How Did Helen Become What It Is Today?

Helen, nestled in the Blue Ridge Mountains on the Chattahoochee River, is a recreation of an alpine village complete with cobblestone alleys and old-world towers. This Northeast Georgia village has a rich history linked to the Cherokee Indians and the Mississippian mound builders as well as early settlers who arrived in the early 1900s to mine for gold and cut virgin timber for a thriving lumber industry.

Now celebrating its 51st year as a mountain community with a touch of Bavaria, Helen’s evolution into an alpine village began in 1968 when a group of local businessmen met to discuss ways to revitalize their town. They approached a nearby artist friend who had been stationed in Germany. He sketched the buildings, added gingerbread trim, details and colors to the buildings, giving an Alpine look to the entire town. In January 1969, business owners and local carpenters began turning ideas into reality and all downtown stores were renovated. Facades of buildings were painted with scenes of Bavaria and North Georgia, mirroring...
the migration of early settlers. In 2002 alone, $1.2 million was spent on improvements in the downtown area.

Helen has accomplished much; it has created a new town and industry, providing jobs for more people and boosting the economy of the entire area. Helen also commemorates its historic past when the early settlers came to this remote area. A village with mountain heritage and a touch of Bavaria, Helen has created a unique experience for its visitor.

So, this is the story of Helen, the miracle of a small, remote mountain community that revitalized itself in various ways throughout several centuries and that today hosts nearly 2 million visitors each year.

What Does Helen Have to Offer?

Just northeast of Atlanta, off Interstate 985-365, and southwest of Greenville, SC, off Interstate 85, Helen provides visitors a place to relax, away from the hustle and bustle of city life. More than 200 specialty and import shops, restaurants and over 1,100 quality rooms are located in Helen. Outside of town, cabins and chalets are available, many with cozy fireplaces in secluded settings.

Visitors can enjoy river tubing, horseback riding, golf, canoeing, fishing, mountain biking or hiking to one of the many majestic waterfalls close by. Helen hosts one of the nation’s longest Oktoberfests each year, bringing in thousands of revelers.

What is Helen’s Climate Like?

Temperatures in the North Georgia Mountains vary greatly. Summertime temperatures range from 90 degrees F during the day to 70 degrees F during the night, while winter temperatures range from 60 degrees F during the day to a low of 20 degrees F at night. Usually, the cool mountain breezes make the climate very comfortable for everyone.
January
- January 5, 12, 19, 26 • Veteran’s Winter Art Workshop helenarts.org
- January 7, 14, 21, 28 • Pottery Class, All skill levels helenarts.org
- January 9 • Hogpen Hill Climb runthehogpen.org
- January 11 • July 5 • Women of Folk Pottery folkpotteryuseum.com
- January 15 - March 7 • Winter Festivities Gallery Exhibits snca.org
- January 16 • Behind the Scenes Tour myfavoritezoo.com
- January 16, 17 • Distant Voices: The Story of the Nacoochee Valley Indian Mound snca.org
- January 29, 30 • Annual Helen Huttengaudi (pub crawl & scavenger hunt) Faschingsverein Helen

February
- Through March 7 • Winter Festivities Gallery Exhibits snca.org
- February 2, 9, 16, 23 • Veteran’s Winter Art Workshop helenarts.org
- February 4, 11, 18, 25 • Pottery Class, all skill levels helenarts.org
- February 6 • Sidewalk parade & tubing, followed by Fasching party in the evening Faschingsverein Helen
- February 13 • Valentine’s Day Celebration myfavoritezoo.com
- February 13 • Valentines Dinner Sautee Junction
- February 13, 14 • WinterFest Arts & Coach Tour/Sautee Nacoochee Arts Festival winterfesartstour.org
- February 13, 14 • Helen Winter Art Festival helenarts.org
- February 14 • Valentine’s Day Southern Food & Beer Pairing tantrumbeer.com
- February 20 • Behind the Scenes Tour myfavoritezoo.com

March
- Through March 7 • Winter Festivities Gallery Exhibits snca.org
- Through July 5 • Women of Folk Pottery folkpotteryuseum.com
- Every Friday, Saturday & Sunday in March • Bouncing Baby Days myfavoritezoo.com
- March 1 • Opening Day at Hardman Farm Sunday gastatparks.org/hardmanfarm
- March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 • Veteran’s Spring Art Workshop helenarts.org
- March 4, 11, 18, 25 • Painter’s Open Studio helenarts.org
- March 4, 11, 18, 25 • Pottery Class, all skill levels helenarts.org
- March 12 - May 2 • Strokes of Genius snca.org
- March 13 • GOGA in the Wild myfavoritezoo.com
- March 13, 14 • The Hwy 255 Blues Club snca.org
- March 19, 20 • Annual Alpine Helen Songwriters Festival
- March 20 • Behind the Scenes Tour myfavoritezoo.com
- March 21 • Spring Art Exhibit, “When the Daffodils Bloom” helenarts.org
- March 27 • Tantrum’s 2 year anniversary Celebration tantrumbeer.com
- March 27 • 32nd Annual Helen Trout Tournament helenchamber.com

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April

Through July 5 • Women of Folk Pottery folkpotterymuseum.com
Through May 2 • Strokes of Genius snca.org
Every Friday, Saturday & Sunday in April • Bouncing Baby Days myfavoritexzoo.com
Every Tuesday & Thursday through Aug. 28 • Bingo at the Festhalle helenchamber.com
April 1,8,15,22,29 • Painter’s Open Studio hehelarts.org
April 1,8,15,22,29 • Pottery Class, all skill levels helenarts.org
April 3rd • Adult Easter Egg Hunt with prizes (KIDS ALWAYS WELCOME) tantrumbeer.com
April 3,4 • Easter Celebration myfavoritexzoo.com
April 3 - 10 • Spring Break at the Zoo myfavoritexzoo.com
April 6,13,20,27 • Veteran’s Spring Art Workshop helenarts.org
April 10 • GOGA in the Wild myfavoritexzoo.com
April 17 • Behind the Scenes Tour myfavoritexzoo.com
April 22 • Earth Day snca.org
April 22-25 • Beauty & the Beast Jr. snca.org
April 23,24 • Corvair Club corvirspringfest.com

May

Through May 2 • Strokes of Genius snca.org
Through July 5 • Women of Folk Pottery folkpotterymuseum.com
Every Tuesday & Thursday through Aug. 28 • Bingo at the Festhalle helenchamber.com
Every Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday in June • Junior Zookeeper Day Camp myfavoritexzoo.com
June 1,8,15,22,29 • Veteran’s Summer Art Workshop helenarts.org
June 3 - 6 • 48th Annual Helen to the Atlantic Balloon Race helenballoon.com
June 3,10,17,24 • Painter’s Open Studio helenarts.org
June 3,10,17,25 • Pottery Class, all skill levels helenarts.org
June 5,6 • Lewis Grizzard in His Own Words snca.org
June 12 • The Hwy 255 Blues Club snca.org
June 12 • GOGA in the Wild myfavoritexzoo.com
June 12 • Shriner’s Parade
June 13 • Summer Art Exhibit, “June Bugs & July Flies” helenarts.org
June 18 - August 8 • Baubles, Bangles & Beads Exhibit & Juneteenth Artists snca.org
June 19 • Behind the Scenes Tour myfavoritexzoo.com
June 26th • Beer 101 education, Food Pairing and tastings tantrumbeer.com
June 26 • Harvest Festival gastatparks.org/hardmanfarm

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**July**

**Through July 5** • Women of Folk Pottery [folkpottery.museum.com](http://folkpottery.museum.com)

**Through August 8** • Baubles, Bangles & Beads Exhibit & Juneteenth Artists [snca.org](http://snca.org)

**Every Tuesday & Thursday through Aug. 28** • Bingo at the Festhalle [helenchamber.com](http://helenchamber.com)

**Every Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday in July** • Junior Zookeeper Day Camp [myfavoritezoo.com](http://myfavoritezoo.com)

July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 • Painter’s Open Studio [helenarts.org](http://helenarts.org)

July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 • Pottery’s Class, all skill levels

July 4 • Annual 4th of July Celebration and Fireworks

July 4 • July 4th Celebration, Fireworks, Live Music, Food [tantrumbeer.com](http://tantrumbeer.com)

July 4 • 4th of July Celebration [myfavoritezoo.com](http://myfavoritezoo.com)

July 6, 13, 20, 27 • Veteran’s Summer Art Workshop [helenarts.org](http://helenarts.org)

July 10 • GOGA in the Wild [myfavoritezoo.com](http://myfavoritezoo.com)

July 12 • December 20 Whelchel Meaders exhibit [folkpottery.museum.com](http://folkpottery.museum.com)

July 16, 17 • Christmas in July Arts & Fine Crafts Festival [helenarts.org](http://helenarts.org)

July 17 • Behind the Scenes Tour [myfavoritezoo.com](http://myfavoritezoo.com)

July 31 • Farm to Table [gastatparks.org/hardmanfarm](http://gastatparks.org/hardmanfarm)
August

Through August 8 • Baubles, Bangles & Beads Exhibit & Juneteenth Artists snca.org

Through December 20 • Whelchel Meaders exhibit folkpotterymuseum.com

Every Tuesday & Thursday through Aug. 28 • Bingo at the Festhalle helenchamber.com

August 3,10,17,24,31 • Veteran’s Summer Art Workshop helenarts.org
August 5,12,19,26 • Painter’s Open Studio helenarts.org
August 5,12,19,26 • Pottery Class, all skill levels helenarts.org
August 12 - 15 • It’s About Time snca.org
August 13 - 21 • Georgia Mountain Fair georgiamountainfairgrounds.com
August 14 • GOGA in the Wild myfavoritezoo.com
August 15 • Fall Art Exhibit, “It’s Fall Y’all” helenarts.org
August 21 • Behind the Scenes Tour myfavoritezoo.com
August 21 • Art Off the Wall helenarts.org
August 29 • Bean Creek Choir & Friends snca.org

September

Through December 20 • Whelchel Meaders exhibit folkpotterymuseum.com

September 2,9,16,23,30 • Painter’s Open Studio helenart.org
September 2,9,16,23,30 • Pottery Class, all skill levels helenarts.org
September 4 • Harvest Moon Dinner gastatparks.org/hardmanfarm
September 4 • Folk Pottery Show & Arts Festival snca.org
September 5 • Cannon Classical Music Series snca.org
September 7,14,21,28 • Veteran’s Fall Art Workshop helenarts.org
September 9-12, 16-19, 23-26, 30-October 31 • Oktoberfest helenchamber.com
September 11 • Oktoberfest Parade helenchamber.com
September 11 • GOGA in the Wild myfavoritezoo.com
September 11 • The Hwy 255 Blues Club snca.org
September 11 • Tapping of the Keg cowboysangels.net (for additional keg tappings visit helenga.org event page for dates and times)
November

Through November 7 • Wood You Believe It Wood Show snca.org
Through December 20 • Whelchel Meaders exhibit folkpotterymuseum.com
November 2,9,16,23,30 • Veteran’s Fall Art Workshop helenarts.org
November 4,11,18 • Pottery Class, all skill levels helenarts.org
November 6 - 14 • Pumpkin Smashing Fun myfavoritezoo.com
November 7 • Cannon Classical Music Series snca.org
November 12 - December 24 • Gifts Yule Love Show snca.org
November 13 • Annual BBQ & Brewfest, Live Music, BBQ, craft vendors tantrumbeer.com
November 20 • Behind the Scenes Tour myfavoritezoo.com
November 20,21 • Lilies of the Valley snca.org
November 27 • Santa at the Zoo myfavoritezoo.com
November 26 • Annual Lighting of the Village helenga.org
November 27,28 • 14th Annual Christkindlmarkt helenchamber.com
November 28 • Red Head Day myfavoritezoo.com

December

Through December 20 • Whelchel Meaders exhibit folkpotterymuseum.com
Through December 24 • Gifts Yule Love Show snca.org
December 2,9,16,23,30 • Pottery Class, all skill levels helenarts.org
December 3,4,10,11,17,18 • A Victorian Christmas gastatparks.org/hardmanfarm
December 4,11 • Safari Santa myfavoritezoo.com
December 4-11 • Victorian Christmas at Sautee Junction

December 4 • Annual Christmas in the Mountains Festival & Lighted Parade whitecountychamber.org
December 4,5 • 14th Annual Christkindlmarkt helenchamber.com
December 4, 5 • Mistletoe Market
December 7,14,21,28 • Veteran’s Christmas Art Workshop helenarts.org
December 9 • A Southern Christmas & Beer Pairing tantrumbeer.com
December 11 • Helen’s Annual Christmas Parade helenga.org
December 12 • Cannon Classical Music Series snca.org
December 31 • Annual Dropping of the Edelweiss New Year’s Celebration helenchamber.com
December 31 • Annual New Year’s Eve Bash tantrumbeer.com
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Bed and Breakfasts

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706-878-2133 | www.alpinecrest.org | alpinecrest@windstream.net

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706-878-9075 | www.bearcreeklodgeandcabins.com

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706-865-1405 | www.bluecreekcabins.com

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8016 Main St., Helen, GA 30545
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706-865-7478 | www.cenitawinery.com

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777-337-6274 | www.georgiavacationrentals.biz

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706-878-2141

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706-878-0053 or 706-878-3140 | www.castleinn-helen.com
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33 Munichstrasse, Helen, GA 30545
800-445-2271 or 706-878-2271 | www.helendorf.com

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Smith Creek Trail
This trail offers a serene walk through dense patches of rhododendron, mountain laurel, hemlock & ferns. Travel up and over Hickory Nut Ridge and through hardwood stands and across several small mountain streams and springs. This trail ends at park campground. (4.6 miles)

Directions - Take GA 75 north from Helen for 1 mile. Turn right on GA 356 and drive 1.5 miles. Turn left at the entrance road to Anna Ruby Falls. Hike the 0.4 mile trail to Anna Ruby Falls. Smith Creek Trail begins at the right of the first observation bridge. Parking fee required.

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Laurel Ridge Trail
This interpretive trail is a moderate 1.6 mile loop that climbs to Laurel Ridge and a view of Mt. Yonah. Take an interpretive guide from the Visitors Center to learn more about the mountain ecosystem.

The following trails must be hiked from the Smithgall Woods Visitors Center. Please include the distance from the Center in your hiking plans.

Wetlands Loop Trail - (1.3 miles from Visitors Center) An easy 1/2 mile loop trail that passes a beaver pond and wetland area. Water fowl and frogs are residents that hikers may see or hear. Our Frogs of Smithgall Woods guide makes it possible to identify frogs by their calls.

Martin Mine Trail - (2.1 miles from Visitors Center) This memorial trail is a moderate 1/2 mile hike to a beautiful waterfall tucked into the mountain. Deeply shaded by rhododendron, it is a cool retreat in summer and a lush hike any time of the year.

In addition, there are unmarked roads throughout the park that can be hiked.

Other Trails

Helen to Hardman Trail
Walk alongside history on the Helen to Hardman Heritage Trail. One mile pet-friendly, accessible trail follows the Chattahoochee River from Hardman Farm State Historic Site to Alpine Helen. Learn about native plants and animals, Helen’s heritage and the influences that have made this area attractive to people for over one thousand years. Parking is located both ends of the trail. Directions: From the Welcome Center, turn left out of the parking lot and go to the 4-way stop. Turn right and continue to the next stop sign. The parking lot is on the left just past the stop sign.

TRAILS & HIKING

Waterfalls

Andrews Cove Trail
This trail follows an old logging road up Andrews Cove and intersects the Appalachian Trail at Indian Grave Gap. (2 miles) Take GA 75 north from Helen for 5 miles. Turn right into the Andrews Cove Recreation Area.

Anna Ruby Falls
Spectacular Anna Ruby Falls is located in the heart of the Chattahoochee National Forest. The quiet coolness of the area is broken only by the thundering rush of water flowing over the rugged cliff face.

Anna Ruby Falls marks the junction of Curtis and York Creeks. Both creeks begin on Tray Mountain and are fed by underground springs, rain and snow. Curtis Creek drops 153 feet and York Creek drops 50 feet to form the twin waterfalls known as Anna Ruby Falls.

From the falls, Smith Creek tumbles downhill to Unicoi Lake and then to the Chattahoochee River. Its journey continues south, eventually joining the Apalachicola River in Florida and ending its 550-mile journey in the Gulf of Mexico.

A paved 0.4-mile footpath leads from the parking lot to the base of the falls. Walking is easy to moderate and will take approximately 30 minutes to complete. Benches are provided along the way. Walking shoes are recommended since the trail can be wet and slippery.

The Lion’s Eye Trail gives people who are blind or have visual impairments the opportunity to experience the environment along Smith Creek. Braille signs interpret various features of the area. Ambitious hikers will find the 4.6-mile Smith Creek Trail a challenge. This longer trail leads from the base of Anna Ruby Falls to Unicoi State Park.

After the Civil War the land surrounding and including Anna Ruby Falls was purchased by Colonel John H. “Captain” Nichols. Colonel Nichols named the twin waterfalls in honor of his daughter, his sole surviving family member after the death of his wife and two infant sons. Please call 706-878-1448 for information.

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