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

- **F.D ROOSEVELT STATE PARK**

2970 Ga. Highway 190
Pine Mountain, GA 31822

ABOUT F.D. ROOSEVELT STATE PARK

Located near Callaway Gardens and the town of Warm Springs, this park is deeply rooted in the historical era of four-time President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Seeking a place for treatment after he was stricken with polio in 1921, Roosevelt traveled to nearby Warm Springs and built his Little White House. Several structures within the park, including the stone swimming pool and some cottages, were built by Roosevelt's Civilian Conservation Corps during the Great Depression. Above Kings Gap is Dowdell's Knob, Roosevelt's favorite picnic spot overlooking a magnificent view of the valley below. A life-size sculpture of the beloved president welcomes visitors to the overlook. Hikers will enjoy the scenic trails in Georgia's largest state park, especially the 23-mile Pine Mountain Trail, which winds through a mix of hardwoods and pines.

Key Activities: Hiking and Backpacking – 37 miles of trails, Pine Mountain Trail, Fishing and Boating – boat rental, Picnicking, Swimming, Horseback Riding – stables, horse rentals, 20 miles of trails, Programs at F.D. Roosevelt

Facilities: 9,049 Acres, 2 Lakes, 140 Tent, Trailer, RV Campsites (\$24), Backcountry Campsites (\$5/person), 22 Cottages (\$95–\$130), Cottages #18 and #19 are dog-friendly, 2 Picnic Shelters (\$40), Group Shelter (seats 85, \$125), 2 Group Camps (sleep 75 and 120, \$450-\$550), Pioneer Campground (\$15 and up), Trading Post, Liberty Bell Pool (fee)

Directions: Located just off I-185 near Callaway Gardens, west of Warm Springs on Ga. Route 190, or south of Pine Mountain off U.S. Hwy. 27.

Reservations: Reservations (800) 864-7275
Stables local (706) 628-7463
Park (706) 663-4858

- **FLORENCE MARINA STATE PARK**

Route 1, Box 36
Omaha, GA 31821

ABOUT FLORENCE MARINA STATE PARK

Situated at the northern end of 45,000-acre Lake Walter F. George, this quiet park offers the perfect setting for those who love water sports. It is adjacent to a natural deep-water marina with an accessible deep-water fishing pier, boat slips and boat ramp. Birders are sure to see herons and egrets, and possibly bald eagles. The park's Kirbo Interpretive Center teaches visitors about Native Americans, nature and local history, and it displays snakes, turtles, fish and artifacts from the prehistoric Paleo-Indian period through the early 20th century. Ten

miles southeast is Providence Canyon State Park, known as Georgia's Little Grand Canyon, with hiking trails and a visitor center.

Key Activities: Boating – ramp, dock, Fishing – boat rental, Birding, Miniature Golf

Facilities: 173 Acres, 43 Tent, Trailer, RV Campsites (\$22) – cable TV hookups, 6 Cottages (\$90) – cable TV, Cottages #3 and #10 are dog-friendly, 8 Efficiency Units (\$60) – cable TV, Picnic Shelter (\$30), Group Shelter (seats 125, \$170), Kirbo Interpretive Center
Marina - 66 boat slips for rent, Lighted Fishing Pier, Swimming Pool (fee, 2 Playgrounds, 3/4-mile Nature Trail

Directions: Located 16 miles west of Lumpkin at the end of Ga. Hwy. 39C.

Reservations: Reservations (800) 864-7275
Park (229) 838-6870

- **PROVIDENCE CANYON STATE PARK**

Route 1, Box 158
Lumpkin, GA 31815

ABOUT PROVIDENCE CANYON STATE PARK

Visitors are amazed at the breathtaking colors of Georgia's "Little Grand Canyon." The rare Plumleaf Azalea and other wildflowers, as well as the pink, orange, red and purple hues of the soft canyon soil, make a beautiful natural painting at this unique park. Visitors can enjoy views of the canyons from the rim trail, and backpackers who set off before 4 p.m. can stay overnight along the backcountry trail. Camping and cottages are available nearby at Florence Marina State Park on beautiful Lake Walter F. George. A visitor center explains how the massive gullies (the deepest being 150 feet) were caused by erosion due to poor farming practices in the 1800s.

Key Activities: Hiking - 3 miles of trails, Backpacking - 7-mile backcountry trail, Picnicking, Photography

Facilities: 1,003 Acres, Visitor Center, 2 Picnic Shelters (\$30), Group Shelter (seats 100, \$75), 2 Pioneer Campsites (\$30), 6 Backcountry Campsites (\$5/person)

Directions: Located 7 miles west of Lumpkin on Ga. Hwy. 39C.

Reservations: Reservations (800) 864-7275
Park (229) 838-6202

- **ROOSEVELT'S LITTLE WHITE HOUSE HISTORIC SITE**

401 Little White House Road
Warm Springs, GA 31830

ABOUT ROOSEVELT'S LITTLE WHITE HOUSE HISTORIC SITE

Franklin Delano Roosevelt built the Little White House in 1932 while governor of New York, prior to being inaugurated as president in 1933. He first came to Warm Springs in 1924 hoping to find a cure for the infantile paralysis (polio) that had struck him in 1921. Swimming in the warm, buoyant spring waters brought him no miracle cure, but it did bring improvement. During FDR's presidency and the Great Depression, he developed many New Deal Programs (such as the Rural Electrification Administration) based upon his experiences in this small town. While posing for a portrait on April 12, 1945, FDR suffered a stroke and died a short while later. Today, the "Unfinished Portrait" is featured in a museum that showcases many exhibits, including FDR's 1938 Ford convertible with hand controls, his Fireside Chats playing over a 1930s radio, his stagecoach and a theater. Visitors can tour FDR's home, which has been carefully preserved very much as he left it, the servants and

guest quarters, and the nearby pools complex that first brought the future president to Warm Springs. The Little White House Historic Site and F.D. Roosevelt State Park have launched a fund-raising campaign to place a bronze statue of F.D. Roosevelt atop Dowdell's Knob, the president's favorite picnic spot when he visited Georgia in the 1930s and 1940s.

Admission: \$4-\$7. Group rates available for 15 or more with advance notice. Primary buildings are wheelchair accessible. Secondary buildings have entry steps. All walkways are hard surfaced.

Facilities: Little White House, FDR Memorial Museum & Video, Historic Pools Museum, Memorial Fountain, Walk of Flags and Stones, Guest Quarters and Servants' Quarters, Legacy Exhibit with The "Unfinished Portrait," Gift Shop, Large Picnic Area (onsite), Two Large Roadside Picnic Areas, Bus Parking

Directions: Located 1/4 mile south of Warm Springs on Ga. Hwy. 85 Alt.-U.S. Hwy. 27 Alt.

Information: Park (706) 655-5870

- **SPREWELL BLUFF STATE PARK**

740 Sprewell Bluff Road
Thomaston, GA 30286

ABOUT SPREWELL BLUFF STATE PARK

This little-known gem on the Flint River is the perfect location for a daytime getaway. Visitors can cool off in the gently flowing river, skip rocks across the water, picnic on the river's edge or toss horseshoes in a grassy field. A three-mile trail winds along the bank and up rocky bluffs, offering excellent views from high above the river. A boat ramp is available for canoeists, kayakers, rafters and anglers. Canoes may be rented from nearby outfitters, and camping and cottages are available 25 miles west at F.D. Roosevelt State Park in Pine Mountain.

Key Activities: Fishing, Hiking – 3-mile trail, Picnicking, Horseshoes, Volleyball

Facilities: 1,372 Acres, Boat Ramp, Picnic Area with Grills, Playground

Directions: Located 10 miles west of Thomaston. From Ga. Hwy. 74, turn on Old Alabama Road and go south 6 miles to the park.

Information: Park (706) 646-6026

A FEW NEARBY GEORGIA STATE PARKS WORTH THE DRIVE

- **GEORGE T. BAGBY STATE PARK, LODGE AND GOLF COURSE**

330 Bagby Parkway
Fort Gaines, GA 39851

ABOUT GEORGE T. BAGBY STATE PARK, LODGE AND GOLF COURSE

Located on the shores of Lake Walter F. George in southwest Georgia, this resort park features a 60-room lodge, conference center, restaurant, cottages and award-winning 18-hole Meadow Links Golf Course. The park's marina and boat ramp offer easy access to the 48,000-acre lake for fishing and boating. The large picnic shelter and numerous picnic sites are perfect places for families to enjoy their catch. Facilities are available for meetings, reunions, weddings and other group gatherings. Visitors may also look for wildlife along the three-mile nature trail, which winds through hardwoods and pines.

Key Activities: Meadow Links Golf Course, Fishing, Water Skiing, Hiking – 3 miles of trails, Canoe and Fishing Boat Rental, Bicycle Rental, Birding, Swimming, Volleyball

Facilities: 700 Acres, 48,000-Acre Lake and Swimming Beach, 60-Room Lodge & Conference Center (\$60–\$125), 5 Cottages (\$85–\$95), Cottage #1 is dog-friendly cottage, Picnic Shelter (\$40), Group Shelter (seats 125, \$150-\$175), 1 Group Lodge (bunkbeds, \$125-\$150), Meeting Facilities, Meadow Links Golf Course (18-Holes) (\$35-\$40 with cart), Restaurant and Courtesy Dock, Tennis Courts, Marina, Gas Dock and Boat Ramp

Directions: Located 3.5 miles north of Fort Gaines off GA Hwy. 39.

Reservations: Reservations (800) 864-7275
Lodge Reservations (877) 591-5575
Golf (229) 768-3714

- **HIGH FALLS STATE PARK**

76 High Falls Park Drive
Jackson, GA 30233

ABOUT HIGH FALLS STATE PARK

In the early 1800s, the site was a prosperous industrial town with several stores, a grist mill, cotton gin, blacksmith shop, shoe factory and hotel. High Falls became a ghost town in the 1880s when a major railroad bypassed it. Today, park visitors can enjoy the scenic waterfall on the Towaliga River and hike to the remaining grist mill foundation. A campground, picnic areas and canoe rental are also available. This pretty park in middle Georgia is conveniently located near I-75 and makes a restful side trip for travelers. For visitor safety, swimming is allowed in the pool only, but not the river or falls. Numerous rocks submerged in the river have deep holes that could easily trap or injure someone.

Key Activities: Hiking – 4.5 miles of trails, Fishing, Boating - 2 ramps, private boats allowed, 10 HP limit, Kayak, Canoe and Fishing Boat Rental, Pedal Boat Rental, Miniature Golf, Swimming Allowed in Pool Only

Facilities: 1,050 Acres, 650-Acre Lake, 111 Tent, Trailer, RV Campsites (\$23), 5 Picnic Shelters (\$40-\$60), Screened Group Shelter (seats 125, \$250), Pioneer Campground (\$50), Swimming Pool (fee)

Directions: Located 1.8 miles east of I-75 exit #198 at High Falls Road.

Reservations: Reservations (800) 864-7275
Park (478) 993-3053

- **INDIAN SPRINGS STATE PARK**

678 Lake Clark Road
Flotilla, GA 30216

ABOUT INDIAN SPRINGS STATE PARK

Located off I-75 in middle Georgia, Indian Springs is thought to be the oldest state park in the nation. It was acquired by the state in 1825 and became an official "State Forest Park" in 1927. The Creek Indians used the springs for centuries to heal the sick and impart extra vigor to the well. During the 1800s, the area was a bustling resort town. Today, visitors can still sample the spring water while enjoying the park's cottages, camping, swimming, fishing and boating. Many structures within the park, such as the spring house, were built during the

Great Depression by members of FDR's Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC). A museum (hours limited) highlights Creek Indians, the resort era and CCC history.

Key Activities: Boating – ramp, private boats allowed, 10 HP limit, Fishing Boat Rental, Lake Swimming, Miniature Golf (fee required)

Facilities: 528 Acres, 105-Acre Lake and Swimming Beach (seasonal), 88 Tent, Trailer, RV Campsites (\$23), 10 Cottages (\$100-\$110), Cottages #2 and #6 are dog-friendly, 7 Picnic Shelters (\$50), Group Shelter (seats 130, \$250), Group Camp (sleeps 130 max, \$500), Pioneer Campground (\$40), 3/4-Mile Nature Trail, Museum (seasonal)

Directions: From I-75 southbound, take exit #205 to Jackson; proceed south on Ga. Hwy. 42 to the park. From I-75 northbound, take exit #188; proceed north on Ga. Hwy. 42. Approximately 15 miles from exits.

Reservations: Reservations (800) 864-7275
Park (770) 504-2277

- **JOHN TANNER STATE PARK**

354 Tanners Beach Road
Carrollton, GA 30117-9134

ABOUT JOHN TANNER STATE PARK

This west Georgia park is best known for having the largest sand swimming beach of any Georgia state park. It is a recreational haven for water lovers looking for boating and fishing opportunities as well. Visitors can enjoy camping, picnicking, miniature golf, volleyball and horseshoes. Six motel type units are located near the beach; each with a fully equipped kitchen, dining area, living area and bedroom. The park is named after a local businessman who operated the property as a private park from 1954 until 1971.

Key Activities: Swimming, Pedal Boat and Fishing Boat Rental (seasonal), Boating – private boats permitted, electric motors only, Hiking – 3/4-mile nature trail and 1-mile lake loop trail and Miniature Golf

Facilities: 138 Acres, 12-Acre and 16-Acre Lakes, 31 Tent, Trailer, RV Campsites (\$22) – cable TV hookups, Group Lodge (sleeps 40, \$250), 6-Motel Units (\$80), Unit #1 is a dog-friendly, 4 Picnic Shelters (\$40-\$100), 2 Group Shelters (seat 50 and 75, \$60-\$110), Pioneer Campground (\$35), Swimming Beach - largest of any Georgia state park.

Directions: Located 6 miles west of Carrollton off Ga. Hwy. 16.

Reservations: Reservations (800) 864-7275
Park (770) 830-2222

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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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