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The Summit at Ellijay



The crisp crunch of a freshly harvested apple might remind you of playing in the family's orchard as a child. Or perhaps it brings back old memories of your grandmother's irresistible apple pie. But as you're savoring the taste of a local apple variety, while walking the conservation-area trails located throughout The Summit at Ellijay, Ga., you'll be shaping a new memory — in the midst of what you now call home.

The Summit is Ellijay's first 55+ active-adult resort community, a residential retreat that's ideal for today's busy Baby Boomers. Here, the refreshing sight and sound of a waterfall welcomes residents entering the gated community, while a tree-lined road leads to the pinnacle of the 65-acre property: a 12,000-square foot log clubhouse overlooking the moody hues of the Blue Ridge Mountain Range. With a grand room and kitchen, there's plenty of inviting space for community members to mingle and eat together at regularly scheduled clubhouse events. They can also sip a fresh brew while socializing at the coffee shop, catch a flick at the clubhouse movie theater, test their creativity in the craft room, escape with a favorite book to the library, or play a hand of poker in the gentleman's room.



Exercise amenities include a heated, indoor swimming pool, fitness/aerobics center and Jacuzzi hot tub. Then, after all this activity, the clubhouse's 5,000-square-foot deck offers the best seat in the house for soaking in the soft rays of a Georgia sunset.

The developers at VIZIONWORKS, LLC believe that the active adult has worked hard throughout his or her life. In response, this team of experienced development professionals have designed The Summit to reward these Boomers with "maintenance-free" living. This is possible through the help of an on-site property manager, "The Mayor," who oversees duties such as events planning, fitness programs and

concierge services, which include anything from booking tours at a



local orchard to a round of golf at one of Ellijay's nearby courses. In addition, a full-time landscaper maintains residents' homes and yards. And for residential repairs or just an extra set of helping hands to perhaps move a box or piece of furniture, a 24-hour handy man is at everyone's beckon call.

At The Summit, maintenance-free living epitomizes a

worry-free lifestyle, right down to the luxury of approximately 200 Craftsman-styled homes, inspired by those of the early 1900s. Each home includes two bedrooms, two baths, a spacious kitchen, living room and dining area, and a two-car garage. A grand porch, conveniently accessible via two doors, wraps around the front and side of the residence. Capturing optimum natural light with generous windows, these 1,200-square-foot homes provide a brightly lit interior that's not only aesthetically pleasing but also conducive to safety. Each residence is Universally Designed, which means safety takes precedence in terms of layout, core features and amenities. The



developers at VIZIONWORKS, LLC have placed top priority on safety design upon learning the Center for Disease Control's findings that falls in elderly people can be reduced dramatically by integrating certain design features into a home. So The Summit's design team focuses not only on low maintenance, barrier-free homes, but also safe, state of the art appliances, plumbing fixtures and

materials, and "systems built" technology. Architectural and design features include James Hardi-board siding, 30-year shingles, Grade-A insulated vinyl windows, hardwood floors, custom cabinets, solid-surface countertops, fireplaces, tray ceilings and a 10-year structural warranty. The result: safe, economically feasible homes situated in a Universal Design-friendly community.



Residents of The Summit need only to step outside their front door to enjoy one of the community's greatest assets: Green Space Conservation. Over 40 percent of the property has been left in its virgin state and set in a conservation district that prohibits development. Boomers will appreciate the convenience of the great outdoors right in their backyard. A trail system, which winds throughout the conservation district,

provides the perfect excuse to escape to the woods for a quiet walk or, depending on your drive, a more vigorous hike.

The town of Ellijay, however, provides another means of escape for those who love to shop and dine. Located just one mile from The Summit, this historic town prides itself on its down-home feel with an approximate population of 2,000. With average temperatures of 85 degrees in the summer and 35 degrees in the winter, it's never too hot or cold to slip in and out of the quaint little stores or head to a



favorite local restaurant. Ellijay is so close to The Summit that amenities such as cell phone service, Internet access, and local fire/police are readily available. The Summit's residents can relax at their mountain retreat and enjoy the best of both worlds.

Within the Ellijay area, Boomers will also discover plenty of historic sites to visit, such as Fort Mountain or the Chieftain's Trail, as well as unlimited opportunities for exercise and adventure in the Chattahoochee National Forest or at Carter Lake. And, of course, there are the apple orchards ... in case anyone is in the mood for an apple pie. Ellijay is Georgia's "Apple Capital," producing over half a million bushels annually. Various festivals take place in the Ellijay area year-round, but residents of The Summit won't want to miss out on the town's apple harvest celebrations held the month of October. And for anyone in need of a trip to the city, The Summit is within a day's drive to six major urban destinations: Atlanta, 80 miles; Chattanooga, 75 miles; Knoxville, 145 miles; Columbia, 295 miles; Greenville, 170 miles; and Asheville, 165 miles. Whether holiday shopping, catching a flight to Europe or visit the grandkids, or seeing the latest off-Broadway show, Boomers won't need to travel far. The Summit is conveniently situated near all these popular cities.

If all this — including the unlimited opportunity to enjoy North Georgia apples — sounds enticing, learn more about The Summit at Ellijay by calling (888)-411-8832; or go online to www.summitellijay.com. Construction is currently underway and homes start at \$239,000 in Phase I. To personally view one of The Summit's cottages, visit the show model at Atlanta Home Show, April 12-15, 2007. Let The Summit at Ellijay become your new home and the apple of your eye!