

# THINGS TO DO IN THE AREA

*Individuals and groups make their own arrangements in advance.*

- Splash Island (at The Ridges Resort, Hiawassee, GA), seasonal, [www.theridgesresort.com/splash-island/](http://www.theridgesresort.com/splash-island/)
- White Water Rafting (Nantahala, Ocoee, or Chattooga rivers)
  - Nantahala Outdoor Center 800-905-7238, [www.noc.com](http://www.noc.com)
  - Wild Water Rafting Co. 866-319-8870, [www.wildwater rafting.com](http://www.wildwater rafting.com) (mention Hinton Center for package pricing, group discounts)
- Tubing Companies
  - Deep Creek Tube Center 828-488-6055 (Bryson City, NC) [www.westernncattractions.com/deep.htm](http://www.westernncattractions.com/deep.htm)
  - Cool River Tubing 800-896-4595 (Helen, GA) [www.coolrivertubing.com](http://www.coolrivertubing.com)
- Boating on Lake Chatuge (pontoon and other boat rentals)
  - The Ridges Marina 706-896-2262, [www.theridgesresort.com/watercraft-rentals/](http://www.theridgesresort.com/watercraft-rentals/) (Hiawassee, GA)
  - Boundary Waters Resort & Marina 800-323-3562 (Hiawassee, GA)
  - Young Harris Water Sports 706-896-0834
- Zipline Fun (make reservations in advance)
  - RidgeRunner Ziplines 828-421-8119 (Andrews, NC) [www.ridgerunnerzips.com](http://www.ridgerunnerzips.com)
  - Navitat Canopy Adventures 828-626-3700 (Asheville, NC) [www.navitat.com](http://www.navitat.com)
  - WildWater, 866-319-8870, [www.raftandzip.com](http://www.raftandzip.com) (mention Hinton for package pricing, group discounts)
- Nature Experiences
  - Fires Creek Park: hiking, picnicking, swimming (20 minutes west of Hinton)
  - Appalachian Trail: hiking (20 minutes east of Hinton)
  - Brasstown Bald (highest peak in GA): trails, observation tower, 706-896-2556 (call for schedule)
  - Jackrabbit Recreation Area: hiking, swimming, picnicking, mountain biking
  - Bell Mountain: spectacular views (30 minutes east of Hinton)
  - Hamilton Gardens: (20 minutes from Hinton) 706-970-0011
- Movies and Bowling (20 to 45 minutes from Hinton)
  - Fieldstone Cinemas 706-896-6843 (Hiawassee, GA)
  - Galaxy Bowling 706-745-4444 (Blairsville, GA)
  - Blairsville Cinemas 706-745-1000 (Blairsville, GA)
  - The Fun Factory 828-349-8888 (Franklin, NC)
  - Ruby Cinemas 828-524-2076 (Franklin, NC)
- And, More . . .
  - Alpine Helen, GA: Town with Bavarian charm 706-878-2181 (45 miles from Hinton) [www.helenga.org](http://www.helenga.org)
  - Cherokee Visitors Center 800-438-1601 (Cherokee, NC) [www.visitchokeenc.com](http://www.visitchokeenc.com) (1.5 hrs from Hinton)
  - *Unto These Hills* outdoor drama 828-497-2111 (Cherokee, NC) [www.untothesehills.com](http://www.untothesehills.com) (1.5 hrs away)
  - Blue Ridge Scenic Railway 800-934-1898 [www.brscenic.com](http://www.brscenic.com)
  - Chunky Gal Stables: horseback riding 828-389-4175 [www.chunkygalstables.com](http://www.chunkygalstables.com)
  - Brasstown, NC, crafts and local artists 800-FOLKSCH [www.folkschool.org](http://www.folkschool.org)
  - Working art studios: Goldhagen Glass Studio, Smoke in the Mountain Pottery
  - Farm Tours at Walnut Hollow Ranch (15 minutes from Hinton) 828-389-8931
  - The Swan Drive-In Theater [www.swan-drive-in.com](http://www.swan-drive-in.com) (Blue Ridge, GA)
  - Train Rides through the Mountains [www.gsmr.com](http://www.gsmr.com) (Bryson City, NC); [www.brscenic.com](http://www.brscenic.com) (Blue Ridge, GA)
  - Cherokee Homestead Exhibit, Quanassee Path [www.blueridgeheritagetrail.com](http://www.blueridgeheritagetrail.com) (Hayesville, NC)



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