

June 2017 Campout, Cleveland, GA

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Our June campout was held at Leisure Acres RV Park in Cleveland, Georgia, from June 4th through 11th. With SeLow members, visitors from other chapters, and potential new members, we had 23 folks attending the week-long campout. Sunday (arrival day) was pretty rainy; but with a meeting room available, we were able to have our happy hour and stay dry. Monday was also a rainy day, but we decided to go to Dahlonega, Georgia, home of the first major gold rush in the U.S. and a major tourist town. Spent a good piece of the rainy day eating and drinking at Johnnie B's, a restaurant famous for its pizza and wings. Tuesday was a visit to Helen, Georgia, originally a logging town, but after it was logged out a local artist drew up plans to transform it into a Bavarian style village. With the Chattahoochee River running through it, it became very popular for water sports and Oktoberfest celebrations. Lunch was enjoyed at the Troll Tavern on the banks of the river. Wednesday was back to Dahlonega to tour one of the many gold mines active in the 1800's, and to try our luck panning for gold. This was also our day for potluck, great BBQ from a local restaurant and, as always, great sides from our members. Thursday was a trip to Brasstown Bald, at 4,783' above sea level, it's the highest point in Georgia. Friday, several of us spent the day visiting local artists in their studios, shops or homes, an event held annually in June. Saturday several of us went to the Highland games in Blairsville, others did a wine and music tour of some of the local vineyards, and some just stayed at the campground and relaxed. For our last evening together and to end a great week, we went to El Campasino Mexican Restaurant.