



Elachee Nature Science Center  
is located within the 1,500 acre  
Chicopee Woods Nature Preserve.



Elachee offers 13 miles of hiking trails  
in a serene wooded setting and  
a museum center with natural history,  
astronomy and live animal exhibits.

### HOURS

#### Museum Center

Seasonal Hours

For current hours access [www.elachee.org](http://www.elachee.org)  
or call to verify.

#### Hiking Trails

Daily 8am until dusk

Free, Donations welcome.

### REGULAR ADMISSION

Adults: \$5

Children ages 2-12: \$3

Under 2 and Elachee Members: Free  
Special Exhibitions may have slightly  
higher admission fees.

### DIRECTIONS

Elachee is just south of Gainesville, GA  
& 15 minutes north of the **Mall of Georgia**.

Take I-985 to Exit 17, (GA Hwy 13).

Elachee is only one hour north of  
Atlanta and within a two-hour drive of nearly  
half the population of Georgia.



Elachee Nature Science Center  
2125 Elachee Drive  
Gainesville, GA 30504  
I-985, Exit 17

770/535-1976 [www.elachee.org](http://www.elachee.org)



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in the

## Chicopee Woods Nature Preserve

Educating for today...

Preserving for tomorrow



Elachee is a woodland refuge,  
outdoor classroom and museum  
designed to involve, excite, and educate  
visitors of all ages.



## Facilities



### Museum/Visitor Center

**Explore our exhibit halls** filled with hands-on activities for learning about the natural world of the Chicopee Woods Nature Preserve.

**Exhibit Hall 1 - Waters of Time -The Chicopee Woods Story** - Learn about previous inhabitants through actual fossils, artifacts and activities.

**Exhibit Hall 2 -Searching for Spaceship Earth** Explore planets, stars, and the night sky.

**Live Animal Exhibit** - See reptiles, amphibians and some other interesting creatures.

**Aviary** - Observe our Red-Tailed Hawks.

**Bird Viewing** - Learn about our habitats.

**Nature Shop** - Find fun and educational items.



### Just Outside the Center

**Naturalized grounds** - Discover native plants that will attract local wildlife.

**Rain gardens** - See an effective way to save storm water for your plants.

**Picnic** - Enjoy the picnic area, pavilions, or the trails (please pack out whatever you take in)



### Chicopee Woods Nature Preserve

13 miles of nature trails in 1,500 acres  
½ mile paved trail (handicapped accessible)  
¾, 1, & 3 mile loops  
4½ mile round trip to Chicopee Lake

Along the trails you'll see many signs of animals and might spot a deer, fox, or other wildlife!

**Discover Nature Packs** - Check out for free in the lobby & explore the woods with fun activities.



### Chicopee Lake Aquatic Studies Site

2,100 square foot boardwalk  
Covered pavilion  
2.7 mile hike or a short car ride from the center  
Home to ducks, birds, frogs, beavers, & otters!  
A perfect spot for birding!



## Elachee Events

We offer a variety of environmental education programs including school field trips, scout programs, teacher education workshops, day camps, public programs, children's birthday parties, and nature-oriented volunteer opportunities.

### **Educational Programs - SACS accredited**

- School Field Trips & Outreach Programs
- Home School Programs
- Teacher Education Workshops
- Scout Programs
- Community Programs
- Teacher Resource Boxes

### **Children's Programs**

- Nature Day Camp - Summer, Spring, & Winter
- Birthday Parties - ages 4-12

### **Family Programs**

- First Saturday Hikes
- Stars Over Elachee Telescope Evenings
- Snake Day
- NightFall
- Bird Hikes
- Traveling Exhibitions
- Nature Workshops
- Discover Nature Packs

### **Volunteer Opportunities**

- Trail Building/Maintenance
- Naturalist Trail Guides
- Nature Shop/ Visitor Information
- Adopt-A-Stream Monitoring
- Wildlife Care
- Special Events

### **Fundraisers**

- Safari Dinner and Auction - Fall
- Flights of Fancy Auction - Spring
- Native Plant Sales - Spring and Fall

### **Facility Rentals**

- Weddings & Receptions
- Family Events
- Business Meetings



current calendar of events available by mail, email, or online at [www.elachee.org](http://www.elachee.org)

### Elachee Is:



a Cherokee word which means "new green earth."



Georgia's first and metro Atlanta's only nature center to be accredited as a Supplementary Education School by SACS, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.



designated an Important Bird Area (IBA) by the National Audubon Society as an essential area for migrating and nesting birds.



annually serving more than 60,000 visitors a year, including 35,000 students from 35 school systems and 25,000 other program participants and museum visitors.



a private, not-for-profit organization funded by program fees, admissions, memberships, gift shop revenues, fundraising, and corporate and private donations.



### **Membership**

Join us as a member at the family level and above and receive these benefits:

- Free regular admission to the museum
- Free admission to selected family programs
- Discounts for: Camp Elachee, birthday parties, traveling exhibitions, nature shop purchases, selected public programs, and over 100 other Nature Centers in the US. Other membership levels are also available.



### **Adopt-A-Friend**



You, your child or class can sponsor one of our animals for a year at a time. Each adopter receives a themed gift package and free pass to visit their new friend. Makes a great gift!

### **Mission Statement**

**Elachee Nature Science Center's mission is to promote environmental understanding through education and conservation.**