



Fun Things to Do at Dauset Trails

In 1977, Hampton Daughtry and David Settle came upon the idea of creating a place where people of all ages could come and enjoy nature in a peaceful, family-oriented setting. **Dauset Trails is that place.** The word Dauset comes from the combination of Daughtry and Settle. Dauset Trails is a private, non-profit, outdoor education center with 1200 acres of scenic, wooded mountain biking, hiking and horse riding trails, streams, creeks, lakes, fields, gardens and wild-life.

ANIMALS Dauset Trails features live Mammals, Birds of Prey, Reptiles and Amphibians on exhibit that are native to Georgia. Most have been either injured or orphaned and are non-releasable. A large variety of birds of prey and mammals can be found on the “**Animal Trail.**” Reptiles, amphibians and fish await you in the “**Wonder Room,**” a discovery-type classroom on the ground level in back of the **Visitor’s Center.** Also visit our “**Farm Animals**” and see a rustic barn, a variety of animals, old farming equipment, tools, and wagons. Just follow the “pig” signs off of the Animal Trail to find the barn.

PROGRAMS Guided programs by reservation only can be arranged during the weekdays for groups of 15 –60 students. These field trips are offered to groups such as schools, churches, civic clubs, scouts etc. and are tailored for age groups from pre-k to adult. Programs last about 50 minutes each and include:

Mammals/Birds of Prey– Hike the Animal Trail, discuss interesting natural history, conservation

Reptiles– Indoor hands-on discussion on snakes, turtles, alligators and lizards in Wonder Room.

Barnyard Life– Discuss old ways of living on a working farm, close-up view of typical farm animals

Animal Adaptations-Indoor discussion on ways birds and mammals adapt to our environment

Dendrology/Animal Habitat– Learn about different trees and uses by people and wildlife

Orienteering-Learn how to accurately pace and use a compass

WOODLAND GARDEN TRAIL Walk this path and see native azaleas and woodland wildflowers. Go on a “Pleasure Hunt” and find fun garden ornaments on the path. From this trail stroll through the “**Children’s Garden**” and see many types of perennials, a knot garden and more in a secluded spot.

LOTUS POND See beautiful lotus, water lily, goldfish, and other aquatic wildlife in a quiet, tranquil setting.

HIKING and BIKING TRAILS Spend a relaxing time exploring 17+ miles of scenic, wooded trails crossing hills, creeks, and bottom land woods. These beautiful trails range in skill levels from beginner to advanced. Each trail has a unique color marking the way. Bike Trail Head Parking is 300 yards west of Main Entrance on Mt. Vernon Rd. Waiver forms and maps at kiosk.

HORSE RIDING TRAILS Bring your own horse and enjoy 10 miles of scenic trails separate from the hiking and biking trails. Horse Trail Head parking is located on Lake Clark Rd., not Mt. Vernon Rd. Trail maps at kiosk. See directional map for Horse Trail Head parking location.

PICNIC Bring a lunch and enjoy a scenic view near a lake. Wheelchair accessible. Three grills are available to use. Restroom facilities are adjacent to picnic area and are wheelchair accessible.

PAVILIONS These covered shelters with picnic tables, grills and restrooms provide a great place to have a family reunion, birthday party, or company outing. Pavilions are used by reservation only for a donation of \$100.00 each during regular business hours.

ATRIUM ROOM This large, open room with exposed beams, vaulted ceiling, and picture windows offers groups a beautiful place to have family reunions, company parties, seminars, etc. Located in the back of the Visitor’s Center, this room overlooks a lake, has a full kitchen, ice machine, and tables and chairs to seat about 75 people. This can be reserved with a \$200.00 donation. A \$250.00 deposit is also required.

CHAPEL This open, outdoor chapel overlooks a beautiful lake and can seat about 75 people. It is available by reservation for weddings. See Wedding Package brochure for more information. Electrical outlets and lights are provided.

CAMPING Camping is available, but for organized groups only such as Scouts, 4-H, church etc. with a 15 person minimum. A donation of \$5.00 per person per night is required plus \$50.00 deposit. Pavilion 2 included. Reservations must be made.



Enjoy yourself at Dauset Trails Nature Center!