

# Welcome to Rahun County!

## AREA MAP & VISITORS GUIDE

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## RABUN COUNTY - OUR MOUNTAIN TREASURE

We welcome you to Rabun County, created from Cherokee lands by the Georgia Legislature on December 21, 1819, and named for William Rabun who was governor of Georgia from 1817 until his death in 1819. Located in the lower Blue Ridge Mountains of the Southern Appalachian Chain, the name Blue Ridge was given to these mountains because of the blue haze that covers them in all seasons. They have rightly been described as the most inviting, the most friendly, and the most hospitable mountains in all the world.

Uniquely situated in the northeastern most corner of Georgia, Rabun County's western boundary is the "Big A.T.," the Appalachian Trail, and the eastern border is defined by the Chattooga River, designated a "Wild and Scenic River" by Congress in 1974. Today, only federally licensed companies are able to guide exciting rafting trips where visitors can experience the thrilling river rapids. The southern gateway is the Tallulah Gorge,

a breathtaking canyon carved from a roaring river and now dammed for hydroelectricity. The northern part of the county hosts stunning mountain views from either Black Rock Mountain or Rabun Bald, a remote, mountain top along the Bartram Trail, which at 4696 feet, is the second highest peak in Georgia

The County Seat is the City of Clayton with a population of approximately 2,065. Incorporated in December, 1823, it was first called Claytonville and was named for Augustus S. Clayton of Clarke County, a Superior Court Judge and later Congressman. An Indian Village had been located at the same site near a point where several cross-country trails converged. The location where the trails crossed was known as "The Dividings" as early as 1796.

The second oldest city in Rabun County is Tallulah Falls. Tallulah Falls was incorporated in 1884 and became popular when the train brought the area's first tourists up from Atlanta to the Tallulah Gorge, now a state park, where they could amaze at the

roaring waterfalls and the 1000 foot deep natural chasm while enjoying the cool mountain air.

Other incorporated cities within Rabun County include: Dillard, settled in 1794 by Revolutionary War Veteran, John Dillard; Mountain City known for Black Rock Mountain State Park, Georgia's highest park; Sky Valley, a four-season golf resort; and Tiger, named either after the cry of roaming panthers or an Indian Chief named Tiger Tail, according to our local story tellers. There are also a number of unincorporated communities: Chechero, Lakemont, Persimmon, Pine Mountain, Rabun Gap, Satolah, Wiley and Wolffork Valley.

Within Rabun County, Georgia's "Farm-to-Table" Capital, beautiful mountain views, three State Parks, five lakes, two rivers and countless streams, trails and waterfalls provide outstanding leisure, living and recreational opportunities for residents and visitors alike. We hope you enjoy your visit!

## WATERFALLS & TRAILS

#### Ammons Creek Falls- WF-1

Take Warwoman Road east from Clayton for 10 miles. Turn left on Hale Ridge Rd. (FS-7) for 7 miles. The trail begins at the intersection of Hale Ridge Rd. and Overflow Creek Rd. (FS-86). Park and take the trail, passing first Holcomb Falls (1/3 mile). Cross the bridge at Holcomb, go 1/4 mile further to Ammons. Back-trail or take side trail to right which makes a longer loop trail, coming out to FS-7, 1/2 mile north of parking intersection.

#### Angel Falls - WF-2

Go south from Clayton on old Highway 441, keeping to the right on Lake Rabun Rd. At Rabun Beach Campground Area #2, keep right .2 mile to a parking area. Angel Falls is a relatively steep climb for about 1/3 mile above Panther Falls, which is about a mile from the parking area.

#### Becky's Branch Falls - WF-3

Drive east on Warwoman Road 2.8 miles and park on the left shoulder. Walk up the right side of the creek for about 200 yards to a viewing bridge. This intersects with the Bartram Trail, making it possible to go to your left and return by Bartram Trail on west side of creek. Warwoman Dell is just southeast and across the road about .2 mile.

#### Bridal Veil Falls - WF-4

Go north on Hwy. 441 to Franklin, NC. Turn right to Hwy 64/28 East. Ride follows the Cullasaja River with many falls and cascades visible from car. About 15 miles is sign on right for Dry Falls. Further on left is a short half circle drive under Bridal Veil.

#### Dick's Creek Falls - WF-5

Take Warwoman Rd. East from Clayton 6 miles (Antioch Church). Turn right on Sandy Ford Road for 1/2 mile. Take the left across the creek for about 3 1/2 miles to 2nd ford. Cross the ford, park at Bartram Trail sign, following it north to Dick's Creek. Follow Dick's Creek to viewing site at top of fall. A trail leads downstream about 100 yards to the base of the falls where it empties into the Chattooga River.

#### Dry Falls - WF-6

Go north on Hwy 441 to Franklin, NC. Turn right to Hwys. 64/28 East. Ride follows the Cullasaja River with many falls and cascades visible from car. About 15 miles up the climb be alert for sign on right to falls. Parking and an easy short walk to viewing area.

#### Hemlock Falls - WF-7

Take Hwy 76 West from Clayton 13 miles, turn left on Hwy 197. Go appx. 4 miles to Moccasin Creek State Park. Park at the Fish Hatchery and carefully cross the highway to the trail head, following the old roadbed with Moccasin Creek on your right. The falls are about a mile up the trail.

#### Glen Falls - WF-8

From Clayton go north on Hwy 441 to Dillard. Turn right on to 246 (which will become NC 106). About 14 miles approaching Highlands, NC, there is a sign for Glen Falls on right. Follow the road to its end at parking lot. Take trail on left to top of falls. View is overlooking Blue Valley. Main trail to bottom is 1 mile, quite steep, with several paths off to pretty cascades.

#### Holcomb Creek Falls/Ammons Falls - WF-9

Take Warwoman Road east from Clayton for 10 miles. Turn left on Hale Ridge Rd. (FS 7) for 7 miles. Park to east of intersection with Overflow Creek Rd. (FS 86). Follow the trail north from the intersection about 1/3 mile. (1/4 mile further to Ammons Falls.)

#### Martin Creek Falls - WF-10

From Clayton go east on Warwoman Rd. for about 3 miles. Turn left on FS 152 and drive up Finney Creek Rd., keep left for 1/2 mile. Park at primitive camping area on left. Through area is a narrow trail that crosses the creek and leads to the top of the falls, about 1/2 mile.

#### Minnehaha Falls - WF-11

Go south from Clayton on old Highway 441, keeping to the right on Lake Rabun Rd. 1 1/2 miles past Rabun Beach Campground #2, turn left to Lake Seed recreation area, keeping left to cross river below dam. Stay left at stop sign, paralleling water for 1.6 miles. Park on left shoulder and walk to steps leading up on right. About 300 yards easy walk to falls

#### Panther Falls - WF-12

Go south from Clayton on old Highway 441, keeping to the right on Lake Rabun Road. At Rabun Beach Campground Area #2, keep right .2 mile to a parking area. Straight ahead is a foot trail paralleling and criss-crossing Joe Branch for one mile to base of falls

#### Mud Creek Falls - WF-13

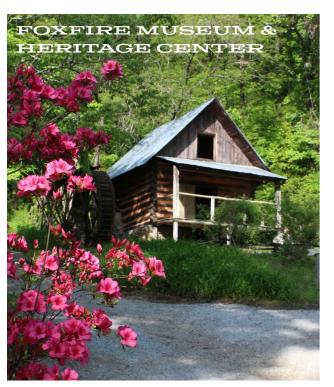
Take US 441 North to Dillard. Turn right on Hwy 246 and follow signs to Sky Valley's entrance gate. Turn right on Sky Valley Way and the right on Tahoe Lane, ending at Mud Creek Falls.

#### Sawcreek Falls - WF-14

Take old Highway 441 south out of Clayton to the 4-way stop sign in Tiger. Turn right at the stop onto Bridge Creek Rd. About 6 miles, turn left into Covecrest. Follow the road past Conference Center and Lodge. Turn left on Falls Rd., park at turn-around and follow trail signs. About an easy 100 yards.

## **COMMUNITIES**

Мар Кеу	
D-6	Batesville
H-1	Clarkesville
J-11	Clayton
K-15	Dillard
K-17	Franklin, NC
A-3	Helen
R-16	Highlands, NC
J-6	Lakemont
L-12	Mountain City
F-lO	Persimmon
S-13	Pine Mountain
K-14	Rabun Gap
R-15	Satolah
M-15	Sky Valley
K-5	Tallulah Falls
E-15	Tate City
I-9	Tiger
I-7	Wiley



## **ELEVATIONS**

3640′	Oakey Mountain (Bartram Trail) (M-13)	3840'
1925'	Pine Mountain (S-13)	2100'
2160'	Rabun Bald (2nd highest peak in GA) (O-14)	4696'
3440'	Rainey Mountain (Bartram Trail) (N-9)	2945'
1866′	Sky Valley (N-15)	3420'
1690'	Tallulah Falls (K-5)	1560'
1752'	Tallulah Falls Lake (J-4)	1590'
2060'	Tiger (I-8)	1960'
2168′	Tugalo Lake (M-3)	891'
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## **CAMPGROUNDS**

Map Key		Мар Ке	Мар Кеу	
C-1	Andy's Trout Farm	C-14	River Vista Mountain Village	
C-2	Black Rock Mountain State Park	C-15	Sandy Bottoms, USFS	
C-3	Cross Creek Campgrounds & Cabins	C-16	Sarah's Creek Campground	
C-4	Lake Rabun Beach & Recreation Area	C-17	Seed Lake Campground, Georgia Power	
C-5	Low Gap Campground	C-18	Tate Branch, USFS	
C-6	Moccasin Creek State Park	C-19	Tallulah Gorge State Park, Georgia Power	
C-7 C-8	Mr. Bud's Campground	C-20	Tallulah River Campground	
C-8 C-9	Nichols Campground Persimmon Valley Campground	C-21	Terrora Campground	
C-10	Pioneer Campground	C-22	Tugalo Park, Georgia Power, Primitive	
C-11	Primitive River Campground	C-23	West Fork Chattooga River, USFS, Primitive	
C-12	River Campground	C-24	Wildcat Creek, USFS, Primitive	
C-13	River Falls Campground	C-25	Willow Valley RV Resort	
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## POINTS OF INTEREST

### Map Key

D-17	Appalachian Trail
R-11	Bartram Trail
J-12	Black Rock Mountain Lake
J-11	Black Rock Mountain State Park
M-10	Camp Rainey Mountain BSA
N-7	Chattooga River Bridge
F-14	Coleman River Wildlife Mgmt. Area
J-11	Eastern Continental Divide Marker,
	Black Rock Mountain State Park
K-12	Eastern Continental Divide Marker,
	Mountain City
D-9	Fish Hatchery
J-12	Foxfire Museum & Heritage Center
1-15	Hambidge Center
C-10	Lake Burton Wildlife Mgmt. Area
E-10	Lake Burton
1-5	Lake Rabun
H-5	Lake Rabun Beach
M-3	Lake Tugalo
C-9	Moccasin Creek State Park
0-14	Rabun Bald Observation Site
J-9	Rabun County Welcome Center
J-10	Rabun County Public Golf Course
J-10	Rabun County Recreation Park
S-12	Russell Bridge
G-5	Seed Lake
M-15	Sky Valley Resort - Golf & Tennis
J-4	Tallulah Falls Lake
K-4	Tallulah Gorge State Park and
	Jane Hurt Yarn Interpretive Center
E-13	Tallulah River
K-5	Terrora Park
M-10	Warwoman Dell
O-13	Warwoman Wildlife Mgmt. Area
N-8	White Water Rafting Outfitters

