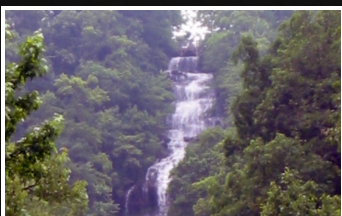


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This guide is our answer. Twelve areas we know and serve, the attractions worth your time, the campgrounds with real hookups, and the local knowledge that keeps a trip smooth — like which campgrounds to double-check before you tow, and which towns don't have an RV park at all.

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WHERE THIS GUIDE TAKES YOU

North Georgia breaks naturally into three RV-friendly clusters. Base camp in one, day-trip the rest — every area below is inside the Triumphant RV Solutions mobile service territory.

01

THE LANIER CORRIDOR

Gainesville

Lake Lanier

Buford

Flowery Branch

Cumming

38,000 acres of water, 690+ miles of shoreline, and the region's deepest supply of full-hookup campsites — from Corps parks to Camp Margaritaville.

02

THE MOUNTAIN TRIO

Dawsonville

Dahlonega

Helen & Cleveland

Waterfalls, gold mines, wine country, and a Bavarian village — the postcard side of North Georgia, with state-park camping at the center of it.

03

I-85 & ATHENS

Braselton

Jefferson

Commerce

Athens Area

World-class road racing, a château winery, outlet shopping, and UGA gameday culture — plus the big-rig sites at Commerce Station RV Resort.

Wherever you land in these pages, one number covers you: if your rig needs repair or maintenance anywhere in these 12 areas, Triumphant comes to your site — **770-519-2828**.

AREA 01 / 12

GAINESVILLE

QUEEN CITY OF THE MOUNTAINS · HOME BASE

The self-proclaimed “**Poultry Capital of the World**” sits at Lake Lanier’s north end — and every November it kicks off the holidays by lighting a 25-foot metal chicken on the downtown square. This is our hometown, and the heart of the Triumphant service map.

DON'T MISS

- 1 Don Carter State Park**
The only state park on Lake Lanier — sandy swim beach, boat ramps, and 12+ miles of trails.
- 2 Northeast Georgia History Center**
10,000+ years of regional history, the White Path Cabin, and a working blacksmith shop — with free family days monthly.
- 3 Downtown Gainesville Square**
Boutiques, breweries, and restaurants around a revitalized square, plus a Friday farmers market starting in May.

WHERE TO PARK THE RIG

Don Carter State Park 44-site RV campground with water & electric hookups, right on the lake.

River Forks Park & Campground Hall County park on Lanier with RV hookups, tent sites, and a swim beach.



SCAN FOR THIS AREA

Things to do, campground links & booking
triumphantrv.com/service-areas/gainesville

TRIUMPHANT INSIDER TIP

Bolding Mill and Duckett Mill Corps campgrounds are nearby too — now managed by Hall County. Check current status before towing; staffing has closed loops mid-season in recent years.

AREA 02 / 12

LAKE LANIER

38,000 ACRES · 690+ MILES OF SHORELINE

America's most-visited Corps of Engineers lake draws roughly **11.8 million visitors a year** to its aqua-blue water in the Blue Ridge foothills. For RVers, it's the richest concentration of hookup sites in North Georgia.

DON'T MISS

- 1 Margaritaville at Lanier Islands**
Fins Up Water Park, LandShark Landing, beaches, boat rentals — and snow tubing at License to Chill Snow Island in winter.
- 2 Corps of Engineers Campgrounds**
Bald Ridge Creek, Bolding Mill, Duckett Mill, Old Federal, Sawnee, and Toto Creek put your rig on the waterfront.
- 3 Marinas & Boating**
Marinas ring the lake with pontoon, boat, and watersport rentals — no boat ownership required.

WHERE TO PARK THE RIG

Camp Margaritaville RV Resort Full hookups (30/50-amp, water, sewer), paved pull-through big-rig sites, and complimentary LandShark Landing access.

Corps campgrounds Waterfront hookup sites around the lake — see the insider tip below first.



SCAN FOR THIS AREA

Things to do, campground links & booking
triumphantrv.com/service-areas/lake-lanier

TRIUMPHANT INSIDER TIP

The Corps campgrounds are now co-managed by Hall, Forsyth, and Dawson counties — each with its own reservation site. Confirm your loop is open at recreation.gov before you tow.

AREA 03 / 12**BUFORD**

THE LEATHER CITY · BUFORD DAM

Once nicknamed “the New York of Gwinnett,” Buford’s Bona Allen tannery billed itself as the largest collar factory in the world. Today a historic Main Street arts district shares the map with the biggest mall in metro Atlanta.

DON'T MISS

- 1 Buford Dam & Buford Dam Park**
Drive across the earthen dam for dual views of Lake Lanier and the Chattahoochee — then hike the 3.5-mile Laurel Ridge Trail.
- 2 Tannery Row Artist Colony**
Working studios of painters and sculptors inside the historic tannery building on Main Street.
- 3 Mall of Georgia + Historic Downtown**
2+ million square feet of retail and an IMAX — balanced by restored brick Main Street dining a few minutes away.

WHERE TO PARK THE RIG

Sawnee Campground Corps campground near Buford Dam with RV hookup sites on the water — check current status before arrival.

Camp Margaritaville RV Resort Full-hookup resort sites a short drive north at Lanier Islands.

**SCAN FOR THIS AREA**

Things to do, campground links
& booking
triumphantrv.com/service-areas/buford

TRIUMPHANT INSIDER TIP

Buford Dam Park’s swim beach and picnic shelters make an easy layover day between the mall run and the lake.

AREA 04 / 12

FLOWERY BRANCH

ANAGULUSKEE · “FLOWERS ON THE BRANCH”

Founded in 1874 as a cotton-market railroad stop and originally known by its **Cherokee name, Anaguluskee**, this lakeside town is now best known as home of the Atlanta Falcons’ headquarters and training facility.

DON'T MISS

- 1 Historic Train Depot & Museum**
A restored late-1800s Southern Railway depot with a 1914 wooden caboose anchoring the Old Town district.
- 2 Atlanta Falcons Training Camp**
Open summer practices at the team’s Flowery Branch facility, with free public access on select dates.
- 3 Music in the Branch**
Live music at the downtown amphitheater the first Sunday of every month, May through October.

WHERE TO PARK THE RIG

Old Federal Campground Corps of Engineers campground in Flowery Branch — RV and tent sites, showers, and a swim area right on Lanier. Check current status before towing.



SCAN FOR THIS AREA

Things to do, campground links & booking
triumphantrv.com/service-areas/flowery-branch

TRIUMPHANT INSIDER TIP

Flowery Branch Bay Park’s fishing pier is a low-key sunset spot most travelers roll right past.

AREA 05 / 12

CUMMING & FORSYTH

FOCO · THE HOSPITALITY HIGHWAY

Locals call it “**FoCo**” — the gateway to North Georgia along GA-400, the state’s official Hospitality Highway, anchored by the 963-acre Sawnee Mountain Preserve and Lake Lanier’s west shore.

DON'T MISS

- 1 Sawnee Mountain Preserve**
963 acres with trails to the Indian Seats rock formation and big Blue Ridge views. (Leave the dogs at the rig — not allowed here.)
- 2 Cumming City Center**
Shopping, dining, green space, and a free amphitheater concert series.
- 3 Poole’s Mill Covered Bridge**
A scenic 1901 covered bridge with a park and a water play area — an easy family half-day.

WHERE TO PARK THE RIG

Bald Ridge Creek, Sawnee & Shady Grove
Corps campgrounds on Lanier’s west side, now managed by Forsyth County Parks — lakeside RV sites with hookups. Confirm status before towing.



SCAN FOR THIS AREA

Things to do, campground links
& booking
triumphantrv.com/service-areas/cumming

TRIUMPHANT INSIDER TIP

The Cumming Country Fair & Festival at the fairgrounds is the county’s biggest annual draw — confirm current-year dates before planning around it.

AREA 06 / 12

DAWSONVILLE

BIRTHPLACE OF STOCK CAR RACING

Prohibition-era moonshine runners souped up their cars to outrun federal agents here — and the **Dawsonville Pool Room still sounds its siren** for every Elliott family racing win. The Mountain Moonshine Festival draws thousands each October.

DON'T MISS

- 1 Amicalola Falls State Park**
At 729 feet, the tallest cascading waterfall east of the Mississippi — and the start of the 8.5-mile Approach Trail to the Appalachian Trail's southern terminus.
- 2 Georgia Racing Hall of Fame**
Georgia's official racing museum — vintage cars, Elliott family exhibits, and simulators, recently renovated.
- 3 Dawsonville Pool Room**
Landmark diner serving its famous Bully Burgers surrounded by racing memorabilia.

WHERE TO PARK THE RIG

Amicalola Falls State Park Wooded RV sites with water & electric inside the park — wake up at the waterfall.

Toto Creek Park Corps campground on Lanier's north arm, managed by Dawson County — check current status.

**SCAN FOR THIS AREA**

Things to do, campground links & booking
triumphantrv.com/service-areas/dawsonville

TRIUMPHANT INSIDER TIP

North Georgia Premium Outlets (140+ stores) sits right off GA-400 on your way up — easier to stop southbound with a rig than to double back.

AREA 07 / 12

DAHLONEGA

FIRST MAJOR U.S. GOLD RUSH · 1828

The gold rush that started here on **October 27, 1828** led to a U.S. Branch Mint that struck roughly \$6 million in coins — and 43 ounces of local gold still gild the state Capitol dome. Today it's also the heart of Georgia wine country.

DON'T MISS

- 1 Consolidated Gold Mine**
North Georgia's only underground mine tour — 200 feet down, with gold-panning instruction included.
- 2 Dahlonega Gold Museum**
Inside the 1836 courthouse on the square: nuggets, rare Dahlonega-minted coins, and the whole rush story.
- 3 The Dahlonega Wine Trail**
The Dahlonega Plateau AVA — Three Sisters, Wolf Mountain, Montaluce, Kaya — Georgia's densest winery country.

WHERE TO PARK THE RIG

The straight talk: Dahlonega has no book-tonight private RV resort in town. R-Ranch in the Mountains (800+ acres, 200+ full-hookup sites) is a **membership resort** — great if you know an owner, not a walk-in.

Best nearby hookups: Amicalola Falls State Park and Vogel State Park (Blairsville), both with water & electric RV sites.



SCAN FOR THIS AREA

Things to do, campground links
& booking
triumphantrv.com/service-areas/dahlonega

TRIUMPHANT INSIDER TIP

Base at Amicalola and day-trip into Dahlonega — the square's 1840s–80s storefronts, galleries, and tasting rooms are best explored without the rig anyway.

AREA 08 / 12

HELEN & CLEVELAND

BAVARIA ON THE CHATTahoochee

Helen is a re-created Bavarian alpine village hosting the **longest-running Oktoberfest in the United States** — held since 1970. Ten minutes away, Cleveland is the birthplace of the Cabbage Patch Kids at Babyland General Hospital.

DON'T MISS

- 1 Oktoberfest at the Festhalle**
German food, beer, and dancing from September into early November — confirm current-year dates and book your site months ahead.
- 2 Tubing the Chattahoochee**
Outfitters float you straight through downtown Helen all summer, shuttle included.
- 3 Anna Ruby Falls**
Twin waterfalls in the Chattahoochee National Forest, reached by a paved half-mile trail.

WHERE TO PARK THE RIG

Unicoi State Park & Lodge 1,050 acres just 2 miles from Helen — lake, beach, ziplining, and RV sites with water & electric plus full-hookup loop options.

Creekwood Resort Adults-only near Helen/Sautee — 17 level, full-hookup concrete sites for a quieter base.



SCAN FOR THIS AREA

Things to do, campground links & booking
triumphantrv.com/service-areas/cleveland-helen

TRIUMPHANT INSIDER TIP

Families pick Unicoi; couples pick Creekwood. Either way, Oktoberfest weekends sell out the whole valley — reserve early.

AREA 09 / 12

JEFFERSON

WHERE PAINLESS SURGERY BEGAN · 1842

Jefferson's claim to fame is medical history: local physician **Dr. Crawford W. Long performed the first surgery using ether anesthesia** here on March 30, 1842 — celebrated alongside a historic square and the shoals of Hurricane Shoals Park.

DON'T MISS

- 1 Hurricane Shoals Park**
Cascading shoals, a covered bridge, a grist mill, summer tubing, and a heritage village of relocated historic buildings.
- 2 Crawford W. Long Museum**
The story of surgical anesthesia's discovery, period medical artifacts, and an old-fashioned general store.
- 3 Historic Downtown Jefferson**
A preserved square of boutiques and antique stores that makes an easy afternoon stroll.

WHERE TO PARK THE RIG

The straight talk: No RV park inside Jefferson — but two good options sit close.

Fort Yargo State Park (Winder, ~16 mi)
Water & electric RV sites, yurts, cabins, and a 260-acre lake.

Commerce Station RV Resort (~12–15 mi)
Full hookups and big-rig sites just off I-85.



SCAN FOR THIS AREA

Things to do, campground links
& booking
triumphantrv.com/service-areas/jefferson

TRIUMPHANT INSIDER TIP

Hurricane Shoals tubing is the sleeper summer activity of the whole I-85 corridor — a fraction of Helen's crowds.

AREA 10 / 12

BRASELTON

PETIT LE MANS · CHÂTEAU COUNTRY

Braselton spans four counties and pairs a preserved early-1900s downtown with two heavyweights: a French-château winery resort and **Michelin Raceway Road Atlanta**, which welcomes 320,000+ visitors a year — 140,000+ during Petit Le Mans alone.

DON'T MISS

- 1 Michelin Raceway Road Atlanta**
A 2.54-mile, 12-turn road course on 750 acres — home of the Motul Petit Le Mans endurance classic and year-round driving experiences.
- 2 Château Élan Winery & Resort**
Tastings, tours, spa, golf, and dining across 3,500 French-styled acres.
- 3 Historic Downtown + The Trolley**
Restored brick storefronts and a free vintage trolley on weekends.

WHERE TO PARK THE RIG

The straight talk: Braselton has no RV park within town limits. Your three closest full-hookup bases:

Fort Yargo State Park Water & electric sites in Winder.

Commerce Station RV Resort Big-rig full hookups off I-85.

Camp Margaritaville Resort sites in Buford.



SCAN FOR THIS AREA

Things to do, campground links & booking
triumphantrv.com/service-areas/braselton

TRIUMPHANT INSIDER TIP

Race weekends — especially Petit Le Mans in the fall — sell out every site within 30 minutes. Book the moment dates are announced, and confirm current-year dates.

AREA 11 / 12**COMMERCE****COLD SASSY TREE COUNTRY · BANKS CROSSING**

A train track runs straight down the center of Commerce's historic downtown on the U.S. 441 Heritage Highway — the town that **inspired the novel *Cold Sassy Tree***. Today it's North Georgia's outlet-shopping hub at Banks Crossing.

DON'T MISS

- 1 Tanger Outlets Commerce**
North Georgia's open-air outlet destination, right off I-85 at Exit 149.
- 2 Funopolis Family Fun Center**
11 acres of go-karts, laser tag, mini golf, bumper cars, and 80+ arcade games.
- 3 Historic Downtown Commerce**
A National Register district of 19th- and 20th-century storefronts, shops, and restaurants.

WHERE TO PARK THE RIG

Commerce Station RV Resort Full hookups and big-rig sites up to ~75 feet, minutes from Tanger Outlets. Heads up: it left the KOA system in early 2024 — older directories still list the old name.

**SCAN FOR THIS AREA**

Things to do, campground links & booking
triumphantrv.com/service-areas/commerce

TRIUMPHANT INSIDER TIP

Commerce Station is the natural overnight for I-85 through-travelers — and the backup base for Braselton race weekends and Jefferson.

AREA 12 / 12

ATHENS AREA

BETWEEN THE HEDGES · MUSIC TOWN USA

Home of the University of Georgia and **Sanford Stadium** “between the hedges,” Athens is a legendary college town and the music incubator that launched R.E.M. and the B-52’s.

DON'T MISS

- 1 State Botanical Garden of Georgia**
300+ acres, a three-story tropical conservatory, five miles of trails, and free admission.
- 2 UGA North Campus & The Arch**
Historic quads, the Georgia Museum of Art, and gameday energy that peaks at Sanford Stadium.
- 3 The Downtown Music Scene**
The 40 Watt Club, the rebuilt Georgia Theatre with its rooftop bar, and the Athens Music Walk of Fame.

WHERE TO PARK THE RIG

Pine Lake RV Campground (Bishop) Full-hookup pull-through and back-in sites year-round, just south of town.

Watson Mill Bridge State Park (Comer, ~20 mi) RV sites beside Georgia’s longest covered bridge.



SCAN FOR THIS AREA

Things to do, campground links & booking
triumphantrv.com/service-areas/athens

TRIUMPHANT INSIDER TIP

Fall football Saturdays book out the whole county — reserve sites the day the schedule drops, and expect gameday traffic patterns around campus.



THE PRE-TRIP RITUAL

MOUNTAIN-READY CHECKLIST

The grades on GA-400 to Dawsonville and the climbs into Helen and Amicalola are no joke with a rig behind you. Ten minutes with this list at home beats an afternoon on the shoulder.

TIRES & WHEELS

- ☐ Pressure checked cold — including inner duals and the spare
- ☐ Tread depth and sidewall cracking inspected; tires under 7 years old
- ☐ Lug nuts torqued to spec

BRAKES & TOWING

- ☐ Brake controller tested; trailer brakes grab evenly
- ☐ Breakaway switch cable connected and functional
- ☐ Weight distribution & sway control set for the load
- ☐ Plan to downshift on descents — don't ride the brakes

SYSTEMS

- ☐ Batteries charged; propane leak-checked at every fitting
- ☐ Fridge cooling on propane before departure
- ☐ Fresh water topped; gray and black tanks empty

EXTERIOR

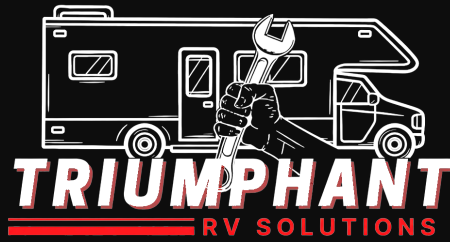
- ☐ Roof seals and seams inspected — no cracks or lifting
- ☐ Awning and slide toppers secured
- ☐ All running, brake, and marker lights working
- ☐ Steps in, antenna down, bays latched — walk-around done twice

MOUNTAIN-SPECIFIC

- ☐ Watch engine & transmission temps on long grades
- ☐ Fuel up before the climb — stations thin out past Dahlonega
- ☐ Check campground status before towing (Corps parks especially)

THE WEEK-BEFORE MOVE

The smartest item on this list: schedule a professional inspection **before** the trip, so small problems surface in your driveway — not at 2,000 feet. Triumphant runs full pre-trip inspections and seasonal maintenance at your site. **Call or text 770-519-2828.**



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