



TRAVEL TIPS

Outdoor Adventures Abound in Georgia

(NAPSA)—Whether by air, land or water, sportsmen are finding that Georgia's diverse landscape offers a variety of unique adventures.

The gateway to the Appalachian Trail, the Peach State is just the place for hikers, bikers and campers to fine-tune their skills while taking in some beautiful mountain scenery.

Hike the challenging eight-mile approach to Springer Mountain, or visit Rock City for a view of seven states at once atop Lovers Leap. Don't forget Tallulah Gorge's newest suspension bridge over Hurricane Falls, the largest of the park's five waterfalls.

Mountain bikers love the switchbacks of Georgia's Bear Creek and Chicopee bike trails, not to mention the historic Bartram Trail, the 23-mile Pine Mountain Trail and the Silver Comet Trail just outside Atlanta.

For the genuine camping experience, visit Cumberland Island. Designated a National Seashore, Cumberland is the state's largest and southernmost barrier island with more than 17 miles of secluded beaches where wildlife roams freely.

Thirsty for adventure? Follow the 137-mile course of the Altamaha River, the second largest watershed on the eastern seaboard and home to more than 130 rare and endangered species. This gentle brook is the ideal spot for a leisurely ride downstream.

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Chattooga River for Class III, IV and V whitewater rapids. The tune of "Dueling Banjos" echoes through these woods made famous in *Deliverance*, which was filmed along the river's well-preserved banks. For an up-close encounter of the alligator kind, tour the black waters of the Okefenokee Swamp in Folkston, home to more than 10,000 threatened American alligators.

To see Georgia by air, visit Lookout Mountain Flight Park in Rising Fawn. The park teaches and certifies more hang-glider pilots than any other school in the country and features the most used hang-glider launch in the world and more than 20 miles of scenic, soarable ridge.

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