



SWEETWATER RETREAT

ATLANTA ATTRACTIONS & HOTSPOTS

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Lithia Springs, Georgia

You are 15 miles west of downtown Atlanta on I-20 — close enough for a show, far enough to sleep. Drive times are off-peak; add 15 to 30 minutes for rush hour.

TEN MINUTES FROM THE DOOR

Six Flags Over Georgia

10 min · Austell · 4.1 (33,500) · open 11am, later on Saturdays
290 acres of coasters — Goliath, Twisted Cyclone, the Georgia Scorch — plus kid rides and shows. Closer to this house than to almost any hotel in the city.

Riverside EpiCenter

10 min · Austell · 4.6 (1,460)
Bowling, a rock-climbing wall, a theater, a gym and a cafe under one roof. The rainy-day and teenager solution.

Arbor Place Mall

12 min · Douglasville · 4.2 (5,150)
Department stores, a movie theater and the Landing next door. For anything guests forgot to pack.

DOWNTOWN ATLANTA — 20 TO 25 MINUTES

Georgia Aquarium

22 min · 4.6 (90,000) · daily 9am–9pm
One of the largest aquariums on earth: whale sharks, beluga whales and manta rays. Book a timed ticket.

World of Coca-Cola

22 min · 4.4 (36,000) · daily 10am–9pm
The vault, the 4D film and the tasting room of drinks from around the world. Next door to the Aquarium, so pair the two.

Centennial Park district

22 min · free park · attractions vary
Centennial Olympic Park anchors the block, with the College Football Hall of Fame, 4.6, and the Center for Civil and Human Rights a short walk away.

Grant Park

25 min · free · Atlanta's oldest park
130 acres of shaded paths and playgrounds with Zoo Atlanta inside it and historic Oakland Cemetery just north. The Beacon next door turns old warehouses into shops and breweries; the farmers market runs Sunday mornings.

THE CLASSIC DAY TRIP

Stone Mountain Park

45–50 min · 4.6 (43,000)
Cable car to the summit, laser show, trails and lake. All highway, and worth the drive.

STADIUMS, ARENAS AND BIG SHOWS

Mercedes-Benz Stadium & State Farm Arena

22 min · 4.7 and 4.5 · downtown, two blocks apart
Falcons, Atlanta United and stadium concerts under the retractable roof; Hawks and Dream basketball plus the biggest touring acts next door.

Truist Park & The Battery

25 min · 4.7 (29,000)
Braves baseball wrapped in a walkable district of restaurants, bars and live music — worth the trip on a non-game night too.

Fox Theatre

25 min · 4.7 (11,200)
A restored 1929 movie palace hosting Broadway tours, concerts and ballet. Worth a ticket for the room alone.

NIGHTLIFE AND THE HOT LIST

The Painted Duck

26 min · 4.5 (3,140) · from 5pm, Fri–Sat until 2am
Duckpin bowling, bocce, darts and serious cocktails in a subterranean Westside space. The go-to Atlanta night out.

Lee + White — the Malt Disney District

25 min · Westside · on the BeltLine
A warehouse row of breweries and food with Westside BeltLine access: Monday Night Garage 4.7, Wild Heaven 4.5, distilleries and a food hall.

Ponce City Market & the BeltLine

30 min · 4.6 (17,200)
The city's favorite food hall in a converted Sears building, with rooftop mini-golf and skating and the Eastside BeltLine at the door.

FAMILY DAYS & GETTING HERE

Zoo Atlanta · Botanical Garden · White Water

25–30 min each
Zoo Atlanta 4.5 in Grant Park · Atlanta Botanical Garden 4.7 beside Piedmont Park, open late Tue–Sun · Six Flags White Water in Marietta for the water park day.

Hartsfield-Jackson Airport

25 min · world's busiest airport
Straight down I-285, no downtown traffic. The Porsche Experience Center, 4.8, sits beside it — book a lap of the 1.6-mile track. MARTA's westernmost station is 15 minutes away if guests want to skip downtown parking.



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Good to know: Buy timed tickets ahead for the Aquarium, World of Coca-Cola and Six Flags — walk-up lines are the longest part of the day. Event nights at Mercedes-Benz Stadium, State Farm Arena and Truist Park snarl downtown — leave early or park at a MARTA station and ride in.