

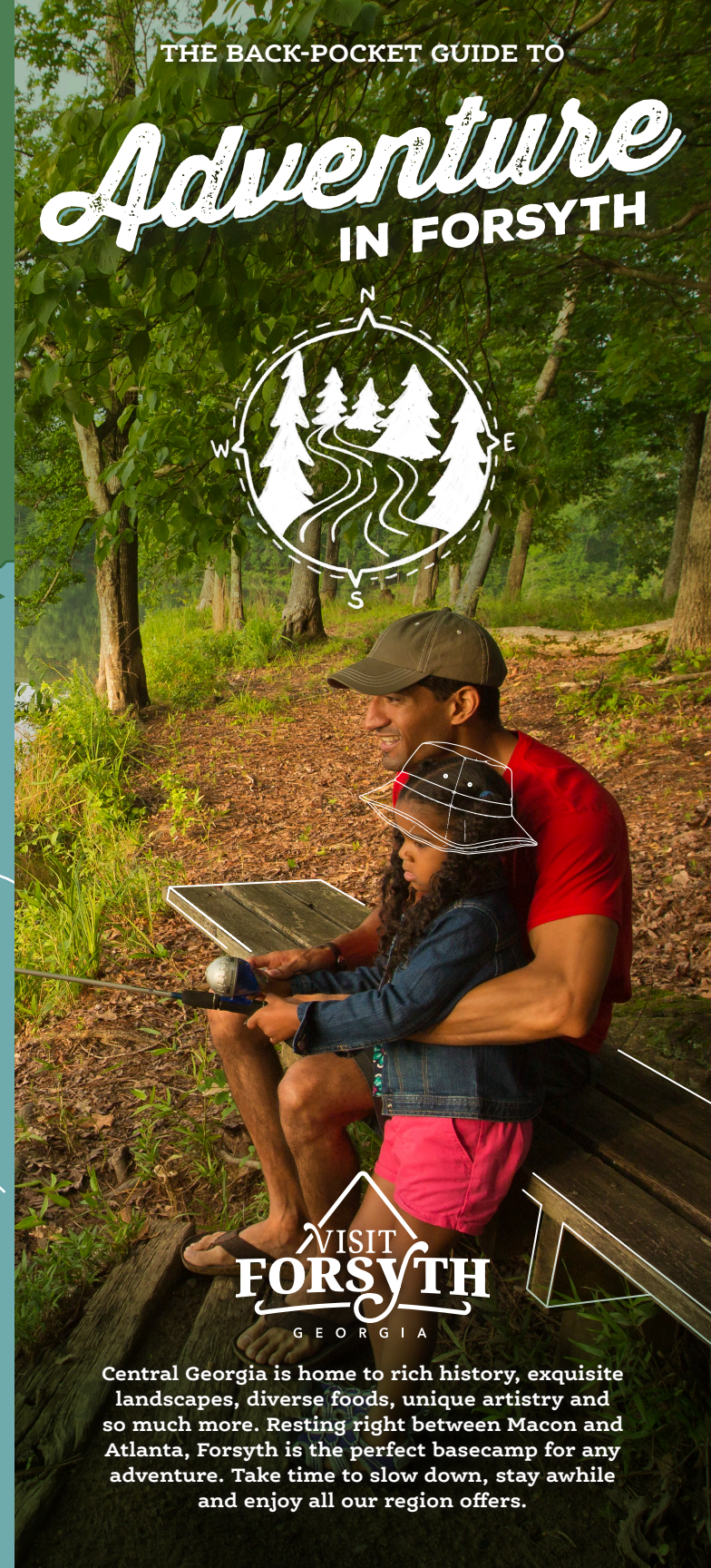


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THE BACK-POCKET GUIDE TO

Adventure IN FORSYTH



Central Georgia is home to rich history, exquisite landscapes, diverse foods, unique artistry and so much more. Resting right between Macon and Atlanta, Forsyth is the perfect basecamp for any adventure. Take time to slow down, stay awhile and enjoy all our region offers.



HIGH FALLS STATE PARK

Hikers can pick from three different trails, ranging in distance and difficulty. Each trail offers an up-close view of local flora and fauna while taking in the fresh air and sounds of the nearby waterfall. Stop by the miniature golf course for some competition, or rent a kayak and enjoy the 650-acre High Falls Lake. For those who cannot get enough of this action-packed location, there are many camping options to help extend your stay, from glamping-style yurts to primitive camping spots.

Side-Quest: Keep your eyes on the skies for a glimpse of the magnificent Bald Eagles that nest in the area.



INDIAN SPRINGS STATE PARK

Hike, fish and boat in one of the oldest state parks in the country, where, for centuries, Creek Indians collected fresh spring water for its healing properties. With over 700 sprawling acres, there is plenty to explore on foot or by bike, including a 105-acre lake full of bass, crappie and catfish for catching. Guests are welcome to stay at the campground that hosts tents, trailers and RVs for a few days.

Side-Quest: Immerse yourself in centuries-old lore and taste a sample of the spring water still flowing through the stone Spring House, which dates back to the Great Depression.



DAMES FERRY PARK AND LAKE JULIETTE

3600-acre Lake Juliette at Dames Ferry Park offers all the beauty, fishing and boating you can desire from a crystal clear, river-fed lake. Anglers will find plenty of largemouth and striped bass, bream and crappie to catch from the shore or docks. For adventurers who love a lake sunset, Dames Ferry Campground provides sites with fantastic lake views for relaxing and unforgettable getaways.

Side-Quest: Book a guided fishing trip with **All Seasons Guide Service**, and check out our **Fish. Beer. Repeat.** experience to complete your adventure at visitforsythga.com/fish-beer-repeat! Still have some time? Head down the road to the quaint and memorable town of Juliette for a meal at the famous **Whistle Stop Cafe**. Browse the unique shops and historic sites while you wait for a table.



PIEDMONT NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Over 35,000 acres of forest, paths and wildlife await. Whether you are an avid birder or simply looking to spend some peaceful time surrounded by nature, this may be the perfect stop. Get your heart pumping on one of the trails ranging from easy to challenging, or slow down in a shady spot to meditate in this massive wildlife sanctuary.



OCMULGEE WATER TRAIL

If rushing waters are calling your name, you must head off the path for a water-based adventure like no other. The Ocmulgee Water Trail is a multi-county project that has become a recreational haven for water lovers with over 240+ miles of water trail for paddling and river enthusiasts to enjoy.



DAUSET TRAILS NATURE CENTER

Calling all animal lovers! Do not skip a visit to the home of General Beauregard Lee, Georgia's own weather-forecasting groundhog! The nature center offers up-close glimpses of native animals and plenty of trails to explore on foot or horseback. Keep your eyes peeled for otters, foxes, owls and bald eagles, among many other native species!

Kid-friendly tip: Forsyth has plenty of local and easy-to-access parks with playgrounds, picnic pavilions, and walking tracks for those with small children. Families can beat the summer heat with the splash pads at **Country Club Park** and **Kynette Park**. Country Club Park also offers pickleball courts and a skate park. Those with fur babies will love the off-leash **Forsyth Bark Park**, while children with special needs will enjoy the accessible playground at the **Monroe County Recreation Department**. Kids will also love following the Story Trails at local parks, and hunting for little bronze foxes hidden around downtown Forsyth on the **Forsyth Fox Hunt**.



DOGWOOD CREEK HUNTING PRESERVE

Dogwood Creek Hunting Preserve, located just outside Culloden, offers the intimacy of a traditional quail hunt experience with guided half day and full day hunts for enthusiasts of all levels. Each hunt includes a mule wagon ride out to the fields and is supported by trained hunting dogs. During the off season, the property continues to offer flush demonstrations, wagon rides, and more.



RUM CREEK WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

Rum Creek WMA consists of 5,800 acres of protected, though publicly accessible, land along Lake Juliette. The property creates a natural habitat for many species, great for wildlife viewing. In addition to hiking trails, fishing and canoe access to the lake, Rum Creek offers hunting opportunities for deer, turkey, dove, waterfowl, and coyote.

Side-Quest: Prefer to hunt by bow? **Rum Creek: Berry Creek**, adjacent to **Rum Creek WMA**, is a 161-acre archery-only tract. This tract predominately consists of an open pine canopy and grassy ground cover. This creates a great habitat for quail, turkey, deer, and fox squirrels. Falconry is also permitted during small game season.



Reminder! Be sure to consult the Georgia DNR website for up to date information regarding licenses, seasons, and other regulations for hunting and fishing before you plan your trip.