

Driving Dahlonega

Southeastern Mountain Drive August 2007

<u>THE MATRIX</u>	Friday	Saturday <u>Driving Dahlonega</u>				Sunday			
ALL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Check into Lodging: HQ @ Holiday Inn Express. 706-867-7777 ❖ 4pm-7pm: registration @ HI-X ❖ Alternate hotels: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Day's Inn (Chestatee St) 706-864-2338 ➢ Smith House 706-867-7000 ➢ Super 8 (Mountain Drive) 706-864-6191 ❖ Local drives to warm up ❖ 7:30pm-10pm Dinner "on the square" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Oar House ➢ Crimson Moon ➢ Smith House ➢ Dante's ❖ EVENT REGISTRATION! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ <u>7am-9am:</u> Late Registration ◦ Breakfast on your own ◦ <u>9am:</u> Drivers' Meeting ◦ <u>9:30am:</u> Stage from hotel for Black Rock Mountain 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ <u>9:30am-12noon:</u> Drive the NE loop to Clayton ◦ Pack a lunch (or be prepared to buy lunch fixings in Clayton GA) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ <u>1:30pm- until:</u> Drive the Vineyards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ <u>7pm-10pm</u> Dinner arranged for group @ The Oar House restaurant ◦ Raffle! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ <u>9am-10:30am</u> Breakfast on your own ◦ Drivers' meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ <u>10:30am- until:</u> Drive/Sortie solo or in small groups 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Afternoon: RTB 	
Chalks/ Sorties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Clayton/Tiger ⇒ Helen ⇒ Loops ⇒ Rallye? ⇒ Vineyards ⇒ Waterfalls 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Run over to the Tiger Drive In for a movie and mosquitoes! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ 12noon-1pm Picnic Shelter lunch @ Black Rock Mountain pavilion/lookout ◦ Reserved lookout (EMDII) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ <u>1:30pm- until:</u> Drive the Mountains 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ After-dinner: "on the square" ◦ Crimson Moon ◦ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦
Pathfinders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Dan H ⇒ Mark K ⇒ Michael D ⇒ Solo ⇒ TBD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ <u>Group Pic @ 1300</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Night Moves! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦

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SITUATION:

- SAFETY: SEPARATION, SPEED CONTROL, SEE THE OTHER GUY*
- Local LEO: North Georgia speed traps can be found at [SPEEDTRAP INFO](#) which shows (on Google Maps) recent intelligence concerning radar traps.
- Maps (InTTruder will print and provide group routes): see Annex for solo or small-group unescorted runs.
- Highlights of downtown Dahlonega GA:
 - o [Dahlonega information](#)
 - o [Smith House B&B](#)
 - o [Top of the Square](#)
 - o [Crimson Moon: music and entertainment](#)
- Local info on [Helen GA](#)
 - o Alpine Helen · White Co.
Convention & Visitors Bureau
P.O. Box 730
Helen, GA 30545
1 (800) 858-8027
info@helenga.org is their e-mail address
- PLANNED IMPROVEMENTS to highways: No info at this time
- WEATHER:
 - o [Dahlonega Weather](#)

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OVERVIEW:

Cherokee Chapter hosts SE Chapter and others on a casual drive from a classic North Georgia mining and college town. Great food, great friends, and great vistas. See America's Rangers (if they let you) and hear them run early morning PT. Visit Bavaria, only 20 minutes away. Straighten out North Georgia, even if Zell couldn't!

Details TBA!

- ⇒ [Cherokee Chapter ACNA announcement](#)
- ⇒ [AudiWorld SE Forum link](#)
- ⇒ [Vortex Thread \(SE Forum\)](#)
- ⇒ [Vortex Thread \(Audi Forum\)](#)

DETAILS:

- ° Safety: How to drive the Dragon (OR any public highway) – see Annex
- ° Schedule: See Matrix (it cannot tell you where you are!)
- ° Dining: Annex
- ° Chalks: (can be organized to make smaller, more agile groups or focused drives)

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THINGS YOU MIGHT NEED:

- [Gas Stations in Dahlonga GA](#)
- Medical: any EMTs/1st responders? Closest trauma/hospital?
- Emergency procedures/notifications (cell phones may be spotty in the region). Give an emergency contact # to a Leader/Organizer.
- IF you have a VAG-COM/Ross-Tech, consider bringing it.
- Maintenance/Repair (if you know a local indie, send it to me):
 - Nalley Audi - Roswell
11100 Alpharetta Highway
Roswell, GA 30076
(678) 795-3300
 - Jim Ellis Audi of Atlanta
5901 Peachtree Ind Blvd
Atlanta, GA 30341
General: 1.888.841.7626
Parts: 1.888.895.4595
Service: 1.866.639.5794
Fax: 770.454.3327

HERDING CATS:

- Radios: FRS channel 9 or 9-14
- Kerstin Schutt: President SE Chapter
- Ted Dannemiller @ (hotel)- Cell 706-284-7204 (Pathfinder and Chief Cat Herder)
- Others: TBA (see separate Manifest)
- Pathfinders (if necessary) can depart ahead of main body/chalks and mark intersections/points of confusion
- Waiver/Release signatures (separate document: MUST sign)

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ANNEXES:

- ⇒ Additional info: attractions, links
- ⇒ Comms
- ⇒ Dining
- ⇒ Emergencies
- ⇒ Fun Facts
- ⇒ How to Drive the Dragon or any other road (VERY respectfully)
- ⇒ Load List
- ⇒ Maps (an index of links to the web)
- ⇒ Things to Do!



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GENERAL INFO

HISTORY OF DAHLONEGA:

There's Gold in Them Thar Hills!

By Gregory D. McCluney

The Cherokee Indians knew it was there. But when white men discovered gold in the north **Georgia Mountains** in 1828, all hell broke loose — and America's first major gold rush was underway. In 1832, a boomtown named **Auraria** was created. Hundreds of prospectors and suppliers called it home. Today it's a ghost town, if you can find it at all. Its sister gold city, **Dahlonega**, a few miles away, emerged as the county seat. And, in 1838 the U.S. government established a branch mint there. The Cherokees were driven west to Oklahoma for those who survived the trip dubbed the "**Trail of Tears**," as some 4,000 died in the relocation. But Dahlonega prospered as a center for the great eastern gold rush. Although commercial gold mining is all but over, tourists to this day still pan for gold and precious gemstones, with some taking home a sizeable nugget for their efforts.

State Historic Site

Between 1838 and 1861, the **U.S. Branch Mint**, now part of the home of North Georgia College, coined more than \$6 million in gold in Dahlonega. On the historic square, the **Gold Museum** (706-864-2257 or www.gastateparks.org), #1 Public Square, offers a 23-minute film on this exciting period in Georgia's history.

*This was among the equipment used by Dahlonega miners.**

Plus, you'll find an interesting display of golden nuggets, mining tools and photos of the mines and people who owned and operated them. Admission for this museum is \$4 for adults, \$3 for children 12 and under.

Each year on the third full weekend in October, Dahlonega celebrates **Gold Rush Days** (800-351-3355) and welcomes 200,000 visitors. Voted one of the top twenty events in the southeast by the Southeast Tourism Society, "The Rush" features two days of events including a liar's contest, beard contest, hog calling, gold panning competition and a wheelbarrow race. Admission is free.

The town square is closed to traffic and you'll find live entertainment, pipe smoking, clogging, wrist wrestling, a black powder shoot and 300 booths selling art, crafts and food.

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But you won't want to miss the highlight, a buffalo chip throw on the square. Be sure to stay out of the line of fire!

Gold Fever Package

Stop by the **Dahlonega-Lumpkin County Chamber of Commerce Welcome Center** (800-231-5543 or www.dahlonega.org) on the city square at 13 South Park St. to buy your "Gold Fever" package for just \$22 (\$17 for children). You'll get admission to the Gold Museum, including the film and a 45-minute tour of the **Consolidated Gold Mine**.

At the **Crisson Mine**, you'll get one pan of ore for gold panning, one bucket of ore for gemstone "grubbin," a glass vial to hold your gold, a tour of Georgia's only working gold stamp mill and a souvenir gold pan to take home.

Let's Go Panning: Crisson Gold Mine

Just a five-minute drive from the square, the **Crisson Mine** at 736 Morrison Moore Pkwy. is a fourth-generation family operation. It opened to the public in 1970. Instructors will teach you to pan for gold. They'll also advise how to screen what you pan for such gemstones as rubies, emeralds and sapphires.

Crisson is open year-round and even has a heated panning area for the winter months. Groups are welcome. Visitors will enjoy a picnic area. The on-site gift shop features 14-carat gold gifts and mining supplies.

Don't miss the hourly demo of the 124-year-old stamp mill. Admission for Crisson Mine is free, and the panning fee is \$5 per person.

For more information, contact 706-864-6363 or www.crissongoldmine.com.

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Consolidated Gold Mines

With a visit to the **Consolidated Gold Mines**, 185 Consolidated Gold Mine Rd., you experience underground Dahlonega with a 45-minute mine tour. The tour guides are actual miners who helped excavate 4,000 tons of dirt and ore from the tunnels.

You'll view actual equipment used in the mine. You'll also receive an introduction to the geology of the gold belt as you walk through the tunnel network.

After the tour, you can pan for gold or mine for gemstones with the instructors and visit the gift shop. Consolidated is open seven days a week, rain or shine.

Admission and the tour is \$11 for adults, \$7 for children. For information, call 706-864-8473 or visit www.consolidatedgoldmine.com.

Area Attractions

After your rush at panning for gold, you might check out these other tourism activities around Dahlonega:

- ❖ **Waterfalls:** You'll discover nine to explore.
- ❖ **Georgia Wine Country:** Head for four operating wineries, all open on weekends.
- ❖ **Helen:** Here's your chance to visit a Bavarian village just 20 minutes away.
- ❖ **Chestatee Wildlife Preserve** (www.chestateewildlife.com), 469 Old Dahlonega Hwy: The area is teeming with wildlife -- more than 120 species. The preserve is open daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under 12.
- ❖ **Outdoor Sports:** Visitors might walk, hike, float, climb, fish, golf, horseback ride or boat in the north Georgia mountains.
- ❖ **Dining:** Chow down in a winery, country kitchen, fast food establishment or an Italian bistro.
- ❖ **Shop:** The restored and preserved historic town of Dahlonega is a shopper's delight
- ❖ **Canoe:** Go canoeing with Appalachian Outfitters and see classic Georgia mountain rushing rivers!

For more information and to confirm hours before visiting attractions, call the visitor's center. It's open daily. Phone is 706-864-3711. Or visit: www.dahlonega.org

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THINGS TO DO IN AND AROUND DAHLONEGA

- [FESTIVALS \(12 ITEMS\)](#)
- [GOLD \(4 ITEMS\)](#)
- [VINEYARDS \(5 ITEMS\)](#)
- [ARTS \(8 ITEMS\)](#)
- [HISTORIC DISTRICT ATTRACTIONS \(4 ITEMS\)](#)
- [OUTDOOR RECREATION AND CAMPING \(9 ITEMS\)](#)
- [HIKING AND BACKPACKING \(8 ITEMS\)](#)
- [BICYCLE ADVENTURES \(2 ITEMS\)](#)

Tiger, GA

[Tiger Drive In Theater: home to Year One and other auto events each year](#)

Clayton, GA and environs

[Chamber of Commerce info site](#)

[Black Rock Mountain \(need to reserve lunch pavilion\)](#)

[Foxfire Museum and Heritage Center](#)

[Moccasin Creek State Park](#)

[Lake Burton Fish Hatchery](#)

[Unicoi State Park and Lodge](#)

[Chattooga River \(rafting\)](#)

[Sky Valley \(tennis and golf\)](#)

[Tallulah Gorge State Park](#)

[Great Smoky Mountains National Park](#)

[Blue Ridge Parkway](#)

[Appalachian Trail](#)

[Lakes Burton, Rabun, Seed, Tallulah and Tugaloo](#)

[Chattahoochee and Nantahala National Forests](#)

[Nantahala Outdoor Center](#)

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[Clayton, Ga. and Highlands, N.C. \(antiques and art\)](#)

[Southern Highroads Trail](#)

[North Georgia Travel info](#)

[The Blue and Gray Trail](#)

FUN FACTS

- Tiger GA is home to an annual convention of American Muscle cars. Held at the Tiger Drive In near Clayton, GA!
- Helen GA hosts an annual Oktoberfest that draws tourists from all over the country.
- Black Rock Mountain is the highest state park in Georgia. On a clear day, you can see over 80 miles!
- Gold was discovered in Dahlonega in 1828, two decades before California!
- Dahlonega hosts a Six Gap Century 100 mile and Three Gap 50 mile bike ride through the mountains. Georgia's largest mountain ride is held annually the last Sunday in September.



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COMMS WHILE ON THE TRAIL!

- ⇒ CELL PHONES RARELY WORK ON THE TRAIL!
- ⇒ FRS RADIOS HAVE LIMITED LOS (LINE OF SIGHT) IN MOUNTAINOUS TERRAIN. IF YOU'RE IN A GROUP, RELAY MESSAGES BETWEEN THE FRONT AND REAR VEHICLE. WAIT FOR THE BEEP ON YOUR FRS, AND HOLD IT AWAY FROM YOUR MOUTH. OTHERWISE, MESSAGES ARE 'CHOPPED' & GARBLED!



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DINING: [Dining in Dahlonega GA](#)

SELECTED RESTAURANTS

[Dante's on the Square](#)

84-A North Public Square Dahlonega, GA 30533

(706) 864-4091

[Piazza](#)

24 East Main St. Dahlonega, GA 30533

(706) 867-9881



[Caruso's Italian Restaurant](#)

19 B East Main Street Dahlonega, GA 30533

(706) 864-4664

Hot Deals

[Twinkle's Retro Cafe' & Boutique](#)

42 Public Square South Dahlonega, GA 30533

(706) 864-8241

[Oar House, The](#)

3072 East Highway 52 Dahlonega, GA 30533-5650

(706) 864-9938

[The Smith House](#)

84 South Chestatee Street Dahlonega, GA 30533

(706) 867-7000

[Crimson Moon Cafe', The](#)

24 North Park Street, Suite A Dahlonega, GA 30533-1103

(706) 864-3982

[Nicklaus Golf Club at Birch River](#)

639 Birch River Drive Dahlonega, GA 30533

(706) 867-7900

[Corkscrew Cafe](#)

51 West Main Street Dahlonega, GA 30533

(706) 867-8551



[Dumond's Patio Grill](#)

259 Church Street Dahlonega, GA 30533-4488

(706) 867-0000

[Dominique's](#)

989 N Grove Street Dahlonega, GA 30533

[Picnic Cafe and Dessertery, The](#)

30 South Public Square Dahlonega, GA 30533-1214

(706) 864-1095

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VINEYARDS & WINERIES

- ° [GEORGIA WINES](#)
- ° [GEORGIA WINERY GUIDE](#)
- ° [HELEN GA LINK TO HABERSHAM](#)
- ° [HABERSHAM WINERY](#)
- ° [BLACKSTOCK VINEYARDS](#)
- ° [CRANE CREEK VINEYARDS](#)
- ° [FROGTOWN CELLARS](#)
- ° [SERENITY CELLARS](#)
- ° [TIGER MOUNTAIN VINEYARDS](#)
- ° [WOLF MOUNTAIN VINEYARDS](#)
- ° [THREE SISTERS VINEYARDS IN NORTHEAST GEORGIA WINE COUNTRY](#)

Other Lodging

Dahlonega

The Blueberry Inn & Gardens (706) 219-4024, (877) 219-4024
Cedar House Inn and Yurt Cabins (706) 867-9446
Lily Creek Lodge (706) 864-6848, (888) 844-2694
Mountain Top Lodge (706) 864-5257, (800) 526-9754
Royal Guard Inn (706) 864-1713, (877) 659-0739

Helen

(approx. distance: 17 mi/28 km)

Alpine Hilltop Haus (706) 878-2388
Chattahoochee Ridge Lodge & Cottages (706) 878-3144, (800) 476-8331
Enota B&B Retreat Conference Lodge (800) 990-8869, (706) 896-9966
Ivy Ridge (706) 878-3135

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HOW TO DRIVE THE DRAGON

(or any other road for that matter)

- Drive the Dragon at your skill level: don't try to push it or keep up with faster vehicles.
- STAY IN YOUR LANE, There are videos available for sale that show vehicles cutting the corners and taking chances that might appear "fun" while sitting in your easy chair. BEWARE ! This style of driving on the Dragon can cost you dearly. The challenge of the Dragon is to take the many curves in the best line possible, and both lanes IS NOT "the line". Drive Florida if you like to straighten out the curves.
- Do NOT sight-see. The Dragon is to drive, not to watch the sights. On many runs I don't even see what is on the side of the road. I'm watching the roadway way ahead.
- Look far ahead at the road, curves, bushes, other vehicles, etc. If you haven't seen the hazards right in front of you, you are going to hit them anyway, so you might as well pay attention to what you have time to avoid.
- We have seen deer, bear, turkeys, and wild boar on the roadway. Be ready to brake and slow. When we say brake we DO NOT mean slamming on the brakes. That will get you turned around in a hurry and it's no fun looking at where you've been at any speed.
- Maintain a "safe zone." Keep a safe distance between you and the vehicle ahead of you. Watch your rear view mirrors for faster vehicles. If you see a faster rider/driver coming up behind you, pull over to the right of your lane, slow down just a little, and wave them around. It is much safer to let a faster vehicle around you than to try to outrun them. NEVER stay left trying to keep someone from passing you. NEVER pull off the road onto the shoulder unless it is at one of the pull-off parking areas. It may be illegal to pass on the Dragon, but I'll let a faster vehicle get around me to protect my safe zone.
- There will always be faster drivers than you. Don't try to be the King of the Dragon.
- Drive the Dragon many times before trying to challenge it. Then you still need to respect it at all times.
- DO NOT STAND ON THE BRAKES if you see danger ahead. You are much better off to tap the brakes and maintain control. Some 90% of the accidents on the Dragon are due to speed and then over-braking. If you see another vehicle coming at you in your lane, hug the white line in your lane. In all likelihood you can avoid trucks and trailers if you stay alert and watch ahead.
- DO NOT be spooked by other vehicles. DO NOT make sudden avoidance moves. You might have to adjust your line to avoid a car, truck, or bike, but DO NOT lay on the brakes or turn off the roadway suddenly unless that is the only out you have.
- Motorcycles might dent your car, but that is better than going off the bank and hitting a tree sideways. If a cycle is in your lane that is their mistake and problem ... don't let them force you into a worse situation for yourself.
- Trucks are usually traveling at a very slow speed and you should have time to stop and back-up if you see one coming at you and taking the whole corner. Watch for signals from drivers/riders coming at you. Many times they will escort a big truck over the Dragon and wave a warning to you to pull over. DO NOT

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ignore these warnings.

- Avoid driving hard on the Dragon in heavy traffic times. Weekends from 11 am to 5 pm are the busiest. These are the times to lay back and enjoy watching the "show" go by.
- The early mornings (before 11 am) and the late afternoons (after 5 pm) have the least traffic.
- ALWAYS stay 100% alert. You do not have the advantage of relaxing on the Dragon.
- Make sure your vehicle is mechanically sound and that your tires are good.
- Plan to make several runs, the first is always a nervous one then you can have fun on the second and third.
- DO NOT over-use your brakes. Use your gears and DOWNSHIFT. A good Dragon driver WILL NOT use a lot of brakes.
- Focus - do not daydream. Watch the road, your mirrors, and pay attention to other bikes/cars/trucks.

99% of the accidents on the Dragon (or ANYWHERE) come from the following:

- ⇒ Too much speed
- ⇒ Too much brakes
- ⇒ Inattentiveness
- ⇒ Driving beyond your abilities

ACTIVE SAFETY HINTS

- CHECK ALL FLUID LEVELS BEFORE AND AFTER A DRIVE.
- CHECK TIRE PRESSURES: 40F/38R IS A GOOD START FOR THE TT IN "SPIRITED DRIVING". YOU MAY SEE 50+ AFTER A HARD RUN!
- CHECK WHEEL BOLT TORQUE DAILY.
- DO A GENERAL WALK-AROUND IN THE AM AND PM. LOOK FOR SIGNS OF CAR STRESS. AVOID 'DISCOVERY EVENTS'!
- CHECK YOUR BELTS: AGE MAKES THEM A MAINTENANCE ITEM!

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LOAD LIST (it's just a recommendation!)

Start looking at your load list. Here's a good 'common' LL to consider:

- 12v compressor for adjusting tire pressure
- Attitude- GOOD: NOTHING ELSE WILL DO!
- Anti-nausea medicine for passenger!
- Batteries for: Camera, Flashlights, Etc. (did I mention batteries) & Chargers!
- Bug spray
- Camera and storage/film + batteries
- Camera Tripod & in-car mount
- Cash
- Coffee fixings and travel cups
- Coolant (yes, you may need it!)
- Detailing Supplies (you guys know who you are)
- First Aid Kit
- Flashlights
- Folding Chairs
- FRS Radios (Family Radio Service) + batteries
- GPS System (very optional)
- Maps
- Medical supplies (e.g.: I am diabetic)
- Patience
- Rain gear (Umbrella or poncho, etc.)
- Reflective triangles, Road flares
- Snacks/drinks & Cooler
- Storage Bins to compartmentalize your gear
- Tie-Downs to keep stuff from shifting!
- Tire plugging kit and/or fix-a-flat/slime
- Tire gauge (the good type, you know!)
- Tools, Coil Packs, MAF, TB or any spares you like to carry
- Window Cleaner and Rags

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EMERGENCIES & SAFETY

- ⇒ 1st responders will be identified on the Roster
- ⇒ Hospitals located in/near Helen
 - Neighborhood Healthcare (located on Hwy 75 between Helen and Cleveland, 706-865-1234) will now take walk-ins. Northeast Ga. Regional Medical Center (770-535-3553) is located in Gainesville, Habersham Medical Center (706-754-2161) in Clarkesville, and Chestatee Regional (706-864-6136) in Dahlongega, and Lanier Park (770-503-3000) in Gainesville.
 - In the event of an emergency, please call 911.
- ⇒ Hospitals located near Dahlongega
 - [Chestatee Regional Hospital](#) - [more info](#) »
 - 227 Mountain Dr, Dahlongega, GA
 - (706) 864-6136 - [call](#)

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MAPS & Other Adventures

EVENT MAPS

For those wanting early event map copies, contact Ted (InTTruder) at EMDII@comcast.net. He'll send out your own package. Ted will be bringing map packages, but color is pricey!

General area and waypoints:

- ⇒ [Dahlongega area map](#)
- ⇒ [Downtown Dahlongega](#)
- ⇒ [Links to local maps website](#)
- ⇒ [Waypoints for reference](#)

Helen and Clayton:

- ⇒ [Helen and North GA](#)
- ⇒ [City of Helen](#)
- ⇒ [Black Rock Mountain, Clayton GA](#)
- ⇒ Consider DeLorme's Gazetteer's maps (available Wal-Mart!)

Unescorted runs-

Additional 'planned' maps will be available at Drivers' Meetings and if you meet the NavigaTTor or one of the 'leaders'.

Mountain Boost:

Northern: hwy 60. Twisty, low density, good quality. Out of Atlanta go north on US 19 to Dahlongega. On the other side of Dahlongega turn left onto Hwy 60 (watch the turn for cars, it is in a right turn). Follow through Suches, Past Two Wheels Only (TWO) campground (only motorcycles allowed), then turn right on to US 76 to Blairsville. This is right at the border of Tennessee, North

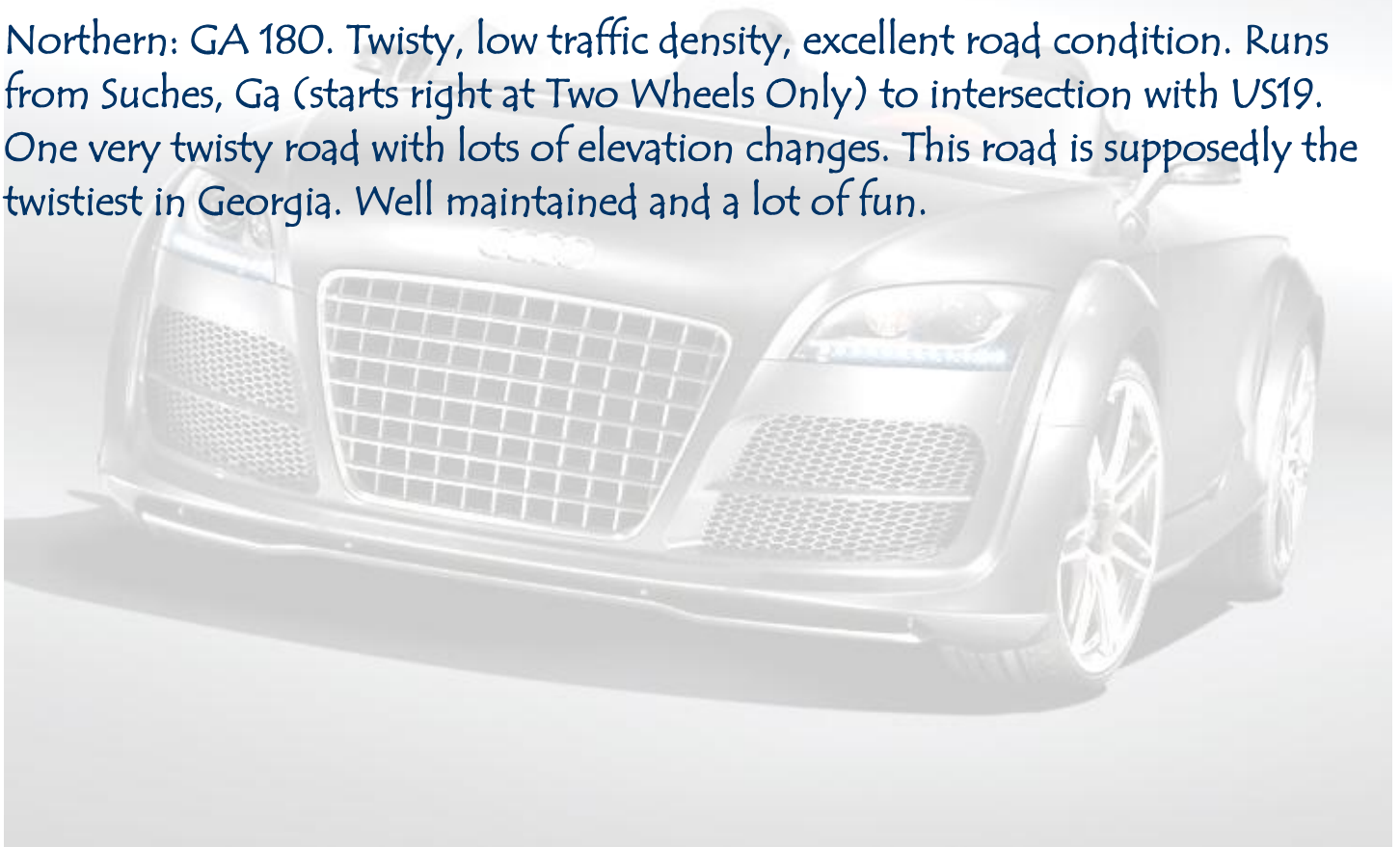
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Carolina, and Georgia. In Blairsville turn right onto US 19/129. This will take you back south towards Atlanta through Dells gap. Very twisty so look out. The best ride of my life

Northern: SR52/2. Both twisty and scenic. Low traffic density, excellent road condition. SR52/SR2 between Chatsworth and Elijah. Nice mountain road, sweepers, tight turns, well maintained, a real blast. Around 25 miles long.

Northern: GA 180. Twisty, low traffic density, excellent road condition. Runs from Suches, Ga (starts right at Two Wheels Only) to intersection with US19. One very twisty road with lots of elevation changes. This road is supposedly the twistiest in Georgia. Well maintained and a lot of fun.



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Clayton Loop:

from: 835 SOUTH CHESTATEE ST., DAHLONEGA, GA 30533 to: US-19 to:US-19 to:US-129 to:GA-348 to:GA - Microsoft In

File Edit View Favorites Tools Help

Address <http://maps.google.com/maps?f=d&hl=en&geocode=&saddr=835+SOUTH+CHESTATEE+ST.,+DAHLONEGA,+GA+30533&daddr=US-19+%4034.E> Go

Google Maps

Start **835 S Chestatee St
Dahlonega, GA 30533**

End **Black Rock Rd**

Travel **88.2 mi – about 2 hours 21 mins**

Notes You can enter notes here.

[Show Maps](#)

**835 S Chestatee St
Dahlonega, GA 30533**
Drive: 8.2 mi – about 14 mins

1. Head **northwest** on **US-19** toward **Mountain Dr** 0.3 mi
- ➔ 2. Turn **right** at **Morrison Moore Pkwy E** 3.3 mi
7 mins
3. Continue straight onto **US-19** 4.7 mi
7 mins

US-19
Drive: 5.3 mi – about 7 mins

4. Head **east** on **US-19** toward **GA-60** 5.3 mi
8 mins

US-19
Drive: 7.0 mi – about 8 mins

5. Head **northeast** on **US-19** toward **US-129** 13 ft
- ➔ 6. Turn **right** at **US-129** 7.0 mi
9 mins

US-129
Drive: 5.9 mi – about 8 mins

7. Head **northeast** on **GA-75-ALT** toward **Leona Ln** 5.9 mi
8 mins
- ➔ 8. Turn **left** at **GA-348** 43 ft

GA-348

Internet

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from: 835 SOUTH CHESTATEE ST., DAHLONEGA, GA 30533 to: US-19 to:US-19 to:US-129 to:GA-348 to:GA - Microsoft Internet Explorer

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← 8. Turn **left** at **GA-348** 43 ft

GA-348
Drive: 14.0 mi – about 25 mins

9. Head **southwest** on **GA-348** toward **Dukes Hollow Rd** 14.0 mi
26 mins

GA-348
Drive: 11.6 mi – about 18 mins

10. Head **east** on **GA-180** toward **Swain Dr** 11.6 mi
19 mins

GA-180
Drive: 6.3 mi – about 8 mins

11. Head **north** on **GA-17/GA-75** toward **Haigler Dr** 6.3 mi
9 mins

GA-17/GA-75
Drive: 12.1 mi – about 17 mins

12. Head **southeast** on **US-76** toward **Jim Watson Rd** 12.1 mi
17 mins

US-76
Drive: 3.7 mi – about 5 mins

13. Head **southeast** on **US-76** toward **GA-197** 3.7 mi
5 mins

US-76
Drive: 8.0 mi – about 11 mins

14. Head **southeast** on **US-76** toward **Jones Branch Rd** 8.0 mi
12 mins

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Drive: 3.7 mi – about 5 mins

13. Head **southeast** on **US-76** toward **GA-197** 3.7 mi
5 mins

US-76

Drive: 8.0 mi – about 11 mins

14. Head **southeast** on **US-76** toward **Jones Branch Rd** 8.0 mi
12 mins

E Savannah St/US-76

Drive: 2.9 mi – about 4 mins

15. Head **east** on **E Savannah St/US-76** toward **US-23/US-441** 10 ft

16. Turn **left** at **US-23/US-441** 2.9 mi
5 mins

US-23/US-441

Drive: 3.1 mi – about 8 mins

17. Head **west** on **Black Rock Mountain Pkwy/Erwin St** toward **Maryland Ln** 1.0 mi
3 mins

18. Continue on **Down Home Ln** 240 ft

19. Turn **right** at **Black Rock Rd** 0.4 mi
1 min

20. Slight **left** at **Black Rock Mountain Pkwy** 0.9 mi
2 mins

21. Turn **right** at **Black Rock Rd** 0.7 mi
2 mins

Black Rock Rd

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West Loop

from: US-19 to: GA-180/Wolf Pen Gap Rd to: GA-180/US-129/US-19 to: Blue Ridge St to: Skeenah Gap R - Microsoft Internet Explorer

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Google Maps Start **US-19**
End **US-19 S**
Travel **82.7 mi – about 2 hours 24 mins**

Notes ACNA west loop for 19 August west loop on 180 and 60.

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US-19
Drive: 15.5 mi – about 27 mins

1. Head **north** on **US-19** toward **Morrison Moore Pkwy E** 0.2 mi

→ 2. Turn **right** at **Morrison Moore Pkwy E** 3.3 mi
7 mins

3. Continue straight onto **GA-60/US-19**
Continue to follow GA-60 12.0 mi
21 mins

→ 4. Turn **right** at **GA-180/Wolf Pen Gap Rd** 39 ft

GA-180/Wolf Pen Gap Rd
Drive: 13.5 mi – about 28 mins

5. Head **east** on **GA-180/Wolf Pen Gap Rd** toward **E Fortenberry Cir** 11.1 mi
24 mins

← 6. Turn **left** at **GA-180/US-129/US-19** 2.3 mi
4 mins

GA-180/US-129/US-19
Drive: 8.2 mi – about 11 mins

7. Head **north** on **GA-180/US-129/US-19** toward **GA-180**
Continue to follow US-129/US-19 7.5 mi
9 mins

8. At **Town Square**, take the **4th** exit onto **Blue Ridge St** 0.7 mi
2 mins

Blue Ridge St
Drive: 15.0 mi – about 27 mins

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from: US-19 to: GA-180/Wolf Pen Gap Rd to:GA-180/US-129/US-19 to:Blue Ridge St to:Skeenah Gap R - Microsoft Internet

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4 mins

GA-180/US-129/US-19
Drive: 8.2 mi – about 11 mins

7. Head north on GA-180/US-129/US-19 toward GA-180 Continue to follow US-129/US-19	7.5 mi 9 mins
8. At Town Square , take the 4th exit onto Blue Ridge St	0.7 mi 2 mins

Blue Ridge St
Drive: 15.0 mi – about 27 mins

9. Head south on Blue Ridge Hwy toward Nantahala Ln	7.2 mi 10 mins
10. Turn left at Skeenah Gap Rd	7.8 mi 17 mins

Skeenah Gap Rd
Drive: 30.5 mi – about 48 mins

11. Head southeast on GA-60/Morganton Hwy toward Delaney Dr Continue to follow GA-60	11.7 mi 16 mins
12. Turn left to stay on GA-60	15.6 mi 27 mins
13. Continue on Morrison Moore Pkwy E	2.5 mi 4 mins
14. Morrison Moore Pkwy E turns right and becomes GA-52	0.6 mi 2 mins
15. Turn right at US-19 S	295 ft

US-19 S

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Waterfalls near Dahlonega and Helen

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Throughout the Chattahoochee National Forest many smaller waterfalls make a pleasant end to a hike. Alpine [Helen](#) boasts of a number of area waterfalls. [Duke's Creek Falls](#) (actually the waterfall is on Davis Creek, a tributary) offer a long cascade down a near vertical wall. Gold has been taken from this creek for almost 500 years. Rediscovered in 1828, this led to America's first [Gold Rush](#) in 1829. Nearby is [Raven Cliffs](#), arguably one of the most unusual waterfalls in the world. Water appears to come from a crack in a rock at an unbelievable volume.

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A rare double waterfall, most popular in the state, [Anna Ruby Falls](#), is just north of the Bavarian village. Other falls in the area include [Horse Trough Falls](#), in the Mark Trail Wilderness. The bridge at the beginning of the short trek to the falls is notable. It is the first bridge across Georgia's Chattahoochee River.



Anna Ruby Falls
Georgia's most popular falls

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