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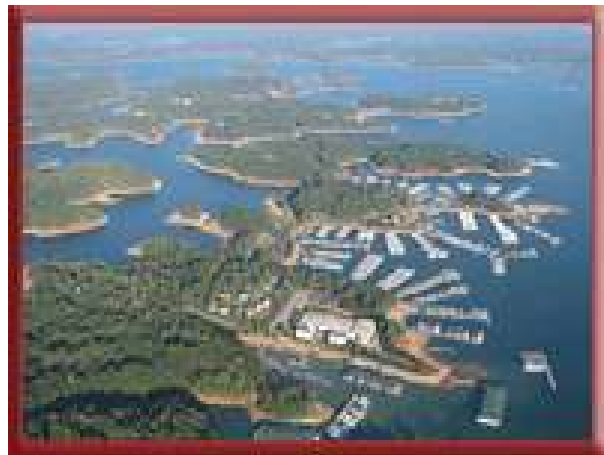
Welcome To Lake Lanier...

The Best Place to Live, Work and Play!



Nestled in the foothills of the Georgia Blue Ridge Mountains and nurtured by the Chattahoochee and Chestatee Rivers, Lake Sidney Lanier is named for [Sidney Clopton Lanier](#), whose admiration of the area's scenic beauty inspired him to compose his famous "Song of the Chattahoochee". Lake Lanier is one of America's favorite lakes. With several million visitors annually enjoying its recreational facilities, it has been the most visited Corp of Engineers project in the nation. One reason for the lake's popularity is its proximity to metropolitan Atlanta, Georgia. A well-developed road network surrounds Lake Lanier, with several highways crossing the main body. Visitors can enjoy the city of Atlanta and, in the space of a short drive, can lose themselves in the tranquility at Lake Lanier. Lake Lanier, impounded by Buford Dam, encompasses 39,000 surface acres of water with 540 miles of shorelines. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has developed and operates numerous public parks around the lake for camping and day-use activities. Lake Lanier Islands, a development by the State of Georgia and the Corps of Engineers, is the major resort area on the lake. The Islands complex provides picnicking, camping, beach areas, a water theme park, tennis courts, golf courses, rental boats, and hotel accommodations. Numerous other recreation areas operated by county and city agencies also offer recreational opportunities around the lake. Lake Lanier was host to the 1996 Centennial Olympic Rowing and Sprint/Canoe/Kayak Events, as well as the 1996 Paralympic Yachting events. These honors have helped make Lanier a world class lake.

(source: www.lakelanier.com)



For More information on the History of Lake Lanier visit
<http://lanier.sam.usace.army.mil/history.htm>.






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Lake Lanier Island

Welcome to the Most Visited Lakeside Resort in Georgia!

Set on the picturesque blue shores of Lake Sidney Lanier, our 1,100-acre resort in Georgia provides a variety of deluxe amenities and services in a setting of unparalleled natural splendor. The grounds feature a diverse selection of accommodations from the Legacy Lodge & Conference Center to 30 sublime cottages and six executive villas, to floating houseboats from our very own Harbor Landing. Activities abound for every taste with options such as our award-winning golf courses, adventurous horseback riding, pampering spa services, and luxury boat rentals. Families gather at the fun-filled Beach & WaterPark, open during the summertime and Magical Nights of Lights, the world's largest animated holiday light extravaganza, takes place mid-November until the end of December.

Celebrate lakeside with us, whether your visit is leisure or business, you'll always remember the crisp stunning beauty and world of opportunities at Lake Lanier Islands Resort...

Forty-five minutes from northeast Atlanta, Lake Lanier Islands Resort is situated on the shores of Lake Sidney Lanier and is Georgia's most visited lakeside resort destination. This breathtaking site encompasses natural beauty in a private setting, making it an ideal location for family vacations, romantic getaways, business conferences and meetings, weddings, and more. (Source: <http://www.lakelanierislands.com>)

Legacy on Lanier Golf Club

The NEW Legacy on Lanier Golf Club represents a return to the Golden Era of Golf- a period from the early to mid 1900's when designers created some of the most storied courses in the world. Created by renowned designer Billy Fuller, Legacy on Lanier Golf Club offers stunning views of Georgia's Great Lake. An unrivaled golf experience, the layout traverses a natural setting with twelve scenic holes on the water. Legacy offers tactical challenges for the avid golfer while not proving too daunting for the casual golfer.

Source: <http://www.lakelanierislandsgolf.com/home.php>



Lake Lanier Water Park

With more than a dozen exciting rides and attractions, Chattahoochee Rapids Beach & WaterPark at Lake Lanier Islands Resort offers summer fun for the entire family. The Beach & WaterPark is a multi attraction interactive family environment that offers endless fun while getting drenched. Come experience Wild Waves, Georgia's largest wave pool, or take a ride down one of our many waterslides. The Kiddie Lagoon and Wiggle Waves are perfect for pint-sized guests and relaxing is easy on our half-mile of sandy white beach!

(Source: <http://www.lakelanierislands.com>)





Fishing, Boating and Camping

Stripers, crappie and bass lure fishermen from across the country. Sailors and power boaters share the more than 39,000 acres of water in Lake Lanier. The area's 10 marinas provide the gateway to Lake Lanier's waters with boat rentals, gas docks, restaurants and services for boaters, fishermen and recreational visitors.



Dozens of islands with sandy beaches provide great locations for picnics. Fall color is spectacular in the foothills, and wildlife viewing is superb. Enjoy golf, nearby Road Atlanta, shopping at one of the Southeast's largest malls, seasonal festivals, special events and more in nearby Buford, Cumming, Dahlonega, Dawsonville, Flowery Branch, Gainesville and Oakwood.

Water Sports for the Whole Family

Lake Sidney Lanier is open all year and offers many activities for recreation and vacationing, from boating and fishing to jet-skiing and camping. Most campgrounds are open from March through November. The lake's busiest season takes place from Memorial Day to Labor Day each year.



Fourth of July fireworks on the lake light up the sky from a variety of presenters. It is perhaps the busiest day on the lake. Area marinas also celebrate National Marina Day on the second Saturday in August.

Sights, Shopping and Sporting Around

Fall leaf tours, boat rides from area marinas and attractions and holiday festivities, including Lake Lanier Islands' Magical Nights of Lights during the holiday season, round out the year. Lake Lanier Islands offers two resorts, two championship golf courses, plus a beach and water park for family fun.

For nature lovers and hikers, the southern terminus of the Appalachian Trail on Springer mountain is just minutes from Dahlonega in the Chattahoochee National Forest, which offers scenic mountain driving tours and waterfalls. One of the Southeast's largest shopping malls, the Mall of Georgia, is located in nearby Buford south of the lake. The area also has some of the finest outlet centers in the Southeast in Commerce and Dawsonville.

Road Atlanta in Braselton is widely recognized as one of the premier road courses in the world. Its 2.54-mile, 12-turn Grand Prix course is extremely challenging for the competitors. The track hosts the Petit Le Mans and the AMA Suzuki Superbike Showdown. NASCAR Driver Bill Elliott hails from Dawsonville, which is home to the new Thunder Road Museum.
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... A Growing Community!

Besides being only 30 miles from Atlanta, Forsyth County is also just minutes from the Blue Ridge Mountains and is nestled alongside Lake Lanier, a favorite recreational venue. Numerous world-class parks, recreational and cultural activities, as well as well designed green space and health care services, are available for all ages.

Our thriving local economy features countless retail centers and Forsyth County's first mall, The Avenue Forsyth. Additionally, the county is only twenty minutes away from three major shopping malls. Lanier Technical College and North Georgia State College and University's MBA program are located in Forsyth County. Over a dozen colleges and universities are also less than one hour from the county. A variety of housing options are available, from apartments to townhouses, to planned subdivisions and country living.

Located along Georgia's "Technology Corridor" of Georgia Highway 400, the economic profile of Forsyth County is quite diverse, ranging from Fortune 500 companies to small businesses opened by local entrepreneurs who saw a market for their product or service. Close enough to the city, yet still small enough to know your neighbors and enjoy the fresh air of the country, Forsyth County is a great place to live, to raise a family and educate your children. (source: <http://www.forsyth.k12.ga.us/forsyth/site/default.asp>)






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Things to See and Do in the Atlanta Area



Alliance Theatre

The Alliance is one of the largest regional theaters in the nation serving a diverse audience through award-winning work. The Alliance has produced more than 50 world premieres bringing the world's best resources to Atlanta.



Atlanta Botanical Garden

This peaceful oasis includes 30 acres of gardens, an urban forest, wildflower trails, the Dorothy Chapman Fuqua Conservatory and a 10,000 square-foot Fuqua Orchid Center. A charming bridge links the main gardens to the Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Children's Garden.



Atlanta Braves and Turner Field

The Atlanta Braves regular season takes place April - September at Turner Field. The Braves Museum and Hall of Fame, also at Turner Field, features more than 600 Braves artifacts and photographs that trace the team's history from its beginnings in Boston (1871-1952) to Milwaukee (1953-65) to Atlanta (1966-present). Both the Braves Museum and Turner Field are open year-round.



Atlanta Falcons at the Georgia Dome

The Atlanta Falcons have created a host of exciting game-day experiences and affordable family ticket packages. The 1998 NFC Champion Atlanta Falcons gear up each September to kick off the official season.



Atlanta Hawks, Atlanta Thrashers and Atlanta Dream at Philips Arena

Philips Arena is home to world class concerts, events and the NBA Atlanta Hawks and the NHL Atlanta Thrashers along with Atlanta's newest pro-sports team, the WNBA Atlanta Dream.



Atlanta History Center

This Buckhead attraction features 32 acres of gardens, wildlife trails and woodland areas. The complex includes the 1840s Tullie Smith Farm, a fully restored 1928 Swan House mansion and Swan Coach House restaurant. The museum features exhibitions on subjects such as the Civil War, African-American heritage and Southern folk art.



Atlanta Motor Sports

The Atlanta Motor Speedway in Hampton is an 870-acre racing complex hosting NASCAR Nextel Cup, Busch and Craftsman Truck Series events in March and October. In addition to the race weekend, the facility hosts driving schools.



Atlanta Opera and the Atlanta Ballet

The Atlanta Opera offers four main stage productions each season, in addition to other programs, such as Pre-Opera Lectures and student matinees to further enhance the experience of opera. Atlanta Ballet, founded in 1929, is the oldest professional dance company in America, the largest self-supported arts organization in Georgia and is the official Ballet Company of Georgia.






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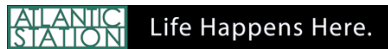
Atlanta Symphony Orchestra

Atlanta Symphony Orchestra (ASO) is a Grammy Award winning, internationally-renowned ensemble now in its 62nd season. Currently flourishing under the creative partnership of Music Director Robert Spano and Principal Guest Conductor Donald Runnicles, the ASO has garnered 23 Grammy Awards.



Chastain Park Amphitheatre

Chastain Park Amphitheatre each spring and summer plays host to some of the finest, best known musicians in the world. The Classic Chastain series features musicians and the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra performing at Chastain Park Amphitheatre while guests dine by moonlight.



Atlantic Station

Atlantic Station offers a city within a city feeling to all its visitors with a walkable streetscape style setting with brick paved streets and a Central Park. Great boutiques, sidewalk cafes, hip restaurants reign at Atlanta's new Main Street. Atlantic Station has a Regal Cinemas 16, lots of festivals, concerts and TWELVE® Hotel. Free shuttles are available from the Arts Center MARTA Station.



Chattahoochee River Fun

Sixteen recreation areas along a 48-mile stretch of the Chattahoochee River have been designed to conserve the river and provide outdoor entertainment for the whole family. Contact the Chattahoochee National Park Service to plan your outdoor fun, or Chattahoochee Outfitters, a premier raft, canoe, kayak and pedal boat outfitter. The Chattahoochee Nature Center in Roswell offers educational environmental programs, canoe trips and other activities.



Centennial Olympic Park

This 21-acre site was one of the most popular spots in the city during the 1996 Centennial Olympic Games. Today, year-round programming featuring concerts, family activities and festivals make the park a gathering place for Atlantans and visitors. The park features the world's largest Olympic Ring fountain.



Fernbank Museum of Natural History

Come face to face with the world's largest dinosaurs, explore the development of life on Earth through the landscapes of present-day Georgia, connect with cultures from around the globe, engage in a variety of hands-on exhibits and enjoy the incredible 5-story experience of an IMAX® film. Don't miss Martinis & IMAX®, Atlanta's perfect mix of culture and cocktails offered every Friday (January - November).



Center for Puppetry Arts

Center for Puppetry Arts is the largest organization in North America dedicated to the art of puppetry. The center offers performances from the Family Series and New Directions for adults. An interactive museum, Puppets: The Power of Wonder, is the largest puppetry museum in the United States.



The Fox Theatre

This opulent historic landmark presents shows by Broadway in Atlanta and Theater of the Stars, as well as a Summer Movie series. And, one of the nation's premier professional ballet companies, the Atlanta Ballet, performs its holiday season favorite "The Nutcracker."






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The Georgia Aquarium

Dive into a one-of-a-kind aquatic experience at the world's largest aquarium, the Georgia Aquarium! Get up close with gentle whale sharks, toothy sand tiger sharks, graceful beluga whales, playful sea otters and aquatic animals from around the globe. With the largest collection of aquatic animals, you are sure to see things you've never seen before!



Georgia State Capitol

Georgia native gold tops the dome of the Georgia State Capitol. This restored 1889 building houses a museum which collects, maintains and exhibits significant artifacts, including a priceless collection of Georgia's state flags. 60-90 minute tours are available.



Golf in Atlanta

Atlanta has 71 public courses, 14 semi-private and 48 private courses that encompass everything from in-town spots such as Bobby Jones Golf Course to championship links at Stone Mountain Park and Lake Lanier Islands Resort.



High Museum of Art

The High Museum of Art is the leading art museum in the southeast. Expect a broad, diverse selection of art comprising 19th/20th century American works, European paintings, decorative arts, African, African-American art, photography, and modern and contemporary art. The High is currently involved in a three-year partnership that brings treasures from the Musee du Louvre to the city.



Imagine It! The Children's Museum of Atlanta

Located on Centennial Olympic Park, Imagine It! The Children's Museum of Atlanta features hands-on, colorful exhibits and activities where children can discover, imagine and explore as they learn how things work in their world. Whether it's building a sandcastle, painting on the walls, or exploring the latest exhibit, children will discover why it's the smart place to play.



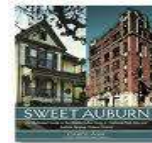
Inside CNN Atlanta

Journey into the heart of CNN Worldwide and get an up-close look at global news in the making. Inside CNN is a 55-minute guided walking tour with exclusive, behind-the-scenes views of Atlanta's CNN studios and an exciting glimpse of news and broadcasting in action from the world headquarters of CNN.



Margaret Mitchell House

Margaret Mitchell House is the three-story Tudor Revival mansion in Midtown where author Margaret Mitchell lived from 1925 to 1932 and wrote her Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, *Gone With The Wind*. The House offers tours, a museum and museum shop, as well as a literature series that showcases Southern authors.



Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Site & Sweet Auburn District

The area of Sweet Auburn served as the thriving center of Black enterprise in Atlanta from the 1890s through the 1940s, and is the birthplace of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. At the Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Site, explore his birth home, visitor center, historic Ebenezer Baptist Church, and The King Center, where Dr. King's Nobel Peace Prize is on exhibit. The crypt and gravesite of Dr. King and his wife, Coretta Scott King, are also located at The King Center.






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Medieval Times

Journey back to the 11th Century for feasting, fighting and fun. Medieval Times is an exciting, family friendly dinner theater featuring an authentic medieval tournament and feast, with jousting knights and horses.



Roswell Historic District

Take a walking tour of Roswell starting at the Historic Roswell Visitors Center or tour the antebellum homes such as Bulloch Hall, the childhood home of former United States President Theodore Roosevelt's mother, or Smith Plantation built in 1845 and fully furnished in period pieces belonging to the original family.



See Atlanta from Above

Air Atlanta Helicopters has several selections of Atlanta sites to tour from the sky. And, when you take a hot air balloon ride with Balloons Over Georgia you will see North Georgia in a whole new light.



Shopping for Outlet Malls?

North Georgia Premium Outlets in Dawsonville is Georgia's first and only premium outlet center. This center offers current-season merchandise from 140 stores. If you're heading north on I-85, be sure to make a stop at one of the three outlet malls outside of Atlanta: Discover Mills and Tanger Outlet Center, with locations in Commerce and Locust Grove.



Six Flags Over Georgia & Six Flags White Water

Six Flags Over Georgia is the Southeast's largest regional theme park. You can visit the park from March to November to experience thrills on Goliath, ride Thomas the Tank Engine or cool off in Skull Island, the world's largest interactive theme park water play structure. Six Flags White Water offers thrilling water rides, slides and waterfalls including Tornado, the Ultimate Storm and Cliffhanger, one of the tallest freefalls in the world.



Stone Mountain Park

Stone Mountain Park is home to the world's largest piece of exposed granite rock and is the state's most visited attraction. With more than 3,200 acres of natural beauty, the park offers families recreational activities, special events, lodging and camping. Plus, new in 2008 is Sky Hike, the largest family adventure course in the treetops. Also see the Skyride, Paddlewheel Riverboat, Antebellum Plantation & Farmyard, The Great Barn, Scenic Railroad, Ride the Ducks, Great Locomotive Adventure, Golf, museums and the 1870s town of Crossroads® which includes live shows, craft demonstrations, shopping and dining.



Underground Atlanta

Six city blocks have been transformed into a spirited marketplace that offers historic guided tours, more than 100 specialty stores, Kenny's Alley, the trendy hangout with exciting nightlife and restaurants, street-cart merchants and annual events. The Peach Drop, the largest New Year's Eve celebration in the Southeast, St Patrick's Day Festival, and Heritage Arts Festival are just a few of the special events that take place.






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Woodruff Arts Center

Woodruff Arts Center, named for Atlanta Coca-Cola magnate Robert W. Woodruff, has grown into the most dynamic center for the visual and performing arts in the South and is among the top such centers in the nation. The Woodruff Arts Center includes the Alliance Theatre, High Museum of Art, Young Audiences, 14th Street Playhouse and the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra.



Yellow River Game Ranch and Kangaroo Conservation Center

Visit the 24-acre Yellow River Game Ranch set on a naturally wooded preserve along the banks of the Yellow River. It features more than 600 native Georgia animals, such as deer, buffalo, bears and the famous weather predicting groundhog, General Beauregard Lee. The Kangaroo Conservation Center is America's Aussie Adventure, home to the largest population of kangaroos outside of Australia.



World of Coca-Cola

From a multi-sensory 4-D theater, a marvelously restored 1880s soda fountain, a one-of-a-kind World of Coca-Cola glass bottle produced in a real, live bottling line, to an opportunity to sample nearly 70 different beverages from around the world, you'll experience something inviting around every corner.



Zoo Atlanta

Located in historic Grant Park, Zoo Atlanta features more than 200 species of animals from the African plains and Asian forests. See Bornean Sumatran orangutans, Asian small clawed otters and Sumatran tigers, plus a pair of Giant Pandas and a new panda cub. The Ford African Rain Forest houses one of the largest captive gorilla populations in North America with a total of 24 gorillas.

