



HARALSON COUNTY GEORIGIA Local Scenic Byway

Ever wonder what happened to the lazy Sunday afternoons when there was nothing to do but take a drive through the country just to get out the house for a while? Haralson County has some of those roads you could drive to forget the work week and travel back to a bygone era. The roads are quiet and peaceful and reminiscent of grandma's days. They are rough in places but the quiet drive is worth it. The roads do not connect for a trail but you can drive them together or one at a time. Come back with your friends and family and experience this drive during the changing seasons.

PINE GROVE ROAD:

Pine Grove Rd is located off Hwy 78 near Tallapoosa and connects Hwy 120. It is 2.4 miles long with a variety of Pine and Cedar trees lining the road. Drive with your windows open on a hot summer day and you can smell the fragrance of the pine and cedar needles. The residents take pride in the maintenance of their lawns and it always seems someone is out to wave hello. At the northern end of Pine Grove Rd, there is a busy Sunoco gas station and quick stop grocery store called **Country Crossings**. There you can purchase a snack or enjoy their reasonably priced and tasty breakfasts and lunches.

JACKSONVILLE ROAD:

Jacksonville Rd is just west of Buchanan and travels northwest to Hwy 100 in Tallapoosa. It is 6.9 miles long and has open farmland with cattle grazing lazily in the pastures. Watch for cyclists, as the **Georgia Bike route 130** travels along Jacksonville Rd. Slow down and take your time to enjoy this pristine, lazy meander through the country side. Drive past Free Country Farms, organic sustainable farming and Joe Griffith cattle farm where you enjoy watching the cattle graze without a care in the world. While in Buchanan, tour the Historic courthouse and enjoy lunch at **Los Cowboys Mexican Restaurant** or **Gwen's Family Restaurant**. You can also check out the Little Creek one-room school house located on Van Wert Street one block north of the **Historic County Courthouse** and view the **School House Quilt pattern** that is part of the Southern Quilt Trail.

STEADMAN ROAD:

Steadman Rd is north of Tallapoosa just off Hwy 100 and runs north/south and parallel to Hwy 100. It is 10.7 miles long. Beginning at the south end you will find **Bridge's West Georgia Golf Company** - it serves not only the local area but is frequented by customers from throughout the Southeast and the nation. Bridges® Custom Fit Golf Clubs have been professionally fit & assembled in Tallapoosa, Georgia since 1983. This road is a constant uphill/downhill drive with winding curves at every point. Steadman Road is also a **bicycle route (#103)** and a challenging one at that. You will see cattle and horse farms spread throughout the drive. See if you can find the large **Guitar** placed in the front yard of a private residence (please be respectful of the property owners). You will pass **Backwoods Restaurant**, an excellent facility for dinner only open on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays and **Steadman Farms**, offering a corn maze and tractor rides in the fall season. **Goodman Conservation Project** (newly underway and not open to the public yet) is also located here.

MONROE MILL:

Monroe Mill is north of Buchanan and travels east/west off Hwy 27. The road is 5.8 miles long and begins parallel to the railroad tracks on the east side. This pine tree-lined narrow drive opens to fields of cattle farms and is home to one of

the largest cedar trees in the county! Mt. Vernon Baptist Church with a small graveyard is also along this road. Feel free to stop, rest and meander through the grave sites to stretch your legs.

EAST POPLAR SPRINGS:

E. Poplar Spring Rd travels east/west and is 3.7 miles long. On the east end is the Poplar Spring Church and graveyard. There are several **C.S.A. soldiers** as well as many other **veterans' gravesites** located at this cemetery. This pine tree lined road travels through the hillside with cattle farms and river bottoms to keep your mind free. Watch for the night hawk perched on the utility lines searching the fields for mice. You will cross the **Tallapoosa River access** site on Poplar Spring and see the **old iron road bridge** long out of service. This is one of the favorite spots for paddler's photos.



Old Iron Bridge



Tallapoosa River

