



# GORDON COUNTY

## CALHOUN, GEORGIA

### CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

*Located in Northwest Georgia, Calhoun is one hour north of Atlanta and 45 minutes south of Chattanooga.*

## Group Tour Information

### Attractions & Shopping:

- Agritourism: Copper Creek Farm ~ coppercreekfarm.com, Payne Farm ~ paynefarmandproduce.com
- Calhoun Premium Outlets ~ premiumoutlets.com/outlet/calhoun
- Calhoun's GEM Theatre ~ calhouncemtheatre.org
- Civil War Attractions: Fort Wayne, Resaca Battlefield Historic Site, Resaca Confederate Cemetery (free admission)  
\*Battle of Resaca Reenactment - third weekend in May ~ info on all at exploregordoncounty.com
- The ROCK Garden (free admission) ~ facebook.com/thegardencalhoun
- Harris Arts Center/Roland Hayes Museum (free admission) ~ harrisartscenter.com
- Historic Downtown Calhoun (unique boutiques and restaurants) ~ exploregordoncounty.com
- New Echota Cherokee Capital State Historic Site ~ gastateparks.org/newechota

### Evening Activities:

- Calhoun's GEM Theatre and the Harris Arts Center offer evening entertainment. Downtown Calhoun, New Echota, Calhoun & Gordon County Parks & Recreation, Calhoun Premium Outlets and the fairgrounds host evening events periodically.
- The CVB can arrange evening activities (such as a dinner theatre, local singers or band) if needed.

### Group Friendly Restaurants:

- Bowman's Restaurant, Cracker Barrel, Chick-fil-A, Classic Kitchen, Dub's High On The Hog, El Nopal, El Pueblito, Thatcher's Barbecue, Sellers Gourmet Eatery, Wall Street Grille
- If available, the Gordon County Chamber meeting room (accommodates up to 50) can be used with the meal catered. If a larger group (75-100), Velo Vineyard can be used with the meal catered by Wall Street Catering.
- A limited/set menu (two options) can be arranged for groups.
- Boxed lunches available via local restaurants and caterers.

### Group Friendly Hotels:

(Interior access/conveniently located off I-75/Exit 312)

- Country Inn & Suites
- Fairfield Inn & Suites
- Holiday Inn Express
- LaQuinta Inn

### Gordon County Chamber/Convention & Visitors Bureau

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### Annual Events

- April - BBQ Boogie & Blues
- May - Battle of Resaca Reenactment  
Payne Farm Strawberry Festival
- June - Dixie Highway 90 Mile Yard Sale  
Copper Creek Sunflower Festival
- July - Star-Spangled Celebration
- September - Northwest Georgia Regional Fair
- October - Pumpkin Patches & Corn Mazes  
Harvest Fest in Downtown Calhoun
- November - Festival of Trees  
#GordonShopHop, Tree Lightings & Santa
- December - Parade, Concerts





**Group Tour Information**  
**Sample Itinerary**

**Historical Hotbed** ~ Experience history first-hand as you walk in the footsteps of Civil War soldiers and Cherokee Indians.

**Morning:**

**New Echota Cherokee Capital State Historic Site**

**1211 Chatsworth Highway, Calhoun • (706) 624-1321 • [gastateparks.org/newechota](http://gastateparks.org/newechota)**

Known as the last capital of the Cherokee Indian Nation, New Echota was one of the first experiments in tribal self-governance and the site of the first Indian-language newspaper. Groups can tour restored and reconstructed buildings, including the Council House, court-house, print shop, Samuel Worcester’s house, and several other structures, many of which have re-created interiors. Interpretive exhibits and a 17-minute film are available in the visitors center. Native American arts, crafts, and music are available for purchase in the gift shop. Admission: \$5.50 - \$7.50

**Oakleigh ~ Gordon County Historical Society**

**335 South Wall Street, Calhoun • (706) 629-1515 • [exploregordoncounty.com](http://exploregordoncounty.com)**

The Gordon County Historical Society is housed in an antebellum home where it is rumored Union Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman made his headquarters. Tours are available by appointment with local historian/character Jim Lay. Free admission.

\*A possible location for a catered lunch.

**Roland Hayes Museum**

**212 South Wall Street, Calhoun • (706) 629-2599 • [harrisartscenter.com](http://harrisartscenter.com)**

The Roland Hayes Museum, located inside the Harris Arts Center, is a tribute to this native son, the child of former slaves, who became the first African-American vocalist to achieve international acclaim. Museum highlights include a Gildemeester & Kroeger piano, records, autographed programs, personal letters and music scores. Free admission. \*A possible location for a catered lunch.

**\*Lunch in Downtown Calhoun ~ may also have time for shopping\***

**Afternoon:**

**Resaca Battlefield Historic Site**

**183 Resaca Lafayette Road, Resaca • (706) 625-3200 • [exploregordoncounty.com](http://exploregordoncounty.com)**

Walk the trails (featuring interpretive signage) on hallowed ground where much of the heaviest fighting occurred May 14 & 15, 1864 at the start of Sherman’s “Atlanta Campaign.”

Free admission. \*A pavilion with picnic tables & restrooms are available.

**Fort Wayne**

**117 Taylor Ridge Road, Resaca • (706) 625-3200 • [exploregordoncounty.com](http://exploregordoncounty.com)**

Fort Wayne features two well-preserved fortified areas used by Confederate and Union forces during the Civil War. Visitors can walk the one mile trail to view the original parade grounds and entrenchments. These entrenchments are the last known constructed by the Georgia Militia. Free admission.

**Resaca Confederate Cemetery**

**Confederate Cemetery Road, Resaca • (706) 625-3200 • [exploregordoncounty.com](http://exploregordoncounty.com)**

The oldest Confederate military burial ground in the state. After the Battle of Resaca, Mary Green, a local resident, decided to transfer the bodies of hastily buried Confederate soldiers from their shallow graves to the site of the Resaca Confederate Cemetery. More than 440 soldiers are buried here. Groups can stop at the nearby Atlanta Campaign Pavilion for a description of the battle. Free admission.

**\*Dinner at Bowman’s Restaurant in Resaca followed by entertainment\***

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**Miles from Major Cities**

Atlanta, GA ~ 70 miles

Chattanooga, TN ~ 50 miles

Birmingham, AL ~ 141 miles

Macon, GA ~ 151 miles

Nashville, TN ~ 182 miles

Orlando, FL ~ 510 miles

