

## Destination: Long Weekend in Helen, GA

Thank you for downloading my Long Weekend in Helen, GA itinerary. You are going to have so much fun! Helen is one of my favorite places to go and it never seems to be too overcrowded — except for Oktoberfest of course.

### My Custom Map

Here is the link to my custom map:

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=1Szeelpc45CqCng455gM5l2WH7SohnY&usp=sharing>

It will open in Google maps. Sign into your Google Account and make sure it is saved under your maps. After doing this, you will be able to pull it up in the Google Maps app on your phone (as long as you are signed into the same Google Account).

You will notice the markers on the map are color coded:

- **Black:** The condo I stayed in. If you aren't staying in the same condo I stayed in, ignore that marker.
- **Dark Red:** Scenic Drive and Hikes
- **Dark Blue:** Coffee Shops
- **Purple:** Shops to go to
- **Yellow:** Museums and Landmarks
- **Coral:** Restaurants and Bakeries
- **Blue:** "Second Choice" Museums and Landmarks
- **Dark Green:** "Second Choice" Restaurants

To get to the map on your phone open Google Maps, tap saved, tap maps, you will see it there titled Helen, GA. Tap Helen, GA and the map with all the markers will open. Tap any marker you want to go to and click directions.

### My Itinerary

Remember, it is color coded for you too. **Purple** tells you what times the places open and close, **blue** tells you addresses you will need, **green** tells you prices of things, and **red** tells you important things to know.

Also, remember it is editable to you. If there is something on it you'd like to change, do it!

A few important things to know before you go:

- Everything closes very early in the downtown area

I put some of my favorite stores on the itinerary, but when it says explore downtown, it means just that. Walk around the area, go into shops, eat snacks, look at the murals, just have a great time! But be aware that everything seems to close between 4-6pm. Most of the shops don't have a specific opening or closing time. They all seem to open around 9-10am. And, they close for the day whenever business gets slow. Some stores will stay open past 6pm if business is flowing well. So, my best advice is to get to the shops in the late morning or afternoon hours. That way you have a better chance of everything being open. And, don't look for hours on the doors because you won't see any.

- Anna Ruby Falls closes at 4pm

Yes, the state park closes early too. You can't get admission after 4pm and I saw conflicting signs that say you have to be out of the park by either 4:30pm or 5pm. I would try to be out of there by 4:30 just to be safe. It's only about a mile round trip so it doesn't take very long to do. I would plan to be there and start the hike no later than 2:45pm.

- Charcuterie board from Chattahoochee Cheese Market

The cheese market will create a charcuterie board for you. I got the medium one and it was only \$42, including the board. I suggest getting it and either taking it on a picnic or keeping it in the room to snack on throughout the trip.

- Nacoochee Indian Mound will take 5 minutes

You will probably see the mound on your drive into Helen. It's right off the main highway. You can't walk on or over to it, so your visit to it will not take long. However, you can pull over and read the sign and take pictures.

If you have any questions at all, feel free to reach out.

Happy Travels!

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