It's easy to see why this is one of Georgia's most popular state parks. Amicalola, a Cherokee Indian word meaning "tumbling waters," is an appropriate name for these 729-foot falls — the highest cascading waterfall east of the Mississippi River. An eight-mile approach trail leads from the park to Springer Mountain, the southern end of the 2,150-mile Appalachian Trail. However, numerous other trails

are available for shorter journeys. A beautiful lodge is popular with guests who prefer hotel-type comforts over cottages and camping, while a 5-mile hike leads to more remote accommodations at the Len Foote Hike Inn. Be sure to stop by the park visitor center to see nature displays, live exhibits and a gift shop.

Park Information
Park Hours
Visitor Center Hours 9:00 a.m 5:00 p.m.
Address418 Amicalola Falls Lodge Dr.
Dawsonville, GA 30534
Location: 15 miles northwest of Dawsonville on Hwy. 52
CountyDawson County
Park & Lodge Reservations (706) 265-8888 or
1-800-573-9656
Other Reservationswww.GaStateParks.org or
1-800-864-7275
Websites www.GaStateParks.org
www.galodges.com
Campground Reservations(706) 265-4703

Nearby Attractions

- Ellijay Apple Country
- Fort Mountain State Park
- New Echota State Historic Site (Cherokee Capital)
- Dahlonega Gold Museum State Historic Site
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 - · Area Waterfalls
 - · Chattahooche NF

ParkPass - A \$5 daily parking fee is required at all state parks, and proceeds go toward park maintenance. Frequent visitors can save money with an Annual ParkPass. Join the Friends of Georgia State Parks and get a free Annual ParkPass. The daily ParkPass is valid at all state parks visited that day.

All park rules and regulations are available for your convenience at the park visitor center and must be observed by all park visitors.

Activities and Facilities

Camping — The park offers 24 campsites. Hot showers, flush toilets and laundry facilities are located in the comfort station, which is ADA accessible. Campsites may be reserved up to 13 months in advance.

Cottages - 14 cottages may be reserved up to 13 months in advance for a quiet escape. Some are nestled in the woods along a creek, while others are set on a mountain for a panoramic view. Dogs allowed with advanced reservations.

Lodge & Restaurant - A 56-room lodge, restaurant and meeting facilities are available for getaways and group gatherings.

Maple Restaurant - Located in the lodge. Open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Mountain view.

Len Foote Hike Inn - Guests arrive at Georgia's only backcountry inn after hiking a five-mile trail beginning in Amicalola Falls State Park and traveling through portions of the Chattahoochee National Forest. Hearty meals, hot showers and private rooms await hikers at the end of the trail. www.hike-inn.com

Picnicking — The park provides dozens of picnic tables available on a first-come, first-serve basis, and five covered picnic shelters that may be reserved up to 13 months in advance.

Fishing — A stocked stream is open for trout fishing during season. Persons age 16 or older must have a valid resident/non-resident fishing license and trout stamp.

Play Areas — Two playgrounds are located near the visitor center and the lodge.

Annual Events - Naturalists offer programs year-round, including wildflower hikes, backpacking clinics, snake programs, Christmas activities and more. Ask park staff for a calendar. Ropes Course — Available for groups.

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Nearby Locations				
Atlanta	65 Miles	Ellijay	22 Miles	
Big Canoe	11 Miles	Gainesville	37 Miles	
Dahlonega	18 Miles	Hwy. 400	20 Miles	
Dawsonville	15 Miles	Jasper	22 Miles	

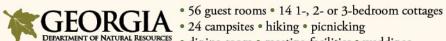
In Case of Emergency

Pay phones are located at the visitor center, campground and lodge. Park staff residences are indicated

Emergency	911 or (706) 265-8888
Lodge (24hrs.)	(706) 265-8888
Visitor Center	(706) 265-4703
Hospital	

Chestatee Regional Hospital is located 18 miles east of the park in Dahlonega. Turn left out of park gate, go 18 miles to Dahlonega and turn right onto Hwy. 60. The hospital is located 1/4 mile ahead on the right.

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Pests or Neighbors? - When visiting Amicalola Falls, please remember we share the outdoors with a great number of other living things. This is their home; we are visitors. Some of our wild friends may prove to be pests or even dangerous if not treated properly and with respect.

All plants and wildlife in the park are protected by law. Do not feed, harm, disturb, pick or remove any plants or animals. Failure to do so is a violation of the law and violators will be prosecuted. Please leave for others to enjoy.

DO NOT ATTEMPT TO FEED BEARS. It is illegal and dangerous, as feeding bears causes them to become dependent and too familiar with humans. A bear is an opportunist by nature. In the wild, it feeds on whatever is readily available. The bear's remarkable sense of smell leads it to unnatural foods, such as garbage. Food odors and garbage attract bears to park areas and this close interaction with humans can prove dangerous. Please keep your area clean.

Precautions - Due to a 25% grade, the mountain road is steep and winding. Caution in a lower gear should be used when ascending and descending the mountain. Thick fog is occasionally encountered during evening and early morning hours. During winter, the road often becomes covered with ice or snow quickly. Please abide by all posted signs and drive carefully.

The 729' waterfall and adjoining corridor is one of Georgia's Seven Natural Wonders. However, this fragile beauty can be dangerous. The waterfall should be viewed only from the lower and upper observation decks. Fatalities and numerous injuries have occurred when these instructions have been ignored. For this reason, anyone attempting to climb or walk down the waterfall corridor will be considered in violation of the law and handled accordingly. If you observe anyone attempting to climb the waterfall, please alert park rangers immediately. Remain on marked trails, steps and structures to preserve the integrity of the natural world and to ensure your safety.

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