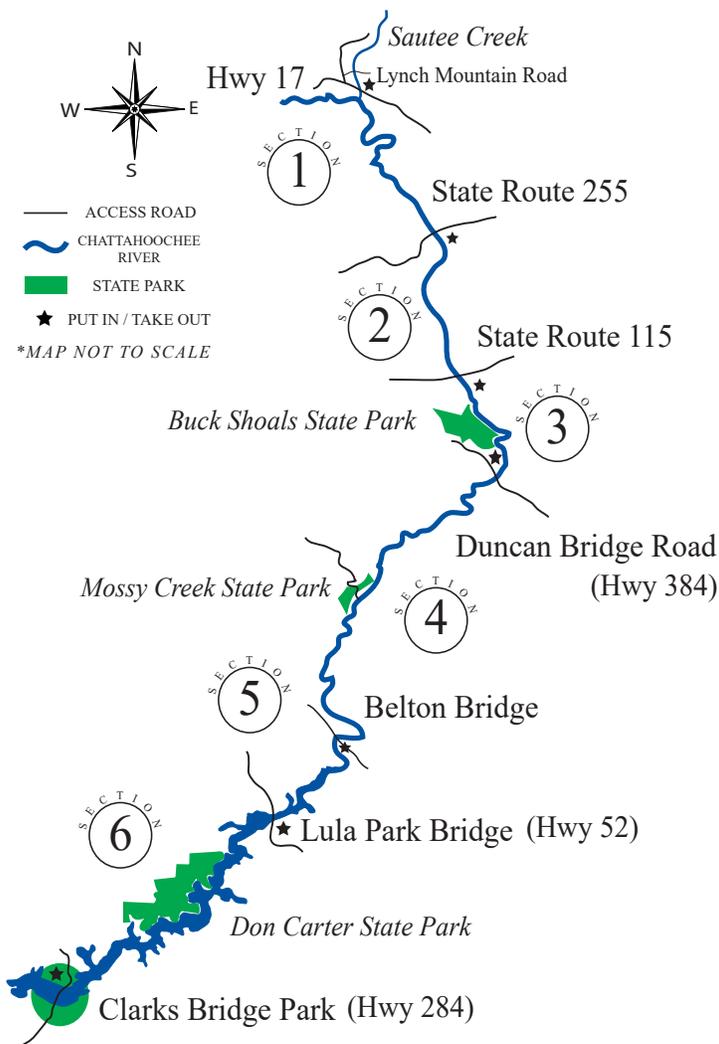


Upper Chattahoochee River Blue Trail

The Upper Chattahoochee River Blue Trail is a 39-mile pristine section of waterway in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. The goal of the blue trail is to create recreational boating opportunities along the Chattahoochee while promoting ethical land stewardship and conservation. This paddle card provides information pertaining to the boating sections of the Upper Chattahoochee River.



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SECTION DESCRIPTIONS

*The Upper Chattahoochee River Blue Trail offers excellent paddling for kayakers and canoeists, however, some experience is advisable before attempting Sections 2 and 3.

- SECTION 1**
PUT IN: Sautee Creek Bridge on Lynch Mountain Road
TAKE OUT: Hwy 255 Bridge
DISTANCE: 6 miles **CLASSIFICATION:** Class I
DESCRIPTION / FEATURES: Starts in Sautee Valley on Sautee Creek, beautiful scenery; flat, slow-moving water with no major rapids.
- SECTION 2**
PUT IN: Hwy 255 Bridge **TAKE OUT:** Hwy 115 Bridge
DISTANCE: 6 miles **CLASSIFICATION:** Class I (II)
DESCRIPTION / FEATURES: Mainly Class I rapids, pools and flat water. Smith Island Shoals (3 1/2 miles downstream) is the only Class II+ rapid.
- SECTION 3**
PUT IN: Hwy 115 Bridge
TAKE OUT: Wildwood Outfitters on Duncan Bridge Rd. (Hwy 384)
DISTANCE: 5 miles **CLASSIFICATION:** Class II (III)
DESCRIPTION / FEATURES: Whitewater section; the most popular route on the Upper Chattahoochee. This section features three Class II-III rapids. Buck Shoals State Park offers riverside camping with permit.
- SECTION 4**
PUT IN: Wildwood Outfitters on Duncan Bridge Rd. (Hwy 384)
TAKE OUT: Belton Bridge
DISTANCE: 8 miles **CLASSIFICATION:** Class I (II)
DESCRIPTION / FEATURES: Mainly flatwater paddling with intermittent Class I rapids. Mossy Creek State Park offers a put in/take out option and a camping site just below the cascades of Mossy Creek.
- SECTION 5**
PUT IN: Belton Bridge **TAKE OUT:** Lula Park Bridge (Hwy 52)
DISTANCE: 3 miles **CLASSIFICATION:** Lake Paddling
DESCRIPTION / FEATURES: All flat water; river flow begins to slow down as Lake Lanier's backflow becomes present.
- SECTION 6**
PUT IN: Lula Park Bridge **TAKE OUT:** Clarks Bridge (Hwy 284)
DISTANCE: 10 miles **CLASSIFICATION:** Lake Paddling
DESCRIPTION / FEATURES: This entire section is on Lake Lanier in Northern Hall County. The take out is at the Clarks Bridge Olympic Rowing Center, which offers plenty of amenities.

REMEMBER!!!

- *Respect private property rights: the only access points open to the public are at the road crossings and parks shown on this map.
- *Always wear a PFD (Personal Flotation Device) and a helmet (if in a kayak)
- *Travel with a buddy - or at least inform someone of your paddling plans
- *Know about current river conditions and water levels - information and reference gauges can be found on <http://ga.water.usgs.gov>
- *Carry food and water as necessary

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