

HEAVEN'S LANDING

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John Cook flies his "personal time machine" over Heaven's Landing, a beautiful residential airpark located in Clayton, GA. This 2005 Lancair IV-PT is powered by a Walter turbine engine from Turbine Power Technologies, Deland, FL. With 750 shaft horsepower, Avia propeller, and an extremely slippery airframe, this aircraft is capable of 340 knot cruising speeds. The 5,200' concrete runway at Heaven's Landing is pictured in the background, surrounded by 635 acres of residential fly-in nirvana. Photographer Peter McIntosh took this shot from a Cessna 210 flown by Heaven's Landing developer, Mike Ciochetti, Jr.

We saw a familiar place and plane on the highly coveted cover of *Trade-A-Plane* this month. The staple aviation magazine's Display Manager Jason Vaughn shared the sweet news with us and provided us with a digital copy for our own cover!

This Month...

Tallulah Gorge

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Tallulah Gorge State Park



New Video Footage:
[This video](#) captures stunning aerial shots of the falls, forests, and bridges of the park. The video does a great job of showing the amazing scale of the gorge. It's about as good as it gets without visiting in person!



About the Park:

One of the most spectacular canyons in the eastern U.S., Tallulah Gorge is two miles long and nearly 1,000 feet deep. Visitors can hike rim trails to several overlooks, or they can obtain a permit to hike to the gorge floor. A suspension bridge sways 80 feet above the rocky bottom, providing spectacular



views of the river and waterfalls. Tightrope walkers have twice crossed the gorge, and visitors can still see towers used by Karl Wallenda. A paved path follows an old railroad bed, perfect for strollers and bicycles, while mountain bikers can test their skills on a challenging 10-mile trail.

Gems of Georgia

Tallulah Gorge State Park

Upcoming Events:

You can read up on the latest about Tallulah Gorge (and other State Park) events on their [website](#), and their [events calendar](#).

Register in advance for any of the hikes below by calling 706-754-7981.



Full Moon Suspension Bridge Hike

Wednesday, March 23

8:00 pm to 10:00 pm

A one mile hike down the stairs, across the suspension bridge, and on the rim of the gorge, all under the beautiful full moon. \$5 plus \$5 parking.

Sunrise Hike

Sunday, March 6

6:30 am to 7:30 am

Get up early and catch the sunrise. This hike also allows you to beat some of the heat of the day. \$5 plus \$5 parking.



Hidden Gems Hike—Persistent Trillium

Saturday, March 12

11:00 am to 2:30 pm

Part of a 12 part series in 2016. Every month a hike will take visitors to a hidden gem of the park. In March, take the Hurricane Falls Loop hike, a moderate 1.5 miles involving 1,099 stairs, and spot the flowering persistent trilliums (bottom right) along the way.

Sunset Easter Egg Hunt

Friday, March 25

6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Bring your children ages 0-12 to the Jane Hurt Yam Interpretive Center to celebrate the Easter season.



Gems of Georgia

Fly Fishing



There's no wrong way to enjoy the natural beauty of North Georgia. That being said, are you looking for a new way to explore the outdoors? With its numerous and serene lakes, rivers, and streams, Rabun County and the surrounding areas are great for fly fishing!



Fly fishing, put simply, is a technique which uses an artificial insect ("fly") as bait. Since this bait is nearly weightless, unlike other types of bait or lures, the way it is casted is different, too.

In reel fishing, the weight of the lure provides the motion for the cast; in fly fishing, the weight of the line does, hence the reason fly fishing line is heavier.

Like reel fishing though, fly fishing can be equal parts relaxing and exciting. Fly fishing is most commonly used to catch trout, grayling, and salmon, but can also be used for pike, bass, panfish, carp, and even some ocean species.



The hobby of fly fishing combines knowledge about watersheds, fish, weather, and insects. It's an activity that gets the whole family outdoors and having fun.

If you feel intimidated—don't fret! Beginners can enjoy fly fishing as much as the experts, and there are many great guide services available in the area. Connect with one of the great resources on the following pages to get started.

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Fly Fishing

The Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited

The mission of the [Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited](#) is to conserve, protect, and restore Northeast Georgia's coldwater fisheries and their watersheds. Established in 1986, Rabun TU has been recognized nationwide for its hands-on projects, policy work, and educational offerings for both youth and adults to ensure that future generations may enjoy fishing in cleaner, more abundant waters.

Beginners' Fly Fishing Seminar "Rabunite 101"

When:

Saturday, March 19
8:30 am to 1:00pm

Where:

The Rabun County Recreation Center

Who:

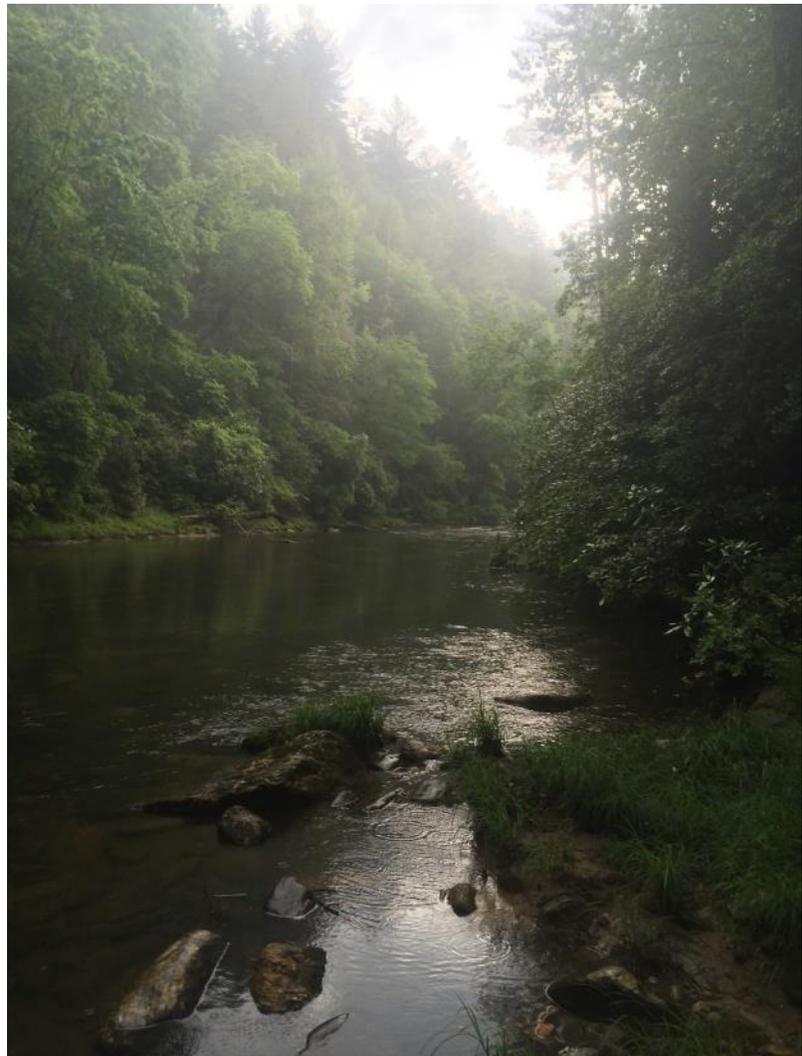
Adults, male and female, 16 and older

How much:

Only \$25 (checks can be made payable to "Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited")

What:

The seminar will cover equipment, casting, knots, and entomology (the insects we imitate for fish to eat). Sign up soon, as the session is limited to 28. Sign up by emailing knc615@windstream.net. Call 706-782-6954 or visit their [website](#) for more information.



Fly Fishing

**Unicoi Outfitters - Fly Fishing Professionals
Helen, GA**

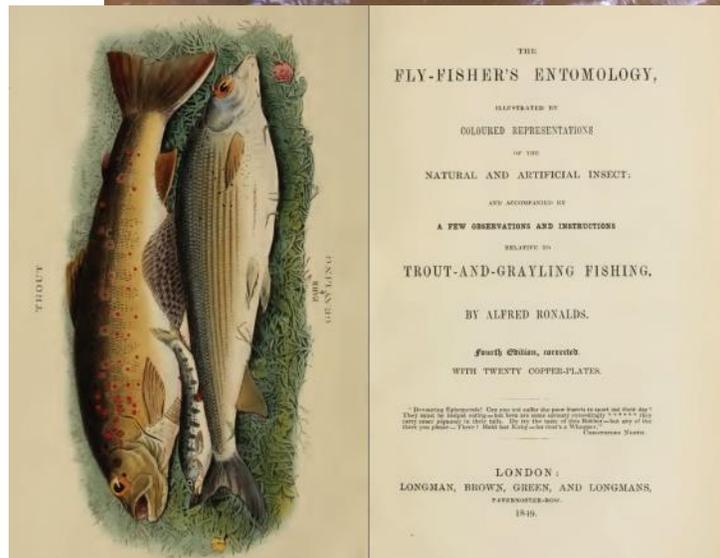
Unicoi Outfitters prides itself on having the most professional and most capable guide staff of any guide service anywhere. All of our guides have extensive experience on our local waters as well as streams across the country. Our guides have invested years in learning their craft, and they want to share their knowledge with you on the stream in order to give you the most memorable fishing trip possible.

**Fly Fishing North Georgia - Guide Service
Athens, GA**

Offering guided wading and drift boat trips on several private trophy streams and public rivers, [Fly Fishing North Georgia](#) is your best resource for fishing the trout streams of north Georgia. Whether you are looking for an instructional trip for beginners, or access to north Georgia's finest trophy trout streams for experienced anglers, Fly Fishing North Georgia has you covered. Reserve your trip by calling 706-833-1083.

**Reel Em In - Guide Service
Ellijay, GA**

Are you looking for fishing guides who can make your fly fishing trip fun? Our Blue Ridge Fishing Guides strive to make it happen! Our equipment like rods, fly lines and waders are clean, and kept in top condition for any type of fishing excursion. You will not have to use any old, out of date or worn out gear with us! Whether you're a beginner or expert, our Pro-Guides will take time to teach you "how to" fly fish or give you advanced casting tactics. Come and learn the "art of fly fishing" with us! And make it a sport you can enjoy for a lifetime.



Gems of Georgia

HAMBIDGE

The Hambidge Center

[The Hambidge Center](#) is more than simply a multimedia artistic residency program. They welcome applications from the widest range of perspectives: environmental science, history, philosophy, art education, metalworking, painting, landscape architecture, playwriting, musical composition, choreography – [the list](#) goes on! The Center serves as a steward to a pristine 600 acres in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, ensuring natural conservation for generations to come. Every Saturday, they welcome the public to a series of educational programs and nurturing retreats. For 82 years, the Center has been a haven for creative individuals to celebrate and study the unity between art and nature.



When Hambidge was founded in 1934, it was one of the first artist communities in the United States. Founder Mary Hambidge was talented in vaudeville performance, organic farming, and weaving. Her eclectic skills inspired her to open the Hambidge Center to artists from all walks of life. The Hambidge Center is a member of the [Alliance of Artist's Communities](#) and [Res Artis](#), a worldwide network of artist residencies.



Gems of Georgia

The Hambidge Center

Upcoming Events:

Gristmill Visit

Saturday, March 5

1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

On the first Saturday of each month at the [Historic Barker's Creek Mill](#), visitors can witness volunteer miller Laurence Holden using traditional grinding methods. Holden is a knowledgeable resource for any questions about the mill's history. Stone ground grits and cornmeal are available for purchase.



Resident Artist Talk

Saturday, March 12

7:00 pm

This monthly event gives the public the chance to meet with the current artist-in-residence. Come to Lucinda's Rock House and learn about their creative process, inspiration, and experience at Hambidge. This event is free to members or give what you can (suggested \$5).

Nature Hike

Saturday, March 19

The Center maintains over 7 miles of beautiful hiking trails through an area rich with biodiversity. One of their knowledgeable guides will lead you through this well-preserved wilderness. [Email](#) Deb Sanders or call 706-746-7324 if you would like to participate. Free to members or give what you can (suggested \$5).



Lightweight Gallery Opening Reception

Saturday, March 19

4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

[The Weave Shed Gallery](#) features art in the fields of pottery, ceramics, sculpture, fiber arts, painting, paper, and more. The upcoming show Lightweight, which runs through June 11, includes works from a variety of artists and media, all exploring the theme of lightness.



Weaving Demo

Saturday, March 26

10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Hambidge founder Mary Hambridge's craft of choice was weaving. Christine Jason, Operations Manager of the Center, will give a demonstration on this traditional method of textile design and creation in the Weave Shed Gallery.

Support the Center and enjoy all their events free of charge by [becoming a member!](#)

Save the Date for Our Spring Owners-Only Cocktail Party

HEAVEN'S LANDING OWNERS' PARTY

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SATURDAY

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23

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APRIL

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Five PM

Heaven's Landing Clubhouse

Join us for a plethora of complimentary hors d'oeuvres and refreshments, provided by Heaven's Landing Development. Come meet your neighbors, along with our new partners John Auer and Terry Stiles.



Challenge Air for Kids and Friends Saturday, April 30 at Heaven's Landing

If you're a pilot that wants to make a profound difference in the lives of others while very likely making a big difference in your own, we have a great opportunity for you! On Saturday, April 30th Heaven's Landing will be hosting an event called Challenge Air for Kids & Friends.

This unprecedented event promises to change the lives of everyone who chooses to attend. Please make plans to join us for a fun filled day of activities starting at 9:00 a.m., highlighted by the gift of flight being given to 25 young children with special needs. A complimentary lunch will be served to all attendees.

Whether you fly or not, feel free to come out and join in the festivities. Witness the smiles and excitement as we lift the spirits and expand the horizons of these especially lucky young individuals as they take to the sky for the very first time.

Several pilots have volunteered their aircraft and personal services for this event to date, but we can always use more if you are so inclined. Donations & sponsorships are also highly appreciated and fully tax deductible. Challenge Air for Kids & Friends is a non-profit 501C3 corporation.

Sponsors that have committed to this event so far include:

- * First American Bank
- * Reeve's Ace Hardware
- * The Clayton Rotary Club
- * Kiwanis Club
- * The Rabun Masonic Lodge
- * The Rabun County Pilot Club
- * The Anchor Club
- * S-n-K Construction

As a prelude to this event, The Pilot Club will be hosting a homemade Italian Feast on Wednesday, March 16th at 5:45pm. The price is only \$5.00 per person, with Love Offering Benefits pledged to Challenge Air for Kids and Friends.

Dinner will be served at the Clayton 1st United Methodist Family Life Center located at 205 Ministry Mountain Drive, Clayton, Georgia. Please RSVP by March 13th by calling (706) 782-4426.

We look forward to seeing all of you.



Come meet us at the Waterfall Country Club this Easter Weekend

This year for Easter we want to invite everyone from Heaven's Landing to celebrate with us at the [Waterfall Country Club](#). Heaven's Landing and The Waterfall Club have a unique relationship that presents our owners with a great opportunity to become members at highly discounted prices. The Waterfall Club features award winning golf, fine dining, tennis, swimming and fitness facilities, in a setting that is absolutely breathtaking.

On **Saturday, March 26**, bring the kids and grandkids to Waterfall for their annual EGG-stravaganza Easter Egg Hunt.

Then on **Sunday, March 27**, enjoy a delicious buffet brunch at The Lodge, with its incredible views of Lake Burton.

Watch for an email with details and times coming shortly!



Once again, Heaven's Landing goes above and beyond expectations to bring you another Airshow and Concert Extravaganza!!

If there is one thing to see in Rabun County all year, this is it!



Save the date!

**Saturday
June 25
6 PM**

The Flying Musicians Association

Corporate Members & Sponsors



Flying an aircraft requires precision, multitasking, discipline, listening abilities, and fine motor skills. Being an musician demands all these talents as well! [The Flying Musicians Association](#) was founded in 2009 with the motto "Two Passions, One Goal. Bringing Aviation and Music Together."

Through presentations, performances, and scholarships, they inspire, educate, and encourage musicians and aviators in achieving their goals and dreams. The [FMA Solo Program](#) is a yearly scholarship awarded to a talented high school musician with aspirations to fly.

Their 2016 deadline has passed; however, keep them in mind this coming year if you know someone who could benefit from their scholarship, and visit them Sun n Fun, Summer NAMM (National Association of Music Merchants), and Oshkosh!



Save the Date for the 3rd Annual Runway Runaway 5k! Sunday, May 22

Don't miss your chance to run with your family and friends on the Heaven's Landing runway. Stay tuned for more details on how to register.



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17th Annual Celebrate Clayton GEORGIA

Rabun County's Art Festival

Saturday April 30
10:00 am to 5:00 pm
&
Sunday May 1
10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Rain or Shine!

Rabun County's Arts and Fine Crafts Festival is held annually the last weekend in April.

Stay all day, enjoying the kids' activity area, food and refreshment from local vendors, and live entertainment.

There's still time to become an [exhibitor](#), [vendor](#), or a [sponsor](#).



CLAYTON, GEORGIA EVENTS

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Rabun County at its Best - 2016

Come enjoy the beautiful Northeast Georgia Mountains!

April-May

Celebrate Clayton Saturday, April 30, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday, May 1, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. *Art and fine crafts, entertainment, food, kids' activities*, Main Street, Clayton Kathy Ford, 706-212-9958. www.celebrateclayton.com

Tour of Georgia Gran Fondo Bicycle Event Saturday, May 14, 8 a.m., Universal Joint on Main Street, Clayton. www.gfncs.com

4th Annual Fur Ball - Dance, Dinner, Wine & Beer, and Auction Benefitting Rabun Paws 4 Life, Inc. Shelter. Saturday, May 21, 5 p.m., Rabun County Civic Center. 706-201-3397. www.rabunpaws4life.com



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June Check websites for June activities www.downtownclaytonga.org www.explorerabun.com www.gamountains.com

July

Painted Fern Festival of Art Saturday, July 9, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday, July 10, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Rabun County Civic Center, Hosted by the North Georgia Arts Guild, Randy Sells, 706-839-7185. www.northgeorgiaartsguild.com

8th Annual Clayton Crawl * Saturday, July 16, 6-9 p.m., Main Street, Clayton. CMBA, 706-982-1284. *Wine and beer, food from local and area restaurants, and music.* www.claytoncrawl.org

Garlic Fest, Friday, July 29, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Rock House Park, Main Street, Clayton. *Continues* Saturday, July 30, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Clayton Municipal Complex, 837 Hwy. 76 W, Clayton. www.rabunmarket.com

August

20th Dillard Bluegrass & Barbeque Festival, Friday, August 5-Saturday, August 6, Dillard City Hall. *Music, food, crafts and family fun.* www.dillardbbq.org

September

Rhapsody in Rabun Gala and Auction, Monday, September 12, 5 p.m., Rabun County Civic Center. 706-490-1494. www.rhapsodyinrabun.com

Locally Produced Markets, Vineyards and Distillery on the reverse

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October

Foxfire Mountaineer Festival, Saturday, October 1, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Rabun County Civic Center. Foxfire, 706-746-5828. **Foxfire's 50th Anniversary!**

Halloween Activities, Clayton Municipal Complex, 837 Hwy. 76 W, 706-782-4512.

November

Turkey Trot * for Clayton Cluckers 5K Fun Run/Benefit, Thursday (Thanksgiving morning), November 24, 8 a.m. Registration at Fromage on Earl Street, Clayton. *Benefits local charity.* CMBA, 706-982-1284.

Christmas in Downtown Clayton * Friday, November 25, 5-8 p.m. CMBA, 706-782-1520. *Santa, shopping, refreshments, bagpiper and caroling!*

Christmas Tree Lighting * Friday, November 25, 6 p.m. Rock House Park, Main Street, Clayton. CMBA, 706-782-1520. *Come see Santa!*

Holiday Arts & Crafts Extravaganza and Festival of Trees, November 25-26, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Rabun County Civic Center, Savannah Street, Clayton. *Preview Party, Saturday, November 19, 5-7 p.m.* Margaret Dunn, 706-212-2149.

Santa on Saturday at the Rock House * Saturday, November 26, 12 noon-3 p.m. Main Street, Clayton. CMBA, 706-782-1520. *Bring your camera!*

December

Christmas Parade, Saturday, December 3, 5 p.m., Main Street, Clayton. Chamber of Commerce, 706-782-4812.



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FOR MORE INFO, contact individuals. www.downtownclaytonga.org

FOR MORE AREA EVENTS (Fair, Rodeos, etc.), www.explorerabun.com www.gamountains.com

Locally Produced

Simply Homegrown Farmers Market

April 30 through November 19
Saturdays, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Clayton Municipal Complex • 837 Highway 76 W

Main Street Farmers' Market

May through August
Saturdays, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
74 N. Main Street • Clayton

Tiger Mountain Winery & Red Barn Cafe

Tasting Room open year round
CAFE - May to November
www.tigerwine.com • 706-782-9256

Stonewall Creek Vineyards

Mid-March to December
www.stonewallcreek.com
706-212-0584

Moonrise Distillery

Tours Monday - Friday
Clayton • 404-697-8800 • www.moonrisedistillery.com

Heaven's Landing Concierge Services

Heaven's Landing Concierge Services is on call for our truly unique and mobile owners. The Heaven's Landing staff is pleased to provide clients with a vast array of services.



Please call the office at **706-212-0017** for pricing information and other consultations. Please note that due to offering a vast array of services to our owners, all requests for assistance will be billed at a pre-arranged fee.

Some of our commonly requested services include the following:

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| Interior Cleaning | Alarm/Security Checks |
| Holding Postal Mail | Scheduling Party Staff and Maintenance Services |
| Receiving Service Personnel | Transportation Needs |
| Landscaping | Receiving Furniture, Appliances, and Packages |
| Lot and Yard Maintenance | Tree Removal |
| Shopping | Window Washing |
| Pressure Washing | Gutter Cleaning |



Quick Links

Weather Link — Stay up to date on the Clayton, GA conditions and forecast from [NOAA](#).

Heaven's Landing Facebook Page — ["Heaven's Landing Residential Airpark."](#)

Rabun County Tourism Development Authority — [ExploreRabun.com](#), (706) 212-0241.

Marina and Boating Information — [Anchorage Boat Rentals](#) at (706) 782-5193 or [LaPrade's Marina](#) at 706-947-0010.

Local Events and Information — [Rabun County Chamber of Commerce](#) at (706) 782-4812 and [Rabun County Visitors Bureau](#) at (706) 212-0241.

Facebook "Likes" — Exploring the back woods: [Waterfall of Western North Carolina](#), [Waterfall and Back Roads of North Georgia](#), and [The Wayward Traveler](#).

Airfield Fuel Prices



Self Serve Pumps

AV GAS \$3.99 / gal*

JET A \$4.29 / gal*

**Prices Subject to Change.*

Prices as of February 23, 2015





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