

AREA FESTIVALS Fun and FAIRS

Find out about events during your visit by calling the Gilmer County Chamber at 706-635-7400

Pickin in the Square—Downtown Ellijay
Every Friday night—6 pm to dark

Pickin in the Park on the Toccoa River—McCaysville
Every Thursday Night from May to September 6pm-dusk Rain or Shine
Ron Henry Horseshoe Bend Park / directions/more info, go to PickinthePark.com or call 423-496-4653

July 4th Old Fashioned Celebration
July, 4 - Ellijay

Parade, duck race on the Cartecay, and food, family entertainment and fireworks on the Square

Appalachian Regional Fair
August - mid-month - Ellijay

The Ellijay Lions Club Presents an Old Timey County Fair, complete with Midway Rides, Food, Display booths, Contests, Vegetables, Crafts, Farmers market, Flower Show, Livestock, Local & Regional Talent.

Apples Grown in Ellijay from late August to December

Absolutely the best! That's what you get when you pick Ellijay for apples. Nestled in the mighty Appalachian Mountains, Ellijay is the heart of Georgia's apple country. Roadside stands abound with the tastiest, tree-ripened mountain apples available. And by buying direct from the growers, you are assured of getting better tasting, fresher, less expensive apples amidst some of the state's most breathtaking scenery.

Apple Pickin' Jubilee in September

Pick your own apples, wagon rides, playground, pig races, moonshine museum, entertainment, food, corn maze, petting farm and pony rides. A map and list of area apple houses is available in the cabin or stop by any Gilmer County merchant and ask for a map.

Burt's Pumpkin Farm

Sept 1 – Nov 15--4801 Highway 52 - 800-600-BURT~~~Fresh baked goods, hayrides, and PUMPKINS!

The Cherry Log Festival
October (every weekend)

All four weekends in October, the community of Cherry Log celebrates the harvest (just north of Ellijay)

Georgia Apple Festival
October (Second and third weekends)

Producing 600,000 bushels of apples each fall, ***Ellijay/Gilmer County is Georgia's Apple Capital***, it's only natural that people from all over the nation come to Ellijay to celebrate the apple harvest. Georgia's premier mountain event is held at the Ellijay Lions Club Fairground off Highway 5. Hours: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day rain or shine! Also, downtown Ellijay will feature antique and gift shops brimming with merchandise plus additional vendors on the square. Handmade arts and crafts, homegrown entertainment, and plain old fun, combine with every apple product imaginable to make the weekends a family adventure. Colorful fall leaves, crisp mountain air, sky-blue days, and star-studded nights!

The festivities include a car show and parade at the Square on the first Saturday of the festival!

Art & Crafts on the Square
October - Ellijay

Sponsored by DEMA. Food vendors, artists and craft vendors.

Trick-or-Treat on the Square
October 31 - Ellijay

Sponsored by DEMA, costume contest, Jack O'Lantern contest and much more, 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM.

Festival of Trees
December - Ellijay

The Festival of Trees is held during December at the Gilmer County Library. This popular community event is organized and hosted by Friends of the Library. Local organizations provide and decorate theme trees for viewing by the public. An Opening Celebration Night is held during the first week of December.