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CAPTIONING SCRIPT**

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On the road most every day, looking for a place where you can play, looking for the best place you can stay. From the mountains to the coast, looking for a trip you'll like the most, maybe even find a friendly ghost, we're Georgia Traveler. Well we're from Georgia and we travel, that's why we call it Georgia Traveler, and nothing rhymes with Georgia Traveler, but still we're called the Georgia Traveler.

Woman:

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Woman:

We all have dreams.

Man:

To wear the green jacket.

Woman:

To see wild horses.

Kid:

To catch a major league ball.

Man:

To create memories with my family.

Woman:

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Woman:

Thank you.

Gerald Bryant:

Hello everybody, and welcome to Georgia Traveler. I'm your tour guide Gerald Bryant. We're at the point in Georgia where three great rivers meet- the Oostanaula, the Etowah, and the Coosa- which means we're in Rome in northwest Georgia. Now let's take a look at some of the stories coming up on this week's Georgia Traveler.

Gerald Bryant VO:

We'll visit two places of botanic beauty with interesting histories. Ride the rails to explore the blue ridge mountains. Find famous barbeque at Colonel Poole's Pig Hill Hall of Fame. And discover the wild west in Cartersville.

Gerald Bryant:

All those stories are coming up, but first let's look at the sites to behold when you visit northwest Georgia.

(Music)

Gerald Bryant VO:

Less than 65 miles east of Rome our own Phil Proctor finds one of his favorites- Barbeque- in East Elijay.

(Poole's BBQ Pkg- needs transcription)

Gerald Bryant VO:

Over 115 miles northeast of Rome is picturesque Blue Ridge, where you can see the Chattahoochee National Forest from a different vantage point.

(Music)

Gerald Bryant:

Ever wish you had a time machine? Well, Georgia Traveler has one. Climb aboard the Blue Ridge Scenic Railway.

(Music)

Gerald Bryant:

Morning.

Man:

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Good morning, sir. Welcome to the Blue Ridge Scenic Railway.

Gerald Bryant:

Need a sticker there, thank you appreciate it.

Man:

Your sticker. Welcome aboard.

Gerald Bryant:

All aboard! I've always wanted to say that.

Gerald Bryant VO:

The excursion from Blue Ridge to McCaysville, Georgia, is 26 miles roundtrip and takes about 3 and a half hours all told. There are two ways to ride the rails here- in an enclosed car or an open car. We got tickets for an open car so we can really see some scenery. Even if it is a little chilly.

Woman:

We're a little cold.

Gerald Bryant VO:

In the first four miles, the train descends 200 feet in elevation. After that, the track runs almost flat for the remaining nine miles into McCaysville. The train offers a splendid view of the Toccoa River along the way.

Gerald Bryant VO:

Each car has a Car Host that points out interesting features and imparts information along the way. The car hosts, the trainmen and the conductors are almost all volunteers. Our car host is Fergie.

Car Host:

You folks from the big city look at that, that's a herd of deer out there. We put a herd of deer out there that we got from Disney World just for folks from the big city.

Gerald Bryant:

How long you been a car host?

Fergie:

I've been a car host since we ran our first train April of 1998.

Gerald Bryant:

And were you a train buff before you became a car host?

Fergie:

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Not really. A good friend of mine was and he dragged me on board this thing and told me I was going to be a car host and I told him I didn't want to and of course, I've been here ever since.

Gerald Bryant:

How much information did you have to digest and remember to become a car host?

Fergie:

Quite a bit, quite a bit. I've learned a lot from the local people here, the history of the rail line itself as well as history of the local area, Fannin County, Georgia, which is where we are.

Gerald Bryant:

Even though you aren't a train buff, have you taken many train rides before?

Fergie:

No. You make me think. I think I rode one train when I was about twelve years old with my parents way back when.

Gerald Bryant VO:

And I'm happy to say that parents bringing kids to the train is still a tradition.

Gerald Bryant:

What's your name?

Kathy:

Kathy.

Gerald Bryant:

Kathy. Is this your first train ride?

Gerald Bryant:

What do you think of it so far?

Kathy:

I think it's fun.

Gerald Bryant:

Have you ever seen anything like this before?

Gerald Bryant:

Do you wish there were still some trains around for you to ride?

Kathy:

Mm...yeah.

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Gerald Bryant VO:

During the trip, you do get a feel of what train travel was like. The Conductor even comes by to give your ticket a special punch.

Conductor:

There you go, hope y'all have a great time.

Gerald Bryant VO:

A great time is to be had by all. Not only were we enjoying great scenery and interesting commentary, we also had a sing-a-long.

(Music in)

All the live long day.

I've been working on the railroad,

Just to pass the time away.

(Music out)

Gerald Bryant:

And at the end of the line on the train ride, you're in McCaysville, Georgia...or are you in Copper Hill, Tennessee? Georgia...Tennessee. Or is it possible that you're in both states at the same time? That may be a line you don't want to cross.

Gerald Bryant VO:

Actually, it's two towns, but really one community. It exists because of a copper mine that operated here for about 80 years. Today the town is full of charming shops and good eateries. A great place to pass the hour and a half before the train makes the 13 mile return trip to Blue Ridge.

Gerald Bryant VO:

Before long, it's time to re-board and ride the rails again.

Gerald Bryant VO:

Almost 79 miles north of Rome we begin our exploration of Georgia's northwest mountains at Rock City Gardens.

Ashlie Wilson VO:

Just a half mile from the Tennessee- Georgia border, nestled on the east face of Lookout Mountain is the tourism icon, Rock City Gardens. Open to the public for over 75 years, this captivating place owes its beginnings to the imagination of one woman.

Bill Chapin:

Rock City Gardens was the dream of Frieda Carter. She and her husband bought this property in 1928 and used it for their future home site. So for 4 years she and

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a man named Willard York wandered around these 15 acres creating a beautiful place

Ashlie Wilson VO:

A beautiful place in which her husband, entrepreneur Garnet Carter saw business potential as well as natural beauty. The inventor of Tom Thumb miniature golf, Carter decided to open the gardens to the public in 1932. Frieda's heritage had a strong influence on the design of the attraction.

Bill Chapin:

Frieda Carter was of German descent. Both her parents were German immigrants. Her love of German folklore and her love for Rock City Gardens helped her name the Enchanted Trail. When you come into Rock City Gardens you have a feeling that you're in a mysterious place so all of the rails in Rock City Gardens is enchanted. You begin by going deep into a crevice called the Grand Corridor and if your imagination runs as Frieda's you can imagine at the end of the Grand Corridor there might be a large throne room where a fairy, wood fairy kind might live. Then as you wander through the Needle's Eye you come out in another enchanting place where Garnet and Frieda brought European fallow deer and they put them in a natural environment here along the trail at Rock City. Then farther along the trail you start going over the bridges that they had built and under tunnels that they had built. One of them is the Gnome's Underpass or the Goblin's Overpass. And then they added such fun things as the Swing-A-Long Bridge and behind me you can see High Falls which is at Lover's leap.

Ashlie Wilson VO:

And just beyond Lover's Leap is a place where Rock City claims you can See Seven States.

Bill Chapin:

Of course you can see seven states! The National Geographic was challenged, and in the late 40s they came down here, and according to my dad, who was running Rock City at the time, they said you could see seven states. They came because dad had placed an advertisement in National Geographic magazine and National Geographic wasn't going to run the ad if it wasn't true so if they made a mistake, god bless them we still say it.

Ashlie Wilson VO:

The view and the natural beauty of the gardens have been enhanced over the years.

Bill Chapin:

The pathways are all manmade and wonderful local craftsmen stonemasons built the walls and laid the crab orchard flagstone to create the paths that wander around Rock City. The rock formations are real. There are a few places, like the Under Cliff Passage that Uncle Garnet made accessible by blasting small tunnels

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through the rocks. And then with Frida's encouragement and her desire to really tell the story of fairytales, Fairyland Caverns was manmade addition that came in the late '40s. Because of her German heritage, she really appreciated the folklore and the idea of gnomes. Gnomes are really German stories about great, small people who have the unique ability to move through rock without leaving a trail. Rock City is always providing a new experience. After Fairyland Caverns in the late '40s, my dad built Mother Goose Village which was built in the early '60s. And since See Rock City Inc. has been running Rock City Gardens we've added things like the Cliff Terrace out oat lover's Leap, the Flag Court, and now our new pavilion which will be used for special events and corporate outings. It's really a breathtaking place and a great experience.

Ashlie Wilson VO:

An experience that Garnet Carter thought needed to be advertised.

Bill Chapin:

he hired a man named Clark Byers to be sign painter, but the unique thing was Uncle Garnett knew there barns and buildings along the highways that led into Chattanooga so he decided that he was going to paint as many of them as he could to tell people to stop while they were driving through the Chattanooga area to come up Lookout Mountain and to see Rock City. That all began in about 1936.

Ashlie Wilson VO:

Three simple words: See Rock City became a nationally known marketing campaign as the distinctive black-and-white signs appeared as far north as Michigan and as far west as Texas. Although the barn signs were outlawed by an 1965 Highway Beautification bill, Clark Byers painted one last barn back in 1988.

Ashlie Wilson VO:

Although few barns remain, the slogan See Rock City is indelibly painted in the memories of countless Americans.

Bill Chapin:

It truly is a geological and botanical wonder. What Frieda Carter started in 1925 when she and her husband bought this property has become one of America's greatest private garden attractions. Our goal is to create memories worth repeating for our guests.

Gerald Bryant VO:

Less than 27 miles Southeast of Rome is Cartersville, home to Georgia's second largest museum.

David Zelski VO:

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Visit the Booth Western Art Museum in Cartersville and you can explore the wild West without ever leaving the South.

David Zelski VO:

Walk on in and you're transported to another place... another era in American history. 80-thousand square feet of cowboys and Indians. Buffalo and mustangs. Mountains... canyons and wide open spaces.

(Music)

David Zelski VO:

Time your visit just right and you're likely to run into rootin' tootin' pistol-packing Jim Dunham, the Booth Museum historian.

David Zelski VO:

Yep, the Booth is a great place to visit. But if you're thinking that a museum dedicated to the American West located smack dab in heart of the deep south is just a mite unusual, well... you're right.

Seth Hopkins:

There are only three western museums east of the Mississippi. We're really the only one in the southeast doing what we're doing – portraying the west through art. And letting people learn about art and history and geography and all of the great things about the West through some of the best art that's out there in America today.

(music)

David Zelski VO:

One of visitors' favorite exhibits at the Booth doesn't have much to do with the West. The Presidents Gallery displays photographs and correspondence from each American president, from George Washington and Thomas Jefferson to Abraham Lincoln and on up to modern-day leaders.

Seth Hopkins:

I say you start reading those letters, they're like potato chips and you just can't stop. You want to read all the letters and know about all the presidents. That's a little bit away from our core Western mission but it's something that's incredibly important from an American historical standpoint and people really love to experience that gallery. And it's the number one reason that people come back. They have to spend more time in that gallery.

David Zelski VO:

Visitors also like to listen to Doc Stovall, Georgia's Official Cowboy Balladeer.

(Doc sings)

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And we'd turn up our radio just to hear Gene Autry sing. Cause he'd sing... back in the saddle again.

David Zelski VO:

Doc's cowboy ballads and the gallery featuring western movie art are sure-fire crowd-pleasers at the Booth. The over-sized, bold-colored posters pay homage to larger-than-life silver screen heroes like John Wayne, Gene Autry and Roy Rogers.

(Doc sings) Lookin' back I hear those lines, and all the pleasure they would bring... when we'd turn up the radio to hear Gene Autry sing."

Jim Dunham:

The subject matter touches the heartstrings of many people, especially those that like myself, grew up on Western movies. If they grew up on Western movies, the subject matter of cowboys and Indians and the West just really brings back the days of when they were youth and when they were growing up. It brings back a lot of familiar thoughts and memories and stories.

Girl:

Wait for me, wait for me!

David Zelski VO:

Here kids can hop aboard a stagecoach... dress up as cowboys... go for a make-believe ride or take their turn in the saddle.

David Zelski VO:

Hands-on western fun and lessons learned while visiting the galleries are a great way to teach kids a thing or two about a time and place other than their own.

Girl:

The West has longhorns and it has cattle drives

Boy:

I'm sure I would rope cattle and kill robbers.

Girl:

And there's a stagecoach. And it carried about 9 people. And the people who drove it sat on top.

Well, the days of riding the range and gunfights at the OK Corral are long gone. But sure as shootin', the Booth Museum in Cartersville is the place to re-live 'em.

(Music in)

Happy Trails to you until we meet again.

(Music out)

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Gerald Bryant VO:

Just over 13 miles northeast of Rome, we find an intriguing story of enduring love at Barnsley Gardens in Adairsville.

David Zelski VO:

Of all the beauty the state of Georgia has to offer...one place stuck out as the perfect place for Cotton merchant Mr. Godfrey Barnsley to live, relax and create the Garden he and his wife Julia Scarsbrough had always dreamed of. Just one hour Northwest of Atlanta, 10 miles off Interstate 75 you'll find Barnsley Gardens.

(Fill interviews here)

David Zelski VO:

Barnsley boasts several Bicycle trails and horse trails throughout acres of land, a Jim Fazio designed Golf course, rated one of the best in the state and a spa that's been listed as one of the fifty best in the world....

(Quick interlude)

(Scott- needs transcription)

David Zelski VO:

And the list of activities continues..

(Interview with Scott about shooting needs transcription)

David Zelski VO:

If the activities at Barnsley aren't intriguing enough... how about a love story that began here over 150 years ago? It's not your normal boy meets girl tale by any means. This one has a little more of a mystical twist.

(Quick Clent Bite needs transcription)

David Zelski VO:

Barnsley historian Clent Coker has written a book about the history of the gardens, and no one better to do so. Coker has been around Barnsley gardens since childhood where he heard the TRUE stories of what makes this place so special.

(Coker needs transcription)

David Zelski VO:

Several Barnsley employees will tell you that haunts and the feeling of presence is not uncommon. Coker himself admits that it's possible, but he believes the visions in the fountain that Godfrey witnessed more than a century ago were more than hauntings, but the foundation of an incredible story of love and determination.

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David Zelski VO:

The mystique from days of old continue here at Barnsley with a little fairy tale...one many are familiar with...fortunate guests of Barnsley often receive visits from the one and only fairy god mother.

(Diane needs transcription)

David Zelski VO:

These are not real wings of course. Rumor has it she bought them at Wal-Mart; however there is no explanation for the unique presence and romance she brings to the resort.

(Diane needs transcription)

(Scott needs transcription)

David Zelski VO:

True Southern Hospitality is the key to Barnsley's incredible appeal, however the history of the land, and a few mystical amenities make this hidden treasure in Northwest Georgia an experience you'll want to relive time and time again.

Gerald Bryant:

We conclude our visit to northwest Georgia back in Rome at the famous statue of Romulus and Remus. It was donated by the people of Italy back in 1929, some of the locals were kind of embarrassed by the images so when there were public events held here, they'd put a drape over the Shewolf and actually put diapers on Romulus and Remus. We're not at all embarrassed about our next program, here's a sneak peek.

Gerald Bryant VO:

Explore the State Botanical Gardens in Athens. Find healthy soul food with Phil. Search the Historic South for Santa Claus. And discover a rather comedic museum in Harlem.

Gerald Bryant:

We hope you join us for the next Georgia Traveler, until our paths cross again, I'm Gerald Bryant, wishing you pleasant journeys.

Woman:

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Man:

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Located 16 miles east of downtown Atlanta on 3200 acres of natural beauty, Stone Mountain Park features a wide variety of entertainment and recreation for every member of the family. The sky ride offers up close views of the memorial carving. Guests can take a five mile train ride or a paddle wheel river boat cruise. And the crossroads area offers the chance to interact with demonstration crafters. The park also features ride the duck tours and the laser show spectacular. More information is available at stonemountainpark.com.

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