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RIGHT: Canopy Walk over Atlanta gardens

BELOW: Zipliners in Lula see the land at a fast-moving pace.



4. Canopy Walk in the city

Get the up-high thrills without the speed of a zipline tour and within the Atlanta city limits. Nature lovers will adore the new Canopy Walk at the Atlanta Botanical Garden. A reverse suspension bridge at tree-canopy level—considered the only one of its kind in the U.S.—spans 600 feet and takes you 40 feet above the ground for a bird's-eye view of the woodland gardens, including some areas not previously open. The high vantage point also offers a peek at the downtown skyline. Touring the walk is included in the \$15 admission. atlantabotanicalgarden.org or 404/876-5859

5. Twilight mountain train rides

The Blue Ridge Scenic Railway chugs along its route on summer nights, treating riders to the sunset and cooler mountain air. Twilight Trips run through September 4, boarding at 4:30 p.m. for the four-hour journey. The train starts in Blue Ridge and travels along the Toccoa River up to McCaysville near the Tennessee border. Buy a box dinner, take a picnic, or visit any McCaysville restaurant during the stop. \$32 adults, \$16 ages 12 and under. brscenic.com or 877/413-8724 *



3. Zipline tours in Lula

Daredevils, check out the new North Georgia Canopy Tours for a dozen zipline experiences, sky bridges, and a 30-foot rappel. For the zipline, you're strapped safely on a steel cable high overhead; you see the changing topography along the North Oconee River. The treetop adventure starts off leisurely, then accelerates to 30 mph. Extra cool-off: On "Wet Wednesday," zipliners get a dousing from visitors manned with water guns on the observation deck. Rides begin at \$69/person. northgeorgiacanopytours.com or 770/869-7272



A train ride to cooler air and mountain views

CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: ROBBIE CAPONETTO (2), MARK SANDLIN