

Blue Ridge is known for its natural beauty, friendly people, recreation and cultural opportunities. Area residents enjoy the moderate climate; warm days and cool nights... and occasional winter snow. Fannin County boasts top notch public schools and a range of healthcare services among its many assets.

Public Services

Electricity

Electricity is provided by the Tennessee Valley Authority and is distributed locally by [Tri-State EMC](#) and [Blue Ridge Mountain EMC](#). Fannin County is a part of TVA's modern integrated electrical transmission system with high reliability service using redundant transmission. TVA offers competitive rates and incentives programs with an excellent ability to supply industrial demands.

Telecommunications

[Ellijay Telephone Company](#), [TDS Telecom](#), and AT&T provide local telecommunications service. All of the local telecom providers offer a variety of commercial services including high speed internet options to meet business needs. In addition, Blue Ridge Mountain EMC has installed a high speed fiber optic network and is offering fiber to the premises to serve area companies.

Natural Gas

Natural Gas is not currently available in Fannin County; however, the area is served by numerous propane providers.

Water and Sewage

Water and Sewer service is provided by the cities of Blue Ridge, McCaysville, and Morganton. The City of Blue Ridge has a 1 million gpd water and sewer capacity and is in the process of a major expansion. The City of McCaysville has a 1 million gpd water capacity and a reciprocal agreement with the City of Copperhill, TN for sewer service. Morganton has 500,000 gpd water capacity.

Police and Fire Protection

Fannin County has one of the lowest crime rates in the State of Georgia and is served by the over 40 officers of the City of Blue Ridge, City of McCaysville, and Fannin County Sheriff's Departments. In addition, Fannin County has over 100 trained volunteer fire personnel protecting Fannin County from 13 fire stations utilizing modern rescue equipment. Fire insurance classification of 6 inside the city and 9 in the county. Visit the [Fannin County Government](#) website for additional information on these public services.

Education

Fannin County School System

The 3,200 students in Fannin County receive top notch education in the five public schools of the Fannin County School System. Students benefit from a 15 to 1 student teacher ratio resulting in above average test scores and a high school graduation rate well above state average. All of the schools have received SACS accreditation and applications have been submitted for district wide accreditation. The commitment to excellence continues outside of the classroom with the wide range of extra-curricular activities including the award winning band and state championship basketball teams. School improvements are always a priority including the recently completed Performing Arts Center and High School Gym Facility.

[Mountain Area Christian Academy](#)

Since opening in 2000, MACA enrollment has grown providing instruction to students in grades kindergarten through high school. MACA offers students a variety of extra-curricular activities as well, from their recently completed state of the art campus.

[Appalachian Technical College](#)

Based in Jasper, Appalachian Technical College serves students in four north Georgia counties including Fannin. Appalachian Tech offers over 50 degree, diploma, and certificate programs in a variety of areas from machine operation to allied health. In addition, the college provides a variety of economic development services including on site training programs for employers.

Healthcare

[Fannin Regional Hospital](#)

Area residents receive state of the art care at Fannin Regional Hospital's 50 bed general acute care facility. The JACCO accredited hospital has received numerous accolades including recently being named one of the nations top 100 small hospitals. The hospital offers services in a variety of specialties including; obstetrics, intensive/coronary care, and 24 hour emergency services.

[RiverStone Medical](#)

A center for outpatient care, RiverStone provides area residents a wide range of primary and specialty care clinics including; pediatrics, sports medicine, oncology, sleep center, and urgent care. Currently completing a 47,000 square foot expansion RiverStone plans to continue to expand its specialty clinics including the addition of a state of the art childcare facility.

The area also offers a variety of other health care services including low cost health care provided by [Georgia Mountains Health](#), nursing home services provided by **Heritage Healthcare**, and home health and hospice care.

Recreation

Surround yourself with beauty, relaxation, and natural fun in Georgia's Blue Ridge. The recreation and outdoor opportunities abound in the area including; hiking, biking, rafting, horseback riding, fishing, and more. If outdoor recreation isn't your speed the area also has a wonderful Arts Center that offers a variety of arts programs and an active Community Theatre that produces several productions a year. Visit the [Fannin County Chamber of Commerce](#) website for detailed information on area recreation opportunities.

Families can enjoy walking trails, playgrounds, and sports fields at the numerous county parks including Horseshoe Bend, Tammen, and the Fannin County Park. The County also has a wonderful Recreation Department that operates recreation league sports and summer camp programs. Visit the Fannin County website for details program information.