

# THE *Major* RECREATION AREAS

## The Northeast Georgia Lakes

*In the early days of the 20th Century when electricity was produced primarily from the power of moving water, Georgia Power built its first power plants along the waterways of the northeast Georgia mountains. These plants were developed to meet the state's growing demand for electricity.*

*After these projects were completed, Georgia Power began a land management program to preserve the natural beauty of the area surrounding the lakes. Later, Georgia Power gave the public access to these mountain lakes and forests by opening many recreation areas. The company maintains these facilities for the enjoyment of the public.*

*Today, the hydroelectric plants provide a relatively small percentage of Georgia Power's total electricity production, but continue to be an important part of the company's generation mix. Georgia Power's six north Georgia lakes are Lake Burton, Lake Seed, Lake Rabun, Tallulah Lake, Lake Tugalo and Lake Yonah. These lakes, different in size and recreational opportunities, draw thousands of visitors each year. No matter what the season, the North Georgia lakes and mountains provide a splendid backdrop for boating, biking, camping, fishing and hiking.*

## Lake Burton

At 2,775 acres, Lake Burton is the largest of Georgia Power's North Georgia lakes. Lake Burton, with 62 miles of shoreline, has facilities suitable for boating, camping, picnicking, swimming and fishing. Timpson Cove Beach with its white sand beach, is just one of the areas where you can enjoy swimming and picnicking on Lake Burton.

## Lake Seed

Lake Seed, with its 13 miles of shoreline, has many recreational opportunities to offer. The 240-acre lake features swimming, boating and camping. Seed Campground provides an area for primitive camping, just one way to spend your weekend on Lake Seed.

## Lake Rabun

Lake Rabun, like Lake Burton and Lake Seed, is just a short drive from historic Clayton, Ga. The 835-acre lake has facilities for boating and fishing as well as camping and lodging. Nacoochee Park is just one of the recreation areas along Lake Rabun's 25 miles of shoreline. Located on the north end of the lake, Nacoochee Park is a great place to picnic or just relax.

## Tallulah Falls Lake

Covering only 63 acres, Tallulah Falls Lake is the smallest of Georgia Power's reservoirs. Impounded in 1912, it is also one of the oldest. Tallulah Falls Lake, which has 3.6 miles of shoreline, is part of the new Tallulah Gorge State Park.

## Lake Tugalo

Lake Tugalo, near Tallulah Falls, is a 597-acre reservoir with 18 miles of shoreline. Visitors to the lake can enjoy boating and fishing. Lake Tugalo, with no development, remains one of the most serene lakes in the state.

## Lake Yonah

Lake Yonah, near Toccoa, Ga., has more than nine miles of shoreline. Covering 325 acres, Lake Yonah offers such varied outdoor activities as boating, fishing, picnicking and camping. Tugalo Park, a primitive camping area, features camping along the lake, with a boat launch area for small to medium boats. Located at the upper end of Lake Yonah, Tugalo Park is just a short drive from Tallulah Falls.

## The Tallulah Gorge State Park

Tallulah Gorge State Park is a unique part of Georgia Power's recreation facilities in Northeast Georgia. This new state park was created through a cooperative effort between Georgia Power and the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. Camping, hiking, swimming and biking are just some of the activities awaiting you at Tallulah Gorge.

The park's breathtaking views of the surrounding gorge and mountain area and the new interpretive center make it an excellent choice as a family vacation destination.

## The Central Georgia Lakes

*In the heart of Georgia's Piedmont region are three of Georgia Power's largest lakes, Lake Oconee, Lake Sinclair and Lake Jackson, and a smaller reservoir, Lake Juliette. All feature public recreation areas ideal for such water sports as fishing and boating. Even those who don't go out on the water can enjoy the picturesque scenery from the picnic areas and campgrounds. In addition to the mirror-like lakes, visitors can enjoy the area's plant and animal life. There, creating a haven for nature lovers, are such native Georgia plants as dogwoods, azaleas, and magnolias and a colorful variety of waterfowl and shore creatures.*

## Lake Sinclair

Near the center of the state, Lake Sinclair has provided both electricity and recreation since 1953. The 15,330-acre body of water has 417 miles of scenic shoreline with charming coves and inlets as well as long stretches of open water.

Lake Sinclair also is among Georgia's most popular boating areas. Georgia Power provides two boat ramps for public access to water recreation. A favorite area for fishermen at all skill levels, Lake Sinclair is the site of national fishing tournaments as well as smaller local ones. Visitors find fall and winter fishing at Lake Sinclair a special treat. Georgia Power also provides an outstanding

tailrace fishing area below the dam near Milledgeville.

The lake's newest recreation area is Rocky Creek Park, a day-use facility that includes picnic tables, grills, boat ramp and a small beach. There are no camping areas available at this facility.

### Lake Oconee

Like Lake Sinclair, its sister lake to the south, Lake Oconee is fed from the Oconee River, the Appalachian River and several major creeks. Both lakes are surrounded by an area rich in Georgia history with many superb examples of architecture from the state's antebellum period.

Georgia Power has developed three 85-acre parks on its 19,050-acre Lake Oconee. Lawrence Shoals, Old Salem and Park's Ferry all have full-service campgrounds as well as day-use areas. Each has a large picnic pavilion that may be reserved for groups of 30 or more. In addition, these parks have day-use picnic areas, equipped playgrounds, boat ramps and a beach including a beach house with bathrooms and dressing area.

### Lake Jackson

Where the Alcovy, Yellow and South rivers meet, is 4,750-acre Lake Jackson with its 135 miles of shoreline, including quiet coves that make perfect secluded fishing spots. With varied and abundant types of fish, Lake Jackson is truly a fisherman's lake. Since the impoundment of Lake Jackson in 1910, the lake has provided recreation to residents and visitors to central Georgia. Once inhabited by the Creek Indians, this area features many natural and man-made attractions just a short drive from the lake.

Lloyd Shoals Park, on the west side of the lake by the dam, has a beach with pavilion, picnic tables, grills, a boat ramp and restrooms. The park also has a large pavilion that may be reserved for group functions. Across the lake, Riverside Park provides access for bank fishing.

Where the waters of Lake Jackson pass through the

turbines of Lloyd Shoals Dam and enter the Ocmulgee River, Georgia Power has two public use areas. Lloyd Shoals Fishing Pier, located in the tailrace section below the dam, is a great place to fish and is wheelchair accessible. Downstream of the dam, on the east side of the river, is Ocmulgee Park with picnic tables and a boat ramp.

### Lake Juliette

The 3,600-acre lake and surrounding uplands are maintained in cooperation with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. There are no private cabins, docks, marinas, beaches or commercial areas, as there are at most other Georgia Power lakes. Limited hunting, fishing and camping are allowed.

Lake Juliette is strictly a fishing lake. Boats with engines greater than 25 horsepower are prohibited, as are water skiing, aquaplaning and such personal water craft as jet skis.

Dames Ferry Park, on the lower portion of the lake near the intersection of Highway 18 and Highway 87, offers full-service campsites with hook-ups for water and electricity; picnic tables and grills; and a bathhouse with showers. The park also has a day-use area with pavilion, picnic tables and grills and a separate boat launch area with adjacent parking.

The 25-acre Holly Grove Park on the north west side of the lake has a picnic area, dock and boat launch.

### The Chattahoochee and West Central Georgia Lakes

*More than 60 years ago President Franklin Roosevelt took rest and physical therapy surrounded by the pine forests of west central Georgia. Today, Georgia Power parks in the Bartletts Ferry Recreation Area give vacationers the opportunity to enjoy that tranquil setting. Lake Harding and other reservoirs along a 35 mile section of the Chattahoochee River offer many public recreation opportunities, including boating, skiing, fishing, swimming, sailing, camping and picnicking.*

### Lake Harding (Bartletts Ferry)

A short drive north of Columbus, Lake Harding spans 5,850 acres and spreads along a 13-mile section of the portion of the Chattahoochee River that separates Georgia and Alabama. The lake is impounded by Bartletts Ferry Dam. The main Georgia Power recreation area on the Georgia side of the lake is Blanton Creek Park. Shaded by tall stately pines, the full-service campground includes picnic areas, pavilions, a boat ramp and a playground. On the Alabama side of the reservoir are Chattahoochee Valley Park and Po-Boy Landing which offer boat launching and day use.

### Goat Rock Lake

Directly below Lake Harding is the secluded 940-acre Goat Rock Lake with its more than 25 miles of shoreline. Boating and fishing are accessible from the Sandy Point Recreation Area.

### Lake Oliver

Nearby Lake Oliver also offers water sports and has a marina as well. Located in Columbus, the 2,150-acre lake has 40 miles of shoreline, which provides a convenient place for area residents to quickly get away from city life.

### Lake Worth

Lake Worth (Chehaw) in Albany features boating, swimming, fishing and picnic areas. This 1,400-acre reservoir has 36 miles of shoreline. A large pavilion, picnic and day-use area are located on the west side of the dam.

All the Chattahoochee and West Central Georgia recreation areas are just a short drive from attractions such as Franklin Roosevelt's Little White House; Callaway Gardens; President Jimmy Carter's hometown, Plains; Westville, Providence Canyon and F.D. Roosevelt State Park near Pine Mountain.

