



AMICALOLA FALLS STATE PARK ZIPLINE ADVENTURE

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Disclosure: I was provided with a complimentary Amicalola Falls State Park Zipline experience. All opinions are my own.

In June, I went on my first zipline canopy adventure at [Historic Banning Mills](#). I went sailing through the trees in West Georgia with my middle son and had a blast!

I was excited when I heard that the same company that set up Banning Mills – American Adventure Park Systems – just added on a 2nd level to the zipline tour already at [Amicalola Falls State Park](#)! Located in Dawsonville, GA, Amicalola Falls is less than an hour away from my house in North Atlanta.



We were accompanied by several experienced guides who made sure we knew what we were doing BEFORE we got up in the trees. Chad gave us the rundown on the best way to zip and, more importantly, the best way to stop! Here's a tip – if you end up with Chad as one of your guides, you

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better be ready to hear “Dad jokes” the whole time! The whole crew was hilarious and made the experience that much more fun.



You start with the Amicalola Falls State Park Zipline Level 1 to ease into the experience. If you are at all nervous about ziplining, Level 1 is perfect. It's a series of low-level zips, all designed to make a beginner feel comfortable. Heights range from 20ft to 100ft.



I was so ready to move on to Level 2! Now that the second level is added, a guest can experience a total of 16 ziplines and 6 skywalk bridges. We sped from mountain to mountain, with the longest zip being 2,000 feet in length! The view was absolutely incredible. Nothing like it. I can only imagine how gorgeous it will be soon when the leaves are changing colors!



So, if you wonder what happens when you stop *just short* of the platform, I can tell you. First hand. Please don't worry about getting stuck in the *middle* of a zipline – it just won't happen. The lines are designed with just the right balance of slack & tension to get you through the majority. However, if you are on the slighter side, there is a chance that you can slow down and stop just a few feet from the platform like I did. In that case, your guide can shimmy out like Spiderman, hook on to you and pull you in. Thanks, Chad!



Not once did I feel unsteady or unsafe throughout the Amicalola Falls State Park zipline experience. American Adventure Park Systems has implemented their “closed belay” system which means that you are securely connected throughout the experience, instead of having to unhook and rehook yourself. The guides are great about reiterating the instructions before each zip and regulating the flow of guests on the ziplines.



There is a certain level of fitness required to do this. You do have to climb up a few towers that are 65-100 feet in height. Then there's the climb above on the level 2 course. It was pretty steep and I was winded going up it.

The 2nd level of the [Amicalola Falls State Park zipline adventure](#) is a great family or team building experience! When our group started, we were a handful of strangers. By the time we were done encouraging each other (okay, and maybe laughing at each other, too) we felt like friends!



The level 1 zipline experience is priced at \$59 per person and \$99 for the full course, including the new level 2. All necessary gear is included, but you do need to wear closed-toe shoes.

If you want to experience that autumn view yourself, check out the “Elevate Your View” package. The package includes a one night stay in the lodge and a Level 1 Aerial Adventure tour for two. Guests can also upgrade to the level 2 course for an additional cost. Be sure to use promo code **ZIPFALL** to book this package!

Speaking of the [lodge at Amicalola Falls State Park](#), it’s gorgeous. It’s been remodeled in the last few years and the lodge restaurant has just completed being remodeled. Check it out!



The view from the dining room windows is breathtaking.



Be sure to book your fall getaway soon. If ziplining isn't your thing, you can hike to the falls, enjoy a GPS scavenger hunt, 3-D archery, Birds of Prey shows and more!