



STATE PARKS & HISTORIC SITES

Red Top Mountain Lodge Offers Business Retreats

CARTERSVILLE, GA, June 22, 2009 – In the 1800s, Georgia's first entrepreneurs packed their bags and headed to Red Top Mountain to mine for fortune in the iron-rich soil. Today's business professionals are still flocking to Red Top Mountain, hoping to pioneer the next big idea under the state park's towering pine trees. Inspiration is everywhere as the landscape unfolds its rich tapestry. Any team, work group or company in need of a reprieve from the stressors of everyday work will feel reenergized and stimulated on the banks of 12,000-acre Lake Allatoona, which surrounds Red Top Mountain State Park and Lodge.

A short, 45-minute drive from Atlanta to Cartersville, Georgia, brings visitors to the 1,776-acre state park. Twelve miles of hiking trails, swimming, boating, tennis and fishing offer endless recreational opportunities to enjoy when the business day is done. The 33-room lodge features 2,500 square feet of meeting space capable of hosting up to 100 people. Suited to most types of business teams and work groups, the Red Top Mountain Lodge offers the amenities of urban meeting spaces with the informality and scenery of the country.

Privacy and comfort are assured in each of the lodge's four conference rooms, and the latest audio-visual equipment will keep meetings on task. If more space is needed, the park offers two enclosed shelters that can host groups of 100 to 250. Stay connected even while feeling removed from the everyday hustle and bustle with the wireless Internet capability that is available throughout the lodge.

Work retreats are about more than just business. Exercise mind and body on vigorous hiking trails or while swimming laps in the lodge's outdoor pool. Find a peaceful spot by the lake to contemplate the day and find focus for tomorrow. Treat the team to a relaxing sunset cruise on Lake Allatoona. Red Top Mountain State Park offers a refreshing balance of work and play that will recharge teams, training groups and executive teams alike.

The clean mountain air not only stimulates fresh ideas, it can also stir up a hearty appetite. The sales and catering staff of the Red Top Mountain Lodge can help create a memorable dining experience to satisfy a diversity of tastes. From breakfast and snacks to buffets and special events, the resourceful lodge staff can tailor meals for any group request. Special menus can be designed to accommodate food allergies, dieters, vegetarians and other specific needs. With its sweeping view of Lake Allatoona and mouth-watering food, dinner in the lodge's Mountain Cove restaurant is an indulgence for all the senses.

With changing scenery and wildlife with each season, Red Top Mountain State Park and Lodge offers a perfect place to revive, refresh and inspire work teams whether it be a one-day or week-long retreat. For more information on lodge meeting facilities or reservations, please contact the Regional Group Sales office at (770) 975-4291 or visit www.naturallybusiness.com.

About Georgia State Park Lodges

The Georgia Department of Natural Resources operates seven state park lodges across Georgia with meeting and banquet facilities, comfortable accommodations and affordable rates year-round. The state park lodges offer such diverse recreational activities as watersports, golf, fishing, hiking and nature trails. For more information on lodge meeting facilities or reservations, please contact the Regional Group Sales office at (770) 975-4291 or visit www.naturallybusiness.com.

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