



Gasette



Walton Gas customers share their picks for Georgia's best state parks.

Georgia is home to nearly 50 state parks that offer a diversity of breathtaking landscapes and outdoor adventures. We asked Walton Gas customers to recommend their favorite park for summertime fun. Here's what they had to say.

Tallulah Gorge State Park

TALLULAH FALLS

"I have been visiting this state park for 30-plus years," Janet Keener, Carrollton, says about the spectacular canyon that is 2 miles long and nearly 1,000 feet deep.

Hard Labor Creek State Park

RUTLEDGE

Mike Wasco of Athens is a volunteer at the park he says "has just about everything," including a popular golf course and a swimming beach on Lake Rutledge.

Tugaloo State Park

LAVONIA

Jim Lacy of Atlanta is among those who favor the park on Lake Hartwell that is a popular destination for fishing and other water activities.

Fort Mountain State Park

CHATSWORTH

"I hope everyone who is starved for the great outdoors can someday visit Fort Mountain," wrote nominator Glenda Brown of Lawrenceville. The park's trails attract hikers, mountain bikers and horseback riders.

Mistletoe State Park

APPLING

Though it's known as one of the finest bass fishing spots in the nation, Carolyn Magers of Conyers says she keeps coming back for the beautiful sunrises and sunsets across Clarks Hill Lake.

Black Rock Mountain State Park

MOUNTAIN CITY

"It is always nice to visit Black Rock Mountain State Park on a hot Georgia day," Mary Elliott of Athens said about Georgia's highest state park, which straddles the Eastern Continental Divide.

Learn more about these and other state parks on the Walton Wise blog at waltongas.com/walton-wise.

With mountaintop vistas overlooking pristine Appalachian forests, Black Rock Mountain State Park offers some of the most outstanding scenery in Georgia's Blue Ridge Mountains. Photo courtesy Georgia Department of Natural Resources (gastateparks.org)

gas up the stove

Bishop Asbury Pound Cake

4 sticks real butter	2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
4 cups sugar	2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract
9 eggs	4 cups cake flour

Cream together butter (softened to room temperature) with sugar using a heavy-duty electric mixer. Add whole eggs (also warmed to room temperature) one at a time and with the mixer running continuously at medium speed, add lemon juice and vanilla. Finally, add sifted flour a little bit at a time.

Grease and flour a 10-inch tube pan and pour the thoroughly mixed batter into it. Preheat oven to 325 degrees F and bake for 1 1/2 - 2 hours, or until a straw test shows that it is done. Remove to a rack to cool a bit, then turn onto the rack.

Submitted by Catherine Day of Alpharetta. Featured recipes are not independently tested, so we must depend on the accuracy of the cooks sending them. Always use safe food handling, preparation and cooking procedures from the recognized experts.

Fresh
lemon juice
makes this
recipe extra
tasty!



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