



Coweta-Fayette



SUMMER AROUND THE SYSTEM



Coweta-Fayette EMC doesn't take the summer off when it comes to powering our service area. Whether you're looking to eat your fill of berries, take a stroll or rock out, our service area has a little something for everybody. Take a look at our top ten destinations:

For the berry lover - Adams Farms

Located in Fayetteville, Adams Farms is the spot to pick your own strawberries, blueberries or blackberries. Just grab a bucket, and employees will assign you a row. Pick as many sweet morsels as you can afford. Adams Farms charges by the pound. This family farm takes cash only.

For the outdoor explorer- Chattahoochee Bend State Park

Paddle, hike or bike through this serene tract of wilderness. According to gastateparks.org, Chattahoochee Bend is one of Georgia's largest state parks with five miles of river frontage. Tent and RV camping are available. As well as shelters and bathhouses.

For the treasure hunter- Downtown Tyrone

Tyrone got its name from a group of Irish settlers who thought the area resembled County Tyrone in Ireland. You'll find places to treasure hunt. There may be no literal pot of gold in downtown Tyrone, but you can bargain hunt your way through Tyrone Traditions, Circa Antiques, Red Door and the Real Life Store.

For the toy collector- Barbie Beach

If you're into toys and roadside attractions then Barbie Beach in Coweta County is a must-

see. Located at the intersection of Highway 54 and Highway 16, two quirky homeowners staged these dolls on a bed of sand striking poses with props.

For the music fan- Southern Ground Amphitheater

Southern Ground is country music artist Zac Brown's baby. It is his "unique lifestyle brand that is firmly based in a strong belief in originality, quality and philanthropy," says the Southern Ground main website. Opened in 2002, Zac Brown's Southern Ground Amphitheater hosts movies, cover bands, and renowned music artists.

For the wanderer- Dunaway Gardens

Whether you're looking for the perfect backdrop to your dream wedding or simply a place to stroll among the trees and flowers, Dunaway Gardens should be on your list of places to see. The gardens opened in 1934 as a training ground for theater actors. The site became a favorite spot for Minnie Pearl. It boasts being "one of the South's largest natural rock and floral gardens," according to the main website.

For the Instagramer- Starr's Mill Park

The bright red mill perched on Whitewater Creek is one of the most photographed (and Instagram-able) places in Georgia. The current mill dates to 1907. The present mill used to grind corn and power a saw mill. No longer a working mill, the park serves as a peaceful spot for a picnic or photo shoot.

For the car enthusiast- Senoia Raceway

Saturday Night at the Bull Ring is Senoia Raceway's premier all-division event. Grab some boiled peanuts or a cheeseburger from the track's concession stand and listen to the cars roar as they speed around the track. Be there in time for Hot Laps at 6:00 pm and before the green flag at 7:00 pm.

For the history buff- Brown's Mill Battlefield Historic Civil War Site

Located in Newnan, the Battle of Brown's Mill in July of 1864 was one of the few Confederate victories during General Sherman's Atlanta Campaign. This 104-acre tract of land has walking trails and self-guided tours with historical markers. Bring the whole family to explore local history.

For the comedian- Lewis Grizzard Museum

Located in downtown Moreland, the Lewis Grizzard museum is loaded with old columns, typewriters, photos and memorabilia from the famous humorist. Grizzard was not born in Moreland, but he was happy to call the town home. If you love Grizzard's unashamedly Southern, self-deprecating humor, then swing by the museum.

Coweta-Fayette EMC takes summer fun seriously. We strive to provide the best and most affordable electric service around. We'll keep the lights hot and the air conditioning cool while you're out enjoying any of the fabulous destinations in our service area.

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THE SMART CHOICE FOR YOUR HOME



To commemorate Earth Day, Coweta-Fayette EMC launched the Smart Choice Home program in April by educating local builders at a lunch-and-learn event.

More and more tech savvy and environmentally conscious home owners want their homes to be so as well. Coweta-Fayette EMC understands this need, so we came up with a trustworthy and innovative program to ensure homes are eco-friendly and connected.

In fact, the four points of the Smart Choice Home program are energy efficient, connected, sustainable and renewable. The program ensures homes embody these four points by working with local builders to raise the standards for new homes.

Some may wonder why an electrical company wants to encourage energy efficiency even if it may mean selling less power. Jimmy Adams, Vice President of Energy Services, says, "It goes back to our members. They're our owners. What's good for them is good for the company."

Energy efficient members make CFEMC more efficient and strategic in the way we purchase power, Adams explained. Ultimately, more sustainability when purchasing power benefits our members.

Making this program a success is a team effort. Here's how CFEMC and builders are working together to ensure the four points of the program:

Energy Efficient

Builders who enroll in this program install windows, insulation and other items that meet energy efficiency standards that go above and beyond building code.

Our energy services team will conduct home energy audits to assess air flow and find leaks.

CFEMC will equip inspectors with a GoPro to document home inspections so future home buyers can see the quality before dry wall goes up.

Connected

- Connected homes will have home energy management systems that control heating, cooling, lighting and appliances.

- Relyco can install home automation technology, including a security system with professional monitoring available.

- Home owners can connect security cameras to their home energy management systems.

- Everything is accessible via a mobile application.

Sustainable

- Builders use resource efficient materials and methods during construction to minimize lumber.

- Builders also use irrigation and recirculation systems to minimize wastewater.

- Members with electric vehicles and home energy management systems can enroll in time-of-day rates. This special rate allows members to purchase electricity at a lower rate during off-peak times.

Renewable

- Coweta-Fayette EMC works with Green Power EMC to supply renewable energy, including solar and biomass, as a part of our energy mix that powers homes and vehicles.

- Builders wire homes for electric vehicle charging stations, which CFEMC will sell to builders and home owners.

- CFEMC offers \$100 rebates for ChargePoint electric vehicle charging stations.

Working with local builders and offering incentives for "going green" is the best way to ensure our members have eco-friendly homes. Coweta-Fayette knows that the future generation of homes needs to be more than just energy efficient to keep up with our member's needs—homes must also be connected, sustainable and renewable. Make the Smart Choice for your next home.



The President's Message

Chris Stephens
CEO

Each year, hundreds of electric cooperative directors and managers convene on Capitol Hill and meet with our elected officials. Our mission is to discuss critical issues related to the electric industry that could impact our cost which impacts your bill. One of the greatest benefits of these meetings is building relationships with our elected officials, and their key staff, so when an issue does arise, we can contact them directly to address them.

This relationship was never more apparent this year than when our very own Senator Johnny Isakson, a long time EMC member and supporter of electric cooperatives, co-sponsored a bill modifying the existing nuclear production tax credits (NPTCs) for generation from advanced nuclear power facilities, specifically aimed at Plant Vogtle in Waynesboro, GA. This bill was initially led by Senators Tim Scott and Lindsey Graham of South Carolina, but ultimately, it was Senator Isakson who assumed the lead role in pushing the provision into the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018.

The original NPTC was established by the Energy Policy Act of 2005. The law limited the NPTC to the first 6,000 MW of new capacity placed in service by 2020. Additionally, the original statute created inequities among nuclear project stakeholders. It allowed Investor Owned Utilities (IOUs) to utilize tax credits, while co-ops and municipal utilities, with significant financial investments, were not able to realize cost savings in the same manner.

With the support of Senator Isakson, the bill modification allowed not-for-profit nuclear project co-owners to be treated more fairly by allowing them to more easily monetize their allocated tax credits to provide an incentive comparable to for-profit utilities. It also removed the 2020 placed-in-service date, while maintaining the limit on the use of the NPTC to the first 6,000 MW of new advanced nuclear generation. This modification means millions of dollars in savings among rate payers across the country, state and right here at home among our members. If not for Senator Isakson's leadership, the modification to the Nuclear PTC would not have been passed and therefore the savings not realized.

Living up to our mission, all of us here at Coweta-Fayette strive to enhance the quality of life in our community by safely providing dependable, reasonably priced electricity and customer service for our member-owners. Whether that is exploring ways to be more efficient or engaging with our elected officials, we will continue to seek solutions that benefit you.

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