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## FACT SHEET

**Description:** Located atop Lookout Mountain in Georgia just six miles from downtown Chattanooga, Tenn., Rock City Gardens is an enchanted, 4,100-foot walking trail showcasing soaring rock formations, caves and lush woodland gardens. Guests take a 60 to 90-minute, self-guided walking tour along the trail that gently meanders through the 14-acre property.

**History:** Garnet and Frieda Carter, some of the original settlers of Lookout Mountain, opened their personal estate as a public attraction during the Great Depression on May 21, 1932. Rock City Gardens has remained in the family of Garnet and Frieda Carter, currently under third-generation ownership.

**Natural Features:**

- Massive rock formations
- Panoramic views of seven states from 1,700 feet above sea level
- View of Chattanooga Valley and Missionary Ridge Civil War battlefields
- Points of interest along *The Enchanted Trail* include:
  - 140-foot waterfall
  - Needle's Eye
  - 1,000-ton balanced rock
  - Swing-A-Long Bridge and Stone Bridge (ideal for pictures)
  - Legendary view of seven states from Lover's Leap
  - Carter Cliffs, original homestead of the Rock City Gardens' founders and private residence of the current owners today

**Gardens:**

- Features more than 400 different species of wildflowers, plants, shrubs and trees
- The Garden Club of America awarded Frieda Carter the Bronze Medal of Distinction for conservation and horticulture achievement in 1933

**Art/Culture:**

Rock City Gardens partners with local artisans to bring art to the enchanted trail.

- There are six sculptures currently on display:
  - Isaac Duncan's *Perched Raptor*
  - Roger Halligan's *Iron Age*
  - John Henry's *Prometheus*

- John McLeod's *Elder Flame*
- Michael Brandt's *Invitation*
- Jack Denton's *Villa Aviana*
- Matt Dutton's *Maloria*

Learn more with an audio tour.

**Events:**

Rock City comes alive with festivals, music and other events throughout the year:

- ***Shamrock City*** - Includes live Irish music, Irish Jig lessons, Irish food and beer, and the High Falls flowing green
- ***EarthDayz*** – An educational event focused on helping families learn more about reducing, reusing and recycling
- ***Southern Blooms*** – A garden event that includes tours, workshops demonstrations and music
- ***Summer Music Weekends*** - Enjoy Birds of Prey Shows & old-time music at Lover's Leap & a great view
- ***Blowing Springs Farm*** – Guests can get lost in a specially designed cornfield maze, take a hay ride, paint a pumpkin, etc. in Flintstone, GA at the foot of Lookout Mountain.
- ***Rocktoberfest*** - Get in touch with Rock City's German heritage during this celebration including live German music, Polka lessons, German food and beer
- ***Enchanted Garden of Lights*** - A holiday tradition featuring the North Pole Adventure, hundreds of thousands of LED lights and a Dinner with Santa event, etc. 2016 Special Event Award by Tennessee Hospitality & Tourism Association

**Especially for Kids:**

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- Birds of Prey show, presented by Wings to Soar, which features birds flying and walking through the crowd and provides educational information on hawks, owls, bald eagles and vultures.
- 25-foot Climbing Wall, open seasonally from April through October
- Fairyland Caverns and Mother Goose Village, featuring displays of scenes from popular fairytales
- Costumed characters including Rocky, the gnome mascot for Rock City
- Panning for gems
- Fairyland Forest Makeovers at Prospector's Point

**Pets:**

Rock City Gardens is pet-friendly. All pets are welcome, with a leash, to enjoy the trail.

**Dining/Shopping:**

- Guests can dine at Café 7, Big Rock Grill, Cliff Terrace and Starbucks. Café 7 is the newest dining experience featuring southern cuisine with a modern twist. Other outside food/drink locations are located along the trail for treats and drinks.
- Rock City Gardens has several gift shops featuring memorabilia and garden items, including the popular Rock City birdhouse. Specialty stores include the Fudge Kitchen – where guests can watch as fresh fudge is prepared – and Prospector's Point where families can purchase gemstone panning, Fairyland Makeovers and other unique items for kids.
- Guests can purchase a souvenir photograph of their trip. Kodak will take photographs at the beginning of the trail.

**Accolades:**

- Attraction of the Year, **Southeast Tourism Society**, 2018
- Listed on the National Historic Register
- No. 1 for Guest Services, **Southern Highland Attractions**, 2011
- Reader's Choice Award for "Best Scenic View," **Southern Living**
- "America's Top Ten Great Pastimes," **USA Today**
- "America's Iconic Places," **National Geographic**
- "Natural Wonders Across America," **AOL Travel**
- **1,000 Places to See Before You Die**
- Editor's Pick for "12 Ultimate Trips for Kids," **Southern Living**
- Named GA's top pet-friendly attraction by GoPetFriendly.com, 2017
- Shamrock City, Top 20 Event, **Southeast Tourism Society**, March 2018; Summer Music Weekends May 2017; Blowing Springs Farm September 2017; Rocktoberfest 2016; Enchanted Garden of Lights 2014-2017

**Cost:**

- Adults - \$19.95\*
- Children (ages 3-12) - \$11.95\*
- Children under 3 are free
- \*Premiere events – adult \$22.95/child \$12.95