ALPINE HELEN
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1969 2019
CELEBRATING 50 YEARS AS AN ALPINE VILLAGE
ALPINE HELEN, GA

2019
CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF ALPINE HELEN
How Did Helen Become What It Is Today?

Helen, nestled in the Blue Ridge Mountains on the Chattahoochee River, is a re-creation 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 50th 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 85-365, 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. Summer-time 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**

1 • First Day Hike, Unicoi State Park, www.unicoiiz.com 706-878-2201

1 • First Day Hike, 12PM Join State Parks nationwide and participate in your local First Day Hike on the historic Unicoi Turnpike. Hardman Farm State Historic Site 706-878-1077

4 • Homeschool Day, Unicoi State Park, www.unicoiiz.com 706-878-2201

5, 12, 19, 26 • Winter Wonderland Tours, 12PM & 2PM, North Georgia Zoo 706-348-7279 www.myfavoritezoo.com

5, 12, 19, 26 • Wolf Encounter, 11AM, North Georgia Zoo 706-348-7279 www.myfavoritezoo.com

12 • Hogpen Hill Climb, Unicoi State Park. Contact: Habitat for Humanity, 706-754-5313 x 201

12 • 2nd Annual Soup Cook-off, 5PM, Helen Arts & Heritage Center, 706-878-3933 www.helenarts.org

18-March 3 • Hallway Invitational: Connie Gerds Retrospective Show, Sautee Nacoochee Center, Cultural Center, 706-878-3300 www.snca.org

18-March 4 • “Shimmer and Shine” Show, Sautee Nacoochee Center, Gallery Shops, 706-878-3300 www.snca.org

19 • Get to Know Your Zoo, 7PM-8:30PM, North Georgia Zoo 706-348-7279 www.myfavoritezoo.com

19 • New Years Resolution Get Fit Hike, Unicoi State Park, www.unicoiiz.com 706-878-2201

19, 20 • Winter Camp, Full & Half Day Options, North Georgia Zoo 706-348-7279 www.myfavoritezoo.com

26 • Sautee at Nite With Vicki McMorrough, Sautee Nacoochee Center, Center Stage, 706-878-3300 www.snca.org

31 • Sautee Community Contra Dance, 7:30PM-11PM Sautee Nacoochee Center, Historic Gym, 706-878-3300 www.snca.org

29 • 5th Tuesday Waltz Workshop, 7:30PM-9PM, Sautee Nacoochee Center, Community Hall, 706-878-3300 www.snca.org

**FEBRUARY**

1 • Homeschool Day, Unicoi State Park, www.unicoiiz.com 706-878-2201

1-2 • Faschingsverein, Pub Crawl and Scavenger Hunt, www.facebook.com/fvheelen

1-March 3 • Hallway Invitational: Connie Gerds Retrospective Show, 5PM, Sautee Nacoochee Center, Cultural Center, 706-878-3300 www.snca.org

1-March 24 • “Shimmer and Shine” Show, Sautee Nacoochee Center, Gallery Shops, 706-878-3300 www.snca.org

2, 9, 16, 23 • Winter Wonderland Tours, 1PM, North Georgia Zoo 706-348-7279 www.myfavoritezoo.com

2, 9, 16, 23 • Wolf Encounter, 11AM, North Georgia Zoo 706-348-7279 www.myfavoritezoo.com

9 • Faschingsverein Tubing Parade & Fasching Party, Parade at 2PM, downtown Helen, followed by Fasching party, www.facebook.com/fvheelen

9 • Valentine’s Celebration, BabyLand General Hospital. Prize drawings, holiday crafts, costume characters. 706-865-2171 www.cabbagepatchkids.com

14 • Valentine’s Day Hike and S’mores, Unicoi State Park, www.unicoiiz.com 706-878-2201

15-17 • Sautee Nacoochee Art Festival/Winterfest, Sautee Nacoochee Center, Community Hall, 706-878-3300 www.snca.org

16 • Helen’s 50th Celebration -Fasching, 7PM-11PM, Festhalle. Dress as your favorite, or perhaps your least favorite personality or character and join us for a night of dancing and fun! Live German music! Sponsored by the Helen Chamber of Commerce, 706-878-1908 www.helenchamber.com

16 • Special Valentine’s Day Winter Wonderland Tour, North Georgia Zoo, 706-348-7279 www.myfavoritezoo.com

16 • Sneak Preview, 10AM-5PM, North Georgia Zoo, 706-348-7279 www.myfavoritezoo.com

15-16 • Helen Winter Art Festival, 10AM-4PM, Helen Arts & Heritage Center, 706-878-3933 www.helenarts.org

16-17 • Annual Fireside Arts & Crafts Show, Saturday, 10AM-6PM, Sunday, 10AM-5PM, Unicoi State Park. Over 50 artists and craftsmen from all over the southeast will be in the lodge for this traditional event. Various media including wood carving, jewelry, oils/acrylics, wood turning, fiber, pottery and much more! 706-878-2201

20 • Volunteer Training Day, 11AM-3PM We are gearing up for our new season here at Hardman Farm and there is plenty to do! Hardman Farm State Historic Site 706-878-1077

21-24 • Helenblitz Mini Cooper Car Show, Helendorf Inn. The Helenblitz Charity Event is a family friendly event. There will also be social events, RC car races, opportunities to show off your MINI, and the charity auction. 706-878-2271

24 • Valley Harmony Radio Show, Sautee Nacoochee Center, Center Stage, 706-878-3300 www.snca.org

28 • Sautee Community Contra Dance, 7:30PM-11PM Sautee Nacoochee Center, Historic Gym, 706-878-3300 www.snca.org

**MARCH**

1 • Homeschool Day, Unicoi State Park, www.unicoiiz.com 706-878-2201

1 • Opening Day at the Hardman Farm, 10AM-4PM We are open for the season! Hardman Farm State Historic Site 706-878-1077

1-3 • Hallway Invitational: Connie Gerds Retrospective Show, Sautee Nacoochee Center, Cultural Center, 706-878-3300 www.snca.org

1-24 • “Shimmer and Shine” Show, Sautee Nacoochee Center, Cultural Center, 706-878-3300 www.snca.org

1, 2, 3 • Kick off Weekend, Friday 12PM-4PM, Sat & Sun 10AM-5PM, North Georgia Zoo, 706-348-7279, www.myfavoritezoo.com

2 • Farm Animal Fun Day, 11AM-3PM, Come visit and pet some furry friends here on the Farm as we continue our journey to “bring the farm to life” and keep the American agricultural experience alive. Hardman Farm State Historic Site 706-878-1077

7 • Taste of the Town, 6PM-11PM, Masters Hall and Unicoi State Park and Lodge. 706-865-5356 www.whitecountychamber.org

7-24 • Hallway Invitational: Celebrate the Arts! Sautee Nacoochee Center, Cultural Center, 706-878-3300 www.snca.org

8 • Celebrate the Arts Festival, 9AM-1PM, Sautee Nacoochee Center, Campus, Historic Gym, Community Hall, 706-878-3300 www.snca.org

8-17 • Bouncing Babies, Fridays 12PM-4PM, Sat & Sun 10AM-5PM, North Georgia Zoo, 706-348-7279, www.myfavoritezoo.com

9 • “Emory Jones Book Signing” 10a.m. – 3p.m. Hardman Farm celebrates its past with Emory Jones, author of “Distant Voices: The Story of the Nacoochee Valley Indian Mound.” He will read excerpts from his new book, “The Valley Where They Danced.” This post-WWI historical novel features scenes from Hardman Farm. Hear excerpts prior to your tour and then bring back questions for Mr. Jones afterward. Hardman Farm State Historic Site 706-878-1077

12 • Mommy & Me at the Zoo, 10AM-2PM, North Georgia Zoo, 706-348-7279, www.myfavoritezoo.com

16 • St. Patrick’s Celebration, BabyLand General Hospital. Prize drawings, coloring pages, costume characters. 706-865-2171 www.cabbagepatchkids.com

17 • Behind the Scenes Tours, 3PM-5PM, North Georgia Zoo, 706-348-7279, www.myfavoritezoo.com

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21 • Spring Art Exhibit Opening ‘A New Awakening’, 5PM- A wine and cheese Reception, Helen Arts & Heritage Center, 706-878-3933 www.helenarts.org

22 • Wine Highway Week, Various area wineries, www.georgiawine.com

23 • Spring Equinox Lantern Hike, Unicoi State Park, www.unicoilodge.com 706-878-2201

23 • Remarkable Georgia Women, 11:00 a.m. Come celebrate Women’s History Month with us. Prepare to be astonished as you hear about 15 women born before 1900 who made outstanding achievements in Georgia. Sara Hines Martin, author of “Remarkable Georgia Women”, wears a historic dress and displays photos of the women as she speaks. Ms. Martin will have her book available for sale in the gift shop. $5 per participant. Hardman Farm State Historic Site 706-878-1077

23 • The Price is Right Live!, Hiawassee Fairgrounds, 706-896-4191

28 • Sautee Community Contra Dance, 7:30PM-11PM Sautee Nacoochee Center, Historic Gym, 706-878-3300 www.snca.org

30 • Reception for Elister Richardson—“May I Have This Dance?” Exhibit and performance, 4PM-6PM, Sautee Nacoochee Center, Cultural Center, 706-878-3300 www.snca.org

30 • JUNE 9 • “Fanciful Fiber” Show, The Sautee Nacoochee Center, Gallery Shops, 706-878-3300 www.snca.org

30 • 30th Annual Trout Tournament, Helen Chamber of Commerce, 706-878-1908. Open to all ages. Entry fee includes two raffle tickets for all entries and a tournament tee shirt for the first 200 entries. Fish the Chattahoochee River for cash prizes in tagged fish. www.helenchamber.com

APRIL

Saturdays • Saturday Evening Music Concert Series, 8PM, Unicoi State Park. Come & listen to local talented musicians playing an array of genres including folk, old time, country and bluegrass. Specific artist and concert information will be listed on our Facebook page. These programs will be “pass the hat” donations for the Musicians. The Program lasts from Memorial Day weekend till mid-November. 706-878-3985


April 2-August 30 • Bingo every Tuesday & Friday, 7PM, Festhalle, 706-878-1908 or 706-878-2181 www.helenchamber.com

3-14 • Springtime Festival, Weekdays 10AM-4PM, Weekends 10AM-6PM, North Georgia Zoo 706-348-7279 www.myfavoritezoo.com

5 • Homeschool Day, Unicoi State Park, www.unicoilodge.com 706-878-2201

13 • Automatic Improv, 11AM-12PM, Youth Improv Workshop, The Sautee Nacoochee Center, Center Theatre, 706-878-3300 www.snca.org

13-14 • Plein Air Painting Experience, The Sautee Nacoochee Center, Gallery Shops AND Skylake Galleries 706-878-3300 www.snca.org

13 • Emory Jones Book Signing, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Hardman Farm celebrates its past with Emory Jones, author of “Distant Voices: The Story of the Nacoochee Valley Indian Mound.” He will read excerpts from his new book, “The Valley Where They Danced.” This post-WWII historical novel features scenes from Hardman Farm. Hear excerpts prior to your tour and then bring back questions for Mr. Jones afterward. Hardman Farm State Historic Site 706-878-1077

13 • Farm Animal Fun Day – 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Over the years, Hardman Farm has been the home to several species of livestock. Come visit and pet some furry friends here on the Farm as we continue our journey to “bring the farm to life” and keep the American agricultural experience alive. Pricing: Animal encounters are free with site admission. Your site admission also includes a tour of the Big House and Farm. Hardman Farm State Historic Site 706-878-1077

13 • Magical Easter Eggstravaganza, Babyland General Hospital & White County Chamber of Commerce. Events throughout the day. Breakfast with the Easter Bunny (reservations required), the Easter Egg Hunt, and Arts & Crafts show will take place on the grounds of Babyland General Hospital. An Old Fashioned Easter parade will take place in downtown Cleveland. 706-865-2177 or 706-865-5356 www.cabbagepatchkids.com

15-16 • Darrel Chaney Invitational, Innsbruck Golf Course, benefiting the United Way of White County. 706-892-4779

19 • Night Easter Egg Hunt, Unicoi State Park, www.unicoilodge.com 706-878-2201

19-21 • Easter Festival, Friday 10AM-4PM, Sat & Sun 10AM-6PM, North Georgia Zoo, 706-348-7279 www.myfavoritezoo.com

20 • Friends Easter Egg Hunt, Unicoi State Park, www.unicoilodge.com 706-878-2201

20 • Natural Egg Dying Program, 10:00 - 3:00 p.m. Learn how to dye your Easter eggs the old-fashioned way with natural materials such as onions, beets, and turmeric. Eggs will be provided for participants. Old fashioned games will also be available for kids to play with. The cost per participant is $5. Hardman Farm State Historic Site 706-878-1077

21 • Behind the Scenes Tours, 3PM-5PM, North Georgia Zoo, 706-348-7279 www.myfavoritezoo.com

25-27 • Cheever, a play by Emory Jones, The Sautee Nacoochee Center, Center Theatre 706-878-3300 www.snca.org

26-28 • Fiber, Farm & Art Festival, Friday 10AM-4PM, Sat & Sun 10AM-5PM, North Georgia Zoo, 706-348-7279 www.myfavoritezoo.com

27 • Farm Camp 10:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. - In this one-day camp, children ages 6-12 will enjoy an active day, planting seeds and getting dirty with new friends. They will learn why home farming is important and the intricate systems that allow these crops to flourish. A snack will be provided and themed from the crops being planted. Campers may wish to return to the summer camp (July 23rd) to harvest their crops. Each child will be given seeds to take home as well. Advanced registration required. Email scarlett.fuller@dnr.ga.gov to sign up. $30 per child. Hardman Farm State Historic Site 706-878-1077

27 • Sautee Community Contra Dance, 7:30PM-11PM Sautee Nacoochee Center, Historic Gym, 706-878-3300 www.snca.org

27 • Technology Free Earth Day Event, Unicoi State Park, www.unicoilodge.com 706-878-2201

27 • Spring Fashion Extravaganza & Luncheon, 12PM, Helen Arts & Heritage Center, 706-878-3933 www.helenarts.org

26-27 • Corvair Club Car Show, Downtown Helen

28 • Tour of Georgia Fran Fondo Bicycle Race, Downtown Helen. 706-865-5356 www.whitecountychamber.org

28 • Cheever, a play by Emory Jones, The Sautee Nacoochee Center, Center Theatre 706-878-3300 www.snca.org

30 • 5th Tuesday Waltz Workshop, 7:30PM-9PM The Sautee Nacoochee Center, Community Hall, 706-878-3300 www.snca.org

MAY

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3 • Homeschool Day, Unicoi State Park, www.unicoilodge.com 706-878-2201

4 • Winefest, Habersham Winery. This is a great time to sample fine wines produced by the Winegrowers Association of Georgia at one location. You can enjoy great music and see fine art & crafts. 706-878-9463

10-12 • Celebrating Moms, Friday 10AM-4PM, Sat & Sun 10AM-6PM, North Georgia Zoo, 706-348-7279 www.myfavoritezoo.com

11 • Helen’s 50th Celebration-Spring Bierfest, 12PM- 5PM, Festhalle, 706-878-1908 or 706-878-2181 www.helenchamber.com

11 • Mom and Me Mothers Day Hike, Unicoi State Park, www.unicoilodge.com 706-878-2201

11 • Celebrating World Binturong Day, North Georgia Zoo, 706-348-7279 www.myfavoritezoo.com

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11 • Annual Spring Concert, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Artist TBA. Gates will open at 3:00 p.m., where outbuildings will be open for viewing. Concert starts at 5:00 p.m. Please bring your own chair. Food will be available for purchase. This is a rain or shine event. All proceeds go to Friends of Hardman Farm. Check our website or Facebook for details. Hardman Farm State Historic Site 706-878-1077

14 • Mommy & Me at the Zoo, 10AM-2PM, North Georgia Zoo 706-348-7279 www.myfavoritezoo.com

18 • Sautee Stars Spring Production of Into the Woods, Jr., 7PM The Sautee Nacoochee Center, Center Theatre, 706-878-3300, www.snca.org


18 • Sautee Community Contra Dance, 7:30PM-11PM, The Sautee Nacoochee Center, Historic Gym, 706-878-3300 www.snca.org

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18 • Farm Animal Fun Day, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Over the years, Hardman Farm has been the home to several species of livestock. Come visit and pet some furry friends here on the Farm as we continue our journey to “bring the farm to life” and keep the American agricultural experience alive. Pricing: Animal encounters are free with site admission. Your site admission also includes a tour of the Big House and Farm. Hardman Farm State Historic Site 706-878-1077

19 • Sautee Stars Spring Production of Into the Woods, Jr., 2PM The Sautee Nacoochee Center, Center Theatre, 706-878-3300, www.snca.org

19 • Behind the Scenes Tours, 3PM-5PM, North Georgia Zoo 706-348-7279 www.myfavoritezoo.com

25 • Opening of Beach, Unicoi State Park, www.unicoilodge.com 706-878-2201

25 • Helen’s 50th Celebration-Bavarianfest, 6PM-11PM, Festhalle. Help us honor our Military and Civil Servants. Free admission for all active military & veterans (ID required). Experience a live Oompah band, dancing and a festive German atmosphere. Imported and domestic beers and wines, soft drinks, wurst on a bun with sauerkraut, hot dogs and snacks will be available for sale. Sponsored by the Helen Chamber of Commerce. 706-878-1908, www.helenchamber.com

24-27 • Memorial Day Weekend, Friday & Monday 10AM-4PM, Sat & Sun 10AM-6PM, North Georgia Zoo, 706-348-7279 www.myfavoritezoo.com

25 • Pig Out & Pickin’ Sautee Nacoochee Center, Community Hall and Outdoor Stage (Historic Gym in case of inclement weather), 706-878-3300, www.snca.org

25th • The Crusher Vineyard and Trail Race, Yonah Mountain Vineyards, 706-878-5522, www.yonahmountainvineyards.com

Memorial Day-Mid November • Visiting Artist Series, Unicoi State Park. Stop by the 3rd floor of our lodge and meet our visiting artist for the opportunity to buy handmade items directly from the Artist! Specific artist will be listed weekly on our facebook page. This program lasts from Memorial Day weekend till mid-November. 706-878-2201

May 31–June 1 • Annual Helen to the Atlantic Hot Air Balloon Race, Helendorf Inn, 706-878-2271

JUNE

Date TBD • “3rd Anniversary Festival”, Kaya Vineyard and Winery, 706-219-3594, www.kayavineyards.com

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1 • National Trails Day Hike, Unicoi State Park, www.unicoilodge.com 706-878-2201

1 • National Trails Day on the Helen to Hardman Heritage Trail – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Enjoy a 2 mile out and back guided hike along the brand new Helen to Hardman Heritage Trail. This hike will lead you through several layers of history in White County, as well as the natural history of the Chattoochee River. Meet in the Visitor Center. The cost per participant is $5. Add a tour of Hardman Farm for $7. Hardman Farm State Historic Site 706-878-1077

6 • Art Exhibit Opening ‘Summertime, Summertime’, 5PM-Wine and cheese reception, Helen Arts & Heritage Center, 706-878-3933 www.helenarts.org


8 • Cabbage Patch Kids Tea Party, Babyland General Hospital, 706-865-2171 www.cabbagepatchkids.com

8 • Shriners’ Parade, Downtown Helen. 706-878-2181

14-16 • Celebrating Fathers, Friday & Monday 10AM-4PM, Saturday & Sunday 10AM-6PM, North Georgia Zoo, 706-348-7279 www.myfavoritezoo.com

14-16 • SNiFF (Sautee Nacoochee Infinitesimal Film Fest), Sautee Nacoochee Center, Center Theatre, 706-878-3300, www.snca.org

14 • JULY 28 • “Legalized Pots” Exhibit, The Sautee Nacoochee Center, Gallery Shops 706-878-3300, www.snca.org

14 • JULY 28 • Hallway Invitational: Southern Appalachian Artist Guild The Sautee Nacoochee Center, Cultural Center, 706-878-3300, www.snca.org

15 • Dairy Day, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. The Mobile Dairy Classroom is a dynamic and fun educational program operated by the Agricultural Commodity Commission for Milk. The 30 ft. Mobile Dairy Classroom features a fully operational milking parlor containing a live cow used for milking and feeding demonstrations. The goal of the program is to provide children and adults with a better understanding of where milk comes from, how it is processed, the healthy benefits of consuming dairy products and dairy farmers' management of natural resources. This is a free event. Hardman Farm State Historic Site 706-878-1077

16 • Behind the Scenes Tours, 3PM-5PM, North Georgia Zoo 706-348-7279 www.myfavoritezoo.com

17-21 • Juniors Ranger Camp ages 5-8, Unicoi State Park, www.unicoilodge.com 706-878-2201

22 • 8th Annual Lavender Fest, 10AM-5PM, The Lavender Cottage & Garden. 706-878-0100 www.thelavendercottageandgarden.com

22 • Cheri Luhn in Concert, Sautee Nacoochee Center, Center Stage, 706-878-3300, www.snca.org

29 • (date is weather dependent and subject to change) – “U-Pick Corn Harvest Day”- 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Governor Hardman grew several acres of corn to feed his livestock. The UGA White County Extension and Hardman Farm have grown an acre of pesticide free corn. Come pick some corn, listen to bluegrass music, play corn hole and enjoy a beautiful day in the Valley. Tours available on the hour; standard rates apply. Corn is available for purchase at 25 cents per ear. Hardman Farm State Historic Site 706-878-1077

29 • Meet & Greet, 4th of July Cabbage Patch Kids Costume Character, Babyland General Hospital, 706-865-2171 www.cabbagepatchkids.com

JULY

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4 • Helen’s 50th Celebration—Annual Fireworks at Dusk, behind the Alpine Village Shoppes, 706-878-2181, www.helenga.org

4 • 4th of July Celebration, 10AM-4PM, North Georgia Zoo 706-348-7279 www.myfavoritezoo.com

4 • Georgia Mountain Fair Fireworks, Hiawasse Fairgrounds, 706-896-4191

6 • Sautee Community Contra Dance, 7:30PM-11PM, The Sautee Nacoochee Center, Historic Gym, 706-878-3300, www.snca.org

9 • Anna Ruby Tuesday 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. What was life like for a well-to-do girl in Nacoochee in the 1870s? In this one-day camp, 6-10-year-old girls will play period games, try on period clothes, and have an English tea. Advanced registration required. Email scarlett.fuller@dnr.ga.gov to sign up. $30 per child. Hardman Farm State Historic Site 706-878-1077


13 • Emory Jones Book Signing, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Hardman Farm celebrates its past with Emory Jones, author of “Distant Voices: The Story of the Nacoochee Valley Indian Mound.” He will read excerpts from his new book, “The Valley Where They Danced.” This post-WWI historical novel features scenes from Hardman Farm. Hear excerpts prior to your tour and then bring back questions for Mr. Jones afterward. Hardman Farm State Historic Site 706-878-1077

13 • Sunset Tour, 7PM-9PM, North Georgia Zoo, 706-348-7279, www.myfavoritezoo.com

16 • Arrowheads Through the Ages, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. In this one-day camp for children ages 6-10, the evolution of Native American hunting tools will be explored. What tools were used for which animals? How did they change over time? The fields of Archaeology and History combine with recreation to create a fun, active day for kids. Advanced registration required. Email scarlett.fuller@dnr.ga.gov to sign up. $30 per child. Hardman Farm State Historic Site 706-878-1077

19-21 • ‘Christmas in July’ Arts & Crafts Festival, Helen Arts & Heritage Center. 706-878-3933 www.helenarts.org

19-27 • Georgia Mountain Fair, Hiawassee Fairgrounds, 706-896-4191

21 • Behind the Scenes Tours, 3PM-5PM, North Georgia Zoo, 706-348-7279, www.myfavoritezoo.com

22-24 • Junior Zookeeper Day Camp, North Georgia Zoo, 706-348-7279 www.myfavoritezoo.com

22-26 • Junior Rangers Camp ages 9-12, Unicoi State Park, www.unicoilodge.com 706-878-2201

23 • Farm Camp, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. In this one-day camp, children ages 6-12 will enjoy an active day tending to the garden, harvesting crops and getting dirty with new friends. They will learn why home farming is important and the intricate systems that allow these crops to flourish. A “farm to table” snack will be provided from the harvested crops. Advanced registration required. Email scarlett.fuller@dnr.ga.gov to sign up. $30 per child. Hardman Farm State Historic Site 706-878-1077

24-27 • Overnight Teen Camp, Ages 12-16, North Georgia Zoo, 706-878-348-7279 www.myfavoritezoo.com

26 • Annual Golf Tournament, Mossy Creek Golf Course 706-865-5356 www.whitecountychamber.org

27 • Farm to Table, 6:30 p.m. Join us as we celebrate nearly 150 years of harvest at Hardman Farm. We invite you for an evening in The Valley, featuring live music, period dressed characters teaching about the history of the Farm, and a locally grown dinner and drinks. The dishes will be based on what would have been enjoyed in the summers of the early 1900s. $75 per person. Hardman Farm State Historic Site 706-878-1077

July 27 • Sautee Community Contra Dance, 7:30PM-11PM The Sautee Nacoochee Center, Historic Gym, 706-878-3300, www.snca.org

July 28 • Doris davenport, Sautee Nacoochee Center, Center Stage, 706-878-3300, www.snca.org

30 • 5th Tuesday Waltz Workshop, 7:30PM-9PM The Sautee Nacoochee Center, Community Hall, 706-878-3300, www.snca.org

AUGUST

Date TBD • “Spirit of Harvest Festival”, Kaya Vineyard and Winery, 706-219-3514, www.kayavineyards.com

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Saturdays • Saturday Evening Music Concert Series, 8PM, Unicoi State Park. Come & listen to local talented musicians playing an array of genres including folk, old time, country and bluegrass. Specific artist and concert information will be listed on our Facebook page. These programs will be “pass the hat” donations for the Musicians. The Program lasts from Memorial Day weekend till mid-November. 706-878-3985

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1-4, 8-11 • The Valley Where They Danced, The Sautee Nacoochee Center, Historic Gym, 706-878-3300, www.snca.org

2 • Homeschool Day, Unicoi State Park, www.unicoilodge.com 706-878-2201


3 • Back to School Bash 5PM-7PM, North Georgia Zoo, 706-348-7279 www.myfavoritezoo.com

8 • Art Exhibit Opening ‘Dog Daze’, 5PM Wine and cheese reception, Helen Arts & Heritage Center, 706-878-3933 www.helenarts.org

10 • Emory Jones Book Signing, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Hardman Farm celebrates its past with Emory Jones, author of “Distant Voices: The Story of the Nacoochee Valley Indian Mound.” He will read excerpts from his new book, “The Valley Where They Danced.” This post-WWI historical novel features scenes from Hardman Farm. Hear excerpts prior to your tour and then bring back questions for Mr. Jones afterward. Hardman Farm State Historic Site 706-878-1077

10 • Sunset Tour, 6:45PM-8:45PM, North Georgia Zoo, 706-348-7279, www.myfavoritezoo.com

10 • Cabbage Patch Kids Tea Party, Babyland General Hospital, 706-865-2171 www.cabbagepatchkids.com

11 • Tails on Trails Hike, Unicoi State Park, www.unicoilodge.com 706-878-2201

14 • Taste of Helen, Helen Arts & Heritage Center, 706-878-3933 www.helenarts.org

16 • A Night at the Museum ‘Celebrating 50 years of Alpine’, 6PM, Holiday Inn Express & Suites, 706-878-3933 www.helenarts.org

18 • Behind the Scenes Tours, 3PM-5PM, North Georgia Zoo, 706-348-7279 www.myfavoritezoo.com

24 • Helen’s 50th Celebration- Street Dance, Downtown Helen. 706-878-2181

24 • Crush Fest Wine Festival, Yonah Mountain Vineyards, 706-878-5522, www.yonahmountainvineyards.com

24 • Sautee Community Contra Dance, 7:30PM-5PM, The Sautee Nacoochee Center, Historic Gym, 706-878-3300, www.snca.org

25 • Bean Creek Choir & Friends The Sautee Nacoochee Center, Historic Gym, 706-878-3300, www.snca.org

31 • Sunset Tour, 6:45PM-8:45PM, North Georgia Zoo, 706-348-7279, www.myfavoritezoo.com

31 • Folk Pottery & Arts Festival, The Sautee Nacoochee Center, Campus, Historic Gym, Community Hall, 706-878-3300, www.snca.org

8/30-9/2 • Labor Day Weekend, Friday & Monday, 10AM-4PM, Saturday & Sunday 10AM-6PM, North Georgia Zoo 706-348-7279 www.myfavoritezoo.com

Please call or visit websites prior to attending events to verify dates & times.
EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

28 • Saturday Evening Music Concert Series, 8PM, Unicoi State Park. Come & listen to local talent.
28 • Scarecrow Trail, 3PM-5PM, North Georgia Zoo, 706-348-7279,
27- NOV 17 • "Fall For Art" Show, The Sautee Nacoochee Center, Historic Gym, 706-878-3300, www.snca.org
28 • Sautee Community Contra Dance, 7:30PM- 11PM The Sautee Nacoochee Center, Historic Gym, 706-878-3300, www.snca.org
28 • Your State Parks Day, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Volunteers around the country will be helping to improve their favorite state park or historic site on this special day. We hope you will join us in improving Hardman Farm. We will break for lunch at 12:00 PM. Volunteers may leave for lunch or bring a lunch to eat at our picnic tables. Volunteers will receive a complementary tour of the house at 1:00 p.m. Hardman Farm State Historic Site 706-878-1077
28 • Agri-Fest/Country Market & Pottery Comes to Town, Freedom Park, Downtown Cleveland. 706-865-5356 www.whitecountychamber.org

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OCTOBER

Date TBD • “Sunset Concert Series”, Kaya Vineyard and Winery, 706-219-3514, www.kayavinedyards.com

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26 • Sautee Community Contra Dance, 7:30-11PM, The Sautee Nacoochee Center, Historic Gym, 706-878-3300, www.snca.org

26 • Halloween, Babyland General Hospital, Dress in costume, hourly prize drawings, color a picture, candy treat bag and costume character- FREE admission to the hospital 706-865-2171 www.cabbagepatchkids.com

26 • Pumpkins in the Park Fall Festival, Unicoi State Park, www.unicoilodge.com 706-878-2201

29 • 5th Tuesday Waltz Workshop, 7:30PM-9PM, The Sautee Nacoochee Center, Community Hall, 06-878-3300, www.snca.org

31 • Trunk or Treat, Carnival, & Haunted House, 5PM-8PM, The Sautee Nacoochee Center, Campus, 706-878-3300, www.snca.org

NOVEMBER

Festival of Trees, benefiting the United Way of White County. View the beautifully decorated trees and wreaths. 706-892-4779

17 • Behind the Scenes Tours, The Sautee Nacoochee Center, Center Stage, 706-878-3300, www.snca.org

1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10 • Pumpkin Smashing Fun, Friday 11AM-4PM Saturday & Sunday 10AM-4PM, North Georgia Zoo, 706-348-7279, www.myfavoritezoo.com

9 • Emory Jones Book Signing, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Hardman Farm celebrates its past with Emory Jones, author of “Distant Voices: The Story of the Nacoochee Valley Indian Mound.” He will read excerpts from his new book, “The Valley Where They Danced.” This post-WWI historical novel features scenes from Hardman Farm. Hear excerpts prior to your tour and then bring back questions for Mr. Jones afterward. Hardman Farm State Historic Site 706-878-1077

9 • Farm Animal Fun Day, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Over the years, Hardman Farm has been the home to several species of livestock. Come visit and pet some furry friends here on the Farm as we continue our journey to “bring the farm to life” and keep the American agricultural experience alive. Pricing: Animal encounters are free with site admission. Your site admission also includes a tour of the Big House and Farm. Hardman Farm State Historic Site 706-878-1077

16-17 • Santa is Coming, 1PM-3PM, North Georgia Zoo, 706-348-7279, www.myfavoritezoo.com

16-17 • Lilies of the Valley, The Sautee Nacoochee Center, Center Stage 706-878-3300, www.snca.org

17 • Behind the Scenes Tours, 3PM-5PM, North Georgia Zoo, 706-348-7279, www.myfavoritezoo.com


22-24 • Starry Night Tours, 6PM, North Georgia Zoo, 706-348-7279, www.myfavoritezoo.com


23 • Appalachian Christmas & Pancake Breakfast with Santa, BabyLand General Hospital. Decorations, carolers, prize drawings, Santa, costume characters. 706-865-2171 www.cabbagepatchkids.com

29 • Helen’s 50th Celebration- Annual Lighting of the Village, 6PM, Downtown Helen, 706-878-2181 www.helenga.org

DECEMBER

6, 7, 13, 14 • A Victorian Christmas in Nacoochee, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. Come see the house in period holiday decor and learn about Victorian Christmas traditions from docents dressed in their finest 1870’s garb. This open house on Friday and Saturday nights in December is highlighted by twinkling candle lights and a walk down the Unicoi Road. Guests will need to purchase their tickets in the Visitor Center, which will have a special treat each night, including live Christmas music and hot chocolate. Guests are advised to bring a flashlight for your walk back to the parking lot. Adults: $12, Seniors: $10, Youth: $7, Children under 6: $3. Plus tax. Hardman Farm State Historic Site 706-878-1077

6 • Homeschool Day, Unicoi State Park, www.unicoilodge.com 706-878-2201

7 • Annual Christmas in the Mountains Festival, 3PM-8PM, Downtown Cleveland 706-865-5356, www.whitecountychamber.org

7 • Annual Christmas in the Mountains Lighted Parade, 7PM, Downtown Cleveland. Come see the lighted parade wind through downtown Cleveland. Christmas characters, floats, vehicles and Santa will light up the parade route with beautiful Christmas lights! 706-865-5356, www.whitecountychamber.org

14 • Helen’s 50th Celebration - Annual Christmas Parade, Downtown Helen, 2PM, 706-878-2181. Christmas Elves and Christmas characters along with Santa coming to town! www.helenga.org

14 • Breakfast with Santa, Unicoi State Park, www.unicoilodge.com 706-878-2201

13-14 • Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre, The Sautee Nacoochee Center, Community Hall, 706-878-3300, www.snca.org

20 • Pancake Breakfast with Santa, BabyLand General Hospital, 706-865-2171 www.cabbagepatchkids.com

26-31 • Winter Break Fun, 11AM-3PM, North Georgia Zoo 706-348-7279 www.myfavoritezoo.com

26-31 • Tree Toss, 11AM-3PM, North Georgia Zoo 706-348-7279 www.myfavoritezoo.com

28 • Sautee Community Contra Dance, 7:30PM-11PM The Sautee Nacoochee Center, Historic Gym, 706-878-3300, www.snca.org

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**Smithgall Woods Trails**

**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. Waterfowl 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.

**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 at 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.
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Raven Cliffs Falls
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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.
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