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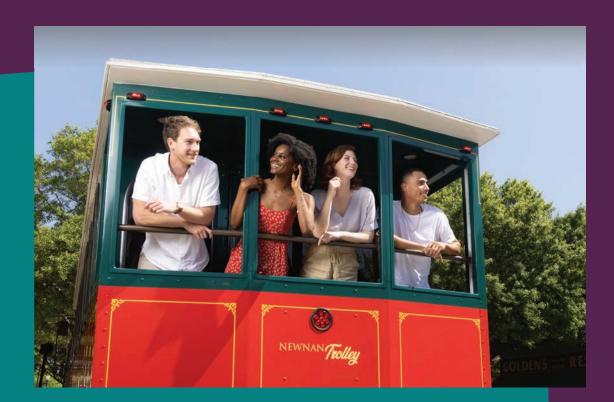
#### HEY FRIEND,

Welcome to our delightfully quirky county where the tea is sweet, the cities are savory, and the adventures are nothing short of awesome. Whether you are looking for long hikes or short strolls, we've got you covered. Just a hop from downtown Atlanta and a skip from Hartsfield-Jackson, the world's busiest airport, you can jump right into the good times in Coweta.

Curious to know more? We thought you'd never ask.

In 1825, we came to be and in 1826, we got our government name. Since then, we've seen some things. From the Civil War to civil rights, legal legacies and musical giants, we've learned our stories, grown from our past, and built a present that shines on silver screens, snaps on social, and lights up real life.

Well darlin', this is where we leave you, so mosey along through the following pages for some inspiration to discover more.



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### NEWNAN

### SAY HELLO TO OUR GOOD FRIEND, THE CITY OF NEWNAN.

You may want to pull up a chair, because this county seat has a lot to talk about. Like the fact that they were able to save their arse, er, architecture during the Civil War due to their status as a hospital city. That's right, they quite literally put the "hospital" in hospitality for both the Union and the Confederate troops.

Since Sherman didn't get them lit, Newnan was able to heal the ailing and preserve its homes. Thus, allowing you, dear reader, the opportunity to explore not just one but six National Registered Historic Districts. And you were wondering why their tagline is "The City of Homes"?

Speaking of homes, Newnan is home to one of the 24 Carnegie Libraries still funded in Georgia. More into checking out movies than books? Then you'll love to see them in their big (and small) screen glory in *The Hunger Games, The Odd Life of Timothy Green,* and *The House with a Clock in its Walls*.

Curious to know more about Newnan's past? The Coweta County Courthouse has all the history to tell. Want to play in the present day? Wander downtown where you can shop, sip, and snack to your heart's delight. Prefer the great outdoors? Head to Chattahoochee Bend State Park, where the fish always bite and the trails roll on.

No matter what you're into, browsing boutiques, dining out, catching up, or strolling 'round, Newnan knows how to keep things interesting.



### CURIOSITY COLUMN



Alan Jackson, famed country singer, is our native son.



Back in the mid-1800s, Newnan was one of the wealthiest places in the country.



During WWII, Sprayberry's BBQ canned its famous Brunswick stew and shipped it to soldiers overseas.





Senoia Welcome Center

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### SENOIA

### LOCATION. LOCATION. LOCATION.

The first "settlement," which is two miles south of modern-day Senoia (pronounced "Seh-noy"), was called Location. Seems that even then, Senoia was destined to be part of the film industry lexicon.

Comprised mainly of one historic district on the National Register of Historic Places, Senoia is a treasure trove of architectural pleasures. Officially incorporated in 1866, then chartered in 1905, the city is as real as it gets.

Except sometimes, it plays a fictional community for a variety of movies and TV shows. Which ones? Get the popcorn ready because the list is good: Fried Green Tomatoes, Driving Miss Daisy, Pet Semetary Two, The Fighting Temptations, Sweet Home Alabama, the remake of Footloose, and our favorite zombie-fest, The Walking Dead. With Raleigh Studios nestled in the neighborhood, Senoia is always stage ready.

Even when the show doesn't go on, Senoia doesn't stop. With a bustling Main Street, more than a dozen seriously browsable stores, an array of ridiculously good eats, and a few fun spots to frolic, the city is the perfect setting for your next big break. Plus, with some big development plans in the making, there will be many opportunities to get in on the action.

### CURIOSITY



For 10 years, the acclaimed show *The Walking Dead* was filmed almost exclusively in Coweta.



You can eat your heart out at more than a dozen eateries in a two-block radius.



Senoia has been the location for Southern Living's Idea House not once, but twice.





### MORELAND

### DON'T LET THE NAME FOOL YOU.

Moreland actually has less land than you might expect. In fact, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, Moreland has a total area of 0.93 square miles. Blink and you may miss it, but don't blink and you may learn a lot. Like the fact that once upon a time, in 1827, there was a Georgia Land Lottery. The winners didn't get chicken dinners, instead they got deeds to land.

By 1843, farmers moved in, tilled the fields, and built the Mt. Zion Methodist Church. In 1852, the train arrived, along with Puckett Station. From there, things chugged on to Atlanta and LaGrange.

The train helped connect people to places and places to people, which in turn brought more opportunity to Moreland, including its namesake, Dr. John Moreland. But Dr. John wasn't the only person to leave his mark on the town—novelist Erksine Caldwell and notable humorist Lewis Grizzard also honed their talents here.

If that doesn't give you enough to write home about, you can talk up the event space at Old Moreland Mill, where hosiery once spun and first dances now spin. Not planning a big to-do? Check out the Little Manse Museum & Moreland Hometown Heritage Museum for all the deets on the native sons.

If you've had your fill of reading and writing, take a swing at the Lewis Grizzard Games or simply settle into the bluebird town, where you'll find yourself far from "anywhere, USA" but close to small-town charm.







Small town, tiny population.

Moreland's population tops

off at 400 people.



Beauty, intelligence, friendliness, and security: talk about phenomenal characteristics represented by the town's symbol the bluebird.



Novel ideas were born here, including short stories by Erskine Caldwell and tall tales by Lewis Grizzard. Downtown Grantville



### GRANTVILLE

#### **CURIOUSLY GRAND.**

Originally known as Calico Corner, the small settlement we've come to know and love as Grantville received its official government name in 1852. The origin, you ask? Lemuel P. Grant, Atlanta's quintessential civic leader, landowner, and railroad man, of course.

As is often the case, when the railroad arrived in Grantville so did everything else. A proper depot was established, mills were made, and a public school went up. Though the school building came down in 1937, there are more than 200 historic buildings still standing today, many of which have been revitalized for businesses, event space, and film sets.

Speaking of the movie biz, with its railroad tracks, rugged-meets-restored good looks, and small-town vibes, Grantville has an aesthetic perfectly suited to the screen. And let's just say it's shown up and shown out. Curious to catch it in action before you visit? Plan to binge the likes of *The Walking Dead, Lawless, Broken Bridges, The Color Purple, Dumb and Dumber 2, The Bondsman,* and *Captain America*.

The interwebs have taken this up-and-coming destination for granted, but we'd gander to say that Grantville's star is most definitely on the rise.

### CURIOSITY



In 2022, the Grantville Train Depot was honored with the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation's Chairman's Award.



Enjoy the spooky season year-round at Bonnie Castle. Located in downtown Grantville, the Castle is one of Georgia's most haunted houses!



More than 200 historic buildings are still standing, and many have been restored to live the good life as boutiques, coffee shops, and event halls.







### SHARPSBURG

#### MOST CARING CITY.

Okay, let's sharpen your knowledge on another Coweta community. With a population of 380 people and a total land area of less than a square mile, Sharpsburg is small but mighty.

The town, which was founded in 1825 and incorporated in 1871, was named for Elias Sharp.

Judge Sharp was one of the first homeowners in the community and he, along with the railroad, were integral in putting Sharpsburg on the map.

From the late 1800s through the early 1900s, life was good and business was booming. Doctors moved in, banks doled out cash, and cotton was having its moment. However, by 1920, cotton wasn't doing so well. No cotton means no capital and no capital means no growth.

Sadly, the city stayed stagnant for 20 years, but in 1940 there was a vibe shift. We won't quite call it a renaissance, but there was a renewed sense of place. This change ushered in a plethora of possibilities, including the establishment of monthly markets, the re-discovery of farming, and the creation of recreational facilities.

Nowadays, Sharpsburg is enjoying the fruits of its labor. With farm-fresh fixings and outdoor amenities, this small town has plenty to do. So, lace up your sneakers and get ready for a visit that is ripe for enjoyment.







COLUMN

Talk about staying power the original Bridges & Cole General Store constructed in 1900 is still standing more than a century later.



Not one, but two local farms— 180 Degree Farm and Whitley Farms—reside in the small community.



The train station sign previously read "Sharpsboro," but the U.S. Post Office sign said "Sharpsburg." To this day, no one can explain the reason for the discrepancy.





### HARALSON

#### AN OLDIE BUT A GOODIE.

Established in 1820, Haralson is literally the OG city in Coweta County. Named for former Georgia Congressman Hugh A. Haralson, this town has stories to tell. Seriously, centuries of them.

We get it, though. With no traffic lights and only a few stop signs, it can be tempting to drive right on by. But you really shouldn't. With historic stores, churches, homes, and even an old gin, you can explore first-hand what the film industry has recently discovered ... a perfectly pristine, centuries-old backdrop.

History has formed Haralson, but there are plenty of fresh, new experiences popping up around the 260 acres of filmready real estate. From the Esco Feed Mill to walking paths and The Walkin' Dead Tours to Railroad Street, there are lots of fun opportunities we're pretty sure you'll be talking about for months...or shall we say, centuries.



#### CURIOSITY COLUMN



As seen on TV! Haralson has been featured in several films and TV shows, including The Walking Dead.



Let's taco 'bout some delicious eats, like the hugely popular birria taco stand. It's downright crave-worthy.



With a population of less than **200** as of **2021**, it's safe to say you'll know your neighbors.







### TURIN

### LIVING THE GOOD LIFE SINCE 1890.

Turin (named after the Italian city) was incorporated by the Georgia General Assembly in 1890, but is known more for its agriculture than its architecture.

But that's not to say the architecture lacks historical merit. In fact, the first houses built in Turin were owned by women! The Page sisters couldn't vote, but they were claiming deeds and making community moves in the late 1800s.

When the Depression and the Boll Weevil hit, Turin took a one-two punch. But in 1937, when Highway 16 paved its way from Griffin to Newnan, things started to look up. In the years following, Turin became a hub of activity where peach farming was prevalent, voting was possible, and growth was visible.

Perhaps one of the biggest drivers of change was the completion of a water system for both Turin and Sharpsburg. When the water turned on in 1965, progress flowed forth. Roads were improved, utilities became available, and businesses began anew.

Don't worry, history wasn't completely paved over. Turin worked to preserve its architecture, most specifically the Walter B. Hill Industrial School. Opened in 1927, it was the only vocational school for African Americans in Coweta County. Today, it is the community's official Town Hall.

Pasta may not be dished out as often but this Turin, with its population of 757, is regularly serving up food truck feasts.





### CURIOSITY COLUMN



Living in a Barbie world? Then you'll love Barbie Beach. The roadside attraction is featured in the international publication, Atlas Obscura.



Ladies and gentlemen, start your engines, err tractors! The annual tractor pull hosted by the Turin Tractor Association celebrates the community's long farming history.



As luck would have it, crimson clover was imported all the way from Italy in the 1900s.

Today, you can still see the beauty blooming throughout the city.

## ANNUAL EVENTS

#### WINTER (DEC-FEB)

#### Newnan Christmas Tour of Homes

"The City of Homes"
evokes images of
antebellum homes lovingly
restored to their original
splendor. This annual tour,
held in early December, is
an opportunity to view
these beautiful residences
all decked out in their
holiday best.

#### Senoia Candlelight Tour of Homes

Visitors take a step back in time to learn about Senoia's past through this historic tour of homes held annually in early December.



#### **Art Walk**

This biannual event, hosted in March and September, is

a celebration of local art in historic downtown Newnan. Visitors can stroll through more than 25 locations and see works by over 40 artists in a variety of art styles and mediums.

#### **Gypsy Junkers**

Held annually in the spring and fall, this fair is comprised of 70+ vendors showcasing antiques, handmade arts and crafts, retro and vintage furniture, decor, jewelry, locally grown plants, yard art, and more.

#### **Rock & Road Festival**

For at least one weekend every year, Coweta County is the capital of cycling in Georgia—from century riding and criterium watching to soapbox derby racing and live music.

Attendees can also enjoy a kidzone, food trucks, vendors, and craft beverages.

#### Senoia Alive After Five

The streets come alive with artisans, music, food, drinks, and activities for all ages during this free event held on the third Friday of every month from April through December.



#### Southern LitFest

Pack your book bag, lace up your sneakers, and follow all roads that lead to Georgia's literary pathway and then on to its trailhead in downtown Newnan. Join bestselling authors, poets, and columnists as they discuss all things Southern at this biennial event.

#### **Summer Newna Nights**

Held the second Thursday of the month, this summer event series features family-friendly music and entertainment. Greenville Street Park fills with festivities, food trucks, and booths while downtown businesses stay open late.

#### **Summer Wined-Up**

Held every June, historic downtown Newnan comes alive for a "wine walk" that moves through more than 25 host locations with tasty treats and sips.

#### Jazz in the Park

Hosted by the Newnan Cultural Arts Commission, this summer music series is held in Greenville Street Park. Bring your blanket, beverages, picnic baskets, and dancing shoes for a great family night enjoying the smooth, sweet strains of jazz.

#### FALL (SEPT-NOV)

#### Senoia PorchFest

Porches and yards become stages for local and regional bands and musicians in early September. This free event also features food vendors, art displays, and kids activities.

#### Senoia Car Show

This annual event showcases nearly 500 classic and custom cars, ranging from vintage and muscle cars to hot rods and custom trucks. Held in late September, this is a must-see family event.

#### Turin Antique Farm Power Show & Tractor Pull

Hosted by the Turin Antique
Tractor Association since 1995,
this September event strives to
keep its farming heritage alive
by promoting the history of
the eastern Coweta County
farming culture.

#### **Oktoberfest**

This annual beer-tasting event highlights craft brews from across the state.

Complimentary refreshments, retail specials, and other treats are available for all attendees.

#### **Spirits & Spice Festival**

It's time to eat, drink, and get spooky! Have a "gourd" time in October as downtown Newnan businesses feature spooky specialty cocktails, locals compete in a chili cookoff, and artisans show off their wares.

#### Holiday Sip & See

This November event is the perfect opportunity for downtown Newnan visitors to get started on their holiday shopping while inventory is plentiful. The event features a night market, live music, and refreshments galore.



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### A WEEKEND AWAY TO DINE, STAY, AND PLAY

From sunny cafes and bustling farmers markets to movie tours and eclectic gift shops, here's how to spend 36 hours in Coweta County.

#### **FRIDAY**

LATE AFTERNOON: Kick off the weekend by visiting picturesque Newnan's downtown square, anchored by the stunning Historic Coweta County Courthouse. The 1904 Classic Revival structure, open to the public, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Wander the halls to explore historical imagery and salvaged pieces from a 2010 restoration and listen for the majestic clock, which chimes from the four-faced tower every hour. Spend the rest of the afternoon strolling through downtown, which is lined with dozens of charming boutiques and shops. Pop into Bold Soul Originals for guided artisanal olive oil and vinegar tastings and Georgia-made crafts and gifts. Or scout the racks for unique vintage clothing at Red Letter Merchant and candles, furniture, and pillows at upscale home goods store Newnan Mercantile.

EVENING: Grab a table at Knife & Stone, an intimate, brick-lined bistro serving chef-driven New American fare. Try stellar dishes like chicken and shrimp coconut curry and beef tartare, along with seasonal craft cocktails. End with a nightcap at The Pharmacy, a dimly lit cocktail den housed in a historic building off of a downtown alley. Check the bar's Facebook page for the call-in number to get an entrance code to the Prohibition-era speakeasy; once there, enjoy exceptional specialty cocktails or one of the bar's regular bourbon tastings. For some of the city's best beers, head down the street to The Reserve, Line Creek Brewing Co.'s Newnan outpost. The sprawling, indooroutdoor taproom offers 24 taps of barrel-aged brews and experimental beers, with plenty of space to spread out and hang. Play a round of cornhole, listen to live music from local bands, and enjoy late-night snacks from food vendors like Christo's Pizza and Eggroll Daddy. Make one of the city's many hotels, including wellknown brands like **Home2Suites** and **Hampton** Inn, your home base for the night. All provide a

### MORE TO EXPLORE

Planning a longer stay? Here are some additional must-do attractions:



Play a few rounds at **House**of Pickleball (HOP), a stateof-the-art facility with
15 cushioned, climatecontrolled courts.



Throw some discs at **The Mutt**, an 18-hole interactive
disc golf course at Hunter
Complex in Sharpsburg.



Visit 180 Degree Farm
Market, a nonprofit inspired
by the owner's son's cancer
diagnosis, that provides food
to cancer patients in addition
to a community market.

comfortable, amenity-packed respite for travelers, regardless of your budget and needs.

#### SATURDAY

**MORNING:** Jump start your morning with locally roasted coffee and a slice of homemade quiche or pastry from **Brown** Street Bodega, a sunny cafe in downtown Newnan. Then hit the road to visit quirky Barbie Beach, a roadside attraction located on Highway 16 in Turin. Since 2006, the eclectic, six-by-four sandy stretch has featured Ken and Barbie dolls in rotating themed sets that capture pop cultural moments, including the Final Four playoffs, the Olympics, and the royal wedding. Hop back in the car and head to nearby Senoia to visit the bustling Senoia Farmers Market, one of the most popular events in town. Sip on a mimosa or drink from the buildyour-own Bloody Mary bar while shopping for produce, sweet treats, and crafts from









Junction Soaps. Vendors change weekly but expect various wares, including homemade pottery, jewelry, and local beer, plus tasty bites from favorites like Serrano's Fine Tacos and Wild Daisy Farm.

NOON: Wander through Main Street Senoia, a small town that resembles a classic Norman Rockwell painting. The stretch is packed with local boutiques, restaurants, and attractions. Head to the laid-back Nic & Norman's, owned by actor Norman Reedus and director Greg Nicotero of The Walking Dead fame. The Southern-style eatery is known for its crowd-pleasing menu of burgers, flatbreads, and shrimp and grit cakes, plus a brunch with "hangover helpers." Or sit down for a pint and hearty fare at Maguire's Irish Pub. The lively, familyfriendly spot is renowned for its Reuben spring rolls and fish-and-chips. And no

trip to Senoia is complete without a film and TV tour. Both Water Tower Tours and Georgia Tour Company offer walking and golf cart excursions that give fans a behind-the-scenes look at places featured in The Walking Dead and other films and TV shows shot in the area, including Fried Green Tomatoes, Sweet Home Alabama, The Hunger Games, and Lovecraft Country. After that, snap selfies with set pieces from The Walking Dead, then, visit The Woodbury Shoppe (Walking Dead Museum) for close-ups of props, costumes, and sets from the popular AMC show—the most-watched TV series in basic cable history.

**EVENING:** Settle into a cozy table at **Bistro Hilary**, an upscale French-inspired bistro
that dazzles with dishes like crispy deviled
eggs, classic beef bourguignon, and rotating
specials. Then sip award-winning brews like
Senoia's Finest, an easy-sipping light lager, on
the back patio at **Pearl & Pine Brewery**. Or kick
back with a hoppy IPA and live music at **Senoia** 

Beer Company. Relax for the evening with a stay at the Veranda Historic Inn, an elegant property housed in a 1906 Greek Revival mansion with ten charming guest rooms. The hotel still retains its original features like ornate tin ceilings, glittering chandeliers, and Georgia heart pine floors. Kick back at the end of the day on the inn's sweeping, wraparound veranda.

#### SUNDAY

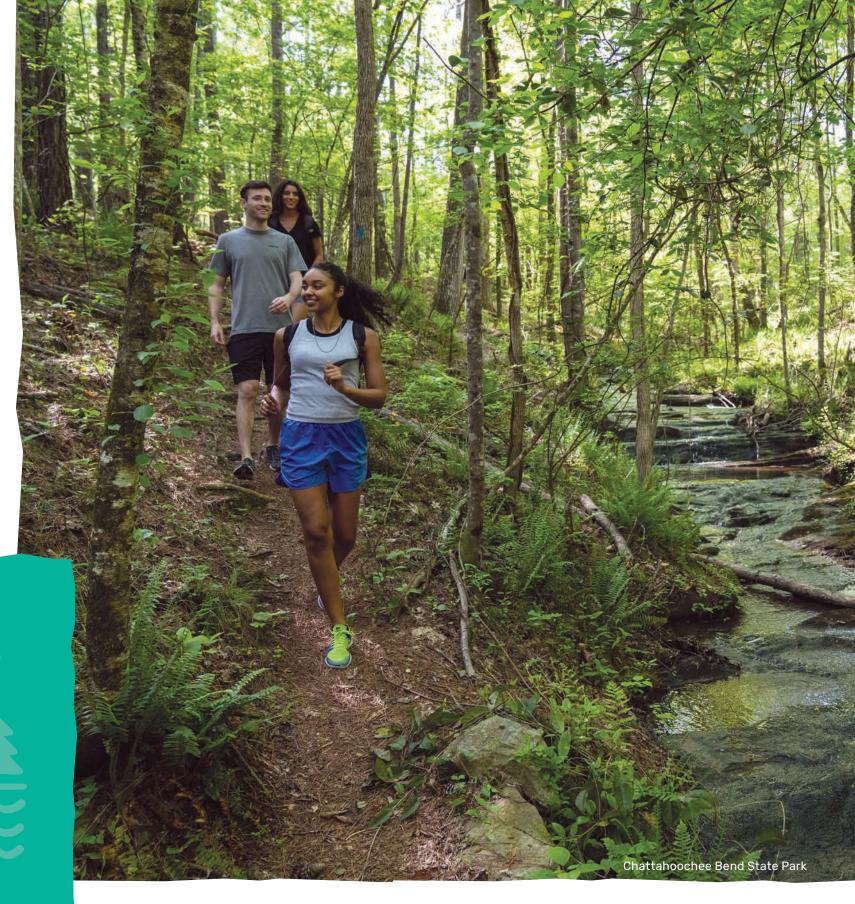
**MORNING:** Kick-start the day with a trip to nearby Grantville. Stop into bright, plant-filled **Beyond Mountains Coffee** for a cup of locally roasted coffee, an iced specialty drink, or flavored tea. Snack on breakfast treats like acai bowls, toast, and overnight oats before hitting the road. And no trip to the beloved local shop is complete without petting the shop's mascot, Wylie, the owner's dog that greets every customer.

### EXPLORE

We bet you'll want to come here often when you start to discover our curiosities. It's the stuff that makes us weird, but in a good way. Like our hiking trails that take you everywhere or nowhere depending on your mood. Or our history that will have you pondering the future in the present. And even though we're hotter than a hoochie coochie, you'll find that we're as sweet as our ice cream and as cool as our cold ones.







# ESCAPE TO THE GREAT OUTDOORS

CHATTAHOOCHEE BEND STATE PARK IS A NATURE-LOVER'S PARADISE

Sometimes we need to get away from it all, and there's no better destination to easily do this than Chattahoochee Bend State Park. As one of the newest and largest parks in the state, Chattahoochee Bend offers something for everyone within its nearly 3,000 picturesque acres.



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"Two things I love about Chatt Bend are the solitude and ecological diversity," says Phil LaRue, president of Friends of Chattahoochee Bend.

"[The park] is so quiet and peaceful; it's easy to just kick back and relax the day away. Whether you string up a hammock and take a nap or hike one of the many trails, you're guaranteed to find a special spot to decompress."

If you're planning a Chatt Bend adventure, you'll want to gather essentials ahead of time, including sunblock, snacks, beverages, and insect repellent. The park is known for being wonderfully remote—perfect for unplugging—but if you do forget any items, there's a great little store at the visitors center that carries basic necessities and souvenirs.

Visitors can pick from a variety of activities. Water lovers will delight in five miles of riverfront—use the boat access to launch into the river or jump on a paddleboard. For a water excursion with a challenge, start paddling at the Highway 16 bridge boat ramp, and get ready for a few shoals, plus class 1 and class 2 rapids. There's also fishing and an observation deck for checking out native flora and fauna.

To view more unspoiled nature, explore 12 miles of trails for walking, running, or biking. Hoping to catch a glimpse of wildlife? The 4.4-mile, beginner's-level Turkey Head Trail offers beautiful views and solitude. Slightly more challenging is the 1.6-mile Brown Thrasher Trail, which dips into a steep ravine after starting off mostly flat, then dropping again. Or try Trailhead 1 to Riverside Tower, a moderate 6.1-mile trail that features an observation tower.



Chatt Bend is also an ADA-accessible park with a paved, 1-mile path, outfitted cabins, and several platform campsites. Visitors can even reserve free, high-mobility, all-terrain track wheelchairs through the park's website.

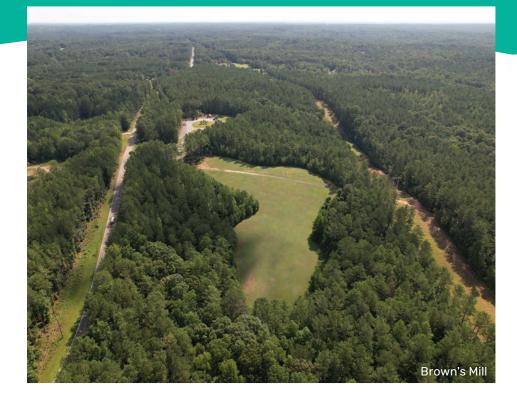
For guests who want to stay overnight, Chatt Bend offers several camping experiences, including backcountry campsites for a taste of wilderness, platform camping, walk-in campsites, and RV/trailer sites. Prefer not to rough it? Book one of the cottages and relax with a full kitchen and screened-in porch.

Nature photographers will relish opportunities to glimpse otters, beavers, bald eagles, and ospreys, says Phil Delestrez, northern natural resources manager for the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. Visitors often spot turkeys, deer, and a variety of birds, including hawks, while the park's flat-rock granite outcrops are vibrant with multicolored daisies in the spring and fall. "Chattahoochee Bend is a naturalist's dream," Delestrez says.



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### BIKING & HIKING



#### **Brown's Mill Historic Site**

• 155 Millard Farmer Rd., Newnan Includes nearly 200 acres of walking trails, six miles of mountain bike trails, and interpretive signs which tell the story of the battle thru personal accounts and military history.

Hours: Monday–Saturday 8:30 a.m.–7 p.m.; Sunday 1:30 p.m.–5 p.m.

#### **Chattahoochee Bend State Park**

One of the newest, but also one of the largest, state parks encompassing nearly 3,000 acres. It features hiking trails with ADA accessible options, kayak ramps, camping and RV sites, cabins, and playgrounds.

Hours: 7 a.m.-10 p.m. daily

#### The LINC

♥ Trailhead - 1515 Lower Fayetteville Rd. (Newnan Centre), Newnan

A multipurpose trail built on public rights of way and greenspace creating a network of paved paths. The trail system is enjoyed by walkers, runners, skaters, bicyclists, and people using non-motorized vehicles.

#### James E. McGuffey Nature Center

♀275 Pine Rd., Newnan

Located at the Coweta County Fairgrounds, the Nature Center includes a handicapaccessible trail and five natural trails that meander through woodland areas, a spring fed pond, and native azaleas.

Hours: Tuesday–Saturday 10:30 a.m.–5 p.m.; Sunday 1:30 p.m.–5 p.m.

#### **Canongate Nature Park**

♀ Canongate Road, Newnan

18.5 acres of conservation land with a 1.75-mile hiking and biking natural surface trail. Hours: 6 a.m.-9 p.m. daily







## CURIOUSLY UNIQUE



#### The HOP (House of Pickleball)

♀ 4 Joseph-Hannah Blvd.,
Newnan

The HOP is a public, 15-court pickleball facility located near downtown Newnan. Take a clinic offered by the local association, participate in a program, or just grab some friends and hit the courts! Hours: 8 a.m.-10 p.m. daily

#### **CJ Smith Park**

992 Farmer St., Newnan

The largest skatepark-pump track combination in Georgia that is home to over 30,000 square feet of rideable terrain—complimented by playgrounds, restrooms, and a splash park.

Hours: 8 a.m.-10 p.m. daily

#### **Riverside Park**

**♀** 3222 US-27 Alt., Newnan

Access the 48 miles of the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area to raft, canoe, kayak, or boat via Riverside. Jet skis nor camping are permitted. Hours: 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset.

#### The "Mutt"

• 2970 E. Hwy. 16, Sharpsburg The county's first, professionally designed, 18-hole disc golf course is located at the Hunter Complex. Join weekly games with the local league or play on your own at the 60-par course.

Hours: 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset.



#### **Temple Avenue Complex**

♥ 39 Hospital Rd., Newnan

The Temple Avenue complex features a 9-hole disc golf course (with two tee options) and one practice hole. Hours: 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset.

#### Geocaching at Coweta County Parks & Recreation Facilities

Enjoy this high-tech, outdoor treasure-hunting game at nearly all of Coweta County's Parks & Recreation facilities. Obtain coordinates and hints from geocaching.com or via the free app.

Hours: 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset.

#### Senoia Raceway

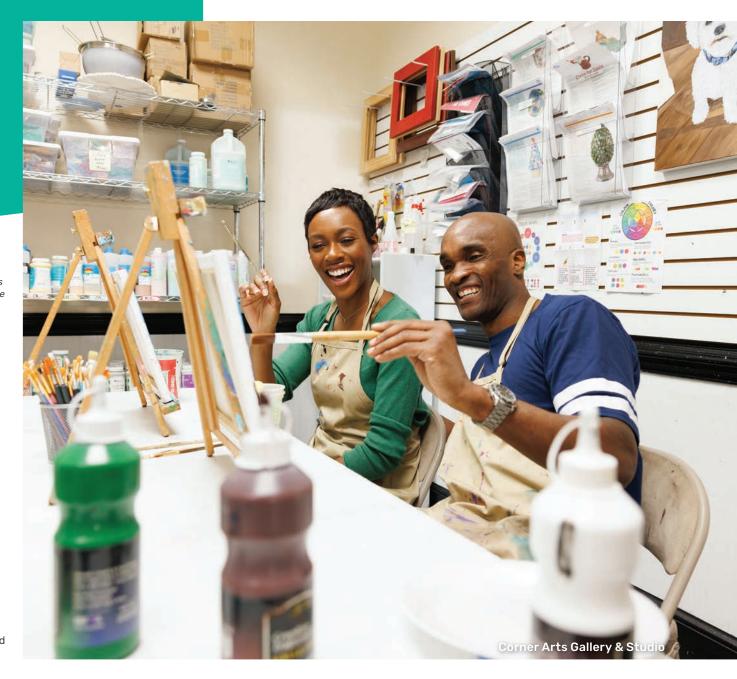
♥ 171 Brown Rd., Senoia Visit Senoia Raceway and "play in the clay" at Georgia's fastest 3/8mile high-banked dirt oval track.

#### **Barbie Beach**

South side of highway at the intersection of Highways 54 and 16 before Turin Road, Turin Drive Hwy. 16 through Turin and it won't be long before you come across Barbie Beach. The dolls are arranged in ever-changing displays that match current events such as the Final Four, Olympics, and even a royal wedding. It is the brainchild of long-time Turin locals who created their first sandy scene in celebration of the 2006 Winter Olympics, which just so happened to take place in Turin, Italy.

#### **Boyd Gallery & Studio**

♥ 14 E. Washington St., Newnan David Boyd is a national awardwinning representational painter





whose recent work has a focus on studio and plein air oil paintings of the urban and rural landscape. In addition to his own work, he occasionally hosts other artists and friends in the space as well. Hours: Wednesday-Friday 10 a.m.-2 pm; First Friday 6-8 p.m.; or by appointment

#### Corner Arts Gallery & Studio

♥ 30 S. Court Square, Newnan A local artists gift shop offering

a variety of unique, handmade products. It is also a teaching studio featuring classes in drawing, watercolors, ceramics, and more.

#### **Mud Haven Pottery Studio**

• 16A Main St., Grantville
This teaching pottery studio is a
mud lover's playground located in
the heart of downtown Grantville.
Featuring ongoing classes,
memberships, and one-time
workshops for any skill level.

## HISTORY & MUSEUMS



♀1 Lagrange St., Newnan The oldest existing Carnegie Library in Georgia opened its doors in 1904. Still operating as a public library, this building bears the iconic "City of Homes" marquee, one of the most recognizable landmarks of historic downtown Newnan. Hours: Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

#### **ChildrenConnect Museum**

₹ 30 Temple Ave. W., Newnan ChildrenConnect incorporates interactive exhibits that encourage children to engage with and learn through active play. The museum is housed in the former building for the Male Academy, a school that was established in 1840

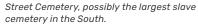
Hours: Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; Wednesday & Friday 1-5 p.m.



#### **Coweta County African American Heritage Museum**

992 Farmer St., Newnan

The museum, housed in a restored shotgun-style house, provides a repository for African American artifacts and records while also serving as a genealogy workroom for research. Adjacent to the museum is the Farmer



Hours: Wednesday-Friday 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

#### **Coweta County Genealogical Society**

♥ 8 Carmichael St., Newnan

The research library is home to a large inventory of historical and genealogical books, publications, reference books, magazines, and pamphlets.

Hours: Wednesday-Friday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

#### **Historic Coweta County Courthouse**

♀200 Court Square, Newnan Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the 1904 Classic Revival Courthouse anchors the town square. Its dome rises 100 feet above street level and a four-face clock in the tower chimes the hour. The dome is covered with 13,500 pounds of copper and it is also the site of the infamous Murder in Coweta County trial. Hours: Open by appointment

#### McRitchie-Hollis Museum

₹ 74 Jackson St., Newnan

This Neoclassical home was built in 1937 and is home to the Newnan Coweta History Center. This museum—housed in a fine Georgian-style home built by prosperous mill owners—tells the story of Coweta County. Collections were created by public donation.

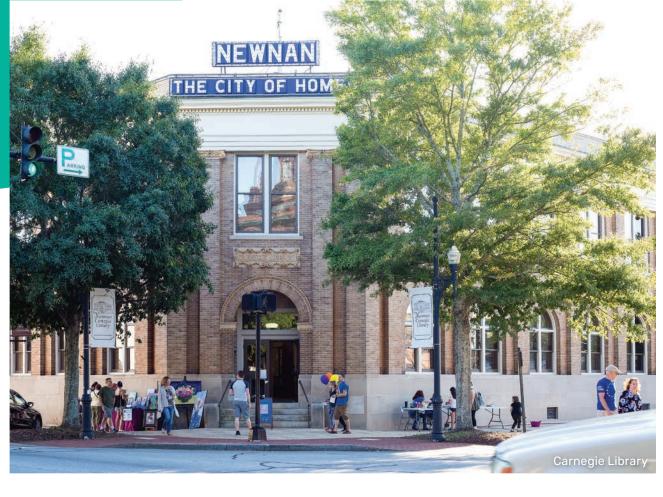
Hours: Tuesday-Friday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

#### **Moreland Hometown** Heritage Museum

97 Main St., Moreland

The museum, housed in the former knittina mill. celebrates the leaacv of Lewis Grizzard. Walk through places from the author's youth in Moreland and view photos and memorabilia donated by family and friends.

Hours: Thursday-Saturday 10 a.m.-3 p.m.



#### Oak Hill Cemetery

996 Jefferson St., Newnan Established in 1833, the cemetery is a 60-acre property with over 12,000 gravesites. Located just a few blocks north of downtown Newnan, it is the final resting place for some of the county's most prominent citizens. As a Civil War hospital city, Oak Hill is the burial ground for over 250 soldiers representing all Confederate states. Self-guided tour brochures are available.

Hours: Sunrise to sunset, daily

#### Senoia Area Historical **Society Museum**

Located in the historical Carmichael home, originally built in 1870, the Senoia Area Historical Society's mission is to secure, preserve, and promote the social and cultural history of the community. Visitors can take a self-quided historic home audio walking tour by downloading the app from their website.

Hours: Friday-Saturday 1-4 p.m.

#### The Little Manse

₹ 7 Main St., Moreland This 19th century farmhouse, formerly Erskine Caldwell's birthplace, features memorabilia about the

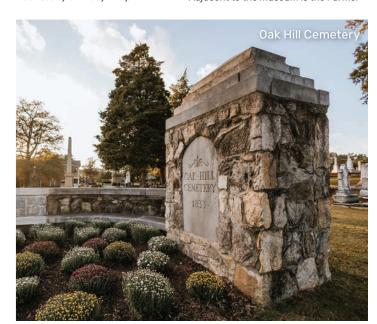
novelist. His books inspired the love of Hollywood, the respect of readers of fine literature, the wrath of those who didn't appreciate his portrayal of poverty-stricken reality in the South, and the honor of his hometown.

#### The Woodbury **Shoppe & Museum**

9 48 Main St., Senoia

Visit the only shop to offer officially licensed Walking Dead products and set pieces. Take a photo inside the prison cells from seasons 3 and 4, hop into the dentist chair, or sit on the motorcycle. And, you never know when you might bump into a cast member! Hours: Monday-Saturday 11 a.m.-





### GLIMPSES INTO THE PAST

SELF-GUIDED HISTORIC DISTRICT TOURS TAKE VISITORS BACK TO A BYGONE ERA

Coweta County's rich heritage dates back nearly 200 years, when the area opened for settlement in 1827 following Georgia's fifth Land Lottery. Many early residents were successful farmers, merchants, and politicians, and their grand homes and businesses stood as testaments to their prosperity. Today the preservation of these structures—representing a variety of architectural styles ranging from Federal and Gothic Revival to Queen Anne and Victorian—remains a key focus for the county.



The City of Newnan boasts six districts with a National Register of Historic Places designation, and locals and visitors alike can enjoy self-guided tours. The best place to begin is the **Downtown Historic District**, anchored by the neo-Greek Revival courthouse designed by renowned architect James W. Golucke. This area is home to several notable landmarks, including the Carnegie Library, McRitchie-Hollis Museum, Murray Warehouse Block, Reese Opera House, Virginia House Hotel, and the historic train depot. Nearby is Oak Hill Cemetery, the final resting place of many of the city's most prominent citizens as well as more than 250 Confederate soldiers.

The residential **Cole Town Historic District** developed around the R.D. Cole Company, a onceprosperous business that produced millwork, machinery, and water towers. Many homes here display ornate railings, decorative pilasters,



and intricately carved moldings—all echoing the exquisite craftsmanship of the company's architectural woodwork. This rich heritage is a testament to the fine details and artistry that defined the era's elegant residential design.

The **College-Temple Historic District** is a classic example of a well-planned neighborhood, where parks, churches, schools, and tree-lined streets seamlessly blend. This quaint area features magnificent homes with a wide range of architectural styles, as well as the Male Academy, formerly a boys' college preparatory school that now serves as a children's museum, and two houses that were part of College Temple, a private school for girls.

In contrast to the intentional layouts of other districts, the **Greenville-LaGrange Historic District** developed along two major highways and features a mix of both historic and contemporary homes. The antebellum house at 87 LaGrange Street served as Confederate headquarters during the Battle of Brown's Mill.

The Newnan Cotton Mill and Mill Village
Historic District is representative of early
20th-century Georgia mill communities. The mill,
now converted into loft apartments, was once a
bustling center of commerce. The adjacent village
provided housing for workers.

True to its name, the **Platinum Point Historic District** is a collection of homes built by some of Newnan's wealthiest citizens. This district, which showcases a variety of Revival-style architecture, emerged with the prevalence of automobiles as is evidenced by the many outbuildings that were used as garages.

A few miles down the road from Newnan is the tiny town of **Senoia**, a picture sque community that has served as a backdrop to numerous films and television shows. With its own vast collection of architectural treasures, much of the town comprises a historic district on the National Register of Historic Places.

Begin the self-guided tour at the **Senoia**Welcome Center on Main Street. It includes more than 45 homes and several historic churches, with structures encompassing such diverse styles as Gabled Ell, Neo-Classical, New South Cottage, Saddlebag, and Victorian Gothic. Particularly noteworthy is the 1906 Greek Revival mansion on Seavy Street that operates as The Veranda Historic Bed & Breakfast Inn. Author Margaret Mitchell interviewed Confederate veterans at the inn for her epic novel *Gone with the Wind*.

Located a short distance from downtown is the **Senoia Area Historical Society Museum**. Housed in the 1870 Carmichael home at 6 Couch Street, the museum is filled with artifacts that bring to life the story of Senoia. It is open Friday and Saturday from 1p.m. to 4.pm. For those wanting a self-guided option, an audio walking tour of the historic homes is available via an app. A portion of the proceeds goes back to the Historical Society.

A highlight of the holiday season is the **Candlelight Tour of Homes**, which offers an inside view of the town's storied past. Sponsored by the Senoia Downtown Development Authority, the tour is held in early December.

### PLAYTIME PERFECTION

COWETA COUNTY HAS FAMILY-FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES



#### INDOOR EXPLORATIONS

Vibrant, welcoming, and interactive, Newnan's **ChildrenConnect Museum** is designed to spark curiosity and creativity in its young visitors. Four "Creative Play" rooms provide hands-on experiences that encourage children to engage in imaginative, playful, and educational activities, ranging from arts and crafts to science and history.

Located in historic downtown Newnan, **Newnan Book Company** is an ideal spot to spend some quiet time with the little ones. This local gem features cozy reading nooks, a curated collection of children's books, and scheduled story time events complete with costumed storytellers, all of which provide a magical experience that encourages joy and a love for reading.

#### **ACTIVE ADVENTURES**

A thrilling adventure spot, **CJ Smith Park** features Georgia's largest skatepark/pump track combo. With more than 30,000 square feet of rideable terrain, skaters and bikers can test their beginner and advanced skills. The park also features playgrounds, including massive adult-friendly slides, and a splash pad, perfect for cooling off on hot days.

With more than 2,900 acres of beautiful landscape along the Chattahoochee River, **Chattahoochee Bend State Park** provides a serene escape into nature. Visitors can hike scenic trails, bike through lush woodlands, or kayak along the river. Book one of the high-end cottages or rustic platform campgrounds for a family getaway.

**Carl Miller Park** offers a 32,000-square-foot playground with diverse play structures, slides, swings, climbing equipment, and a splash pad, as well as well-maintained picnic areas (with grills), shaded pavilions, and scenic walking trails. It's



#### **Treat Yourself!**

No family adventure is complete without a perfect treat. Head to **Main Street Fudge** where you will find 21 fudge flavors, hand-dipped ice cream, fried pies, cupcakes, and more. For a creamy delight, check out **Rock Salt Milk Bar** for its varied selection of handcrafted ice cream made with high-quality ingredients. And for a fun, colorful treat, **WOW sno** offers traditional shaved ice in more than 70 flavors.

a perfect blend of recreation, relaxation, and natural beauty.

### THE GREAT OUTDOORS

One of the few U-pick farms in the area, **Whitley Farms** offers visitors the quintessential countryside experience. Families are invited to pick seasonally fresh produce, ranging from juicy strawberries and blueberries to pumpkins. Be sure to say hello to Curly the bull and JR, friendly residents who enjoy being fed by visitors.

For a modern-day treasure hunt, grab your GPS-capable device and enjoy some geocaching adventures at **Coweta County's parks and recreational facilities**. It's an exciting way for kids to explore the area, practice their problemsolving skills, and discover hidden treasures.

**Senoia Raceway**, a historic dirt track, is a family-friendly destination for motorsports enthusiasts. The raceway hosts various events, from local competitions to major racing series, offering an authentic and memorable experience for diehard fans and first-time visitors.

### FILM

Coweta County stays ready for its close-up.
But we don't need to tell you that; you've already seen it from the comfort of your theater seats. Our drop-dead gorgeous county has brought to life well over 100 small and silver screen titles (zombies included). And we bet you want in on the action. So, grab your crew and get ready for a montage-worthy visit.





#### FILM TOUR GROUPS

**Georgia Tour Company ♀** 53 Main St., Senoia *georgiatourcompany.com* 

Walkin' Dead Tours & Gifts ♥ 10 Line Creek, Haralson walkindeadharalson.com

## MOVIES & SHAKERS

Coweta County was an in-demand filming location long before Atlanta became known as the Hollywood of the South. We raise a glass to the area's storied film history with tasty drinks inspired by the popular productions filmed here. Lights, camera, cheers!



#### **Driving Miss Daisy**

Daisy Werthan would appreciate the elegance of the French Quarter 75 at **Bistro Hilary** in Senoia, where some of the movie's street scenes were filmed. Made with gin, elderflower liqueur, Champagne, and a touch of acidic lemon juice, the drink is Miss Daisy embodied—strong, sophisticated, and the perfect combination of sweet and sass.

#### Footloose (2011)

Boston import Ren McCormack would appreciate the selection of more than 30 beers on tap at **Ace Beer Growlers**. Choose from local favorites like Abide Brewing's Brown's Mill Brown, an American brown ale, or Creature Comforts' Tropicalia, a popular IPA. Take your growler to go or enjoy while watching the hustle and bustle of the historic square from a sidewalk table.

#### Fried Green Tomatoes

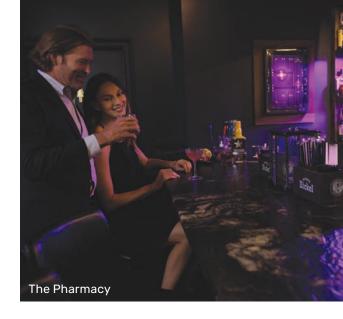
The 1991 hit Fried Green Tomatoes split filming between Juliette and Coweta County. Based on Fannie Flagg's 1987 novel, it's an ode to the wonderful, willful residents of the town of Whistle Stop. We think whiskey-loving dynamic duo Idgie and Ruth would be on board with the Smoked Old Fashioned at **The Pharmacy** in Newnan. The classic cocktail is presented in a smoke box, adding depth of flavor and a touch of flair.

#### The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part 1

Get a little liquid Katniss courage from the Snake Bite, a tasty concoction available at **Maguire's Irish Pub**. This simple but delicious drink consists of dark, smooth Guinness beer mixed with a tart cider, creating a deep and refreshing sip—one that is decidedly more delightful than that snake President Snow.

#### Murder in Coweta County

Moonshine and murder make for high drama as evidenced in this 1983 television movie starring Andy Griffith. While not filmed here, the movie is based on a real trial that took place in Coweta



County. Visitors can grab a dram of the strong stuff at the **Classic Market & Wine Shoppe**, where 36-proof BlueberryShine, a blend of Farmhouse blueberry wine and muscadine moonshine, comes as part of a chic wine flight.

#### The House with a Clock in its Wall

Uncle Jonathan, portrayed by Jack Black, can be seen sipping tea throughout this 2018 film shot in Newnan, bringing comfort in a cup to every scene. Take a page from his book at **Leaf & Bean** where you can enjoy a London Fog green tea latte with vanilla and steamed milk or a selection of more than 20 loose-leaf teas.

#### The Walking Dead

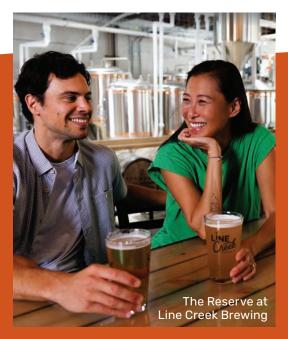
You don't need to be undead to enjoy a Bloody Mary. Grab one at **Nic & Norman's** in Senoia, where the popular TV show was filmed. The restaurant is owned by *The Walking Dead* star Norman Reedus and director Greg Nicotero. Bonus: The restaurant has a make-yourown-Bloody bar at the Senoia Farmers Market on Saturdays.



### EAT & DRINK

HERE IN COWETA COUNTY, YOU CAN BET YOUR BISCUITS THAT WE KNOW THE FASTEST WAY TO YOUR HEART.

Whether you are looking for Southern staples, French fare, or quirky fusion cuisine, we've got the flavors to tempt any taste bud. Feeling like a snack but could also use a sip? Well, it just so happens that we're masters of brew, too. From cozy mornings and mugs of joe to hoppy pints and happy hours, we could go on tooting our own horn. But why not grab a seat and see what the devil(-ed eggs) we've been talking about.







### CURIOUSLY DELIGHTFUL DINING & DRINKING:

#### Oh sugar, we've got all the sweets.

Get ready to quite literally treat yourself to a smorgasbord of confectionary goodness, including, but not limited to, ice cream cones, sno-balls, milkshakes, pastries, doughnuts, crepes, fudge, and cakes.

#### **Craving some international flavors?**

There's no need to hop on a plane—you can get your culinary passport stamped right here with empanadas, birria tacos, French crepes, Irish pub food, Italian, Thai, sushi, and more.

#### Indoors, outdoors, mornings, late night.

We've got dining destinations that work for your palate and your time clock. So, whether you want speakeasy, dine-in, takeout, dressup, or sit-down, the only thing we ask is that you come hungry.



Did you know that Coweta County has four breweries and one growler shop? That means you can raise a toast in town or take one to go, making it 5 o'clock somewhere.

- a. Abide Brewing Company
- b. The Reserve at Line Creek Brewing
- c. Pearl & Pine Brewery
- d. Senoia Beer Company
- e. Ace Growlers

### WAY DOWN YONDER

HOMETOWN SON ALAN JACKSON FOREVER IMMORTALIZED WHAT IT MEANS TO SPEND TIME IN COWETA COUNTY.

From historical tours to world-class music, here are the top places to learn a lot about livin'—and maybe a little about love—way down yonder on our side of the Chattahoochee.



Home to the Newnan Coweta History Center, the McRitchie-Hollis Museum is an excellent place to start exploring. Housed in a Georgianstyle home that was built in 1937 and recently renovated, the center displays artifacts related to the area, including furnishings and World War II memorabilia. An Alan Jackson display showcases outfits, family photos, and a signed guitar. Guided and self-guided tours are available.

Six districts in Newnan boast a National Register of Historic Places designation, making a self-guided **Newnan Historic Tour** a worthwhile endeavor. Start at the **Downtown Historic District** in front of the courthouse. Then, stroll to the **Reese Opera House, Virginia House Hotel**, and **Murray Warehouse Block**, a former cotton warehouse. Main Street Newnan has made things easy by placing plaques with QR codes by the buildings, providing a full history and info on the current businesses.

The town of **Senoia** has gained notoriety in recent years as the home of the smash television show *The Walking Dead*. The app-guided **Senoia Area Historical Society (SAHS)'s Historic Walking Tour** includes information about everything from the Native Americans who first occupied the land and gave the town its name to the zombies that made it famous.

Mess Hall on Main Street is a micro food hall in Senoia that has four distinct culinary stalls:

Senoia Coffee & Cafe, with tasty drinks and breakfast items; Japaneck Sushi & Hibachi Cuisine, which offers Japanese cuisine and sushi; Sunset on Main, serving award-winning ice cream, Italian ices, and other sweet treats; and Belen de la Cruz, with Argentinian empanadas and pastries. Grab whatever your stomach desires, all under one convenient roof.

Fans have been flocking to **Senoia Raceway** since 1969 to experience the thrill of the <sup>3</sup>%-mile track and all the excitement that goes along with dirt track racing. The family-friendly arena also



hosts community events, car shows, and more. Pit passes are available on the day of a race.

While it's been some time since Alan Jackson was crooning on a community mic, there are still plenty of local and traveling acts to discover. Catch a performance at **The Alamo** or **The Bays** in downtown Newnan. The restored **Wadsworth Auditorium** and the **Nixon Centre for the Arts** offer best-in-class performances in a range of musical genres, from Broadway shows to acoustic sets. For more casual options, head to the **Reserve at Line Creek Brewing**, **Abide Brewing**, or **Senoia Beer Company**, all of which regularly host acts.

Visitors can browse antiques, clothing, and gifts throughout the county. Pop into **The Reverie** for vintage and one-of-a-kind clothing or **Gillyweeds** for that perfect eclectic gift. A new pair of boots can be yours at **Boots-N-Bling** in Senoia. Lifestyle gifts and home decor can be found at **Greenhouse Mercantile**, **Table Talk** in Senoia, and **The Farm House** in Turin. **Newnan Book Company** supports local and national authors while **Recycling the Past Antiques** offers great architectural salvage.



### SHOPPING

LET'S TALK SHOP: THE GOODS ARE GREAT HERE IN COWETA COUNTY AND WE'VE GOT THE RECEIPTS TO PROVE IT.

You'll know it the moment window shopping turns into actual shopping and just browsing becomes just bought. But don't blame yourself. It has nothing to do with self-control and everything to do with those darn cute boutiques. Whether you're meandering 'round downtown Newnan, strolling Mainstreet or catching a trolley to Ashley Park, you're bound to find that when you try us on for size, we fit just right into your weekend plans.





## CURIOUSLY DELIGHTFUL BOUTIQUES TO BROWSE:

#### **Greenhouse Mercantile**

Discover a charming collection of curated goods that are made by makers, crafted by crafters and loved by all—locals and visitors alike. At Greenhouse Mercantile, you'll find artisan and fair-trade lifestyle products that make it easy to give back and feel good with every purchase.

#### **Gillyweeds**

Looking for something a little quirky and a little cute? Gillyweeds has got you. Artsy finds abound in this Newnan nook. Plan to browse often because the shop gets restocked with one-of-a-kind finds regularly.

#### **BobbyMac's General Store**

This small-town store has big time offerings. BobbyMac's General Store sources some of everything, making it a shop for all the mamas, the papas, and the baby bears to enjoy.

#### **Boots-N-Bling**

Follow the sparkle to this shimmery little shop in the heart of Senoia. At Boots-N-Bling, you'll find stylish pieces to decorate you and your home from head to toe.

#### **Country Junction Soaps**

Nature's goodness meets the heart of the South at Country Junction Soaps. A mother-daughter team weaves expertise, passion, and goat's milk into each homemade soap, lotion, and specialty product they craft.





### CURIOUSLY BOOKISH?

Looking for your next must-read? Well, you're in luck because in Coweta we have two cozy bookstores to make your reading dreams come true.

At **Book Love**, you're encouraged to find comfort in the margins, to listen to the stories, tell some tales, find some peace, and soak up the boundless beauty of books.

When you visit **Newnan Book Company**, the inviting space welcomes you with open pages and open arms. The books are curated to create connection and bring the joy of reading to all who enter.

### TO MARKET, TO MARKET

VISIT ONE OF COWETA COUNTY'S MARKETS FOR FRESH PRODUCTS AND A UNIQUE EXPERIENCE

Coweta County is nestled in an agriculturally rich region of Georgia and hence home to several noteworthy farmers markets, each with its own distinctive charms and experiences. Spend a Saturday exploring everything from local farmers markets to organic you-pick farms and bring home a true taste of Georgia.



Kick off your weekend at **Senoia's Farmers** Market (Saturdays, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.), largely considered to be the social event of the week. Here, you can order a to-go Bloody Mary or mimosa at one of the market's two different bars, and then wander the offerings. Vendors change from week to week, but expect a good selection of produce, live music, and tasty bites from local restaurants-keep an eye out for the breakfast burrito, a local favorite. Newnan's town square hosts **The** Market Day (first Saturday of the month from March through December, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.), where you'll find more than 50 booths featuring everything from locally grown produce and honey to pottery and handcrafted furniture. Musicians are invited to bring their instruments and join in for "Pickin' on the Square," a relaxed jam session for players of all skill levels.

Just down the road from Newnan's square is the **Coweta County Farmers Market** (June to September, Wednesday and Saturday from 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m.), which features a weekly offering of whatever is in season, as well as eggs, a selection of baked goods, and arts and crafts.

180-Degree Farm provides much more than fresh, organically raised produce and meatsit's also a destination for those battling cancer. After struggling through their son's cancer battle (he is now in remission), the Tyson family started 180-Degree Farm to provide anyone fighting cancer with access to fresh, organically raised products. Open every Tuesday and Saturday year-round from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., the farm also sells locally butchered meats, yogurt, and eggs. Visitors can stock up on fresh, healthy, nutrient-dense food, explore one of their flower gardens, or wander the nature trail. The farm also offers regular volunteer opportunities, and you can order products online.



Pay a visit to Curly the Bull, who shares his pasture with several beehives, at **Whitley Farms**. This family-owned, you-pick operation has strawberries and blueberries along with a selection of homemade jams and honey (harvested right from Curly's pasture).

Take a class at **Country Garden Farms**, where they sell everything from produce to pasture-raised beef, chicken, and pork.

Owners Mike and Judy Cunningham offer classes and hands-on workshops on how to grow, preserve, and cook fresh produce. Their cattle, pigs, and chickens are pasture-raised and never given antibiotics or hormones, and all produce is Certified Naturally Grown.



## CURIOUSLY

WHETHER YOU'RE LOOKING FOR ARTWORK, BOURBON, OR HOME DECOR, COWETA BRIMS WITH LOCALLY CRAFTED TREASURES





Georgia's only seed-to-still distillery, family-owned **Doc Brown Farm & Distillers** grows its own heirloom corn to produce its signature Effie Jewel and Uncle Bogue bourbon blends. For those who like their bourbon on the sweeter side, there are four bourbon creams to choose from: coffee, butter pecan, peppermint mocha, and

salted caramel. You can also order spirits and merchandise online.

Gentle skincare is what it's all about at **Country Junction Soaps**. The store produces soaps with 100 percent fresh goat milk (the founders' very own Nubian goats, to be exact) in soothing scents like

almond honey and Caribbean bliss. It also sells lotions, deodorant, and lip balm at its Senoia storefront, at the Senoia Farmers Market on Saturdays, or online.

A third-generation potter, Kent Applegate works in his Senoia studio to create his signature **Pottery by Kent**. He specializes in functional, beautiful pieces, like mugs and colanders, in earth-toned glazes. Applegate's pieces are available at the Senoia farmers market, Senoia Coffee in Mess Hall on Main, and online.

You can't help but appreciate the paintings of self-taught artist **Ron Mancil** who depicts realistic scenes with vibrant pops of color. He often paints streetscapes of Newnan using "line and wash," a combination of pen sketches with layers of watercolor. Pick up one of his paintings at Fine Lines Art & Framing in downtown Newnan or commission something just for you.

At **Messy Heart Studio**, artist Lou Wackes creates watercolor paintings and ink illustrations of historic sites and products that



help art-lovers tell their own stories—imagine a gallery wall of sweet illustrations depicting all your favorite places. Wackes sells her work at Gillyweeds in downtown Newnan as well as at her online Etsy shop.

If you need a hostess gift, look no further than custom cutting and charcuterie boards at **JoMar's Workshop**. Working out of their Newnan studio, Jose and Marla Fletcher craft boards with flair—think black walnut charcuterie boards with a palm tree motif—some of which are made with salvaged wood from a 2021 tornado. The duo also creates and builds a wide range of furniture, cornhole boards, pet items, and more.

Beyond Mountains Coffee owner Sean Kilpatrick works with small farms to procure delectable coffee beans from Haiti. His shop in Grantville sells coffee drinks made from its own roasted coffee beans as well as pastries, including biscuits, muffins, and croissants. Bags of beans are available for purchase in person and online, in variations like Oscuro (a dark roast) and the Wize Zombie with notes of citrus and chocolate.

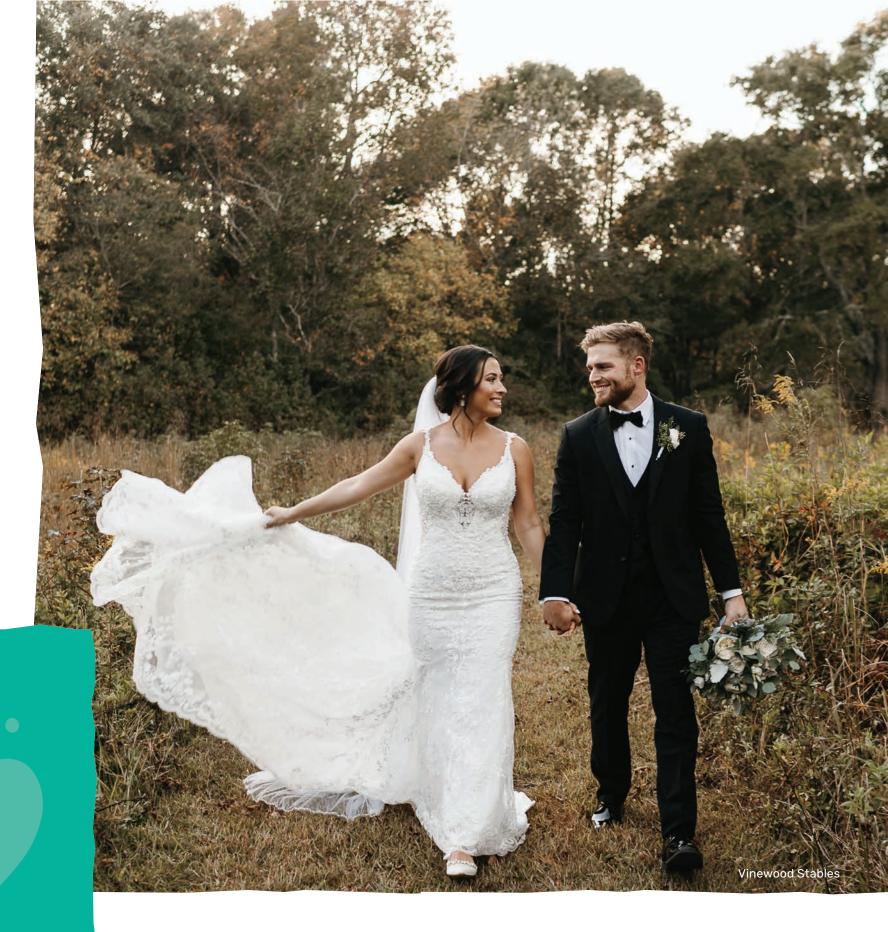
There are plenty of reasons to visit **Whitley**Farms in Sharpsburg throughout the year,
whether it's their popular fall festival or U-pick
strawberry season in the spring. The farm
also sells delicious jams and honey, which can
be purchased at the farm or online—be sure to
say hi to Curly the bull and his son JR.

Nonprofit **180 Degree Farm** grows organic produce with cancer patients in mind. The farm has a special program to help nourish patients, but the public can also do good by eating good food from the farm—there's a market twice a week throughout the year. Visit on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. to see what's in season.

### WEDDINGS

What's that sound? Wedding bells are ringing and love is in the air. From the first kiss to the last dance, Coweta County is all in on romance. And if you're as wooed as we are, you've probably been dreaming about this day ever since you met Mr. or Mrs. Right. Now, all you need to do is turn those imaginings into reality, and with a little help from our bakeries and banquet halls, you'll be able to easily say, "I do" to your own happily ever after.





### WEDDING VENUES

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#### Historic Coweta County Courthouse

♀200 Court Square, Newnan▶770-254-2685

This 1904 Neoclassical Revival courthouse is the perfect place for that unique couple looking for a vintage ceremony locale. Featuring stamped copper and a dome that rises more than 100 feet above the square.

#### **Historic Train Depot**

♦ 60 E. Broad St., Newnan
 ▶ 678-877-6571
 Constructed in the 1880s, the

depot is now an events venue located in downtown Newnan. This venue is the perfect setting for the couple that wishes to surround their day with an ambiance of rustic elegance in a unique and historical setting.

#### **Lillian Gardens**

♥83 Greenville St., Newnan

**\**770-251-1206

A full-service venue dedicated to providing professional planning services for weddings and special occasions, ensuring unique and personalized experiences in a fully restored, Southern antebellum mansion and garden.

#### **Macedonia Hills**

♥ 1390 Macedonia Rd., Newnan

**678-590-8737** 

A full-service wedding venue situated on a historic ranch with stunning views and lush landscapes that will give your wedding a sense of natural beauty. Enjoy the rustic barn, adorned with dark woods and metal accents, or choose from two outdoor venues.

#### **McRitchie-Hollis Museum**

₹ 74 Jackson St., Newnan

**\**770-251-0207

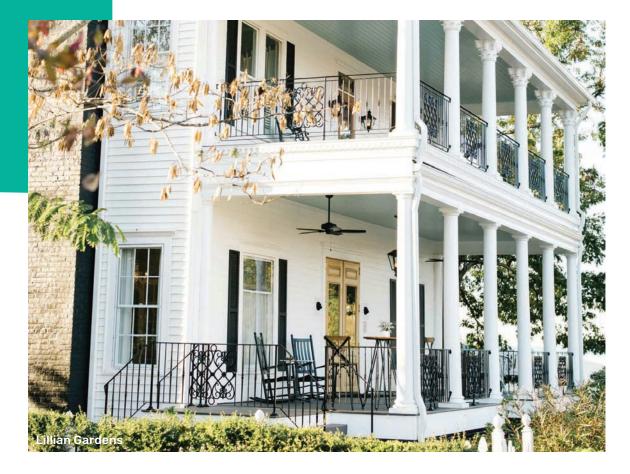
Built in 1937, the museum lends elegance to any affair. It features a stunning two-story foyer with a sweeping, curved staircase, and hand-painted mural. The house, combined with a charming side garden and gazebo, makes it an ideal venue for any type of event.

#### **Newnan Centre**

**678-673-5486** 

Offering a banquet hall and outdoor spaces as well as all-inclusive packages, this multipurpose facility is the premier local wedding venue. A full-service professional staff will assist you with every detail





to ensure your special day is exactly the wedding you've dreamed of all these years.

#### **Old Moreland Mill**

₹ 7 Main St., Moreland₹ 770-251-3428

Built in 1904, this rustic, historic, industrial-style venue features an ideal layout for both your ceremony and reception.

#### Five Pavilions at Riesen Ranch

♀956 Al Roberts Rd., Senoia

**678-876-1985** 

A family-owned and operated agritourism venue and facility offering 200 acres and 10,000 square feet of elegant, wide-open event space for your wedding, corporate event, banquet, or family reunion.

#### The Venue at Murphy Lane

This 88-acre farm is nestled in the countryside and features rolling hills, picturesque white wooden gazebo, a vineyard, a cozy log cabin with a covered wrap-around porch, and a

gorgeous, elegant barn. It provides several flexible indoor and outdoor event spaces in a natural setting with a full-service team and allinclusive packages.

#### **Vinewood Stables**

♀1324 Roscoe Rd., Newnan

**678-633-5509** 

The crowning gem of this property is the original 1852 historic farmhouse, making it the perfect Southern farm wedding venue. The Main House still has all its original historic charm, while offering the contemporary amenities you need.

#### **Wadsworth Auditorium**

♀ 25 Jefferson St., Newnan

**\**770-253-2682

This restored, historic 624-seat auditorium was built in 1938 as part of the municipal building complex. For more than 80 years, this art deco style building has served many purposes and has become a special place for brides seeking that vintage vibe.



### MEETINGS

Wear that *Hello, My Name is* sticker proudly. It's time to get your meet and greet on in Coweta County. With a variety of facilities to choose from, you'll never be in a pickle because we have courts for that. Plus, with our experts to assist, you'll be able to easily plan for big banquets, small breakout sessions, competitive leagues, and anything in between. Go ahead, host with the most right here.





### THE PERFECT PLACE TO MEET

Plan to meet and greet in one convenient location. Ideally located just south of Atlanta and the airport, with easy access to Interstate 85, Coweta County is your hostess with the mostess when it comes to group experiences. Need more than a desirable destination? Our experts in planning are always available to make meeting magic happen.

## COWETA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS & CONFERENCE CENTER

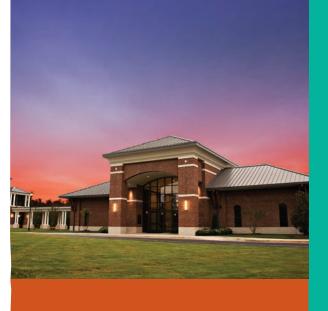
This 80-acre center was made for hosting indoor and outdoor experiences. The premier facility includes a conference center with more than 6,000 square feet of meeting space, seating for up to 400 people, and a catering kitchen.

Additionally, the property features a 10,000-square-foot Ag building, outdoor theater space, a seven-acre Midway perfect for large, outdoor events, and a covered pavilion.

#### Amenities

- 5,000 sq. ft. of indoor meeting space
- 200-seat outdoor theater
- Complimentary Wi-Fi
- Ample on-site parking





#### NEWNAN CENTRE

The Newnan Centre is a multipurpose facility designed to host a myriad of events, including meetings, retreats, fundraisers, workshops, and more. The venue can accommodate up to 650 people. Featuring a 6,000+-square-foot ballroom, a boardroom, an outdoor pavilion, and an amphitheatre, this facility is ready to host your next event.

#### **Amenities**

- Total sq. footage of over 8,000 sq. ft.
- 1 16-foot-high ceiling in ballroom
- Complimentary Wi-Fi
- Outdoor pavilion, amphitheater, and gazebo
- Full-service professional staff

### TEMPLE AVENUE COMPLEX

This complex is a unique, multipurpose facility with meeting space and sports amenities. Featuring several buildings strategically placed across the campus, you can plan to comfortably accommodate 20 to 200 people. When you meet at Temple Avenue, your attendees can also enjoy a wide array of outdoor activities, including pickleball and disc golf.



#### **Amenities**

- Indoor facilities that can seat up to 200
- Covered pavilion with seating
- Outdoor activities and amenities
- Ample on-site parking

#### MADRAS PARK

Madras Park was once a schoolhouse.

Now restored, it boasts some incredible spaces for gathering, including a banquet room with a stage, a kitchen area, and four classrooms for smaller learning environments. The property also makes recess a priority with plenty of places for group play, such as a gymnasium, a playground, a pavilion, and a paved walking trail with fitness stations.



#### **Amenities**

- Banquet room that can seat up to 125
- Four classrooms that can seat 20 to 25
- AV capabilities and Wi-Fi
- Ample on-site parking



### HITTING A HIGH NOTE

DIVERSE MUSIC OPTIONS ABOUND AT A VARIETY OF COWETA VENUES

When it comes to music, Coweta has it covered.
From jazz and acoustic to rhythm and blues, there's something playing almost every week in a variety of locations around the county, including parks, auditoriums, brewpubs, and restaurants.



distance of Newnan's historic downtown district, is one of the area's most popular music venues. The two-acre urban oasis features a terraced lawn area, a covered pavilion, and a stage that serves as a small amphitheater. It's home to Jazz in the Park, a regular summer series sponsored by the Newnan Cultural Arts Commission, as well as Summer NewnaNights, a series of family-friendly music and entertainment events sponsored by Main Street Newnan.

For an indoor experience, head to the historic **Wadsworth Auditorium**, also located in downtown Newnan. Its lineup of concerts, sponsored by the Newnan Cultural Arts Commission, range from classical to Big Band. Occasionally, musicals are performed here as well.

The **Donald W. Nixon Centre for Performing** and **Visual Arts**, a modern 48,000-square-foot facility anchored by a 1,000-seat theater, hosts several concerts and musical productions each year. The local Masterworks Chorale regularly performs here; and the Centre Strings Orchestra, a volunteer student-community orchestra based at the Nixon Centre, holds concerts at the venue each May and December.

Although stage plays are the primary focus at the **Newnan Theatre Company**, musicals are sometimes performed here. Past productions include *Bye Bye Birdie*, *Godspell*, *The Sound of Music*, and *9 to 5 the Musical*.

For a more laid-back experience, **The Alamo** features bands and acoustic musicians every weekend and is a favorite scene of residents and visitors alike. Often referred to simply as 'The Mo,' the downtown movie theater turned music venue has hosted hundreds of local and regional performers as well as such widely recognized musicians as Chubby Checker, Kool & The Gang, and Sugarland. Also on the menu are wings and pizza, as well as curated drink specials and craft beers.



Another casual Newnan venue is the **Abide Brewing Company**. It features a rotating
lineup of musicians, along with food trucks and
specialty brews in a family-friendly atmosphere.

At **The Bays**, the casual dining and entertainment extension of popular downtown Newnan restaurant The Cellar, Wednesdays thru Saturdays are devoted to a rotating lineup of musical acts ranging from jazz to country. Guests also can enjoy a chef-driven menu, a large bar, and two patios.

A few miles away, **Senoia Alive After Five** features a downtown summer concert series along with vendors, food trucks, and kids' activities. Also popular is **PorchFest**, a neighborhood celebration where porches and yards become the stages for local and regional bands. The Senoia Downtown Development Authority sponsors both events.

The Coweta County Fairgrounds & Conference Center showcases a variety of talented musicians, particularly during fair week, when acts range from classic rock and reggae to Southern gospel and blues. In 2021, country star and Newnan native Alan Jackson performed a sold-out concert to raise money for tornado relief.



### ACCOMMODATIONS

No need to toss and turn. When you stay in Coweta County, you'll sleep so well you may not want to leave. Our national hotel chains offer all the amenities and loyalty points you can dream of, while our rentals provide the comfort and convenience of home without the worries of ownership. Want a more adventurous stay? Pop a tent or rent a cabin out yonder on the Chattahoochee or get buff on history at one of our historic B&Bs. However you like to stay, we got you. So, all you need to do is check in and rest up—there's a weekend waiting.





### ACCOMMODATIONS



#### BED & **BREAKFASTS**

The Veranda Inn

9252 Seavy St. Senoia **(**678) 721-8259

#### **EXTENDED** STAY

#### **Candlewood Suites**

₹700 Newnan Crossing Bypass Newnan **(**678) 423-5112 Pet-friendly

#### **Everhome Suites**

Newnan **(**943)444-5081

#### Home2Suites

Newnan **(**770)400-8830 Pet-friendly

#### MainStay Suites/Sleep Inn

Newnan **(**678) 673-6305

94051McIntosh Pkwy.

93 Amlajack Blvd.

#### **Premier Suites**

930 Cade Court Newnan **(**470) 400-0900 Pet-friendly

#### **TownePlace Suites**

94001 McIntosh Pkwy. Newnan **(**770) 400-8810 Pet-friendly

#### **StayAPT Suites**

♀2551McIntosh Pkwy. Newnan **(**770) 341-0030 Pet-friendly

#### **WoodSpring Suites**

969 Diplomat Pkwy. Newnan **(**678) 400-6958 Pet-friendly





#### HOTELS

#### America's Best Value Inn

91344 Hwy. 29 S. Newnan **(**770) 253-8550 Pet-friendly

#### **Best Western**

9620 GA-34 E. Newnan **(**770) 304-9700 Pet-friendly

#### **Comfort Suites**

945 Bledsoe Rd. Newnan **(**678) 633-6333

#### Country Inn & Suites

91125 Newnan Crossing Blvd. E. Newnan **(**770) 304-8500

#### **Days Inn**

**♀**1310 Hwy. 29 S. Newnan **(**770) 683-5089 Pet-friendly

#### Hampton by Hilton Inn

950 Hampton Way Newnan **(**770) 253-9922

#### **Holiday Inn Express**

94 Herring Rd. Newnan **(**770) 251-7711 Pet-friendly

#### **HomeLodge**

Newnan **(**678) 854-0501 Pet-friendly

91344 Hwy. 29 S.

#### La Quinta Inn & Suites

9600 GA-34 E. Newnan **(**770) 400-0921 Pet-friendly

#### Motel 6

Newnan **(**770) 251-2828 Pet-friendly

#### Quality Inn

940 Lakeside Way Newnan **(**678) 621-2494 Pet-friendly

#### Red Carpet Inn & Suites

91455 Hwy. 29 S. Newnan **(**770) 683-0089

#### **Red Roof Inn**

9590 Bullsboro Dr. Newnan **(**937) 328-4232 Pet-friendly

#### **SpringHill Suites**

91119 Bullsboro Dr. Newnan **(**770) 254-8900

#### Stay Lodge

990 Millard Farmer Industrial Blvd. Newnan **(**770) 254-0295

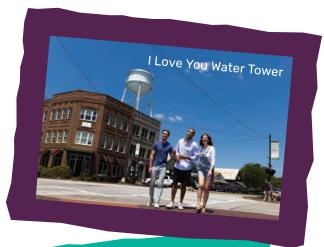
#### **ALTERNATIVE**

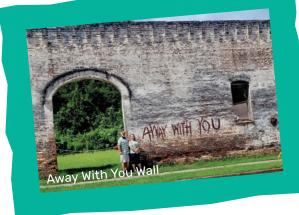
Chattahoochee Bend State Park 9425 Bobwhite Way, Newnan

**(**800) 864-7275

### PICTURE-PERFECT GUIDE

Coweta County is picture perfect! To prove it, we've created a list of must-see locations across our communities that were made for photo opportunities. So, bring your smile, because we've brought the spots that will have you ready to snap the perfect shot.





#### NEWNAN

#### Alan Jackson mural in downtown

♥ Jefferson Street between Madison and N. Court Square

#### Flowers on Washington mural in

♥ W. Washington between Jackson and Brown streets

#### Coca-Cola mural in downtown 9 LaGrange St.

Iconic historic courthouse on Newnan Square

**♀**200 Court Square

#### SENOIA

Senoia mural at Pearl & Pine Brewery (back patio)

• 22 Main St.



#### French bistro tables at Bistro Hilary

921 Barnes St.

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### THE WALKING DEAD MUSTSEES (SENOIA)

Main Street (town of Woodbury)

Commonwealth Wall/Outpost 22
(in front of Senoia Farmers Market)

• 40 Travis St.

In Our Memory wall (located at the back of Senoia Farmers Market)

40 Travis St.

#### The Gin Property (town of Alexandria)

• Near 40 Travis St.

(This property is a private, residential area but feel free to view and enjoy it from across the railroad tracks!)

#### I Love You Water Tower

 ♥ Can be seen on Main Street behind the Welcome Center

#### THE WALKING DEAD MUST-SEES (GRANTVILLE)



#### Happy snapping!

Whether you're looking for candid corners for aesthetic pics or full-on fanfare photos, Coweta County is quite photogenic! Once you get the perfect spot and are ready to share on socials, tag us and use #DiscoverYourCurious for a chance to be featured on our feed.

