

Traveler's Rest



It's a National Historic Landmark - and well it should be. The oldest part of the building dates from approximately 1815. It was built as a stagecoach inn on the Unicoi Turnpike and operated as such into the 1870's. At one time or another the inn operated a cotton gin, blacksmith, general store, post office, sawmill, and tavern. On the property (all 14,000 acres) there was a ferry terminal, toll house, and gold mine. Traveler's Rest is owned and operated by the State of Georgia. Admission to the building costs \$5.00 for adults. Hours are Saturday and Sunday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

Notes for the Photographer: I made this photo at mid day. Because of the tall trees surrounding the inn (particularly on the south and west sides) the lighting and shadows will offer interest almost any time of day. And don't neglect the inside. Soft, natural colored wood throughout are a great recipe for warm interiors.

Directions: From the main intersection in Toccoa (Highway 123 and South Broad Street) drive 6.4 miles on US 123 toward Seneca (South Carolina). Turn left on Riverdale Road and travel 0.3 miles to the site on your right.



GPS coordinates for the small parking area: 34°36'32.2"N
83°14'20.1"W

Interesting Fact: Mary Jarrett White, who sold her great-grandfather's inn to the state of Georgia, was the first woman in the state to vote. In May 1920, White was permitted to cast a ballot having registered as required by law. This was three months before the ratification of the 19th Amendment, which gave women in Georgia the right to vote. How her name got on the voter rolls is unknown. (This from the informative site, About North Georgia:

http://www.aboutnorthgeorgia.com/ang/Travelers_Rest_Historic_Site)