

Five Ways Georgia's State Parks Save You Money

ATLANTA, April 16, 2009 – Just in time for a post-tax day relief, Georgia State Parks and Historic Sites offer every family affordable adventures at each of its 63 parks and historic sites. From free days to overnights under the stars, Georgia's state parks offer five easy ways to protect your pocketbook:

1. **Go for Free I** – A Georgia library card is all you need to check out a ParkPass or Historic Site Pass at Georgia's public libraries. The passes are good for free parking or admission at any of the 63 state parks and historic sites statewide. For a listing of Georgia's public libraries, go to www.georgialibraries.org.
2. **Go for Free II** –Wednesdays are free days in Georgia's state parks, allowing visitors to skip paying the parking fee. You won't find a better excuse for a mid-week getaway for families with young children, retirees and people with flexible schedules.
3. **Go For a Day** – Georgia's state parks offer a wide variety of entertaining and informative events nearly every weekend. From wildflower hikes to fishing rodeos, and reptile programs to bluegrass concerts, you are sure to find a program for all tastes. Most events are free with historic site admission or parking fee. It's a day of outdoor fun that costs less than a kid's meal at your favorite restaurant.
4. **Go For an Overnight Stay** – Skip the high-priced hotel with "Anywhere USA" atmosphere. Wake up under the stars in a cozy campground or rental yurt (like a canvas and wood tent). Want more comforts? Fully equipped cottages with kitchens and hotel-lodges with restaurants allow park visitors to sleep surrounded by acres of forests and lakes. Rates begin at \$16 for camping and can be found online at www.GeorgiaStateParks.org.
5. **Go Throughout the Year** – For less than the cost of a gym membership, you can purchase an Annual ParkPass that provides entry to unlimited outdoor recreation. For an even better deal, join Friends of Georgia State Parks & Historic Sites and get a free Annual ParkPass. Memberships begin at \$45. Learn more at www.FriendsofGaStateParks.org.

Georgia State Parks and Historic Sites is one of the top-rated state park systems in the country. With a diverse geographic topography, Georgia's 63 state parks and historic sites offer adventures in northern mountains, midland swamplands, piedmont plains and along the beautiful Georgia coast. For more information, including a full list of parks and accommodations, visit www.GeorgiaStateParks.org. To receive the latest information on events and activities in the parks, sign up for the Get Outdoors Georgia newsletter at www.GetOutdoorsGeorgia.org.

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