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EatontonGA



Just over an
hour east of
Atlanta!



Annual EVENTS

Spring

Murder Mystery Dinner Theater
PAPA Play
Street Painting Festival
Celebrate Patriotism

Summer

Torture Trail Road Race
Dairy Festival & Parade
Lake Country Freedom Festival
Summer Concert Series on Plaza Lawn
Movies in the Briarpatch on Courthouse Lawn

Fall

Taste of Eatonton
Briarpatch Arts Festival
Art at the Rock

Eatonton & Putnam County

Close to Everything...
Next to Perfect!



Liars, Cheats & Storytellers

In a tradition that started with Br'er Rabbit and continues to this day, folks around here enjoy many a good tale. From a fisherman telling the story of "the one that got away" to a golfer stretching the truth just a little about the length of his drive, to a spinetinger about a ghost who lives in the house next door, the stories abound.

Eatonton has a rich literary history, and, aside from the garden-variety storytellers, has produced two very famous writers: Alice Walker and Joel Chandler Harris.



Alice Walker's book *The Color Purple* won both the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award in 1983. She has continued to produce important literary works in the years since. A self-guided driving tour takes you to some of the most significant places in Walker's early life.

Joel Chandler Harris was born in Eatonton in 1848 and raised by his mother. His first collection of folk poems and proverbs was published in 1881 as *Uncle Remus: His Songs and Sayings*. In 1946 Walt Disney released the movie *The Song of the South* to honor Harris and the Uncle Remus stories.



The Uncle Remus Museum, surrounded by a beautiful heritage garden, displays memorabilia of Harris' life and his famous critters.

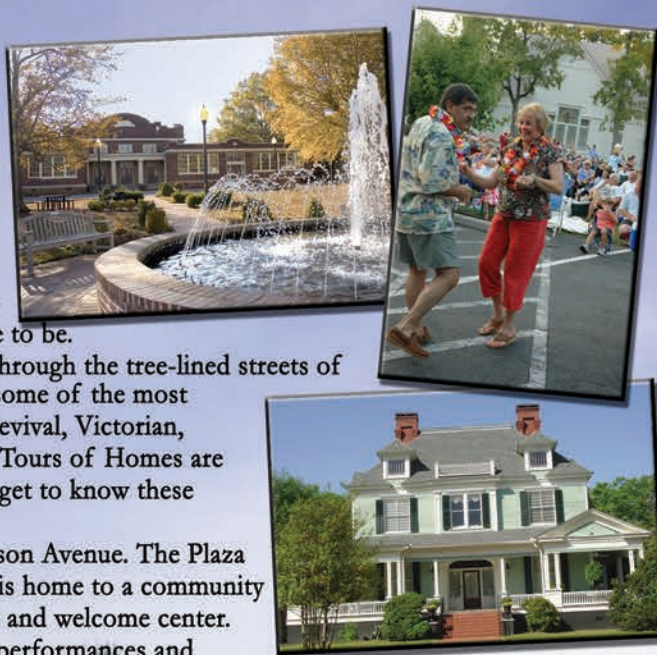
World-Class Luxury & Country Comfort

Find out for yourself how world-class luxury and country comfort can coexist. If a beautiful location, tempting food, unusual shopping experiences and outdoor activities are what you're looking for, Eatonton is the place to be.

Classic antebellum architecture abounds as you stroll through the tree-lined streets of historic Eatonton. A Historic Walking Guide points out some of the most beautiful and unusual houses among the over 100 Greek Revival, Victorian, Queen Anne, Piedmont Plains and Gothic Revival homes. Tours of Homes are held throughout the year to afford you the opportunity to get to know these jewels a little better.

Summer concerts are held on The Plaza lawn on Madison Avenue. The Plaza Arts Center, the Old Grade School adjacent to The Plaza, is home to a community museum, 500 seat auditorium, reception hall, exhibit space and welcome center. The Plaza Arts Center hosts community events, theatrical performances and concerts, as well as being available for private parties and functions.

Eatonton and Lakes Oconee and Sinclair offer great shopping. From golf attire to antiques to specialty children's clothing, the area offers it all. If good food is what you're looking for, you have choices from down home country cooking and fresh catfish to fine dining overlooking the lakes.



Accommodations

Cuscowilla on Lake Oconee

(706) 484-0050 / (800) 458-5351 / www.cuscowilla.com

Whether you choose to stay at one of the charming Golf Cottages, the extraordinary Lake Villas or at the Mediterranean style Lodge Villas, you're sure to find Cuscowilla is the perfect place for family reunions, intimate get-aways and corporate retreats.

The Lodge on Lake Oconee

(706) 485-7785 / (877) OCONEE1 / www.thelodgeonlakeoconee.com

Nestled on the shore of Lake Oconee, The Lodge is a beautiful, lake front hotel. Views of Lake Oconee are abundant from every room and even the outdoor pool.

The Western Motel

(706) 485-1100

The Western Motel is conveniently located off Hwy 441 just minutes from downtown Eatonton and area attractions.

Please contact the Eatonton-Putnam Chamber of Commerce for a complete and up-to date listing of hotel accommodations, campgrounds, cottages, and bed and breakfasts.

Outdoorsman Paradise

The residents of Eatonton take pride in all their town has to offer. Beautiful countryside dotted with dairy farms, cotton fields, horse pastures and scenic hay fields create a landscape that is the perfect setting for a Sunday drive. The local folks of Eatonton have a full schedule of activities for you to enjoy. The National Forest Recreation Area offers camping, hunting, fishing, beach recreation, picnic areas and trails for hiking, horseback riding and ATV's. Lawrence Shoals Park on Lake Oconee offers a full-service campground as well as day-use areas. It has a large picnic pavilion, playgrounds, boat ramps and a public beach. Neighboring Lawrence Shoals is Rock Hawk, offering an outdoor classroom that has hundreds of educational displays along the fifteen miles of trails that surround and lead to the Rock Hawk Effigy. The displays along the trail and wetlands, and the indoor and outdoor interpretive centers near the effigy cover a wide variety of flora and fauna as well as 12,000 years of the area's history, including a history of Putnam County's unique large effigies.

The Rock Eagle Effigy, the more famous sister mound, is located on the north side of the county along Highway 441. Both Effigies are over 2,000 years old built by a culture that pre-dates the Creek Indians.

Fishing has always been one of the favorite ways to pass time around these parts, whether casting from the banks on a drowsy summer afternoon or racing across the water competing in a professional bass tournament. Enjoy exploring the lake on your own or hire a professional fishing guide; with more fish per cubic yard than almost any other lake in Georgia, we know what's gonna be for dinner!

Golf

The wide water and gentle green landscape have inspired some of golf's legendary designers to create masterpieces around Lake Oconee.

Cuscowilla, the award-winning golf resort and residential community is nestled along the shores of Lake Oconee. While designed to capture the attention of the pros, the golf course also manages to reward less skilled players. It's a layout the scratch golfer can enjoy while introducing the rest of the family to the pleasures of the game. Cuscowilla was rated #1 best course you can play in Georgia in 2009 by *Golfweek* magazine. The highly acclaimed, Coore/Crenshaw design winds through 700 acres of rolling meadows and valleys of pines, playing across several interior ponds.

The Great Waters Course at Reynolds Plantation provides an entirely different set of experiences for the golfer. Designed by Jack Nicklaus, the course has gained the reputation as "The Pebble Beach of the East." With nine of the 18 holes lining the shores of Lake Oconee, Great Waters offers both exciting challenges and beautiful views.

The Uncle Remus Golf Course is open year round to the public and has a generous number of tee times available. Named after the lovable character in Joel Chandler Harris' tales, it is a nine hole course in downtown Eatonton.

