

Gordon County • Northwest GA

# CALHOUN

Rich in History • Alive with Action  
Filled with Southern Hospitality



**Gordon County**  
Convention & Visitors Bureau  
Chamber of Commerce

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Share Your Memories With Us #Calhoun

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and Lauren Howard.

What memory will you take home  
from Gordon County?

## Plan to be Enlightened & Entertained

The rolling hills of Calhoun-Gordon County are steeped in history and offer countless opportunities for adventure. As you explore our Battle of Resaca sites, you literally are standing where some of the heaviest fighting took place at the beginning of Sherman's Atlanta Campaign. Walk in the footsteps of the Cherokee Indians and see where the tragic "Trail of Tears" officially began.

If you are a nature lover, you will enjoy Northwest Georgia. Castles and cathedrals await you at The ROCK Garden, a whimsical place featuring miniature structures and beautiful scenery. The moderate climate allows for year-around activities such as paddling our rivers and lakes and hiking or biking along our scenic trails.

If shopping is more your style, search the sales at Calhoun Premium Outlets, find unique souvenirs and gifts in Downtown Calhoun or stroll the seasonal farmers' markets.

For the arts enthusiast, tour the Roland Hayes Museum and galleries at the Harris Arts Center and enjoy acclaimed entertainment at Calhoun's restored GEM Theatre.

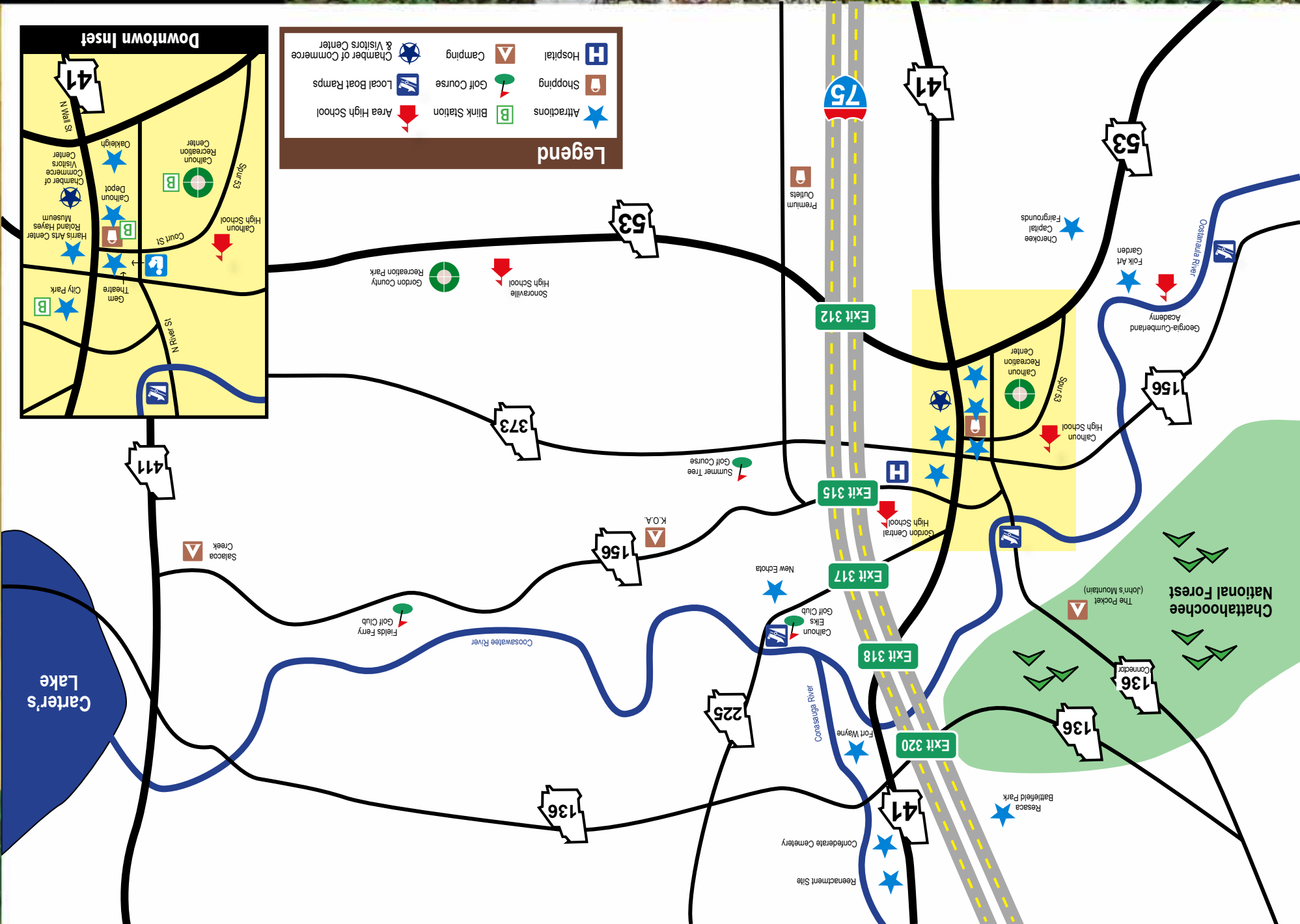
Conveniently located between Atlanta and Chattanooga with six exits on I-75, Gordon County offers easy access to plentiful dining choices, entertainment, shopping and lodging.

To be "in the know" and learn where the locals go, contact the Gordon County Chamber of Commerce/Convention & Visitors Bureau as you plan your trip. We look forward to welcoming you!

The ROCK Garden  
"An enchanting  
experience  
for all ages."



Hotel	Breakfast	Pool	Pets	Super 8	115 Hampton Drive	(706) 629-0999	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hotel	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	115 Hampton Drive	(706) 629-0999	Yes	Yes	Yes
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Fairfield Inn & Suites	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	1002 Highway 53	(706) 629-8002	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ramada	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	1204 Red Bud Road	(706) 629-9207	Yes	Yes	Yes
Express Inn	No	No	No	No	689 Chatsworth Hwy 225	(706) 629-2282	No	No	No
Holiday Inn	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	915 Highway 53	(706) 629-9501	Yes	Yes	Yes
Country Inn & Suites	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	1033 Fairmount Hwy	(706) 625-6500	Yes	Yes	Yes
Calhoun Lodge	Extended Stay	No	No	No	200 S. Line Street	(706) 629-1884	No	No	No
Country Inn	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	1033 Fairmount Hwy	(706) 625-6500	Yes	Yes	Yes
La Quinta Inn	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	150 Cracker Barrel Drive	(800) 753-3757	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hotel 6	No	Yes	Yes	No	742 Highway 53	(706) 629-8271	No	Yes	Yes
Royal Inn	No	No	No	No	510 Highway 53	(706) 625-4442	No	No	No
Scottish Inns	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	716 Highway 53	(706) 625-2708	Yes	No	Yes
Smith Motel	No	No	No	No	1437 U.S. 41	(706) 629-8427	No	No	No



## Accommodations

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## Recreation & Adventure

Paddle the rivers and lakes; hike and bike the scenic nature trails; marvel at the artistry of the Folk Art Garden's 50 miniature buildings; play a round of golf, roller skate or bowl. Conveniently located off I-75 between Atlanta and Chattanooga, recreation and adventure await!

### Agritourism

#### Payne Farm & Produce

204 Salem Road, Calhoun  
(770) 878-2005  
www.paynefarmandproduce.com

A farmers market offering locally grown and pick-your-own produce. Hosts a variety of events, including an annual strawberry festival in May and family fall fun in October.

### Great Outdoors

#### Calhoun Recreation Center

601 S. River Street, Calhoun (706) 629-0177  
www.cityofcalhoun-ga.com/recreation

Tennis courts, swimming pool, basketball courts, softball & baseball fields, playgrounds, picnic area, and paved trail for walking, running & cycling.

#### Chattahoochee National Forest

Sugar Valley (706) 695-6736

Land of the Pinhoti Trail, Keown Falls & The Pocket. Visitors can picnic, hike, camp and fish.

#### Carters Lake

Hwy 136, Oakman (706) 276-4891  
www.carterslake.com

One of the most scenic lakes in the SE, featuring 62 miles of shoreline, the highest earth-filled dam east of the Mississippi River, and a full service marina. A perfect location to camp, hike, bird watch, fish and picnic.

#### The ROCK Garden

1411 Rome Road, Calhoun  
www.facebook.com/thegardencalhoun  
\*Located behind the Calhoun Seventh-day Adventist Church

This volunteer-built, folk art pleasure is a must-see! In addition to the acre of flowers and greenery, there are more than 50 diminutive buildings. The structures, all crafted from tiny stones, pebbles, shells, odd pieces of broken glass and china, rocks, ceramic tile, cement, wire and other materials.

#### Gordon County Recreation Center

7494 Fairmount Hwy, Calhoun  
(706) 602-4435

www.gordoncounty.org/departments/parks-recreation

Tennis courts, baseball, soccer & football fields, skate-park, playgrounds, basketball courts, picnic pavilions and fitness center.

#### KOA Campground

2523 Red Bud Road, Calhoun  
(706) 629-7511

www.koa.com/campgrounds/Calhoun

In addition to RV hook-ups and deluxe cabins, the campground offers a gem mining sluice, petting zoo, pet play park, catch & release fishing pond, mini golf, bike rentals, swimming pool, and game room.

#### New Echota Rivers Alliance (NERA)

www.facebook.com/neranow

Enjoy scenic views as you paddle Gordon County's rivers – the Oostanaula, Coosawattee & Conasauga. NERA offers guided paddle trips March through November.

#### Salacoa Creek Park

388 Park Drive, Ranger  
(706) 629-3490, (770) 773-0404

www.gordoncounty.org/departments/salacoa-creek-park

A 364 acre recreational area consisting of 32 RV sites, 25 primitive camping sites, 126 acre lake, swimming and beach area, 2 playgrounds, picnic pavilion, boat launch area, and a 1.5 mile nature trail.

### Golf

#### Calhoun Elks Lodge

143 Craigtown Road, Calhoun  
(706) 629-4091  
18-hole, par-71 semi-private course

#### Fields Ferry Golf Club

581 Fields Ferry Drive, Calhoun  
(706) 625-9001  
www.fieldsferrygolf.com

18-hole, par-72 championship course

#### Summertree Golf Course

2233 Dewes Pond Road, Calhoun  
(706) 629-5588  
9-hole, par-35 course



Picture taken from the film  
Kennesaw: One Last Mountain.

## Rich American History

Step back in time as you walk in the footsteps of Civil War soldiers and Cherokee Indians. Gordon County is rich in history – experience it firsthand.

#### Battle of Resaca Reenactment

Third weekend in May  
Chitwood Road, Resaca  
(706) 625-3200 www.battleofresaca.org

The first major battle of the Atlanta Campaign was fought around the tiny village of Resaca on May 14-15, 1864. Over two days, Union and Confederate forces attacked and counter-attacked, with both armies losing approximately 2,800 men. The reenactment is held on the historic Chitwood Farm, a 650-acre section of the original battlefield. Evident within the property are the original Federal and Confederate entrenchments and the 1864 Western & Atlantic Railroad line. Admission: \$2-\$5

#### Fort Wayne Civil War Historic Site

117 Taylor Ridge Road, Resaca  
(706) 625-3200

Visitors can walk the one mile trail to view the original parade grounds and entrenchments which are the last known constructed by the Georgia Militia. Open daily dawn-dusk. Free admission.

#### New Echota Cherokee Capital State Historic Site

1211 Chatsworth Hwy, Calhoun  
(706) 624-1321

www.gastateparks.org/newechota

One of the most significant Cherokee Indian sites in the nation, where the infamous "Trail of Tears" officially began and home of the first Indian language newspaper office. Tour 12 original and reconstructed buildings, view interpretive exhibits and a 17-minute film. Open Thurs. – Sat. Admission: \$5.50 - \$7

#### Gordon County Historical Society - Oakleigh

335 S. Wall Street, Calhoun  
(706) 629-1515

Used as General Sherman's headquarters during the Civil War, this restored Antebellum residence is now home to the Gordon County Historical Society and available for private rentals. Tours by appointment only. Free admission.

#### Resaca Battlefield Park

Battlefield Parkway, Resaca  
(706) 625-3200

Walk the six mile trail of hallowed ground where much of the heaviest fighting occurred at the start of Sherman's Atlanta Campaign. The park includes Van Den Corput's battery, one of the major landmarks of the fight. Open daily dawn-dusk. Free admission. (Opening Soon)

#### Resaca Confederate Cemetery

Confederate Cemetery Road, Resaca  
(706) 625-3200

The oldest Confederate military ground in Georgia and the resting place of more than 400 soldiers who died during the Battle of Resaca. Open daily dawn-dusk. Free admission.

#### Roland Hayes Museum at the Harris Arts Center

212 S. Wall Street, Calhoun  
(706) 629-2599

www.harrisartscenter.com

A tribute to this native son, Roland Hayes was a child of former slaves who became the first African-American vocalist to achieve international acclaim. Learn the details of his remarkable half-century career through photos, stories, records, autographed programs, personal letters and music scores. Open Mon. – Fri. Free admission.

## Shopping

From the 50 stores at Calhoun Premium Outlets, to the unique boutiques in Downtown Calhoun, to the multiple shops and carpet stores in between, you will find something special for everyone on your list. For a detailed list of retailers, visit [www.ExploreGordonCounty.com](http://www.ExploreGordonCounty.com)

#### Calhoun Premium Outlets

455 Belwood Road  
www.premiumoutlets.com

Home to 50 stores. Find impressive savings at Ann Taylor, Carter's, Coach, Gap Outlet, Gymboree, Jones New York, Nike, Old Navy, Polo Ralph Lauren, Tommy Hilfinger and many more.

#### Historic Downtown Calhoun

109 S. King Street  
(706) 602-5570

A variety of boutiques, restaurants and a general store await in pedestrian friendly Downtown Calhoun. Charge your car at the Blink Network electric vehicle charging stations located at City Park and the Depot. Plug in, take a walk, shop, dine and be entertained!



## Arts & Entertainment

Gordon County stages host an array of entertainment, from nationally recognized artists to talented residents. Along with the two performing arts centers, the local schools present award-winning productions that will leave you in awe!

#### Calhoun's GEM Theatre

114 N. Wall Street, Calhoun  
(706) 625-3132  
www.calhouncem.org

The GEM features the best of both the past and present, as its appearance takes you back to 1939 and its amenities provide a state-of-the-art theatre experience. The original GEM is best remembered as a movie theatre, but the renovated 461 seat GEM showcases a variety of entertainment.

#### Harris Arts Center

212 S. Wall Street, Calhoun  
(706) 629-2599  
www.harrisartscenter.com

Home to the Roland Hayes Museum, Ratner Theater, art galleries and The Art Market Gift Shop. HAC features rotating exhibits, instruction and cultural performances. The Art Market offers a diverse variety of affordable handcrafted gifts by local and regional artists.

#### For local school productions:

Calhoun City Schools [www.calhounschools.org](http://www.calhounschools.org)  
Georgia-Cumberland Academy [www.gcasda.org](http://www.gcasda.org)  
Gordon County Schools [www.gcbe.org](http://www.gcbe.org)



## Annual Events

From a Civil War reenactment to renowned entertainment, Gordon County boasts a variety of events year-around. Here are a few of the highlights. For more information and a complete list of happenings, visit [www.ExploreGordonCounty.com](http://www.ExploreGordonCounty.com).

#### January

Martin Luther King, Jr. Service & March

#### February

Presidents' Day Sale at Calhoun Premium Outlets  
Tundra Time Trial Bike Race

#### March

Mohawk Presents Calhoun's Dancing With The Stars



#### April

NERA Annual Spring Bash  
BBQ Boogie & Blues  
Baxter/Dean Runway Show  
Georgia String Band Festival

#### May

Battle of Resaca Reenactment  
NERA Paddle For A Cure

Fairmount United Memorial Day Festival and 5-K Run

Memorial Day Sidewalk Sale at Calhoun Premium Outlets

Payne Farm Strawberry Festival

#### June

Dixie Highway 90 Mile Yard Sale

Farmers' Markets (thru September)

Phillips Championship Rodeo

#### July

Star-Spangled 4th of July Celebration & Fireworks

Fairmount 4th of July Celebration

July 4th Summer Sale at Calhoun Premium Outlets

Concert in the Park & Summer Santa

#### August

Back-to-School & Fall Preview Sale at Calhoun Premium Outlets

#### September

Labor Day Sidewalk Sale at Calhoun Premium Outlets

Northwest Georgia Regional Fair

Unity Run 5-K and 1-K Kid's Run



#### October

Pumpkin Patch at Calhoun First Presbyterian Church

Fall Family Fun at Payne Farm

Columbus Day Sale at Calhoun Premium Outlets

Antique Engine & Tractor Show

Harvest Fest

Halloween/Trick-or-Treat Events



#### November

NERA Fall Paddle

Smokin' Up the Campground "Backyard Style"

Festival of Trees & Holiday Artists' Market

Farm City Week Festival

Merchants' Christmas Open House

Downtown Calhoun Christmas Tree Lighting & Visit from Santa

After Thanksgiving Weekend Sale/Midnight Madness at Calhoun Premium Outlets

#### December

Smokin' Up the Campground Christmas Parade of Lights

