

 Elachee Nature Science Center
is located within the 1,400 acre
Chicopee Woods Nature Preserve.

Elachee offers 12 miles of hiking trails
in a serene wooded setting and
a museum center with natural history,
astronomy and live animal exhibits.

HOURS

The **Museum Center** is normally open
Mon–Sat, 10AM - 5PM. Visiting hours
may vary for holidays, special events and
visiting exhibitions. Call to verify.

Hiking Trails are open from 8 AM until
dusk daily and are free to the public.
Donations are welcome.

REGULAR ADMISSION

Adults: \$3

Children ages 2-12: \$2

Under 2 and Elachee Members: Free

Special Exhibitions may have slightly
higher admission fees.

DIRECTIONS

Elachee is located just south of
Gainesville, GA
and 15 minutes north of the
Mall of Georgia.

Take I-985 to Exit 16, Oakwood
and follow the **nature center** signs.

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



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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 (lower level) - See native reptiles and amphibians.

Aviary - Observe our Red-Tailed Hawks.

Bird viewing area - Look into the bog garden.

Nature Shop - Find fun and educational items.



Just Outside the Center

Naturalized gardens - 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

12 miles of nature trails in 1,400 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
- First Quarter Moon Fridays
- 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 Auction - Fall
- Flights of Fancy - 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

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 35,000 students from 35 school systems plus an additional 25,000 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 most public programs
- Discounts for: Camp Elachee, birthday parties, nature shop purchases, traveling exhibitions, some public programs, other ANCA Nature Centers in the US.

Other membership levels are also available.



Adopt-A-Friend

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

Mission Statement

Elachee Nature Science Center, a private, non-profit environmental education center, 1) provides interactive experiences in the Chicopee Woods Nature Preserve and elsewhere that enable students to understand that the earth and all its inhabitants are part of a complex and interdependent system; and 2) works to protect the natural resources of the Chicopee Woods watershed.