

HEAVEN'S LANDING

Like no Place on Earth

June 2013

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Choose Your Adventure

It is high adventure time in Heaven's Landing and all around the surrounding area of Northeast Georgia! Fly to Heaven's Landing with your plans in order or feel free to make it up as your interests and moods guide you. Here is a sample scenario.



- Upon approach to Heaven's Landing, gasp in disbelief that your home is amongst the beauty. Maybe stay in the air and do a few more passes just to see what is blooming on the hillsides and new around the development.
- As you land on runway 5 or 23, glance over to see your rental car waiting for you, ready for your extended stay (just the model you desired).
- You called ahead to the Heaven's Landing Concierge Services, and you know the frig is stocked, the house is clean, and your yard is well groomed.
- As you taxi along the taxiway, you smile, watching as your hangar door rises revealing your spacious state of the art hangar. You spot everything perfectly placed, just as you left it.
 - Inside your Gator awaits you, filled with gas to take you, your guests and your luggage right up to your home on the most spectacular lot in all of the 635 acres that makeup Heaven's Landing. (Ok, "spectacular" is an often used adjective in Heaven's Landing, where beauty is everywhere and where lots seem to touch people, fulfilling their dreams of "that" home they've always wanted. A home with killer views... *spectacular* is just the most appropriate word).
 - After enjoying your home and unpacking, you run down to the Heaven's Landing Clubhouse to catch the last quarter of the game, see a few neighbors, and enjoy a steam sauna and shower.



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- Now, you are ready for your evening, one filled with laughter and great dining. Tonight you will choose one of the many award winning local restaurants (remember Rabun Co boasts four Best Chef in America).
- To top it off, plans are made for a few cocktails on your porch late in the evening, taking in the cool night mountain air, sounds of the woods, and great conversation among friends and family.

Day One—You are settled, and you've only just arrived...

Your days are filled with:

- Boating, fishing, tubing and skiing on Lake Burton where your boat is well serviced and ready to go;
- Rafting on Section III of the Wild and Scenic Chattooga River one day and finding out that you are ready for Section IV, the next;
- Hiking to and picnicking at one of your favorite waterfalls;
- Browsing the Simply Homegrown Farmer's Market on Saturday to stock up on the most delectable supplies for your pantry or evening party;
- Exploring the nooks and crannies of Heaven's Landing by horseback on trails leading to U.S. Forest Service land;
- Enjoying delightful shops before indulging in a Spa Day in Highlands, North Carolina;
- Finding the perfect "something" while antiquing and gallery hopping around Clayton;
- Visiting as many great restaurants as you can; and lastly, but not conclusive,
- Taking in hometown special events including food, music, performances and nightlife!



International Visitors



Heaven's Landing has been abuzz with recent international activity! In less than a week, Mike and Holly hosted clientele and guests from Germany, China, Norway, and Venezuela. The days were full with area tours, boating, flying, and searching for the muddiest trail around.

As reported last month, Ivar Skaugstad from *Flynytt Magazine*, the aviation magazine in Norway, came to profile airparks in the United States. "We love the international exposure and really look forward to Ivar's feature story," Mike states, "we had great weather during his stay and a lot of fun."

Ivar had a fantastic time spending two days in and around Heaven's Landing. His most memorable moments will likely be when the Falcon 50 flew over Mike's camera, which was stationed on the runway while the party watched safely from the grass nearby, and when Gary Schmitt's [Just Aircraft Highlander](#) did a short taxiway takeoff.

Ivar's reaction was priceless, "Awesome, I've got to move here!"

[Click here for a short video of both Ivar's runway experiences.](#)



Memorial Day Brings the Wilson Family Reunion

For the first time in 22 years, the six grown children of Joann and George Wilson, Holly's parents, celebrated together. Holly's family enjoyed the [Heaven's Landing Clubhouse](#) with Holly's "Italian Feast". "It was a joy to cook for the family," states Holly, "we had a great time with lots of goofing off and laughter." The Wilson children are from Clayton, GA, Vero Beach and Stewart, FL and Charleston SC.



Photo Shoot of Nasser's Heaven's Landing Home

Photographer, [Roger Wade](#) and his wife, Debra Grahl spent a full day on May 6 at Tom and Jan Nasser's beautiful 6,000 sq. ft. Montana Log home in Heaven's Landing. The Nasser's home is a showpiece, where every room has a warm open feeling complete with large windows, providing jaw-dropping views. The Wades photographed for [Log Cabin Homes Magazine](#), a nationally distributed publication.



Tripods, lights, and umbrellas were set, home accessories were polished and shuffled about, and everything came to order as the photographs were made in and around the house. The Wades spent the day moving around according to the changing sunlight. Roger is a freelance photographer who specializes in architectural portfolios, contracting with magazines to shoot homes all over the country. Deb was most often by Roger's side assisting in preparing each room. They work very well together, and she seems to instinctively know what Roger was looking for with each set up.



If you have been to one of the Nasser's fantastic parties, you'll know their home always looks photo ready; but on this day, Jan prepped and prepared with the provided checklist. It was a detailed list which included providing instruction for AC controls to eliminate drafts in curtains and directions to shut down automated systems for unexpected events.



"We had guests this weekend, because that is what we built this house for," Jan shares, "getting everything ready took a little doing. Especially the more detailed cleaning like the windows...I had a crew come in to help," Jan explained. Soon after the guests left, Tom headed home back to his Endodontic practice in Indiana, leaving Jan behind to finish the final details. "It took staying up late and rising early to make sure the photographer's checklist was complete," she continues. "I wanted to be here to make it easy for the Wades to have access to power switches and controls, as well as be available for any questions or needs they had during the shoot. It is all very exciting, and I'm glad I am here to see the process."



Top to bottom—Roger photographs the breakfast sitting room; Roger's equipment is all connected to his laptop; Jan and Deb finalize the details in the living room; After many hours of prep, Jan can almost relax on the porch.

Jan was also involved in all aspects of the home's original interior design process. "We hired my good friend, Karen Stevens, who was out of Indianapolis. Having her available locally in our hometown, made decision-making easier (the Nasser's full-time home is in Indiana). Karen was an extremely well-respected designer with an amazing eye," Jan reflects. "She allowed me to be a part of everything, and I always got the final say on what we did, especially when it came to the log home feel I was looking for. I tore out pages and pages of what I liked along the way, as I saw what I wanted." Karen, Jan confides, was in poor health for many years, and she very sadly passed away just a month after the Nasser home was completed. "It was truly a blessing working with her. We had a lot of fun. I'm so grateful to have a touch of her spirit in every room."

Fourth of July Holiday Guide

A little planning gives you many options for this year's Fourth of July celebrations. There are a number of great firework shows, BBQ's, and music events that you can choose from.

Both Lake Burton and Lake Rabun schedule high quality displays over the water, and a boat is required. It is an awesome way to see fireworks. Call early to secure your boat for the holiday and any time this summer, so your family may enjoy our amazing local lakes.

Boat Rentals: [Anchorage Boat Rentals](#) at 706-212-0534 or [LaPrades Marina](#) at 706-947-0010 (Burton) or [Hall's Boat House](#) at 706-782-4981 (Rabun).



Fourth of July Week Events:

July 4—A crowd favorite is [The Dillard House](#) Annual Fireworks Display held each Fourth of July. Visit the Dillard House and enjoy an evening of BBQ and entertainment. Relax on the porch as the show begins in the field below. Or, bring lawn chairs and see all the glory from the hill of the Rabun Gap Nacoochee School across the street or even tailgate along Wolfork Valley Road. Great views are everywhere. The show is always a treat.

Lake Burton [Duck Tape Regatta](#) starts at 10:30 sponsoring [Rabun Paws4Life!](#)

July 5—Kick off the weekend on Friday with the [Lake Burton Fun Run](#). [Lake Burton Fun Run](#) is a great opportunity to walk and run 2 miles along the most scenic of Georgia's lakes. The Run begins at 8:30 am at Moccasin Creek State Park and finishes at LaPrade's Marina. Prizes, music, and awards. , as well as, after run activities are planned.

[Lake Rabun Association](#) hosts their annual Fireworks Extravaganza starting about 9 pm. The show will launch from the Lake Rabun Dike (just north of the Dam). Viewing is spectacular from the lake, but some might find viewing spots along Shady Lane or Mathis Dam Road on the eastern side of the lake.

July 6—[Lake Burton Fireworks](#) begins around 9:30 pm (rain date July 7). Join a flotilla of fun out on Lake Burton presented by the Lake Burton Civic Association (LBCA). The show is produced by Pyrotecnico, one of the largest firework display producers in the world. This show is like few others. You'll be on a beautiful lake surrounded by the colorful lights of hundreds of boats while the fireworks soar right over head. A boat is needed for this show which is staged on Billy Goat Island (near the dam). LBCA reminds all watercraft to drive slowly and thoughtfully upon completion of the show.

[Lake Rabun Road Race Ramble](#) starts the day at 7:30 am from Lake Rabun Pavilion. Register online by following the link. This race is both a 5 and 10K certified by Pacesetters PR. The Ramble proceeds go to the Lake Rabun Foundation which sponsors charities throughout Rabun County.

July 7—Wind down the weekend with the 34th Annual Wooden Boat Regatta beginning at 10:30 am at Mathis Dam on Lake Rabun. The parade follows Lake Rabun Road to Big Basin and back to Brandon Mill Road.



Creek Crossing

Heaven's Landing and the surrounding hills and valleys are filled with fresh springs, brooks and rivers. As the summer days approach enjoy a little time with young ones splashing and exploring the cool mountain water.



All you need is water shoes or bare feet will do in small familiar brooks. You might not be aware, but there is a world of discovery waiting for you— no matter your age.



First, just get down low and look around. The first thing I spotted in a Heaven's Landing brook was an Ocoee Salamander laying in wait by the shallow shore. (Our area of the United States has one of the largest and most diverse populations of salamanders found *in the world*.) If you wish to pick them up make sure you have wet clean hands, be gentle, and quick on your reflexes— they can move!



Keeping it simple for your first creek outing. Look for the awesome and often time prehistoric looking invertebrates that lurk everywhere. Print this very useful [identification key](#) to take with

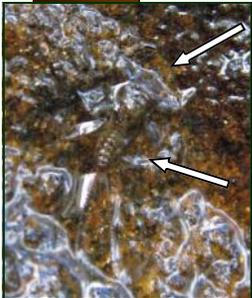
you.



Above the water, you will likely see a few species of water surface bugs. The photo to left is a [water strider](#). Water striders do not bite, but other water bugs do, so use caution. They are nicknamed, the "Jesus Bug" - no need to wonder why.



Exploring under stream rocks is like opening a present! (Ok, if you are into this type of thing). One fast peek under a wet midstream rock will likely reveal a few invertebrates. Many will quickly scurry around the rock when disturbed but will also quickly settle down. Often there are a variety of critters to see. Checkout the Caddisfly casings in the photo to the right and an emerging Caddisfly from its silk casing.



See the photo to the left, it is absolutely spooky. But this one gets less so as an adult Mayfly, (click photo for the link). Mayfly nymphs will live up to two years underwater, but often just *one day* as winged adults. The Mayfly, Damselfly and Dragonfly nymphs are all very similar, so it is a good educational challenge to tell them apart.

One special note— Heaven's Landing sits on the [Eastern Continental Divide](#). Water that originates here is fresh and pure. Where it originates determines where it will eventually flow. On the east and south hillsides it will eventually make its way to the Atlantic Ocean, and on the west and northsides it will end up in the Gulf of Mexico.



Wishing you happy summer days playing in the creeks. There are places to explore everywhere. Bring along a camera and a small plastic magnifying glass for seeing those otherworldly details! Stop right as you enter into Heaven's Landing or head up the road a bit to the [Tallulah River or Coleman Rivers](#).



Enjoy your time and of course, simply use commonsense. ALWAYS stay out of fast moving water, and please NEVER turn your back on little ones. Be observant as you wish your children to be. If you wish to pick up critters, know what they are first. And finally, teach your children to be gentle as they explore.



Upcoming Events

Area Events:



First Friday Fest

Enjoy free concerts in the park sponsored by the merchants of Clayton. Enjoy great music at the Rock House on Main Street, 6-9 pm.

First Friday through October

Featured Farmer Thursdays

Lake Rabun Hotel & Restaurant, 6-10pm Come enjoy a freshly prepared meal by Chef Jamie with featured food grown from one of our local farms. Learn more about the local farmer and their methods of farming. Dinner is served from 6-10pm. For more information go to www.lakerabunhotel.com or call 706-782-4946.

Every Thursday May through Nov.

North Georgia Arts Tour

Presented by the North Georgia Arts Tour A single day, self-guided stroll through creative studios, workshops, storefronts and art centered events in a four county magical corner of the mountains re-invents the term "day trip". Painters, potters, wood turners, jewelry makers, yarn spinners and more welcome visitors. Check out www.artstour.org for area maps.

June 7-9

3rd Annual Rabun Co Rodeo

The Bar-W Rodeo Company from Hayesville, NC is bringing a professional rodeo to Rabun County. There will be Bareback/Saddle Bronc riding, Calf Roping, Woman's Breakaway Roping, Steer Wrestling, Team Roping, Women's Barrel Racing, & Bull Riding. This is a professional rodeo sanctioned by the Professional Cowboys Association (www.pca.com). Adults \$12, Ages 6-12 \$6, children 5 & under free. For details, please contact Van Canup at 706-781-9880 or go to www.barwrodeoco.com.

June 7-8

Atlanta Symphony Orchestra

This will be the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra's 9th season with Rabun County Music Festival. We are once again delighted to have the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra present a "Special Performance" for our audience sponsored by United Community Bank. For more information about the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra go to www.atlantasymphony.org. The performance begins at 4 pm. For information about tickets to this performance and others in this series go to www.rabunmusicfestival.com.

June 9

NBHA Horse Show

Come out to watch some great barrel racing and exhibitions and have a lot family fun. The Exhibitions will start at 10am and the actual barrel racing will begin at 2pm. For more information, call the Arena Director at 706-982-0792.

June 15

Annual Farm Tour

Enjoy a multi-county tour of area farms that feature farmer's market specialties. \$30 per car (more after June 7) gets you one meal during your tour prepared by local chefs. Bring a cooler to purchase fresh from the farm produce and goods.

June 15-16

Kids Art Series

A great summer day camp series with local artists, Libby Mathews held at [Timpson Creek Gallery](http://TimpsonCreekGallery.com). Children 6-12 years old will study printmaking, bookmaking, collage, and painting. \$50 per student per day, call 706.782.5164.

June 15-22

Habitat for Humanity Hoedown

Dillard House Conference Center, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Tickets include the infamous Dillard House BBQ meal with all the trimmings, music and live and silent auction! All proceeds benefit Rabun County Habitat for Humanity. Please Barbara Cantrell for more information – 706-490-1707.

July 11

Clayton Crawl

Crawl all over downtown Clayton, Georgia to sample fabulous food from local restaurants. Stop by the Rock House and then stroll down Main Street to enjoy the festivities. Main Street is blocked off for this event so that you can enjoy several musical groups while you sample food and wine from our local eateries and vineyards. Enjoy the mountain view while you while away the evening! www.claytoncrawl.org.

July 20

Stay Informed



• **Weather Link.** Stay up to date on the Clayton, GA weather conditions and forecast from NOAA. <http://forecast.weather.gov/>



• **Wi-Fi** is available at the Clubhouse. Stay connected with your personal devices as you enjoy the amenities.



• **What's New with You?** Share photos and stories of what is new in your flying circles. Please send submissions to janclay@windstream.net. (All submissions are subject to editing and the evaluation of content.)



• **Go Green!** Please update your contact information with our office at 706.212.0017 or sales@heavenslanding.com and make sure we have your latest email address, so you will always stay informed.

• **Stay in Touch.** "Like" us on [Facebook](#), "[Heaven's Landing Residential Airpark.](#)"



• **Let us Know About Your Aviation Groups.** Give the office a call and share what groups and organizations you belong to, the website address, and the organization's contact information. (800) HEAVEN 2.



• **Fish year round** and enjoy our local lakes. When in Rabun, go boating! Rentals are available at [Anchorage Boat Rentals](#) at 706-212-0534 or [LaPrades Marina](#) at 706-947-0010.

Personal Trainer—Elisa Hopkins

Elisa Hopkins is a certified Personal Trainer and tailors training for men and women to the individual's interest and goals. Elisa currently conducts classes ranging in aerobic, kick-boxing, dance aerobics, and strength training at a new studio in Tiger, GA, [Studio e.](#)



Join Elisa and the four other instructors in feeling more energetic and healthier this year. There are over 20 classes to choose from.



Contact Elisa at 706-982-2302.

Heaven's Landing Services

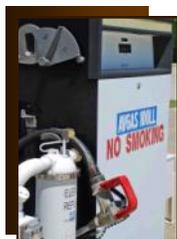
Heaven's Landing Concierge Service

We offer the finest, personalized, and professional services to meet your needs. Whether it's scheduling a trustworthy service to clean your home, picking up groceries, or keeping up with routine maintenance, Heaven's Landing Concierge Service will maintain your property, so you can fully enjoy your Heaven's Landing home. Please contact our office for information: 706.212.0017 or sales@heavenslanding.com.



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Our Current Fuel Prices



Self Serve Pumps

AV GAS	\$5.95/ gal*
JET A	\$5.30/gal*



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