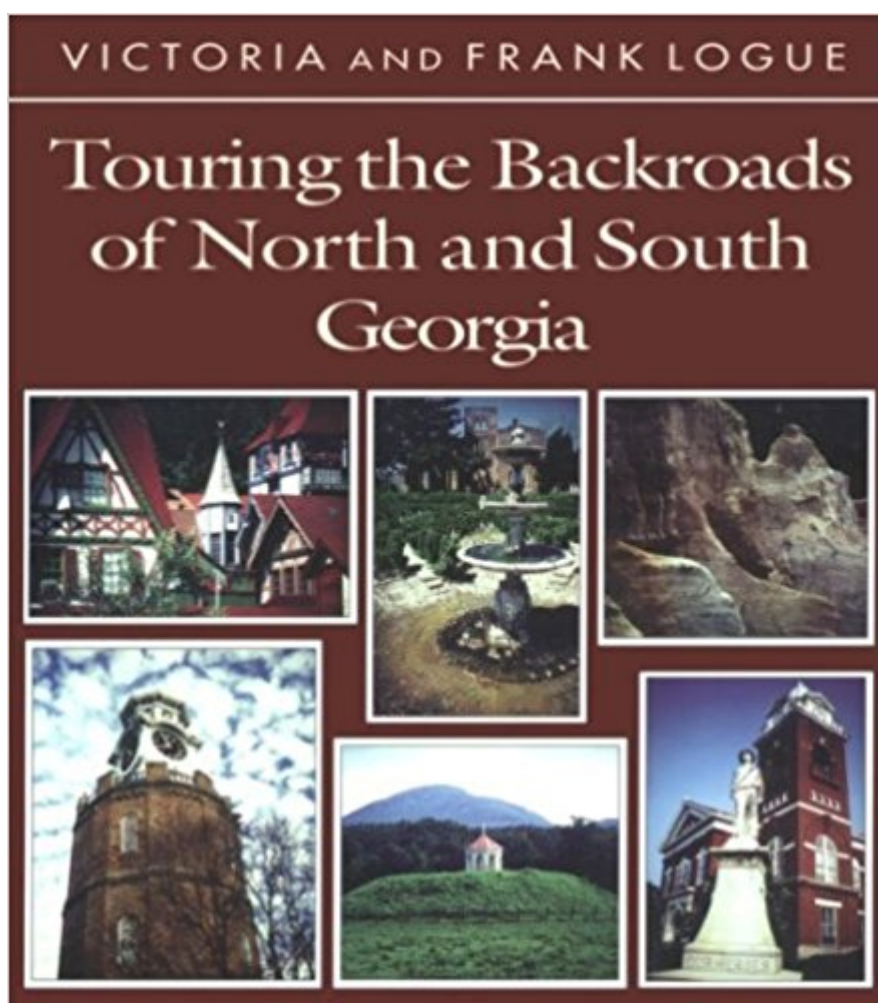


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Down a dusty road in the northeast corner of Georgia is the grave of Reverend Daniel Tucker. As a minister, Tucker felt a special calling towards the area's slaves, who in return memorialized him with the famous spiritual "Old Dan Tucker." The grave of Old Dan Tucker is just one of the many treasures along the backroads of north and south Georgia. Outside of Chatsworth, in the mountainous northwestern corner of the state, is an ancient and mysterious stone wall whose builders have yet to be determined. Further south in LaGrange is the training ground of the Nancy Harts—an all-female Confederate militia unit. And in Marshallville, right in the heart of Georgia, is the home of Samuel Henry Rumph, who gave birth to Georgia's commercial peach industry with a basketful of mummified seeds. These stories and more await you along the book's fifteen tours. Aside from its lively narrative, each tour includes numerous photographs, a map, and clear directions, making the book as much of a pleasure to travel with as it is to read. Whether you enjoy these tours on the road or in the comfort of your own home, Touring the Backroads of North and South Georgia promises an entertaining journey on the byways of an unforgettable state.

I bought this book two years ago, and my wife and I didn't actually use it until this weekend. We've really been missing out. The book contains 15 driving tours: 1) Northwest Georgia (Chicamauga to Rome) 2) Native American Tour (Fort Mountain, Chatsworth, New Echota, Etowah Indian Mounds) 3) N. Georgia Mountains Tour (Cleveland, Dahlonega, Dawsonville, Ellijay, Helen) 4) Northeast Georgia Tour (Hartwell, Toccoa, Clayton) 5) Fort Yargo to Tucker's Ferry (Winder, Jefferson, Commerce, Danielsville, Elberton) 6) Classic South (Oxford, Covington, Madison, Eatonton, Greensboro, Washington) 7) Plantations (LaGrange, Pine Mountain, Warm Springs, Greenville, Senoia, Newnan) 8) Middle Georgia Ramble (Jackson, Monticello, Gray, Thomaston, Barnesville) 9) Georgia Capitals Drive (Milledgeville, Sandersville, Louisville, Waynesboro) 10) East Central Ramble (Metter, Millen, Sylvania, Statesboro) 11) Southwest Georgia Ramble (Cuthbert, Lumpkin, Fort Gaines, Blakely) 12) Middle Georgia Farmland (Perry, Marshallville, Americas, Vienna) 13) Altamaha River Loop (Claxton, Reidsville, Baxley, Jesup, Hinesville) 14) Wire Grass Tour (Ashburn, Fitzgerald, Douglas, Alma) 15) South Georgia (Bainbridge, Cairo, Ochlocknee, Thomasville, Valdosta) This weekend we took two tours: 6 and 5 (we did them in that order, but did 5 in reverse since we drove north from Washington to Elberton). Even though the book was published in 1997, we only found one driving instruction that was no longer correct (and it was easy to figure out). The driving instructions were very accurate, and the information about the various cities and the houses, graves, and people were very interesting. I've lived in Georgia all of my life and I've never been to a Revolutionary War battlefield within the state before- but the tour took us to the Kettle Creek battleground, something I'd never heard of before. Rather than just give you small bits of information about each stop of interest and lots of information about hotels, restaurants, etc., this book gives you lots of information about what you're seeing and lets you figure out where to eat and sleep on your own (which is best- that sort of information changes frequently anyway). The only criticism we have about the book is that the driving instructions are blended in with the narrative. We got around that with the second tour by going through ahead of time and underlining all of the driving instructions so they'd stand out. Perhaps in future editions this could be set off to the side on boxes so it's easy to find. All in all, if you're looking for interesting tours of parts of Georgia you probably haven't seen before and won't find in other guidebooks (which spend their time talking about touristy things like Six Flags and Zoo Atlanta), this is the book for you.

A great way to see Georgia. Interesting history and great out of the way routes.

The stories about different towns are fun to read. Wish there were more pictures, though. It would

be good if it included a few bigger cities, as well.

This is a great book for Georgia explorers. Georgia is a beautiful state rich in history from our beaches to our mountains. This book is like having your own personal tour guide.

Very detailed especially with directions. Not as much photos as I would have liked but it was still worth the wait.

Bought this as a gift for my father who recently remodeled an old Austin Healy. He thought this book was great!

This book was a gift. I read the first section on Northwest Georgia where I live. The Logue's description of the route from Chickamauga to The Pocket has serious problems. The account of the Union attack at Ship's Gap is confusing. They say that the Taylor's Ridge Trail is 0.4 mile from Ship's Gap when, in fact, the Trail is at Ship's Gap -- it is 0.4 mile from the Historic Marker about the Gap. They place Snake Creek Gap a few miles from Ship's Gap on the north side of Villanow. The Gap is actually several miles south of Villanow. Their explanation of why Federal troops were left at Villanow (to prevent Johnson's retreat from Dalton) makes no sense. If the rest of the book is as filled with mistakes as this tour, travelers will come away from their drives with a very skewed view of history and geography. I like the tours that the Logue's offer, but I worry about their research.

Frank and Victoria Logue are prolific writers. Their work covers hiking, camping and outdoor adventures in Georgia so this book is a natural extension of that work. Touring the Backroads covers the entire state (don't be misled by the title). The tours are Northwest Georgia Drive, Native American Tour, North Georgia Mountain Tour, Northeast Georgia Tour, Fort Yargo to Tucker's Ferry, Classic South, Plantation, Middle Georgia Ramble, Georgia Capitals Drive, East Georgia Ramble, Southwest Georgia Ramble, Middle Georgia Farmland, Altamaha River Loop, Wire Grass, and South Georgia. Our favorites: Georgia Capitals, Georgia Mountains (covers the Georgia Gold Rush), Northwest Georgia (takes you from the Tennessee State line to Rome), and the Southwest Georgia Ramble (highlights the Kolomaki Mounds and Providence Canyon, two underused state parks). The Native American Tour covers the Etowah Indian Mounds, the first capital of the Cherokee Nation at New Echota (now a Georgia State Park) and a wall built by Indians that pre-dated the Moundbuilders. One of the things I like about this book is that Frank and Victoria don't

assume you know esoteric facts about Georgia's history. They take you through the whole story, telling what you need to know to appreciate the stop.

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