

Let Us Entertain You

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Man, was I feeling vigorous and smart! I had planned a day trip with my great grandson, Matthew. He had mentioned going somewhere for a day. I had first thought of driving to Helen, but it would have been a long drive and a bit too much to take in one day, so I settled on a day trip to nearby Pine Mountain.

Matthew was so excited, as he had not been to Pine Mountain since he was a little boy when my daughter, Emily and son-in-law Mike took Matthew to Pine Mountain. The day was perfect, (weather wise), no rain and not a cloud in the sky, just perfect.

My plan was to take Matthew to lunch at the Mountaintop Inn, we drove right up there but to our disdain, the restaurant was closed. Matthew jumped out of the car and ran to the barricade to get a look at the beautiful Saw Tooth Trail which meanders through Pine Mountain.

Much to my chagrin the restaurant was closed! I wanted Matt to be able to sit and view Pine Mountain from the back of the restaurant which is all glass, the view is spectacular to say the least! You get the feeling you are floating in air over the Pine Mountain Valley.

We then decided to drive down from Pine Mountain and eat at the Holiday Inn. While driving down, Matthew spotted a wonderful restaurant with a wrap-around porch with a white picket fence. Matthew exclaimed; "Gammy, let's eat here!" It was a BBQ restaurant that also offered up hamburgers with many sides, the food was exceptional.

After we finished eating we decided to go to the Little White House, much to our dismay the Little White House was also closed. But we found a riding stable and Matthew exclaimed he would like to ride a horse. The gentleman got Matthew situated on one of the horses and Matthew got to ride the mountain trails, talk about happy, Matthew was ecstatic! All he could talk about was riding the trails and getting to jump across different gullies along the trail.

How's that for entertaining a grand? It was a short trip, but well-worth the time, all in one day!

Try it, you will be glad you did!



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