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Gordon County

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CALHOUN



WELCOME TO *Calhoun!*

Welcome to Northwest Georgia's Calhoun/Gordon County, an easy drive from Atlanta, GA, Chattanooga, TN and Birmingham, AL. In Calhoun/Gordon County there's more to life than traffic jams, deadlines and families going in different directions. Here, you can stay active or relax to recapture the essence of yesteryear, that slower-paced life of your childhood, and share those experiences with your kids now.

OUTDOORS

Gordon County is an outdoor enthusiast's playground. There's hiking, fishing, canoeing, swimming and golf: two great courses cater both to pros and casual players. Camp out in Gordon County - from primitive to downright comfortable. Leave behind the city lights and let the stars light up your night instead.

HISTORY

Gordon County's rolling hills are steeped in history. Explore the heritage of the Cherokee Nation. Visit Resaca Battlefield, site of one of the bloodiest battles of the Civil War. Listen to the rich tenor voice of native Roland Hayes, the late, world-renowned, African American vocalist.

SHOPPING

Art lovers and antique treasure hunters will find darling shops and galleries in Calhoun and throughout Gordon County. For serious shopping, head straight to Calhoun's downtown business district with its chic boutiques, to Calhoun Outlet Marketplace adjacent to I-75 with its 40 stores or to the many carpet outlets to furnish your home.

DINING

All there is to see and do in Calhoun/Gordon County is sure to build an appetite. Travelers getting off the interstate can venture into Calhoun for culinary delights and delicious Southern fare, lip-smacking BBQ joints and plenty of eateries serving locally grown vegetables farm-to-fork.





LODGING

Six exits along I-75 through Gordon County offer some of the best national brands of comfortable accommodations without the big city prices. We invite you to get off the road, make yourself at home and Explore Calhoun/ Gordon County.

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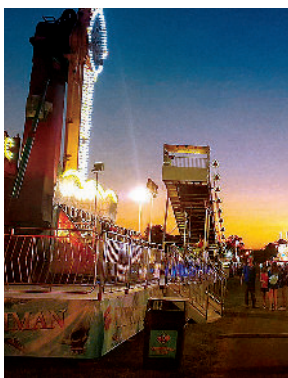


SHARE
Your Fun

#EXPLOREGORDON



The ROCK Garden – Cinderella's castle, Notre Dame and 50 more hand-built miniature stone structures await you



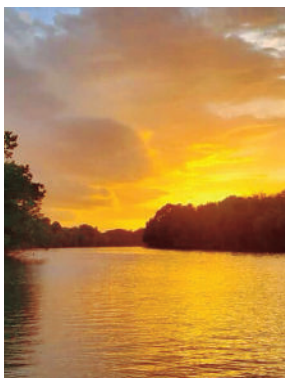
NWGA Regional Fair – Commemorate a great time at this annual event



New Echota State Historic Site - Cherokee Capital – The entire site is photo-worthy



Calhoun Supercross – Great high-action photos



Carters Lake (near dam) – Sunsets on the water are gorgeous



Copper Creek Farm – Snap a shot amid acres of sunflowers or corn



Downtown Calhoun – Numerous picturesque locations



Paradise Drag Strip – A great picture spot for those sports car enthusiasts

PLAY *Outside*



AGRITOURISM

Copper Creek Farm


1514 Reeves Station Road SW
Calhoun, (706) 280-5592
CopperCreekFarm.com

At the foot of the Appalachian Mountains, Copper Creek is a place where families, school groups and businesses can have fun and make memories worth repeating. The farm is home to two annual events: Sunflower Festival during the summer and Corn Maze & Pumpkin Fest during the fall. Stop by the general store for glazed pecans, peanut brittle, goat soap, local honey and t-shirts.

Saddle Creek Lavender Farm

616 Highway 411 SE
Ranger, (770) 617-7335
SaddleCreekLavender.com

Lavender blooms from late May until late June with peak blooms around the 1st and 2nd weeks in June. Some varieties bloom again in late summer. Saddle Creek Lavender Farm schedules family-centered events which include: picking your own bundles of lavender, purchasing your own products and plants, pony rides and fishing in the stocked pond. Check the website for dates.



Salacoa Creek Sunrise

REC & OUTDOORS

The ROCK Garden

1411 Rome Road

Calhoun, (706) 629-5470

[facebook.com/](https://www.facebook.com/CalhounRockGarden)

[CalhounRockGarden](https://www.CalhounRockGarden.com)

**Located behind the Calhoun*

Seventh-day Adventist Church

Built by volunteers, this place of peace and prayer is a folk art must-see! More than 50 fun-sized buildings crafted from tiny stones, pebbles, shells, odd pieces of broken glass and china, rocks, ceramic tile, cement, wire and other materials sit amidst an acre of flowers and greenery. The miniature castles and cathedrals provide the perfect photo opportunity for all ages!



Chattahoochee National Forest

Chatsworth, (706) 695-6736

fs.usda.gov/conf

Visitors can picnic, hike, camp, fish and take in breathtaking views in the Chattahoochee National Forest, land of the Pinhoti Trail, Keown Falls and The Pocket.

Carters Lake

Highway 136

Oakman, (706) 276-4891

[CartersLake.com](https://www.CartersLake.com)

One of the most scenic lakes in the Southeast, Carters Lake features 62 miles of shoreline, the highest earth-filled dam east of the Mississippi River and a full-service marina with cabins and boat rental. The lake is a perfect place to camp, hike, bird watch, fish and picnic.

New Echota Rivers Alliance (NERA)

[PaddleNERA.com](https://www.PaddleNERA.com)

Enjoy scenic Gordon County as you paddle the Oostanaula, Coosawattee and Conasauga rivers. NERA offers guided paddle trips March through November.

Salacoa Creek Park

388 Park Drive, Ranger
(706) 629-3490 | (770) 773-0404
[GordonCounty.org/
departments/salacoa-
creek-park](http://GordonCounty.org/departments/salacoa-creek-park)

This 364-acre park offers:

- 32 RV sites
- 3 primitive camping sites
- 126-acre lake
- swimming and beach area
- 2 playgrounds
- picnic pavilion
- boat launch area
- 1.5-mile nature trail

Gordon County Parks and Recreation Department

7494 Fairmount Highway
Calhoun, (706) 602-4435
[GordonCounty.org/
departments/parks-recreation](http://GordonCounty.org/departments/parks-recreation)

Throughout Gordon County, you'll find:

- tennis courts
- baseball fields
- soccer & football fields
- playgrounds
- picnic pavilions
- splash pad
- walking trail
- community center with basketball courts, fitness center, community rooms

Calhoun Recreation Department

601 S. River Street
Calhoun, (706) 629-0177
[CityOfCalhoun-GA.com/
recreation](http://CityOfCalhoun-GA.com/recreation)

Parks in Calhoun offer something for everyone:

- tennis courts
- swimming pool
- football & soccer fields
- softball & baseball fields
- basketball courts

- paved trail for walking
- running & cycling
- dog park
- acres of green space with picnic areas
- one of the largest playgrounds in the region

Cedar Break RV Park & Campground

2523 Red Bud Road, Calhoun
(706) 629-7511, [facebook.com/
CedarBreakCalhoun](https://www.facebook.com/CedarBreakCalhoun)

Set up a RV or book one of the deluxe cabins, try mini-golf, a pet play park, playground, catch-and-release fishing pond, snack bar and swimming pool.



GOLF

Calhoun Elks Lodge

143 Craigtown Road
Calhoun, (706) 629-4091
18-hole, par 71
semi-private course

Fields Ferry Golf Club

581 Fields Ferry Drive
Calhoun, (706) 625-9001
FieldsFerryGolf.com

Public 18-hole course designed by Arthur Davis. Since opening in 1992, Fields Ferry has been one of the finest courses in North Georgia, attracting players for leisurely rounds and large groups for tournaments. Easily accessible off I-75, the course is open daily.

ARTS & *Entertainment*



Gordon County stages host performances from nationally recognized artists to talented residents. Along with the two performing arts centers, the local schools present award-winning productions that will leave you in awe!

Calhoun's GEM Theatre

114 N. Wall Street

Calhoun, (706) 625-3132

CalhounGemTheatre.org

The original GEM was a movie theater in 1939, but the renovated 461-seat GEM showcases a variety of entertainment today.

Harris Arts Center

212 S. Wall Street

Calhoun, (706) 629-2599

HarrisArtsCenter.com

Home to the Roland Hayes Museum, Ratner Theater, art galleries and The Art Market Gift Shop, HAC features rotating

exhibits, instruction and cultural performances.

Canvas & Creations

100 Peters Street, Suite 15

Calhoun, (706) 217-9009

[Facebook.com/Canvas-and-Creations](https://www.facebook.com/Canvas-and-Creations)

Adult painting parties, kids' birthday parties, after school children's classes and monthly classes offered... fun for all ages and no experience necessary!

Jenny Penny Studio

208 S. Wall Street

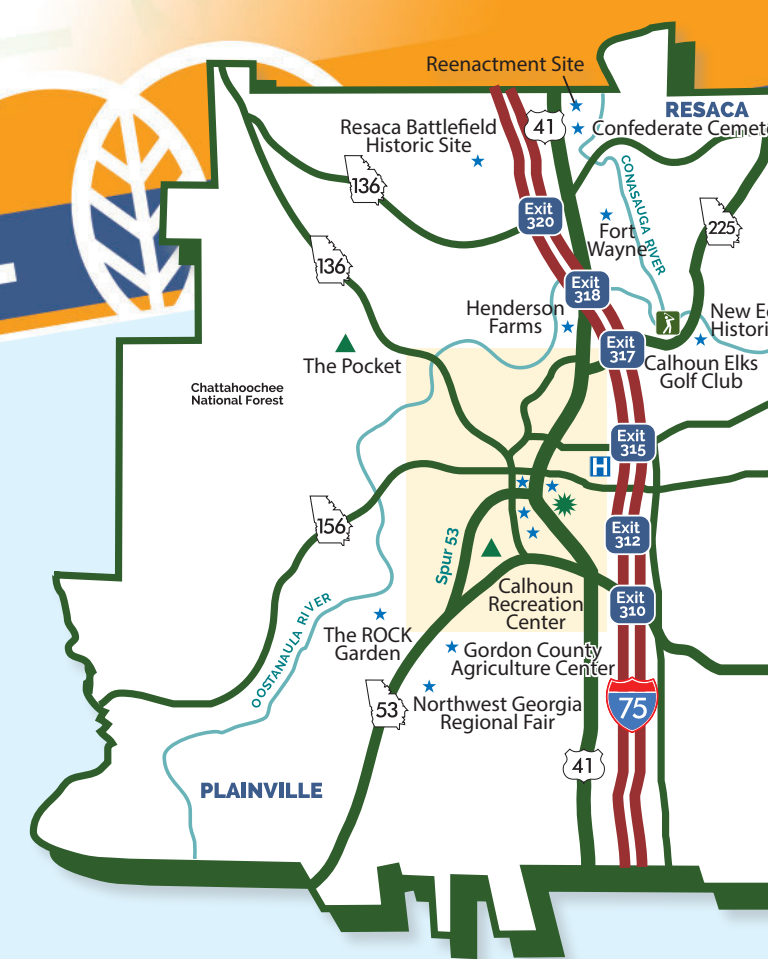
Calhoun, (706) 263-4887

[Facebook.com/jennypennyart](https://www.facebook.com/jennypennyart)

Painting classes - including Bob Ross technique - and art camps for kids.

Local School Productions:

- **Calhoun City Schools**
CalhounSchools.org
- **Georgia-Cumberland Academy**
GCASDA.org
- **Gordon County Schools**
GCBE.org



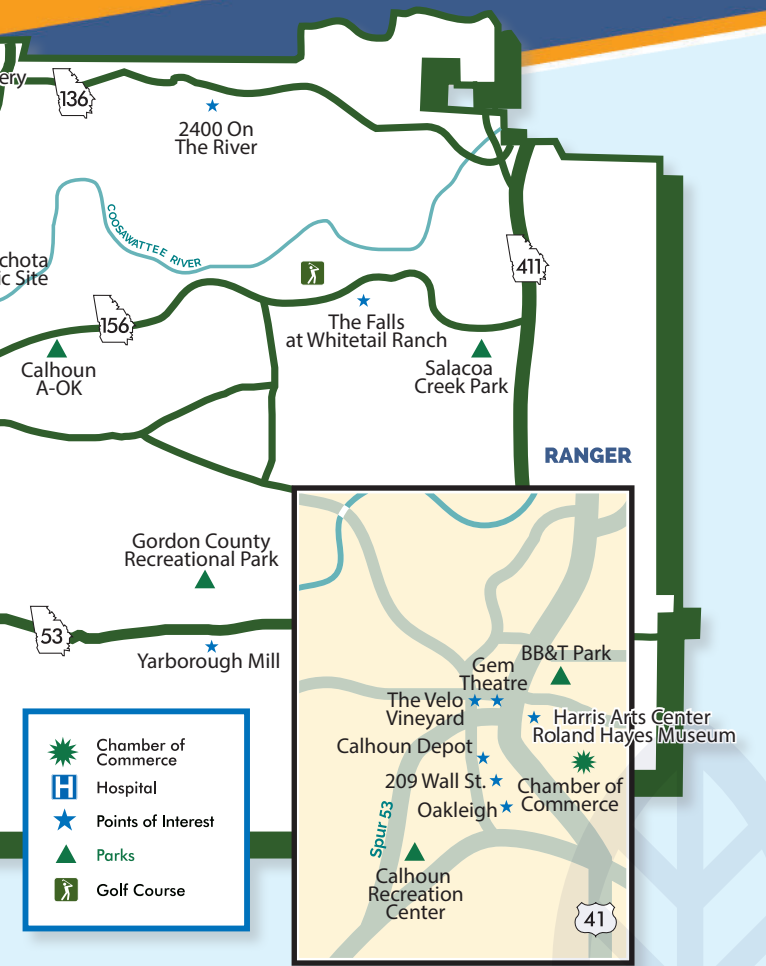
GORDON COUNTY *Area Map*

The Gordon County Chamber of Commerce, Convention & Visitors Bureau

300 S. Wall Street, Calhoun, GA 30701, (706) 625-3200

GordonCountyChamber.com • ExploreGordonCounty.com

The Gordon County Chamber of Commerce, Convention & Visitors Bureau and Development Authority look forward to welcoming you! The Chamber lobby serves as a visitor information center where you can find many local and state-wide brochures, maps and a wealth of information. The Chamber of Commerce is the heart and hub of the business community and offers many programs, events and networking opportunities to its membership throughout the year. Stop in and explore all Calhoun/Gordon County has to offer.





RICH *History*



New Echota State Historic Site

Gordon County is rich in history, stretching from the Cherokee Nation through the Civil War to the life of famed tenor Roland Hayes in the 1900s. Experience our history firsthand.

New Echota State Historic Site – Cherokee Capital

1211 Chatsworth Highway

Calhoun, (706) 624-1321

GaStateParks.org/NewEchota

New Echota, once the capital of the Cherokee Nation, is one of the most significant Cherokee Indian sites in the nation. Here was the official beginning of the infamous “Trail of Tears” as well as the home of the first Indian language newspaper. Tour 12 original and reconstructed buildings, view interpretive

exhibits and a 17-minute film. Open Tue.-Sat., 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 1 p.m.-5 p.m. December-March, closed on Sundays. Admission charged.

Battle of Resaca Reenactment

Third weekend in May

Chitwood Road

Resaca, (706) 625-3200

The first major battle of the Atlanta Campaign was fought around the tiny village of Resaca



on May 14-15, 1864. Over two days, Union and Confederate forces attacked and counter-attacked, with both armies losing approximately 2,800 men. The reenactment is held on the historic Chitwood Farm, a 650-acre section of the original battlefield. Evident within the property are the original Federal and Confederate entrenchments and the 1864 Western & Atlantic Railroad line. Admission charged.

Fort Wayne Civil War Historic Site

**117 Taylor Ridge Road
Resaca, (706) 602-4435**

Fort Wayne's two well-preserved fortified areas were used by both Confederate and Union forces during and after the Civil War. Walk the one-mile trail to view the original parade grounds and entrenchments which are the last known constructed by the Georgia Militia. Open daily dawn-dusk. Free admission.



Resaca Battlefield Historic Site

**183 Resaca Lafayette Road
Resaca, (706) 602-4435
GordonCountyParks.org**

Six miles of trails will take you where much of the heaviest fighting occurred during the first major battle of the "Atlanta Campaign" of the Civil War. The park includes massive earthen Confederate and Federal infantry and artillery fortifications, interpretive signage and a covered picnic pavilion. Open Fri.-Sun., dawn to dusk. Free admission.

Resaca Confederate Cemetery

**Confederate Cemetery Road
Resaca, (706) 625-3200**

As the first Confederate Cemetery to be dedicated in the nation, it is the final resting place of more than 450 soldiers who died in the Battle of Resaca. During the war, Col. John F. Green and his family fled their home in Resaca. They returned to find dead Confederate soldiers still lying on the battlefield area.





Roland Hayes



Upset by the sight, Col. Green's daughters, Mary and Pyatt, decided to collect the bodies and give them proper burials. Their father gave them 2.5 acres of land to use as a cemetery. Mary Green started the cemetery in July 1866 without any money. The cemetery was dedicated at the end of October, and all debts were paid by the end of December 1866. Open daily dawn to dusk. Free admission.

Atlanta Campaign Pavilion

3949 U.S. Highway 41 N.

Resaca

The Works Progress Administration built this third in a series of five parks in the 1930s, identifying sites of the Civil War's Atlanta Campaign. The pavilion features a relief map of troop movements and fighting in and around Resaca May 13-15, 1864. It is on the northern section of the battlefield. The map explains the events at the Battle of

Resaca and the Federal flanking movement at Lay's Ferry, which resulted in Johnston's withdrawal south over the Oostanaula River along the Western and Atlantic Railroad to Calhoun and then Cassville.

Roland Hayes Museum at the Harris Arts Center

212 S. Wall Street

Calhoun, (706) 629-2599

HarrisArtsCenter.com

Born in Gordon County, Roland Hayes was a child of former slaves who became the first African American vocalist to achieve international acclaim. Learn the details of his remarkable half-century career as a renowned tenor through photos, stories, records, autographed programs, personal letters and music scores. Hours: Mon. 10 a.m.- 2 p.m., Tues.-Thurs. 10 a.m.- 4 p.m., Fridays 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Free admission.

ANNUAL *Events*

Gordon County boasts a variety of events year-around. Here are a few of the highlights. Please check the event calendar at ExploreGordonCounty.com to confirm that an event is taking place.

January

- Polar Bear Plunge
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Service & Reception

February

- Presidents' Day

March

- Georgia String Band Festival

April

- Harris Arts Center Spring Basket Fundraiser
- NERA Annual Spring Bash
- Baxter Dean Runway Show
- BBQ Boogie & Blues Festival

May

- Battle of Resaca Reenactment
- Fairmount United Memorial Day Festival

June

- Copper Creek Farm Sunflower Festival
- Dixie Hwy. 90 Mile Yard Sale
- Farmers' Markets (through September)
- Phillips Championship Rodeo

July

- Copper Creek Farm Sunflower Festival
- Star-Spangled 4th of July Celebration & Fireworks
- Fairmount 4th of July Celebration

August

- Back-to-School

September

- Northwest Georgia Regional Fair
- Unity Run 5-K & 1-K Kid's Run

October

- Copper Creek Farm Corn Maze & Pumpkin Fest
- Antique Engine & Tractor Show
- Halloween/Trick-or-Treat Events

November

- NERA Fall Paddle
- New Echota Days
- Festival of Trees & Holiday Artists' Market
- Merchants' Christmas Open House
- Downtown Calhoun Christmas Tree Lighting & Visit from Santa

December

- Christmas Parade of Lights



SHOPPING?

Absolutely

From the 40 stores at Calhoun Outlet Marketplace, to the fascinating boutiques in Downtown Calhoun, to the multiple shops and carpet stores in between, you will find something special for everyone on your list in Gordon County. For a detailed list of retailers, visit ExploreGordonCounty.com.

Calhoun Outlet Marketplace

455 Belwood Road
Calhoun, (706) 602-1305
PremiumOutlets.com

Home to 40 stores, shoppers will find savings at American Eagle Outfitters, Bath & Body Works, Bealls, Carter's, The Children's Place, Levi's, Loft, Nike, Old Navy, Polo Ralph Lauren, Rue21 and many other retailers.

Historic Downtown Calhoun (DDA Office)

109 S. King Street
Calhoun, (706) 602-5570
DowntownCalhounGA.com

A variety of boutiques, restaurants and a general store await you in pedestrian-friendly Downtown Calhoun. Charge your car at the Blink Network electric vehicle charging stations at City Park and the Depot. Plug in, take a walk, shop, dine and be entertained!

LOCAL SOUVENIRS

Harris Arts Center Art Market

212 S. Wall Street
Calhoun, (706) 629-2599
Handcrafted gifts by local and regional artists.

New Echota Gift Shop

1211 Chatsworth Highway
Calhoun, (706) 624-1321
The gift shop offers books, *Cherokee Phoenix Newspaper* reproductions, goose quill pen and ink sets, corn bead necklaces and earrings, pottery, baskets and corn husk dolls.

Looking for something that says Calhoun?

RAK Outfitters sells t-shirts promoting their Calhoun location. Shop local boutiques like Calhoun Design Co., Gift of Seasons, Pintage Antique Market and Tot Roost for "Calhoun" items.

EAT LIKE A *Local*

Food is real in Gordon County...good down-home recipes, and real good for you, fresh and healthy.

Check out ExploreGordonCounty.com for an up-to-date list of all your dining options, but here are some of our favorites.

Big John's Treat Shoppe

120 William Street, Suite C
Calhoun, (706) 629-6255
Voted "Best Hamburger" by
Calhoun Magazine readers

Bowman's Restaurant

868 County Line Road
Resaca, (706) 624-3255
From the farm, not the factory

Bradley Farms Good Eats

1052 Red Bud Road NE
Calhoun, (423) 443-5984
Fresh baked goods

Calhoun Coffee Company

117 S. Wall Street
Calhoun, (706) 403-6076
Get your pick-me-up here

Christian & Jakes Bistro

555 Highway 53
Calhoun, (706) 624-8103
Fresh American sandwiches

Chuckwagon Restaurant

1446 U.S. Highway 41
Calhoun, (706) 625-9840
Family owned since 1997

Doro's Italian Restaurant

114 Court Street
Calhoun, (706) 659-7959
Offering classic Italian dishes

Dub's High on the Hog, Inc.

349 S. Wall Street
Calhoun, (706) 602-5150
Ribs, pork, baked beans,
Brunswick stew, coconut cake

Duke's Wings & Seafood

1201 Dews Pond Road, Suite 2
Calhoun, (706) 383-8270
All dishes prepared fresh

Guacamoles Bar & Grill

165 Outlet Center Drive, Suite 5
Calhoun, (706) 659-7264
Authentic Mexican cuisine

Nana's Home Cooking

220 S. Wall Street
Calhoun, (762) 204-2004
A classic Southern-style lunch

Southern Creamery Co.

2573 Highway 411 SE
Fairmount, (706) 301-8259
Coffeehouse and ice creamery

The Sweet Table

201 S. Wall Street
Calhoun, (762) 204-2965
Coffee, tea, soups, salads,
sandwiches, and charcuterie

Taco House

803 S. Wall Street
Calhoun, (706) 934-5098
Authentic Mexican food

Thatchers Barbecue & Grill

1214 N. Wall Street
Calhoun, (706) 625-6465
Serving classic BBQ items

Trackside Pizza & Pub

112 S. Park Avenue
Calhoun, (706) 383-6534
Pizza and pasta dishes

Yellow Jacket Drive-In

801 Oothcalooga Street
Calhoun, (706) 629-4347
A "made to order"
diner experience



Accommodations

Amenities:

-  Breakfast
-  Swimming Pool
-  Pets

EXIT 312




Baymont Inn & Suites*

  | 125 Hampton Drive
(800) 337-0550 | (706) 629-8566
BaymontInns.com

Calhoun Lodge

200 S. Line Street
(706) 629-1884
StayLodgeHotels.com
Extended Stay

Comfort Inn & Suites*

   | 1033 Highway 53
(706) 625-6500 | (877)424-6423
ChoiceHotels.com




Econo Lodge

915 Highway 53
(706) 629-9501 | (888) 942-6216
ChoiceHotels.com

Fairfield Inn & Suites*

1002 Highway 53 | (706) 629-8002
(888) 236-2427 | Marriott.com

Holiday Inn Express*

   | 135 Hampton Drive
(706) 629-2018 | (888) 465-4329
HiExpress.com

La Quinta Inn

150 Cracker Barrel Drive
(706) 629-2559 | (800) 753-3757
LaQuintaCalhoun.com

Motel 6

742 Highway 53 | (706) 629-8271
(800) 899-9841 | Motel6.com

Red Roof Inn

189 Jameson Street
(800) 733-7663 | (706) 629-8133
RedRoof.com

Rodeway Inn South



1007 Highway 53 E.
(706) 383-8600
Choicehotels.com

Royal Inn | 510 Highway 53
(706) 625-4442

Super 8

115 Hampton Drive
(706) 629-0999 | (800) 454-3213
Super8.com

Travelodge by Wyndham

 
716 Highway 53
(706) 383-1406
WyndhamHotels.com

EXIT 315

Quality Inn

1204 Red Bud Road
(706) 629-9207 | (877) 424-6423
ChoiceHotels.com

EXIT 317

OYO Hotel

689 Chatsworth Highway 225
(706) 629-2282

EXIT 318

Budget Inn

1442 U.S. 41 | (706) 629-6305

Duffy's Motel

1441 U.S. 41 | (706) 629-4436




Econo Lodge

1438 U.S. 41 | (706) 625-1511
ChoiceHotels.com

Executive Inn

1446 U.S. 41 | (706) 602-1400
Hotels.com

Days Inn by Wyndham

  
2265 U.S. 41
(706) 383-8842
WyndhamHotels.com

Smith Motel

1437 U.S. 41 | (706) 629-8427

* Meeting Space Available

Weddings & Meetings

Gordon County boasts an array of event venues for both intimate and large groups, from beautiful buildings offering all-inclusive packages to gorgeous landscapes with scenic views. To read about the venues, visit ExploreGordonCounty.com. Contact the CVB for planning assistance and welcome packages.

209 On Wall Street

209 S. Wall Street
Calhoun, (706) 629-9439
[Facebook.com/209OnWallStreet](https://www.facebook.com/209OnWallStreet)

2400 On The River

2400 Pleasant Hill Road
Ranger, (386) 882-2400
2400OnTheRiver.com

Calhoun's GEM Theatre

(706) 625-3132
CalhounGemTheatre.org

Calhoun-Gordon County Public Library

(706) 624-1456
NGRL.org/Calhoun

Cedar Hill

Nelson Lake, Calhoun
(706) 537-8453
[www.facebook.com/
CedarHillWeddings](https://www.facebook.com/CedarHillWeddings)

Copper Creek Farm

(706) 280-5592
CopperCreekFarm.com

Downtown Calhoun Parks

Wall Street, Calhoun,
(706) 602-5570
DowntownCalhounGA.com

Gordon County Agricultural Service Center (Extension Office), (706) 629-8685

Gordon County Historical Society/Oakleigh

335 S. Wall Street
Calhoun, (706) 629-1515

Harris Arts Center

212 S. Wall Street
Calhoun, (706) 629-2599
HarrisArtsCenter.com

Henderson Farms

591 Henderson Bend Road
Calhoun, (706) 403-9334
[Facebook.com/HendersonFarms](https://www.facebook.com/HendersonFarms)

The Calhoun Depot

109 S. King Street
Calhoun, (706) 602-5570
DowntownCalhounGA.com

The Falls at Whitetail Ranch

565 Owens Gin Road
Calhoun, (404) 754-9237

The Velo Vineyard

106 N. Wall Street
Calhoun, (404) 291-0439
[Facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com)

Twelve Oaks Pond

1501 Nicklesville Road NE
Calhoun, (678) 416-2179
TwelveOaksPond.com

Yarborough Mill

701 Yarborough Mill Road
Fairmount, (404) 444-2312
YarboroughMill.com





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ExploreGordonCounty.com

Office Hours:
Mon.-Thurs. 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
Fri. 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

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