

# Outdoor

## A C T I V I T I E S



### Camping

Georgia Power has more than 350 campsites across the state. Both serious campers and those simply seeking to give the family a break from day-to-day routine will find a campsite to suit their needs.

Supervised campsites can accommodate tents, trailers or recreational vehicles. They have hook-ups for water and electricity as well as picnic tables and grills. These camp sites have hot showers, washers and dryers, restrooms with flush toilets and dump stations for black and gray water.

For those who like more private camping, Georgia Power has primitive campsites available.

If your group just wants to get away for the day, Georgia Power's public access areas offer the same opportunity to fish, boat, picnic and delight in nature that campers enjoy.



### Boating

No matter the size and type of your watercraft, there probably is a Georgia Power lake suitable for

it. Before you bring your boat to the lake, check to be sure it can be launched and used on the body of water you're considering. According to Georgia State Law, no houseboats or boats with marine sanitary devices are allowed on Georgia Power lakes. Boating laws are enforced by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. Help assure that your memories are all pleasant by following these boating safety rules:

- ◆ Know your boat's passenger limit, and don't exceed it.
- ◆ Bring the necessary safety equipment and know how to use it. Under some circumstances, running lights and a fire extinguisher are required by law.
- ◆ Each passenger must have a life jacket or flotation device. Encourage those in your group to wear their life jackets. Throwable safety rings are a good idea on all boats and are required by Georgia law on boats 16 feet and longer.
- ◆ Learn boating right-of-way rules and obey them.
- ◆ Don't stay on the water until you're exhausted. Three hours of sun, wind and glare can double your reaction time.
- ◆ Don't use alcohol or any other drug that slows your reaction time or reduces your coordination.

### Fishing

With lots of bass, trout, crappie, bluegill, catfish and other fish varieties in the state's lakes, Georgia

is a fisherman's paradise. Whether you enjoy fishing from a boat, a pier or a bank, and whether you prefer open water or secluded inlets, you'll find a great fishing spot on Georgia Power's lakes. Fishing is regulated by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and requires a fishing license or permit. Licenses can be purchased locally at sporting goods stores, convenience stores and marinas.

### Swimming

Some lakes have areas roped off for swimming. Even experienced swimmers should observe these basic safety rules:

- ◆ Never swim alone in unsupervised areas. Use the "buddy system" — in which you and another swimmer agree to watch one another.
- ◆ Don't dive or jump into unfamiliar water. Shallow water or submerged trees or rocks could cause injury or even paralysis.
- ◆ Don't stay in the water too long, especially when the water is cold.

### Picnicking and Day Use

Georgia Power's public use areas are perfect for the family or group wanting to get away from the city and spend a few hours enjoying the wonders of nature. Many have pavilions, grills and restrooms for the convenience of large groups. Nature trails at some Georgia Power parks are popular with visitors of all ages.