

Dawson County, Georgia

By the early 1900s, settlers began to turn crops into spirits – moonshine. To get around the prohibition laws, nighttime deliveries in supercharged vehicles turned into stock car



<https://www.destinationdawsonville.com/things-to-do/>
Destination Dawsonville: <https://online.fliphtml5.com/wlcw/mdjz/#p=10>

Events/Festivals

Ghost of Racing Haunted House and Ghost Walk, October 18th and 19th <https://www.destinationdawsonville.com/events/haunted-ghost-walk/>

Georgia Moonshine Festival, October 26th and 27th <https://georgiaracinghof.com/moonshine/>

Gold Rush Days Festival – Dahlonega, October 19th and 20th <https://goldrushdaysfestival.com/>

Georgia Apple Festival – Ellijay, October 14th and 15th / October 21st and 22nd <https://www.georgiaapplefestival.org/>

Mule Camp Market – Gainesville, October 11th through 13th <https://www.gainesvillejaycees.org/projects/mule-camp/>



Outdoor fun (Camping and glamping, hiking, fishing, ziplines, boating, rafting, kayaking, canoeing, spelunking, ziplines)

War Hill Park (playground, beach area, picnic tables, camping, boat ramp): https://www.dawsoncountyga.gov/sites/default/files/fileattachments/parks_and_recreation/page/1917/war_hill_park_information.pdf

River Park (Etowah River rafting, kayaking, canoeing): <https://www.dawsoncountyga.gov/parksrec/page/river-park>

Dawson Forest Wildlife Management Area (trails, hunting, fishing, camping, boating, canoeing): <https://georgiawildlife.com/dawson-forest-wma>

Rafting on the Amicalola, Etowah, and Chestatee Rivers

Rafting on the Nantahala River <https://noc.com/>

Lake Lanier <https://www.discoverlakelanier.com/>



Shopping (antiques, flea markets)

North Georgia Premium Outlet Mall <https://www.premiumoutlets.com/outlet/north-georgia>

Golf

Chestatee Golf Club <https://www.chestateegolfclub.com/>
Crystal Falls Lake & Golf Club <https://www.crystalfallsgolfclub.com/>

Family Fun (Museums, gold panning, art, sporting clays, gardens, corn mazes, pickle ball, tennis)

Adventure programs (reptile/bird encounters, archery and hatchet throwing, zipline, GPS scavenger hunt) <https://www.amicalolafallsodge.com/adventures/>

The Pearce Creative Art Studio (pottery, painting, stained glass activities) <https://www.thepearcecreative.com/>

Rock creek park (pickle ball, tennis) <https://www.dawsoncountyga.gov/parksrec/page/rock-creek-sports-complex>

Main Street Park (playground, trails, basketball, pickleball, disc golf, cornhole, dog park) <https://www.dawsonville-ga.gov/cityparks/page/main-street-park>

Veterans Memorial Park (swimming pool, trail, indoor pickleball, basketball, tennis) <https://www.dawsoncountyga.gov/parksrec/page/veterans-memorial-park>

Get Air Trampoline Park <https://getairsports.com/dawsonville/>

Georgia Racing Hall of Fame <https://georgiaracinghof.com/>

Dawsonville Pool Room (NASCAR nostalgia, Home of the Billy Burger, fresh cut fries) <https://www.facebook.com/dawsonvillepoolroom/>

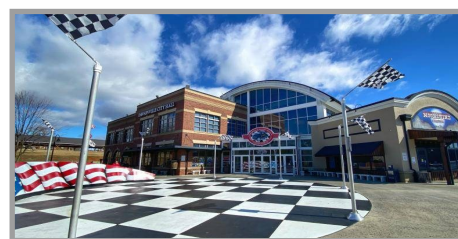
Atlanta Motor Sports Park (racing, go-karts) <https://www.atlantamotorsportspark.com/>

Burts Pumpkin Farm <https://www.burtspumpkinfarmgeorgia.com/>

Bradley's Pumpkin Patch (pumpkins, heirloom varieties, jellies, soaps, jerky, quilts) <https://www.bradleysfarms.com/>

Uncle Shuck's Corn Maze and Pumpkin Patch (mazes, jumping pad, tire mountain, goat walk, wagon ride, corn cannon, gem mining, festival food) Sunday - Thursday: 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Friday & Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. <https://uncleshucks.com/>



Spirited Fun

Granddaddy Mimm's Distilling Co <https://granddaddymimms.com/granddaddy-mimms-moonshine>

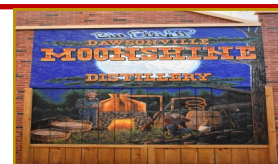
Wolf Mountain Vineyards and Winery <https://www.wolfmountainvineyards.com/>

Chateau Meichtry Family Vineyard and Winery <https://chateameichtry.com>

Montaluce Winery & Restaurant <https://montaluce.com>

Fainting Goat Vineyards <https://faintinggoatvineyards.com>

Cairn View Winery <https://cairnviewwinery.com>





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Nearby Fun

North Georgia Wildlife Park & Zoo, Cleveland (30 miles/41 minutes) <https://www.northgeorgiazoo.com/>

Hillcrest Orchards, Ellijay (apple picking, pig races, cow milking, wagon rides, farm market, food/bakery, mini-golf) (11 miles/15 minutes) <https://www.facebook.com/hillcrestorchardsellijay/>

Gold City Corral, Dahlonega (Horseback riding) (5 miles/9 minutes) <https://dahlonegacarriageandhorsebackrides.com/>

Iron Mountain Resort ATV Park, Dahlonega (8 miles/10 minutes) <https://ironmountainresort.com/>

Courthouse Gold Museum (30 minutes) <https://www.amicalofafallslodge.com/things-to-do/dahlonega-attractions/>

Gainesville, Georgia - 38 miles (1hour)

Helen, Georgia – 44 miles (1 hour)

Flowery Branch, Georgia (Home of the Atlanta Falcons) – 46 miles (1 hour)

University of Georgia, Athens – 81 miles (2 hours)

Blue Ridge, Georgia – 36 miles (45 minutes)

Brasstown Bald, Georgia (Highest point in the state) – 53 miles (1 hour)



Restaurants <https://www.destinationdawsonville.com/restaurants/>





Burts Pumpkin Farm

<https://www.burtspumpkinfarmgeorgia.com/>

Pumpkin Patch and Store:

Open Daily 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Hayride: Running Daily

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Admission: FREE

Parking: FREE

Hay Ride Tickets

\$6.50+tax per person



The story of Burt's Farm actually begins way back in the 1800's when the patriarch of the family, John Crane, moved from South Carolina and bought the property where the farm is presently located. Bartley decided to open a country store that would one day be run by his son Hunt Crane. This store was passed from generation to generation. Hunt's grandson grew up watching his father and grandfather sell produce at the same country store his great grandfather sold goods from as well. Hunt's grandson went on to be the founder and owner of Burt's Farm, Johnny Burt. In 1972, Johnny and Kathy Burt started growing pumpkins. Johnny and Kathy lived at the entrance of Amicalola Falls, making it the perfect location to sell their pumpkins. The combination of the beautiful scenery and crisp cool mountain air brought people by the thousands to the mountains of North Georgia. Over the next twenty years, the Burts sold pumpkins from a stand in their own front yard. Johnny and Kathy, along with their three children, Kasey, Russ and Cameron, worked on their farm growing and selling their pumpkins. They watched as the family farm grew from year to year, eventually making it a way of life. Johnny and Kathy were able to provide for their family by doing what they loved. Now the Burts grow and sell 50-70 acres of pumpkins per year. In 1991, the Burt's decided to build a barn and a few pumpkin sheds on family land right beside the falls, which is the present day location of Burt's Farm. Johnny also thought a hayride around the farm would be a good addition for the children visiting the farm. The hayride ends on top of a mountain with a great view of Amicalola Falls and thousands of pumpkins in the farm yard. Another attraction at the farm is the many delicious baked goods that are baked onsite. The sweet smell filling the farm yard is the smell of pumpkin pie, bread and pumpkin rolls baked using family recipes handed down over the generations. Burt's Farm now grows over twenty varieties of pumpkins, along with ornamental corn and winter squash. The Burts started experimenting with butternut squash, using it as Nutraceuticals (personal care products). The butternut squash contains Vitamin A, Vitamin C and Beta Keratin. The juice from the squash works wonders restoring the hair and skin. Burt's Farm produces shampoo, body wash, and skin care products using this amazing butternut squash juice. These unique products can only be found at Burt's Farm.