





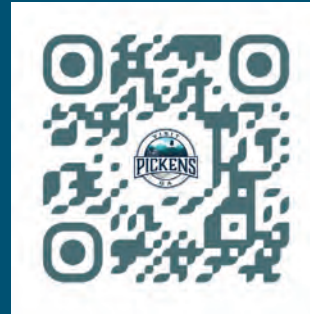


TRAILS

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**Hiking Trails in Pickens County and
Surrounding North Georgia Mountain Area**

Amicalola Creek Trail

Location: 5872 HWY 53, Dawsonville, GA 30534
Length: 2.5-mile loop wooded; or .5-mile one-way boardwalk
Level: Easy

Brief Overview:

A riverside nature trail providing access to viewing, fishing and canoe launch areas, as well as a river's edge trail. Complete with handicapped parking and easy river access, these platforms are ADA compliant and are part of a trail system that extends from the parking area and existing platforms, downstream to Edge of the World Rapids, one of the most picturesque – and challenging – stretches of whitewater in the entire region.

Amicalola Falls State Park Waterfall Loop & AT Approach Trails

Location: 418 Amicalola Falls State Park Rd
Dawsonville, GA 30534
Length: 2 - 8.5 miles
Level: Moderate

Brief Overview:

Spectacular scenery and hiking trails make this one of Georgia's most popular state parks. At 729 feet, Amicalola Falls is the tallest cascading waterfall in the Southeast. Visitors have choices on how to best view the tumbling waters, ranging from an accessible pathway to a challenging trail with staircase. Numerous other trails provide shorter day hikes. An 8.5 mile approach trail leads from the park to Springer Mountain, the southern end of the famous 2,175 mile Appalachian Trail (AT), and the 300-mile Benton MacKaye Trail (BMT).

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Burnt Mountain Preserve Trail

Location: 3670 GA 136, Jasper, GA 30143
Length: 1.1 miles
Level: Moderate

Brief Overview:

Head out on this 1.1 mile loop trail near Jasper, Georgia. Generally considered a moderately challenging route with a maximum grade of 28% the trail descends and ascends just over 300 feet of elevation and takes an average of 39 minutes to complete. This trail is great for birding. Leashed dogs welcome.

Carters Lake Tumbling Waters Trail

Location: 34.651,-84.608, Ellijay, GA 30540
Length: 1 mile
Level: Moderate

Brief Overview:

Explore this 1.0-mile out-and-back trail near Ellijay, Georgia. This is a very popular area for hikers and runners, so you'll likely encounter other people while exploring. The best time to visit this trail is March through November. Leashed dogs welcome.

Eagles Rest Park on Mount Oglethorpe

Location: 7315 Monument Rd, Jasper, GA 30143

Eagles Rest Trail	Grassy Knob Vista Trail	Oglethorpe Mt Trail
Length: 1/2 mile	Length: 1.3 miles	Length: 2 miles
Level: Easy	Level: Moderate	Level: Strenuous

Brief Overview:

Mount Oglethorpe has three individual hiking trails, picnic areas and viewing decks. There is a monument devoted to Native American history of the area. It is a perfect spot for birders. The park is open 7:00 a.m. until dusk.

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Wildcat Tract Trails

Location: Wildcat Campground, Dawsonville, GA 30534
Length: 1.5 - 10.4 miles
Level: Challenging

Brief Overview:

The Dawson Forest Wildcat tract trails offer four different sections: The Eastern Wildcat Tract includes the Wildcat Creek and the Falls Creek Trails. These two trails provide views of mountain laurels, rhododendrons, and other spring-flowering mountain species. Keep an eye on the right for scenic views of Amicalola Falls far below in the rocky gorge.

The Western Wildcat Tract includes the Tobacco Pouch and Rocky Ford Trails. These trails offer a mountain backcountry experience. Beginning at the 3,000-foot level high on a mountain ridge with views of Dawson, Pickens, Cherokee and surrounding counties, the trails in this section drop sharply to the valley floor west of Wildcat Creek. The trails have steep descents and ascents, and are not suitable for young children or those unprepared for a heart-pounding hike. Be advised that the laws of nature are reversed in this case: what goes down must come up, and the trail out of the mountain valley will seem much steeper than it did on the way in.

