



5-DAY SAMPLE ITINERARY

Just to jumpstart the planning process!



MAGICAL MOUNTAIN
RESORTS

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DAY 1 :

Start your first day off with one of the most fun and unique attractions in the Blue Ridge Mountains. [Andrews Valley Railway Tours](#) is located at the Historic Andrews Depot in Andrews, North Carolina, about 45 minutes from the resort. You'll take an open-air RailBike along a five-mile stretch of an abandoned railroad to the Historic Valley River Tunnel, hand-carved in 1894. Spend 30 minutes exploring the tunnel before pedaling back to the depot. RailBikes hold up to four people who pedal the bike with the assistance of a motor. It's a fun way to experience the outdoors and explore the mountains.

To further explore the outdoors, head to [Chunky Gal Stables](#), a horse riding company in Hayesville, North Carolina, at the base of Chunky Gal Mountain. They offer horse rides from one hour to half a day through the beautiful Nantahala National Forest. All rides are led by an experienced guide who will share the area's history while you navigate the forest.



Next, head over to [Jackrabbit Trail](#) in Hayesville to take in the beauty of Jackrabbit Mountain. This 4-mile loop takes about 90 minutes to complete. You'll love the expansive views of Chatuge Lake. Mountain bikers often use this trail, so keep an eye out for riders and give them plenty of space. Jackrabbit Trail is an easy hike that should be achievable for most people.

After Jackrabbit Trail, cross the border into Georgia and visit [Bell Mountain Park and Historical Site](#). This 18-acre park in Hiawassee is free to visit. Enjoy hiking trails and an observation deck with breathtaking views of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

After all that hiking and exploring, you'll be ready to cool off! Visit [Marina Station Water Park](#) in Hiawassee. Marina Station is located in The Ridges Resort on Lake Chatuge. Bounce, splash, and have fun on the inflatable, on-water obstacle course. There are inflatables for all ages and swim levels, from beginners up to daredevils. When you're done, have dinner in one of the two restaurants at the resort.



DAY 2 :

Day 2 is a great time to explore [Helen, Georgia](#), less than an hour from Magic Mountain Resorts. Helen is a unique Bavarian-style village with shops, restaurants, and adventurous outdoor activities. Grab breakfast or a coffee and stroll around this charming town. While there, zipline through the mountains, go tubing down the Chattahoochee River, or play mini golf. There's plenty to do in Helen to make an entire day of it!

Check out the [Georgia Mountain Coaster](#) in downtown Helen. Thrill seekers ages three and up can race through the mountains at speeds topping 28 miles per hour. This open-air alpine coaster is the first of its kind in Georgia.

You may be ready for a change of pace after you ride on the Georgia Mountain Coaster. Slow things down with a horse-drawn carriage ride through the streets of Helen. [Alpine Carriage Company](#) offers a wide range of buggies to accommodate small and large parties up to 20 people.

Want to get lost in an adventure? Visit [The Lost Room Escape Adventures](#) in Helen. This highly-rated escape room attraction features three rooms with different themes. You and your party have 60 minutes to immerse yourself in the mystery, solve the riddles, and escape the room!

Finish off your day in Helen with something sweet! [Hansel and Gretel Candy Kitchen](#) offers tasty fine fudge, brittles, candy, and other sweet treats. Load up on your favorites to bring back to Magic Mountain Resorts!

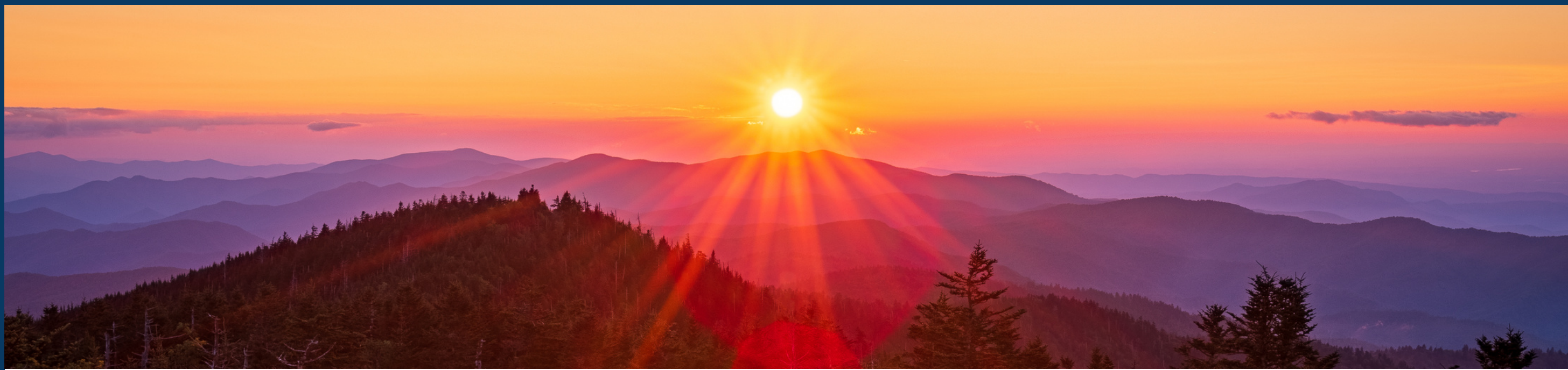


DAY 3

Start Day 3 back in Helen to visit [Dukes Creek Mines](#). This fun, family-friendly attraction will transport you back in time. Pan for rubies, sapphires, emeralds, amethyst, and other gems like old timers did hundreds of years ago. Also, check out the Dukes Creek General Store, where you can find farm-fresh jams and jellies, freshly boiled peanuts, pickled veggies, homemade salsa, and other delicious treats!

Head to [Nacoochee Adventures](#) for an afternoon of adventure! Nacoochee offers three zipline courses. The Moonshine course starts with low and slow ziplines before gradually building to a line 70 feet off the ground. The Big Zip Intimidator is a ½ mile dual line that offers spectacular views of Mount Yonah. Race a friend to the bottom! Finally, the Goldmine tour includes underground zip lines in an authentic 1800s goldmine.





DAY 4 :

Spend Day 4 hiking and exploring the Blue Ridge Mountains! Start your big day at [Leatherwood Falls](#), a short 25-minute drive from the campground. Park at the Fire Creek Picnic Area and navigate the trail to a platform to view the falls. You can even bring inflatables and tube down the creek back to the parking area!

Head to [Hemlock Falls](#) in the Chattahoochee National Forest for a moderate 2-mile hike. This trail is pet-friendly and features the natural beauty of the forest. At the top of the path, you'll reach Hemlock Falls cascading over a cliff into a clear pool below.

[Anna Ruby Falls](#) is a must-visit location along the Chattahoochee River. The Falls are spectacular and an easy hike from the parking area. The visitors' center showcases local crafts and historical items and offers plenty of tables and shade for a picnic lunch. Go hiking, fishing, and more as you explore this scenic spot.



Check out another scenic waterfall at [Helton Creek Falls](#). This hike is one of the easiest in the area and is very kid- and pet-friendly. After a short hike of less than a mile, you'll find double waterfalls cascading into a lush creek. You don't want to miss this trail!

More waterfalls await at [High Shoals Falls](#), one of Georgia's most beautiful waterfalls. This 2.4-mile roundtrip hike is relatively easy. On the way, you'll pass Blue Hole Falls, a single-drop waterfall that leads to a beautiful turquoise pool. At the trail's end, you'll find High Shoal Falls, a double waterfall that lands in a mossy creek.

End your day at [Ever Wilder Plant Walk](#), a seven-acre plant sanctuary in the heart of the mountains. Enjoy a guided walk of the sanctuary and learn about the various plants native to the Blue Ridge Mountains. You'll learn about their medicinal and nutritional benefits and which plants thrive in this region. Depending on the season, you may be able to pick plants to bring back to camp with you.



DAY 5 :

Kick off Day 5 with a truly unique experience. [Uhuburg](#) is a Renaissance castle located just outside Helen. Spend the morning strolling the gardens and taking a guided tour of the grounds. Participate in a swordsmanship class, view the statues, and watch the castle's owl take flight. Construction on Uhuburg started in 2008 and opened to the public in 2022. Be sure to check out this unique attraction in the area!

Get up close and personal with wildlife at [North Georgia Zoo and Farm](#). North Georgia Zoo originally started as a wildlife rescue but is now a zoo that offers interactive experiences with various animals, including monkeys, otters, penguins, and more. Their farm and petting zoo is perfect for young children. You can also take a driving safari through the park and see animals in their natural habitats.

Finish your five-day adventure with a cool, refreshing trip tubing down the Chattahoochee River. You can book tubing trips at Cool River Tubing in Helen between one and three hours. Float, relax, and enjoy the scenic atmosphere. An afternoon on the river is an excellent way for you and your friends and family to finish your trip.

