

On The Way Home You might Want To Consider...

Blue Ridge GA

Incorporated in 1886 and located in the northeast corner of Georgia, the City of Blue Ridge is the county seat of Fannin County. The City of Blue Ridge boasts beautiful mountain views, and the downtown area has a variety of quaint shops and eclectic restaurants, along with festivals and plenty of activities. Tracks for the Blue Ridge Scenic Railway bisect the downtown area, with the Scenic Railway itself operating out of the town's historic 100 year old Depot.

Blue Ridge is west of the Ridges. It is a 35 mile drive that will take about 40 minutes on Rte 76.

Helen GA

A re-creation of a Bavarian Alpine village, Helen has more than 200 specialty and import shops offering handmade gifts. Unicoi State Park offers nature trails and lake activities. Stop for a wine tasting at Habersham Winery or at Nora Mill Granary to pick up some stone-ground grits. Waterfalls are scattered all around the Helen area.

Helen is due south of the Ridges. Take Rte 288 to Rte 75 South. It is a 25 mile drive that will take about 45 minutes.

Tallulah Gorge

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. A suspension bridge sways 80 feet above the rocky bottom, providing spectacular views of the river and waterfalls. 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.

Tallulah Gorge is southeast of the Ridges. Take Rte 288 and continue onto Rte 76. In Clayton turn right onto Rte 441. Head south to Tallulah Gorge. The trip is about one hour covering 42 miles.