Traditions

A. Memorial Hall
Located in front of Memorial Hall, this is one of the most sacred traditions on campus. The names engraved on the wall are former UNG students who passed while serving our country during times of war, as well as students who passed while enrolled. It is tradition to never cut through the brick area of the Memorial unless you are reading the names on the list to pay your respects.

B. Reveille and Retreat
UNG practices reveille and retreat every day at 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. Those who are outdoors on campus or driving through campus at either of those times are expected to face the flag at the Memorial Wall and remain still during the ceremony. Once the flag is raised or lowered, the cannon in the traffic triangle is fired.

C. Drill Field
UNG has a long-standing tradition of not crossing the drill field as a sign of respect for our military mission. Students never use the drill field as a shortcut, but instead use the sidewalk around it (even if they are late to class). The campus community is welcome to use it for events, intramural sports, as a study spot, or just to hang out when it is not in use!

D. The Nighthawk
In the newest tradition on campus, students rub the head of the nighthawk at the base of the drill field for good luck. Whether finals week is coming up or there’s a big project underway, rubbing Nigel’s head is just what you need to get that A!

E. The Arches
One of the best picture spots on campus, the arches were built by the Class of 1951 to commemorate their classmates who paid the ultimate sacrifice in the Korean War. Freshmen are to use the smaller archway on the left to enter campus, and upperclassmen can use the larger arch.

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Welcome to the University of North Georgia’s Dahlonega Campus! We are thankful you took time out of your schedule to come see what UNG is all about. Be sure to take a peek into a classroom, walk by our residence halls, learn about our traditions, and talk to current students to get the inside scoop. We hope you enjoy walking around campus and exploring.

We recommend you take the blue line to see most of campus. If you have some extra time, be sure to check out the optional buildings denoted by the gold circles and gold building descriptions. Our traditions are marked with some extra time, be sure to check out the optional buildings denoted by the blue stars. Flip to the back to learn more!