



**RV TRIPGEN**

The Complete Guide to  
RV Travel in  
**Georgia**

Speed limits, towing rules, NPS reservations, Appalachian grades,  
and everything else you need to know before you cross the state line.

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# RV travel in Georgia

Georgia is one of the most varied RV states east of the Mississippi. From the Atlantic coast (Cumberland Island, Jekyll, Tybee) up through the Antebellum heart (Macon, Savannah, Atlanta) and into the southern Appalachians at Brasstown Bald, you can stitch a three-week loop without backtracking. The state-park system is genuinely excellent with full-hookup RV sites at most major parks. The Chattahoochee NF gives you a million acres of free dispersed camping in the north. Civil War and Civil Rights heritage sites are dense. Roads are generally good and fuel is cheap. The catch: Atlanta traffic is among the worst in the country (avoid I-285 and I-75/I-85 weekdays 7-10am and 3-7pm), hurricane risk runs Jun-Nov on the coast, summer humidity inland is punishing, and the North Georgia mountains have sustained grades and tight back roads where big rigs struggle.

## Georgia by the numbers

<b>Boondocking + dispersed sites</b>	393
<b>Established campgrounds</b>	172
<b>Dump stations</b>	39
<b>Propane refills</b>	33
<b>Potable water fill-ups</b>	57
<b>Laundromats</b>	12
<b>RV showers</b>	6
<b>Verified-bad spots (overnight prohibited)</b>	28

Source: iOverlander community database (64% of Georgia spots verified in the last 24 months).

## Driving rules

<b>Interstate (cars)</b>	70 mph
<b>Interstate (trucks + towing)</b>	70 mph
<b>US/State highway (cars)</b>	65 mph
<b>US/State highway (towing)</b>	55-65 mph (posted)
<b>Built-up areas</b>	25-35 mph (posted)
<b>Drive on</b>	Right
<b>RV passenger seatbelts</b>	Required for all front-seat occupants in any vehicle under 26,000 lb GVWR

<b>Cell phone use while driving</b>	Hands-free only (banned hand-held statewide since 2018)
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## Highways

### RV-friendly corridors

Highway	Note
I-75	Florida line to Tennessee via Atlanta and Macon. Main north-south spine. Big rigs, easy -- except through Atlanta itself.
I-95	Atlantic coastal corridor through Savannah and Brunswick. Easy. Watch for hurricane-evac contraflow Jun-Nov.
I-85	Atlanta northeast to South Carolina. Easy except through Atlanta metro.
I-20	Atlanta east to Augusta and on to South Carolina. Standard.
I-16	Macon to Savannah. Long flat ride through pine country; fuel stops widely spaced.
I-185	Columbus loop. Easy.
US-441	Athens up through Helen, Dillard, and into North Carolina. Two-lane in stretches but well-paved. The North Georgia mountain section has 5-6% grades but no switchbacks.
US-1	Savannah south to Florida. Mostly two-lane through small towns. Easy.

### RV-restricted segments

Segment	Restriction
I-285 Atlanta perimeter at peak hours	Not technically restricted but the 285/85 N interchange ("Spaghetti Junction") and the I-75 split are nightmare merges with a big rig. Plan around 7-10am and 3-7pm weekdays.
GA-180 Spur to Brasstown Bald summit	Last 2 miles to the summit observation deck have a 7% grade, tight curves, and a small turnaround. Trailers and big motorhomes -- use the lower visitor lot and walk or shuttle up.
Russell-Brasstown National Scenic Byway (GA-348 / Richard Russell Scenic Hwy)	Beautiful but tight, with 4-5% sustained grades. Class C and 30-ft motorhomes manageable; not for 40+.
Cohutta Wilderness back roads	Forest-service roads (FS 18, FS 64) into Cohutta have weight-limited bridges and tight clearance. Stick to developed campgrounds (Lake Conasauga is 4WD-only on the access road).
Tallulah Gorge bridge access roads	Tallulah Gorge State Park is fine on US-441; the gorge-rim trails are obviously not for any vehicle.

## Mountain passes

Pass	Elevation	Note
Brasstown Bald summit road (GA-180 Spur)	4784 ft	Highest point in Georgia. Final 2-mile spur is 7% grade with tight curves -- park trailers at the lower visitor lot.
Neels Gap (US-19/US-129)	3125 ft	Appalachian Trail crossing. Sustained 5-6% climb from both sides. Manageable for any rig with low gears.
Unicoi Gap (GA-75)	2949 ft	Helen up to Hiawassee. Two-lane mountain highway. Fine for 35-ft motorhomes.
Hogpen Gap (GA-348)	3450 ft	Russell-Brasstown Scenic Byway. Tight curves. Not for 40-ft rigs.

## National parks + monuments

National Park / Monument	Entry fee	Reservation note
Cumberland Island NS	\$15/person (7 days)	Island accessible only by ferry from St Marys; no vehicles permitted. RV parking at St Marys ferry terminal. Backcountry camping only on the island.
Chattahoochee River NRA	\$5/vehicle day use	Day-use only. No camping in the NRA. Stay at Stone Mountain Park (commercial) or McKinney Campground (USACE Lake Allatoona).
Kennesaw Mountain NBP	Free entry	Day-use only. Allatoona Lake USACE campgrounds 20 miles north.
Chickamauga and Chattanooga NMP (Georgia side)	Free entry	Day-use only. Cloudland Canyon State Park 30 miles west has full hookups.
Andersonville NHS	Free entry	Day-use only. Georgia Veterans State Park 35 miles south has full-hookup RV sites.
Ocmulgee Mounds NHP	Free entry	Day-use only. Several commercial RV parks in Macon.
Jimmy Carter NHS (Plains)	Free entry	Day-use only. Florence Marina State Park 40 miles south has full hookups.
Fort Frederica NM (St Simons Island)	\$10/vehicle (7 days)	Day-use only. Blythe Island Regional Park (Brunswick) takes RVs.
Fort Pulaski NM (Tybee Island)	\$10/vehicle (7 days)	Day-use only. Skidaway Island State Park 20 miles south takes big rigs.
Martin Luther King Jr NHP	Free entry	Atlanta urban site, day-use only. Stone Mountain Park has the closest RV camping.
Trail of Tears NHT	Free (auto tour route)	Self-guided auto-tour through north Georgia.

## State parks

Georgia State Parks operate 45+ parks and are particularly RV-friendly with full-hookup sites at most major locations: Stone Mountain (Atlanta), Vogel, Cloudland Canyon, Tallulah Gorge, Amicalola Falls (Appalachian Trail south terminus), Black Rock Mountain (highest state park in GA at 3,640 ft), Magnolia Springs, Hard Labor Creek, Skidaway Island, Crooked River, Florence Marina, Reed Bingham, Georgia Veterans. Reservable up to 13 months ahead via [gastateparks.org](http://gastateparks.org). Day-use \$5/vehicle ParkPass. Camping \$30-50/night for full hookups. Most parks offer big-rig pull-throughs.

## Boondocking + dispersed camping

**BLM:** No significant BLM land in Georgia. Public-land dispersed camping is restricted to national forests and a handful of WMAs requiring a state hunting/fishing or WMA permit.

**National Forest:** Chattahoochee NF (north Georgia, 750,000+ acres) and Oconee NF (central Georgia, 115,000 acres) permit free dispersed camping along forest roads with a 14-day stay limit. Popular Chattahoochee areas: Cooper Creek, Frank Gross, Lake Conasauga (4WD access), Andrews Cove. Cohutta Wilderness is hiker-only. Developed NF campgrounds take rigs to 35-40 ft but most have no hookups.

**Stay limit:** 14 days at any one location (federal rule, applies to BLM and NF dispersed).

## Tribal lands

Georgia has no federally-recognised tribal nations resident in-state today; the Cherokee and Muscogee (Creek) were forcibly removed via the Trail of Tears in the 1830s. New Echota State Historic Site (Cherokee capital), Etowah Mounds, and Ocmulgee Mounds NHP all interpret this history. The Cherokee Nation (Oklahoma) and Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (North Carolina) maintain cultural ties to north Georgia.

## Propane, dump stations, fuel

**Propane:** Plentiful in Atlanta metro, Savannah, Macon, Augusta, Columbus, and along all interstates. Tractor Supply, U-Haul, and most KOA / Good Sam parks fill on-site. Sparse in the deep North Georgia mountains -- fill at Blairsville, Dahlonega, or Helen before heading into the Chattahoochee NF backcountry.

**Dump stations:** Dense along I-75 and I-95. Most Georgia State Parks have free dumps for registered guests. Flying J / Pilot truck stops have fee dumps. USACE Lake Allatoona, Lake Lanier, and Lake Hartwell campgrounds have free dumps for guests. Sparse in the North Georgia backcountry above 2,000 ft.

**Fuel:** Diesel and gas widely available along all interstates. Rural stretches in south Georgia along US-1 and US-441 and across I-16 can run 40-50 miles between stations. Top up at Macon, Dublin, or Vidalia on I-16. North Georgia mountain fuel is reliably 20-40 cents/gal higher than metro Atlanta. Fuel prices typically among the lowest in the country.

## Weather windows

**Best months:** March through May and October through early December. Daytime highs 65-80 F. Dogwoods and azaleas bloom Mar-Apr; the Blue Ridge foothills colour up mid-October to mid-November.

**Avoid:** July through early September: 90-98 F inland with 80%+ humidity, near-daily afternoon thunderstorms, and oppressive nighttime lows. June through November is hurricane season on the Atlantic coast (Savannah, Brunswick, the Golden Isles). Mar-May is peak severe-weather season inland with tornadoes possible. North Georgia mountains see occasional snow Dec-Feb and ice storms can shut roads for 2-3 days.

### Climate caution

If a hurricane warning is issued for the Georgia coast, mandatory evacuation usually triggers 24-48 hours ahead of landfall. I-16 westbound becomes contraflow from Savannah. Leave early -- once contraflow opens, fuel runs out within 8-12 hours along the route.

## Emergency + road conditions

<b>State patrol</b>	Dial *GSP (*477) from a cell phone, or 404-624-7000 for Georgia State Patrol main line
<b>Road conditions</b>	<a href="https://511ga.org">https://511ga.org</a>

## How RV TripGen helps

### Atlanta traffic-aware routing

RV Tripgen times your Atlanta crossing to avoid the I-285 and Spaghetti Junction rush hours, and reroutes via I-475 (Macon bypass) or the I-675/I-285 east side when traffic warrants.

### Coastal hurricane-evacuation awareness

RV Tripgen monitors active named storms in the Atlantic basin and warns you 72 hours ahead if a planned coastal overnight (Savannah, Jekyll, St Simons, Tybee) falls inside a forecast evacuation zone.