

R-Ranch in the Mountains

Drink in the Blue Ridge views in north Georgia's foothills

LOCATION: Dahlonega, Georgia

WEBSITE: rranchga.com

RESORT TYPE: Coast Deluxe

WOODALL FACILITIES: ◆◆◆◆◆

SEASON: Open year-round

WOODALL RECREATION: ◆◆◆◆◆



Bordered on three sides by north Georgia's Chattahoochee National Forest, R-Ranch in the Mountains takes your breath away with its shining lakes, scenic woodlands, green pastures and whitewashed fences.

Start your visit to this Coast Deluxe Resort with a tour of the impressive 13,000-square-foot lodge, the place to be for cookouts, luaus, dance bands and holiday gatherings. Head downstairs for movies, video games and billiards.

Next to the lodge, you can bask in the sun and sip iced tea while keeping an eye on the kids as they splash in the Olympic-size outdoor pool. For a panoramic view, take a seat on the wraparound porch. In this spectacular setting, even the RV campsites offer glorious views.

After you tour the facilities, it's time to explore 20-some miles of neighboring trails—on foot and on horseback. Coast to Coast members can sign up for scheduled trail rides and saddle up on one of R-Ranch's gentle steeds.

Keep exploring until you discover the resort's pair of well-stocked lakes. Bass, bluegill and catfish swim in these

waters, as well as frogs, ducks and geese. Canoes ferry you to those hard to find fish or let you paddle for pleasure. Pack your lunch for a meal with a view at a lakeside picnic table.

Summer's the time to take part in planned activities, from theme events to water-volleyball tournaments. The resort's tennis and basketball courts are

two more places to pass the time—and two more reasons why R-Ranch earned Woodall's highest rating for Recreation.

Don't leave R-Ranch without visiting the charming Appalachian town of Dahlonega and some of the 30 waterfalls within easy driving distance, including Amicalola, the highest cascade in the eastern United States.

