



*Located in Northwest Georgia, Calhoun-Gordon County is one hour north of Atlanta and 45 minutes south of Chattanooga on I-75. Walk in the footsteps of the Cherokee Indians, stand where some of the heaviest fighting in the Civil War was fought; close your eyes and be serenaded by the late world-renowned African American tenor Roland Hayes; pick your own produce at a local farm; and escape to an oasis of miniature castles and cathedrals.*

### Story Ideas

**Castles & Cathedrals** ~ Cinderella’s castle, Notre Dame, and 50 more hand-built miniature stone structures await at The ROCK Garden. Beautiful flowers and a meandering stream enhance this tranquil, whimsical oasis. The garden architect, referred to as “Old Dog,” is a story in himself and always happy to provide tours and the history.

**Beginning of the Infamous “Trail of Tears”** ~ New Echota Cherokee Capital State Historic Site is one of the most significant Cherokee Indian sites in the nation, where the infamous “Trail of Tears” began and where the treaty was signed that began the removal of the Cherokees. New Echota was also home to the first Indian newspaper office. The site features twelve original and reconstructed buildings, including, the Council House, Court House and print shop.

**From Slavery to Celebrity** ~ Roland Hayes was a child of former slaves who became the first African American vocalist to achieve international acclaim. The Roland Hayes Museum, a tribute to this native son, is located inside the Harris Arts Center.

**Farm Fun** ~ Gordon County boasts an abundance of farmland and two farms, Payne Farm and Copper Creek Farm, provide farm tours/field trips, allow customers to pick-their-own produce, and host seasonal events, including, a strawberry festival, sunflower festival, Fall Family Fun and corn mazes.

**Small Town, Big History** ~ The first major battle of the Atlanta Campaign was fought around the tiny village of Resaca May 14-15, 1864. Relive the Battle of Resaca during the annual reenactment the third weekend in May, view the original parade grounds and entrenchments (the last known constructed by the Georgia Militia) at Fort Wayne, walk the hallowed ground of Resaca Battlefield Historic Site, and visit the oldest Confederate military ground in Georgia and the resting place of over 400 soldiers at Resaca Confederate Cemetery.

#### Restaurants Worth A Story:

- Bowman’s Restaurant (Farm to Table)
- Dub’s High On The Hog (BBQ)

#### Attractions:

- Agritourism: Payne Farm, Copper Creek Farm
- Calhoun’s GEM theatre
- Calhoun Premium Outlets
- Civil War Attractions: Fort Wayne, Resaca Battlefield Historic Site, Resaca Confederate Cemetery, Battle of Resaca Reenactment
- Harris Arts Center/Roland Hayes Museum
- Historic Downtown Calhoun
- New Echota Cherokee Capital State Historic Site
- The ROCK Garden
- \*The Chattahoochee National Forest, Carters Lake and Oostanaula, Coosawattee and Conasauga Rivers have access in Gordon County.

Annual Events	
April	BBQ Boogie & Blues Georgia String Band Festival
May	Battle of Resaca Strawberry Festival
June	Dixie Highway 90 Mile Yard Sale Sunflower Festival Farmers’ Markets (thru September)
July	Star-Spangled Celebration
Sept.	NW Georgia Regional Fair
Oct.	New Echota Day Harvest Fest Fall Family Fun at local farms Antique Engine & Tractor Show
Nov.	Festival of Tree Midnight Madness at outlet mall
Dec.	Christmas Parade

