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We were supposed to get married on May 12th, but due to COVID-19, we weren't able to. Our next choice was to get away somewhere in the mountains and try to make the best of our day. After a quick search on the state park website, we chose Oconee State Park! We booked it two days before we left, I spoke to Megan over the phone and we took off on Tuesday. When we arrived, the office was closed, but they left a note saying we could proceed to our cabin. Everything was so clean, laid out for us and so welcoming. The cabin was gorgeous, so gorgeous, we want to build a mountain house designed after it! We had our own fire pit, chairs, picnic table and were at the end of a culdesac off in the woods. We felt like we had so much privacy. Walhalla was only about 20 minutes away, down the gorgeous mountain roads. We went grocery shopping, made steaks on our firepit and had so much fun. We went hiking on both the Hidden Falls trail and the Tamassee Knob trail, which all together was about 20 miles for the day. The views are absolutely, hands down the best I've ever seen in my life. Worth the effort. Trails were well maintained and clean. Tamassee Knob less maintained, but by no means unmanagable or overgrown in a way that would deter my hike. On the way home, we stopped at Issaqueena Falls and saw the Stumphouse Tunnel. Adventures at every turn on this trip! I could go on and on over our trip, but we loved every second. We even made friends with two of the State Park Ranger dogs, Raven and Starfire! They were awesome. Thank you all for your hospitality and for welcoming us into the beginning of what we believe will be a yearly trip for us. <3