# **Outdoors**

## **Sweet Fresh Air**

Byron, Georgia is a sweet place to spend time outdoors. From casual play to serious hunting and fishing, you can have bushels of fun in Byron.



## **RECREATION**

North Peach Park in Byron has much to offer including four lighted tennis courts allowing for night games, a paved volleyball court, two full basketball courts, two soccer fields (one of which is lighted), and much more.



The <u>Piedmont National Wildlife Refuge</u>, about 25 miles north of Byron, totals 35,000 acres and offers hunting, fishing and mile after mile of hiking trails. About 35 miles north of Byron are two Georgia state parks, <u>High Falls</u> and <u>Indian Springs</u>, both of which offer opportunities for fishing, camping, hiking, bird watching, swimming, and other activities.

### **FISHING & HUNTING**

The Flat Creek Public Fishing Area (PFA), 10 miles south of Byron, offers a boat ramp, bank access, picnic tables and restrooms on a 100-acre fishing lake with bass, bream and catfish. It's a great place to spend a day relaxing on the water.

Wild game in the area is plentiful and hunters can pursue many types of quarry. About 30 minutes southwest of Byron, the Montezuma Bluffs WMA offers hunting opportunities for deer, turkey and small game. Two viewing decks offer birdwatchers refuge to see hawks, woodpeckers, herons and flocks of migratory species. To the east of Byron, the Echeconnee Creek WMA also offers hunting opportunities.

Dove is the number one small game species and the number-one migratory game bird species in the state, and Georgia's Wildlife Resources Division each year plants fields of grains and sunflowers that attract the birds for hunters. Both the <u>Flat Creek PFA</u> and the <u>Perry Dove Field</u> offer opportunities for dove hunting with the proper permits.

### **GOLF**

Golf is practically a 12-month sport in Middle Georgia thanks to the region's near perfect weather. Several golf courses operate throughout the region, including <u>Pine Needles Country Club</u> in Fort Valley, Georgia, which offers a regulation 9-hole golf course, driving range, putting green, and banquet hall. Pine Needles Golf Country Club is a great course for golfers of all ages and skill levels and one of the best values around.

Other course you may want to try include the public, city-owned <u>International City Golf Club</u> in Warner Robins, the semi-private <u>Southern Landings Golf Club</u> also in Warner Robins, and the <u>Houston Lake Country Club</u> in Perry, named one of "America's Best" by *Golf Week*.

