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**Augusta Area
State Parks and Historic Sites
FACT SHEET**

- **A.H. STEPHENS HISTORIC PARK**

456 Alexander Street N
Crawfordville, GA 30631

ABOUT A.H. STEPHENS HISTORIC PARK

This site combines the recreational fun of a state park with the educational resources of a historic site. Named after the vice president of the Confederacy and governor of Georgia, A.H. Stephens State Historic Park features a Confederate museum with one of the finest collections of Civil War artifacts in Georgia, including uniforms and documents. Stephens' home, Liberty Hall, is renovated to its 1875 style, fully furnished and open for tours. Beautiful outdoor facilities make this park a treat for both nature lovers and history buffs. The lakeside group camp is a popular location for large overnight gatherings.

Key Activities: Fishing - boat rental, Boating - private boats permitted, electric motors only, 3 miles of walking trails, one ADA accessible trail, Horseback Riding - 12 miles of trails (no horse rentals) Pedal Boat Rental

Facilities: 1,177 Acres, 2 Fishing Lakes (1 acre and 18 acres), 25 Tent, Trailer, RV Campsites (\$23), 4 Cottages (\$100-\$110), Cottage #1 is dog-friendly cottage, 3 Picnic Shelters (\$40), Group Shelter (seats 80, \$100), Group Camp (sleeps 120, \$500), Pioneer Campground (\$25 and up), Junior Olympic Pool (fee)

Directions: Located north of I-20 near Crawfordville. Take exit #148 and go north on Ga. Hwy. 22 for 2 miles. Go east on U.S. Hwy. 278 1 mile and follow signs.

Reservations: Reservations (800) 864-7275
Park (706) 456-2602

- **ELIJAH CLARK STATE PARK**

2959 McCormick Highway
Lincolnton, GA 30817

ABOUT ELIJAH CLARK STATE PARK

Located on the western shore of 70,000-acre Clarks Hill Lake, this park is named for a frontiersman and Georgia war hero who led pioneers during the Revolutionary War. A recreated log cabin museum displays furniture, utensils and tools circa 1780 and is open on weekends April through November. Visitors can also view the graves of Clark and his wife, Hannah. Anglers and boaters will especially enjoy the park's location on the largest man-made lake east of the Mississippi River. Cottages are located on the lake's edge, and the spacious campground is nestled into the forest.

Key Activities: Boating and Skiing (one dock available due to drought conditions), Fishing, Swimming, Hiking - 3.75 miles of trails of nature trails, Picnicking, Miniature Golf, Shuffleboard

Facilities: 447 Acres, 165 Tent, Trailer, RV Campsites (\$25), 20 Cottages (\$110-\$120), Cottages #1 and #11 are dog-friendly, 5 Picnic Shelters (\$40), 2 Group Shelters (seat 70 and 175, \$160-\$180), Pioneer Campground (\$25 and up), Swimming Beach, Playgrounds, Log Cabin Museum, Fishing Pier

Directions: Located 7 miles northeast of Lincolnton on U.S. Hwy. 378.

Reservations: Reservations (800) 864-7275
Park (706) 359-3458

- **HAMBURG STATE PARK**

6071 Hamburg State Park Road
Mitchell, GA 308202901

ABOUT HAMBURG STATE PARK

With modern-day facilities amidst reminders of days gone by, Hamburg State Park offers a wonderful mix of history and outdoor recreation. Anglers can enjoy great lake fishing for largemouth bass, crappie and bream, as well as boat ramps and a fishing pier. Campers find shaded campsites along the edge of quiet Hamburg Lake fed by the Little Ogeechee River. The restored 1921 water-powered grist mill is still operational and beckons visitors to buy a bag of corn meal at the country store. Visitors who are particularly interested in the mill should call ahead to ask when it will be operating. A museum displays old agricultural tools and appliances used in rural Georgia.

Key Activities: Fishing, Hiking – 3.5 miles of trails, Boat Rental – pedal boats, surf bikes, canoes, fishing boats, electric motors, Picnicking

Facilities: 741 Acres, 225-Acre Lake, 30 Tent, Trailer, RV Campsites (\$23)
2 Picnic Shelters (\$30), Group Shelter (seats 50, \$55), Pioneer Campground (\$25 and up), Grist Mill and Museum, Country Store

Directions: Located 20 miles north of Sandersville via Hamburg State Park Road off Ga. Hwy. 102.

Reservations: Reservations (800) 864-7275
Park (478) 552-2393

- **MAGNOLIA SPRINGS STATE PARK**

1053 Magnolia Springs Drive
Millen, GA 30442

ABOUT MAGNOLIA SPRINGS STATE PARK

Magnolia Springs State Park is known for its crystal clear springs flowing 7 million gallons of water per day and the beautiful boardwalk which spans the cool water. During warmer months, visitors may watch for alligators, turtles and other wildlife near the springs. A free, freshwater aquarium features native species, and a 28-acre lake with accessible dock are available for fishing and boating. Numerous picnic shelters and tables are perfect locations for family reunions and birthday parties. During the Civil War, the site was called Camp Lawton and served as "the world's largest prison." Today, little remains of the prison stockade; however, the earthen breastworks which guarded it may still be seen.

Key Activities: Hiking and Bicycling – 5 miles of trails, Fishing – accessible dock, Boating – private boats allowed, ramp, Canoe and Fishing Boat Rental, Swimming (pool only), Picnicking, Freshwater Aquarium, Natural Spring and Boardwalk

Facilities: 1,071 Acres, 26 Tent, Trailer, RV Campsites (\$23), 3 Walk-in Campsites (\$15), 6 Cottages (\$100-\$120), Cottage #5 is dog-friendly, 8 Picnic Shelters (\$40), 3 Group Shelters (seat 40-100, \$85-\$150), Group Camp (sleeps 86, \$175-\$460), 2 Pioneer Campgrounds (\$25 and up), Group Lodge (sleeps 16, \$100-\$110), 3 Playgrounds, Swimming Pool (fee)

Directions: Located 5 miles north of Millen on U.S. Hwy. 25.

Reservations: Reservations (800) 864-7275
Park (478) 982-1660
Pioneer & Group Camp (478) 982-1660

- **MISTLETOE STATE PARK**

3725 Mistletoe Road
Appling, GA 30802

ABOUT MISTLETOE STATE PARK

Located on 72,000-acre Clarks Hill Lake near Augusta, this park is known as one of the finest bass fishing spots in the nation. During the summer, guests can cool down at the beach or on miles of shaded nature trails. A wildlife observation area is available. The park has 10 fully equipped cottages on the lake, five of which are log cabins. The campground is situated on a peninsula, offering spectacular views of both sunset and sunrise over the open water. A one-room camper cabin faces the lake, offering a porch with rocking chairs, electricity, four bed platforms, a grill, picnic table and water spigot.

Key Activities: Hiking and Bicycling - 12-mile backpacking trail and 3.5 miles of nature trails, Fishing - accessible dock, Boating – 3 ramps, Swimming

Facilities: 1,920 Acres, 72,000-Acre Lake, 96 Tent, Trailer, RV Campsites (\$25 / Tent \$23), 4 Walk-In Campsites (\$12), Camper Cabin (sleeps 4, \$35), 10 Cottages (\$110-\$120), Cottages #1 and #10 are dog-friendly, 5 Picnic Shelters (\$40), Beach House (seats 75, \$150), Group Shelter (seats 150, \$120), Pioneer Campground (\$50), Backcountry Campsite (\$5/person), Swimming Beach

Directions: Located 3 miles off Ga. Hwy. 150, 8 miles north of I-20 exit #175.

Reservations: Reservations (800) 864-7275
Park (706) 541-0321

- **ROBERT TOOMBS HOUSE HISTORIC SITE**

P.O. Box 605
Washington, GA 30673

ABOUT ROBERT TOOMBS HOUSE HISTORIC SITE

A legend in his own time, Robert Toombs was a successful planter and lawyer who led a turbulent career as state legislator, U.S. Congressman and Senator. "Defend yourselves; the enemy is at your door . . . !" thundered Toombs from the Senate floor on January 24, 1860. The following year, Georgia seceded from the Union and Toombs personified the South by evolving from conservative Unionist to fire-breathing secessionist. After serving just five months as Confederate Secretary of State, he resigned to serve as brigadier general in the Army of Northern Virginia. In 1870, as the Reconstruction Era drew to a close in Georgia, Toombs felt that Georgia should live under a constitution of her own making. His last service to Georgia citizens was helping create the Constitution of 1877, which was not amended until 1945. Visitors are welcome to tour the house and grounds,

view exhibits and displays, and enjoy a dramatic film portraying an elderly Toombs relating his story to a young reporter.

- Admission: \$1.75–\$3. Group rates available with advance notice. The museum is wheelchair accessible, but the restrooms are not.
- Key Activities: Educational Programs, "Robert Toombs: 1810 to 1885" Film, Exhibits and Gift Shop, Self-Guided Garden Tour, Customized Tours -- reservations required
- Facilities: House Museum, Film Gift Shop, Picnic Area, Bus Parking
- Directions: Located at 216 East Robert Toombs Avenue in Washington, Ga.
- Information: Historic Site (706) 678-2226

A FEW NEARBY GEORGIA STATE PARKS WORTH THE DRIVE

- **BOBBY BROWN STATE PARK**
2509 Bobby Brown State Park
Elberton, GA 30635

ABOUT BOBBY BROWN STATE PARK

This pretty park offers water-sports enthusiasts a quiet oasis on 70,000-acre Clarks Hill Lake. Located where the old town of Petersburg once thrived during the 1790s, the park is named in memory of Lt. Robert T. Brown, U.S. Navy, who gave his life in World War II. Petersburg was situated where the Broad and Savannah rivers flow into the Clarks Hill Reservoir, now an outstanding state recreational area. When water levels are low, visitors can see some foundations of the old town and imagine large plantations once flourishing. The park's location on the largest man-made lake east of the Mississippi River provides excellent boating, skiing and fishing. Yurts, which are like tents made of canvas and wood, offer a unique camping experience. The park's self-guided Land Navigation Courses teach beginners how to use a compass.

- Key Activities: Fishing, Boating – ramp and dock, Canoe and Fishing Boat Rental, Hiking – 1.9 miles of trails, Picnicking, Compass Courses
- Facilities: 665 Acres, 70,000-Acre Lake, 61 Tent, Trailer, RV Campsites (\$23), 5 Yurts (\$50), 2 Picnic Shelters (\$30), Group Shelter (seats 80, \$75), Pioneer Campground (\$40)
- Directions: Located 21 miles southeast of Elberton off Ga. Hwy. 72.

- **HARD LABOR CREEK STATE PARK**
Knox Chapel Road
Rutledge, GA 30663

ABOUT HARD LABOR CREEK STATE PARK

While this park may be best known for its golf course, The Creek, it also offers a wide range of recreational opportunities in a beautiful wooded setting. Horseback riders can explore 22 miles of trails, while hikers have their own 2.5-mile trail. A lakeside beach is open for swimming during summer. The park provides one of Georgia's best golf values, along with a pro shop, driving range, rental carts and junior/senior citizen discounts. Hard Labor Creek cuts through the course, creating water hazards on five holes. The creek is thought to have been named by slaves who tilled summer fields or by Native Americans who found it difficult to ford.

Key Activities: Golf (rental carts, driving range), Boat Rental – pedal boats (seasonal), canoes, fishing boats, Fishing, Horseback Riding – 22-mile trail, stalls, no horse rentals, Hiking – 2.5-mile trail, weekday hiking on 22-mile horse trail, Swimming (March-September)

Facilities: 5,804 Acres, 2 Lakes, 63 Tent, Trailer, RV Campsites (\$25-\$50)
20 Cottages (\$100-\$110) – cable TV, Cottages #13 and #17 are dog-friendly, 4 Picnic Shelters and Barbecue Pit (\$60-\$80), 2 Group Shelters (seat 85 and 120, \$85-\$325), 2 Group Camps (sleeps 75–120, \$175–\$580), Pioneer Group Campground (\$40), 30 Horse Stalls, Riding Ring and 12 Equestrian Campsites (\$18), Swimming Beach and Bathhouse (seasonal), The Creek Golf Course (18-Holes) (\$35 M-Th, \$40 Fri, \$45 Sat-Sun)

Directions: Located 2 miles north of Rutledge. Take I-20 exit #105 into Rutledge and proceed 3 miles on Fairplay Road.

Reservations: Reservations (800) 864-7275
Park (706) 557-3001
Golf (706) 557-3006

- **RICHARD B. RUSSELL STATE PARK**

2650 Russell State Park Rd
Elberton, GA 30635

ABOUT RICHARD B. RUSSELL STATE PARK

Located on a 26,500-acre lake, Richard B. Russell State Park offers some of the state's finest fishing and boating. The park's campground and fully equipped cottages are located on or near the water's edge for a relaxing getaway. A nature trail follows the shoreline to one of the oldest steel pin bridges in the area, loops through the adjoining woods and returns to the beach. The park's 18-hole championship golf course, Arrowhead Pointe, was named 2nd Best New Affordable Public Course in America by Golf Digest in 2005. The course features a LEED Certified clubhouse, golf pro, and junior/senior citizen discounts. Several Indian sites were excavated near the park in 1980 before the lake was filled, indicating that Paleo-Indians lived in the area more than 10,000 years ago. This area is now called Rucker's Bottom and lies deep within the waters of Lake Richard B. Russell. All park facilities are designed for wheelchair accessibility, including the swimming beach.

Key Activities: Golf, Disc Golf, Fishing and Boating, Waterskiing and Rowing, Canoe and Pedal Boat Rental, Beach Volleyball, Swimming, Hiking and Bicycling – 6 miles of trails

Facilities: 2,508 Acres, 28 Tent, Trailer, RV Campsites (\$25) – cable TV hookups, 17 Cottages (\$110-\$120), Cottages #1 and #2 are dog-friendly, 3 Picnic Shelters (\$30), Group Shelter (seats 175, \$200), Arrowhead Point Golf Course (18 Holes \$41-\$46 with cart), Lake and Swimming Beach, Rowing Area

Directions: Located 8 miles northeast of Elberton off Ga. Hwy. 77 on Ruckersville Road.

Reservations: Reservations (800) 864-7275
Park (706) 213-2045
Golf (706) 283-6000

- **WATSON MILL BRIDGE STATE PARK**

650 Watson Mill Road
Comer, GA 30629

ABOUT WATSON MILL BRIDGE STATE PARK

Known as one of the most picturesque state parks in Georgia, Watson Mill Bridge contains the longest covered bridge in the state, spanning 229 feet across the South Fork River. Built in 1885 by Washington (W.W.) King, son of freed slave and famous covered bridge builder, Horace King, the bridge is supported by a town lattice truss system held firmly together with wooden pins. At one time, Georgia had more than 200 covered bridges; today, less than 20 remain. The park is an ideal spot for an afternoon picnic or an overnight stay at the campground. Hiking, biking and horseback riding trails allow visitors to enjoy the thick forest along the river or travel into the park's backcountry. During summer, visitors often play in the cool river shoals just below the bridge.

Key Activities: Hiking – 7 miles of trails, Bicycling – 5 miles of trails, Horseback Riding – 12 miles of trails, camping areas, stalls, no horse rentals, Canoe and Pedal Boat Rental, Fishing

Facilities: 1,018 Acres, 5-Acre Mill Pond, Covered Bridge, 32 Tent, Trailer, RV Campsites (\$22-\$24), Log Cabin Bunkhouse (sleeps 8, \$50), 3 Picnic Shelters (\$30), Group Shelter (seats 100, \$90), Pioneer Campground (\$30 and up), Horse Stalls (\$8) with 11 Campsites (\$22-\$24)

Directions: Located 3 miles south of Comer off Ga. Hwy. 22.

Reservations: Reservations (800) 864-7275
Park (706) 783-5349

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Editor's Notes:

More information is available at www.GeorgiaStateParks.org or by calling 1 (800) 864-7275. Thank you for helping promote Georgia's diverse natural and historic resources!

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