

48 HOURS IN



CLARKESVILLE

Welcome to Clarkesville, where big-city amenities mesh with small-town charm to create an unforgettable experience. Whether you are interested in nature, arts/crafts, shopping, dining, recreation or entertainment you can find it here. We've put together some suggested itineraries for visitors who want to spend a relaxing vacation taking in the sights in an unhurried way. And, for the more adventurous activities, we've added in a range of outdoor activities in the mountains and wilderness that surround us. Stop by the **Clarkesville Visitor's Center** for information, brochures and tips from locals.

DAY ONE: Shopping, Sightseeing & Relaxing

Start off on Washington Street in downtown Clarkesville and spend some time shopping for antiques and gifts. With over 20 retail shops on the downtown square, you're sure to find a unique treasure. Be sure to stop by the **Historic Mauldin House** which serves as the city's Visitors Center, and get the great shopping/dining map for downtown. Grab a coffee and pastry at one of downtown's coffee houses and relax on the benches along the sidewalk. From here, head out to the **Old Clarkesville Mill**. With over four acres of stores, you might run out of time before you run out of ideas.

For a homemade and handmade taste of the town, head back to the downtown square and have lunch at one of our eight eateries.

Or, if you're in the mood for a picnic, head to **Sam Pitts Park**, located off the square in downtown. Enjoy a picnic at the gazebo or pavilions located along the scenic **Soque River**. Once inhabited by Cherokee Indians, the **Soque River** is the only river in Georgia that starts and ends in the same county. Grab your walking shoes and head over to the **Clarkesville Greenways**, a perfect trail for biking and hiking. Take the foot bridge over to **Mary Street Park** and relax under the shade trees.

For a calming mid-afternoon treat, pamper yourself at Golden Sun Salon and Spa, Aurora Falls Massage Studio or A Garden for Wellness. Have a creative flair? Visit **Splashe Studio**—Clarkesville's Paint-Your-Own-Pottery venue. Prepare yourself for an exciting dinner on the square where many of our restaurants feature live entertainment, fine local wines, and all showcase mouth-watering menus.

Keep the fun going by catching a show at our **Historic Habersham Community Theater**, located downtown, which has been providing entertainment to our community for nearly 75 years. Or, listen to live tunes at **Grant Street Music Room**—our local music venue located in the Mill.

End your day at the century-old **Glen Ella Springs Inn & Meeting Place**, an award-winning inn and restaurant located just 8 miles from the



DAY TWO: Recreation, Adventure and History

Start your day meandering down Scenic Hwy 197 where you can stop to have a morning biscuit at **Batesville General Store**, or go trout fishing at **Blackhawk Fly Fishing** or **Brigadoon Lodge** (*reservations required*) located along your route on Highway 197 alongside a stretch of the Soque that runs through private land. Observe potters creating their wares at **Mark of the Potter** and feed the large trout swimming below the Mill. Shop for hand made regional arts and crafts, flowers, and native plants at many of the other unique shops along the way.

Further up the road is **Lake Burton**. This mountain lake, which touts itself as the highest lake in Georgia, has over 62 miles of shoreline. Rent a boat or grab a burger at **LaPrade's** full-service marina and restaurant.

Head back to town stopping first at the Visitors Center (**Historic Mauldin House**) where you can pick up the **Historic Downtown Walking Tour** to visit afoot the over 19 historic spots in Downtown.

Explore the **Old Clarkesville Cemetery**, an outdoor museum recording Clarkesville history.

Make your way back to the **Historic Mauldin House** and meander through the lush Garden, home to hundreds of species of plants, vegetables and herbs. Try on a hat at the **Historic Millinery Shop and Museum**, one of only two left in the state, which features over 183 unique hats. Tour **Big Holly Cabin**, built in 1819, and be sure to take a photo, as the rustic cabin is a popular backdrop for local photographers.



For the adventure seeker, **Sunburst Stables** is located a short drive from the downtown square. A picturesque setting for riding horses or zipping through the canopy of the trees, Sunburst has something for all ages and experience, plus Sunburst offers beautiful vacation cabins for your stay in the Northeast Georgia mountains.



Hiking enthusiasts will love **Panther Creek Trail**, the 5.5 mile treadway that passes five waterfalls and culminates into a stunning waterfall and swimming hole.

One of the most spectacular canyons in the eastern US., **Tallulah Gorge** is a 15 minute drive from Clarkesville. Nearly two miles long and 1000 feet deep, visitors can hike rim trails to several overlooks, or they can obtain a free permit to hike to the bottom of the gorge. A suspension bridge sways 80 feet above the rocky bottom, providing spectacular views of the river and waterfalls.

Golf lovers will not want to miss the opportunity to tee off at one of Clarkesville's award winning courses. **The Orchard** and **Apple Mountain Resort & Golf Club** both offer 18-hole championship layouts amidst the picturesque background of the Northeast Georgia Mountains.

There are so many things to offer in and around **Downtown Clarkesville**. So much so that, well, you just have to *Experience* it for yourself.

We have a lot to be proud of, but what we're most proud of is our people. Our people make the town through the love of this place. They are committed to developing a vibrant community, and they are committed to each other and our visitors..

Enjoy your time in Clarkesville. We look forward to having you back!

