



explore
GAINESVILLE



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12 WAYS TO explore GAINESVILLE

1 *get away.* STAY CONNECTED.

When it comes to location, Gainesville is second to none. Located at the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, the 19th- largest city in Georgia is surrounded on three sides by Lake Sidney Lanier. In an hour you can find yourself in the hustle and bustle of Atlanta or on a serene mountain vista of the Appalachians.

Gainesville is small enough to know your neighbor, yet large enough to offer the services and cultural experiences of a much larger city.

Known for its hospitality, Gainesville welcomes you with open arms.





Lake Lanier is 38,000 acres of aquatic playground, with 700 miles of shoreline to dip toes in the sand and soak up beautiful views of nature and wildlife. Known for its epic fishing, Lake Lanier has hosted many professional fishing tournaments and anglers from across the globe. With 16 varieties of fish, you're bound to catch the big one with one of the many knowledgeable fishing guides that can share tips.

There are a multitude of ways to connect to the lake in Gainesville. Several parks border the lake, including **Lake Lanier Olympic Park**, home of the 1996 Olympic Games for rowing, canoe and kayak. Even today, Olympians come to this stretch of water to train in hopes of winning the gold. Take a selfie with the Olympic Rings while enjoying one of the many fun festivals and food truck nights at Lake Lanier Olympic Park!

Explore the 14 miles of the **Gainesville Upper Lanier Water Trail** or take a moonlight paddle with a date. No kayak, no problem. Rent a kayak for the day at Lake Lanier Olympic Park or at the beautiful **Don Carter State Park** where you can enjoy water trails, hiking and equestrian trails or the white sandy beach complete with cook-out pavilions.



Hit the trails in Gainesville, where there are miles of a variety of trails from water trails, hiking/biking trails and even a solar system trail.

Home of the **Solar System Walking Trail**, this to-scale model of the solar system is one of 13 in the world. Start at the Sun, located on the Downtown Gainesville Square and enjoy a 1.8 mile easy walking trail dotted with planet markers to guide you through the solar system.



Navigate miles of trails and woodlands at **Elachee Nature Science Center**, where you can also stop in the museum and visit with live animals or learn about the fauna of north Georgia. If you prefer to travel on wheels, bring the mountain bike and adventure on the **Chicopee Woods** mountain bike trails.



Outdoor adventures include the many gardens in and around Gainesville. **The Atlanta Botanical Garden** has a location in Gainesville that features a woodland Garden, amphitheater, venue and interactive children's garden. Birdwatch in an Audubon Sanctuary and spy on over 40 species of feathered friends at the **Linwood Nature Preserve**.



family
FUN

When it comes to family fun, Gainesville is second to none! There are plenty of kid-friendly attractions and adventures to explore in Gainesville.

Create lasting memories at **INK (Interactive Neighborhood for Kids)**

where children can let their imaginations take them far in this interactive, hands on, role playing museum. This “neighborhood” offers experiences of being a fire fighter, a pilot, a doctor, store clerk, banker and more.



If you’re in for a little family competition, try a game of bowling or laser tag at **Station 300** or a round of indoor trampoline fun at **Get Air Trampoline Park**.

Although visiting a cemetery may not come to mind for a family activity, however, at **Memorial Park Garden** you can walk amongst hundreds of life-size bronze Noah’s Ark animals.



At the **Atlanta Botanical Garden Gainesville** there is a giant dragon waiting to play.

Frances Meadows Splash Zone is the perfect way to beat the heat with waterslides, water cannons, dunk buckets and zero entry play areas.



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amazing ATTRACTIONS

Atlanta Botanical Garden Gainesville is a premier destination for connecting with beauty and the natural world. Complete with a visitor center, outdoor gardens, interactive children’s garden and amphitheater.

Dive into **Frances Meadows Aquatic Center and Splash Zone** and swim year round in the indoor/outdoor world of water. Enjoy 3 story body slides and water playground in the Splash Zone as well as the indoor competition pool, warm water pool and fitness center.

Touch a tornado or stand in an 18th century cabin at the **Northeast Georgia History Center**. Stroll through the Freedom Garden and pay tribute to American heroes or join hands with the life-size statue of children forming a Circle of Freedom. Be sure to stop in on Family Days and enjoy a history themed reenactment.



Pick a fresh peach at **Jaemor Farms** where you can find farm fresh fruits and vegetables or get lost in a corn maze during the fall season. We recommend the fried apple pies!



Sweet Acre Farms Winery is the area’s first winery and a little off the beaten path. Sample fruity wines reminiscent of those that southern families used to make and enjoy music on the porch while overlooking the fields.



Discover the rich history of the Appalachian region at the **Northeast Georgia History Center**. This facility boasts exhibits showcasing the history of the poultry industry, folk art pottery of the region and other interesting historical facts.

Rumored to be the home of fried chicken, the **Piedmont Hotel** was opened in 1876 by Lt. General James Longstreet. A portion of the hotel and gardens have been renovated and available for tours.



Beulah Rucker was dedicated to the education opportunities for African-Americans and **Beulah Rucker Museum** pays tribute her hard work and personal sacrifice for vision of equal education. The museum is available for tours and also can be rented for events.

Get in touch with your inner sleuth by going on a **Downtown History Clue Hunt**. This self-guided walking hunt will have you learning history and enjoying the beauty of the downtown square.

Alta Vista Cemetery and Walking Tour is another way to learn about the history of Gainesville and the people who called Gainesville their home. Buried in this cemetery are Revolutionary and Civil War Veterans, two Georgia Governors, an astronaut and Lt. General James Longstreet. This self-guided tour can be downloaded at www.explore Gainesville.org.



The Quinlan Visual Arts Center is a great museum with rotating exhibits that feature local, regional and national artists. They also provide lots of classes for that inner artist!

Explore the arts on a public art self guided walking tour and discover hundreds of art pieces, murals and more!

While you are exploring Gainesville, you're very likely to find paintings, sculptures or perhaps even a little gold "BURD." Public art installations are displayed and accessible throughout the community.



From the "**Lucy**" the world's largest golden tiger bronze sculpture, to hundreds of golden birds or "burds" hiding in and around Gainesville, art abounds!

The Gainesville Theater Alliance is a nationally acclaimed group that provides performances that rival any Broadway show!





downtown GAINESVILLE

Downtown Gainesville is the heart of Gainesville. In the charming square nestled in the center of downtown there are dozens of boutiques and restaurants. Find a bench and people watch or grab a wonderful farm to table meal at one of the restaurants.

Stroll the downtown while enjoying an adult beverage in our downtown dining district during one of the many concerts or festivals that take place on the square.



dining & SHOPPING

Scan TO FIND PLACES
TO EAT IN GAINESVILLE.



Enjoy over a dozen of restaurants in and around the Square, while also enjoying outdoor dining options too. From **AVOCADOS'** farm to table flair to the white tablecloth cuisine at **Scott's Downtown**, there is something for every taste.



Lakeside dining along the shores of Lake Lanier are definitely a must. **Skogies** offers a beautiful view of the lake while serving up dockside delights.



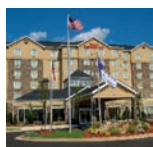
Gainesville's dining options are diverse, just like the people, culture and activities. Try one of the best donuts in the southeast at **Danny's Donuts** or authentic Mexican corn or ice cream at **La Mejior De Michoacan**.

The **Gainesville Seafood Market** draws visitors from around the region to sample some of the freshest inland seafood.





FULL SERVICE



HILTON GARDEN INN

hilton.com
1735 Browns Bridge Rd.
(770) 532-3396

- 118 rooms
- WiFi
- No-smoking rooms
- Onsite restaurant
- Indoor/outdoor pool
- Business center
- Meeting rooms/1600sf conference space
- Fitness center
- Room service

BUSINESS VALUE



FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES

marriott.com
1755 Browns Bridge Rd.
(678) 971-4670

- 75 rooms
- WiFi
- No-smoking rooms
- Indoor pool
- Fitness center
- 775 sf meeting space



GUEST LODGE

guestlodgega.com
520 Queen City Pkwy.
(770) 535-8100

- 96 rooms
- WiFi
- Pool
- Poolside meeting room
- Pet friendly



HAMPTON INN

hilton.com
450 Jesse Jewell Pkwy SW.
(770) 503-0300

- 73 rooms
- WiFi
- No-Smoking rooms
- Pool
- Fitness center
- Business center
- Free breakfast



HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS & SUITES

ihg.com/holidayinnexpress
1189 Dawsonville Hwy NW.
(770) 533-5140

- 95 rooms
- WiFi
- No-smoking rooms
- Pool
- Fitness center
- Business center with meeting room
- Free breakfast



RAMADA BY WYNDHAM

wyndhamhotels.com
400 E E Butler Pkwy.
(770) 744-3913

- 122 rooms
- WiFi
- Pool
- Fitness Center
- Conference/meeting space
- On-site restaurant/bar

COMING SOON:

The National a Courtyard by Marriott property on the Downtown Square



TOWNEPLACE SUITES BY MARRIOTT

marriott.com
1745 Browns Bridge Rd.
(678) 971-4102

- 95 rooms
- WiFi
- Pool
- Fitness Center
- Meeting space/lounge area
- All suites
- Outdoor grill/entertainment area

ECONOMY

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choicehotels.com
809 Jesse Jewell Pkwy SW.
(770) 534-0303

- 39 rooms
- WiFi
- Continental breakfast
- Free coffee

HAVEN INN

agreatertown.com
766 Jesse Jewell Pkwy SW.
(770) 287-3205

- 47 rooms
- WiFi

MOTEL 6

motel6.com
1585 Monroe Dr.
(770) 532-7531

- 98 rooms
- WiFi
- Pool

SUPER 8 MOTEL

choicehotels.com
541 Dorsey St.
(770) 615-7189

- 42 rooms
- WiFi
- Continental breakfast
- Free coffee

EXTENDED STAY

BUDGETEL

budgetel.com
726 Jesse Jewell Pkwy.
(770) 536-4451

- 132 rooms
- Free breakfast
- Pet friendly
- Pool
- WiFi

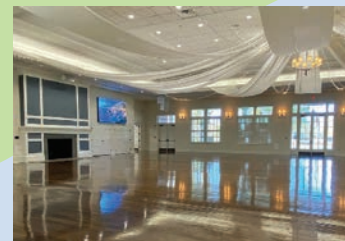
HOME TOWNE STUDIOS

redroof.com
1115 Jesse Jewell Pkwy SW.
(770) 533-9433

- 110 rooms
- WiFi



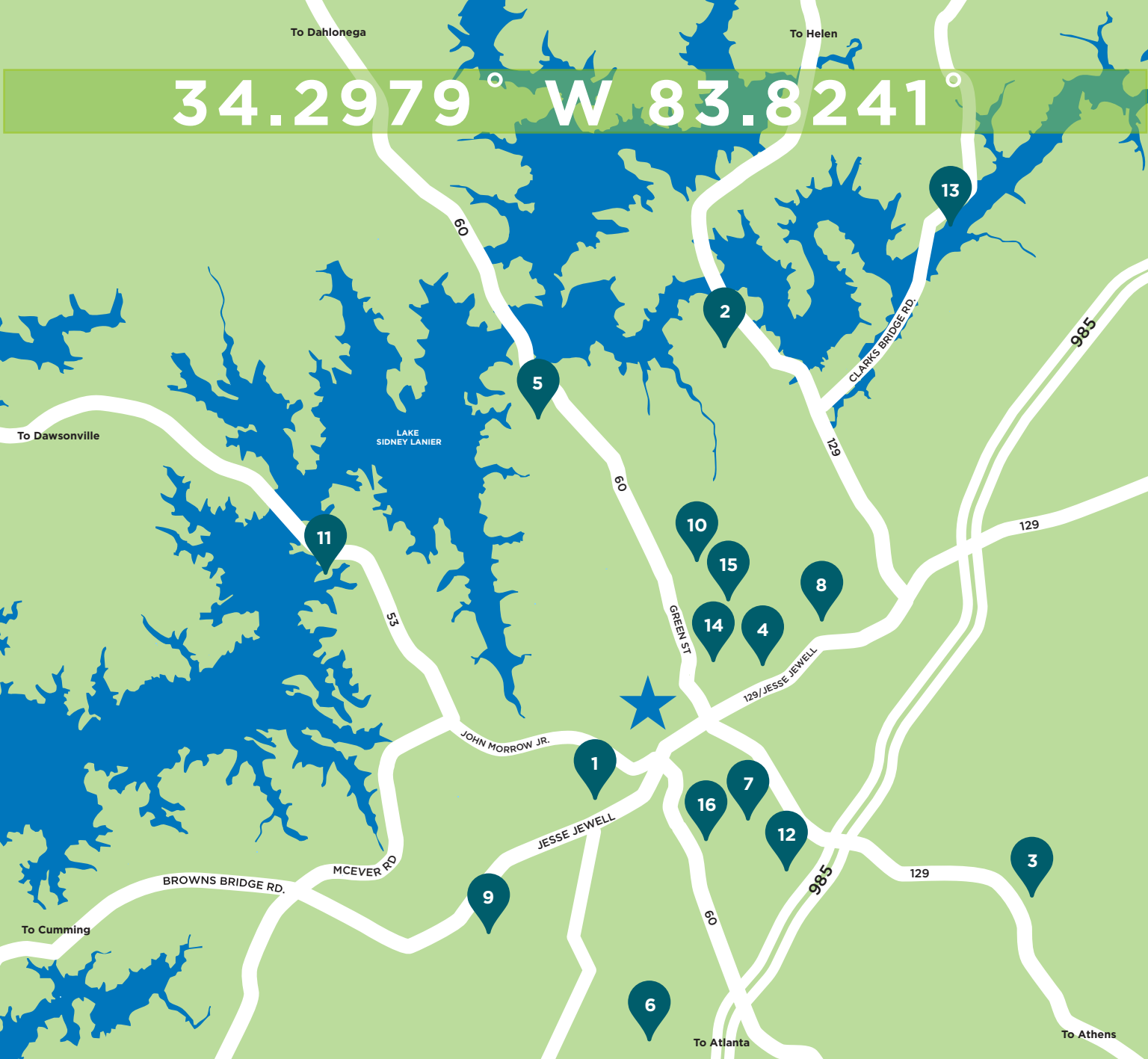
Gainesville offers over 100k sq. ft in meeting and conference space options and has facilities suited for any size group. The newly renovated Gainesville Civic Center offers a 6,000 sf grand ballroom with original wood floors and is perfect for larger events. The Ramsey Center at Lanier Technical College is a state of the art rental facility that offers spacious room size. The Gainesville Convention and Visitors Bureau can assist with your planning/event needs.



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To Helen

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Attractions

1. Alta Vista Cemetery & Walking Tour
2. Atlanta Botanical Garden-Gainesville
3. Beulah Rucker Museum
4. Brenau Campus
5. Chattahoochee Golf Club
6. Elachee Nature Science Center
7. Engine 209
8. Frances Meadows Aquatic Center

9. Station 300 Bowling
10. Gainesville Civic Center
11. Gainesville Marina
12. INK
13. Lake Lanier Olympic Park and Clarks Bridge Park
14. Northeast Georgia History Center
15. Quinlan Visual Arts Center
16. The Historic Piedmont Hotel



Downtown Gainesville
Poultry Park
Rock Creek Greenway
Roosevelt Square
The Arts Council
Smithgall Arts Center



FOOD TRUCK FRIDAYS

2nd Friday of the month
(March-August)
Lake Lanier Olympic Park

MUTTS ON MAIN

March – Downtown Square

FIRST FRIDAYS

May-September – Downtown Square

BLUE SKY CONCERTS

May – Downtown Square

BEACH BASH

July – Lake Lanier Olympic Park

HONG KONG DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL

September – Lake Lanier Olympic Park

CHICKEN FESTIVAL

Annual festival celebrating the poultry industry

JINGLE MINGLE

November – Downtown Square

CHRISTMAS ON GREEN STREET

1st Sunday in December- parade and open houses
along Green Street

