



# FACT SHEET

## HISTORY *is* PRICELESS

CELEBRATING 50+ YEARS OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION AT PRATER'S MILL

**EVENT NAME:** Prater's Mill Country Fair

**EVENT DATES:** October 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Always the second full weekend in October.

**HOURS:** 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Saturday; 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Sunday

**LOCATION:** 5845 Georgia Highway 2, 10 miles northeast of Dalton, GA. Follow the signs.

**ADMISSION:** Adults \$10 cash only. ATM before gate. Children 12 and under, Military ID, Parking & Shuttle - all free. Large wheel strollers, casual dress, comfy shoes – Strongly Urged!

**ACCESSIBILITY:** The Historic Site is limited in alterations and accommodations. Reserved handicap permit parking. Lift equipped shuttle buses drop-off in fair. Two Handicap accessible portable restroom units. Flat concrete walkway under bridge or ramps to crosswalk. Ramp access to most buildings.

**HISTORICAL SETTING:** The Fair is centered around its namesake, the restored and functioning 1855 Mill powered by a Poole and Hunt turbine in the Coahulla Creek. Prater's Store (1898), Shugart Cotton Gin and other historic buildings and educational exhibits complete the setting of an old-fashioned country fair.

**ARTS & CRAFTS:** 160+ talented artists & craftsmen accept the invitation to set up at the Fair which prides itself in strict regulation of items sold. Crafts must be hand-made of natural materials by the exhibitor and art must be original by the artist. Traditional craft demonstrations are blacksmithing, milling, woodcarving, & quilting.

**COUNTRY COOKING:** 25+ local civic, church, school and other groups prepare the best Southern food this side of heaven. Authentic Southern meals of chicken & dumplings, collard greens, cornbread (cooked on a wood stove), churned ice cream, and fried green tomatoes sandwiches are amongst the many tasty items.

**ACTIVITIES:** Three Nature Trails, Pony Rides, Petting Zoo, Face Painting, and "Little Texas" kids' Train Ride.

**ENTERTAINMENT:** Mountain music, Appalachian-style cloggers, as well as country, blue-grass & gospel artists.

**DIRECTIONS:** I-75 to Exit #341 (Tunnel Hill-Varnell). Travel North on Highway 201 for 4.5 miles. Turn right (Dollar General) and travel East on Highway 2, continue 2.6 miles across 71 to Prater's Mill. Follow the signs to Fair Parking.

**SPONSOR:** The Prater's Mill Foundation, Inc. A nonprofit 501C3 volunteer based organization. [www.pratersmill.org](http://www.pratersmill.org).

**PROCEEDS:** All proceeds from the Country Fair Fundraising Event support the Foundation's mission *to Protect, Preserve, and Present the Heritage of the Prater's Mill Site to Future Generations*.

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