

Vogel State Park, established in 1931, is the second oldest state park in Georgia. Located at 2500 feet above sea level, Vogel sits at the base of Blood Mountain, the highest summit on the Appalachian Trail in Georgia, and is surrounded by Chattahoochee National Forest. The North Georgia Mountains around Vogel were linked to Native American people for generations before European settlement. They were said to be the home of the immortal spirit people known as “Nunnehi,” translated as – “the people who live forever.” Legend states that the names of Blood Mountain and nearby Slaughter Mountain, have their origins in warfare between competing Cherokee and Creek tribes. Another story tells of treasure placed on Blood Mountain in the days leading up to the infamous Trail of Tears, when Cherokee warriors supposedly buried tribal treasure, including weapons and gold, in a cave on Blood Mountain. Many searches have been made over the years, however, and the location of the hidden treasure, if it ever existed except in the minds of storytellers, remains a mystery. Whether these legends are based in fact, no one knows, but the influence and enduring legacy of Native American culture on the region is without question.



*Hikers on Blood Mountain in the 1930's*

In the years following European settlement of the area, a lumber mill was established and run for several years on property owned by August and Fred Vogel. After the closure of the mill in 1927, the land was donated to the government and named in the Vogel family's honor. In June, 1933, Company 431 (SP-2) of the Civilian Conservation Corps, also known as Camp Enotah, arrived and began work on the park's infrastructure. The Civilian Conservation Corps, commonly called the “CCC,” was a public work relief program during the Great Depression put in place by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The program employed young, unmarried “boys” between the ages of 18 – 25. This program provided

manual labor jobs related to conservation and development of natural resources. Company 431 was responsible for building the dam on Wolf Creek, impounding the water and creating the 22 acre Lake Trahlyta. The CCC boys also built cabins, picnic areas, and campgrounds at Vogel. Other CCC companies worked around the state and developed several Georgia State Parks such as Indian Springs and Hard Labor Creek. Their impact is still felt today, and artifacts from the CCC era are on display at the park's CCC museum.



*CCC Boys working at Vogel*

In 1937, the CCC completed the restoration of a building atop Neel Gap just south of Vogel State Park. This building became the Walasiyi Inn and served as a hotel and restaurant to visitors of the park. The inn operated until 1965, and was slated for demolition until local residents lobbied for it to be saved. In 1977, the building was placed on the National Register of Historic Places and has since been restored. Today, the building is now known as the Walasi-Yi Interpretive Center and acts as a hostel by a privately run outfitter, providing supplies for hikers on the Appalachian Trail.

WARRIOR ROOM Favorites		WARRIOR ROOM Specialties	
SERVED FROM 11:00 A. M. UNTIL 10:00 P. M. BREAKFAST FROM 7:00 A. M. UNTIL 11:00 A. M.			
<b>APPETIZERS</b> <i>(A Dinner Specialty is 25c Extra)</i>			
Peas & Shell Beans	25	1 1/2 Oz. Caviar	25
French Fried Onions	20	French Fried Potatoes	20
Leaf Tomatoes & Olive	10	Orange, 1/2 Pint or Grape Juice	15
<b>ENTREES</b>			
BROILED WESTERN PORK CHOPS WITH APPLE SAUCE	\$1.85	STEAK CORNED BEEF WITH PEAS & APPLE SAUCE	\$2.50
FRIED CHICKEN, TOMATO WHEEL, FRENCH FRIES	\$1.75		
<i>(Steak includes Choice of 1/2 Lb. Hot Cooked Cabbage or Salad)</i>			
<b>SIDE ORDERS</b>			
Vegetables	20	Apple Rings	25
French Fried Onions	20	French Fried Potatoes	25
Spiced Fruit 20			
<b>SALADS 33c</b>			
Tomato, White, Lettuce, Potato	33c	Peas with Cottage Cheese	33c
Tossed Green Salad, Choice of Dressing (French, Thousand Island, Blue Cheese or Russian)			
<b>WALASIYI SPECIAL STEAKS</b> <i>(Served with French Potatoes, 1/2 Pint Apple Sauce or Gravy)</i>			
STRIP BURGERS STEAK, 1 1/2 OZ. PRIME WESTERN MEAT	\$4.50		
"T-BONE" STEAK, LARGER PRIME CUT, 20 to 22 OZ.	\$6.50		
CLUB STEAK, CHOICE	\$5.75		
GRILLED CORN STEAK	\$3.50		
GRILLED BAMBURGER STEAK, Served with Onions	\$1.75		
WALASIYI WHOLEY "T" BONE, 8 OZ.	\$1.85		
<b>SEA FOODS</b> <i>(All Sea Food Steaks Served with French Fried Potatoes, 1/2 Pint Apple Sauce)</i>			
SHRIMP, STUFFED WITH CREAM HEAT	\$2.25		
SHRIMP, SALAD PLATE	\$1.75		
OYSTERS, CHEESEPAK EAT, BREADED	\$1.75		
FRESH BAKED LOUISIANA SHRIMP	\$1.75		
RAINBOW TROUT	\$2.00		
<b>SANDWICHES</b>			
CLUB SANDWICH	25	CHICK SANDWICH	40
MEAT SANDWICH	25	CHICKEN SANDWICH	40
HAM, LETTUCE & TOMATO	25	CHEESEBURGER	30
<i>(Meat as Above Served with Potato Salad)</i>			
<b>ELEGANT ENDINGS</b>			
FRESH BAKED	30	ICE CREAM PIES	30
FRUIT PIES	30	Cherry, Concord, Strawberry, Raspberry	30
<b>BEVERAGES</b>			
Coffee (With Nuts)	FREE	Buttermilk	10
Milk	15	Food Tea or Lead Coffee	15
Hot Tea	15		
<b>OMELETTES and EGG SPECIALTIES</b>			
Two Eggs (Any style) with Bacon, Sausage, Cheese, Gravy, Toast	95		
One egg or omelet	80		
Supper Cakes, Hot, Two Eggs, Gravy, Toast (Served as Order)	\$1.50		
Hot Cakes with Sausage, Ham or Corned	80		
Breakfast	95	Order as Served	20



The Walasiyi Inn and menu ca. 1940's



Vogel brochure ca. 1950's

In the years since the park's creation, Vogel State Park has been one of the most popular destinations for campers and hikers in the state. Today, visitors can swim, boat, and fish in Lake Trahlyta, and they can also enjoy camping and cottage stays, viewing waterfalls, hiking trails, playing miniature golf, and stepping back into history at the Civilian Conservation Corps museum.



Vogel Swimmers enjoying Lake Trahlyta, ca. 1960's