Located on a 26,500-acre lake, Richard B. Russell State Park offers some of the state’s finest fishing and boating. The park’s campground and fully equipped cottages are located on or near the water’s edge for a relaxing getaway. A nature trail follows the shoreline to one of the oldest steel pin bridges in the area, loops through the adjoining woods and returns to the beach. The park’s 18-hole golf course, Arrowhead Pointe, offers beautiful lake views. Several Indian sites were excavated near the park in the area more than 10,000 years ago. This area is now called Buckner’s Bottom and lies deep within the waters of Lake Richard B. Russell. All park facilities are designed for wheelchair accessibility, including the swimming beach.

Activities & Facilities
• Camping - The park provides 98 tent and trailer campsites, all with water, electrical hookups and cable TV. A comfort station, pay phone and laundry room are located in the campground, as well as a sanitary disposal station. Also available is a boat ramp, handicapped accessible fishing dock and fish cleaning station.

• Cottages - Seventeen rental cottages are equipped with cooking facilities and utensils, towels and linens. All cottages have electric heat and air, TVs, fireplaces and dishwashers. Dogs are allowed only in select cottages. A boat ramp and fish cleaning station are located within the cottage area, as well as a laundry room. Boat docks are provided at most of the cottages. Three new cottages are scheduled to be built in the near future.

• Lakeside Pavilion - Many functions such as reunions, meetings, receptions and parties may be held in this facility. Seating capacity is 175. Restrooms, a commercial kitchen, fireplace and separate BBQ shelter are provided.

• Picnicking - Picnics are permitted at designated tables and covered shelters. Tables are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Picnic shelters may be reserved up to 11 months in advance. Please use trash receptacles.

• Fishing - Park waters are open for legal fishing throughout the year. Anglers age 16 or older must have a valid resident/non-resident fishing license. Licenses can be purchased at local bait and tackle shops but are no longer sold at the park office. Bank fisherman not registered as overnight guests must be off premises no later than 10 p.m.

• Boating - Private boats are permitted on park waters, and there are no horsepower limitations. Water skiing is permitted. All boating must comply with Georgia Boating Safety Laws. Pedal boats and canoes are available for rent. A new mega boat ramp is scheduled to be built in the near future.

• Swimming - Swimming is permitted at the beach at no charge; however, there are no lifeguards and visitors swim at their own risk. Beach rules are posted at concession area, which is open Wednesday-Sunday during the summer. Wheelchair ramp access into the swimming area is provided.

• Disc Golf - A 27-hole course features a chance to throw Frisbee-style discs off cement pads into a basket. Discs are sold at the park office.

• Golf - An 18-hole, par-72 course offers beautiful lake views. A pro shop, club house and driving range are available.

COTTAGE LOOP TRAIL
1.39-mile loop / Compactd Gravel Surface / MODERATE Average Walking Time: 1.5 hours
This trail begins near cottage 1 and takes you along the connecting trail, then veers off to the left down a hill. This loop is hilly, crosses a steel bridge in the back of one cove and offers outstanding scenery along the lake’s banks across from the cottage area. At the connecting trail, turn right to return to the cottage area, go straight for a longer walk to the campground, or turn left to go to the beach.

COTTAGE / BEACH TRAIL
1.55 miles / Compacted Gravel Surface / EASY Average Walking Time: 1.5 hours
Connecting the cottage and beach areas of the park, the Cottage / Beach Trail is flat and runs close to the main road. The woods is a mixture of hardwoods and pines. This trail is 1.55 miles in length, offers potential wildlife, has a steel bridge near the main road and is open to bicycle and foot traffic.

CAMPGROUND SPUR
0.5 mile / Compacted Gravel Surface / EASY Average Walking Time: half hour
This trail is one of the two trails that begin or end above campsite #28 and goes to the connecting trail, making it easy to ride a bike or walk to the cottage area, cottage loop trail, or the trail to the beach.

CAMPGROUND / PICNIC TRAIL
0.5 mile / Compacted Gravel Surface / EASY Average Walking Time: half hour
This is the other trail that begins or ends above campsite #28 and is a more natural and hilly trail. It leads to the picnic area where it becomes asphalt all the way to the beach.

ARROWHEAD POINTE GOLF COURSE
The 8,800-yard course is situated on a peninsula within the state park and the water views are stunning, with 10 of the 18 holes skirting Lake Richard B. Russell. Bob Walker’s design has been compared to the more expensive courses at Lake Oconee because of the challenging layout and superb vistas. One exception to that comparison is that there are no visible lakeshore houses from any vantage point on the course, consistent with the state park golf course theme of “no crowds, no houses, no noise.”

Arrowhead Pointe was also named in TravelGolf.com’s Top 10 Courses in Georgia, alongside such venerable courses as Augusta National, East Lake, TPC at Sugarloaf and Ocean Forest. Arrowhead Pointe is the only public course on the list.