases. The faster your car went, the less likely it was the police could catch you! Stock cars got faster and faster, and before you know it a massive sports industry was born. Everyone knows about the first successful man-powered flight at Kitty Hawk in 1903 – Orville and Wilbur Wright innovated air travel right here. Every time you step on a plane to travel across the globe, you can thank these honorary North Carolinians – even though they were born in Ohio, they knew the best place to be for their flight experiments. The

delicious icy cold soda Pepsi was also invented in North Carolina! Invented by Caleb Bradham in 1898, it was originally thought to aid indigestion. Now it's one of the leading sodas sold worldwide.

This state is also home to some famous faces. Appropriately enough for the state that gave birth to NASCAR, Dale Earnhardt Sr. was born and raised in North Carolina. He won 76 Winston Cups over the course of his racing career, until he died suddenly due to a collision in the 2001 Daytona 500. The talented boxer Sugar Ray Leonard was born here as well – in Wilmington, NC. Still alive and kicking today, he now makes his living as a motivational speaker. Fans of classic television will recognize this final famous face – Andy Griffith, the actor and comedian, was born and raised in the lovely Tar Heel State as well. His final resting place is Roanoke Island, so pay your respects to this pioneer of television.

North Carolina is full of history and fun, so don't hesitate to visit!

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VANCE COUNTY AND KERR LAKE

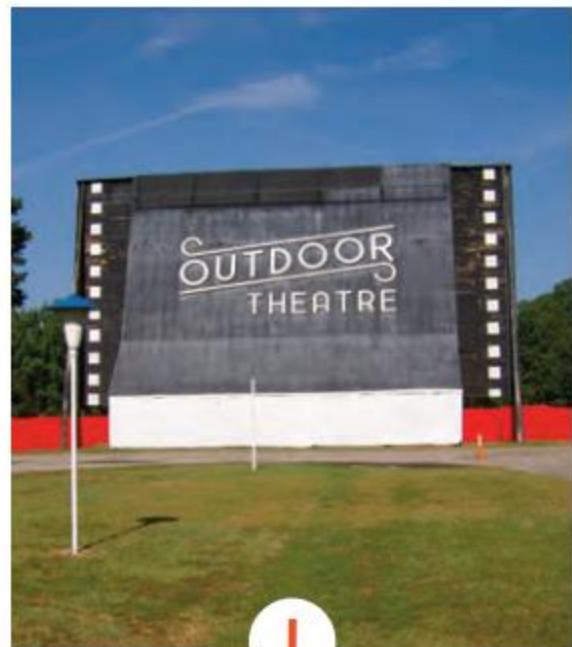
Henderson and Vance County shares Kerr Lake, its largest attraction, with Virginia's southern border. Kerr Lake is the largest man-made lake east of the Mississippi River and one of the top bass fishing lakes in the Southeast. The lake covers 50,000 acres and has over 850 miles of shoreline. Kerr Lake State Recreation Areas include seven campgrounds with over 600 campsites. In addition to fishing and camping, visitors can enjoy boating, skiing, swimming, hiking, picnicking and bird watching. There are two marinas and numerous boat ramps for easy access to the lake. The marinas offer fishing equipment, snacks, beverages, pontoon boat and kayak rentals, fuel, repairs and more. Annual visitation of over 1 million makes it one of the most visited state parks in North Carolina.

Other local attractions include the McGregor Hall Performing Arts Center and the Raleigh Road Outdoor Theatre. McGregor Hall offers everything from summer theatre productions to concert tours and national Broadway touring shows. The Raleigh Road Outdoor Theatre, located just outside of Henderson, is a family-friendly drive-in that opened in 1949. It is presently the oldest operating drive-in and one of only six remaining in the state.

Take time to explore our downtown historic district and enjoy cozy restaurants, a coffee shop and other unique businesses. For the history minded, pick up a copy of our "Heritage Trail" brochure, a walking and driving tour of local historic points of interest.

Henderson is also home to the Show, Shine, Shag & Dine, an antique and classic car show held each year in October. We line the streets of the historic district with hundreds of vintage cars (1988 and older) covering a ten-block area. View beautiful pieces of original automobile history and painstaking restorations. In addition to antique and classic cars, the show is open to all makes and models and attracts hot-rods, muscle cars, rat rods, trucks and nostalgia drag cars. The event is celebrating its 19th year and has grown to be one of the largest shows of its kind in the region.

Henderson is located adjacent to I-85 and US 1 in North Central NC. The location provides a rural lifestyle yet is within a reasonable drive to many major cities.



RALEIGH RD DRIVE-IN THEATRE

The Raleigh Road Outdoor Theatre, located just outside of Henderson, is a family-friendly drive-in that opened in 1949.



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apple COUNTRY

in the Blue Ridge Mountains

In Western North Carolina, just south of Asheville, Hendersonville blends natural beauty with Southern hospitality, a vibrant arts scene and a rich agricultural tradition to create an idyllic Blue Ridge Mountain getaway.



Hendersonville has long been known for its abundant apples. Henderson County leads North Carolina in apple production and consistently ranks within the top producers nationwide. The beginning of August signals the start of apple season. Honeycrisp, Gala and McIntosh are some of the first varieties to ripen. Golden Delicious, Jonagold and Granny Smith follow in September, while Pink Lady, Rome and Arkansas Black take until October.

The orchards — many run by third, fourth and fifth generations — once sold primarily to wholesale buyers. But today many farms welcome visitors to pick their own apples. The Crest of the Blue Ridge Orchard Trail outlines 20 orchards, roadside stands and markets along the scenic back roads of Henderson County. The self-guided trail encourages visitors to create their own apple-country itineraries. Brochures are available online at www.VisitHendersonvilleNC.org or at the Visitor Center in downtown Hendersonville.

With hundreds of acres of orchards and apple picking in the open air, a Hendersonville apple adventure is a safe way for families to get out and make memories this fall. In a year when many of our rituals and traditions have been upended by the global pandemic, we find comfort in the continuity of nature's seasons and the pleasure of simple pastimes.



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Visitors enjoy sampling about a dozen ciders, all made with local apples and varying from crisp and dry to pleasantly sweet.



Many farms offer additional activities, such as feeding barnyard animals, wandering through corn mazes and picking pumpkins from the patch. On-site bakeries transform fresh apples into pies, fritters, doughnuts and caramel-coated confections. A favorite tradition is getting a doughnut fresh from the fryer and savoring it from a rocking chair with a mountain view.

The apple culture permeates downtown Hendersonville as well. A stop at the Henderson County Curb Market reveals vendors selling fresh apples, apple butter, dried apples and other goods. The market has been in operation since 1924. All sellers are Henderson County residents, and all products are locally grown or handmade.

Hendersonville's ready supply of apples makes it a natural fit for the growing hard cider market. Bold Rock Hard Cider — the largest craft cidery in the country — operates a state-of-the-art pressing barn, production facility and tasting room just west of downtown in rural Mills River.



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Appalachian Ridge Artisan Cider brings a bit of the Old World to the Blue Ridge. The owner, whose family stretches back nine generations in Hendersonville, imported apple trees from France to make his European-style cider. Named for surrounding mountain peaks, each cider has its own nuance, reflecting the different apple varieties used in its creation. Sip cider inside the barn-turned-tasting-room or on the back deck overlooking the orchard.

To browse lodging options — including convenient hotels, remote cabins and charming bed-and-breakfast inns — and plan your apple country getaway, go to www.VisitHendersonvilleNC.org or call (800) 828-4244.





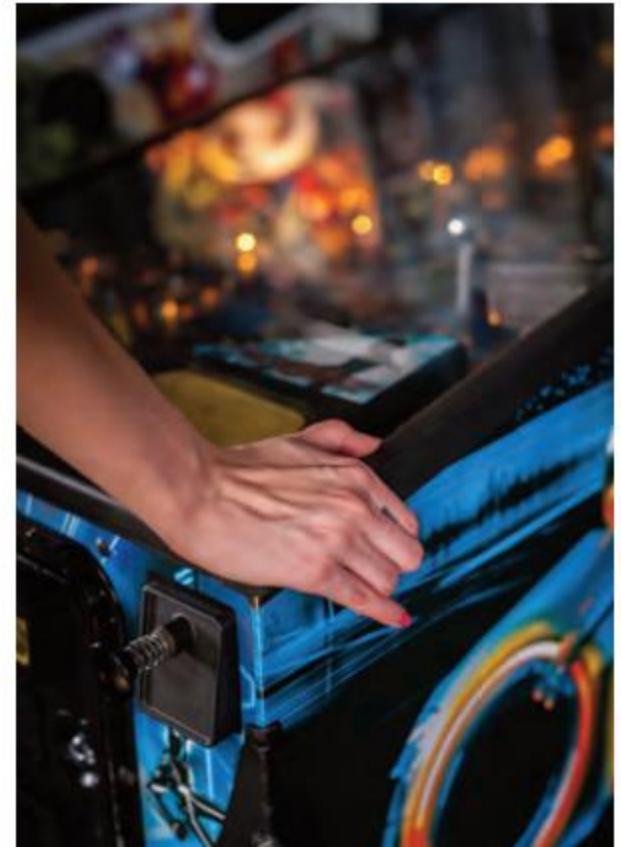
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SOUTH CAROLINA IS A GORGEOUS LITTLE PIECE OF SUBTROPICAL PARADISE, TUCKED AWAY ALONG THE ATLANTIC COAST BETWEEN GEORGIA AND NORTH CAROLINA.

If you're planning a trip far down the Eastern Seaboard, check out our ideas below for the perfect Southern vacation.

For a fan of the outdoors, South Carolina is the place to be. The state's rivers are perfect for water adventures, especially whitewater rafting. The Chattooga River in particular has rapids that will make any adventurer excited. Raft or kayak through

these roaring waters, and feel your heart race as the rapids pound all around you. For those who prefer land adventures, the state is full of scenic hiking and biking trails. Everything from forest to scrubland to marsh is there waiting for you to take it in. The natural beauty of South Carolina is best taken in up close and personal, whether on a bike ride through soaring woods or while hiking the marshy shoreline with your family.



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Spend some time at the Lowcountry Zoo

get to know local wildlife. If birds are more your style, then the Center for Birds of Prey is the right place for you. Tour the facilities where injured birds are taken care of. Learn about the local avian wildlife, and if you time it right you can learn about owls by moonlight. This center takes care of predator birds of all types, and is a fascinating experience for all.

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BROOKGREEN GARDENS



MYRTLE BEACH PINBALL MUSEUM

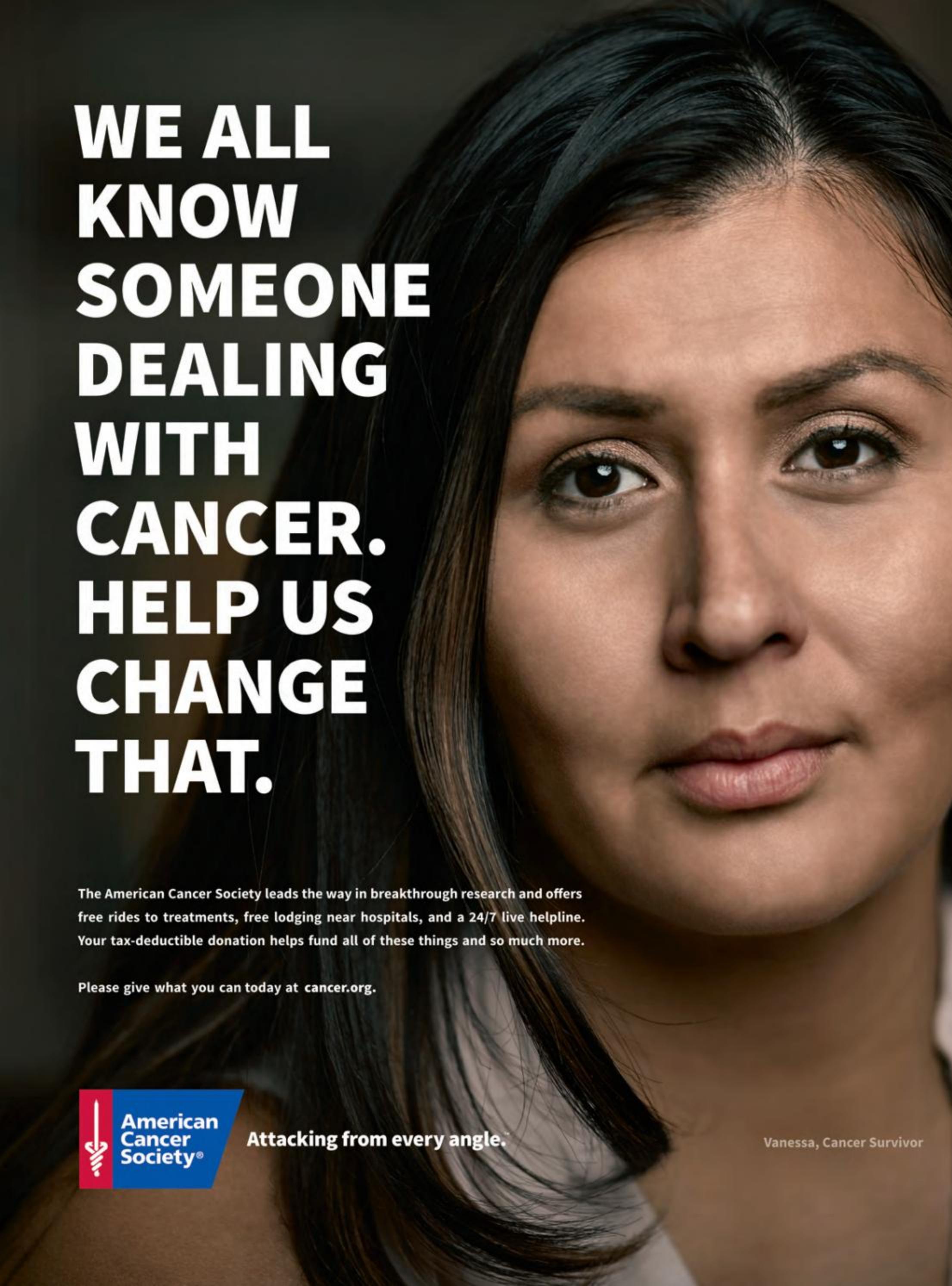


NASH GALLERY

This massive green space is full of beautiful flowers and graceful trees, as well as masterpieces of American sculpture. Wander amongst the art and nature, and then spend some time at the Lowcountry Zoo – get to know local wildlife. If birds are more your style, then the Center for Birds of Prey is the right place for you. Tour the facilities where injured birds are taken care of. Learn about the local avian wildlife, and if you time it right you can learn about owls by moonlight. This center takes care of predator birds of all types, and is a fascinating experience for all.

Rain interrupting your vacation? Then spend some time battling old-school nemeses at the

Myrtle Beach Pinball Museum. This unique museum has pinball faves from the '70's to the present day, and you can play all of them. Everything from Star Trek to KISS to Star Wars is here, and the clatter of the paddles will bring back old memories. This museum is only four blocks from the ocean, so if your beach day is halted then spend some time here. For art lovers, the Nash Gallery on Hilton Head Island is a perfect place to be. Specializing in North American crafts, this gallery will give you a little taste of local workmanship and let you admire pieces of great beauty. Take home an incredible ceramic plate or an intricately worked pair of earrings as an unforgettable reminder of a wonderful trip.



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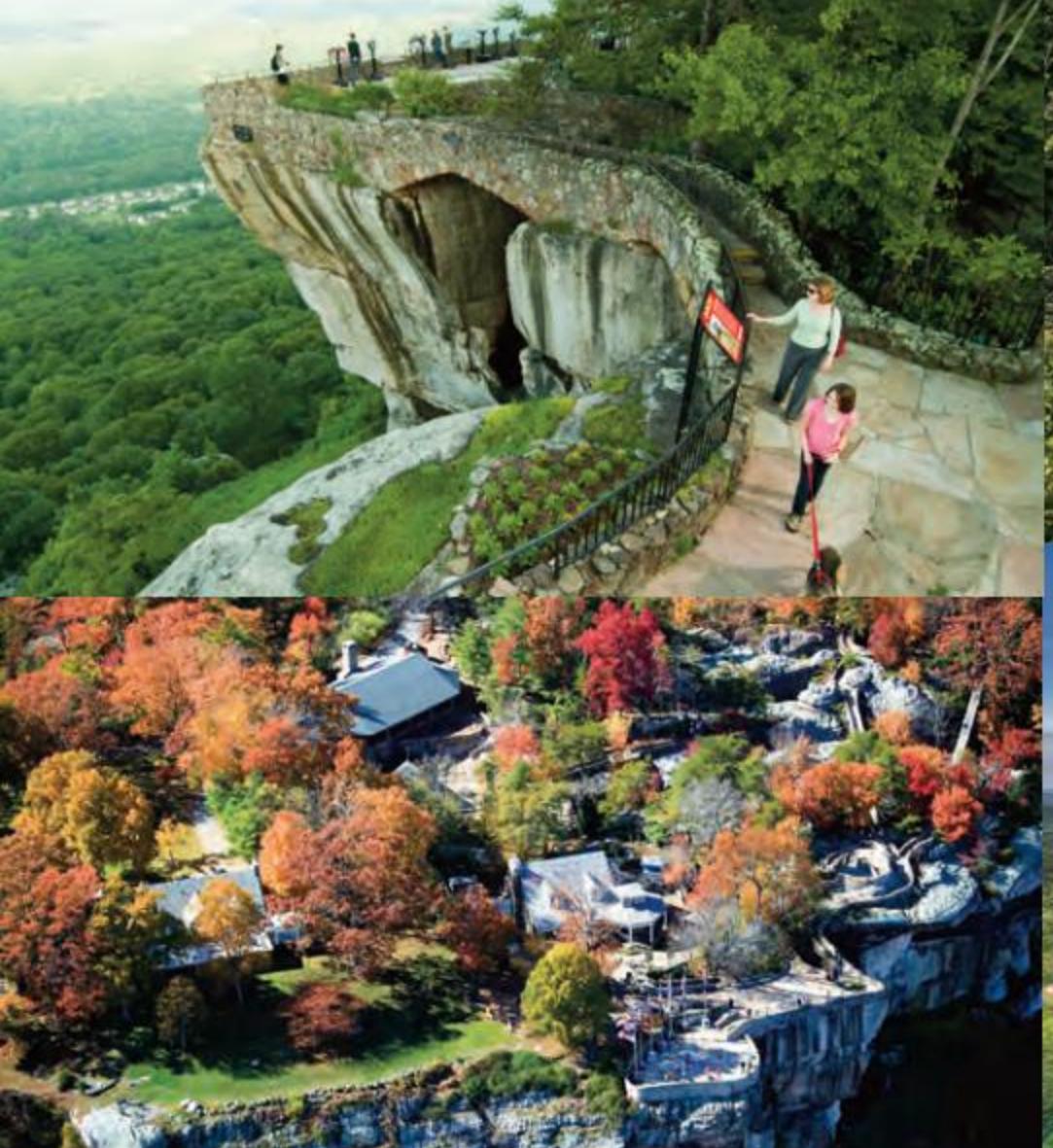
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Take some time this fall to explore the full breadth of majesty available to you in this place of history and beauty. You'll be surprised and delighted with the interesting attractions available off the beaten path!

>NOAH'S ARK ANIMAL

SANCTUARY Locust Grove

For the animal lover, there's no better place to visit than Noah's Ark Animal Sanctuary in Locust Grove, Georgia. This non-profit exists to care for both exotic and farm animals that would not be able to otherwise survive on their own. They also have a thriving Wildlife Rehabilitation Program that gets 100's of animals back out in the wild where they belong. Over 1,500

animals call the property home – everything from Bengal tigers and rhesus macaques to porcupines and a zeedonk (zebra donkey hybrid). Take a free self-guided tour of the animals, walk on the wild side for a guided behind the scenes tour, or even get a painting done for you by Doc the Bengal tiger! An unforgettable memory, no matter how you experience it.

>ROCK CITY GARDENS

Lookout Mountain

Elevate your view with a trip up Lookout Mountain. Let the winding roads lead you to Rock City, a marvel of nature. Stand in awe and gaze at the ancient rock formations, explore the Enchanted Trail as it winds through the woodland

surroundings, and gaze over seven individual states from the Flag Court. 1700 feet above sea level and overlooking the Tennessee Valley, you can gaze out over the rolling hills and plains of Tennessee, Georgia, Kentucky, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Alabama. Let the view and the fresh air take your breath away! For the culture-inclined visitor, there are art installations scattered throughout the gardens. See how many you can find as you smell the local flowers and admire the way the brook babbles around you. Don't pass up this incredible and quintessentially Georgia experience!

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Welcome to the heart of South Georgia where charm meets nature's most gorgeous views. While much of the nation prepares for stifling temperatures and storms, Valdosta is home to an endless mix of #VeryValdosta amenities and 'Remarkable' is the standard.

Soar through the air for a head rush at Wild Adventure's Theme Park, one of the largest parks in the Southeast U.S. Pet and feed animals, both native and exotic to the area, and see an array of species stationed all over the grounds. Cool down at Splash Island Waterpark after crossing a gator-filled pen at Discovery Outpost.

For thrill seekers, the Valdosta Wake Compound is a 56-acre full-cable obstacle course. An easy 30-minute lesson has the most inexperienced water lovers swooshing around the lake.

For a more relaxing experience, the 115-mile Withlacoochee River has cypress, river birch, oaks and pines in one of the few undammed and undeveloped blackwater rivers in the country. Paddle on, friends! Meander through wetlands and swamp at the 18,000-

acre Grand Bay Wildlife Management Area. Bring binoculars to view birds, wildlife and maybe even alligators!

Food is not just a meal in Valdosta. It's a sweet, savory, "Holy moly, I can't believe how good this is" extravaganza. Valdosta is home to hundreds of mouth-watering options. While the specialty is authentic Southern cooking and BBQ, the variety available means nobody leaves town with less than a stuffed belly.

But don't just feed the body. Feed the soul. See a show at Peach State Summer Theatre or Dosta Playhouse, stroll through the 17,000 sq. ft. Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts or shop the abundant art and craft boutiques all over town.

The city's crown jewel, The Crescent at Valdosta Garden Center, is an 1898 Neoclassical structure perfect for photo opps, filming and events. Absorb a piece of history with tours of this and dozens of other historic homes and monuments.

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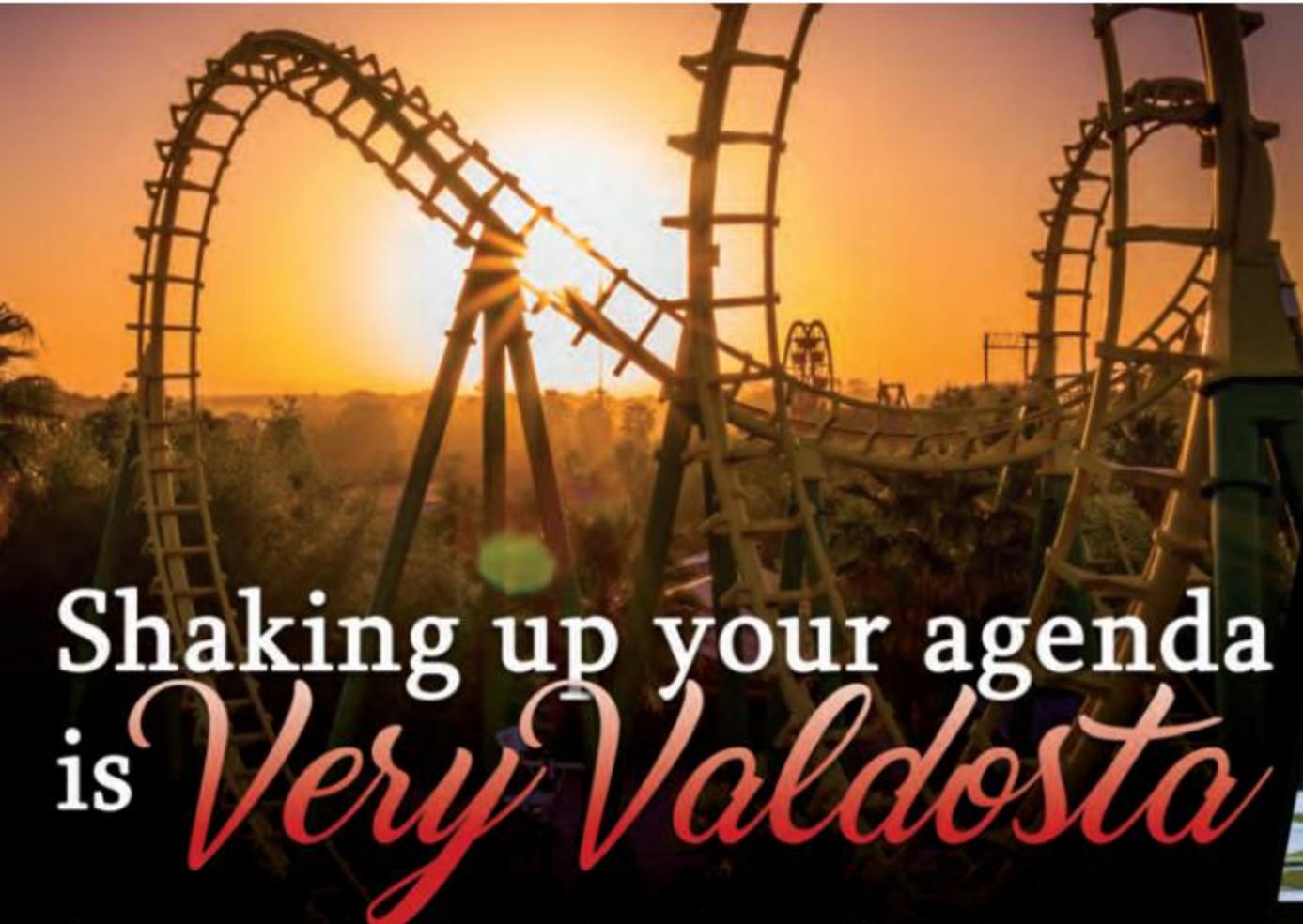
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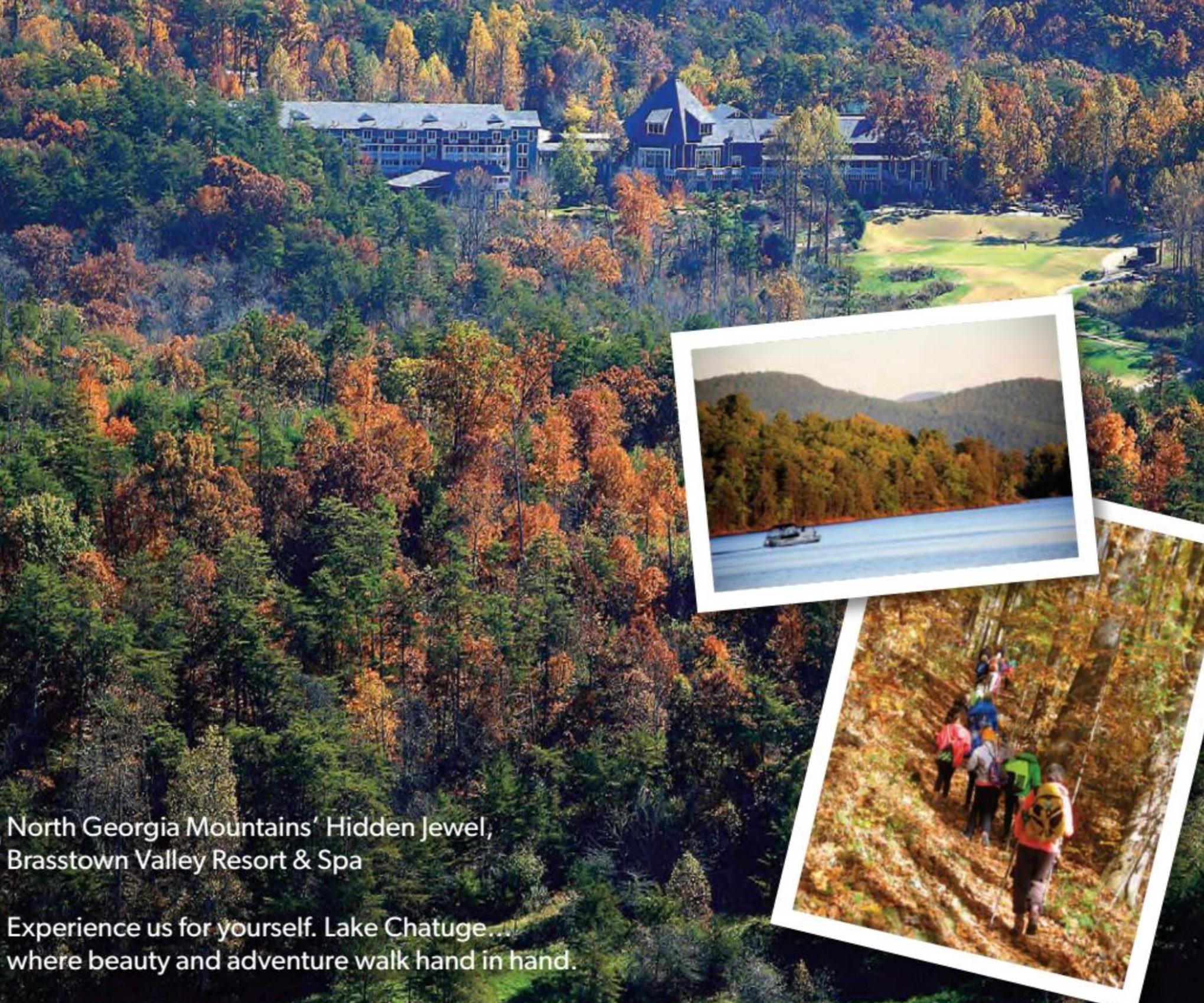


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