

Dive into Summer Fun in Atlanta

ATLANTA (July 20, 2011) – Although the South might be known for heat and humidity, Atlantans know how to keep cool during hot summer months. Don't let this year's record highs keep you indoors – check out one of these summer hot spots that will keep you cool:

As part of a new 52 acre expansion, <u>Piedmont Park's</u> new aquatic facility offers lap lanes for dedicated swimmers, a current channel for floating and plenty of chairs to catch some rays. Offering daily admission, and season passes, the pool is open to the general public every day of the week.

One of Atlanta's most popular swimming spots, **Grant Park Pool**, was renovated in 2008 and offers the city a great place to stay cool with a big blue awning for shade and a "splash spot" for the kids. This zero entry style pool lets you ease your way in to gallons of fun whether you want to hang out with friends, or work on your strokes. Entry is free week day afternoons.

Centennial Olympic Park is home to the largest interactive fountain incorporating the Olympic Rings symbol in the world. With 5,000 gallons of water recycled through the fountains per minute, it is enough water to fill an average sized swimming pool in five minutes. Catch one of the four captivating water shows shown daily, featuring synchronized sound and light effects.

In the 30-acre garden at the <u>Atlanta Botanical Gardens</u> you will find more than just beautiful flowers. The Children's Garden is a great place for the kids to stay cool at the eccentric Sunflower Fountain that has both upward and downward showers. Then, walk on the most recent addition built in 2010, the Canopy Walk. From 40-feet in the air, stay shaded by one of the city's last remaining urban forests while you travel down a 600-footlong skywalk.

For more great ideas to beat the summer heat, visit Atlanta.net/summer.

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